

News Items.

Mrs. Ellen Holton, of Statesville, while visiting in Morganton last week, fell on the street and broke her arm. She alleges that the bad condition of the streets was the cause of her fall and has sued the town for damages.

A desperate negro went wild last week in the town of Monroe, Louisiana, and with a shot gun wounded 26 people before he was killed. He bought the gun and a box of shells and began shooting at everybody in sight, three of the wounded persons are negroes.

A young man named Ben Morris killed a man named Joe Capps in Buncombe county last week. When young Morris went to his home, Capps who seems to have been drinking, was found rummaging in the house and when told to leave, refused to do so and in consequence was shot.

George P. Turner, an express messenger, is in jail at Salisbury charged with stealing a package of money amounting to \$1,320. It is said that the young man threw the money out of the express car and afterwards went to the place and got it. He is from Cleveland county and the evidence against him is strong.

Mr. J. A. Thomas, editor of the Louisburg Times, died at his home in that place last Tuesday night after an illness of several months. Mr. Thomas was a prominent man of his county, having held a number of positions of trust and responsibility in the county and town. He was president of the North Carolina Press Association last year, but unable to attend the last meeting of the Association at Hendersonville, in June, on account of illness.

Young Wife Wept At Jury Verdict.

Charlotte Chronicle.

A scene that is enacted often in the courts, but which nevertheless never loses its human side, and its touching effect, was enacted in criminal court yesterday, when the handsome young woman who stood by John T. Reach, charged with embezzlement ever since last Monday morning a week ago when court convened, knelt by her husband's side and wept bitterly, though silently to herself, as the jury brought in the verdict of "guilty" in the case of the young husband.

That shows who is the real sufferer in these cases," remarked a lawyer, who noted the heart-broken expression and the tears of the young woman's fair face, as she clung to the side of her husband, and looked fondly at him, while he maintained a stoical appearance as possible, though his efforts to do so were not altogether successful.

The outcome of the trial has evidently hurt the young woman more than it has hurt her husband. She has clung to his side every day in the court house for a week or more waiting for the case to be called, and yesterday morning it was taken up by the solicitor and soon disposed of, with the result mentioned.

If the defendant is sent to the roads for a year, or for two years, nobody perhaps will know what sorrow it will bring to that fair faced young woman whose life seems to be wrapped up completely in that of her husband's.

Spanish Steamer Sunk.

Cherbourg, Aug. 23—The Spanish steamer Seirak has been wrecked near Ushant and it is believed that the crew of 26 have perished.

Answers the Last Roll Call While at Reunion.

Mr. J. L. Wiggins, one of the visiting veterans to the city of Charlotte, died suddenly last night at 8 o'clock at the home of his son, Mr. J. L. Wiggins, Jr., on the corner of Pine and Seventh streets. Mr. Wiggins arrived in the city Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock to attend the reunion exercises and appeared to be in his accustomed health and spirits. After supper he was playing with his grandchildren when, without a moment's warning he expired.

The remains were taken this morning to Whiteville, where interment was made today.

Mr. Wiggins was 62 years of age and was a valiant soldier.

"There will be many more of the grand old men that will answer to the last roll call between now and the next reunion. Some of us Caldwell men will more than likely be called. Are we ready?"

Pallagra Causes a Panic in Alabama.

The Times.

Montgomery, Ala.—With five deaths from pellagra in Butler county, three others dying and three cases under observation, there is almost a panic in that section. The state health department has been importuned to send help, but cannot now as Dr. Mason, the only expert of this kind in the service of the state, is investigating in Clark county, where more than 100 cases are reported.

Nothing can be done either to suppress or control it. County health officers have been instructed to isolate all cases and watch them to determine whether they are infectious. The victims pass away in great agony, the pain being like pouring boiling water on wounds already sealed.

The State Fair at Raleigh.

