



KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That I, James R. Young, Insurance Commissioner of the State of North Carolina, do hereby Certify that on this, the 4th day of January, 1909, GREENSBORO LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, of Greensboro, N. C., has deposited as a Guaranty Surplus, as a part of the assets of the Company, securities, approved by me, of the value of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000.00).

This January 4, 1909. (Signed) JAMES R. YOUNG, Insurance Commissioner.

THIS INCREASES TO OVER \$500,000.00 THE COMPANY'S GROSS ASSETS GREENSBORO LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

HOME OFFICE: GREENSBORO, N. C.

J. W. FRY, PRESIDENT.

E. COLWELL, JR., SECRETARY.

DR. J. T. J. BATTLE, MEDICAL DIRECTOR.



MILLS AND MARKETS

THE COTTON CROP.

Census Bureau Reports a Total of 12,470,226 Bales Ginned Up to January 1st—Nearly Three Million Bales Ahead of 1907—North Carolina Furnished 646,731 Bales. Washington, Jan. 9.—The census bureau to-day reported 12,470,226 running bales of cotton ginned from the growth of 1908, to January 1st last, against 9,951,505 a year ago, and 27,386 ginneries operated against 27,276 a year ago. The percentage of the whole crop ginned to January 1st is 90 per cent. for 1908, and 90.4 for 1907.

town, and N. A. Townsend, land partner of Hon. H. L. Godwin, has formed a real estate company, and will soon develop and market some valuable property.

FOR TWENTY DISTRICTS.

Bar Association of Fifth Judicial District Will Petition For This Number and Asks Support of Other Districts. To the Editor of the Observer: At a joint meeting of the several bar associations of the counties composing the fifth judicial district of North Carolina in the office of H. L. Stevens, Esq., at Warsaw, N. C., on the 9th day of January, 1909, duly accredited representatives of said bar associations were present as follows: Woodus Kellum, Esq., of Onslow and New Hanover counties; C. E. McCullough and D. H. Blind, Esq., of Pender county; Henry L. Stevens, Esq., of Duplin county; Henry A. Grady, Esq., of Sampson county; John C. Dawson, Esq., of Lenoir county. The meeting was called to order and Henry L. Stevens, Esq., elected chairman, and Henry A. Grady, secretary, of said meeting. The following resolutions were offered by Mr. Kellum and unanimously adopted: First, Resolved, That the fifth judicial district, by its representatives assembled, does hereby pledge itself to support a petition before the Legislature to increase the judicial districts of the State from sixteen to twenty and hereby invites the co-operation of the other districts of the State to petition the Legislature to secure enactment.

NEGRO PLEADS GUILTY.

Nat Laws Submits to Attempt at Criminal Assault and is Given Twelve Years in State Prison—Judge Long Disposes of Many Cases.

Durham, Jan. 8.—In Superior Court to-day Nat Laws, a negro charged with a capital crime against Vella Williams, colored, submitted to criminal intent and Judge Long gave him twelve years in the penitentiary. A special venire had been summoned for the trial of the case and was ready. The attorney's coup at the last minute was a surprise. Thirty-five men were there for special duty and were not needed. Judge Long gave him three years less than he might have given him, and Attorney Lovenstein was satisfied with the sentence, which was much milder than a trial and certain conviction and hanging. The court has been concerned chiefly with small cases. Judge Long has not taken any foolhardiness in the trial of the matters up and has about cleaned out the jail. Judge Long will return Monday, January 11th, for the civil docket. The most interesting case on that calendar is the indictment, in several forms, by Mrs. Octa D. Thomas against the merchants of Durham who attached her boarding house furnishings and goods once while she was outside of the State upon a mission of comfort to a relative. These suits aggregate \$25,000 and nearly every lawyer in the city is in them.

SHOT BY HIS BROTHER.

While Hunting Rabbits John Burrage Receives Full Load of Shot in His Left Side—Gun Was Accidentally Discharged.

Concord, Jan. 9.—While a rabbit hunt on this afternoon about 5 o'clock Hugh Burrage, about 19 years of age, accidentally shot his brother, John Burrage, aged 20. The entire load, including the wadding, lodged in the young man's left kidney, making a wound the size of a silver dollar and three inches deep. The wound is a serious one but is not considered fatal, unless complications set in. The boys were on the land of their father, Mr. J. M. Burrage, near the Three Mile branch and only a short distance from their home. They had stopped in a sage field and laid down. When the dogs jumped a hare, the boys began to run, John in front of his brother. The injured boy wore two coats and two top shirts, which checked the force of the load and prevented it from penetrating the body. He was carried to his home on Meadow street, where the wound was dressed, and he is now resting very well.

Bank of Lilesville Elects Directors and Officers.

Lilesville, Jan. 9.—At a meeting held on the 5th inst., the Bank of Lilesville elected the following named directors: B. O. Seigle, J. F. Alexander, J. A. Lindsay, E. P. Liles, C. C. Bow, G. P. Liles, J. E. Kerr, J. W. Hogan, H. J. Wall. The old officers were re-elected by the directors, as follows: J. F. Alexander, president; H. J. Wall, vice president; E. R. Wall, cashier; S. J. Wall, assistant cashier.

The bank will open for business April 1st with a capital stock of \$12,000, consisting of 100 shares. The par value of each share is \$100, but the shares are now worth \$122 each. A dividend of 6 per cent. was declared at the meeting this week.

Cleveland's New Sheriff Destroying Moonshine Plants.

