

COUNTY CORRESPONDENTS

Items From Our Regular Correspondents and Neighboring County Papers.

WATAUGA. (Watauga News.)

We are advised by officials of the Watauga and Yadkin River Railroad Company that work will be resumed in earnest on construction of that road within the next thirty or sixty days, and that the recent partial suspension of the work was only temporary. All work on the railroad has not stopped however as the squad of thirty-three convicts is now at work on Elk, and as soon as about one half mile of rough rock work can be finished the track will be laid from Elkville to Darby, a distance of ten miles.

Mr. Lee Orsborne, of Sugar Grove one of our best stock men passed through town last week en route to Maiden, Catawba county, where he expects to bring a load of stone ware back with him. He was carrying with him some of our delicious mountain cheese to satisfy the watering mouths of the good people below the mountains. Our good women-folks here in Watauga can make the best cheese on earth any way.

Mr. Asa Watson was in town last week. He told us that he had hauled and sold to the Watauga and Yadkin River Railroad Company 8 tons of hay. There is the most hay in the stack over this county that we have ever known. On a visit to Cove Creek last week I noticed one yard of haystacks with at least 12 in it. Watauga is ahead of Avery county in hay and corn if she has not got Mutt and Jeff.

BURKE. (Morganton Messenger.)

That was truly a horrible affair which occurred near Drexel Thursday afternoon when a little girl six years old was shot through the head and died as a result. She was a daughter of Robert Lefever. Immediately after the shooting she was brought to Grace Hospital but died soon after reaching this place. It seems that she and another little sister went to the spring. While there Harry Jarrett and Carl Williams came up. Harry Jarrett had a 22 calibre pistol and it is said that the Williams boy told his companion to watch him shoot the little girl. He pulled the trigger and the child was mortally wounded. The two boys made for the woods and that night the Williams boy was arrested and now rests in jail. He is nine years old. The Jarrett boy who is said to be half witted, is still at large and has sense enough to evade arrest. He is 15 years old. It is truly a horrible affair.

Saturday Governor Craig granted a pardon to A. S. Settlemyre, who was convicted before Judge Huffman a few weeks ago and sentenced to the roads of Catawba county for damaging jail property. It will be remembered that Settlemyre and three other young men were confined in jail here for an attack on a citizen of Lower Fork township and while incarcerated they proceeded to break up everything in their reach.

The wooden floor has been torn out of Sheriff Berry's office at the court house and is replaced by a concrete floor. This will last a little longer than the wooden one and will place our

NEW AUTOMOBILE LAWS.

Many Important Changes Made by The Last Legislature.

The law regulating automobiles was materially changed by the last Legislature, and below we are giving a synopsis of the most important sections of it, in order that the public in general may know their rights as well as machine owners. There are about 9000 automobiles in the State at present, and in order that the public safety may be conserved, machines should be operated at all times with the utmost respect for the rights of the public.

Every owner of a machine must file a brief description of it with the Secretary of State, and it must be registered with him. Certificates of registration expire June the 30th and the license fee is \$5 for 25 horsepower or less, \$7.50 from 25 to 40, and for over 40, \$10. Separate account of fees is kept by the State Treasurer, who shall as soon as practicable after July 1st of each year, pay to the treasurer of each county 80 per cent of the gross revenue derived from such county, such sum to be applied to the road fund to said county and to no other purpose.

A display number is furnished to each owner of a car by the Secretary of State, and it must at all times be conspicuously displayed on the rear of the registered motor. The number must be so fastened as to be easily seen at all times. No person shall operate a motor vehicle upon the public highways,

genial sheriff on a more solid foundation, if such a thing were possible.

WILKES. (Wilkes Hustler.)

Police T. G. Kilby and D. S. Lane got 'em one last night. Joe Black, formerly of Ashe, was arrested about 10 o'clock near the main bridge between the Wilkesboros with about 10 gallons of whiskey in 2 kegs, 1 gallon jug and quart bottle. The trial will come up before Mayor E. B. Barkley this morning.

A fine barn filled with hay belonging to a Mr. T. J. Price about 8 miles north of Jefferson on Silas Creek, Crumpler rural route, was burned one day last week containing hay and other feed. A lot of hay recently purchased by the Giant Lumber Company here in North Wilkesboro, and stored in the barn, had just been removed a day or two before. The loss is estimated at \$800. The fire originated from a stroke of lightning.

Effort has been made in North Wilkesboro this week to establish a chair factory by Mr. R. W. Gwyn and others, with Mr. W. A. Shell, president of the Lenoir Chair Manufacturing Company, who has been here this week. A most enterprising business would this be for our people desirable in its attendant nature of work and workmen.

Heavy wind rain and hail Monday swept the county east of town a mile going from north southward. Trees were uprooted near the Eudaily farm and the wind gushed into North Wilkesboro and the hail literally shredded the corn in fields north of town. No hail fell in town. The storm passed about 2:30 in the afternoon.

