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LEXINGTON AND DAVIDSON COUNTY.

Three Fires Destroy Property. A Negro Weeps in Court. About Drying Fruit.

Lexington Dispatch, Aug. 24th.

One afternoon last week during one of the electric storms the barn of the widow of the late Ishman Ragan, of Thomasville, was stricken by lightning and was burned. In the barn were a lot of feed, farming implements, buggies and a large quantity of grain.

Senator Overman has been invited to address the people here at the court house on Saturday night, September 12, and will doubtless accept unless prevented by unavoidable circumstances. It will be announced later if he accepts.

Friday morning at 2 o'clock the roller mill of Byerly & Jordan at Shiloh was burned, the whole being consumed, the loss estimated at \$8,000 with partial insurance. The building was an old one, but the machinery was brand new, having been placed this summer. The origin of the fire is not known.

Friday night about midnight Ed. Everhart's residence on the southern part of Thomasville caught on fire from a defective flue and was burned to the ground. The house was occupied by Cleveland Grimes and family, who barely escaped with their lives. Nothing of consequence was saved.

A correspondent of The Dispatch urges the farmers who have more fruit than they can sell in a green state to dry it, better still, evaporate it and pack it in neat boxes for shipment in the winter. It is good advice. The Dispatch has heard many people say that they had more fruit than they could use or sell, and that it rotted on the ground. There is no sense in such waste.

Dr. J. A. Dimmette, of Abbotts Creek township, announces his candidacy for the house in this issue. He is the first to come out for the house. There has been much interest about this matter, and the people have been waiting expectantly for some one to make an announcement. Another item of political interest is the statement that the friends of John W. Lambeth, of Thomasville, are determined that he shall run for sheriff.

The biggest criminal docket ever in the Davidson county courthouse occupied the court until Thursday afternoon last week, when adjournment was taken until Monday, when the trial of civil cases began. Perhaps one-half of the criminal cases were disposed of. Many very old cases were cleared away. Hub Holt, the negro who smashed all the laws of God and man in one fell swoop, was presented with 15 years in the state's prison. He was charged with burglarly, rape, attempted murder, robbery, stealing and so forth. When the judge pronounced sentence, he began to moan and groan and take on in a style that would have suited a cemetery far better than a courtroom. One would have thought that a man was about to be drawn and quartered from the way he carried on. It got on Clerk Goodwin's nerves and he couldn't handle the docket. "You take that blame negro out of here," he said in an undertone to the sheriff.

A thousand little hearts cracked yesterday and many a grownup heart was sore when John Robinson's circus, after unloading its enormous outfit from 65 cars, 70 feet long, pulled up and left town without showing. The rains descended and the floods came and drowned the big show out. Some few people came to town, but the ten thousand who would have been here, never showed up. The streams are all out of banks and the roads are bottomless. The circus people tried to make some kind of a deal with the officials whereby the tax would be reduced, so that the expenses of the show would not be so great, in view of the small crowd, and the county commissioners did agree to take off \$200, making the tax \$200 instead of \$400, which, with the \$50 town

CONCORD AND CABARRUS COUNTY.

Rivers and Creeks Doing Unusual Stunts Mostly of a Damaging Nature.

Concord Times, August 24-26.

The next session of Mont Amosua Seminary will begin Thursday, September 10.

Mrs. W. O. Atwell returned Saturday to her home in Salisbury after a short visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Melton.

Mrs. Jane Coleman, an aged lady, died Monday at the home of her son-in-law, Chal Corriher, of Rowan county. She was the mother-in-law of H. J. Eddleman, of China Grove.

Martin Canup, of Rowan county, and Mrs. Eliza Julie Dry, of Concord, were married last evening at 7:30 o'clock. The bride is a daughter of W. M. Page.

Cabarrus Superior Court will convene next Monday, Judge M. H. Justice, of Rutherfordton, presiding. This is a one week term only, and only two civil cases are on the calendar.

