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## CONCORD AND CABARRUS COUNTY.

### An Inflammatory Fire. Repairs to Bridges Being Rapidly Pushed.

Concord Times, Sept. 22nd.

There has been some unnecessary and unjust complaint recently in regard to the rebuilding of the bridges in the county that were washed away by the excessive rains. The work has been pushed with all possible dispatch, and during the past two weeks of good weather fine work has been done. The bridge across the Three Mile Branch on the Salisbury road is now completed, and ready for the heaviest travel. The bridge over Big Cold Water on the Mt. Pleasant road will be completed within one week if the weather permits. It is also expected that the bridge over Buffalo Creek at the depot will be ready this week. Temporary bridges have been erected at every place in the county where a bridge was washed away, and there is no trouble about crossing anywhere.

It is thought that the fire which destroyed the store-house and goods of Klutz & Wilson at Brief last week was of incendiary origin. When the fire was discovered it was burning under the house, and the ground had apparently been saturated with oil. New goods to the value of \$1,900 had just been received the day before the fire. The stock was insured for \$3,500, and the building for \$500.

Rev. C. A. Brown, of China Grove, preached at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church last Sunday night. Mr. Brown will preach at this church on the first and third Sunday nights in each month this fall. The Cannonville Methodists will use the church at all other services.

Wm. McNis, who lived at the Cabarrus mill, died suddenly in a cotton patch in Hightown near the Zion road last afternoon. He had been to the country to get some summer grapes for his wife, and was on his way back home. R. A. White, of the Cabarrus mill, and Jim Reed, colored, who were standing talking, saw him coming. He seemed to be sick, and was walking with difficulty. Suddenly they saw him fall, and at once went to him. He drew only two breaths after they reached his side. His people and the coroner were at once notified. Coroner Richmond, after an investigation, decided that an inquest was not necessary, as it was evident that heart disease was the cause of his death.

H. M. Shinn, who went to Kannapolis several weeks ago, has returned to Concord, not being able to secure a home for his family at Kannapolis. John Weddington takes his place there, and Mr. Shinn is again with the White-Morrison-Flowe Co. here.

### Hoke Smith's Parliament.

Hoke Smith's long Parliament has come to an end. It actually adjourned sine die yesterday. The Senate, by a vote of 27 to 14, backed down from the position taken under the leadership of Senator Felder on Friday. The net result is, the House bill—the one passed by that body on Friday—becomes a law. It is essentially the Holder bill which should have been passed, and could have been passed on the last day of the regular session. Both Houses agreed that the lease system should come to an end, but fight was on the question as to how it should end. —Macon Telegraph.

### A Paying Investment.

Mr. John White, of 38 Highland Ave., Houlton, Maine, says: "Have been troubled with a cough every winter and spring. Last winter I tried many advertised remedies, but the cough continued until I bought a 50c bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery; before that was half gone. This winter the same happy result has followed; a few doses once more banished the annual cough. I am now convinced that Dr. King's New Discovery is the best of all cough and lung remedies." Sold under guarantee at all Druggists. 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

## GREENSBORO'S CENTENNIAL

### Will Be Held During Week of October 11th-17th. Many Attractions.

Greensboro, N. C., September 23.—The week of October 11th-17th will be observed here as "centennial and home-coming week", in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the village which has grown into the prosperous and progressive city of Greensboro. Committees of leading citizens have been at work for months planning to make the event the greatest affair of the kind ever witnessed in any Southern State. Nothing has been left undone to add to the comfort, pleasure, instruction and edification of the many thousands of visitors expected in the city during the week. The municipal, county, state and national governments are contributing to the success of the occasion. An epitome of the week's program follows:

Sunday, October 11th, the opening day, will be given over to exercises of a religious character. The pulpits of the city churches will be filled at 11:00 o'clock in the morning by distinguished visiting clergymen. At 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon a grand sacred concert will be given in Greensboro's new auditorium, the largest building of the kind south of New York, and with a seating capacity of 18,000 or 20,000. At 8:00 o'clock in the evening a centennial address will be delivered by a prominent layman in each of the city churches.

