

Important News Briefly Told

Events of General Interest Reported for the Convenience of Readers Who Are in a Hurry.

The Progressive Farmer, of Raleigh, has purchased the subscription list of Modern Farmer, published in Richmond. This gives the Progressive Farmer 44,000 circulation.

Governor Wilson, of Kentucky, has issued pardons to all persons accused of the killing of Governor Geobel some years ago, except Henry Youtsey, who is now serving a life sentence.

E. C. Duncan, the purchaser of the Industrial News, has paid the trustee in bankruptcy the purchase price of the paper, \$5,162.66, and has taken possession of the property. Publication of the paper will be resumed shortly under the name of The Greensboro Daily News.

Fireman H. H. Burgess, of Southern engine 860, met a horrible fate at Selma Thursday night. In alighting from his engine he failed to hear a rapidly approaching switch engine and was run over and instantly killed. The deceased lived near Ramseur.

The former ruler of the Turkish Empire, Abdul Hamid II., is to be kept a prisoner in a large house with walled grounds, on a height overlooking Saloniki, which has lately been occupied by the Italian commander of the international Gendarmes. He is not to be put on trial as has been widely reported in Constantinople, for he is considered to be above the law.

A deal has been consummated by which a stock company secures the Wilmington Star, which has been published in Wilmington for 40 years by Maj. W. H. Bernard. The purchase price was \$20,000. The new company took charge the first of May. Many improvements are contemplated. Some of the leading business men of Wilmington are among the stockholders, including Mayor Springer, Jas. Sprunt and W. H. Bernard.

The Wadesboro Messenger reports that two men went through Anson county a few weeks ago, selling cloth and promising that their tailor would follow them shortly and make them up into suits. The cost per suit delivered was to be \$2.00. As yet the tailor has not made his appearance in the county. It appears that new games for separating people from their coin without returning a just equivalent are being evolved faster than ever.

The Wilmington subdivision of the National Red Cross Society is pushing the fight against the ravages of tuberculosis with great spirit. While the work among the whites is by no means neglected, special attention is being given to the negroes who seem peculiarly susceptible to the Great White Plague. A colored nurse has been employed for work among her own people, and her report shows that she has made 244 calls during the past month, and has now under her care 25 patients. A particularly commendable feature of her work is the fumigation and white-washing of premises for the elimination of all danger of infection.

State Superintendent J. Y. Joyner has forwarded to each board of county commissioners in the state a blank for the itemized statement of school receipts and expenses required to be submitted by the county board of education to the board of county commissioners as a basis for the levying of the special tax to provide a four-months' school in every district in the county, in accordance with the special act of the General Assembly of 1908, and in fulfillment of the requirement of article 9, section 3, of the constitution of North Carolina, says the Raleigh News and Observer. Dr. Joyner also encloses a copy of his letter to the county superintendent and the county board of education in regard to the preparation of this statement. He asks that the commissioners examine this blank and read carefully the letter, and asks the hearty co-operation of the board with the county board of education in securing an economically as possible the best possible school in every school district of the county.

MASS MEETING TO BE HELD AT COLLY

Plans Formulating for Reclamation of Wide Area of Swamp Lands in Bladen County—Meeting May 6th.

To the many readers of THE INDEX in Bladen county as well as to those all along the upper Cape Fear the following from the Wilmington Star is of special interest: "Plans for reclaiming a large area of the very fertile swamp lands on the upper Cape Fear river are now rapidly assuming tangible shape and, to the end that a community of interest may be obtained, a mass meeting of the land owners of French's Creek and Canetuck townships in Pender and Bladen counties is called to be held at Colly, Bladen county, at 10 o'clock on the morning of May 6th, at which time Mr. J. O. Wright, an expert of the Department of Drainage Investigation, United States Department of Agriculture, and Congressman H. L. Godwin, will be present to address and confer with the people as to the best manner of securing the so much desired improvement. "Engineer Phillips and an assistant of the department, have been in that section for ten days or more, making all necessary surveys, etc., and at the Colly meeting it is proposed to incorporate a drainage district for Lyon's Swamp in two districts, one from 'Fideway to the Bladen line and another from the Bladen line to the head of the swamp; also to incorporate a mutual organization to build the desired levee at Kelly's Cove, which will protect Lyon, White Oak and Buckle swamps and the smaller swamps running parallel. It is proposed to proceed under the State drainage law, which will be fully explained at the meeting, which it is hoped will be largely attended as the matter is one of the most important with which the people of that section have had to deal in a generation."

NOTES FROM SALEMBURG

Reception to Graduating Class at the Academy—Improvements for the Next Year—C. H. Poe to Speak.

