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EXPLOSION IN THE POSTOFFICE

An Automatic Arrangement to Heat Water Gets Out of Working Order and Causes an Explosion That Does Considerable Damage—Arranging For This Year's Pensioners to Be in Three Parties of Workers to Be in Field Holding Farmers' Institutes This Summer—Railway Men Confer With Adjutant General Robertson—Another Big Storm Reported in Wilson County—Other Items.

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The fact that the presentation of the silver service given by the State of North Carolina and a small number of citizens, which has been on view here for a month and which has attracted so much attention, is to take place at a point not far from Beaufort, July 4th, will attract a good many people there. Lieutenant Governor Winston, who will be the head of the State on that occasion and who will be acting Governor, as Governor Glenn will be out of North Carolina, on his way to the Denver national convention, will no doubt do the occasion full justice. Lieutenant Governor Winston, who will be the head of the State on that occasion and who will be acting Governor, as Governor Glenn will be out of North Carolina, on his way to the Denver national convention, will no doubt do the occasion full justice.

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Sunday morning at 2 o'clock a clerk in the postoffice went into the bath room and turned on an automatic arrangement intended to heat water, the heat being on the other side of the building, and also in the basement. The gas jet failed to ignite the gas at first and as a result there was an accumulation of gas in the pipes and chimney. When this "backed" so that it communicated with the jet there was a tremendous explosion, which blew ventilators on the postoffice and very near a mailing desk, and also on the floor above. The noise was like that of a cannon and pieces of broken iron were thrown forward into the postoffice with such force as to cut furniture and break boxes. Plastering was also blown in various directions. Fortunately the explosion ended itself at this point, as otherwise it might have done serious injury to the building. On the second story many glass panes were smashed and other damage done, amounting to about \$100.

The corporation commission is informed that the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio Railway, which used to be the South & Western, is to be completed by September 1st, but the Seaboard Air Line people say they do not expect to haul much coal until about April. This new road is to connect with the Seaboard Air Line.

Returns of incomes are now coming in to the corporation commission. Some time ago an order was made by the corporation commission for the relaying of heavy rail and improvement in ties on that part of the Carolina Central Railway between Hamlet and Wilmington, the distance being 116 miles. Chairman McNeill, of the corporation commission, says the work has been done on all the division except about 25 miles.

One of the odd sights to be seen here is a little truck garden which fills the space between the Supreme Court building and the granite railing in front of the new building. Lewis Benbury has a vegetable garden, to which he gives special care. He is growing there tomatoes, horseradish, kale, mustard and shade trees, the last being little maples, which he gives away.

STORM IN WILSON COUNTY

Commissioner of Agriculture Patterson received a telephone message to-day from Wilson county to the effect that a very severe hail storm did much damage there Saturday afternoon. A man named Branch, who had 70 acres in tobacco, which was considered perhaps the finest in the county, lost practically all of it. The storm covered an area of about a mile and a half in width and was six miles long and literally swept the crops. A Wilson man said that he thought the damage in the county would amount to about \$100,000. Saturday was the hottest of the year so far and there were local storms in various sections of the State, but this one seems to have been the worst.

At the Soldiers' Home last night one of the inmates named Collins died. State Auditor Dixon, one of the executive board, says the number of deaths this year is not nearly so large as last year. This 36 died. The number of inmates now is about 144.

Deputy United States Marshal J. T. Sharp went to Wilson yesterday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Barnhill, who committed suicide in the surf at Wrightsville Saturday. She had lived with his family several years before he came to Raleigh.

Revenue Collector Wheeler Martin returned to-day from the Republican national convention at Chicago and says every delegate from North Carolina was in his seat. Collector Martin was sick all the time he was away and said he had three chills.

Mention has been made of the fact that the crops are exceptionally good and early in this section of North Carolina. Usually the Fourth of July is considered about the time for cotton blooms to appear in this section, but they have already appeared, so that there is proof of the accuracy of the statement made by your correspondent last week that the season is from two to three weeks earlier than usual. There is plenty of cotton in this county 29 inches high and certainly the plants never looked finer.

While the name of Governor Glenn may be suggested to the trustees of the Agricultural and Mechanical College here for the presidency, it can be positively stated that he will never allow it to go before the board so long as the name of Dr. D. H. Hill is before the latter.

Your correspondent is informed by the secretary of the board of agriculture that a good many persons are sending in statements as to lands they have for sale in North Carolina, these to be listed in a bulletin which the board is preparing to issue upon the blanks specially prepared by the department.

Agricultural Department is to issue and circulate in the North and West, partment and hence these blanks should be secured first. This is really an important matter. Very evidently the department is going to illustrate the State in handsome style in New England and in the West. The desire is to obtain a high class of people from those two sections. Just now is declared to be the best time to build houses and do general construction work, for the reason that it can be done more cheaply, and going on the same basis it is very clear that it is also a time to secure settlers, because in the North and West there are so many who are unemployed, a number of these having some little means with which they could get a footing here. It is very certain that the panic has hit North Carolina less hard by far than it has done the States to the north and west of this, and there is no abatement of the opportunities in the Old North State. It is really a very practical question.