The centennial exercises proper will open Monday, October 12th, with a parade of 10,000 Guilford County school children, headed by a United States military band, and reviewed by Governor Glenn, Senators Simmons and Overman, and distinguished educators. The parade will end at the auditorium, where the centennial oration will be delivered by Dr. George T. Winston, probably the foremost living North Carolinian. At 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon will be the opening session of the United States Peace Congress, which will be one of the greatest features of the centennial. Sessions of the congress will be held daily during the session, and among the distinguished non-resident visitors expected are Hon. James Brice, ambassador from Great Britain; Hon. Richmond Pearson Hobson, a member of Congress from Alabama, and United States Senator McCreary, of Kentucky, president of the congress.

Tuesday will be known as military day. In the morning there will be a parade of military companies and bands of music, to be followed by a reproduction of the Battle of Guilford Court House. The sham battle will take place on the original battlefield, near the city, and the old lines of battle will be followed. United States infantry and artillery forces of Lord Cornwallis and Gen. Tarleton, North Carolina companies of the National Guard representing the Continental militia. The first session of the North Carolina Good Roads Conference will be held during the afternoon and will be presided over by Governor Glenn. Other sessions of the congress will be held daily during the centennial and will be addressed by representatives of the United States Department of Agriculture and other good roads experts.

Wednesday will be given over to the fraternal organizations. A leading feature of the day's exercises will be a big parade of the Knights of Pythias, with numerous bands, floats, etc.

Thursday will be a day of many striking features, including the most interesting sessions of the Peace Conference and the Good Roads Conference, with addresses by distinguished men from different sections of the country. This will also be the "big day" of the Central Carolina Fair, with distinctive centennial features and attractions appropriate and interesting to all visitors.

Friday will be known as Greensboro and Confederate veterans' day, when everybody will take holiday and join in a mammoth

## STATESVILLE AND IREDELL COUNTY.

### The Children Were Pleased. All Signs Point to a Very Early Fall.

Statesville Landmark, Sept. 22.

A local grocer tells the Landmark reporter that the Northern grapes and celery are on the local market two weeks earlier than usual this fall, and in fact everything seems to be a little earlier than usual. Mountaineers who were in town last week with produce stated that the fruit crop was two or three weeks earlier than usual in the mountains, apples which usually ripen in October being ready for market at present. There is a certain variety of peaches which grow in this section, known as October peaches, that are now ripening and falling off. Ordinarily they do not ripen until October, after most of the leaves have fallen from the trees.

R. Morgan Keever and Miss Sallie Ward, both of Bloomfield, were married Saturday morning at 10 o'clock at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. J. H. Presly, on East Broad street. The marriage was rather unique. The bride, accompanied by a sister of the bride elect and a driver, drove into the back yard of the Presly home, called the minister out and stated that they wanted the knot tied while they sat in the carriage. Mr. Presly, who is very accommodating on such occasions, granted their request and stood on the ground near the vehicle while he said the words that made the couple man and wife.

P. S. Shoemaker died Saturday morning at 4 o'clock at the home of his son, T. F. Shoemaker, in Olin, from the effects of a stroke of paralysis which he sustained a week previous. Mr. Shoemaker made his home with another son, W. J. Shoemaker, in Oak Forest neighborhood. He was visiting his son at Olin when he was stricken Saturday, the 12th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Up to that time he was in his usual health.

Mayor H. P. Grier, who was instrumental in getting Mr. Gentry to invite the children of the Barium Orphans' Home to the recent performance of the Gentry show in Statesville, has received letters from about 15 of the little folks, telling how much they appreciate his kindness and the kindness of the Gentry brothers. All of the letters are well written and Mr. Grier is proud of them. Many of the little tots have also written to the headquarters of the show, thanking Gentry Bros. for giving them an opportunity to see their show.

We do not know that Mr. Taft is scared, but enough is happening to make him just the least bit uneasy. —Durham Herald.

and spectacular parade representing every phase of the city's life and business—social, religious, educational, commercial, manufacturing, etc.

