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LEXINGTON AND DAVIDSON COUNTY.

Chickens Having Hard Time. A Plea for the Worn Out Horses.

Lexington Dispatch, April 21st.

The horse traders are here. Some of them have left. There has been mighty little traffic in animals this court. The crowds have been small. We would just like to say, right here, that something ought to be done to these fellows who drag poor old broken down rips from place to place, trying to convert their old and aching bones into coin. Some of them can hardly move—pitiful sights.

The power house people tell a funny story in connection with Monday morning's fire. A thief stole two pairs of trousers from the men who work at the water plant at night, and had just about time enough to get to Center street when the hideous fire whistle began to sound the alarm. Next morning the pants were found in the street. It is presumed that when the thief heard the whistle so soon after his theft, he naturally thought they were blowing it for him, and guilt being heavy on his heart, he dropped his booty and fled. Some say he is likely to be running yet.

E. L. Weaver, of Warrenton, who has been here several weeks in the interest of his vending machines, has closed a trade with Messrs. J. W. Crowell and W. A. Anthony to manufacture one thousand of the machines. Work is already going on and some of the machines will be finished by Monday. It was invented by E. L. Smith, of Windsor. One style machine will hand you a nickel package of crackers, upon your dropping coin in the slot. If you drop a dime, it hands it back to you. Another style sells apples, another chewing gum, another cigarettes and cigars and another smoking tobacco. People in position who know say that the men interested in this machine "have got a good thing."

The older people will remember Professor Charles M. Smythe, a northern man who came here in the early sixties and taught school. He died here and was buried in the cemetery. A daughter has written to a friend here, stating that she wishes to come to Lexington in May and try to locate the grave. Mrs. Smythe was a Miss Harris, and the family is well-remembered by two or three of the older citizens, and others doubtless will recall them.

Friday as No. 36 was pulling out, bearing the last of the gentlemen who attended Orange Presbytery, a chicken, evidently badly out of balance, mentally, as a result of dodging about during the week when so many preachers were in town, flew upon the train and all efforts to get it to come down proved unavailing. It knew this week the Methodists would meet in conference, and it doubtless reasoned that if Presbyterian ministers could cause such hard lines to appear in a fowl's life there wasn't a chance for it when the Methodists came. The last seen of the chicken it was still on No. 36, as it it rounded the bend. But no doubt, even it did escape both it landed in the hands of the colored porter on the train. There is one chicken lost to the Laymen's Movement this week, but the town has many more and every one is courteously offered to the visiting brethren.

Any lady reader of this paper will receive, on request, a clever "No-Drip" Coffee Strainer Coupon privilege, from Dr. Shoop, Racine, Wis. It is silver-plated, very pretty, and positively prevents all dripping of tea or coffee. The doctor sends it, with his new free book on "Health Coffee" simply to introduce this clever substitute for real coffee. Dr. Shoop's Health Coffee is gaining its great popularity because of: first, its exquisite taste and flavor; second its absolute healthfulness; third, its economy—1½¢ 25¢; fourth, its convenience. No tedious 20 to 30 minute boiling. "Made in a minute," says Dr. Shoop. Try it at your grocer's for a pleasant surprise. Sold by all Grocers.

GOOD ROADS LEGISLATION.

Provision Made by the State to Assist in the Construction of Public Roads.

One of the acts of a general nature that was passed by the General Assembly of 1909, relates to good roads and should be the means of greatly promoting and stimulating the construction of improved roads in North Carolina. This act carries with it an appropriation of \$5,000 and, as stated in the act, "the object and purpose of this appropriation shall be to enable the North Carolina Geological Board to advise with the township and county authorities in building and improvement of the public roads, by sending to the township or county a competent road engineer, who will assist them in locating the improved roads, advise them as to the best road to build and how to build it, and also give advice relating to the best kind of bridge to be built in connection with the improvement of any road. The Geographical Board, through the State Geologist, may make inquiries in regard to systems of road building and management throughout the United States and make investigations and experiments in regard to the best methods of road-making and the best kind of road material, and shall disseminate such knowledge by lectures to be given in the different counties and by preparing, publishing and distributing bulletins and reports on the subjects of road improvement, and shall also gather and tabulate information and statistics of road building in North Carolina and disseminate the same throughout the State."

