

NEWS NOTES OF NORTH CAROLINA

Killed by Train.
Henderson—While attempting to board a passing freight Saturday at Flat Rock, Jerry King was instantly killed. Almost the entire train passed over his body, which was horribly mangled. He was the son of a prominent farmer, 35 years old and unmarried.

Two Mills Seized.
Asheville—Revenue Agent Same office here has received reports of two recent seizures of illicit distilleries. Deputy Collector Shepherd and Ainsworth report the seizure of an illicit distillery in Wilkes county, while Deputy Collector Gray reports the seizure of a blockade plant in Pitsylvania county, Va.

Perhaps Fatal Cutting.
Goldsboro—At Greenleaf, a village north of this city, Saturday evening, Bryant Talton, a merchant, in a dispute over a jewelry punch bowl, probably fatally slashed with a razor Caesar Pate and John Horne and seriously cut William Pate, all white. The wounded men were all brought to Goldsboro to a hospital.

July Tobacco Sales.
Raleigh—July is the last month of the tobacco year in North Carolina and the sales of leaf tobacco for this month is always the very least. The state department of agriculture has just gotten its July report out, which shows 116,440 pounds sold first hand for the growers and 163,929 pounds total sales.

Inspecting Raleigh Buildings.
Raleigh—Deputy Insurance Commissioner Scott and Fire Chief Lumsden are in the midst of an inspection of buildings in Raleigh as to provision for fire escapes. To date 40 buildings have been inspected and 28 of them condemned as having inadequate or totally deficient equipment.

First Sale 1911 Tobacco.
Greensboro—The first sale of new crop tobacco was held at the tobacco warehouses here Thursday, offerings consisting entirely of primings. The quality was said by buyers to be excellent for that kind of product, and prices were the highest ever paid here for primings, being nearly twice as much as one year ago, the season being also ten days earlier.

County Commissioners of State.
The State Association of County Commissioners of North Carolina will convene at Asheville August 16th. Already a large majority of the counties in the state have appointed delegates to this convention. The indications are that it will be the largest convention in the history of the association. Many prominent people from all over North Carolina will be in attendance.

Electric Cars Salary to Concord.
Salisbury—Electric cars are to be in operation between Salisbury and Concord by February 22; at least that is what is promised by the gentlemen now operating the lines in these two cities. For some time the franchise matter has been discussed in Concord, and a special from that city says that at a meeting of the board of aldermen the board decided to extend the franchise of the street car company.

Tanked Up on Cider; Gets Cut.
Wilson.—Thursday afternoon, about a mile and a half out from Bailey (on the Norfolk Southern railroad), two white men, "Boy" Bailey and William Walker, got into a war of words, when Bailey inflicted several wounds on the person of Walker. One of the gashes was across the stomach, from which the wounded man bled freely. Both men had been swilling hard cider.

Lawyer Dies in the Court Room.
Clinton—Thursday morning almost as court opened Mr. F. R. Cooper of the local bar, was stricken with apoplexy and died in a few minutes, without uttering a word. He was sitting at a table ready to try the next case called. He was 59 years old, one of the most prominent lawyers of Clinton; state senator in '93 and leaves a considerable estate. He leaves a wife and one boy. After signing the necessary judgments Judge Cline adjourned court for the term.

"Bad Nigger" Locked Up.
Elizabeth City—The officers have lodged in jail here a mighty bad negro, and the public is much safer, for he has already done enough to send him to the chair, and had he remained at large much longer very probably there would have been a lynching in this county, if he had carried out his threats. The negro is named Tom Riddick, and he was arrested last Monday morning at Pasquotank station in this county upon the charge of burglary and criminal assault.

To Be Brought Back From Florida.
Raleigh—Zack Marks, who is under arrest in Florida, is to be brought back to Harnett county, this state, where he formerly lived, to answer the charge of murder. He is charged with killing Charles Ellen, in Black river township. The killing was on October 22, 1902. Governor Kitchin has issued the requisition on the governor of Florida for the prisoner and the Florida authorities are willing to return the prisoner to this state to answer to the grave charge.

