

BRIEF NEWS NOTES FOR THE BUSY MAN

MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS OF
THE PAST WEEK TOLD IN
CONDENSED FORM.

WORLD'S NEWS EPITOMIZED

Complete Review of Happenings of
Greatest Interest From All
Parts of World.

Southern.

Dangling from the limb of a tree the body of Azariah Curtis, a young negro, was found at Butler, Ala., as mute evidence that the murder of B. Bush, a planter who was shot to death had been avenged. Curtis confessed that he and two other negroes killed Mr. Bush while they were lying in wait for two men whom they intended robbing. According to the negro's confession the highwaymen were waiting for Tax Collector T. B. Bennett and J. F. Howington, both of whom were known to have large sums of money on their person.

Permanent organization of the governors of the various states of the United States in an association to be known as "The Governors' Conference," was effected here at the annual conference of the state executives. Annual meetings of the organization will be held. Its active members will embrace the governors and governors elect of the various states. Ex-governors will be admitted to the conference as honorary members, with all privileges of the organization except the right to vote.

J. Beal Sneed was found not guilty of the murder of Capt. A. G. Boyce Sr., at Fort Worth, Texas. John Beal Sneed shot Capt. A. G. Boyce to death January 13, 1912, at Fort Worth, soon after Sneed had returned from Winnipeg, Canada, with his wife, with whom Al G. Boyce, Jr., son of Captain Boyce, had eloped. Captain Boyce was sitting in a hotel lobby when Sneed entered and almost immediately shot him. Captain Boyce was unarmed. Sneed claimed self-defense, and also a conspiracy of the Broyles to rob him of his wife.

The commission form of municipal government has been inaugurated in New Orleans. Martin Behrman, mayor for the past eight years, was again sworn in for another four-year term under the new form of government. The mayor is also "commissioner of public affairs." Four other commissioners complete the organization.

General.

That the operating departments of a city government should be manned by a force selected and retained solely because of competence, was a suggestion contained in the joint committee report of the National Municipal League and the National Service Reform League, presented at the annual meeting of the latter organization at Milwaukee, Wis.

It cost the Democratic national committee \$159,446 to carry the election for Wilson and Marshall.

Rebel groups under Gen. Pascual Orozco Jr., Marcelo Caraveo and Antonio Rojas have combined along the Mexican Central railway midway between Chihuahua City and Juarez, making a command of more than one thousand men led by General Orozco. It is stated that they attacked a north-bound Mexican train below Gallego.

Samuel Kramer, wanted in New York as accessory after the fact in the Rosenthal murder, was arrested in Chicago by detectives after a desperate resistance in which Kramer was beaten unconscious. Acting on telegraphic information from New York the detectives found Kramer hiding in a house on the police list in the west side levee. Kramer is 23 years old and is known under a number of other names. He was charged with having sheltered "Gyp the Blood" and two companions in his Brooklyn home after the Rosenbergs were sacrificed and five persons are not expected to live as a result of a wreck on the Pennsylvania railroad near Dresden, Ohio. Four persons were killed outright and four died soon after the crash in a hospital. The casualties occurred in the rear coach of a passenger train when the engine of another train ploughed through, reducing the car and its occupants into a tangled mass of broken bodies and steel and timber.

At New York City the Walters' Association, at the celebration of its ninth birthday, dedicated a library of 2,000 volumes, bought with money obtained by selling champagne corks at \$2.50 per thousand.

After more than sixteen years depositors in the private bank of Emilio de Stefano at Chicago will be paid. Although he will celebrate his 100th birthday anniversary soon, Jacob Somers, Huntington's (Ind.) oldest resident, submitted to his first shave at the hands of a barber. He did it under protest. The barber was summoned secretly by a daughter.

Fewer deer than ever before were slain in the Maine woods during the hunting season, which has just closed, but twelve men were killed and fourteen wounded when they were mistaken for deer.

Alarm at the growth of Buddhism on the Pacific coast is expressed in the report of the home missions committee at the federal council of the Churches of Christ submitted. "One of the most startling facts, confirmed by investigation, is that Buddhism in Seattle, San Francisco and Los Angeles is aggressively propagating itself from these centers," says the report. Buddhist temples have been erected in which cultured priests administer the rites and ceremonies of their religion.