As will be seen from the above, it is now possible for the Geological survey to hire engineers who are competent road builders and take up with the various counties and townships who are contemplating the construction of improved roads, where to locate their roads, what is the best road to build, giving consideration to location, and how to build it. Arrangements have been made to employ W. L. Spoon as road engineer for the geological survey and he will enter upon his duties about May 1st. Mr. Spoon's home is in Alamance county, and he is a graduate of the University of North Carolina. He has been devoting himself to the study and construction of good roads for fifteen years and during the past seven years has been road engineer for the office of public roads of the United States Department of Agriculture. He is considered by the office of public roads as one of the best engineers in this country and for some features of road engineering he has no equal. Thus he comes thoroughly equipped to take up the various phases of the engineering work which he will be called upon to do in the different counties of North Carolina.

The survey, which has made a thorough study of the good roads problem, is confident that it will be able to save to the counties which are inaugurating a system for the construction of improved roads, considerable money that other counties, which have taken up this kind of work, have spent unwisely on account of lack of experience. In North Carolina there are three types of improved roads now being constructed: macadam, gravel and sand-clay. In determining the kind of road to be built, certain important conditions must be considered: (1) availability and suitable road building material; (2) estimated amount of traffic over the road; (3) wealth of the county which is to pay for the road. In deciding these questions, the road engineer of the geological survey should be of great assistance to the townships or counties, and before these communities begin the construction of improved roads all these questions should be given careful consideration and the system planned out before the work is started. In doing this there will be little chance of locating the road in the wrong

CONCORD AND CABARRUS COUNTY.

Surprise Marriage. Judgment Against Register of Deeds.

Concord Times, April 2nd.

Another surprise marriage occurred last Sunday, when James Cook, son of Charlie Cook, and Miss Scott Dees, daughter of R. A. Dees, went to Fort Mill and were married.

In Esq. Lore's court last Saturday judgment of \$200 was rendered against Register of Deeds J. F. Harris in favor of R. T. Joyner, of No. 9. The suit was brought against Mr. Harris for issuing license to Mr. Joyner's daughter, Miss Pearl, and Adam Burris. The girl was not of legal age, and it was claimed that Mr. Harris failed to "swear on the book" the witness who testified as to her age.

R. I. Grant, who has been with the Cannon mills for several years has resigned that position and is now traveling for a Richmond house selling oils, etc. He will be succeeded by John Klutz, of Durham.

Last Tuesday evening while Walter Lips, the 15-year-old son of L. E. Lips, was running his father's automobile wood saw at H. G. Ritz's he got his hand caught by the saw and badly hurt. The four fingers was sawed to the bone between the knuckles and the second joint. It was thought at first that the hand would have to be amputated, but the wounds are doing well so far, and it is now expected that the members will be saved.

Other A. Barringer, of Mt. Pleasant, has gone to Rockwell to take charge of the work of the Barringer Manufacturing Co., the new cotton mill there being erected by Rev. Paul Barringer and associates. It is expected that the mill will be started in June.

A Great Complication.

When the second trial of Beach Hargis, charged with the murder of his father, Judge James Hargis, is called at Irvine, Ky., this week, one of the thirteen attorneys for the defense will be a woman attorney, Mrs. William A. Young. Her husband, who was one of the attorneys who secured the acquittal of Eugene Gardner, in San Francisco, for the murder of a negro, will also act for the defense, which will be directed by United States Senator W. O. Braley. This will be the first time a woman attorney has appeared in an important case in Kentucky.

Hargis has at his command fifty thousand dollars for his defence. This includes all his mother's part of the estate left by the parent whom he killed, as well as his own share. His sister, Mrs. Evelyn Hogg, now has a suit pending in which her mother is defendant, to which he will be called upon to do in the different counties of North Carolina.

Swept Over Niagara.

