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## STATESVILLE AND IREDELL COUNTY.

### Fixing to Pay for Some of Stoneman's Cussedness. Dogs Listed for Taxation.

Statesville Landmark, June 9-12.

L. C. Wagoner, who is a delegate from this congressional district to the national Republican convention, which meets at Chicago on the 16th, will leave Statesville for Chicago, with the other North Carolina delegates, Saturday, 18th. Chas. H. Cowles, of Wilkesboro, is the other delegate from this district.

Daniel McKay, who was probably the oldest man in the county, died yesterday morning at the home of John Deal, west of town. The remains will be taken to Island Ford church, Shiloh township, this morning and after funeral services will be interred in Island Ford graveyard. While his exact age is not known, it is known that he is somewhere between 95 and 97 years old, and an old comrade places his age at 96.

The Charlotte Observer of Sunday had the following from its Washington correspondent: "A claim filed by the late J. W. Gray, of Statesville, for \$250,000 for a cotton mill burned by the Federal army during the closing days of the civil war, has been referred to the Court of Claims, which means that it will be paid to the Gray estate if the loyalty of the claimant can be established, which it is said there will be no difficulty in doing." This claim has been pending a long time. Mr. Gray, so long known as a Statesville hotel man, spent a winter in Washington prior to his death looking after the claim. The property destroyed was located at Eagle Mills and was burned by Stoneman's men when the army passed through here in April, 1865.

The late Judge Furches left a will, it is understood, but it has not been filed for probate. His estate is estimated to be worth \$50,000.

A reporter of The Landmark, Wednesday, asked Congressman R. N. Hackett if, in the event the Democrats of this district nominate him for Congress, of which there is no doubt, he would challenge his opponent, Chas. H. Cowles, of Wilkes, Republican, for a joint campaign of the district. Mr. Hackett stated that he would not only challenge him but he is very anxious for the joint campaign.

The marriage of Miss Ellie Copeland and Franklin Wallace Webster was solemnized Wednesday evening at the home of Capt. J. W. Copeland, father of the bride. On account of a recent death in the family the celebration was very quiet.

A citizen of Concord township, listing his taxes last week, returned three pigs for \$2 each and five dogs at \$20 each—\$6 worth of hogs and \$100 of dogs. While the difference in the number and value of pigs may be construed with the number and value of dogs unfavorably to the citizen aforesaid, he should possibly be given credit for listing the dogs for taxation, something that is rarely done. It should be said, however, that the purpose in listing them was not so much a desire to pay taxes on the canines as to secure for them the protection of the law. The courts have held that dog is not property unless it is listed for taxation. If it is listed the owner can prosecute any one who may do it hurt.

The funeral services of Hon. David M. Furches took place from Trinity Episcopal church Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Harris Mallinckrodt, of Charlotte, who read the beautiful and impressive service for the dead of the Episcopal church. The hymns, "Lead, Kindly Light," and "Abide With Me," were sung by the choir. The church was crowded and many could not get inside. The floral tributes were many and beautiful. The interment was at Oakwood.

## CONCORD AND CABARRUS COUNTY.

### Why Drug Stores Were Licensed. Sunday School Convention to be Held in July.

Concord Times, June 9-12.

Chas. Isenhour has bought the Theatatorium moving picture show from T. B. Marsh, of Salisbury. The former manager, Mr. Barr, is now in Charlotte.

A charter has been granted to the Electric Laundry Company, of Concord, with a capital stock of \$20,000, but the company will begin business with \$2,400. The incorporators are John F. Laughlin, W. S. Bingham, Mrs. Lizzie Bingham and Mrs. Fannie Laughlin.

Mrs. Adam Honeycutt died last Friday at her home near Locust Level, aged 75 years. She leaves her husband and eight children. She was a good woman, and for many years a consistent member of the Lutheran church. She was the mother of E. M. Honeycutt, of Concord.

