

LIME BED WORKING BY STATE OPPOSED

Deposits Now Operated By Local Companies Give Employment To Many

SIG NEGRO BAPTIZING

Neuse River Used; Three Thousand Spectators; One Hundred Thousand Dollars in State and County Taxes Collected at New Bern in Past Few Weeks

(Special to The News and Observer.)

New Bern, April 13.—Announcement made recently that the State has decided to take over lime beds near New Bern and work them with the convicts, meets with but little favor in this section, and, in fact, there is a great deal of criticism of the plan. These lime beds are now worked by local companies, and they give employment to a large number of men. Those who are so bitterly opposed to the action of the State declare that if the convicts are brought here and put to work that the State will probably sell the lime much cheaper than the companies now working them can and that the latter will be forced to the wall and a number of persons will be thrown out of employment. The farmers of this section are being told of the matter, the mine operators explaining to them that if the population of the section is decreased, that they will be the ones to suffer, and many of them have declared that they will purchase none of the lime mined by the convicts. The bringing of the convicts here and putting them to work will, it is believed, cause much trouble.

Colored Baptizing

Three thousand colored citizens of New Bern gathered on the banks of Neuse river off East Front street Sunday afternoon, and witnessed what was said to be the most spectacular baptizing of colored persons ever held in this vicinity. Forty-five of the colored brethren and sisters had professed faith in the Lord, and Sunday was the day set for the baptismal ceremony. The weather could not have been more ideal, and long before the appointed hour the spectators began to arrive, and when the parson and his flock stepped down into the water of the river, there were negroes lining the banks for a block in each direction. Among the crowd were several hundred white people, to whom these colored baptisms are always a source of interest. The parson who had the affair in charge worked quietly and with precision. The entire forty-five were baptized in less than an hour.

One Hundred Thousand Dollars in Taxes Collected

One hundred thousand dollars in State and county taxes have been collected by Sheriff Richard H. Lane during the past few weeks and there now remains less than fifty thousand dollars to be secured by collections and from the sale of the property of those who have not come across. The sheriff has advertised all who are to pay up by April first, and there are several hundred of these, the amounts ranging from a few dollars up to several hundred dollars. The record made by Sheriff Lane in collecting a hundred thousand dollars on the tax list is probably the best ever made in this county, and he is, naturally, well pleased with the results which he and his deputies have obtained in from their efforts.

Creeching Up On Acreage

Three months ago the farmers of Craven and adjoining counties were optimistic in their assertions that they intended to "cut" their cotton crop at least fifty per cent. A month ago, after the price had begun to go up a little, they had reduced this contemplated decrease to about thirty per cent, and since the rise in price during the past weeks, a number of the agriculturists have been heard to say that they will cut their acreage but little. Men who are thoroughly familiar with conditions are urging the farmers to stick to their original intention, declaring that if another big crop is planted, that the farmers will lose money on it, and are urging instead, that the diversification of the crops planted be looked after more. There is much cotton yet unsold in warehouses, and many bales of this are being brought here each day and disposed of on the local exchange.

A committee composed of a number of the members of the local fire companies are now engaged in mapping out a program for the State Firemen's Tournament to be held in New Bern this summer.

FARMER KICKED BY MULE

Iredell's Cooperative Creamery in Flourishing Condition.

Statesville, April 13.—Mr. S. G. Caudill, a well-to-do farmer of Shiloh township in this county, was dangerously injured yesterday afternoon by being kicked in the abdomen by a mule. The local physician who was summoned immediately realized that Mr. Caudill was suffering from internal injuries and late in the afternoon he was brought to Dr. Long's Sanatorium here. Last night an operation was performed and it was found that his small intestine had been broken entirely into at two different places. The intestines were re-joined by the doctors and everything possible is being done for the patient, but it is realized that his condition is very serious and doubtful.

Government Dairy Agent Arrey reports that Iredell's co-operative creamery established at Mooresville some months ago is in a very flourishing condition.

At the end of the past week the creamery was behind with its orders to the amount of 2,500 pounds of butter, its product being very much in demand. During the month of March the creamery manufactured 15,012 pounds of butter. The creamery is now supported by 17 cream routes and has a total of 250 cream patrons. Some of the Iredell dairy farmers, however, are still shipping their cream to the Catawba Co-operative Creamery at Catawba. Before the establishment of Iredell's plant all the cream from the Iredell routes went to the Catawba plant. The farmers are finding dairying much more profitable since the establishment of the cream routes and the creameries.