The management of the State Fair, which is to be held at Raleigh, October 18-23, is sending out its annual premium list, one of which has been received at this office. Any one who desires one of these premium lists can get it by writing Secretary Pogue, at Raleigh. From an inspection of the premium list it appears that the list has been pretty generally revised and brought up to date, notably in the department of pantry supplies and ladies' fancy work. In the ladies' handiwork, the revision is particularly thorough. Many of the old obsolete articles are stricken out and things of modern utility and facility substituted. The ladies would do well to examine carefully the premium list in both these departments.

Attention is called to the corn contest, which is a new feature at Raleigh. This ought to greatly interest the farmers' boys.

Premiums in horticulture and apples are also increased. The liberal premiums for apples should insure the largest display of the fine apples grown in the western section of our State ever seen anywhere.

Inmates of Poor House Wed.

Sandersville, Ga., Aug. 22—Miss Sarah Hartley, aged 74, and E. G. Joener, aged 25, both inmates of Washington county poor house, were married here today before a throng of spectators. Justice R. M. Brown balked at first when the aged spinster and the youngster were ranged before him but finally agreed to tie the knot. After the ceremony the newly-weds returned to their home—the poor house. The bride at her wedding wore a thick veil to hide her wrinkles.

The South's Savings.

Charlotte Observer.

A positive proof that the people of the South are prospering is the large amount of the deposits in the banks of this section of the country. It shows not only that the Southern people are making money but that they are saving it as well. That they are doing both is shown by the last report of the Comptroller of the Currency, which gives the compiled conditions of the national banks on June 23 last. In the call for this report a request was made for a statement of the savings deposits held by the national banks. "The reports by States," says the Southern Banker, "shows Alabama national banks to hold \$2,284,941, Florida \$2,668,901, Georgia \$4,188,735, Kentucky \$1,864,166, Louisiana \$2,163,219, Mississippi \$247,352, North Carolina \$1,224,653, South Carolina \$5,033,796, Tennessee \$3,964,387, Virginia \$13,359,339, West Virginia \$2,369,820, Texas \$2,343,137 and Arkansas \$386,089, a total of \$44,048,395."

Savings held by State and private banks would greatly increase this amount and would demonstrate further the rapid growth in wealth the South has made. The fact that the people of the South are saving money and keeping it at home is of more importance than the increased capacity for making it, because this condition more fully represents the increase of wealth than would the mere capacity for turning resources into cash.

Growing Seed Corn.

Just as in buying a brood sow; a farmer, "if he is onto his job," will not buy corn after simply looking at it. He will want to know its merits, its record, etc. Some corn is good and some is bad. It will require a test to tell the good from the bad, and it is especially necessary with seed corn.

In my breeding plot row 21 and 22, growing side by side, has equal chances, and yet one produced at the rate 61 bushels and the other 123 bushels to the acre. No man would suspect that difference between the seed ears from looking at them. After knowing what the ears have done, you would not plant a grain of ear 21 and you would plant ear 22, nubs and all, because you could see how much corn ear 22 is capable of growing and how small a yield ear 21 grew when it had equal chance with the other. I made similar experiments with similar results.

Cannot Reach Other Planets.

Williams Bay, Aug. 25.—Communications with other planets is by no means likely, according to a resolution unanimously adopted by the Astronomical and Astrophysical Society of America, in session at the Yerkes Observatory on Lake Geneva. The resolution says:

As the public, through misrepresentation of the view of certain astronomers, has formed the impression that communication with other planets is at present possible the Astronomical and Astrophysical Society of America desires to express its belief that all such proposals fall outside the range of sober, contemporary science.

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What a \$100,000 Bond Issue Would Do for Your County.

By Joseph Hyde Pratt, State Geologist, Chapel Hill, N. C.

So universal, in their operation, are the beneficial effects of good roads that it is impossible to confine their benefits to any individual line of action. Every inhabitant of a community, from the highest to the lowest tax payer, will receive direct or indirect benefit from the existence of the public road. Even though a citizen, from lack of means or other cause, possess no stock which travels over the road, he is yet benefited by the construction of the improved road, in the general increase in values, in the general increase in the lessened cost of hauling products or purchases, that never fail to fallow in the wake of public road improvement, in the increase in trade, and in the general uplifted tone of the community.