Prof. and Mrs. Jones of the Salemburg Academy gave the annual reception to the graduating class of 1909 Friday night at the Dormitory. The parents of those graduating were invited though only the following were present: Mr. and Mrs. Willis White, Mr. and Mrs. Evander Howard, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Butler and Mrs. J. P. Pate. Others present were Miss Clyda Howard, Mrs. Ann White, Miss Mary Bennett, Mrs. W. I. Brooks, Mrs. Fletcher Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cooper and Mrs. Frank Parker. Elegant and delicious refreshments were served in four courses in the dining hall. Prof. Jones acted as toast master and the following responded: Mr. Henry Cooper, Prof. R. H. Fisher, Mr. R. N. Butler, Miss Mary Bennett and Mr. Frank Parker. After much merriment and pleasure Mr. Parker proposed a rising vote of thanks in behalf of their gratitude to Prof. and Mrs. Jones and Margaret the cook. The occasion will be remembered as one of exceptional pleasure. Many improvements are in the line of progress for this excellent school. The auditorium is being painted by the two literary societies. The Athenian will buy the paint and the Philotechnic is doing the painting. Prof. and Mrs. Jones are planning for more improved lighting of the Hall. They have put new steps to the auditorium and have arranged to have the boys' dormitory painted real soon. Prof. Fisher has presented new matting for the Athenian Hall. The thirty-fifth annual Commencement will take place May 13th and 14th, 1909. The programme has been arranged and promises to be very interesting. It is always looked forward to with pleasure by a number of people, and plans are being made to have this one of peculiar interest to the farmers. Mr. Clarence H. Poe, editor of the Progressive Farmer, Raleigh, N. C., will deliver the annual address. All farmers have a special invitation. The following is the order of exercises: Thursday, 2:30 p. m., a contest by four boys of the Philotechnic Literary Society for the declaimer's medal. Thursday, 8:00 p. m., the graduating exercises. Friday, 11:00 a. m., address by Mr. Clarence H. Poe. Friday, 2:00 p. m., a contest by four girls for the "Geo. L. Peterson medal" for the best essay on N. C. History. Clinton, K.F.D., April 24.

"THE MIGHTY HAYE FALLEN."

Abdul Hamid, 33 Years Sultan of Turkey, Is Deposed, and Leaves as a Thief in the Night.

Charlotte News. With a lust for blood equalling that of a Caesar Borgias, and yet with a bearing suave as a gentleman of the court, relentless, but polished, smooth, remorseless, cold-blooded and yet affable and diplomatic—such is Abdul Hamid, Defender of the Faithful and for 33 years Sultan of the Turkish Empire.

It was Gladstone who referred to Turkey's ruler as "Abdul the Damned." Few names associated with the vacillating fortunes of Near Eastern Empires stand out more prominently than that of Abdul Hamid. With but three exceptions Hamid has experienced a longer reign than any ruler of Europe, and during the terrible stretch of his bloody reign unrest and open revolt have marked the passage of troublous years. Many times has the fate of the Sultan been in the balances, and from the midst of the chaos of open rebellion he has always come forth more powerfully ensconced upon the throne. In danger at all times from enemies, his life has been spared, as if hedged about by some strange Divinity.

With a record of murder and bloodshed as black as that of Leopold in Africa, Hamid now faces what the world interprets absolute overthrow. It was on yesterday that he was deposed, and it was yesterday that his brother, Mehmed Rehad Effendi, favored by the Young Turks, was proclaimed Sultan. Dispatches of the early morning announce the withdrawal of the deposed Sultan from the Turkish capital. His exit was made under cover of darkness and his only followers were eleven women of his once glorious and populous harem. What pitiful retrenchment has taken place in that harem which was once the brag of the Eastern world. "How the mighty have fallen." He who cracked the whip over a servile and terrorized populace for thirty and three years, whose very presence suggested terror, and in whose wake followed the stark white God; he who presided over one of the most extensive harems since the days of King Solomon now must quit the capital as a thief in the night.

Meanwhile, those whom fortune has favored are making the best of the situation. Just now at least it would seem that the Young Turks are in the ascendancy, and for this fact America and England are thankful. The Young Turks represent the party of progress, and, waging a warfare for return to strict allegiance to the Constitution, their supremacy must mark the opening of a new era in the Near East. But crises in Turkey, as in South American republics, come in close succession, and the victor of to-day is oftentimes the vanquished of to-morrow.

FOR GOOD ROADS.

Citizens of Davidson County in Favor of Bond Issue.