Loud applause greeted the jury's verdict of "first degree murder" in the trial of William J. Brown for the murder of Alfred Percy. Mrs. Alfred Percy, wife of the victim, clasped her hands with delight. "I would not take a thousand dollars for that verdict," she exclaimed a few minutes later. The wife of the accused man nodded her satisfaction with the outcome of the trial. Brown killed Percy as the latter stepped from a street car in Oakdale, Ala., July 6, last. He entered place of self defense.

"Of forty fires a day in New York City," says Fire Commissioner Johnson, "are set with fraud as a purpose." Rev. Charles Stehle, secretary of the bureau of social service of New York City, in an address before the federal council of the Churches of Christ, said that Ellis Island should be closed for five years and that some Southern city should be made the port of entry for immigrants.

William Collier of Los Angeles and an unknown companion were burned to death in the local jail after they had started in the flames in the hope of making their escape at Crawley, La. Collin Lebeu, also a prisoner, was seriously burned. Collier and the unknown prisoner were being held on a minor charge. According to Lebeu the two men started the conflagration, despite his efforts to dissuade them. They both were overcome by smoke in their cells, where their charred bodies later were found.

Governor Wilson has heard his first tariff discussion since his election as president of the United States. He visited the Bermuda parliament, where he was cheered and sat among the members for three hours.

President-elect Woodrow Wilson was a principal in a "first aid" case at Hamilton, Bermuda. He rescued a honeymoon couple who fell from their bicycles in front of his house. The bride was slightly injured and one of Mr. Wilson's daughters assisted in bathing her wounds.

After four and a half months studying pellagra in South Carolina, the Thompson-McFadden pellagra commission reported that while its data on the epidemiology of the disease was the most complete ever obtained, the mystery enveloping the origin of the ailment has not been dispelled. It will take months to get the details into such a shape that anything like a logical conclusion may be drawn and the probability is that the cause cannot be positively determined without further exhaustive investigation.

"Good cooks are more necessary than governors," said Gov. Thomas R. Marshall in his address on "The Personal Touch" before the local council of women. "I do not think there is any one in this world aside from my wife, that is more competent than my cook. I think she is well educated. I don't suppose she would be received at many of the social functions, but she does her work as it should be done. There is not a working woman in this city that is doing an honest work that is not more important to this state than the governor of Indiana."

Washington.

After sixteen years, a record of service in the cabinet, Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, has submitted to President Taft the last annual report he will make as head of the United States department of agriculture. The report is more than a review of the past year's work; it contains a summary of the agricultural advance of the country during the venerable secretary's term of public service.

Strongly urging radical reform of the "unreasoned and unscientific" banking and currency system of the United States, Franklin MacVeagh, secretary of the treasury, freely warns congress in his annual report submitted that the Federal government, as long as the present scheme exists, will be exclusively responsible for the commercial, industrial and social disasters which flow from panics and attack, directly or indirectly, every home in the nation. The present system promotes and develops panics, and legislation is urgent, says Mr. MacVeagh.

Appropriations of nearly two hundred million dollars for pensions to veterans of American wars will be necessary at this session of congress. The unusual sum exceeding all appropriations of former years, will be necessary to make up a deficit of nearly twenty million dollars, resulting from the increase of pensions by the Sherwood bill last winter and the proportionate increase of the general pensions authorized by this act.

The Supreme court declined to interpret the pure food law as involved in the case of the seizure of 443 cans of frozen egg the circuit court of the United States for the District of Columbia had no jurisdiction to hear the case. Four hundred and forty-three cans of frozen egg product, shipped from Kansas, were seized by the government as being a shipment in violation of the pure food law, on the ground that it was a decomposed substance. The consignees of the shipment insisted that the egg product was not decomposed, and around this point the controversy turned.

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE OVER

METHODISTS ADJOURN SESSION
AT FAYETTEVILLE AFTER AP-
POINTMENTS.