Mrs. Roxana Ridenhour died last Sunday night at her home on Church street, aged 60 years. She was the widow of L. A. S. Ridenhour, who died about 15 years ago. She leaves three sons and one daughter.

Miss Mamie Gibson and J. M. Stewart were married at Cornelius last Tuesday morning. Miss Gibson went to Cornelius the Saturday before to visit friends. She is a daughter of W. W. Gibson, and Mr. Stewart has a position in the York furniture factory. Both the young people have many friends here.

Some Bost Mill people who were in town yesterday brought the news that Garmon's mill was washed away. Thursday. This is an old mill on Rocky River about two miles below Smith's Ford, and barely escaped being washed down the stream during the heavy floods two or three years ago. Some idea of the great floods of waters in Rocky River can be obtained from the fact that the water was five feet deep on the second story of Bost's mill. In the store of D. J. Little, which is situated away upon the hill the water was five feet deep on Wednesday. At Heglar's ford bridge between Bost's Mill and Georgeville, the water was nearly up to the banisters. At Georgeville Buffalo creek was up to within a few feet of George Shinn's store. Three young men, John Klutz, Kin Shinn and Henry Furr, went from Georgeville to Bost Mill in a boat, a distance of three miles. The plant of the Southern Power Co., which furnishes power to most of the manufacturing plants in Concord, kept right on spite of the fact the river was higher than it had been since the memorable freshet in 1865. The water at one time late Tuesday night was running 15 feet and 5 inches over the crest of the dam at the Catawba station, which is more than 8 feet in excess of the flood of 1901 or 1891.

tax, would have made the total \$250 for the big show; but the circus people considered this too much, and as the rain was falling steadily, they loaded up their train and departed for Hickory. It was a sad time in Lexington.

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A REMEDY FOR FLOODS.

Storage Reservoirs to Prevent Floods and Aid Navigation.

A plan has been proposed to stop forever the costly spring floods at Pittsburg and other places along the rivers which drain the Appalachian Mountains. These annual devastations are so certain in their recurrence that they have come to be considered almost inevitable. All the efforts of the Government with dams, restraining walls, and other engineering works have proved inadequate to control the streams when they have been swollen with the melting winter snows. On the other hand, the Government projects have proved unavailing to maintain the same rivers at a depth great enough to permit unhampered navigation later on in the year, when the flood waters have spent themselves. This latter trouble possible causes a great financial loss to the South than the floods, but as it is not concentrated into a brief spectacular outburst, less is heard of it through the newspapers. It was, indeed, the problem of navigation that gave rise to the present scheme.

It is now proposed to go to the seat of the evil—to the headwaters of the rivers—and apply there two remedies: First, the maintenance of a forest cover which will keep the ground porous so that it will not shed all the water from its surface at once but will soak it up and release it gradually; second, to establish storage reservoirs at strategic points which will retain surplus when it is not useful but only does damage by being allowed to run free, and will pay it out, little by little, later on, when it is sorely needed.

The United States has spent \$80,000,000 to improve navigation on the rivers which have their upland sources in the Southern Appalachians and work has already undertaken will cost at least \$50,000,000 before it is finished. This does not include the Ohio proper, which is largely supplied with water from these sections, on which more than \$6,000,000 has been spent. Despite this outlay navigation is so precarious on many of these rivers, especially in the upper stretches, during several months every year that steamboat lines have to suspend operations and many companies have abandoned the field because with the light-draft vessels they are forced to use they can not compete with railroads, although steamboat transportation is normally much cheaper than railroad rates. The Government has striven for a 4-foot or even, in some places, for a 4-foot stage and been unable to maintain it throughout the year.

Experts from the Geological Survey, with the storage reservoir scheme in mind, last year made a careful study of the rivers which from both sides of this watershed, located reservoir sites, computed the amount of water they would hold, the heights of the necessary dams, and the periods during which the rivers could be maintained at various depths above their low-water levels during the dry seasons. The results of this study are published under the title "The Relation of the Southern Appalachian to Inland Water Navigation," as Circular 148 of the Forest Service, and can be obtained free by writing to the Forester at Washington. The initial cost of these reservoirs would be greater than the works under the present system, but the authors of the circular say that the storage reservoirs would give the relief, both in regard to navigation and to floods, which present projects fail to supply and they point that the relief so gained would be permanent, whereas under the system now in operation there is a continuous expense in dredging the channels which become clogged with sand and silt washed down by the spring floods, especially from the unforested areas around some of the rivers.

