

North Carolina News.

A Big Cat Fish.
Mr. Ernest Holmes, of this city, tells the Post that while fishing in Second creek on Tuesday of this week, he caught a cat fish weighing 9 1/2 pounds. Second creek is noted for big fish and is a favorite resort for Salisbury fishermen. The catch of Mr. Holmes on Tuesday is the largest that has been reported so far this season.—Salisbury Post.

Was Determined to Die.
Trains 38 and 41 had to stop near Vaughan last Thursday to keep from killing one Sam Walker, a demented white man, who had chosen to get on the track near a sharp curve. Friday Walker tried to hang himself to a barn pole but the pole broke, nothing daunted him and he next jumped in a well but failed in his efforts at suicide. Officers took him in charge, and it is thought he will be sent to the asylum.—Littleton News-Reporter.

Things He Saw.
Mr. M. A. Blackwelder, of No. 8, had on exhibition here yesterday a legless chicken. The chick was otherwise well developed. Mr. Blackwelder says the chicken was living and doing well but that the mother promptly killed it. Mr. Blackwelder reports also that he recently found two swarms of bees in one tree, one in the top and the other in the trunk at the bottom. Mr. Blackwelder went up the tree for a squirrel, and found the bees, which he says had been there about a year. He successfully lived both swarms.—Concord Tribune.

Nobody Responsible.
A coroner's inquest was held this afternoon over the remains of the young man, Walter Page, a shoemaker of this city, who died in his cell last night at the police station, after being arrested charged with drunkenness. The autopsy revealed a blood clot on the brain, and nobody was held responsible for the unhappy affair. It developed that Page was given a hypodermic injection by the city physician soon after he was brought in, to cause vomiting, as he was apparently in a very drunken condition.—Charlotte special to News and Observer.

Destroyed Steam Distillery in Wilkes.
Revenue Officers Booth and McBroome, of Asheville; Bandy, of Catawba, and Davis, of Statesville, destroyed a large steam distillery plant in Lovelace township, Wilkes county, early yesterday morning. The plant which was an unusually large one, and been in operation for some time, but the operators were not there when the officers arrived. The 300 gallon wood en still and other fixtures were demolished by the officers and a large quantity of beer and mash was poured out. The officers returned to Statesville yesterday afternoon.—Statesville Landmark.

To Sue City for \$20,000.
Alleging that the location of the septic tanks, which take care of Charlotte's sewerage, have done his lands much damage, Mr. Parks Kirkpatrick will enter suit against the city for \$20,000. Mr. Kirkpatrick owns 200 acres four miles from Charlotte and two miles beyond the septic tanks, and it is claimed that the bottom lands have been ruined by deposits left by Sugar creek, which flows through them, and that a state of nuisance has existed for years. He has retained Messrs. T. L. Kirkpatrick and Cameron Morrison to represent him. Mr. Kirkpatrick is with the Weddington Hardware company.—Charlotte News.

The Soil All Right.
That the subsoil of this section, the reddest of red dirt, will produce without fertilizer or other addition to it, has been demonstrated here in town where a yard was leveled up with the dirt that was left over when the sewer ditches were filled. A workman by misunderstanding sowed blue grass seed in the plain dirt as taken from a depth of from five to fifteen feet under the surface, and to the surprise of his employer, a rank growth followed and today there is as pretty a stand of blue grass as can be found. Indeed, it is a much better stand than on another section on the same property where the grass was put in on a fertilized soil.—Lexington Dispatch.

Will Be Running in Forty Days.
Mr. W. F. Snider, of Salisbury, president of the Piedmont Carolina railway, returned last night from Grand Rapids, Mich., where he purchased the majority of the stock of the Salisbury-Spencer Street Car Co. for his company. This is the company that is constructing the street car line in this city and Mr. T. H. Vanderford stated this morning that this will mean a big improvement in the line for this city.

When asked as to when the cars would be in operation in this city, Mr. Vanderford said that he thought that it would be within thirty or forty days. That the poles for the trolley line were being prepared now, and a large force of hands would begin work Monday putting them up, that by the time this work is completed the tracks will have already been completed to the depot, and that he would then put the cars in operation, but would continue the work of completing the line over the proposed route. When asked as to the report that the Southern Power company was behind the deal for the Salisbury-Spencer line, Mr. Vanderford stated that it was not and that the line was purchased solely for the Piedmont Carolina Railway company.—Concord Tribune.

Jail Delivery in Greens.