MANY CHANGES IN PASTORS

Presiding Elder Wilson's Resolution
Withdrawn.—Rev. Roger H. Hasty
Transferred.—Commissioner of Edu-
cation Appointed.

Fayetteville.—A few minutes after the hour of noon Monday Bishop Collins Denny had concluded the reading of the appointments of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the seventy-sixth session of the Conference adjourned immediately afterward, Bishop Denny pronouncing the benediction.

The appointments are:
Durham District.—R. C. Beamon, presiding elder; Burlington station, T. A. Sikes; Chapel Hill station, G. S. Bearden; Durham, Branson, H. C. Smith; Durham, Carr Church, A. L. Ormond; Durham, Mangum Street, C. B. Culbreth; Durham, Memorial, G. F. Smith; Durham, Lakewood Mission, L. Hayman; Durham, Trinity, R. C. Craven; Durham, West Durham, A. J. Parker; Durham Circuit, W. P. Con stable; Graham, R. G. L. Edmonds; Hillsboro Circuit, J. M. Ormond; Leasburg Circuit, C. R. Ross; Milton Circuit, S. F. Nix; Mount Tirzah Circuit, B. C. Alfred; North Alamance, R. B. Noblitt; Pelham and Shady Grove, L. Andrews; Peele Mill and Bethany, B. B. Slaughter; Roxboro Circuit, E. M. Spikes; South Alamance, W. F. Galloway; Secretary Y. M. C. A. in China, E. E. Barnes; Professor in Trinity College, H. D. Spence; Head master in Trinity Park High School, W. W. Peele; Student in Vanderbilt University, G. M. Daniel.

Elizabeth City District.—M. F. Plyler, presiding elder; Camden Circuit, A. W. Price; Chowan Circuit, B. T. Hurley; Columbia Circuit, K. D. Dural; Currituck Circuit, C. P. Jerome; Dare Circuit, J. A. Morris; Edenton Station, P. D. Woodall; Elizabeth City, City Road, J. H. Buffalo; Elizabeth City, First Church, J. C. Wooten; Gates Circuit, W. H. Brown; Hartford Circuit, William H. Smith; Hertford Station, F. M. Shamburger; Kenne-kett, J. L. Midgett; Kittle Hawk Circuit, M. B. Cox, supply; Moyock Circuit, J. A. Martin; North Gates Circuit, T. M. Grant; Pantego and Belhaven, C. A. Jones, C. J. H. Miller; Pasquotank Circuit, V. A. Royal; Perquimans Circuit, P. B. Robinson; Plymouth Station, W. J. Watson; Roanoke Island, J. T. Draper; Roper Station, J. W. Potter; Student in Trinity College, T. W. Lee.

Fayetteville District.—R. B. John, presiding elder; Bladen Circuit, J. M. Whitson, supply; Buckhorn Circuit, L. M. Chaffin; Carthage Circuit, E. E. Rose; Cokesbury Circuit, F. T. Dixon; Duke, Frank Culbreth; Dunn Station, J. H. Shore; Elise Circuit, T. C. Eilers; Fayetteville Circuit, G. B. Starling; Goldston Circuit, M. D. Giles; Haw River Circuit, W. E. Trotman; Hope Mills Circuit, N. B. Strickland; Jonesboro Circuit, J. G. Johnson; Lillington Circuit, George W. Perry; Newton Grove Circuit, G. T. Simmons; Pittsboro Circuit, L. E. Sawyer; Sanford, K. D. Holmes; Siler City Circuit, T. H. Sutton.

Newbern District.—J. E. Underwood, presiding elder; Atlantic, Z. B. Fryatt, supply; Beaufort Station, S. A. Cotton; Bridgeton Circuit, R. E. Pittman; Carteret Circuit, F. F. Fuleher; Dover Circuit, L. B. Pattifall; Elm Station and East Kinston, J. M. Wright; Goldsboro, St. Paul, N. H. Wilson; Goldsboro, St. John, E. C. Thompson; Goldsboro Circuit, C. O. Durant; Grifton Circuit, E. D. Dodd; Hookerton Circuit, W. B. Hocutt; Jones Circuit, C. E. Vale; Kinston Station, F. S. Love; LaGrange Circuit, J. M. Carraway, supply; Morehead City Station, E. McWhorter; Mount Olive Circuit, W. A. Pliand; Newbern, Centenary, J. B. Hurley; Ocracoke and Portsmouth, F. F. Eare supply; Oriental Circuit, Walter Patten; Pamlico Circuit, F. S. Beckton supply; Seven Springs Circuit, R. R. Johnson supply; Snow Hill Circuit, J. J. Boone; Straits Circuit, W. B. Humble.