At a mass meeting of Davidson county farmers at Lexington the other day, presided over by Capt. E. C. Robbins, after addresses from prominent local and state good roads advocates and experts, by a unanimous rising vote, it was resolved to authorize an election for nearly a million dollar bond issue for good roads.

Davidson is said to be the finest wheat and corn growing county of the state, with seven roller flour mills and large furniture and cotton factories at Lexington and Thomasville.

The county owes not a dollar and has a total arable property of \$9,000,000. The last Legislature authorized a bond issue. The impression is that half a million will be ample for the purpose. It is the largest road bond issue ever authorized in the South.

E. C. Robbins was chairman of the meeting. C. C. Moore, W. L. Spoon, C. G. Wright, S. E. Williams and Commissioner A. E. Myers made addresses.

Sentiment is rapidly forming to hold an election and carry the bonds. An executive committee was named to arrange the details of the work, the intention being to hold an election in August. Under the act there will be a highway commission in conjunction with the board of commissioners. It is believed that the bonds will sweep the county.

The Florida Legislature has passed a bill allowing the people of Florida to vote on State prohibition in 1910.

BRYAN FOR PROHIBITION

Would Bar U. S. Tax in Dry Territory.

W. J. Bryan, in last week's Commoner, calls on the Democratic members of Congress to amend the internal revenue portion of the Payne bill so as to prohibit the issue of Federal revenue tax receipts in States, counties or communities where the sale of liquor is locally prohibited. He says: "The Republican party has long boasted of being the party of good government and morality. It has had the support of a large majority of the ministers and religious papers, and it has constantly charged the Democratic party with being an ally of the saloon and in league with lawlessness."

The time has come to put it to the test. It matters not whether a person favors prohibition or opposes it, he ought to be in favor of the enforcement of law, whether that law suits him or not. "Popular government rests upon respect for law and nothing is more calculated to cultivate disrespect for law than this action of the Federal government in not only ignoring the wishes of the people in various localities, but in actually reaping a profit from the issue of licenses which stimulate lawbreaking. Can the Federal government afford to continue a partner with the lawbreakers? Can any party afford to longer legalize this partnership?"

Tell your neighbor how you like THE INDEX.

DEATH AT LUMBER BRIDGE

Mr. Hugh Graham, an Aged and Highly Esteemed Citizen, Passes Away.

Mr. Hugh Graham, aged 80 years, and one of the most highly esteemed citizens of Lumber Bridge, died at his home there last Tuesday. The funeral was conducted Wednesday by Rev. J. W. Cobb from the Presbyterian church, of which the deceased had long been a faithful member. He was a splendid type of Christian gentleman and enjoyed the confidence of hosts of friends who sympathize with his children in their bereavement.

Mr. Graham is survived by five sons: E. J. Thad and Willie, of Lumber Bridge; Duncan, near Antryville, and Jeff, at Perry, Fla. Deceased had spent all his life in the community where he died.

NEWS FROM SAMPSON.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Crumpler, Sr., of Honeyotts, visited their daughter, Mrs. C. C. Wells, of near Magnolia, last week. On Monday Mr. Crumpler was in Clinton and deposited \$500 in one of the banks to the credit of Mrs. Wells, which she sent up by him and is money of her own from the sale of eggs, butter and poultry, accumulated in a year or less time. It is her habit to make a deposit once or twice a year of the money from this source, and never sends her last dollar, either. From her turkey's the past season she realized \$150. Now this is fine business. No one can dispute it, and if our farmers could make a proportionate profit to the amount invested, they would all soon be "as rich as Croesus."—Clinton Democrat.

Mrs. Mary Dunn, of near Clinton, lectured on missions at Long Branch church on Sunday afternoon, April 18, and also organized a W. M. S. and S. B. S. She also also organized an S. B. S. at the Antryville church the Sunday before, so we hear.—Clinton Democrat.

The Man Himself.

A lady employing a colored man asked him his name. "Man name is Poe, ma'am." "Poe? Perhaps some of your family worked for Edgar Allan Poe?" The darky's eyes opened wide with great surprise. "Why—" he gasped, pointing a dusky forefinger to himself, "Why, Ah am Edgar Allan Poe!"—Everybody's Magazine.

AFTER 20 YEARS

Case of Slocomb vs. Hardie Decided in Favor of Farmer.

The ancient case of Slocomb vs. Hardie, involving the possession of a house and lot in East Fayetteville, was decided in favor of the plaintiff in Cumberland Superior Court last week after pending more than twenty years. This decision gives possession of the property held by Mrs. W. D. Jones to Cook & Dye, commissioners, under a former order of sale by which Mr. A. H. Slocomb, the plaintiff, became the purchaser.

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