Death of J. E. Clendenin.
Burlington.—Joseph Everett Clendenin, aged 63, stricken by paralysis two weeks ago, died at his residence here Thursday night. He leaves a

widow and five children. Mr. Clendenin is widely and prominently connected in Virginia and North Carolina, and his relatives and friends will be grieved to learn of his death. The funeral will be conducted Sunday by Dr. W. W. Staley, of Suffolk, Va., his brother-in-law, and the burial will take place at Mt. Harmon Methodist Protestant church in southern Alamance.

Two Killed by Lightning.
Rockingham.—An electric storm which passed over this city Wednesday afternoon struck the home of Less Pressler, killing Pressler and so badly injuring Jack Denson, a 10-year-old boy, that he died in about half an hour after being struck, without regaining consciousness. At the Hannah Pickett Cotton mill, the home of the machinist was struck and considerably damaged, but none of the occupants were injured.

Negroes Rob White Man of \$40.
Princeton—While waiting to take the eastbound passenger train, which was about three hours late, at Whiteley, a siding three miles east of Princeton, Wednesday night, a Mr. Matthews, of Cameron, N. C. was robbed of about \$40 in money, his coat, watch and samples of jewelry. Two negroes approached him, one held him up at the point of a pistol while the other one took everything he had of any value. They then held the pistol on him until they were out of reach of him. The robbery is thought to have been done by loafing negroes in the neighborhood. This robbery is within a few hundred yards of where Mr. Arthur Pearce and his wife were burned to death in their house a short while ago, and it is now thought that they were killed and the house fired to conceal the crime.

Fire in High Point Store.
High Point—Sunday morning at about 4 o'clock fire broke out in the rear of W. F. White & Co.'s new department store, on north Main street and in a short time the entire interior of the large room was in a blaze. Fortunately the North and Southside hose companies were soon upon the scene, and by their combined effort, the fire was under control before it could spread to the adjoining buildings. With the fire and water the damage is considerable to the building, and the loss to the stock is almost total. This store was just opened a few weeks ago and quite a large number of salespeople were employed. It is stated that there is some insurance on the stock but none on the building, which is owned by Mr. Dougan Davis of this city. This place was just recently remodeled by Mr. Davis, who made it one of the most attractive store rooms in the city. Hence, his loss is quite large.

OPPOSITION FOUNDED ON EGOISM.
Wonder how some of the country people ever had the idea so firmly impressed upon their brains that city people are almost always actuated by ulterior motives. A number of the principal citizens of Durham are devoting a large part of their valuable time during the hot days of August to boosting the farm life school. The farm life school can possibly be of no direct benefit to these large property owners. It will mean the increase of their taxation by several thousand dollars per year. That these men should deliberately devote their time and energy to promoting an enterprise that will mean an actual money expenditure with no direct returns, simply as a matter of patriotism and from a desire to promote the welfare of the community is to some of the opponents of the farm life school inconceivable.

The chief grounds of objection in some quarters to the establishment of the farm life school is that it will increase the taxes to help "big folks." That it will compel the farmers to pay the salaries of faddish professors who "don't know nothing about farming nohow." Sift these objections down to their psychological basis and it will be found that they have their real origin in egoism. Most farmers think what they do not know about farming, and what their fathers did not know, is not worth knowing. They plow the land only a few inches deep because it is the easier to plow it this way; sow the seed because the moon is right; scatter the high priced fertilizer with no idea of the chemical composition of the soil to which the fertilizer is added, and then go to the nearest grocery store and complain of hard times. All of the vast store of knowledge that has been gained in recent years about the oldest profession in the world is left untouched. Any change of the antiquated methods of farming would to them be a desecration of the memory of their ancestors. Whoever tries to open the way for better agricultural methods has an ulterior motive.

Fortunately these unprogressive farmers are only a very small minority of the farming class in this section and their numbers are growing ever smaller. The enthusiasm with which the prospect for the establishment of the farm life school has been received by the large majority of the farmers of Durham county shows that the progressive and intelligent class of farmers are vastly in the majority in this county. Such enthusiasm means that farming in the county will be revolutionized within the next few years. And this is why the "big men" are willing to devote their time and money to the establishment and maintenance of the school.