In the long run the storage res-

STATESVILLE AND IREDELL COUNTY.

A Salisbury Negro Up For Retailing. An Inventor in Trouble.

Statesville Landmark, Aug. 25-28.

September 22d the electorate of Mooresville will pass on a proposition to issue \$25,000 of bonds for street improvement and water for fire protection. It is proposed to spend \$10,000 on street improvement and \$15,000 for water.

A. L. Barringer, the rural mail carrier, who suffered a broken arm last week, reports that he is getting on as well as he could expect. He suffered considerable pain in the shake-up and the broken bones but is improving.

A. L. Fox fell from a second-story window of his home in Bethany township, last Thursday morning about 3 o'clock, and broke his right thigh. The fall was a distance of about 15 feet. As Mr. Fox is 70 odd years old he will probably be laid up for a long time and may be a cripple for life. He is the father of N. W. Fox, of Statesville.

Fred Allison, a young negro whose home is at Belmont, is in a critical condition as a result of injuries received some time after midnight Wednesday night at W. M. Westmoreland's stables, in an unknown manner, but supposedly by falling from the loft of the stable. He was unconscious when found and has not as yet regained consciousness sufficiently to tell how he was injured.

The firm of J. K. Morrison & Sons' Co., local wholesale dealers, caused the arrest of H. C. Heitman, of Lexington, Tuesday, on the charge of obtaining money under false pretense. Heitman a few years ago traveled for the Messick Grocery Co., of Winston, and in this capacity had made business visits to J. K. Morrison & Sons' Co., and members of the firm knew him. Monday he called on them and asked them to cash a draft for \$30 on Commercial Savings Bank, of Lexington, which draft was this morning found to be no good.

Fannie James, a negro woman probably 60 years old, was tried before Mayor Wednesday for operating a blind tiger at her home on West Sharpe street, and was sent to jail in default of \$100 bond. The officers say that Fannie is a bad woman and that her home has been "one of the worst dives" they have had to deal with. She has been convicted in the courts before for retailing but always managed to get off easy on account of her age. Tom Harris, colored, of Salisbury, was also tried before Mayor Grier Wednesday for a similar offense but the State failed to make a case against him.

Too Rank For a Mugwump.

Being asked the other day what he thought of the fight between Adams and Butler, ex-Congressman Blackburn, who hates them both, replied in the language of the late W. C. Miller, of Statesville, when he heard of a fight between two men whom he disliked: he had "no ruthers." Continuing Mr. Blackburn said that he would not attend the Republican State convention, as "it is about all a self-respecting Republican in North Carolina can do is to vote the ticket without desiring any closer affiliation with the present leaders of the party in this State." Certainly the Republican leaders in this State must be getting pretty rank if they're too strong for Mr. Blackburn's political stomach.—Statesville Landmark.

But Mr. Blackburn was at the convention and was fishing for a place on the ticket, so are reliably informed.

voir method would be cheaper as well as more effective, for, as one of the sponsors of the plans says, it is better business to add to the tops of the rivers and get what you want than to keep digging out the bottoms in an attempt to get a river deep enough to float a boat in.

STATE NEWS.

Items of Interest Clipped, Condensed and Prepared for the Watchman's Readers.

The town commissioners have ordered an election to be held in the town of Mooresville on the 22d of September for the purpose of issuing bonds to the amount of \$25,000 for street improvement and water for fire protection.

John Randall, the mountaineer who brutally killed his wife by beating her to death while he was drunk, in Madison county, was convicted of murder in the second degree last week. He would have been lynched but was taken to Asheville for safe-keeping. The people were furious over the outrageous crime.