TO ASSIST IN REVIVAL.

Rev. A. D. Wilson Goes to Edenton, Supt. Davis to Speak.

(Special to The News and Observer.)

Louisburg, April 13.—Rev. A. D. Wilson, pastor of the Methodist church here, has gone to Edenton to assist the pastor of the Methodist church there in a series of meetings.

Rev. R. L. Davis, of the Anti-Slavery League, will address the united congregations of this city next Sunday night. He will speak at Cassalia Sunday morning.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA RECEIVES MORE GIFTS

State of Thomas Jefferson Unveiled —Dr. Alderman Completes Decade of Presidency.

Charlottesville, Va., April 13.—Founders day was celebrated at the University of Virginia today by the unveiling of a bronze statue of Thomas Jefferson done by Karl Hitter and presented to the University by Charles R. Crane, of Chicago.

President Alderman announced a gift of \$100,000 for a new laboratory, hall from John Blackwell Cobb, of New York and half from a donor whose name was withheld. Mrs. Charles H. Senff, of New York has given \$10,000 to improve the University grounds.

Fairfax Harrison, president of the Southern Railway, was the chief speaker of the day. David F. Houston, Secretary of Agriculture presented the Jefferson statue on behalf of Mr. Crane.

Dr. Alderman was congratulated by the speakers on completion of the first decade of his presidency.

Secretary Houston paid tribute to Jefferson as the one man of a century ago who more completely than any other, would, if he were alive, comprehend the present day and feel at home in it.

"Certainly the present desperate situation of the world would seem very familiar to him," said Mr. Houston, "for from the beginning of his official career until its close, Europe was ablaze, as it is now, and our nation was laboring under handicaps. In the trying and threatening circumstances of his day he and his great chief, Washington, were determined that this nation should not step into the 'bloody arena' but they were equally bent on preserving the sovereignty and independence of the nation, preferring every consequence to insult and habitual wrong."

"His plea for strict neutrality," said Mr. Houston, "has a singularly modern character."

Ambitious Program Debating Union 1916

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ampton, Halifax, Columbus, Wilson, Forayth, Davidson, Swain, Lincoln and Stokes.

No Moonlight Excursion

The journey to Chapel Hill was no moonlight excursion or an afternoon's pleasure trip to many of the teams that were fired with a zeal to compete for the Aycock Memorial Cup. The Almond school, of Swain county, travelled on the round trip 662 miles—on rail and foot. The party of five saw an outgo of \$100 in footing the expense account. The Manteo school composed of four girls, journeyed 240 miles each way. Their routing was by water, rail and automobile. The expense budget of the party of five was \$115. The teams of Jefferson, Ashe county, covered a distance of 400 miles; Waynesville, Haywood county, 350 miles; Hendersonville, Henderson county, 520 miles; Whiteville, Columbus county, 250 miles; Orrum, Robeson county, 150 miles; Belmont, Gaston county, 220 miles; Piedmont, Cleveland county, 280 miles.

120 Girls Enrolled

The total number of girls enrolled in the 1915 series reached 120. Only 29 qualified to participate in the finals at Chapel Hill. This fact lends additional distinction to the crowning achievements of Misses Lilla Rookh Fleming and Ethel Gardner, the winners of the trophy. The display of art in debating by these two youthful girls—16 and 17 years old, respectively—spoke volumes to their individual credit and to the training inculcated by C. L. Coon, superintendent of city schools, and C. C. Hayworth, principal of the Wilson school. The girls carried back with them on their exultant journey home the Aycock Memorial Cup.

The Carthage school is deserving of special mention as a worthy contestant of Wilson in the second round of preliminaries for final honors. The team was composed of H. W. Williamson and Neill McKay. The latter holds the distinction of having been an active member of the Debating Union for three years. He has represented the Carthage school each year in the contest.

Lumberton, Holly Springs and Stoneville are the only three schools in the State that have qualified to compete in the Chapel Hill preliminaries for three consecutive years. Lumberton made the second preliminary on the negative side of the query in the contest Friday morning.

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