Rev. J. M. Grier was on last Sunday morning formally installed as pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Concord. The sermon was preached by Rev. Byron S. Clark, D. D., pastor of the First Church at Salisbury. The charge was given to the pastor by Rev. J. W. Lafferty, pastor of McKinnon church, and to the people by Dr. W. Martin, Davidson College. The sermon and both addresses were of a high order, and the service throughout was a most beautiful one.

A Normal Sunday School Convention of the Tennessee and North Carolina Synods of the Lutheran church will be held in Concord on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday before the fourth Sunday in July. A committee from each of the Synods met recently in Salisbury and agreed to hold such a convention with a view creating a permanent normal school in the future. At a congregational meeting at St. James' Lutheran church last Sunday night it was decided to invite the convention here.

Considerable talk has been caused both in town and county by the fact that license has been issued to all drug stores in Concord to sell whiskey on prescription by the State, county and city authorities. We think a statement is due to show the exact status in this matter. The revenue act says that on the payment of \$25 for the State the Sheriff shall issue license to any druggist to sell liquors on the prescription of a physician. The act gives the county the right to levy the same tax, which was done. If this levy had not been made by the county, it would have made no difference except that the cost to the drug stores would be \$25 less. The license tax of the city is making a total of \$100. Under the city charter the tax at present cannot exceed \$100. In Mecklenburg county under a special act the city aldermen can refuse to license the drug stores, and have done so, but this authority is not given here. The law says the Sheriff shall issue the license on payment of the amount stated, and the county commissioners will not until January 1, 1909, have any power in the matter.

### \$100 Reward, \$100.

The readers of the paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills constitution.

## GROWTH OF FARMERS' UNION.

### Its Origin and Its Scope—What Its Future Depends Upon.

"The Farmers' Union in setting out to conserve what it considers its best interests, has proceeded along eminently safe and sane lines. It has developed some rather startling financial projects which will be mentioned hereafter, but it has so far done good to many and harm to none. It is engaged in a fight for commercial gain, and inevitably it has created enemies, but it has made them openly and fairly. It has not alienated public sympathy in any manner by trampling on the rights of other men, or by seeking to inflict physical or pecuniary damage upon anybody. It is out for dollars, and these dollars cannot be owned by two men or by two sets of men at the same time. The members of the union desire to possess them, and thus far have adopted none but legal and legitimate means to obtain them.

"Their platform, which is broad and comprehensive, is also altruistic in the highest degree. It is 'Justice, Equity and the Golden Rule.'

The union, which actually aims at controlling the cotton output of the United States, and is using all due diligence to reach that goal, has, so far, lived up to the tremendous possibilities of its platform fairly well. In all the speeches—and they were many and long—delivered at the Memphis convention not a single word advocating physical violence was heard. There were no talks of oppression, and the speakers as a whole were temperate and forbearing. One delegate afflicted with violent socialistic theories attempted to air them, but was informed that more air could be found outside the building, and he was invited to take them and himself thither.

"The union was born in the brain of a farmer living near a small town in Texas. It grew with such rapidity that the mail received by the organizer fairly swamped the local post-office. Partly for his own convenience and partly for the over-worked postmaster, the projector of the organization was compelled to remove to a larger town in order to deal with the rapidly growing membership. It now has about one million members, although some enthusiasts assert that twice that number of names is on the rolls.

"The general plan of the union is the erection of warehouses for the storing and selling, when the prices are 'right,' of the crops of the members. The outlay of these establishments has not been so heavy as might be imagined, for the reason that many towns, anxious to secure the business that the presence of the warehouse brings to the community, have erected warehouses, and either presented them to the union or allowed their use free of charge. The operation of these warehouses has, in many instances, been entrusted to men more prominent because of the good work they have done in the union than for their familiarity with the intricacies of the cotton trade.

"From these warehouses the stored cotton is sold by sample, at a fee to the grower of fifty cents per bale. The selling is carried on through the Farmers' Union Cotton Company, a corporation within the union. When no sales are made no fee is charged the owner.

"Under the system at present in use on the Memphis market, and which will serve as an illustration, a bale of cotton sold and delivered in thirty days cost the grower for union expenses ninety-five cents; sold and delivered in sixty days, \$1.25; in ninety days, \$1.50. For each subsequent month the cost is ten cents for insurance only. To these charges the freight and, if advances have been obtained on the shipment, the interest must be added.

