

FIRE AT STAR.

Plant of the Montgomery Roller Mill Co. Burned. The Montgomery Roller Mills at Star was destroyed by fire yesterday morning.

DEATH OF MRS. CRANFORD.

Funeral at Farmer Friday Last-Was Highly Esteemed. Mrs. Rosina Manah, wife of Mr. Zimri Cranford, died at her home at Hills Store, Friday after an illness of several months.

Does Prohibition Prohibit?

PROF. J. M. WAY, Pelzer, S. C. Written for The Courier.

The anti-prohibitionists have a hobby which, long ago worn out, and placed, as an epitaph, on the tomb of Annanias, they use every day, in every argument, and on every occasion. Every time the whiskey question is raised a chorus of red nosed prevaricators cry out, "Prohibition don't prohibit."

CONDENSED NEWS.

James Oliver, the millionaire plow manufacturer, died at his home at South Bend, Ind., last week. The Bank of Kinston has declared a 24 per cent dividend for the past nine months' business.

NEGROS RECOGNIZED.

Incident of the Wake County Republican Convention. The Republican convention of Wake county was held last Saturday. At the meeting when Claud Bernard rose to speak a negro shouted "He ain't no Delegate!"

OFFERING FOR MISSIONS.

Interesting Service at the Methodist Protestant Church Sunday Night. An interesting service was held at the Methodist Protestant Church Sunday night in the interest of missions.

RECEIVER FOR ANOTHER ROAD.

Western Maryland Railroad Cannot Meet Obligations and Receiver is Appointed. President B. F. Rusby, of the Western Maryland Railroad, has been appointed receiver of that road and will continue to operate the road under direction of the United States Circuit Court of Baltimore.

A Surprise Birthday Party.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Spoon gave a surprise social to a number of friends of their daughter, Miss Faria Spoon, Saturday evening in honor of her birthday anniversary.

Barn Burned.

A barn belonging to James Lamb, at Randleman, was destroyed by fire Sunday. The horses and buggy were saved but all the feed, tools, etc., were destroyed.

Public Speaking.

The voters of Randolph county will have the pleasure of hearing the two Democratic candidates for Governor Monday and Tuesday of next week.

Greensboro Bank Closed.

The City National Bank, of Greensboro, one of the oldest banks in the State, has closed its doors. The continued financial depression and inability to collect outstanding notes and accounts is the cause.

Killed His Father.

Cad Page, a white farmer, living near Wilson, was shot and killed by his 15-year-old son last Thursday. The father had been drinking and threatened to kill his wife with a pistol which he held.

No More Small Pox.

Dr. S. A. Henley, county superintendent of health, who has been treating several cases of small pox near Ramseur, announces that he has dismissed all the patients and has fumigated the houses, and that he has practically stamped out the disease.

President Winston Going Abroad.

President Geo. T. Winston will soon leave for Europe, where he will study agricultural education as taught in the Schools of Great Britain, France, Germany, and Belgium, where great progress has been made along this line.

WAS PROSPEROUS FARMER.

In the Death of Nixon Presnell Randolph Loses a Good Citizen. Nixon Presnell, one of Randolph county's best citizens, and owner of a large farm about four miles east of Asheboro, died Monday night after a lingering illness of several weeks.

The deceased was a brother of Messrs. Randall and Uriah Presnell, of Asheboro, and is survived by several children. Among them are Messrs. Henry, Braxton and John Presnell, of Asheboro, Messdames George Bean, Russell Williams and Herbert McGee, of the county.

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PROF. SMITH AT WORTHVILLE.

One of a Series of Lectures Under Auspices of School Committee. Prof. W. H. Swift, Superintendent of the Public Schools of Greensboro, will deliver a lecture to the people of Worthville on next Friday night March 13th, in the church at that place. His subject will be "Work."

The lecture will be given under the auspices of the Worthville School, and is one of a series of lectures by distinguished speakers.

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The Anti-Prohibition Meeting at Salisbury.