LABOR SYSTEM GETS NOWHERE—NO IMPROVEMENT.

The old method of obtaining revenue for the construction of roads was by levying a labor tax, which required all able-bodied male residents of a State, between certain ages, to work on the public highways within their respective townships for a certain number of days per annum; but in lieu of this labor they could pay a certain amount for each day that they were required to work. While thousands of miles of public roads have been built by this means, there are but few miles of graded or improved roads constructed, and it is practically impossible to construct a system of good roads in this way.

Public roads are public necessities and are the common property of all the people, and all the people have the right and privilege to use them, therefore why should not all the people bear some of the expense?

BONDS DISTRIBUTE THE EQUALLY.

To carry out his work to the quickest and to the best advantage the counties and townships should issue bonds in order to secure the necessary funds.

Many of the counties and townships throughout the South have issued bonds for the construction of macadam or other form of improved roads. The result has been more thoroughly developed and become much more prosperous than those which have been contented with poor roads. The issuing of bonds by a country will mean but a very small increase in taxes, which as the years go on, will be more than counterbalanced by the increase in the value of lands and of other taxable property. It is a fair and equitable arrangement that future generations should pay for a portion of the improvements of our public roads, as they derive as great a benefit as the present generation.

SIX FACTS TO KEEP IN MIND.

Too many have an idea that to bond their county will mean a very large increase in their taxes, without their deriving any material benefit from their expenditures, overlooking several important facts.

(1) The increase in the value of property, and the decrease in the cost of the maintenance of the roads, and the wear and tear on horses, wagons and harness is so much money saved.

(2) The issuing of bonds makes available funds in sufficient quantity to render possible the accomplishment of definite and desirable results.

(3) They give us almost immediately the benefit of good roads, while the payment for them is de-



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ferred for many years, until the county has progressed in material wealth to enable it to pay the bonds without unnecessary inconvenience.

(4) They obviate the necessity for a high road tax while accomplished the results for which such a tax would be levied.

(5) They give us good roads now, and make the best sort of an argument for the extension of this progressive movement.

(6) Proof is in trial, and it is a significant fact and one worthy of consideration, that not a single county that has begun the construction of macadam or other improved roads, has been willing to call a halt in their construction.

WHAT A \$100,000 BOND ISSUE WOULD COST.

Let us consider briefly what a \$100,000 bond issue would cost an ordinary Southern county: In the first place, I believe the bonds could be sold as bearing 4 1/2 per cent interest. This will mean that the interest on the issue of \$100,000 will be \$4,500 per annum. It will also be necessary to put by a sinking fund to take care of these bonds on maturity. Such a sum as is necessary can be put by each year at 5 per cent interest, and at the end of forty years will cover the bond issue. The amount that it will be necessary to put aside each year for this purpose will be \$933, this makes a total of \$5,433 that a county will have to raise each year to take care of this bond issue. This amount will not be as

much as it would be necessary to raise by a high tax, 35 cents to 50 cents, which some counties have levied in providing the money for road construction.

Suppose the assessed property valuation is \$800,000, a tax of only 15 cents on the \$100 would yield \$12,000 annually, which would be sufficient to pay the interest on the bonds, create a sinking fund, and leave enough money, \$6,500, to keep in repair the balance of the roads in the county that are not being permanently improved.

I believe that it is to the advantage of the county or township to issue bonds for good road work, even though the work is to be confined to the re-location, grading, and construction of earth roads.

For selling Cocaine.

In Davidson Superior Court, the past week, Mr. Chas. R. Thomas, a Thomasville druggist, plead guilty of selling cocaine illicitly and was fined \$50 in one case and \$10 in another with the costs in both. He was also put under a \$1,000 bond to appear at February term of court to show that he has complied with the law since his conviction.

THE CRIME OF IDLENESS.

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