Raleigh District.—J. H. Hall, presiding elder; Cary Circuit, G. W. Fisher; Clayton Circuit, C. W. Robinson; Four Oaks District, G. W. Starling; Franklinton Circuit, W. W. Rose;

Saved Over \$1,500 For Wake.
The records in the office of the Wake county register of deeds show that the substitution of the salary basis for fees in that office saved over \$1,500 to the county during the fiscal year ending November 30.

Reorganization of Commissioners.
The Wake County Board of Commissioners reorganized, the only change being E. C. Beddingfield in the place of W. C. Brewer. Mr. Beddingfield was for a long while Corporation Commissioner.

Grantville Circuit, M. D. Hix; Kenly Circuit, J. M. Benson; Louisburg Station, A. D. Wilcox; Millbrook Circuit, P. Greening; Oxford Circuit, L. H. Joyner; Oxford Station, A. P. Tyre; Raleigh, Central Church, J. H. McCracken; Raleigh, Edenton Street, H. M. North; Raleigh, Epworth, C. J. Harrell; Raleigh, Jenkins Memorial and Apex, R. E. Taylor; Salem and Princeton, J. M. Daniels; Smithfield Station, A. S. Barnes; Tar River Circuit, C. R. Canipe; Youngsville Circuit, J. W. Martin; Zebulon Circuit, G. B. Perry; Director of Correspondence School, J. L. Cunningham; Raleigh Christian Advocate, L. S. Massey, editor; Methodist Orphanage, J. N. Cole, superintendent; Assistant Secretary Epworth League, J. M. Culbreth; Student Vanderbilt University, N. V. McRae; Financial agent Louisburg Female College, A. D. Wilcox; Superintendent North Carolina Anti-Saloon League, R. L. Davis.

Rockingham District.—A. M. McCullen, presiding elder; Aberdeen and Biscoe, C. L. Reid; Caledonia Circuit, J. C. Humble; Ellerbe Circuit, C. C. Brothers; Hamlet Station, J. A. Dail; Laurel Hill Circuit, F. B. McCall; Laurinburg Station, H. A. Humble; Lumberton Station, J. W. Bradley; Maxton Station, S. E. Mercer and E. L. Jones; Mount Gilead Circuit, N. E. Coltrane; Montgomery Circuit, S. J. McConnell supply; Candor, D. B. Parker; Raeford, A. E. B. Craven and D. A. Watkins; Red Springs, H. M. Eure; Richmond Circuit, B. E. Stanfield; Robelrod Circuit, N. E. Wright; Robeson Circuit, S. T. Moyle, R. W. Townsend and N. H. Townsend supernumerary; Rockingham Station, E. H. Davis; Rowland Circuit, J. D. Lee; St. John and Gibson, O. W. Dowd; St. Paul Circuit, A. J. Graves; Troy Circuit, C. W. Smith; Conference missionary evangelist, L. L. Nash.

Washington District.—J. T. Gibbs, presiding elder; Aurora Circuit, J. W. Hoyle; Ayden Circuit, Ambrose Burgess supply; Bath Circuit, J. B. Bridges; Bethel Circuit, D. A. Futrell; Elm City, J. M. Ashby; Farnville Circuit, H. E. Tripp; Fairfield and Englehardt, C. C. Glenn; Fremont Circuit, R. R. Grant; Greenville Jarvis Memorial, E. M. Hoyle; Mattamuskeet Circuit, J. W. Autrey; McKendree Circuit, W. J. Covington supply; Mount Pleasant Circuit, J. L. Rumley; Rocky Mount First Church, L. P. Howard; South Rocky Mount, Marvin and Clark Street, J. B. Thompson; Stantonsburg Circuit, H. E. Lane; Springhope Circuit, P. W. Watson supply; Swanquarter and Soule, W. T. Phipps; Tarboro Station, L. B. Jones; Vanceboro Circuit, T. E. Wyche; Washington Station, R. H. Broom; Wilson Station, M. Bradshaw.

