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"A MARVEL IN WHEAT"

THE EVOLUTION OF A BIG FAKE

g Circulars Received About Variety of Wheat Producing, ding to the Claims of Its oters, From 100 to 200 Is to the Acre, Which is a Up as a Fake-Alaska and The Saturday Evening Expert on Its Merits-Pro-g Company Seeking to Fleece emburg Farmers.

Glowing pamphlets descriptive of what is known as Alaska wheat, the aw variety said to have been discovered by a certain Abraham Adams, an Idaho farmer, while on a prospecting trip in the wilds of Alaska several years ago, are being circulated in was raised as to whether or not he Mecklenburg county by the Adams Juliactta, Idaho, for the purpose of Adam Fisher and J. B. Clanton, been Hobe Seed Grain Company, of deceiving farmers into purchasing some of the seed "in limited quanti-The steps being taken have reached ties only, payment strictly in advance. the point where a suitable hall is beat \$20 a bushel." In view of the fact that this new wheat is nothing are being requisitioned. Sentiment more nor less than a fake so far as is very evenly divided between Vance doing what its promoters claim for Park and the Auditorium for the it, a warning is given lest any one be place for holding the exercises, and deceived.

And the fake has been well advertised.

of the most-talked-of and Henry is being mentioned as an alter-One widely copied articles that has ap- nate. The majority at present favors in The Saturday Evening the Bull of the Brushles, who for napeared Post of recent years was that a few tive eloquence and keen wit, has no weeks ago entitled "A Marvel in equal in the State. It is certain that, Wheat," which was a fulsome ac- should the plans of those who are count of the revolution which this new Alaska type would shortly bring Mr. Linney is brought here, about in the wheat-growing industry capacity of the Auditorium would be of the country. The article appear-ing in such a reputable publication and the crowd. The Bull of the Brushles having the evident backles having the evident backing of such responsible parties, created no end of talk particularly among those interested in the wheat-growing business. The article was reproduced in a large number of substantial farm papers and the fame of the new Alaska wheat was blazoned from one end of the country to the other.

MR. MOORE INVESTIGATES.

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Mr. Edgar B Moore, manager of the Selwyn Hotel, of this city, and Whole Car Load Leaves For the Two proprietor of the well-known Selwyn farm, was one of the first men to read this article in The Saturday Evening Post. He was much impressed with it, being something of an expert in which was filled with young boys and wheat himself and yet was too good a girls leaving for the two colleges at friends of Mr. Squires, however, ral-farmer to accept all the statements Due West, S. C., the Due West lied to his aid yesterday and got him beck on the force. His first step was to both under the management of the investigation. write to the editors of The Post and A. R. P. Synod of the South. These ask them what they knew of the new institutions this year, judging by the wheat and its discoverer. Their reply follows:

Editorial Rooms, The Saturday Evening Post,

Curtis Publishing Company Mr. E. B. Moore, Charlotte, N. C. Dear Str:-Mr. Day's article was accepted and printed during the ablication. He is consequently sending an expert West to-day to investigate the matter carefully, and should the result confirm Mr. Day's statements. ve shall be glad to send you full particulars.

Yours very truly THE EDITORS.

In the course of a week or two the report of this expert was received. In a word, it shows that the article in question was a gross exaggeration and the statements given therein, which were considered so marvelous, were were the following marked young in the following were in the party: Misses Mary is the report which was wired in to the editors: The following marked young induces the editors: The following marked young induces Bradford, Ola Fraser, Pattle Wallace, Leona Squires, May Faulkner, Laura

CHARLOTTE IN THE SWIM. tion Ceremony Here For Various Republican Candidates For Legis-lative Honors—Bull of the Brushier [May Be Secured. nt on Foot to Have Notifica-

 Istive Honors—Bull of the Brushies
May Be Secured.
If present plans do not miscarry, Charlotte will soon have the oppor-tunity of witnessing a notification ceremony all of her own. Chicago by the city to catch blind tigars, was has had hers and so also Cincinnati, and why not Charlotte? This idea has entered the heads of the Repub-lican leaders and for several days there has been much quiet talk to the effect that some formal notice should be given the various nominees for legislative honors. This talk was oc-casioned in part by the fact that Mr. D. Kirby Pope was not present at the D. Kirby Pope was not present at the county convention and some question proposition and this was seconded by would accept a place on the ticket. Nor have the others, Messrs. Ed Bell, Dr.