There was a jail delivery at Snow Hill Wednesday night. A negro man in jail for larceny secured an iron bar, presumably from some one on the outside, and with it worked a hole through the brick wall and made his escape through the aperture. Another prisoner refused to leave when offered his liberty, and was found in jail by the sheriff this morning.—Kinston Free Press.

Saw the Comet and Died.

Henry Johnson, an old negro residing in the Weeksville section of this county, went out Tuesday morning to observe the comet. After having gazed at it for some time, he turned to go back into the house and fell dead before he reached the house. The negroes in this section are greatly wrought up over the incident, many of them firmly believing that the sight of the comet killed the old negro, and not a one of them can be induced to look at it for anything. The old negro died of heart failure.—Elizabeth City Tar Heel.

Charged With Embezzlement.

Thomas F. Miller, treasurer of the Wilson tribe Improved Order of Red Men, and at one time United States recruiting officer here, was arrested last Monday charged with making away with the funds of the order entrusted to his keeping. He gave bond for his appearance at the sitting of the superior court next week. He skipped out last night, leaving his bondsmen with the bag to hold. In paying a death claim to a widow just previous to his arrest, he reserved from her check \$19.18. He is originally from Illinois.—Wilson special to News and Observer.

China Grove Votes Special Tax.

On that Tuesday China Grove voted on the question of a special school tax, and we are glad to say that the special tax was carried, though by a very narrow majority. The tax is 25 cents on the \$100 valuation, and 75 cents on the poll. The registered vote was 172, and there were 94 votes cast for the tax, 12 more than necessary. It will be seen that the battle was hard fought, as 72 people actually voted against it, though not to vote at all was to register oneself against it.

Wilmington's Supply.

The startling revelation that more than seven hundred barrels of liquor to hardly more than a dozen consignees have been received in Wilmington since January 1, 1910, was made yesterday morning at the continued investigation being conducted before Mayor MacRae under the special statute of the revival of 1905, these disclosures having come with a submission of the records of the Seaboard Air Line by Receiving Clerk J. W. Higgins and Mr. William Godwin, employees of the company in this city, for whom subpoenas were issued following the testimony as to sales of liquor by Messrs. Reaves, Bruton and Bulard on Wednesday.—Wilmington Star.

Auto Missing From Car Load Received.

A rather curious condition confronted Mr. Armistead Burwell, Jr., when yesterday he discovered that a car of automobiles shipped him, on April 28, from Columbus, O., and arriving here yesterday morning was short a Firestone-Columbus runabout. The bill of lading called for three automobiles, a Firestone-Columbus touring car and two runabouts. When the car was opened in the city freight yards yesterday and the unloading began, it was discovered that a runabout was missing. Immediately investigation was commenced and Mr. Burwell is expecting satisfactory information of some variety within a few days.—Charlotte Chronicle.

Alamance Hospital Assured.

A large number of doctors and citizens gathered in the court house at Graham last Monday for the purpose of discussing the proposed hospital question. The meeting was a very enthusiastic one, and we believe that the hospital is assured. It was declared to incorporate under the head of the Alamance hospital with a capital of \$100,000, with the expectation of \$50,000 being paid in. The following committee of business men and doctors were appointed to get up charter, secure site, and solicit funds, etc.: B. R. Sellers and W. G. Stafford, Burlington; Geo. W. Long and C. A. Scott, Graham; J. W. McPherson and J. A. Trolinger, Haw River; and J. A. Pickett and W. J. Graham from the county at large. The next meeting will be held at Graham on the first Monday in June.—Burlington News.

Sues Alderman Hall Alleging Libel.

A civil action will be instituted in court shortly by Mr. John S. Hall against Alderman W. H. Hall, alleging libel, and asking damages therefor. The plaintiff, it will be recalled, recently won a suit, and got judgment for \$2,000 from the city for falling through an old bridge over a creek east of the city. Later the judgment was cut down to \$1,500. The plaintiff alleges that this was done by the court upon the strength of an affidavit made by Alderman Hall that the plaintiff had forged a city pay roll, and therefore the plaintiff has taken the first steps towards bringing the suit.—Charlotte Chronicle.

A Horse Killed.