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"The selling branch of the organization will not make advances upon cotton stored in country warehouses because of the difficulty of proper supervision, and the facility with which loans can be obtained from the local banks. The Memphis office does, however, make liberal allowances on cotton shipped to representatives of the union in Memphis, Manchester and Liverpool. During the late financial flurry the union arranged for loans to members of thirty dollars per bale and upward.

"The difficulties which at times beset the sales agent of the union when dealing with members whose commercial training has not been of the most thorough description is illustrated by the following instructions set forth in a circular recently issued:

... indorse your name across the back of the bill of lading. If you do not understand how to do this, get the station agent or landing keeper to show you."

"In view of the necessity of such elementary directions it would seem that the word 'educational,' in the name of our organization, is there for no idle purpose.

"For the enlightenment of such as know more of business customs than the farmer, and at the same time have lesser knowledge than he in other directions, it is explained that a 'landing keeper' is the commander-in-chief of a steambot 'landing' or dock on one of the Southern or Western rivers.

Concerning the conduct of their affairs the members of the union preserve an elaborate air of mystery. Their meetings are all of the 'executive' character, and much care is taken to prevent information of the proceedings becoming public. At the recent Memphis convention it was decided that the extent to which the curtailment of acreage is to be carried next year must be kept a profound secret—and this 'secret' is to be known to one million members.

"Some of the officials of the union have declared that they do not know how much cotton they are holding. With new members constantly coming in and placing their cotton under the control of the organization, and with sales occasionally being made, this is probably correct as far as the exact number is concerned. New warehouses are springing up all over Texas and Oklahoma, and their number is not less than 800 nor more than 1,000.

"The possible future of the union depends largely upon the question of whether or not the price of fifteen cents is secured for any of the present crop. If this figure is reached, and the trend on the market, unfortunately for the union, is not at present in that direction, the scope and power of the organization will be greatly increased.

"The decision to curtail acreage is binding only upon such members as were present in the Memphis convention or were represented by delegates. Even upon them the obligation is moral only such as the honorable will observe and and others ignore. No such can be legally enforced, for a man may plant his farm with anything or nothing as he chooses, provided that he does not injure his neighbors. He may sow it with glass beads and bone buttons if it pleases him. If it were certain that all members of the union would religiously observe the curtailment percentage farmers outside the union easily might, and probably would, meet a prospective high price by efforts at increased crop of their own. Successful curtailment of acreage may be carried out in a limited territory which produces a preponderance of any one commodity. It remains to be seen whether the members of the Farmers' Union can successfully combat the almost insuperable difficulties that beset its operation in a territory as great as that of the cotton-growing States.

The future of the organization will depend largely upon the fidelity with which its members observe the agreement to curtail their crops. A heavy yield this year will heavily test the strength of the organization and prove its ability to elevate and sustain prices. Two such crops in succession will determine whether it can and will endure.

## LEXINGTON AND DAVIDSON COUNTY.

### City's Finance Unsatisfactory, More Bonds and No Report. Law and Order League.

Lexington Dispatch, June 16th.

In this issue is an advertisement from the treasury department, calling for proposals for the sale or donation of a lot for the public building for which \$65,000 has been appropriated. It sets forth the requirements regarding such a site. Bids will be received up to July 2nd, at 2 o'clock p. m.

Some talk arising again about publication of a statement by the town, it is recalled that the charter requires a full and fair statement to be posted on the first Monday in May which has not been done.

Messrs. Cecil and Eanes have been awarded the contract for remodeling the Baptist church. The building will be a very handsome edifice when finished and will cost about \$10,000.

As far as we can see, it looks like the poll tax decisions of the supreme court the county and state poll be not over \$2 will cut off the 45 cents poll tax for roads in Lexington township. The decision doesn't affect tax that was voted, as in Thomasville, but in Lexington the tax comes by way of the legislature. On the same reasoning, it would appear that the poll tax on all bonds not voted directly by the people will be illegal.