Rev. J. C. Masee, for five years pastor of the Baptist Tabernacle here, left to-day for Blue Mountain, Miss., where he will conduct a revival for ten days, going thence to Chattanooga, Tenn., to become pastor of a leading church.

THIS YEAR'S PENSIONS. Auditor Dixon says blanks have been sent to the various county pension boards in order to arrange to file the pensions this year. These boards meet in July and by August 1st their reports will be in. The usual number of blanks has been sent out, on the estimate that there might be an increase of a thousand pensioners, though of course no one can tell what their increase will be. Last year the deaths amounted to about 1,000. Auditor Dixon says he does not look for much increase and of course for no decrease, as the soldiers are getting older and less able to earn a living and so more apply for pensions.

State Auditor Dixon has no summer vacation. He was hard at work to-day and said that really June, July, August and September were his busiest months. A number of railway men were in conference to-day with Adjutant General Robertson in regard to the movement of National Guardsmen to the permanent camp, Camp Glenn, near Morehead City. The Governor appoints A. L. Jones, of Laurinburg, a member of the board of directors of the State School for Deaf Mutes at Morganton, in place of J. G. Neal, deceased.

Capt. John W. Duckett, who is in charge of the Croatan Indian normal schools at Pate's, Robeson county, says that the lady teacher there next term will be Miss Belle Armstrong, of Washington, Pa., who comes very highly recommended.

Insurance Commissioner Young left this afternoon for Greensboro and goes over to Charlotte to-morrow morning. He will attend the great State convention. He and State Superintendent Joyner are the only officials who have no opposition. A little later in the year, if rumor is true, there will be some weddings here which will be a surprise to the North Carolina public.

FARMERS' INSTITUTES WORK

Dr. Jalt Butler has prepared the schedules of the farmers' institutes which are to be such a feature of the summer. There will be three parties of workers in the field, there will also be a notable new feature in the shape of the two car loads of agricultural implements and other material for demonstration which the Southern Railway is going to haul, for the benefit of these institutes. These will be sent to about 25 counties and some of the best experts, both United States and State, will be on these special cars and will give lectures, with the most practical illustrations.

STUDYING IN NEW YORK

Several members of the Peace Institute faculty are in New York. Professor Braxley, the head of the music department, and Misses Beard and Jones are all three taking work under the famous piano teacher, Joseph. Mrs. Orndorff, of the voice department, is also in New York pursuing her studies, and Mrs. Horace Dowell purposes going soon. Miss Clark, piano, and Miss Lasher, art, are both residents of New York and are there for the vacation.

The Danger of Nominating Kitchin

Lexington Dispatch. If the mistake is made at the State convention of nominating Kitchin for Governor he will place the Democracy in grave danger, and this is realized from one end of the State to the other. It will endanger two Congressmen and through its effect on the Legislature, will imperil a United States Senator, and therefore, we cannot believe that the party will place Mr. Kitchin at the head of its ticket if it would be the purest folly.

The Start From Colonel Bryan's

Wilmington Star. An automobile train with five cars will carry R. C. Sullivan, Democratic committeeman of Illinois and a party of his friends to Denver for the national convention of the party, according to an announcement made to-night. The start will be made next Tuesday, Lincoln, Neb., the home of W. J. Bryan, will be visited on Saturday and there the automobiles from Kansas City will join the train.

THE WEATHER.

Washington, June 22.—Forecast: Virginia, fair, continued warm Tuesday and Wednesday; variable winds. North Carolina, local showers Tuesday; Wednesday fair, variable winds. South Carolina and Georgia, generally fair. Tuesday and Wednesday; variable winds. East Florida, occasional showers Tuesday and Wednesday; variable winds. Arkansas and Missouri, generally fair Tuesday and Wednesday, cooler Wednesday. Tennessee, fair Tuesday, Wednesday fair, cooler in west portion. Kentucky, fair Tuesday, Wednesday fair, cooler in west portion and by night in east portion.

LOCAL OFFICE U. S. WEATHER BUREAU.

Charlotte, June 22.—Sunrise 5:09 a. m.; sunset 7:40 p. m. TEMPERATURE (in degrees). Highest temperature... 85. Lowest temperature... 75. Mean temperature... 78. Accumulated excess for month... 1. Accumulated excess for year... 2.77. PRECIPITATION (in inches). Total for 24 hours ending 3 p. m. 0.02. Total for month... 1.06. Accumulated deficiency for month... 1.04. Total for year... 19.75. Accumulated deficiency for year... 4.19. Prevailing wind direction... W. M. C. FAULK, Temporarily in Charge.

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