On last Monday night, in this city, there was a peculiar accident which resulted in the death of a horse under very unusual circumstances. About 10 o'clock, just as the crowd was leaving the graded school building, D. S. Hodge was driving towards the school building and had just turned from Main into Rockford street, when he collided with a horse driven by Ephraim Taylor, and coming from the opposite direction. Both drivers were evidently blinded by the street lights, for neither turned out, and Mr. Taylor was driving rather fast, when the teams dashed into each other. One of the shafts of the Taylor vehicle was driven into the breast of the Hodge horse, penetrating its heart and killing it instantly. No blame can be attached to either party as it is just one of those unfortunate accidents that sometimes occur. The loss falls heavily on Mr. Hodge as the horse was a good one.—Mount Airy Leader.

12,000 Tons of Stone.

The United States engineer's office at this point has made announcement that bids are desired for an enormous quantity of "rip-rap" stone. The full number of tons on which quotations is asked in twelve thousand. Bids are to be opened on June 14th, at which time the name of the successful bidder will be announced. Inquiry at the engineer's office today as to the use to which the stone will be put resulted in the information that the material will be utilized for the work of repairing the dams down the river. The material will be carried to "The Rocks," about twenty miles below the city. The rock will be used there in certain repairs which are contemplated for the massive breakwaters. Preliminary plans for the work on the dams are now already underway. As soon as deliveries of the stone for which the bids will be opened in June are commenced, the active work of repairing the dams will be started without delay.—Wilmington Dispatch.

Strawberry Shipments.

Information received here yesterday was to the effect that 1,520 refrigerator cars of strawberries had been shipped from this section to northern markets since the beginning of the season. Up to Tuesday night shipments amounted to 1,520 cars and 25 cars more yesterday. The refrigerator car movement Monday was 29 cars and 35 cars Tuesday. This does not include the shipmen's made by express. It is stated that car load shipments will continue for about a week and that there will be scattering shipments for a month yet. Last year the last car load shipments went forward June 1. The number of refrigerator cars so far exceed the total number for last season, when the number was 1,316. It was estimated early in the season that 1,600 refrigerator car loads of berries would be shipped from this section this season and it looks now as if the number will just about be reached. The prices continue from \$1.50 to \$1.75. The Norfolk berries have been on the market about two weeks and Delaware berries will be ready for shipment within a week.—Wilmington Star.

Excavating Indian Mound.

Hon. J. C. Buxton arrived from Winston-Salem last night, and he drove out to Davis' bridge this morning with Prof. Charles Peabody, the famous archaeologist, of Harvard university, and editor of the American Journal of Archaeology, who is now engaged in excavating the big Indian mound near that point. Prof. Peabody has a force of six or eight men, doing the work of excavation, and as the mound is 20 feet wide, and nearly as long, and many feet deep, it will take several days' work to reach all parts of it. Yesterday a number of skulls and bones were uncovered, and it is estimated that fully one hundred and fifty Indians were buried here, long before the advent of the white man. Besides some fine specimens of skulls and bones, Prof. Peabody made two interesting finds yesterday, one a pipe, made out of some substance that looks like soap stone, and a well defined tomahawk. A number of pieces of pottery were also found. All these articles were found lying alongside of the skeletons showing that they had been buried with them. It is not unlikely that many other interesting relicts, such as beads, etc., will be unearthed. Some Indians were much given to burying such articles with their dead. One of the largest Indian mounds in this section is near Timberland, in Quewhite township, this county, and it is probable that Prof. Peabody will make excavations there. The work is of world-wide interest, and the results of this investigation will be published for the benefit of the world, and the valuable relicts found here will be placed in the great museums. Our scientists are at last paying more attention to the past history and habits of the Indian, the original American, than hitherto.—Fayetteville Observer.

Strawberry Shipments.

Business Agent H. T. Bauman, of the East Carolina Truck and Fruit Growers' association, reports to President, Wm. E. Springer, of this city, that up to and including May 15th, the movement of strawberries through the Junction office at South Rocky Mount, had been 1,551 cars of which 684 came from the W. & M. section and 867 from the Chadbourn section. Mr. Bauman reports that he looks for 40 or 50 more cars during the week from the W. & M. section and says that the association's estimate of 1,600 will about be reached by the end of the season Saturday night. Mr. Bauman thinks that without a doubt it has been a good season from every standpoint. The office at Rocky Mount will be closed Saturday.—Wilmington Star.

Don't fail to read the statement of the Life Insurance company of Virginia in this issue of The Herald, and see what it is doing in the insurance world. The growth of the company in the local field here is steady and along safe lines.

Bad Hand Made Him Money.