PROGRAM OF EXERCISES

9:00 a. m. Line for parade will begin forming on College Avenue in front of Davenport College.

9:45 Parade will move east to Mulberry street, North to East Main street, South to Harper Avenue, east to South Main St. and thence to Public Square.

11:00 o'clock Greasy Pole Climbing on Public Square.

11:20 o'clock Greasy Pig Race on Public Square.

11:30 o'clock Trick Dog Will Perform on Public Square.

11:45 o'clock 100 yard Dash on Public Square.

12:00 o'clock Motorcycle Race on College Avenue.

12:15 o'clock Slow Mule Race on College Avenue.

12:25 o'clock Bicycle Race on College Avenue.

12:30 to 1:30 Dinner.

1:30 p. m. Fireman's Demonstration and Tournament on Mulberry street.

2:00 p. m. Ball Game, Suffragettes vs Men, Kentwood Park.

3:00 p. m. Ball Game, Granite Falls vs Lenoir, Kentwood Park.

4:30 p. m. Awarding of Prizes for the day Public on Square.

A list of prizes has already been published in The News. Remember that every contest is open to everybody.

who is under 16 years of age, and no person shall operate a car when intoxicated. Adequate brakes and suitable and adequate bell or horn are required.

Two lighted lamps on the front and one on the rear must be displayed during the period from 1-2 hour after sunset to 1-2 hour before sunrise. A person operating a motor vehicle, shall on signal by raising the hand, from person, riding, leading or driving a horse, bring such motor vehicle immediately to a stop, and if traveling in the opposite direction, remain standing so long as may be reasonable to allow such horse or animal to pass, and where animals are badly frightened the motor of the car must be stopped so long as shall be reasonably necessary to prevent any accident and insure the safety of others. The speed rate must be reasonable and proper and in the residence portion of any city or town, the rate must not exceed 15 miles, per hour. In business sections the speed limit is 10 miles per hour, and outside of the corporate limits of a town 25 miles. No person shall throw, place or deposit any glass or other sharp or cutting substances in or upon public highways.

Any one violating any section of the act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

A Serious Affray.

Ed Oxford was seriously wounded Saturday night in Hoffman and Son's meat market by a butcher's steel hurled at him by Mr. James H. Clay. Oxford was drinking and used insulting language to Clay, and when asked to take it back, repeated his statement and drew a quart bottle nearly filled with whiskey, whereupon Clay threw the steel, which penetrated the breast of Oxford to the depth of several inches near the lungs. Oxford was carried to the Foot Hills Sanatorium, and will likely recover if no complications set in. Clay was arrested and released on a \$2500 bond. One of the most distressing things connected with the affair, is the fact that Oxford's family is in needy circumstances and one of his children is seriously ill. It was reported to be dying Saturday night, but its condition has slightly improved.

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Death of Mrs. Myra Estes.

Mrs. Myra Estes died at the home of her brother, Mr. E. L. Estes, Saturday morning at 3 o'clock after an illness of several months. Mrs. Estes was the wife of the late Monroe Estes and was 81 years old at her death. She was a consistent member of the Rocky Springs Baptist church, and lived a devoted christian life. She is survived by two brothers, Mr. E. L. Estes of Collettsville and Mr. Larkin Estes of Okdeh, Kan. The remains were laid to rest in the family burying ground, near Collettsville, Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

Bootblacks Strike.

New York, June, 22.—More than 10,000 bootblacks in and around this city laid down their brushes at 3 o'clock this afternoon. After that hour a "shine" was unobtainable.

It was the first official act of the newly organized bootblacks' union.

The bootblacks explained that they were prompted in fixing an early closing hour on Sunday afternoon because it was the only opportunity of the week for them to have a few hours' recreation.

Little River News.

It seems that there has not yet been any overseers and supervisors appointed, as there has not been any improvements made on our roads except Mr. Hill Miller has done a slight amount of work on his road. And some one has thrown a bunch of leaves and broom straw in a couple of mud holes near Mr. John Austin's. There are holes on the Lenoir Creek road that a wagon almost turns over in. There is one bad place near Mr. Sid Deal's farm that you have to haul a wagon to keep it from turning over. The road from Mr. Smith Steele's to the Wilkesboro road is in a terrible condition. The bridge near Mr. M. Deal's mill hasn't been fixed yet, and the road from Mr. Deal's to Avery Cobb's is not fit to ride over.

I hope the people will take warning and work out their roads before Court

Yours for good roads,
A. T. PORCH.

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GETTYSBURG REUNION.

The Heroes of Meade and Lee Again Meet, But Not as Foes.