Shelby, Jan. 9.—D. D. Wilkins, the newly elected sheriff, is bad on distillers. During the past week he has raided several stills, among the most important being one in No. 8 township. He destroyed the distillery and 1,000 gallons of beer. The capacity of the still was 80 gallons. The operator, Lester Ledford, was arrested and brought here, tried and bound over to Superior Court under a \$500 bond, which he was able to give.

Jamaica Ginge Case Goes to Superior Court.

Wilmington, Jan. 8.—As the result of a preliminary trial of the two young drug clerks charged with violation of the State prohibition law in selling Jamaica ginger to a white man, George Silvia, who was later hauled up in police court for drunkenness which he testified was produced by the ginger diluted with water, Mayor Springer bound both defendants over to Superior Court under bonds of \$50 each which they gave with their employer, Mr. R. R. Bellamy, as surety. One can stop indigestion instantly by a dose of Kodol. The pain and irritation are ended at once. It is surprising how quickly the stomach recovers when given the help of this perfect digestant.

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Bright's Disease, Diabetes, Rheumatism, Gout, Gravel, Dropsy, Inflammation of the Bladder, Bad Blood and Nervous Troubles caused by Sick Kidneys. English-McLarty Co., the well-known Druggists of Charlotte, know by experience that HINDIPO will cure all forms of Kidney and Nervous Troubles, and will guarantee it in all cases. Can't you afford to try it at their risk? It costs you nothing if it don't do the work. Sent by mail to any address, prepaid, on receipt of 50 cents. Six boxes, \$2.50, under a positive guarantee.

Fresh Cut Carnations and Roses Every Day.

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The above cut is an exact reproduction of our registered distillery, aging warehouse and shipping department, which is the largest plant in Virginia. We have been wholesalers for over forty years, but are now shipping into the dry territory direct to the consumer. You get our fine old whiskies aged for years in our warehouse by direct express at wholesale prices. Look for Mahoney's name on the bottle. It guarantees the quality or money refunded. Remit by P. O. or express money-order, registered letter or certified check.

Table listing various whiskeys and their prices: LUKE DUNN RYE (Extra) 4 Qts. 12 Qts. 1 Gal. MANOR STRAIGHT RYE 5 00 15 00 4 50 COMFORT RYE (All the name implies) 3 00 8 50 2 00 FAMILY CORN (Old and Mellow) 4 00 11 00 3 50 SPECIAL CORN (Worth more) 3 00 8 50 2 50 BRONCO GIN (An article of merit) 4 00 11 00 3 00 OLD TAR GIN (Dry) 3 00 8 50 2 50

BEERS DIRECT FROM THE BREWERY.

Table listing various beers and their prices: BRONCO EXBORE Per Doz. VIRGINIA PALE .95 EXPOSITION .45 TEMPERANCE BEERS. RHEINBRAU For Doz. SEASIDE .95 A highly nutritious temperance beverage. A rebate of twenty-five cents per dozen allowed on all bottles returned. J. & E. MAHONEY FORTSMOUTH, VA.

THE CONSUMERS BREWERY, CONTROLLED BY J. & E. MAHONEY

DOINGS AROUND DUNN.

Work Begun on Harnett Bridges—New Chief of Police Elected—Clothing Merchant Makes Assignment. Special to the Observer. Dunn, Jan. 8.—The Carolina Engineering Company, of Burlington, has begun the work on the bridge at Lillington and will soon commence on the one at Duke, on the Cape Fear. Mr. S. M. Finch, of Clayton, has opened a rental and real estate office here. He is a progressive and active young business man and has come to a good field for the business. Mr. J. H. York, who has been cutting shuttle block wood for the past year, will increase his plant and manufacture shuttles. The city fathers have elected Mr. Frank Wood chief of police to succeed Mr. L. A. Tost, who resigned to accept a position with Mr. G. F. Pope at the lumber mill. Mr. W. E. Jackson, a clothing and gentlemen's furnishing merchant, has made an assignment. Mr. G. K. Grant, than being the assignee. The cause is failure to sell and make collections. Messrs. J. Loyd Wade, son of Mr. J. J. Wade, one of the largest property owners and best business men of the

Officers of High Point Charity Association.

High Point, Jan. 8.—At a meeting of the board of directors of the Church Relief Association the following officers were elected. President, Rev. Enos Harvey, of the Friends Church; general superintendent, Rev. O. P. Ader, of South Main Street M. E. church; assistant superintendent, Mr. J. W. Sechrest, undertaker; secretary and treasurer, Capt. A. M. Rankin, of the Rankin Cohn and Casket Company. The annual meeting will be held at Washington Street M. E. church Sunday night, January 31st, and Rev. Enos Harvey will address the body. The report of the superintendent and treasurer showed that about \$250 had been expended the past year for the support of the poor of the city.

Richmond County Chain Gang Abolished.

Rockingham Anglo-Saxon. The county commissioners at their session here Monday, passed an order abolishing the county chain gang. All prisoners sentenced by Judge Biggs to the roads were sent to Union county. The commissioners claim that it is cheaper to farm them out to other counties than keep them here at home.

Proctor Bonham Will Serve as Solicitor.

Anderson, S. C., Jan. 9.—It is now a settled fact that Mr. Proctor A. Bonham, the new solicitor of this district, a son of Gen. M. L. Bonham, of the law firm of Bonham, Watkins & Allen, of this city, will serve as solicitor at the approaching term of the Court of General Sessions, which convenes here next Monday. He has already received his commission from Governor Ansel. Mr. Bonham succeeds J. H. Boggs, who was a candidate for Congress against Hon. Wyatt Allen in the recent election. Mr. Boggs made an excellent solicitor and retires from the office with the best wishes of many friends. He will practice law at his home in Pickens.