When Lord Curzon was at Oxford he wrote an abominable hand. One day he penned two letters, one of them to a relative and one to a chum with whom he always discussed the faults of their respective relations, and accidentally put these letters into the wrong envelopes. He was about to write a profound apology to his relative when he received the following note from him: "Can't read a word of your four pages, but guess you want some money, you young rascal." Inclosed was a Bank of England note for a good amount.—Exchange.

Former Congressman Dead.

Hon. W. H. Bower, former congressman from this district, died at his home here about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. For several years prior to his death he had suffered from the effects of paralysis, having had several strokes, the last one occurring last Thursday.

In the passing of Mr. Bower the state has lost a brilliant and unguar figure. In fact, as was said by one of his friends today, he lacked little of being a great man. He possessed to a marked degree the elements that go to make the orator and leader of men. Being noble and handsome in personal appearance, with an excellent voice, a command of language and a certain indefinable magnetism irresistible to men, he could, at one time, with the sweep of his powers, carry the masses as few men are able to do. Another Roman has gone hence.—Le noir special to Charlotte Observer.

Is Wanted for Murder.

After having been "kept in soak" by police of the city, who were in frequent touch with the Chester, Pa. authorities, Charlie Gibson, a pelegged negro was on Saturday night arrested by Chief of Police J. S. Davis, and he will now have to go back to the Pennsylvania city to answer the charge of murder. The negro was in the employ of the railroad company while he was being searched for by the Pennsylvania officers and it was about the time that he was located, that he was hurried while in the discharge of his duties as a fagman and he was taken to the Relief hospital at South Rocky Mount; and there it was found necessary to amputate his leg. He has been in the hospital under treatment for his injury and it was this time that the police termed as being "in soak." He was discharged from the hospital on Saturday night and in less than ten minutes after he left the building the police were enroute to the city lockup with their man.—Rocky Mount Record.

SHORT LOCAL ITEMS

Have you tried the free samples of Globe Tonic? You get them at 108 Church street.

A large crowd gathered near the X. M. C. A. about the time the runners were expected to arrive and every one showed much interest.

Mr. Charles Markham, who has been running on the cars of the Durham Traction company, has been elected patrolman to fill the vacancy on the force made by the resignation of Mr. M. C. Klapp.

The board of aldermen have decided that just at present the increase in the number of policemen for the city will not be made. This was brought about by the recommendation of the police commissioners, which was made that four new men be added. The alderman decided to let the present number remain as it is for the present.

The Recorder acknowledges receipt of invitation and program to the 18th annual commencement of the State Normal and Industrial College. The exercises begin Friday May 20th and close Tuesday May 24th. Among the speakers is noted Dr. J. W. Lynch, of this city, who will deliver an address to the Young Women's Christian association.

Littleton College.

Invitations has been received to the commencement exercises of Littleton College, which is accompanied by the following program:

Senior class day--May 24th at 3:30 p. m. Art exhibit--May 25th 10 to 11 a. m. annual sermon May 25th 11 a. m. by Rev. R. H. Broom, Presiding Elder Elizabeth City District. Graduating exercises Thursday, May 26th, 10 a. m. Literary address May 26th, 11 a. m. by President W. S. Potat, Wake Forest. Commencement recital May 26th at 8 p. m.

East Durham Man Wins.

In the Durham Sun Marathon last Saturday Mr. W. D. Clark, of East Durham won the first prize.

Clark's time was fifty minutes, twenty-one and three-fifths seconds. Lariens came five seconds later, fifty and twenty-six, Gatiss running in five later still, 50 and 31 seconds. This was a clip off of six minutes from the Charlotte marathon in which Enzor captured first medal.

Shooting Affray in Caswell.

In the southern part of this county today at 1 p. m. Lut Shaw, a negro, shot and mortally wounded C. S. Hurst, a groceryman, from Danville, Va. Mr. Hurst's condition is extremely critical. The negro also inflicted a flesh wound in the arm of Dennis Anderson, a highly respected colored man. The shooting, as far as I am able to learn, was without provocation. The negro is at large, but is being sought for by Sheriff Fitch and a posse.—Yanceyville special to Charlotte Observer.

He was one of the visiting Methodist preachers who had been asked to preach in one of the local colored churches, and his fame, or rather his father's fame, had preceded him. Therefore his introduction to the colored congregation yesterday was startling but sincere. "Breden," said the darkey minister, "we have with us today the son of a great preacher. I heard his father preach many years ago. He was one ob de big guns. I will now introduce to you the son ob de big gun."—Asheville Citizen.

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