Warrenton District.—R. F. Bumpass, presiding elder; Battleboro and Whitakers, E. N. Harrison; Bertie Circuit, M. W. Dargan; Conway Circuit, D. L. Earnhardt; Enfield and Halifax, L. T. Singleton; Garysburg Circuit, Marvin Y. Self; Harrelsville Circuit, H. N. Caviness; Henderson, First Church, D. H. Tuttle; Hobgood Circuit, Marvin W. Hester; Littleton Station, R. H. Willis; Murfreesboro and Winton, H. M. Jackson; Northampton Circuit, W. B. North; North and South, Henderson, T. J. Darley; Rich Square Circuit, W. C. Merritt; Ridgeway Circuit, J. B. Holden; Roanoke Circuit, Rufus Bradley; Roanoke Rapids, William Tove; Scotland Neck Station, N. C. Yearby; Warren Circuit, R. W. Bailey; Warrenton Circuit, D. N. Caviness; Weldon and South Weldon, J. A. Hornaday; Williamston and Hamilton, J. T. Stanford; Littleton Female College, J. M. Rhoades; Missionary to Japan, J. W. Frank.

Wilmington District.—L. E. Thompson, presiding elder; Burgaw Circuit, T. G. Vickers; Carvers Creek Circuit, W. E. Brown; Chadbourne, W. C. Martin; Clinton Circuit, W. A. Stanbury; Halesboro Circuit, R. N. Pitts; Jacksonville, N. M. Wright; Kenansville Circuit, D. C. Geddie; Magnolia Circuit, E. C. Sell; Onslow Circuit, R. L. Carraway; Richards, J. M. Lower; Sea Gate and Wrightsville, G. B. Webster supply; Scotts Hill Circuit, R. A. Bruton; Shallotte Circuit, J. M. Marlowe supply; Southport Station, C. W. Lance; Swansboro Circuit, J. C. Whedbee; Taber Circuit, R. G. Beasley supply; Town Creek Circuit, F. A. Lupton supply; Whitesville, J. P. Pate; Wilmington, Bladen Street, N. L. Rexford; Wilmington, Grace, J. D. Bandy; Wilmington, Fifth Street, C. T. Adams; Wilmington, Trinity, C. T. Rodgers; Wallace and Rose Hill, B. H. Black; Conference missionary secretary, J. D. Bundy.

Transferred.—Rev. Roger H. Hasty to the Western North Carolina Conference.

Funds For N. C. Postoffices.
The following sums are available for North Carolina postoffice buildings: Raleigh, \$90,000; Gastonia, \$25,000; Greenville, \$25,000; Hendersonville, \$7,000; Hickory, \$20,000; Monroe, \$5,000; Oxford, \$10,000, and \$5,000 each for Raleigh and Charlotte for postoffice rent, while buildings are being erected.

Iredell Commissioner Resigns.
Saying that he considered the election of a new member of the Iredell Board of County Commissioners to the chairmanship over him an unfriendly act, Mr. N. B. Mills resigned the position to which he was so recently elected.

County Officers Take Oath of Office.
The board of Mecklenburg county commissioners held an important meeting. The meeting was the first for the new year, and all county officers took the oath of office.

THE STATE BOARD MAKES REPORT

COMPLETES CANVASS AND TURNS
IT OVER TO THE SECRETARY
OF STATE.

THE OFFICIAL REPORT GIVEN

State Treasurer Lacy Led the Demo-
cratic Ticket.—Woodrow Wilson
Received 144,507; Roosevelt 63,130
and Taft 28,175.

Raleigh.—The state board of elections completed its canvass of the election returns and turned the official figures over to the secretary of state.

