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NORTH STATE HAPPENINGS

Occurrences of Interest Gleaned From All Sections of the Busy Tar Heel State

SELECTING SEED-CORN FOR LARGER YIELDS.

North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station, West Raleigh—C. B. Williams, Director.

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 the field this fall. One day spent in the field in selecting seed-corn properly will pay better in increased yields than any labor performed during the entire year.

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 at 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.

Opening at Elizabeth.

Charlotte, Special.—Thursday morning saw one of the most successful openings in the history of Elizabeth College. Students began coming in three days ago until now all the professors and students have arrived and are ready to begin work.

Accused of Wife Murder.

Durham, Special.—The most sensational homicide this county has known since the crime for which John Hodges was hanged, the murder of his wife two years ago, took place three miles from Durham, and W. H. Tilley is held without bail.

Big Fire at High Point.

High Point, Special.—Fire Friday morning at 3:40 o'clock was discovered in the Sapp block on North Main street, and before it was subdued gutted the building, destroying the goods of Clark Shoe Company, valued at \$10,000, and insured for \$6,000; the High Point Clothing Company, valued at \$10,000 or more, with insurance of \$8,000; Moore Book Store valued at \$2,000, with \$1,200 insurance. Several people lived up stairs in the building and lost about all they had.

Fire Destroys Seven Stores.

Springhope, Special.—Fire at 3 o'clock Friday morning destroyed the postoffice and seven store buildings in the heart of the town. The loss is about \$5,000. The buildings were all of wood and an eyesore to the town. No insurance was carried on the property.

Sunday School Association.

Charlotte, Special.—The indications are that there will be a large attendance at the convention of the Mecklenburg County Sunday School Association. This is a convention of Sunday schools of all denominations and meets with the Sugar Creek Presbyterian church Saturday and Sunday.

Woman Killed by Street Car.

Spencer, Special.—Jumping from a clump of bushes in front of a rapidly moving street car in Spencer, Della Moore, colored, was instantly killed and her body mashed into jelly by a car of the Salisbury and Spencer Street Railway. It is thought suicide was her motive. She had been seen drinking near the scene of the accident a short time before the motor man had no chance to stop the car in time to prevent the tragedy.

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THE APPLE BITTER ROT

North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station, West Raleigh—C. B. Williams, Director.

Occurrence in North Carolina.—This disease occurs in very destructive form throughout the Piedmont and eastern sections of the State, though it is possibly less destructive further west. In a recent trip through the middle section of the State, the writer saw dozens of orchards ruined by this rot which, but for the presence of it, would have yielded largely. In many of the orchards visited, the trees were in fine condition, showing suitability of soil and climate, and they bore an abundance of fruit, but closer examination showed that the ground under the trees was completely covered with rotten apples and that the apples still on the trees had numerous specks of soft, brown rot. In many villages and towns all apples offered for sale in stores were affected with this rot.

The facts as stated above show the very destructive prevalence of this disease in this State. This rot has been known in destructive form in the United States since 1867. It is estimated to have done \$1,500,000 of damage in four counties in Illinois in 1900. In the Middle States the losses are estimated to be from one-half to three-fourths of the entire crop. The President of the National Apple Shippers Association estimated damage in the United States in 1900 at \$10,000,000.

Description of the Bitter Rot.—There are many different types of apple rot, some are hard, some soft, some wet, some dry, some of one color and some another, etc. The bitter rot of the apple, sometimes called the ripe rot, is a soft, wet, mellow rot, occurring usually as circular spots on the fruit. These spots, of which there may be from one to twenty or more on each apple, enlarge rapidly, run together, and the whole fruit becomes a soft, rotten mass. The disease usually begins while the fruit is still hanging on the tree, and as the disease progresses, many of the apples fall to the ground below.

Cause of the Rot.—This rot is caused by a fungus, known as Gloeosporium, the spores of which fall upon the apple, grow, penetrate it, and cause the decay. The spores are produced in immense quantities in small pustules, which appear upon the rotted surface. In many instances, the fungus passes the winter in cankered spots on the twigs and bark.

Treatment.—There are two forms of treatment, both of which should be followed.