This terrible calamity often happens because a careless boatman ignores the river's warnings—growing ripples and faster current—Nature's warnings are kind. That dull pain or ache in the back warns you the kidneys need attention if you would escape fatal maladies—Dropsy, Diabetes or Bright's disease. Take Electric Bitters at once and see Backache fly and all your best feelings return. "After long suffering from weak kidneys and lame back, one \$1.00 bottle wholly cured me," writes J. R. Blankenship, of Belk, Tenn. Only 50c at all druggists.

place and the money available for the construction of improved roads will be spent to the best advantage. All township and county authorities are cordially invited to write to the geological survey office for information on any subject relating to improved roads and for engineering assistance if same is desired, or for some member of the survey staff to visit the county and address their people on the subject of good roads. Extract from circular No. 44 by the state's geologist.

SELECTION AND BREEDING OF PLANTS.

Some Detailed Information That Should Interest Progressive Farmers and Gardeners.

Perhaps there is no one subject related to farming that is of greater importance to the farmer than the improvement of his general crop by seed selection and breeding. The work is not only intensely interesting but it usually results in awakening a keener interest in all phases of crop production, including the preparation of the soil for the seed bed, the cultivation of the growing plant, fertilization, and even the marketing of the products. As a rule it costs no more to cultivate a crop grown from good seed, from improved varieties, than it does to cultivate a crop that will produce scrub plants. The originators and growers of improved varieties not only have the satisfaction of having made the growing of these crops more profitable by reason of improved quality and increased yields, thus benefiting every one interested in their production and consumption but they usually also reap an additional financial reward from the sales of the seed or plants of their improved varieties.

Higher priced lands call for larger yields of better quality in order to make interest on the money invested. Furthermore improved varieties are stronger constitutionally and are not so subject to effects of disease. In fact some varieties have been produced that are immune to certain diseases. They simply have the vigor to resist them.

The growing and distribution of good varieties is a far-reaching factor in our national prosperity. The breeder, therefore, becomes a public benefactor as well as making larger crops himself and reaping an increased revenue resulting from the higher prices which the improved varieties command upon the market. He may thus attain to prominence which otherwise he would never have acquired. Good farming helps to make good citizens, and good citizens help in the making of good farmers.

ART AND SCIENCE IN BREEDING.

The work of producing better plants is both an art and a science. The science of breeding includes the work of the investigator in determining by means of experiment the principles relating to the different problems of breeding. The work of the scientific investigator may not in itself be profitable, yet it may result in valuable additions to the knowledge of the subject. The work of the investigator is the discovery of the principles of breeding. These the practical breeder may not have the training, the time, the opportunity, or the means to discover. The art of breeding is the work of growers who by long experience with the crop from a commercial standpoint become accurate judges of the value of plants for cultivation and economic propagation. Often, also, it embraces the principles discovered by the scientific investigator or breeder.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE BREEDER.

Success in the improvement of farm crops depends to a great extent on some important qualifications of the breeder. He must have a natural liking for his work and the plants which he is improving. The experience gained by constant association with crops with which the breeder is interested is the most important factor involved in the production of new or improved varieties. It is this experience that makes it possible for the breeder to pick out the best plants almost intuitively, although in many cases it is not possible to give exact reasons for the selections. This accurate judgment comes easiest to those naturally adapted to the work. However, it may be acquired by any careful farmer who has real interest in the subject by the study of the plants from all possible sources of knowledge.

ADAPTION TO ENVIRONMENT.

The adaption of the varieties to the conditions of soil and climate where they are grown is one of the

STATESVILLE AND IREDELL COUNTY.

Revenue Officers Doing Great Business. Cotton Mill Case Compromised.

Statesville Landmark, April 30-31.

Annie Weaver, a half-witted negro woman who lives on East Front street, secured a bottle of laudanum Saturday evening and drank a big dose of the drug. As a result she "went crazy" and for some little time Saturday night she made things lively in the negro settlement where she lives.

The United States district court, Judge Boyd presiding, convened yesterday morning. The grand jury was drawn with R. M. Rosebro, of Cleveland, as foreman. The trial of cases on the criminal docket was begun, District Attorney Holton and Assistant District Attorney Coble representing the government.

