

show what can be done on an upland sandhill farm, Willie Young harvested fifty-six bushels of corn to the acre. The Young farm is one of the best in this section, and its crop of pea-vine hay last summer was next thing to wonderful.

A large wildcat was seen out beyond the Country Club's grounds the last of the week. These animals are no longer numerous around here.

The Maine quail holds a social on Wednesday evening this week. About seventy-five persons are included in the delegation from the State of Maine and Reed and Dingley, and they manage to have an annual reunion every once in awhile that is the real thing.

Pierre Stebbins and wife are here from Pennsylvania. Stebbins is one of the old-timers, and he comes as regular as the bluebirds. It will be a lonely day for a lot of folk in this town when Stebbins fails to drop in for a rubber.

The growth of Lakeview is illustrated in the expansion of the village shore. P. I. Gardner has enlarged and expanded the business, adding new lines and re-arranging the whole interior of his store until he has a creditable trading place for the people of his town. Lakeview is coming, all right.

Charles Mills, one of the force of The Tourist, the local newspaper, won the golf tournament at the Thanksgiving game, being the third he has won out of the four played. But he comes from Ohio, and the Ohio man has usually only to ask for what he wants and the coon comes down.

Thirty-one persons from the North registered at the Jefferson Inn last week.

W. M. BUSTLE DIES.

The Wound Given Him by Steve Carter Proves Fatal—The Affair a Very Ugly One—Pastor's Report a Fine One. Correspondence of The Observer.

Hamlet, Dec. 2.—W. M. Bustle, who was shot by Steve Carter last Friday night, died at his home here at 6 o'clock Sunday morning from his wound. This is the ugliest affair that has ever occurred here. It is too repulsive to report in detail, so much so that it would not be respectful to print. There is not much sympathy expressed for either party. It is said in the extreme. Bustle was a hard-working man and made a good living for those depending upon him.

STATESVILLE NEWS NOTES.

Internal Revenue Collections Not Affected by the Panic Conditions—Family Was Not So Badly Poisoned as Was Reported—A Horse-Stealer Trip by Revenue Officers Results in the Destruction of Five Plants. Special to The Observer.

Statesville, Dec. 3.—Notwithstanding the financial disturbance and the money stringency the report of Cashier Roberts of Internal Revenue Collector Brown's office, shows an increase of \$30,388.50 in the collections for November, 1907, over November, 1906.

Jack Stockton, colored, was brought to Statesville last night from Gastonia and lodged in jail by Deputy Sheriff Ward. He was arrested at Gastonia Saturday. He will be tried for stealing and for retailing.

Mr. J. Hampton Rich, of Greensboro, who is a brother of Mrs. Frank H. Balthous, who, with her husband, two children and a Miss Battle, were poisoned yesterday a week ago at their home at a meeting at Mrs. Battle, a school teacher, who boarded in the Balthous home, but Mr. Balthous was the only one who became seriously ill. All of the others have almost recovered and Mr. Balthous's condition is improving.

WILSON TO HAVE BETTER WATER SERVICE HEREAFTER—Cotton and Tobacco Sales Lighter Than Last Year—German Club Re-Organizes. Special to The Observer.

Wilson, Dec. 3.—The new filtration plant of the city waterworks was connected with the system this week and it is expected that hereafter the water will be free from discoloration after rains and purer in other respects. The improvements made when completed will cost about \$15,000.

The cotton receipts on the Wilson market to date amount to slightly over 7,000 bales. The receipts last season for the same period amounted to nearly 10,000 bales. It is expected that the higher prices now prevailing will cause a heavy receipts for the next few weeks. The crop in this county, however, will be about 4,000 bales short of last season, when the total was about 16,000 bales.

The tobacco sales on the Wilson market for November this year amounted to 2,660,001 pounds, which brought an average price of \$12.51 a hundred. During November last year 1,359,385 pounds were sold, which brought an average price of \$12.62. The total sales this season to date amount to 11,015,237 pounds against 11,680,202 pounds for the corresponding period last year.

At a joint meeting of the town and county commissioners held to-day Mr. John A. Cuthen was elected a member of the dispensary board of commissioners in place of Mr. G. H. Wainwright, whose term expires. Work is now rapidly progressing on the macadamizing of the public roads of this township. The crusher is located at the plant of the Wilson Light and Power Company, three miles from town, and is operated by electricity.

PEONAGE IN THE SOUTH.

Assistant Attorney General Russell Says State Law Upholds Peonage and He Suggests That Some of Them Be Changed. Washington Dispatch, 24.

In a report to the Attorney General concerning his findings relating to peonage in the South, Assistant Attorney General Charles W. Russell makes a strong recommendation that the statute relating to slavery be amended in a manner which will destroy all doubt as to the meaning of "involuntary servitude," as set forth in the state laws.