George Lumpkin, a 25-year-old negro was struck squarely on the head by a bolt of lightning Wednesday at Stokesland, Rockingham county, and killed instantly. He was working in a tobacco field. His cap was knocked off and a light scar made on his head but there were no other marks on his clothes or body.

While hunting squirrels in Nash county a few days ago Mr. Reddick Dixon met his death in a peculiar manner. His death was caused directly from the kick of a shotgun in the firing of an ordinary loaded shell. Mr. Dixon was making his way around the tree in a crouched position, with his gun ready to fire, the gun over his arm and the stock near his stomach. By some means the gun fired, and the rebound caught Mr. Dixon in the stomach, causing internal injuries, from which he died.

Among the cases to come before Franklin county Superior Court this week is a "writ of recordari," which orders the mayor of Louisville to allow R. B. Carr to appeal from the mayor's court. Carr sets fourth in his affidavit that he has not been on speaking terms with the chief of police for several years and that he (Carr) was charged by the policeman before the mayor with "grinning at him (the officer) and spitting at him." The defendant avers that he is a very old man and has no front teeth, and therefore he could not have grinned at the officer or spit at him.

The big "Automobile Meet" will be held at Eilerbe Springs, Richmond county, Wednesday, September 2. The details and plans for the "meet" have about been completed. Over fifty cars will participate. Cheraw, Bennettsville, Marion, Sumpter, Laurinburg, Concord, Monroe, Charlotte, Wadesboro, Gastonia, and other towns will be represented in force. The tour will conclude with a time race from Rockingham to Eilerbe Springs. This road is eleven miles in length, is of sand-clay and is well graded. A big barbecue and dinner royal will be served at Eilerbe Springs to the participants and guests, which will include a number of distinguished people. A complimentary dance and reception will be given in the hotel pavillion on Wednesday evening.

The Mercury says that John Beal, who lives in the vicinity of Hickory, was in town Monday and went behind the depot to count his cash. He had \$101. He started across the street to buy a suit of clothes and somebody followed him. Presently he felt his pocketbook removed from his pocket. He looked around and "a man with a small black mustache" was running away. Man and money not found.

To Keep Salt Dry.

"To prevent salt in saltcellars from becoming damp and lumpy, when filling them put in ten or twelve pieces of rice, says Woman's Home Companion for September. "This will not come through the holes in the cover of the saltcellars, but will break the lumps of salt and gather the moisture; thus the salt is always dry and fine."

MOCKSVILLE AND DAVIE COUNTY.

Graded School to Open September 14th. Little Miss Walsh Dead.

Mocksville Courier, August 27.

The net receipts, so far reported, from the Masonic picnic amounts to \$1,041.17. The refreshment committee has not yet reported.

Little Emaline Agatha, age six years and six months, died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Walsh, on Salisbury street, Friday afternoon after an illness of several weeks, suffering with meningitis. The remains were laid to rest in the Rose cemetery Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. John F. Kirk conducting the funeral services.

Professor Jenkins, who is to be principal of the Mocksville graded school, arrived here a few days ago and will open the school the 14th of September with three assistants, two of which have been selected, Miss Mattie Eaton, of this place, and Miss Battle, who taught at the Farmington High School last year. Until the new graded school building is completed the Mocksville Academy and Sunny Side Seminary will be used.

W. E. Daniel, of Salisbury, spent Monday and Tuesday here with his sister, Mrs. F. G. Benson.

Mrs. Lowe, who runs the hotel at Belmont, missed her pocket book Sunday in which there was \$165. The purse was in the mattress of her bed. A colored boy working about the hotel was arrested and the next day her purse was found on the back porch.

The Republican convention met in Mocksville Monday, and the following ticket was named: For the House, A. T. Grant, Jr.; for Sheriff, J. L. Sheak; for Register of Deeds, J. F. Moore; for Treasurer, J. W. Etchison; for Surveyor, M. C. Ijames; for Commissioners, C. G. Bailey, Ben Stonestreet and Dr. Carr.

The Nuptials of Jim and Bet.