Only Natural.
Warden—The prisoner refuses to work unless he can practice his own trade.
Governor—That is but natural. Put him to it. What is his trade?
Warden—He is an aviator, sir.—Toledo Blade

DETERIORATION IN SOUTHWEST

Cotton Has Done Well in Other Sections of Belt

Memphis, Tenn., Aug. 14.—The Commercial-Appeal says today: Deterioration of a more or less serious nature in the cotton crop is reported from Texas and parts of Mississippi and Alabama. Elsewhere the crop has done well with local exceptions.

The decline in Texas, which has occurred in central, northern and western counties, is the result of excessive heat and two weeks without rain following a wet period during which the plant grew rapidly. Shedding and worms form the basis of the complaints. The heat has reduced the activities of worms but increased the shedding which has in places been severe. There are some reports from this state which say the crop is still holding up and that the alarm is overstated.

The trouble in Alabama and Mississippi arises from an excess of moisture which has made a rank stalk growth and caused some shedding by reason of the rapid growing of the stalk and from worms which are numerous in some fields. The disappointment resulting from this turn in affairs has produced a feeling that perhaps the crop prospect had been overestimated.

In the Atlantic states, Tennessee, Arkansas, Louisiana and Oklahoma, there has been no serious shedding and the crop is doing nicely.

Rain is needed only in Texas. Elsewhere dry warm weather is desirable.

POLITICS AND POLITICIANS

Governor Wilson of New Jersey has been invited to address the Georgia legislature.

The Prohibition National Committee will meet December 6 to choose the time and place for holding the party's presidential convention.

Arthur P. Gorman, son of the late Senator Gorman, is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor of Maryland.

Senator James B. McCreary, the Democratic nominee for the Kentucky governorship filled that office something like a generation ago.

Thomas L. Hagen, who was the Independence League candidate for President three years ago, denied the report that he intended to run for governor of Massachusetts this year.

Representative George W. Norris of the fifth Nebraska district has made definite announcement of his intention to be a candidate for the United States senate against Senator Norris Brown, whose term will expire in 1912.

On September 11th the voters of Maine will decide upon the question of repealing the constitutional amendment providing for state-wide prohibition. The amendment has been in force for twenty-seven years.

After a long and bitter fight Timothy L. Woodruff, former Lieutenant Governor of New York and former chairman of the Republican State Committee, has been forced to relinquish control of the Republican organization in King's County (Brooklyn), where he lives.

In case Governor Deneen seeks a third term, which now appears a probability, the primaries in Illinois next spring will see all the outgoing State officers candidates for renomination, with the solitary exception of the State Treasurer, who is barred by constitutional provision from succeeding himself.

The Republican leaders in Pennsylvania hope to reduce the Democratic delegation from that State by the election of a Republican from the Fourteenth district, where a vacancy exists by the death of Representative George W. Kipp, Democrat. A special election to fill the vacancy will be held next November.

Charles R. Jones of Chicago, chairman of the Prohibition National Committee, has been making an extensive tour of the far West consulting with the leaders of the Prohibition party in that section of the country.

Wilbur F. Wakeman of New York, treasurer-general and secretary of the American Protective Tariff League, the organization of the advocates of the high protective tariff, has announced himself as a candidate for the United States senate to succeed Elihu Root, whose term of office will expire March 3, 1915.

The Democratic party in the coming national campaign expects to devote special attention to Wisconsin, which has been regarded as safely Republican for many years past. The Democrats now are inclined to look upon it as a doubtful State. As a basis for this view, prominent Democrats point to the Republican situation and affirm that the fight between Taft and LaFollette supporters will be so intense and so productive of bitterness that Wisconsin can well be claimed as doubtful.

What It Was.
"That was a wild pitch," said one fan.
"Mebbe it was," replied the other, "but it was a good shot. It hit the umpire."—Washington Star.

Back-to-the-Farm Argument.
James J. Hill says there's plenty of money in the country. But many of us live in town.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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