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GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

CONCERNING MATTERS OF STATE AND NATIONAL HAPPENINGS.

Gathered From Our Many Exchanges and Condensed For Busy Readers.

The drug stores of Washington are giving away tobacco seed in order to get the farmers of Beaufort county to plant a crop this year.

Prof. R. L. Flowers, of Trinity College, is in Washington for the purpose of inviting the President to attend the commencement at Trinity College.

Petitions are being circulated to form a new county out of portions of Lincoln and Gaston counties, with Stanley, Gaston county, as the county seat.

A primary will be held in Greensboro April 24 to nominate three commissioners under the commission form of government and a judge of the municipal court.

The Burlington News says W. T. Payne, of Graham, killed the biggest hog it ever heard of. It weighed 705 pounds, and the News remarks, "was as big as a horse."

The Wake county board of commissioners has passed an order to the effect that no license for a circus to exhibit in Raleigh shall be issued during October, this being for the protection of the State Fair.

After a spirited discussion extending far into the afternoon, the bill to create Piedmont county out of portions of Guilford, Randolph and Davidson, with High Point as county seat was defeated in the House Thursday by a vote of 54 to 42.

The Senate committee on education has decided to report favorably the bill to establish farm life schools by providing \$2,500 state aid to every county raising a like amount for building and equipment and providing for its maintenance.

Thirty-five of the forty-five applicants before the Supreme Court were announced Thursday as having passed successful examinations last Monday and licenses to practice law have been issued to them. None of the three negroes who applied were successful.

Charlotte people have bought the Patterson Springs property near Shelby embracing 100 acres valuable land. The property was sold under a decree of court by commissioner Max Gardner. The property is situated on the Southern railway and has a hotel on it.

After a new census taking of Hendersonville, made by six public spirited citizens Thursday there was found to be 3,705 living there instead of 2,818, as the government census gave. Many people were found who never saw the enumerator for the government, but were eager to get on the list.

The Winston Sentinel says: It is rumored that the Southern Power Company is seriously considering cutting out Davidson county from their interurban line and going by way of Winston-Salem for the reason that the right-of-way through Davidson county is costing more than the company is willing to stand.

Wadesboro has not experienced so disastrous a fire in many years as the one which destroyed property to the amount of nearly \$100,000 Friday morning. One-half of one of the best business blocks is in a mass of smoldering ruins, and two of the largest business establishments lost their entire stocks with only half insurance.

They are selling a new kind of liquor around these parts—singin' liquor. A man two and a half times full was locked up the other night and his neighbors in the cells ad-

joining declare that he sang from nine at night until four the next morning without stopping. Even this is an improvement on fighting liquor.—Greensboro Record.

Philip Mills, the negro wife-murderer from Transylvania county, paid the death penalty in the electric chair in the state's prison at 10-30 o'clock Friday morning, in the presence of the thirty spectators which the law allows. It was the second time the death dealing appliances of the North Carolina prison have been used and there was not a hitch in the terrible affair.

Crop Liens.

We have just completed a large lot of short form crop liens and have them now on sale at this office. Our customers who use this lien will find them here from now on.

Banks to Close.

We are requested to state that the Banks in Louisburg will be closed on next Wednesday, February 22nd, to observe Washington's birthday. All those having business with them will bear this in mind and call on them before hand.

Valentine Party.

On Monday afternoon from three to five o'clock at the home of his father W. B. Cooke, on Nash street little William gave a delightful Valentine party to his little friends in the celebration of his seventh birthday. The occasion was one of great enjoyment to the little ones, and a good number was present. Many games were played and a general good time was given the little ones.

Incorporated.

The Aycock Drug Co., the new drug firm that has been recently organized here, was incorporated last week for \$10,000. Those named in the incorporation are G. L. Aycock, W. M. Boone, W. F. Beasley, O. Y. Yorboro, P. B. Griffin, J. R. Perry and others.

Work has been begun on preparing the store rooms recently occupied by W. E. White Furniture Company for the new Drug Company and we have been informed that the upper room will be fitted with large plate glass windows. They expect to get ready to open up within the next two or three weeks.