Gettysburg, Pa., July 1.—Forty thousand old veterans of the war between the North and South are encamped on the field here, the scene of the greatest battle of the Civil War. The old men are survivors of the armies that opposed each other fifty years ago in that bloody struggle, but they meet as friends and comrades, now, not as foes, of the fiftieth anniversary of that mighty engagement. They have lived long enough to forget past bitterness, and to remember only the courage and the soldierly qualities that made Gettysburg one of the greatest battles of the world's history.

The reunion will last throughout next Friday. Today is known as Veterans' Day, tomorrow will be Military Day, Thursday as Civic Day, and Friday, of course, as National Day. The outskirts of the great battlefield look like a tented village. Under the regulations being enforced, the State of Pennsylvania and the government are furnishing entertainment to veterans only, and no old soldier is permitted to quarter any member of his family in the camps.

Immediately adjoining the camp is a great tent for reunions and herein will occur all the exercises, excepting the military parade and fireworks. The reunion has drawn hundreds of thousands of people from every state in the Union to Gettysburg and among the visitors during the next four days will be President Wilson and all of the members of his cabinet.

The President and Mrs. Wilson and Governor Tener and Mrs. Tener will be the guests of President and Mrs. William Anthony Granville, of the Pennsylvania College at Gettysburg. Several of the buildings of this institution were used as hospitals during the great battle. Leases of land covering 249 acres have been closed.

In tents on the campus are housed the governors of the various states with their staffs.

One of the most interesting of the veterans present on the battlefield is Colonel Charles Burrows, of New Jersey, who is completely blind.

The tented villages in which the veterans of the armies of Lee and Meade will live are on the government reservation, but on contiguous tracts of private land rented for the period of the reunion. These camps comprise an area of 193 acres, on which, besides the tents that house the veterans, there are 87 field hospital and infirmary tents, 30 bakery tents, and numerous kitchen and storage tents. The camps alone represent a monetary outlay, exclusive of ground rental, of about \$253,425.

The equipment of the sleeping tents for veterans includes 41,640 cots, 40,000 blankets, 10,000 wash basins, 11,350 candle burning lanterns, 60,000 wax candles, 6,000 galvanized iron drinking water buckets. The total weight of this equipment is 1,342,607 pounds, and the total value about \$226,000. The hauling of the tentage and equipment, together with the baggage of the veterans, to the camp will equal an additional expenditure of about \$16,000. The kitchen outfits weigh 135,

NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Interesting Reading Matter of Local and National Affairs in Condensed Form.

Shrimers to the number of 600 met in convention at Wrightsville Beach, last Thursday.

Peyton Thomas, a negro about 21 years old was killed by a passenger train near North Wilkesboro last Thursday.

Dorsey Walls, 18 year old son of Deputy Sheriff Walls, of Apex committed suicide Wednesday night about 12 o'clock by blowing his brains out with a pistol.

Lester Current, a young married man of Cool Spring township, Iredell county has been committed to jail at Statesville on the charge of burning the barn of Mr. W. A. Murdock a prosperous farmer of the same township.

Former Lieutenant Governor R. A. Doughton, has been ill at his home in Sparta for a week, and shows no signs of improvement. His illness prevents his presence at the meeting of the Constitutional Committee of the Legislature at Morehead City.

On Friday, President Wilson sent in the following nominations of North Carolina postmasters: S. P. Wilson, Fairmont; John V. Johnson, Farmville; Finley T. Croom, Burgaw; F. L. Williamson, Burlington; Samuel V. Scott, Sanford; C. L. Harris, Thomasville.

644 pounds and the weight of the army rations that the old veterans of Gettysburg are expected to consume in the four days is about 1,000,000 pounds. More than 40,000 mess kits will be necessary, and this means 40,000 enameled plates and an equal number of knives, forks, tablespoons, teaspoons and cups.

The commissary department of the camp consists of one chief commissary, ten commissary sergeants, four commissary clerks, 1600 cooks and cooks' helpers, and 130 bakers. Gen. Sharpe, commissary general of the army, has figured that the cost of the four days' rations will be \$51,663; the wages of cooks, helpers, and bakers, \$27,930, while the mess kits will add to this total about \$10,000. Add to this \$534 for one field bakery, \$1084 for 400 army ranges, and the railroad fares of the commissary force, and the total cost of the commissary equipment and service amounts to \$112,169.

In order to provide an adequate water supply, the government has expended at the Gettysburg camp about \$44,000. The lighting of the streets of the tented camps will cost about \$6,000, while the rakes, spades, brooms, garbage cans, and other utensils needed in the proper sanitation of the camp will add still another item of about \$1,500.

In charge of this great work of caring for the 40,000 veterans of the War is Major James E. Normoyle, the "Major Jimmy" of the Mississippi Valley and Dayton floods, the man who directed the relief of the sufferers in those great deluges, and who was, as well, the controlling figure in the great Mexican border mobilization of March, 1911, of whom it is said: "He can do more work with less sleep, and always good-humoredly, than any other man that ever left West Point."