Thursday night at the meeting of the committee on organization of a Law and Order League, a purse of \$50 in gold was presented to Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Clegg by the people of Lexington in token of their appreciation of the earnest efforts put forth by the chairman and his estimable wife in behalf of prohibition in Lexington and Davidson county.

Drs. Buchanan, Byerly and Vestal operated on Luther Ford one day last week for lung trouble, and drew two gallons of pus from the pleural cavity with the result that the patient, who has not been able to lie on his back for more than two years, was greatly relieved and can now rest naturally. The present indications are that he will get better. He has been very low for some time.

A Chicago dispatch announces that there will be contests on all delegations to the republican national convention from North Carolina except in the 9th and 10th districts, on the ground that the negroes were eliminated from the conventions.

Leading men in the community have held several preliminary meetings looking toward the organization of a Law and Order League in Lexington, which will have for its purpose the enforcement of the prohibition law as voted on the 26th of May by a majority of thousands. At the last meeting a committee of five was appointed to draft by-laws and plans, the committee being composed of Messrs. Geo. W. Montcastle and J. W. Noell, and Revs. Jos. T. Watts, J. W. Clegg and Henry Sheets. This committee is to report to a mass meeting that will be held Monday night the 22nd of June, in the Methodist church, at which time the organization will be perfected by the election of officers and the adoption of plans.

Capt. C. W. Trice liberated over one thousand five hundred homing pigeons Monday morning at sunrise. There were 81 crates of the birds, and they came from Pennsylvania and from Baltimore. The day was perfect and they made good time.

Wednesday night the board of aldermen, called in special session to discuss the issuance of bonds, decided to issue \$20,000 five per cent 40-20 year improvement bonds, for extension of improvements and present indebtedness. The board divided on the preliminary motion to issue, four being opposed to bonds. At the Bank of Lexington, the mayor stated, were notes aggregating \$18,152.49, and an overdraft of \$5,000.

J. M. Davis, deputy collector of internal revenue, the district which comprises Davidson, Davie, Iredell, Rowan and Alexander, was in Lexington yesterday looking over the situation as regards blockading in Davidson, he means business. He told The Dispatch that if the people and county officers would stand by him and support him, he would enforce the law with vigor, and we believe he will do it.

## STATE NEWS.

### From All Parts of the State. Items Condensed for Busy Readers.

The next session of North Carolina Teachers Assembly will meet at Charlotte, N. C. June 16-19, 1908. It will be the 25th anniversary of the assembly.

Burlington numbers among its population a real monstrosity—a "thorny headed" negro. It is a male child about one year old with two horns about twelve inches in length and one inch in diameter. The horns are growing rapidly. This is the third child with horns born in this family, though two have died in infancy.—Ex.

Willie Palmer, third son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Palmer, is in a critical condition, as a result of an accident that befell him yesterday. The horse he was driving ran and he was thrown from the wagon, sustaining a number of gashes and bruises about the head with possible injury to the skull. The building committee of the new Methodist church awarded the contract Thursday to J. D. Grady, of Charlotte, for erecting walls, closing in and putting slate roof on the \$20,000 structure. Pressed brick will be used, and the building is expected to be an elegant affair. The work of rolling the old building to the rear is now going on, and as soon as necessary excavation can be done work will begin on the new building.—Stanly Enterprise.

The North Carolina Undertakers' Association will meet at Wrightsville from the 18th to the 21st.

The law requires that all Confederate pensioners (soldiers or widows) shall renew their application before the Clerk of Court the first Monday in July and that all prospective pensioners must file such application between now and July 6th to obtain due recognition by the Pension Board.

Samuel Egbert McNeely, of Mooresville, and Miss El Dora Williamson, of Newberry, S. C., will be married June 24. The bride is a daughter of the late Rev. J. L. Williamson, a former pastor of the Poplar Tent Presbyterian church.