Postoffice Receipts.

The receipts of the Louisburg postoffice for the month of January were \$921.29, the largest for any one month in the history of the office. The receipts for the fiscal year ending June 30th were \$6,076.47. As compared with the receipts of four years ago an increase of nearly 100 per cent. is shown. They were then slightly in excess of \$3,000. The increases in the Registry and Money Order Divisions as well as in quantity of mail received and dispatched is equally as marked as the increase in receipts. When gross receipts reach \$8,000.00 the office is placed into the second class with Government paid clerks and improved facilities in every way with the exception that only an eight hour day service is given. When clerks are Government paid, postmasters are bound by the laws of Congress fixing the hours of Government employees. These figures certainly evidence the steady, healthy growth of Louisburg, the "knockers" to the contrary notwithstanding.

Increase in Box Rent Rates.

The Postoffice Department announces an increase of box rent rates from 45 to 60 cents, beginning April 1. The Times hopes that increased rates may be followed by the installation of new boxes and fixtures at an early day. The present boxes, some of which are com-

paratively new and of the best make, have been grossly abused. We would be glad to see the office equipped from top to bottom with hand, some new boxes. Discrimination by the postmaster in the assignment of boxes and the rigid enforcement of the laws for their protection would put an end to their abuse. The postal laws provide both fine and imprisonment for injury to or interference with postoffice lock boxes, and the Department offers a reward of \$200.00 to any person furnishing sufficient evidence to convict in the Federal Court. The imposition of these penalties would deter the vicious and cause others not to employ as messengers ignorant and irresponsible persons, with the consequent injury to property and interference with other mail.

Comes to Louisburg.

Mr. Allen Lee, of Dunn, has accepted a position as registered pharmacist with the Beasley-Alston Drug Co., and entered upon his duties yesterday. Mr. Lee comes highly recommended and we extend to him a hearty welcome to our town.

The Minstrel Show.

The Minstrel show to be given in the Opera House tonight by local talent will be for the benefit of the M. S. Davis Memorial building at the College. The programme promises to give one of the best entertainments of its kind that has been seen here in some time and the advance sale is the largest, possibly, ever known in Louisburg this early. The seats are on sale at the Beasley-Alston Drug Co., and the admission will be 25, 35 and 50 cents. Let everybody go out and lend their assistance to this worthy cause.

Lewis West Caught.

Lewis West, the negro desperado who killed deputy Mumford and wounded officer Glover, at Wilson a few weeks ago, was captured by Policeman Dunlap, of Maxton on Friday of last week. The following is a statement given the News-Observer by Policeman Dunlap concerning the capture:

"I arrested Lewis West about nine o'clock Friday night in the store and restaurant of Charles Brewington, at Maxton. A few minutes before that a little negro boy, Ernest Wilkinson, had come to me and told me that a big negro was trying to pawn a pistol for a dollar, and as pistols had been stolen on February 1st in Maxton when Officer Wrenn was shot I thought at first that this might be the man. I hurried to Brewington's store, the negro boy following me.

"As I entered the store I saw a tall heavy built negro at the counter his back partly toward me. I had out my Colt's automatic and before he could move I had him by the left arm swinging him around, my pistol pressed close to his heart. 'Move a muscle and I'll shoot your heart out. Up with your hands,' I called out. His right arm moved as if he was to reach for his hip pocket. 'Up with your hands or I'll shoot,' I had my pistol jammed against his body, and just then there came in Mr. A. J. McKinnon. While I kept my pistol on the big negro I asked Mr. McKinnon and a negro boy, Ernest Wilkinson, to go through his clothes. They did so, the negro keeping his hands up as I kept pressing my pistol to him and telling him that if he moved he was a dead man.

Mr. McKinnon and the boy revealed him of his weapons, finding nine pistols, Colt's automatic, Smith & Wesson's and others, two knives and about a quart of cartridges. He was inside the house, he denied having shot Deputy Mumford as he was left the house. He says he was shot by Chief of Police Glover, of Wilson. He gave the names of a number of his gang."