First, inasmuch as the fungus is known to winter in the canker on the branches, it is important when the leaves are off the trees to carefully inspect the orchard, hunt out these cankers, cut them out and burn them, and thus remove the most dangerous source of spring infection.

Second, the trees should be sprayed with Bordeaux Mixture in order to kill all spores which fall upon the fruit or twigs. Sprays should be applied before the buds begin to swell in the spring, just after the blossoms fall, and every ten or fourteen days thereafter until the fruit is almost ripe.

These two treatments combined will to a very large extent, serve to control this very serious disease.

F. L. STEVENS, Biologist.

Kick Fractures Skull.

Statesville, Special.—Mr. Noah Sloan, a young farmer, is in a dangerous condition at his home in Concord township as the result of a kick from a mule. He was in the act of unbiting a team of mules from a mowing machine Thursday afternoon when one of the animals began kicking and Mr. Sloan received a heavy blow on his head.

Bad Fire in East Spencer.

Salisbury, Special.—Nine dwellings were destroyed by fire in East Spencer shortly after midnight Monday night, entailing a loss of \$10,000, with but little insurance. The fire originated in a meat market and the high winds operated against the firemen. This is the worst fire in the history of East Spencer.

Tar Heel Items.

The cotton crops of Seaford county are proving to be very short. This is caused by the extreme dry weather a few weeks before the recent heavy rains, and then the floods made matters worse. Cotton has suffered greatly from the excessive rains; much of it was open and during the rains sprouted in the burs, and is now giving a product classed as storm cotton. With a short crop and short prices, and that coming after a failure on the watermelon and cantaloupe proposition, things are not what they were a year ago from the farmers' standpoint.

The State School for the Blind at Raleigh opened this week with 301 students, the largest enrollment in the history of the institution, and Superintendent John E. Ray says the outlook is for the most successful session in the history of the institution.

Linwood College, located at All Healing Springs, near Gastonia, opened last Wednesday with more than 80 in the boarding department. A number of others is expected.

MADE FATAL FLIGHT

Airship Plunges to the Earth From Great Height

CARRYING ONE MAN TO DEATH

Wright's Aeroplane Meets With Serious Accident, Killing One and Severely Injuring the Daring Navigator.

Washington, Special.—After having drawn the attention of the world to his aeroplane flights at Fort Myer, and having established new world records for the heavier-than-air flying machines, Orville Wright met with a tragical mishap while making a two-mile flight. The aeroplane was accompanied by Lieutenant Thomas E. Selfridge, of the Signal Corps of the army. Lieutenant Selfridge was fatally injured and died at 8:10 o'clock at night. Mr. Wright was seriously injured, but is expected to recover.

Official Investigation.

Major George O. Squier, acting chief signal officer of the army Friday morning convened the board of signal officers for the purpose of making an official inquiry into the death of Lieutenant Selfridge. Major Charles McK. Saltzman as chairman and Captain Charles S. Wallace and Lieut. Frank P. Lahm were the other members present.

Major Squier, as acting chief signal officer, reviewed the finding of the court, which were given out by him as follows:

The Findings of the Court.

"The board finds that the accident which occurred in an unofficial flight ride at Fort Myer, Va., at about 5:18 p. m., September 17th, 1908, was due to the accidental breaking of a propeller blade and a consequent unavoidable loss of control which resulted in the machine falling to the ground from a height of about 75 feet.

"The board finds that First Lieutenant Thomas E. Selfridge, First Field Artillery (attached to the Signal Corps by War Department orders, and assigned to aeronautical duty), accompanied Mr. Wright, by authority, on the aeroplane for the purpose of officially receiving instructions and received injuries by the falling of the machine which resulted in his death."

The signal corps will proceed with its aeronautical work and it is understood that the Wright brothers will be permitted to make their official trials whenever they are ready, without endangering their chance of receiving the contract price of \$25,000 for their aeroplane.

Chandler the Nominee.