"It is hoped," said Mr. Russell, "that an enlightened self-interest and the demand for labor made necessary by the expansion of old industries and the introduction of new land to the amendment or repeal of the State laws which are the chief support of peonage practices.

"These State laws take various forms and are used in various ways to uphold peonage and other kinds of involuntary servitude. Some of them are vagrancy laws, some contract labor or employment laws, some fraudulent pretense or false promise laws, and there are divers others. Some of these in question, such as absconding debtor laws, labor enticement, and board bill laws, were not originally passed to enslave workmen; but in view of the use to which they are put, need amendment in order that they cannot be so abused.

"These laws are used to threaten workmen who having been defrauded into going to an employer by false reports as to the conditions of employment and the surroundings, naturally become disheartened as soon as they find they have been defrauded. They are used before juries and the local public to hold the peons as law-breakers and dishonest persons seeking to avoid their 'just obligations' and to convince patriotic juries that the defendants accused of peonage should be convicted for enforcing, still less for threatening to enforce the laws of their State.

"Whether constitutional or unconstitutional, they should all be wiped out or so amended as to be harmless for the purpose of enslaving workmen.

land can be cultivated for the first seven years, when the trees yield a crop. The first crop is on an average of 35 tons, and thereafter for the next two years an average of 30 tons. The value of the crop increases \$1 a tree every year. Three and four hundred dollars an acre are not uncommon returns, and the crop, being easy and inexpensive to handle, is growing in favor.

Rapid as has been the development of this industry, the demand far exceeds the supply. Since the peach leaves are definitely after the nut, and is one of the most healthful of nuts, there is a great and growing demand for it in the big centers, especially New York and Chicago. The United States has practically a monopoly in peach growing, and the bulk of the crop comes out of south-west Virginia.

BURLESON HAS FIRST BILL.

No Rivalry Among Representatives For the Usually Coveted Honor—Several Hundred Bills Introduced the First Day. Washington Post.

There was practically no rivalry among the Representatives of the Sixtieth Congress for the usually coveted honor of introducing the first bill. The figure "1" at the bill clerk's desk was placed on a re-introduced bill by Mr. Burleson, of Texas, pensioning the surviving officers and enlisted men of the Texas volunteers employed in the defense of the Confederacy against Mexican and Indian marauders in 1855-1860.

A majority of several hundred bills to-day were introduced by Democrats. Currency reform, the tariff, abolition of liquor licenses, postal savings banks and foreign marine pay were among the chief measures proposed. A resolution calling on the Speaker to appoint a committee to investigate the financial disturbance was presented by Representative John Wesley Gaines, of Tennessee. Two bills for the protection of creditors of failed national banks were introduced, one by Mr. Candler, of Mississippi, the other by Mr. Morris, of Nebraska. The former provides for the creation of a \$10,000,000 reimbursement fund by the payment to the United States Treasury by each national bank of one-fourth of 1 per cent. of its average deposits for the last six months of each year, for the purpose of securing the Comptroller of the Currency to repay to depositors and creditors the amounts they have lost by the failure. The bill does not exempt stockholders from their stated liabilities. Mr. Morris' bill is framed along similar lines, but goes farther.

Tariff bills were introduced as follows: By Mr. Clark, of Missouri, removing the import duty on white paper and pulp; by Mr. Williams, of Mississippi, establishing free trade between the Philippines and the rest of the United States; by Mr. Richardson, of Alabama, a resolution instructing the committee on ways and means to "re-vise the tariff as to make it a tariff for revenue and not for protecting one class of citizens at the expense of another;" by Mr. Thomas, of North Carolina, placing white paper in the free list; by Mr. Payne, of New York, a re-introduction of the Philippines tariff bill as finally amended in the House of the Fifty-ninth Congress; by Mr. Williams to establish a minimum tariff.

Among the bills introduced in furtherance of prohibition were the following: By Representative Bartlett, of Georgia, abolishing Federal liquor licenses in prohibition States counties or municipalities; by Representative Wallace, of Arkansas, prohibiting common carriers from taking intoxicating liquors into prohibition States, and nullifying the "original package" clause. A bill was introduced by Mr. Williams deterring campaign contributions.

Blind Telephone Girls in Demand.

New York World. A blind telegrapher playing on raised keys took down with infinite precision the appeal which Miss Winifred Holt made yesterday afternoon from the platform of the Society for Political Study for public interest in and help for the sightless.

"The blind say that they can do nearly anything that they will let them be put pictures, and facts bear them out. He was a pupil eight months ago who could neither read nor write. His sudden blindness had driven him and his young wife to despair and poverty. He now is typing from the phonograph for a company.

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