The returns for state officers show that State Treasurer B. R. Lacy led the Democratic ticket with 150,059; Secretary of State J. Bryan Grimes received 150,093; Col. W. P. Wood, state auditor, received 150,059; Superintendent of Public Instruction J. F. Joyner, 149,987; Attorney General Dickert, 150,069; Commissioner of Labor and Printing Shipman, 149,929; Commissioner of Agriculture Graham, 149,998; Commissioner of Insurance James R. Young, 149,962; for Lieutenant Governor Daughdrifter, Democrat, received 149,779; Cassik, Taft Republican, 42,400, and Greene, Bull Moose, 51,371; D. L. Gore, Bull Moose candidate for state treasurer, received 51,478.

There was only a very slight difference in the votes for other defeated candidates for state offices.

The vote for governor follows: Craig, 149,975; Meares, 49,330; Settle, 43,625. Craig's majority over Meares and Settle is 56,420 and the total vote for Meares and Settle 93,555.

The returns for presidential vote show that Woodrow Wilson received 144,507; Roosevelt, 63,130 and Taft 28,175. Wilson's majority is 46,202 and total vote for Taft and Roosevelt, 98,305.

Beaufort Fair Association.
The Beaufort County Agricultural Fair Association, incorporated, was formally organized in Washington with an authorized capital stock of \$50,000 with \$5,000 paid in. The incorporators are Dr. Joshua Taylor, Dr. D. T. Taylor, Jesse L. Warren and George Hackney, Jr., and Capt. Geo. T. Leach. The following officers were elected: President, Dr. Joshua Taylor; secretary, Jesse L. Warren; treasurer, Geo. Hackney, Jr. The purposes of this organization is to establish and maintain fair grounds for agriculture, manufacturing industries, live stock, forestry, horticulture and other like exhibits, to establish race tracks for the exhibition of speed contests with automobiles, horses and bicycles.

Little Change Among Officers.
There was little change among the county officers at Warrenton, which met to take the oath of office. R. B. Davis was sworn in as county commissioner in place of Mr. J. T. Mills who has served the county for several terms and did not stand for re-election. All other officers were re-elected. P. M. Stallings, who has served as chairman of the board of county commissioners for several terms, was re-elected to that position. S. G. Daniel, who has served the board for several terms as county attorney was unanimously elected for another term.

Bonds Must Be Taxed.
An opinion of widespread interest in the list delivered by the supreme court is that in Drainage Commissioners vs. Webb, from Duplin county. In this the court holds that an act exempting the bonds of a drainage company from taxation is invalid. The opinion states that the constitution requires all property to be taxed ad valorem, except the property of the state, counties and municipalities and a drainage company is not a municipality; besides, the bonds are not the property of the party that issues them.

Gaston Officers On Salary Basis.
Beginning January 1, 1913, Gaston county's officers will go on a salary basis and the expectation is that the new scheme will prove of benefit to the county financially. Heretofore the officers have received their pay in fees and all of them have been getting more than good salaries under this arrangement. The salaries to be paid are as follows: Sheriff, \$2,000; clerk of the court, \$2,000, with \$600 for clerk hire; register of deeds, \$1,800 with \$600 for clerk hire; treasurer \$1,200 and jailor, \$50 per month.

N. C. Postoffice Appointments.
The following postoffice appointments for North Carolina were sent to the senate by President Taft: James W. Ingle, Elton College; Harry T. Scarborough, Mount Gilead; James McN. Johnson, Aberdeen; Walter C. Brinson, Belhaven; Thomas H. Dickens, Enfield; William P. Edwards, Franklinton; James E. Smith, Kittrell; W. Eugenia Miller, Lenoir; Walter H. Everhardt, Newton; Thomas C. Smith, Rutherford; Lonnie E. Pickard, West Durham; William D. Deal, Taylorsville; John R. Gurgens, Vineland.

THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

Receipts For the Year \$213,826.75—
Cotton Crop Same as That of
1910, Corn 20 Per Cent Less.