THE MOVING PEOPLE

THEIR MOVEMENTS IN AND OUT OF TOWN

Those Who Have Visited Louisburg the Past Week—Those Who Have Gone Elsewhere For Business or Pleasure.

Wm. Bailey went to Raleigh Tuesday.

D. F. McKinnon went to Richmond the past week.

B. E. Fuller went to Richmond the past week.

R. Y. McAden went to Richmond Wednesday.

Mrs. H. A. Page, of Aberdeen, is visiting her people here.

Mrs. D. C. High visited friends in Raleigh the past week.

J. L. Reid, of Kittrell, was a visitor to Louisburg Tuesday.

Mrs. D. R. Hutchinson, of Wilson, is visiting at Mr. W. H. Ruffin's.

W. F. Beasley and O. Y. Yorboro went to Richmond on business Tuesday.

Mrs. Ernest Martin, of Raleigh, visited at Mr. J. J. Hayes the past week.

Mr. R. M. Beasley and family went to Apex to visit his people this week.

Miss Margaret Faucett, of Raleigh, spent Sunday with Miss E. E. Shipp.

Mayor J. R. Collier returned home from Raleigh Tuesday night. He reports the condition of his little son, Jim, somewhat improved.

H. M. Hedgepeth and J. M. Beasley, of the University, visited Louisburg the past week. The many friends of "Hedge" were very glad to see him looking so well.

At The College.

The Bright Jewel Band, a Missionary society, composed of the smaller young girls of the Methodist Church gave a dime concert at the College on last Monday night. The entertainment was good and quite a large number was present to witness the exercises.

Twenty-first Anniversary.

The editor of the Times acknowledges the receipt of the following invitation:

The Sea Gift and Neithan Societies of Louisburg College desire you to be present at the celebration of their Twenty-first Anniversary Friday evening, February the twenty-fourth nineteen hundred and eleven at eight o'clock.

The Legislature.

Only a few measures have been before the General Assembly the past week of a general character. Among them however was the near-beer bill which was carried to put it out after July 1st. Other bills of general importance were discussed, but no definite action was taken. We give below a few extracts from the legislative reports concerning Franklin and adjoining counties:

Petitions were presented as follows:

House—Connor: From citizens of Nash county asking for a part of Nash to be annexed to Wilson county.

Senate—Thorne of Nash: Protest against repeal of act abolishing office of "hook-weight" at Whitaker's.

Bills introduced the past week: Senate—S. B. 767 by Holden: Relating to the erection at Louisburg of a monument to the memory of the Confederate soldiers. Committee on Revisal.

Holden of Franklin: For relief of H. C. Kearney, of Franklin county also provide additional clerical assistance for the governor.

Thorne: To provide funds of the

Greenville graded schools.

House—Devlin: To incorporate the town of Stem.

Devlin: To enforce the Granville county game law.

Devlin: To amend the Revisal, relating to quarantine.

Devlin: To preserve certain records in Granville county.

Taylor: To amend the road law for Vance county.

Cornwell: To amend the charter of Bailey's in Nash county.

Cornwell: To repeal the fish trap and net law of 1905 relating to Nash county.

Passed final reading in the House—

Provide good roads in Louisburg township, Franklin county.

To create a new township of Oak Level in Nash county.

Passed second reading in the Senate—

Authorise read commissioners of Nashville township road district to lend money on approved real estate security.

The following bill was ratified by the Senate—

To amend Revisal, to abolish standard-keeper for Vance county.

Town Buys Horses.

The town of Louisburg purchased two fine fire horses the past week, to take the place of the one recently sold and to do the hauling for the town. These are very pretty specimens of horse flesh and the decision of the "fathers" in the purchase was an economical and wise one.

Concert.

There will be a free concert given at Hickory Rock Academy on Wednesday night, February 22nd. After the concert there will be refreshments to sell. Proceeds are for the benefit of the school. The public is cordially invited.

The Markets.

The Tobacco Market has been very quiet the past week owing to the small amount brought in for sale, however the prices remain good on all grades.