On the second ballot Messrs, Squires ing sought for and the proper orators some want Hon. Rom Linney for the next ballot. orator of the day while others favor Mr. Tom Settle. Col. Walter R.

Both Messrs, McKnight and Edwards were recently employed by the city to catch blind tigers who were thought to be in full swing during the State Democratic promoting the scheme mature and the made a hit a few weeks ago at the Republican convention, and his Charsaid that McKnight got elected on aclotte friends are eager to cultivate the count of a "slip up" on the part of one of the members, who was really acquaintance formed then. Col. Jake F. Newell, ex-insurgent, and candidate against him. It is recalled that Messrs. Cliff Bell, T. O. Squires and for Attorney General of North Carolina, will likely preside at the meet-STUDENTS LEAVE FOR COLLEGE. was desired to curtail the appropriahence the necessity for cutting down A. R. P. Colleges at Due West, S. C. the force. In view of the opposition to Messrs. Squires and Bell, which Attached to train No. 11 of the had been steadily developing among outhern yesterday was a special car some members of the powers that be they suffered in the

DEATH OF MR. WILLIAMSON.

great number which has gone from this section, will undoubtedly have at L Day. Local Hospital-Funeral Tothe largest enrollments they ever

Mr. D. L. Williamson, one of the There were about 40 young mer most prominent citizens of the Pineand maldens in the party which left ville community, died vesterday afterand maldens in the party which the ville community, died yesterday alter-here and to this number will be added others who will join them as Hospital, where he was brought last **Accepted** and printed during the ab-sence of the editor of The Saturday Evening Post on his vacation; and without, he feels, sufficient investiga-tion of the facts to warrant its pub-lication. He is consequently sending going to fill the dormitories now in Mesars, L. W. and J. Y. Williamson, and one sister, Mrs. Mary Smith, of

Among those who were in the party Gaston county, also survive, resterday were the following named: The body was removed to the late Messra. Edgar Pharr, Ralph Hunter, residence at Pineville yesterday after-Mason Hood, Jefferson Hood, Brice noon and the funeral will be con-Williams, Frank Grier, McLees Rea. ducted at 2 o'clock to-day from the Clyde Stancill, R. R. and R. A. Grier, Presbyterian church of Pineville, of of this county, and Messrs. Campbell which the deceased had for a long McLean, Shelton, J. G. and R. T. while been a member. Mr. William-Kerr, Irwin and John Alexander, J. son was well thought of in the com-Cashion, Ewart and Choate, all of munity in which he lived and will be sections north of Mecklenburg. sorely missed. He was 50 years of The following-named young ladies age.

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Mr. T. O. Squires Re-Elected to the City Force Together With Mr. R. C. McKnight, a Late Plain Clothes De-tective. The

Mr. J. I. Blakely, both of whom voted before to postpone until next month, Mr. Smith refused to make the motion, however, until Col. A. L. Smith arrived on the scene, knowing. presumably, how he was going to vote on the matter.

and McKnight were elected. On the first ballot Messrs, Edwards, Mc-Knight, Belk and Squires each received three votes, but Messrs. McKnight and Squires got an extra vote on the

convention. They succeeded in registering about 40 cases in behalf of the city and some of them held good in the higher court. These was a decided sentiment among the members of the safety board to put these men on the police force when a movement was started to increase the number of the bule-coats, but this was nipped yesterday. It is Tracy Henry failed to receive a majority of votes at the regular election meeting in June. It was stated that it tion to the police department and shuffle. The

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TWO NEW POLICEMEN. CITY SCHOOLS OPEN.

otal Enrollment First Day Was 4,037, to Which a Large Number Will Gradually Be Added.

city graded schools bega

ows: Second Ward, 1,234; Cherry street, 27; Biddleville, 107. The schools for this winter have started off under the most promising

circumstances and another year of notably good work will be ac-complished by the excellent teach-ing corps in charge of and under the supervision of Prof. Alexander Graham Graham.