### Genuine Reform.

"I never was much of a reformer," said Mr. Billie Sanders; "I've seen so much reform that I'm sick of it. Maybe if I could get a glimpse of the real an' genuine article, I'd like it better, but the only kind I ever see is the kind the politicians trot out when they want office. You know it's all buncombe by the way they open their mouths and see-saw the air wi' their hands. I had the idea that the issues of the last campaign was all for reform; the rascal demon was to be lifted out wi' a pair of ice tongs, an' the cussed corporations was to be belted up an' skint alive. I aint even seed the tongs, an' nuther have I seed the hide of the cussed corporations but I hear tell that the skinning has been done. Well, that satisfies my taste for blood all right, an' now I want to see some of the one-hoss politicians operated on for their appendixes. They'd feel much lighter and nimbler."—Joel Chandler Harris, in Uncle Remus's—The Home Magazine for June.

### Thinks It Saved His Life.

Lester M. Nelson, of Naples, Maine, says in a recent letter: "I have used Dr. King's New Discovery many years, for coughs and colds, and I think it saved my life. I have found it a reliable remedy for throat and lung complaints, and would no more be without a bottle than I would be without food." For nearly forty years New Discovery has stood at the head of throat and lung remedies. As a preventative of pneumonia, and healer of weak lungs it has no equal. Sold under guarantee at all drug stores. 50c and \$1. Trial bottle free.

## ANOTHER ACCOUNT FROM CLEVELAND.

### The Good People of That Place Justly Proud of the Result.

On the day of election, May 26th, the ladies of the W. C. T. U. of Cleveland arranged for an all day prayer service for the voters of the county and State and, especially for those of Cleveland township. Earnest prayer was made that every voter might stand by the right and against the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors.

Church bells were rung every hour from sunrise to sunset to remind the voters that the women were praying for them. Banners to that effect were placed at the polls.

The service was held at the Baptist church in the forenoon and the Presbyterian in the afternoon. Most of the women of the place were in the building at some time of the day. They visited the polls in a body in the evening and sang religious songs till sunset, when they returned to the church and adjourned. The evening of May 27, the W. C. T. U. had a praise service thanking God for His goodness and graciousness to us as a Great-giver of much good.

Plans were also made by the members, aided by some gentlemen who came in, in regard to a general rejoicing and torch light procession that night. Arrangements were made for the Taylorsville band to come and play for the children to form a procession behind the band with all other persons following. The procession formed at the station and from there paraded the town with general rejoicing and songs. The band did excellent service and was heard with delight. After the parade, Jas. Anderson, of Statesville, gave a short talk which was much appreciated. After this the crowd which was not only Cleveland people, but people from all around in the country, dispersed with the feeling of thankfulness that our grand Old North State had fought the right fight for God, home and native land. XX

## MOCKSVILLE AND DAVIE COUNTY.

Mocksville Courier, June 11th.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Rev. S. J. Beeker, of Jerusalem, to Miss Lottie King, of Leaksville, N. C., at the First Baptist church at that place on Wednesday, June 24th, 1908.

A series of meetings are being held at the Baptist church this week, the pastor, C. S. Cashwell, being assisted by Rev. Dunaway, of Spencer. Mr. Dunaway is an able preacher and the meetings are being largely attended.

One of the prettiest home weddings celebrated in Mocksville for some time, took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Johnstone Wednesday afternoon, the contracting parties being H. F. Fornwalt, Chattanooga, Tenn., and Miss Jimmie Knox, of this place. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Pence, of Cleveland. There were many guests from town and out of town. The bride and groom left on the evening train for Asheville and other points on their wedding tour.

### Hughes Wins Anti-Race Track Bill.

Albany, N. Y., June 11.—The anti-race track gambling law, making it a felony to bet on horses at a race in this State, passed the Senate this afternoon, 27 to 26, the deciding vote being cast by Senator Otto Foelke, who rose from a sick bed, contrary to the advice of his physicians in order to honor a promise to Gov. Hughes, father of the bill, that he would be in his seat and vote for the bill if he lived until 2 o'clock this afternoon. He had to be helped to his feet to answer when his name was reached on the roll call and immediately after the vote had been recorded by the clerk, fell unconscious to his seat and was carried from the Senate chamber. His condition is critical at three o'clock.