Raleigh.—The state board of agriculture devoted its first session to hearing the annual report of Commissioner Graham, which showed receipts for the year aggregating \$213,826.75, of which \$139,141 was from fertilizer tags; 27,198 from C. S. M. tags, \$23,722 from feed stamps, \$6,198 from serum, \$12,803 from test farms and amounts of \$1,000 and less, each from other sources. The treasurer's balance is \$3,700. The report carries no statements as to the oil inspection receipts. However, the report, in reviewing work of divisions, states that the legislature will probably consider the matter of reducing the tax.

The commissioner estimates the cotton crop at about the same as the 1910 crop, and the corn crop 20 per cent less; wheat about the same, but not as good quality; oats and potatoes fine and hay much above the average. He says important farm supplies fell off, happily, from \$60,000,000 in 1909, to less than \$40,000,000 in 1911. The tobacco crop was good, and prices the best in several years; there was a gain of 33,392 in number of hogs; cattle fell off 2,000 and sheep 9,000, according to tax returns.

The commissioner recommends the employment of an additional veterinarian. It was found necessary to raise the salary of State Horticulturist W. M. Hutt to \$2,750, without the authority of the board, in order to prevent his accepting an offer from Canada.

Over 600 farmers' institutes were held, every county except Dare having been favored. Each of the divisions of the department came in for review, analysis of fertilizers, soil survey, animal industry, entomology, horticulture, inspection of foods and feeds, farmers' institutes and demonstrations, botany, agronomy, the museum and test farms.

There are now more than 20 district and county fairs in the state, and Commissioner Graham commended the results obtained by the department in giving aid to these institutions.

Pardons One, Commutes Two.
Governor Kitchin pardoned one prisoner and commuted two, the crimes being manslaughter, burglary and larceny. He goes slightly into the history of one of the cases, the most interesting of the three cases being that of Will Setzer, alias Will Frazier, of Catawba county, who was serving a life sentence for burglary. Setzer went to the penitentiary in the spring of 1901. Governor Kitchin says this of his record: Prisoner and three others were guilty of second degree burglary. One who was used as a witness was sentenced to two years and the others to ten years each, while Setzer owing to his record was given a life sentence. Prisoner was then about twenty years old. He has served nearly twelve years with a good record. The solicitor and many other citizens ask for his pardon. I commute prisoner's sentence to a term of twenty years on condition that he always remain lawabiding.

Report of Registrar of University.
Of much interest to North Carolinians each year is the annual report of the registrar of the University of North Carolina, setting forth a general statistical survey of the 800 or more students of the institution with reference to the counties that they represent, the per cent of students from the state, occupations of the parents of the students, and the religious affiliations of the students, etc. The total enrollment in all departments for the session of 1912-13 is \$16.

Wilson County Officers Sworn In.
The newly elected officials of Wilson county were sworn in by the clerk of the superior court and gave bonds in the following sums: Howard M. Rowe, sheriff, \$105,000; John S. Thompson, treasurer, \$60,000; John P. Diddy, register of deeds, \$10,000; Golden Walston, constable Wilson township; N. F. Lucas, constable Cross Roads township, and John D. Mercer (appointed in place of Larry D. Mercer, who failed to qualify, \$1,000 each.

Durham County Commissioners.
The new board of Durham county commissioners were sworn in, the following taking the oath of office: J. T. Rogers, G. W. Flowers, Maynard Mangum, J. G. Nichols and A. B. Barber; Mr. Mangum was the only member of the old board, who was re-elected to the new board, only two other members of the old board being candidates for the nomination in the Democratic primary. J. T. Rogers was elected chairman and the board proceeded with the regular business of passing on accounts.

Charlotte Fair Association.
The annual meeting of the Charlotte Fair Association was held in the assembly room of the Selwyn Hotel. The stockholders named the following directors for the coming year: Messrs. A. L. Smith, J. A. Henderson, J. E. Thomas, J. A. Berryhill, E. B. Moore, J. O. Gardner and C. C. Moore. After the meeting the board of directors met and elected the following officers: C. C. Moore, president; J. O. Gardner, first vice president; A. L. Smith, second vice president, and E. B. Moore, secretary and treasurer.