Mr. A. M. Green Injured by Live Wire. While engaged in work about the boiler in the basement of the Trust Building yesterday morning about 11 o'clock Mr. A. M. Green formed a short circuit in some manner and received so severe an electric shock that he was thrown into a pool water, being badly burned before he was rescued. His back and one hand suffered most. He was taken to the Mercy General Hospital, where he is now under treatment. He was rest-ing easily last night. Mr. Green was laying fire-brick in the room. He was unable to turn loose the live wire,

which he held for five minutes.

BRUSHES Our showing of Brushes is surprising. Until you looked it over you wouldn't suppose there were so many different kinds of brushes for the same purpose or so many similar brushes for different purposes. Shaving Brushes, Hair, Tooth, Flesh, Nail, Clothes, Shoe, Hat, Bath-long handles, crocked handles, short handles, straight handles; fine bristles, coarse bristles, stiff colored bristles white bristles, bristles looped stiff colored bristles in through the wood and bristles wired in, wood backs, wher backs and metal backs Come and see them all; you'll enjoy looking over the col-lection and you'll find exactly what you want. We will take great pleasure in showing them to you, whether you are fully decided to buy or not. We enjoy showing our brushes anyway. They are on display to-day. Take a look at them. It's an opportunity not to be

THE EXPERT'S REPORT "Assertions of huge crops or good

four-making quality not justified. Adams' only claim of proportion of two hundred bushels an acre is with an eighth of an acre patch two years ago. For last year admits farm average only thirty bushels. So far this year only twenty-five to thirtyfive an acre. Offers excuses such weeds and undergrowth. Not true that wheat has been successfully grown elsewhere. Misleading to say frostproof for admits some injury by snow. Flour-making qualities unknown. Adams was given experiment station analysis last year and told with it that milling test was necessary to show the quality with certainty. Has not had the test. The wheat in appearance is much dke certain large course wheats not valuable for flour.' Not satisfied with his letter of in-

quiry to the editors of The Saturday Evening Post, Mr. Moore wrote to the Minneapolis chamber of commerce, the great flour centre of the country, asking for information regarding the new Alaska variety. The reply which he received was to the effect The reply that no such wheat had come into the hands of the Minnesota dealers, consequently nothing could be said of it.

THE FAKE DISCLOSED.

And then hard and fast upon the heels of this came through the mails to various parties in the city and county the following circular from the Adams-Hobe Seed Grain Com-pany, of Juliaetta, Idaho, self-styled "the originators and producers of Alaska wheat," boosting the wonders of this marvelous variety of cereal which has, so the circular reads, "a producing quality almost unbellev-

Start your fields to bringing you big money. Thirty million of acres are waiting for Alaska wheat seed and it will take some time to supply it. For three years at least Alaska wheat will be So it is advisable to get your farm started at, once.

"The world will be supplied by the originator himself a limited supply only, to go to one farm, at \$20 a bushe! at Juliaetta, Idaho."

CASH WITH THE ORDER. And then follows the specific instructions as to ordering. Having aroused the ardor of the prospective customer by glowing accounts of mamoth yields, and impending riches, he is directed to observe that "remittance must accompany order," otherthere will be nothing doing. wise These circulars are being scattered all over the country and numbers of them are coming to Mecklenburg farmers. Should they desire to di-vorce themselves of a little coin no easier manner can be suggested than to follow the directions of the proters of Alaska wheat.

Then follows an account of the "birth of Alaska wheat."

Prohibition Vice Presidential Candidate to Speak.

Prof. Aaron S. Watkins, candidate for Vice President of the United States on the national Prohibition ticket, is fuled to deliver a speech here the court house this evening at \$:30 lock. The gentleman in question vice president of Ohio Northern versity at Ada, O. In the same itution he is professor of literature philosophy. He is also a preacher a lawyer. His address will prob-to heard by a large number of ple, as there is a number of pro-tionists in Charlotte.

May Ranson, Margaret Moore, Helen Matthews, Velma Houston and Bertle Black.

