

ADMIRAL Schley died suddenly the past week.

WAR has been declared between Italy and Turkey.

THE Austin flood scenes show an awful lot of damage.

AND the Scotland Neck Commonwealth has found a "pokeberry" bush.

YESTERDAY was show day at Franklinton and we learn a large crowd were present.

TOWN taxes have been reduced ten cents on the one hundred dollars worth of property.

THE powers in Europe are interfering in the Turko-Italian war with a view to stopping the fighting.

THE North Carolina State Fair starts on Monday, October 16th, see advertisement in another column.

POOR laws and the unmolested existence of immorality is responsible for a great many of the present day murders.

WE acknowledge receipt of an invitation to attend the Dedication of the Raleigh auditorium on Tuesday October 17th.

WE don't understand why, but it certainly seems strange to us that the commissioners of Louisburg can't have regular meetings.

THE fact that so many murders are being committed is positive proof that there is something radically wrong with our law against murder.

THE FRANKLIN TIMES contest is creating much interest all over the county. Don't get behind but get in the race now and win one of these valuable prizes.

IN the case of Policeman Champion shooting Bill Bailey at Henderson some time ago the court fined Bailey \$25.00 and placed him under a \$250 bond to keep the peace.

THERE is too much truth in the statement made to us by a friend the other day that "the best people on earth live in Louisburg, but there seems to be an utter disregard for law and order here."

THERE is absolutely no question about the TIMES Popularity Contest going to be a success. With the interest already shown and the success the contestants are having it is assured.

L. J. NORRIS was found guilty of the murder of J. B. Bissett, in the second degree by the jury in Wake Superior court on Tuesday after a deliberation of twenty-eight hours. He was given twenty years.

A TRAIN carrying 109 representatives of Richmond's most progressive business firms passed through this county on Monday. They stopped over at Franklinton for ten minutes and did a little boosting in some fine speeches.

THE towns of Austin and Costello Pennsylvania were destroyed on Saturday by the dam belonging to the Bayless Pulp and Paper Co., bursting. The reports show that possibly nine hundred or a thousand people lost their lives.

THERE is right much being said about Clark's and Taft's speeches hurting the reciprocity measure with Canada. It occurs to us that the fact of its being so closely affiliated with the republican party was sufficient for Canada to defeat it.

Six local fish dealers were jacked up in court at Wilmington the past week charged with violating our

home anti-trust law. The officials should make an example of these and should not stop at local dealers, either in fish or anything else, but pass around the same medicine to all.

AMONG the best things that could happen to Louisburg and Franklin county would be the strict enforcement of the vagrancy law. There is always some one walking around here without a visible means of support while at the same time the farmers and many others can't get help at any price.

WE take pleasure in announcing that we have been informed that Louisburg is to have a civic league. The league will be organized next week and will be composed mostly of ladies. Their aim is to look after having the town kept clean and to see that the laws of both the town and state are complied with. All honor to the ladies.

EVERY man, woman and child in Franklin county and adjoining territory are especially invited to call at the TIMES office to be shown the prizes offered in the contest. The piano is at Candler-Crowell Co's., the parlor suit is at the TIMES office, and the watches have not been put on display yet but call and you shall see them.

WE take the following from the News-Observer, which looks good to us: North Carolina still has first place among the eastern States in the production of gold. Last year this State produced 3,291.68 fine ounces of gold valued at \$1,068,045.00. That was an increase over the previous year of 1,345.55 fine ounces valued at \$27,815.00. The yield of silver which came from refined gold and copper was 3,053 fine ounces valued at \$4,388.00.

THE ready wit of Attorney-General T. W. Bickett created much laughter in the Supreme court in Raleigh Tuesday in the case of a woman who was required to leave Goldsboro or serve eight months in jail, when, in commenting on the position of ex Judge W. S. O'B. Robinson he asked if Judge Robinson meant to infer that a residence of eight months in Wilson county was equivalent to spending eight months in the Wayne county jail. Everybody laughed.