Samuel Benton, who died in Statesville last week, left an estate valued at about \$10,000, about \$5,000 of real estate and \$5,000 of personal property. Mr. Benton left a will, R. B. McLaughlin being named as executor. A farm in the vicinity of Troutman, valued at about \$5,000, was left to T. W. Hager, of Memphis, Tenn., a nephew of Mr. Benton. W. O. Benton, of the deceased, is to receive \$1,200 in cash or securities and Mrs. E. E. Harwell, his sister, \$800. The residue of the estate is left to a niece, Miss Josephine F. Benton, of Atoka, Tenn.

Charlie Summers, a noted character of Sharpsburg township, was arrested Sunday morning about 5 o'clock at his home in Sharpsburg by Sheriff Deaton and Deputy Sheriff Ab. Brown, and was brought to Statesville and lodged in jail. He is charged with retailing in four cases and illicit distilling in one case. He gave \$1,000 bond yesterday afternoon and was released.

The case of the Statesville Cotton Mill against the firm of A. D. Juillard & Co., of New York, was settled by compromise here yesterday by the attorneys in the case. In the compromise Juillard & Co. paid the Statesville Cotton Mill \$5,080 and all costs in the case. Tillet & Guthrie, of Charlotte, represented Juillard & Co. and McLaughlin & Nicholson and Armfield & Turner were attorneys for the plaintiff.

Deputy Collector J. M. Davis and Deputy Sheriff Ward found and destroyed a large illicit distillery plant in Eagle Mill township Saturday. The outfit showed evidence of having been in use for some time and the 160-gallon still and all other fixtures were in their places when the officers arrived. The officers also destroyed 600 gallons of beer, about 80 gallons of low wines and a lot of meal which were found at the plant. No one was on the premises when they arrived.

In discussing the recent sale of beef cattle fed at the State Test Farm near Statesville, Commissioner of Agriculture Graham, who recently visited the farm, says the sales, which amounted to about \$22,000, netted \$238 in cash and 107 tons of manure, after deducting all expenses.

Mrs. L. P. Allen and children this week moved to Spencer, where they will occupy property owned by Mr. and Mrs. Allen. Mr. Allen who is a freeman on the local shifting engine, will continue his work here but will spend Sundays with his family at Spencer. Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Blackweider will occupy the Rickert house, corner Center and Front streets, vacated by the Allen family.

Rev. J. H. Pressley received a telegram this morning announcing the death last night at Chester, S. C., of Rev. C. E. McDonald, a prominent minister of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. He will be buried at Winboro, S. C., to-morrow.

William H. Cowan died very suddenly at his home in Olin township yesterday. He was not well yesterday but did not seem to be seriously ill. Yesterday morn-

VISITS WHITE HOUSE.

Senator Tillman's First Call There For Seven Long Years.

Stanny Enterprise, April 22nd.

His first visit to the White House in about seven years was paid to-day by Senator Tillman of South Carolina and he received a cordial greeting from President Taft. His appearance in the executive offices created a sensation. The Senator walked to the White House unaccompanied, but left with Senator Beveridge of Indiana, riding to the capitol with the latter in his automobile.

Booker T. Washington was waiting to see the President when Senator Tillman arrived. The South Carolina man was immediately shown into Mr. Taft's private office. The call was purely of a social nature, it was declared.

"I came," said Senator Tillman, "to see if the office-seekers had fried any fat off the President, but they haven't fried a pound." Asked why he had never visited the White House in the past, Senator Tillman replied: "I waited till a gentleman got here."

"It's not necessary to make a nine days' wonder of my visit to President Taft," said Mr. Tillman after his return to the capitol. "We have always been good friends, and I have frequently gone to see him as Secretary of War. Whether he has inherited his office from Roosevelt, or been elected by the people there is no reason for any one to suppose that he has inherited Roosevelt's meanness."

Mr. Tillman said that he merely went to the White House to say good morning to the President and to express his "gratification on having a gentleman there." "I have no favors to ask of the President and no advice to offer," said Mr. Tillman. "I would have gone to see him sooner had it not been for the fact that I have been out of the city. I have taken the first convenient opportunity to call upon him."

While at the White House Senator Tillman saw Booker T. Washington for the first time. "I was very curious to see him," said Mr. Tillman, "because it enabled me to draw my own conclusion as to the percentage of white blood there is in him. It is over one-half."