Rochester, N. Y., Special.—Nominating all but one of its candidates by acclamation and adopting a platform which arraigns the administration of Governor Hughes and pledges earnest support to the Denver platform and candidates, the Democratic State convention nominated as the head of its ticket for Governor the present Lieutenant Governor of the State, Lewis Stuyvesant Chandler, of Dutchess county. John A. Dix, of Washington county, was nominated for Lieutenant Governor. All opposition to Mr. Chandler disappeared after a conference of the State leaders, which occupied a greater part of the night. The ticket decided upon by the leaders, with one exception, seemed to meet the approval of all the delegates, and the nominations were made with great enthusiasm until the office of State Engineer and Surveyor was reached. The conference candidate for this office was Philip P. Farley, of Brooklyn, and McCarran man, Senator McCarran, amid the cheers of his supporters, took the platform "to resent an insult."

Suffocated in Tunnel.

Detroit, Mich., Special.—Two men were suffocated and three others injured by a fire in the West End of the Michigan Central tunnel Tuesday morning. When the flames were discovered the two hundred men working in the shaft made a dash for the exits. All reached the air except four. The exact amount of damage is unknown.

Testify to Discriminations.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—There were only two witnesses examined by Special Examiner Smith, representing the Interstate Commerce Commission in the complaint of four negro bishops alleging discrimination against their race by several Southern railroads. The witnesses were H. E. Perry, a negro insurance worker, and A. Graves, a negro real estate agent of Atlanta. Both told of instances in which they had been refused better accommodations than was furnished by the railroads, even though they had been willing to pay for them.

Lockout of Two Hundred Thousand Operatives Probable.

Manchester, Eng., By Cable.—Late Friday night there seemed to be no hope that a lockout of 200,000 cotton operatives could be avoided. The wage dispute is of long standing. The employers proposed to reduce wages five per cent, but they finally consented not to put the reduction in force until January of next year. The operatives voted on the question whether or not to accept this offer.

Six Hundred People Homeless.

Saco, Maine, Special.—Six hundred people are rendered homeless and a half million feet of lumber are consumed in a fire that swept this city. It originated in a lumber yard and a high wind caused a rapid spread of the flames. The damage would have been much greater had not help arrived from Biddeford. There were many thrilling escapes from death. The flames were subdued at noon.

Mad Dog Causes Trouble.

Spartanburg, S. C., Special.—A mad dog ran amuck in the streets here Tuesday afternoon doing considerable damage before it was killed. The animal attacked J. P. Hertzog, a well known contractor, and inflicted a slight wound on his leg. The dog also bit a colored nurse and then attacked a pair of mules hitched to the street sprinkler, biting one of the mules on the hip.

POSTAL BANKS FAVORED

Proposition to Establish Postal Savings Banks Will be Considered by the National Association of Postmasters at Their Convention in Chattanooga.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.—Discussion of postal savings banks and parcels post will occupy the attention of the National Association of Postmasters of First Class Officers during the convention opened in this city Thursday. Postmaster General Geo. Von L. Myer and several of his subordinates from Washington, with postmasters from nearly all of the larger cities of the country will take part in the consideration of these vital topics.

Postmaster General Myer has gone on record as favoring both projects and will renew his recommendations for their adoption in his next annual report to the President and Congress. The postal savings bank proposition, in its modified form, will limit deposits to small amounts, thus making the system practically an auxiliary and feeder for national and State banks. Opinion among the visiting postmasters as to the parcels post system is divided, but a majority favor the plan. Friends of the measure declare that nothing now prevents the establishments of a parcels post but the influence of the express companies.

In the matter of back-stamping the day and hour of arrival of letters, the postmasters are generally agreed that the plan should be continued. The practice was discontinued in New York, but the postmaster of that city reports that numerous complaints have been made by patrons. Lawyers and big commercial concerns have urged that the practice of back-stamping be resumed, as the back-stamp is sometimes highly important in the trial of cases by law.

Spectacular Attempt at Murder and Suicide.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.—A spectacular attempt at murder and suicide occurred at the crowded corner of Monroe and Third streets at 6 o'clock Monday night when Mose Cook, 45 years old, an insurance clerk, shot three bullets into his wife and attempted to kill himself. With the revolver in his mouth and repeatedly pulling the trigger, his life was saved only by the fact that all of the cartridges had been exploded. The man coolly started to reload the weapon when a bystander seized a club and felled him to the pavement. The woman was taken to the hospital.