LAND OF THE LONG LEAF PINE

Short Paragraphs of State News That
Has Been Condensed For the Peo-
ple of the State.

Belhaven.—In an affray between two boatmen of this place Ex Swindell was cut in the side with a pocket knife by George Williams.

Washington.—The next North Carolina Legislature may redistrict the state so as to give a more equal population in the next congressional districts.

Hendersonville.—The \$2,000 stock of general merchandise belonging to J. M. Lanning and \$900 worth of groceries belonging to R. A. Rohard were completely destroyed by fire. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Hendersonville.—Having taken the oath of office the newly-elected Board of County Commissioners in session recently made John T. Stator chairman, he being the only member of the new board who had served in the capacity of commissioner.

Washington.—At the meeting of the North Carolina Congressmen here Josephus Daniels of Raleigh will be endorsed for a Cabinet position. The state representatives in Congress have determined to make a strong fight for Mr. Daniels and it looks as if they would win.

Washington.—The annual agricultural fair at Aurora was held several days ago. Special trains ran from this city and numbers went over to see the exhibits, which are pronounced good. The live stock and farm products were adjudged exceptionally fine, and the attractions on the grounds of interest.

Raleigh.—Drs. D. T. and Joshua Taylor were called to Bear Grass to see Samuel C. Mizelle, a white man who was shot by Eason Rogers, also white, at the home of the latter. Both the physicians have no hope for the man's recovery and it was impossible to move him to Washington Hospital as he was too weak. The difficulty took place at the farm of Rogers.

Goldsboro.—The trustee problem of the Baptists of North Carolina seems satisfactorily settled. The resolutions of Rev. W. C. Barrett and Baylus Cade, looking to a recognition of the Convention by the boards which govern the Baptist educational institutions of the state, were reported on by the committee appointed to consider them, and the Convention accepted the solution offered.

Durham.—The proposition of opening negotiations with the Durham Water Company, in regard to a new contract, came up unexpectedly at the regular meeting of the board of aldermen, when half a dozen or more of the most prominent business men of the city appeared at the meeting and asked that some definite action be taken in regard to the matter without delay.

Raleigh.—Clarence H. Poe, as author of "Where Half the World is Waking Up," wins the Patterson loving cup for the year, as having done the best literary work of any North Carolinian. The award was made in connection with the thirteenth annual session of the North Carolina Literary and Historical Association. The presentation was by Walter H. Page of New York, who also delivered the literary address.

Kinston.—One of the actions of the North Carolina conference in recent session in Fayetteville was the establishment of a new charge to be known as "Elm Street and East Kinston." Elm Street is a newly organized church in Goldsboro, which, with the church in East Kinston, forms a double station. Rev. J. M. Wright is to have charge of this work. He comes from Bridgeton, N. C., where he has just finished a four-years' successful pastorate.

Wake Forest.—With damages that amounted to \$13,000, the W. C. Brewer & Company, cotton and seed warehouses burned to the ground here. The origin of the fire is still a puzzle, but the theory is that it started from a spark from a passing locomotive. When first discovered it had gained such headway that very little could be done in the fire fighting. Valuable assistance was rendered by the students of the college in removing bales of cotton from the platform to a place of safety.

High Point.—Governor-elect Locke Craig, of Asheville, delivered the annual memorial address at the memorial service of the Elks in the auditorium, where deferential respect was paid to the memory of the only deceased member during the year.

Statesville.—The new county administration was inaugurated recently, and while there are but few changes in the personnel of the county officers there was no lack of interest in the proceedings. The principal incident was the resignation of Mr. N. B. Mills as a member of the board of county commissioners.

Statesville.—John Arey, who recently declined the position of commissioner of agriculture for Iredell county, provided for by the Chicago Crop Improvement committee, the national department of agriculture and the county, has reconsidered the matter and will take the place.

Durham.—Mr. Otis Eakes, who was badly scalded and internally injured by falling into a tub of boiling gasoline, died at the Watts Hospital. Mr. Eakes was dry cleaner for the Model Steam Laundry, and while at work was overcome by the fumes and fell into the hot tub of gasoline nearby.