Asked what impression he formed of Washington, Mr. Tillman replied:

"Booker Washington is considered a great negro, and he has great intellectual powers. He has a Jesuitical face. If he had not been engaged with a lot of people about him, I should have gone up to him and chatted with him. I would like to discuss the race question with Booker Washington. I would like to ask him a lot of questions.—Washington dispatch.

ing he was still unwell but able to be up. About 12 o'clock, while lying down, he died suddenly and unexpectedly.

The police department has worked up 28 cases of retailing against Turner King, colored, who was placed in jail Monday. It develops that he has sold booze to all classes of people. Two or three 16 year-old white boys testify that they have bought liquor from him.

While examining the cell at the jail occupied by the Cloer brothers the other day, Bruce Leinster, night guard at the jail, found a small piece of metal saw secreted in the ceiling over the cell. The piece of saw had been placed in end of a short piece of broom handle. The saw is supposed to be a portion of one the Cloers broke while sawing out of their cell some time ago. It is so small that they could have accomplished but little with it had they attempted to do so.

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ALBEMARLE AND STANLY COUNTY.

Contract Awarded, for Dam. Rev. J. C. Rowe to Preach Commencement Sermon.

Stanny Enterprise, April 22nd.

Dr. J. C. Rowe, of Salisbury, has been secured to preach the commencement sermon to the graduating class of Albemarle graded school at its closing in the latter part of May.

Miss Fannie Hartsell surprised her parents and friends by going to Charlotte last week and giving herself in marriage to J. P. Garrett, a young business man well known in Albemarle. The ceremony was performed on Wednesday.

The new roller mill that has been under process of erection by J. I. L. Eird and G. D. Moore is about complete, and will begin operation in a few days. All the machinery has been installed, and the mill is a modern one in every respect. It is located just below the Sibley shops. Albemarle is glad to have this new enterprise added to the list of others.

Rev. H. C. Sprinkle and H. L. Horton attended the laymen's missionary conference for the Salisbury district, which met at Lexington Tuesday and Wednesday.

Margaret, the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Harry, died Sunday in Charlotte, where she had been taken for treatment. The child was attacked a few weeks ago with whooping cough, and this was followed by pneumonia.

J. C. Masters, of the Albemarle Development Company, returned Monday, and began negotiations at once for the erection of a stone and concrete dam across the stream that skirts the northern boundary of their property in South Albemarle, and yesterday morning the contract for the work was awarded to L. A. Moody.

The dam is to be 160 feet long, 10 feet high and 10 feet at base. It will be built some 200 yards above the ford, where the stream is crossed by Norwood road.

Mr. Masters says the work is to begin at once, and the entire plans for developing the property will be pushed through to early completion. He says the company purposes spending a million dollars on the site.

Proved Themselves Heroes.

Elmer Lacey, aged 18, was drowned to-day as a result of the capsizing of a small rowboat in the Potomac river here. Two other boys, Komer Lacey, the victim's brother, and Dewey Neil, who were also in the boat, narrowly escaped the same fate and would have been drowned but for a heroic rescue by two negroes who were near the scene.—Washington dispatch.

Readers of THE WATCHMAN are familiar with the details of the cases against Fayette and Charles Allman. These cases were tried several days ago and the defendants found guilty of selling liquor in violation of the law. A fine of \$700 was imposed and notice of appeal was given. Judge Miller reduced the fines in all the cases to a total of \$400 and costs, which was paid. The appeal was withdrawn and the defendants agreed to close up the place on East Innes street where they have been engaged in the sale of soft drinks and other beverages.

The old fashioned way of dosing a weak stomach, or stimulating the Heart or Kidneys are all wrong. Dr. Shoop first pointed out this error. This is why his prescription—Dr. Shoop's Restorative—is directed entirely to the cause of these ailments, the weak inside or controlling nerves. It isn't so difficult, says Dr. Shoop, to strengthen a weak Stomach, Heart, or Kidneys, if one goes at it correctly. Each inside organ has its controlling or inside nerve. When the nerves fail, then these organs surely must falter. These vital truths are leading druggists everywhere to dispense and recommend Dr. Shoop's Restorative. Test it a few days, and see! Improvements will promptly and surely follow. Sold by Cornellison & Cook.