In Sumner county, Tennessee, lives an Irish magistrate, a man of liberal education and a full quota of that mother wit for which his people are noted. A short time ago a negro pair named Jim and Bet called upon the "Squire to be united, "for better or worse," probably the latter. Having had some notice of their coming, he prepared and actually used this unique ceremony:

Jim, will you take Bet,
Without any regret
To love and to cherish
Till one of you perish
And is laid under the sod,
So help you God?

Jim, having given the affirmative answer, the 'Squire turned to Bet:

Bet, will you take Jim
And cling to him,
Both out and in
Through thick and thin
Holding him to your heart
Till death do part?

Bet modestly acquiesced, and the newly married couple were dismissed with this "topper over all":

Through life's alternate joy and strife,
I now pronounce you man and wife.
Go up life's hill till you get to the level,
And salute your bride, you dusky devil,

It's a pity when sick ones drug the stomach or stimulate the Heart and Kidneys. That is all wrong! A weak Stomach, means weak Stomach nerves, always And this is also true of the Heart and Kidneys. The weak nerves are instead crying out for help. This explains why Dr. Shoop's Restorative is promptly helping Stomach, Heart and Kidney ailments. The Restorative reaches out for the actual cause of these ailments—the failing "inside nerves". Anyway test the Restorative 48 hours. It won't cure so soon as that, but you will surely know that help is coming. Sold by Cornelison & Cook.

ALBEMARLE AND STANLY COUNTY.

Chairman Adams Will Have Difficulty in Obtaining Coin from Foxy Butler.

Stanly Enterprise, Aug. 27th.

There will be no preaching at the Lutheran church next Sunday, owing to the pastor's absence at China Grove, where he addresses the Synodical Woman's Missionary conference.

The Wiscasset Mills closed down yesterday for ten days. The other mills, at this writing, are uncertain as to whether they will take the same step or not.

Every voter should be at the courthouse tomorrow night to hear the Hon. John S. Henderson discuss the political issues.

Rev. R. C. Kirk, of Route No. 1, returned Saturday from Rowan, where he had been assisting the pastor at Liberty church in a series of meetings, that were attended by large results for good. Mr. Kirk will probably accept active work next year, such as the conference may decide to give him. Up to this time his health would not permit him to do this. He loves the ministry, and is a young man of great promise.

Chairman Adams, in bringing his libel case against Marion Butler, evidently has faith in his side of the question. But if Marion Butler is anything, he is at least sbrewd, and Mr. Adams may find it hard recovering the \$50,000. The suit goes to emphasize the chaotic state in which the Republican party finds itself. Its leaders have no respect for each other so long as one stands in the other's way. It is a set of Federal pie-counter hunters, and the party's ambition goes no higher. One crowd follows Adams, another follows Butler, and yet another looks upon E. Spencer Blackburn as its idol.

Worst Panic Since the War.

This year the party of prosperity has the worst financial panic since the war to explain.—Springfield (Mass.) Republican.

And the explanation is going to bother those who have been preaching the gospel of high protection, who have claimed stand-patnism to be a sure recipe for prosperity. They are caught "with the goods" this time. The less said the better.

Tore Up the Will.

Capt. R. A. L. Hyatt, clerk of the court here, told your correspondent the other day of an old will that he has in the office here. It is dated in 1817 and is torn into many pieces, but the pieces are sewed towed together so that the paper can read easily. The will was not probated until within the last few months.

There is a little story connected with this document that is a little romantic. The testator, Edward Hyatt, was one of the earliest settlers of this county. While being a pious man himself he had one boy that was wild and reckless. When the old man made his will he cut the wild boy off from a great deal of his patrimony and gave most of his property to others that suited him better.

After the death of the old man the will was read in the presence of the children and friends. The wild young man asked to see the will. It was handed him, and, in a passion he tore it into pieces and threw them upon the floor. A negro slave afterwards collected the pieces and they were sewed together; and that is the way the will appears now. It is well preserved with that exception.—Waynesville, N. C., special to the Observer.

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