MR. W. W. THOMPSON DEAD. Father of Mr. E. W. Thompson, of

Railway train. It was stated that he This City, Died Yesterday in At- would die. A second message was lanta, Ga. that he was still alive, while a third Mr. William W. Thompson, father stated that his death occurred at of Mr. E. W. Thompson, of this city, 11:05. Mr. Swann was unable to get gentleman of consequence of south away until the afternoon at 3 o'clock. died in Atlanta yesterday Naturally the accident was a great Georgia, morning. Mr. Thompson was in the shock to him. He stated that his civil war. Being a man of great father, who was advanced in years, mechanical talent and inventive lived on the outskirts of Reidsville. genius, he was detailed to service in Two children supvive, one Mr. Swann's the government arsenal at Macon. He half brother.

designed and directed the making of heavy guns, shells and other implements of war. After the war Mr Thompson settled in Smithville, Ga. where he soon developed an industry THE in fruit culture, which was the beginning of quite a development subse-quently made. He was one of the first to plant an orange in Florida on commercial lines.

Mr. Thompson was punctillously particular about his engagements, his word being considered always as good as his bond.

He was a devoted member of the Presbyterian Church. The funeral will be held in Smithville to-day or tomorrow. Mr. E. W. Thompson, of this left last night to be present at city. the funeral.

Little-Long Company to Have Fine Corset Fitting Room,

A noteworthy departure in corset handling is being taken by the Little-Long Company, which is preparing to establish in the rear of its Trade to the acre according to the soil." Continues the circular: "Don't waste time! Start your this. A large line of the American Beauty corsets, manufactured by the Kalamazoo Corset Company, will be carried, as well as cheaper grades. The aim will be to serve all corset-wearing Charlotte. Miss Willis is expected to-day from Cleveland, to take entire charge of this fitting department. She has had wide and varied experience in the work.

It is believed that no store in this section of the country has made preparations so elaborate for the comfort of purchasers of this class of goods. George H. Johnson, field manager of the corset manufacturing company, is in the city superintending the placing of stock. It will be several weeks before all is completed.

Mr.

New Cashier For Telephone Company. Mr. Charles J. Hanes arrived in the ity yesterday from Winston-Salem to take the position of cashier for the Southern Bell Telephone Company. He has held a similar position in Winston-Salem for several years and Tas Sentinel says this of him: "Mr. Hanes is a clever and popular young man and The Sentinel, while it regrets to lose him as a citizen, is glad to hear of his promotion."

Marriage in Dilworth.

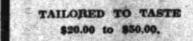
Manufacturer of the Stieff and Mr. J. L. Stikeleather and Miss Pearl Broom were married last night in south Dilworth at the home of J. F. Stikeleather, father of the groom. Rev. A. L. Coburn officiated. A number of friends and relatives was present. A good supper and a watere Southern Wareroom feast followed the ceremony and the congratulations. 5 West Trade Street. C. H. WILMOTH, Mgr.

Malaris Causes Loss of Appetite. The Old Standard GROVE'S TASTE-BESS CHILL TONIC drives out malaris and builds '.p the system. For grown people and children, \$0c.

Mr. Haywood Swann, clerk at the Gem Restaurant, received yesterday those who use it and the splendid results it yields to those it serves. Easy in its morning shortly after 9 o'clock a telegram from Reidsville which brought those it serves. Easy in its operation, light in its action, to him the first tidings of the fatal injuring of his father by a Southern versatile in its properties, with a range as wide as human needs and a durability that answers every expectation and requirement.

The New Model No. 5 has already proven itself a worthy successor to the splendid models that preceded it. It has all the advantages of the previous models, with many new and exclusive ideas in typewriter construction, such as the tabu-lator, the disappearing indi-cator, the armor-clad, nonvibratory base, the right and left-hand carriage releases, the linevertical and horizontal ruling device, and other innovations equally striking and important



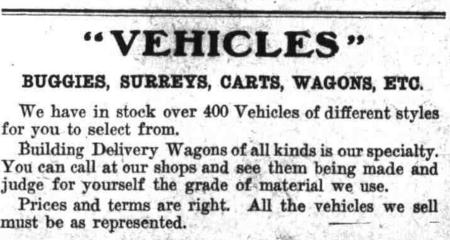






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