The meeting under the call of Geo. L. Morton, of Wilmington, for a meeting of democrats who are opposed to prohibition for a conference in Salisbury, on Thursday of last week, it appears was attended by only a few democrats. It is said upon authority that Capt. J. B. McNeill, of Fayetteville, Geo. L. Morton, of Wilmington, and Mr. Brooks Empie, of Wilmington, were the only persons living outside Salisbury who were present at the conference.

From another source it is learned that Mr. Harry Stubbs, of Martin County, was there. And from still another source it is learned that Mr. C. U. Harris, of Raleigh, was in attendance. The report sent out to the newspapers is that there were only three, and the names of those as given were Capt. McNeill, George L. Morton and Harry Stubbs. But the truth about the matter appears to be that there were two others, Mr. Brooks Empie, of Wilmington, and Mr. C. U. Harris, of Raleigh, Col. A. H. Boyden, of Salisbury, was elected chairman of the State Executive committee. It is said that there will be an executive committee in each of the 10 congressional districts.

Will Open Skating Rink.

T. M. Montgomery, of High Point, spent Monday in Asheboro in the interest of establishing a skating rink in Asheboro. He has secured the McAlister building near the courthouse and will have the ground floor put in shape for the rink. He expects to open it to the public within ten days. Mr. Ksu. Wilson is associated with him.

New School At Southern Pines.

The new school building just completed at Southern Pines at a cost of \$10,000 was dedicated last week. Robert C. Ogden, of New York, was the principle speaker. In his address he paid a high tribute to the people of the State and the progress of education in North Carolina.

Salisbury Federal Court.

The Courier announced recently that arrangements had been made for holding Federal court at Salisbury. The district will be composed of the Counties of Rowan, Stanley and Davidson and possibly Cabarrus counties.

Jim Smith Released.

Jim Smith, the notorious blockader of Smithtown, Stokes county, has been released on a bond of \$100,000. He has returned to his home in Stokes.

Not a Candidate.

E. O. Beddingfield, member of the North Carolina Corporation Commission, announces that he is not a candidate for reelection.

The Randolph Book Club meets with Mrs. J. D. Simpson on Friday at 3:30 p. m.

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COURT WEEK.

Gubernatorial Candidates to Address the People Monday and Tuesday.

The next term of Randolph Superior Court will be one filled with interest. Not that the docket is so large, nor are there many very important cases to be tried, but Judge Council, who will preside, will deliver an interesting charge to the grand jury. On Monday, during the noon recess of court, Hon. W. W. Kitchen, of Roxboro, eastern candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor, will address the people.

On Tuesday, at the same hour, Hon. Locke Craig, of Asheville, his opponent from the west, will also speak to the people of the county. Mr. Craig has written some of his friends in the county that in his address he will lay down the platform upon which he is running at this time.

Probably the most interesting case to be heard on the criminal docket is that against Joab Lane, col., who is charged with attempting to assassinate a son of Ashley Smith, in Grant township.

DEATH CAME SUDDENLY.

Mrs. Etta Welborn Became Ill While Out Driving With Mr. Welborn.

Mrs. D. N. Welborn, nee Miss Etta Collett, died suddenly at High Point Sunday while out driving with Mr. Welborn and her little son.

She was driving the horse, when suddenly she dropped her head on her husband's shoulder. Noticing that she was ill, her husband carried her into the home of Mrs. Lee A. Bries, where she soon expired.

The deceased was a daughter of John Collett, of Randolph county, and was 27 years of age. Besides her husband, five children survive her. She was beloved by all who knew her.

Important to Magistrates.

Justices of the peace who have not required the overseers to work the public roads may get a rap in the judge's charge at court next week, and the grand jury will, no doubt, take notice of the failure of the supervisors to attend to this important duty, which is enjoined upon them by their oath.

Masonic Notice.

Balfour Lodge, No. 188, A. F. & A. M., will meet in regular communication on Tuesday evening, March 17th, at 7:30 o'clock. The Lodge will have degree work in the third rank.

Mrs. Calvin Johnson, of High Point, died Saturday, aged 68 years old.