The programme every day and night in the week will be full of varied, attractive, interesting and imposing features. Conspicuous among the attractions will be the fireworks display, representing the fall of Port Arthur, and to be given Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights. A giant searchlight, loaned to the centennial board of managers by the United States Navy Department, will add greatly to the splendid electrical display.

The annual fair of the Central Carolina Fair Association will be held during centennial week, and in view of the large influx of visitors expected, the management has planned to make it the greatest fair and the most creditable exhibition the state has ever witnessed along its lines.

All the railroads will give special rates, and every visitor to Greensboro during the week will be given a genuine Tar Heel welcome. Any information as to the details of the week's programme can be obtained by addressing G. S. Bradehaw, president of the board of centennial managers.

## HOW AND WHEN TO SELECT SEED-CORN

### Some Advice to Farmers. Selection of Seed-Corn for the Experiment Station.

The North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station sends out the following information of great interest to the farmer.

The practice of selecting seed-corn from the barn late in the spring costs the farmers of North Carolina, in decreased yields of shelled corn, an amount equal to more than five million dollars annually. Just so long as this method is followed, just so long will the corn-growers of the State lack this amount of producing what they might with the same treatment under identical conditions were they to use better methods in the selection of their seed-corn. The proper place to select seed for planting purposes next year is in the field this fall. One day spent in the field in selecting seed-corn properly will pay better in increased yields than most any labor performed during the entire year. There are many ways in which this work might be done satisfactorily, the exact method depending upon conditions and practices. Economy of performance of the operation is always to be looked after but not at a sacrifice of efficiency. Where corn is gathered from stalks in the field in the usual way, a good method for the corn-grower to use is to sling a cotton-picking bag over the shoulder, or take a basket in the hand and go through and make the selections from the field of corn which he has that is a little above the average in productivity. Take two rows at a time and select seed from those stalks which have two well developed ears per stalk, remembering that in the selection of seed one should select from the stalks that will yield the largest amount of shelled corn per stalk. The reason why it is advised selecting from two-ear stalks is because in testing and studying varieties of corn during the past eight years on the Experiment Station farm and elsewhere, it has been found that the best yields of shelled corn per stalk and hence per acre were those that averaged near two ears per stalk. Take both ears if they are good ones and reject both if they are not. Do not give much attention to the shape of the ears and grains during field selection, but reserve this for some rainy or snowy day during the winter and have the young boys around to help, as there is no form of farm work that will interest them more or lead to take a deeper interest in the work of the farm. One reason why so many boys leave the farm is because they are not taught there is something more in farming than the mere drudgery connected with it. When going through the field selecting these ears it might be well to have the boys along too if they are old enough to appreciate the value and importance of what is being done. A cart or wagon might be at one end of the rows and when you get there each time empty the basket or bag. Enough corn should be gathered in this way so that when the more careful selection is made during the winter at the barn, having in mind the best shape of ears and kernels, enough will be left for planting, after throwing out the ears of poor shape and those having kernels not up to the proper type it is wished to use for planting. Select from the field three to five times as much corn as is expected to be needed, so that a very rigid selection of the ears may be made during some winter day. Make selections from stalks that only bear two well-developed ears, but from those that have a good leaf development and large root system. Select ears that are borne at a uniform and convenient height, for such ears are more easily and cheaply gathered; there they ripen more uniformly; and are less liable not to have the embryo grains fertilized, as the tasseling of all stalks will be practically at the same date and

## ALBEMARLE AND STANLY COUNTY.

### Men Seriously Injured at Football. Water Works Enlarging Plant.

Albemarle News, Sept. 22.

The Albemarle Water Works company last week placed a new acting pump to replace the one they have been using and the capacity has more than been doubled.

Rev. H. A. McCollough, who is enjoying a reputation as one of the State's best Sunday school workers and educators, is scheduled for an address tonight before a mass meeting at Winston-Salem on the importance of teacher training. He will attend a Synodical committee meeting in Salisbury on Friday.