OCTOBER 9th has been set aside by Insurance Commissioner J. R. Young as fire prevention day. On this day he suggests that the property owners personally examine their premises and see that all rubbish and debris likely to cause a fire is removed. Let them examine their chimneys, flues, pipes and furnaces, and see that they are for the winter fires. I earnestly request the mayors of our cities and towns and the chiefs of our fire departments and their men, in fact business men and good citizens, to spend one day at least in the examination of our cities and towns, learning their fire conditions and dangers, and having every menace and condition which will bring about a fire promptly remedied.

THE mayor is to be congratulated upon the stand he is taking to break up the sale of whiskey in town and the practice of robbery, and the constables are also entitled to a portion of the honor. Now it is up to the grand jury to force those who swear to a tale sufficient to convict a person in a lower court to tell the same tale or take them in for perjury. There has been entirely too much of this practice around Louisburg. It seems next to impossible to get one negro to swear to facts enough against another negro to secure a conviction, even though he is an eye witness to the crime. It is high time our courts were forcing a remedy along this line by making the witness follow the facts told before or answer to perjury. The principle being that either one or the other is guilty of a crime and the guilty one should suffer.

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INTEREST IN GOOD ROADS MOVEMENT INCREASING.

Delaware Company Proposes Highway Between New York and Washington.

That interest in the betterment of roads is growing steadily in the United States has been evidenced by the almost simultaneous publication in the newspapers of the country of two items of news which should bring joy to the heart of automobilists and users of humbler means of conveyance.

One was the announcement of the coming incorporation in Delaware of a company that proposes to build a great boulevard between New York and Washington.

The other was the offer of General T. Coleman du Pont, president of the Du Pont Powder company, to build a fine highway across the state of Delaware, a distance of over 100 miles.

For a short part of the way the route of both these proposed highways may be made identical. The promoters of the New York-Washington road are in communication, therefore, with General du Pont in the hope of making some arrangement for joint construction work along the stretch where their proposed highway and that of the millionaire powder manufacturer will coincide.

RAISING MONEY FOR ROADS.

Missouri Women Hold Ice Cream Sociable to Procure Funds.

An ice cream sociable was held at St. Charles and Handley roads, in Lindhurst, Mo., Aug. 12, for an unusual purpose. The Mothers' club of that district, affiliated with the National Mothers' Congress, has set out to build a good road there and to raise the money with which to do it.

While their purpose is to make the roads passable at all times for the sake of child welfare, yet any road building which they may do will naturally be of wide interest to the motorists of St. Louis and vicinity.

The Mothers are also encouraging the organization of road scout troops among the boys of their school district. These scouts are pledged to patrol the roads around about their school for eight or ten miles and to report to the road overseer or the county engineer any bad spots or broken bridges which may be found.

The money which was realized at the sociable Aug. 12 was turned over at once to the county court to apply it to building the road.

WAKING UP.

Wyoming Business Men Plan Building New Roads.

The people of Wyoming and especially the business men are awaking to the advantages of building good automobile roads across the state. The large influx of tourists in automobiles this year has brought the good roads question forcibly to the attention of Wyoming people, and a state wide movement looking to the building of new roads and the betterment of old ones is being inaugurated.

The people of Evanston, in the southwest corner of the state, have joined with Utah in improving the road between Evanston and Ogden, and as soon as this work is completed the work will be continued eastward to the boundary line between Utah and Sweetwater counties.

Good Roads Boosters to Meet.

The greatest good roads gathering the nation has ever known will be held at Richmond, Va., Sept. 12 to 15. The first annual meeting of the American Association For Highway Improvement will be held in that city, and President Taft is expected to make the principal address.

PROFIT AND LOSS.

The difference between good and bad roads is often equivalent to the difference between profit and loss. Money wisely expended for this purpose is sure to return tenfold, and now that the states are expending in the aggregate \$1,000,000 a day for road improvement conditions in the country are likely to be so improved that the trend toward the city will be stopped and the overflow in the cities will turn to the country.

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