The cotton market is a little off the past few days and was sold here yesterday for fourteen cents.

Other products hold good and the demand is steady and strong.

City "Dads"

The city "Dads" met in special session on Friday night of last week and held quite an interesting meeting, although the larger part of their work was regular routine.

Among the most important matters transacted was the order instructing Chief of Police High to return to the proprietors of the negro pool room the unused portion of their license money and to order the place closed. It will be remembered that this place has been a source of trouble to the town since its establishment, and the action of the Board has not only met with the approval of the white people, but the better colored people as well.

After many discussions on the part of the several members the Board adjourned to its next regular meeting.

Appointments.

I will be at the following places on the dates mentioned for the purpose of talking to the members of the Farmers Union upon matters of your local interest on the date named:

Prospect, Friday, February 17th, at 12 o'clock, and at Mapleville, at 7:30 on Saturday, February 18th.

Newport, Monday night, February 20th, at 7:30.

Mt. Oliver, Tuesday, February 21st, at 12 o'clock and at Poplarville, at 7:30 on Wednesday, February 22nd, at 12 o'clock, and at Fat Rock at night at 7:30.

New Hope, Thursday, February 23rd, at 12 o'clock, and at Pearce's

school house at night at 7:30.

Pine Ridge, Friday, February 24th, at 12 o'clock and at Bunn at night at 7:30.

Seven Paths, Saturday, February 25th, at 12 o'clock.

Gatesville, Monday night, February 27th, at 7:30.

Bab Rock, Tuesday night, February 28th, at 7:30.

J. B. FULGHAM, Business Agent.

Important.

The members of McKinnon Camp U. S. C. V. number 1527 are urgently requested to meet in the Court House, Louisburg, N. C., on Thursday, the 9th day of March, at 11 o'clock. The annual dues must be paid on that day. All Confederate soldiers are requested to unite with us. And all those who wish to attend the Annual Re-union to be held this year at Little Rock, Ark., will give their names, so that proper arrangements may be made for their entertainment.

By order of H. C. KRAMER, Comdr.

P. G. ALSTON, Lieut.

A. S. SROTHMAN, Secy.

How Japan Prepared to Lick Russia.

The truth is that the Japanese from camp followers to commander-in-chief were prepared for war, and the Russians were not. From the day that Russia, aided by France and Germany, forced Japan to cede back to China some of the fruits of her victory over the Chinese from that hour Japan nursed and fed her rankling grudge and bided her time as deliberately as a tiger waiting to spring. While I was in Japan an Englishman told me that immediately after Russia forced Japan to give her victor's spoils, he was amazed by the tremendous interests in the military drills in all the Japanese schools, and when he asked what it meant, there was one frank answer: "We are getting ready to lick Russia."

It should also be observed that when the war came on the Japanese were not only in a state of preparedness so far as battleships and army drill and munitions of war were concerned, but they were also prepared in the vital matter of proper medical attendance. "When your American soldiers went with Shafter into Cuba, the army was utterly without a proper medical corps and equipment, and the death rate was disgracefully high, but the first Japanese who fell, an crossing the Yalu were taken at once to the best of Japanese surgeons and cared for in the most approved of modern military hospitals. So said a frank Scotchman to me yesterday, and in the light of the official statistics I could say nothing in palliation of the unpleasant allusion to America. When the war with Russia ended, Baron Takaki, Surgeon-General of the Japanese Army, boasted that whereas in the Spanish American War "fourteen men died from preventable diseases to one man killed on the field of battle, the Japanese had lost only one man from disease to every four from bullets. Characteristically, the Japanese had not worked out any of the principles of medical science, sanitation, and hygiene which enabled them to make this remarkable record, but they showed their equal facility in taking the white man's inventions and getting as much or more—more in this case—out of them than he gets himself. The Japanese record showing in such amazing fashion what a wisely directed health organization may accomplish is worth remembering not only in connection with plans for military efficiency, but also in connection with plans for public health within the borders of our own country. It should be remembered that for this work as at present—Clarence Poe, in Raleigh (N. C.) Progressive Farmer.