A press report sent out from Winston-Salem makes it appear that President Foust refused admission into the State Normal of four young ladies who were delayed registering on the day set because of attending a dance given in their honor by young men of the Twin City. If the dance feature forms the reason for such action, President Foust has done a foolish thing. But if the ruling was arbitrary, and would apply in all other cases than the "providently hindered," this fact should have appeared. In other words, for an institution to seek to pass upon the morals of its patrons and pupils before matriculation would mean to exclude many worthy boys and girls. If the report has done Mr. Foust an injustice, it should be shown.

Ben L. Austin, of Salisbury, is quite sick at the home here of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Austin. His wife and little son are with him. He is getting along as well as can be expected, and his physicians express hope for recovery.

Ben Gaddy has received the shocking news that his former classmate, J. H. Cooper, while playing football Saturday at the State University was probably fatally injured, his spinal column being affected. His classmates promptly raised funds and sent the young man to Johns Hopkins at Baltimore where he is receiving the best of attention. A sorrowful feature of the incident is that the young man was playing football against his mother's prayers and protests.

From the best we can make out of it both parties appear to have been smurred with the same stick. —Durham Herald.

The pollen from all will be given off at about the same time. The ears should be held not upright, but in a rather drooping position, as such ears are less liable to rot, as they will shed the rain rather than admit it into the ears, as they frequently do when held in an upright position; especially is this so if the husks (shucks) do not cover the tips of the ears completely. Also, it is well to discard all ears that have the tips poorly covered with husks, even if all the other characteristics are up to requirements. When, during the winter, the corn thus gathered is gotten out for more careful selection, choose those ears of cylindrical shape and those which possess deep wedge-shaped and large-germed grains which completely and deeply cover the cobs and those which possess deep wedge-shaped and large-germed grains which completely and deeply cover the cobs and which are arranged in parallel rows. Select heavy, well-matured ears that have medium-sized cobs with kernels that are heavy in weight and medium in indentation, and which have the butts and tips fairly well filled out. Keep the seed stored in a dry place until planting time.

If you have not selected your seed-corn before from the field in the way indicated above try it this fall. You may be a little doubtful of the value of this extra effort, but give it a fair trial and we feel sure that you will never go back to the old and less profitable method of selecting seed-corn from the barn.

## BRYAN TAKES A HAND.

### Sends Telegram to President Which Should Meet with a Prompt Response.

The following telegram was sent to President Roosevelt the other day by W. J. Bryan:

"Dear Sir: In a statement given out by you yesterday and published in this morning's papers you endorse a charge made by Governor Haskell, of Oklahoma, to the effect that he was once in the employ of the Standard Oil Company, and as such employee, was connected with an attempt to bribe or influence Attorney General Morrett, of Ohio, to dismiss suits pending against the Standard Oil Company. In endorsing this charge you attack the Democratic party and its candidate, saying 'Governor Haskell stands high in the councils of Mr. Bryan and is the treasurer of his national campaign committee.' And you add that the publication of this correspondence not merely justifies in striking fashion the action of the administration, but also casts a curious side-light on the attacks made upon the administration, both in the Denver convention which nominated Mr. Bryan and in the course of Mr. Bryan's campaign.

"Your charge is so serious that I cannot allow it to go unnoticed. Governor Haskell has denied that he was ever employed by the Standard Oil Company in any capacity or was ever connected in any way whatever with it or with the transaction upon which the charge is based.

### INVESTIGATION DEMANDED.

"Governor Haskell demanded an investigation at the time the charge was first made, offering to appear and testify and he demands an investigation now. I agree with you that if Governor Haskell is guilty as charged he is unfit to be connected with the Democratic national committee and I am sure you will agree with me that if he is innocent he deserves to be exonerated from so damaging an accusation. As the selection of Governor Haskell as chairman of the committee on resolutions at Denver and also as treasurer of the Democratic national committee had my approval and endorsement, I feel it my duty to demand an immediate investigation of a charge against him endorsed by the President of the United States. Your high position as well as your sense of justice would prevent your giving sanction and circulation to such a charge without proof, and I respectfully request, therefore, that you furnish any proof which you have in your possession or if you have no proof I request that you indicate a method by which the truth may be ascertained. Without consulting Mr. Haskell, I will agree that he will appear for investigation before any tribunal, public or private, which you may indicate and I will further agree that his connection with the national committee and with this campaign shall cease in the event that the decision of such tribunal connects him in any way with this charge, or in case you, after an investigation of the facts, say that you believe him guilty of the charges made.

### WILL NOT PERMIT MISREPRESENTATION.

"As the candidate of the Democratic party I shall not permit any responsible men of the Republican organization to misrepresent the attitude of the Democratic party in the present campaign. I have assisted you to the extent of my ability in remedial measures which I deemed for the public good which you have undertaken; I have urged Democrats to support such measures and I have advocated more radical measures against private monopolies than even you or your party associates have been willing to undertake.

"The platform of the Democratic party is clear and specific on this subject as in other subjects, while the Republican party is uncertain and evasive.

## LEXINGTON AND DAVIDSON COUNTY.

### Captain Robbins Better. Some New Industries for Our Neighboring Towns.

Lexington Dispatch, Sept. 23.

Captain Frank C. Robbins, since his return from the Charlotte hospital, has not been so well, but today is better.

United States Commissioner J. H. Alexander acquitted Jester Davis of the charge of handling counterbrand whiskey, the evidence being insufficient. There was evidence to show that the whiskey had been delivered at Davis' house, but none to show that he was personally connected with the business.

There is a well-founded rumor that a new cotton mill will be built sometime this year below town, outside of the corporate limits. New York parties are said to be interested. Southern cotton mill investments appear to be attractive to them, which is another indication that the time will come when all the cotton manufactories will be located where they grow the staple. Lexington will welcome this investment. Little can be learned, however, of the proposed mill, but a local mill man, acting as agent for the prospective investors has asked a contractor for prices on making and laying a million brick. The mill presumably will be on the Southern main line somewhere south of town, a mile or two miles away.

Mrs. R. L. McCrary returned Sunday night from Statesville and Salisbury, where she had spent several days visiting friends.

The burnt out knitting mill building is being replaced, and while nothing definite has been decided, it is said that Mr. Greenfield, a former Lexington man who now operates a knitting mill at Kernersville, has talked of taking the plant and moving his machinery from Kernersville to Lexington. Lexington offers much in the way of railway facilities and is an attractive point to locate a plant of this kind. There are no prospects of the former knitting mill company resuming business at this time. Lexington will welcome Mr. Greenfield if he decides to locate here.

Messrs. Ralph Boring, Luther Propst, Egbert Hankins and Chief Hayworth are in Greensboro attending Guilford court as witnesses in the Shemwell case which comes up this week. It will be remembered that this case grew out of a difficulty between Baxter Shemwell and a conductor on No. 87 one morning this summer, when the question of stopping the fast mail at this place arose. Mr. Shemwell is alleged to have drawn guns on the conductor, and the defendant alleges that the conductor first assaulted him with a ticket punch. Last night it was learned that this case was put off till February court.

"The Democratic candidate for Vice President, Mr. Kern, joined with me in requesting the Democratic national committee to fix a maximum of \$10,000 for individual contributions and to publish before the election all contributions above \$100 and the committee acted favorably upon this request. The Republican candidate and the Republican national committee proposed not publication before the election, but publication after the election. I submit that our committee has given the better evidence of its freedom from connection with, or obligation to, the predatory interests. Our committee has not knowingly received a dollar from an official of any corporation known as a trust and it will not receive any money from such. If any money is contributed by such persons without the knowledge of the committee it will be returned as soon as the fact is discovered.

"The Democratic party is making an honest and an honorable fight in defense of the principles and policies enunciated in its platform and it expects and will demand fair and honorable treatment from those who are in charge of the Republican campaign."