

STATE NEWS.

The Methodist of Lauringburg are preparing to build a handsome brick church at a cost of about \$30,000.

Judge J. C. Pritchard of the United States circuit court left Asheville Saturday afternoon on a second speaking tour of the Northern States in behalf of the colored training school and chautauqua at Durham, this state. The tour will embrace Ohio, Indiana and Pennsylvania, filling several appointments in each.

The North Carolina Baraca and Philathea Union met in Greensboro Saturday night in its third annual session and in its first convention apart from the State Sunday School Association. The number of delegates in the city for the meeting is estimated at six hundred, and in any event the attendance will reach that number.

There will be no shop picnic for the employers of the Southern Railway Company in Spencer this year. It is said that the inability to secure a desirable location and the time work for all the men at a given time stands in the way of the annual outing which was in vogue for many years. It had been the custom of the Southern to furnish a free train for its employees on the annual occasions.

The Oasis Temple, Ancient and Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, will hold a ceremonial session in Newbern May 12 and 13. The local nobles are making great preparations for the session and are preparing to entertain the visitors in great style. The Arab Patrol of Charlotte, thirty-five strong, will be present under the guidance of Capt. Jim Walker.

James Marlow, 21 years old, was killed last week at Sag Bridge, near Lenoir, while stealing a ride on a freight train of the Chicago & Alton Railroad. In his pocket was found a memorandum book which gave the address of his sister, Mrs. J. H. Robertson, Charlotte, N. C., who was notified of the death. Marlow was accompanied by another young man, who says he and Marlow were working their way to St. Louis.

While working around a wagon loaded with poplar logs last week, the 14-year-old son of Mr. Alexander, who lives 2 miles from Cleveland, in Rowan county, was instantly killed. It is not known how the accident happened, but all the logs but one rolled over him and that one crushed his head to a pulp. Dr. Burns was called to attend him and he said nearly every bone in his body was broken.

An "insurgent ticket has been put out in Salem, composed mostly of young men, prominently connected who expect to oppose the "regulars" apparently, although the "old guard" has not put out its ticket yet. The young men's ticket is headed by Fred A. Pogle, for mayor, and the platform calls for an equal distribution of taxation a first-class public school for Salem and a "square deal" for all citizens.

A check enclosed in a bottle and thrown into sea from a vessel off the coast of the Carolinas by a Pittsburger, March 18, just to see if it would turn up again, was received by the Lincoln national bank last week. The check was for \$1 and was made out to "bearer" Pearl Etheridge, a 11-year-old girl of Kitty Hawk, N. C. Found the bottle near Kill Devil's hill on the sea coast April 12 and sent the check to the bank and the money was forwarded to her.

Lexington is to have the honor of entertaining Thursday of this week, April 27, the national officers of the Patriotic Order of Sons of America and delegates from the forty-six local camps of the State at the first State meeting of this order in North Carolina. This order is comparatively a new one but it has great strength in the West and North. It has grown wonderfully in North Carolina and this meeting is for the purpose of organizing a State camp to take care of the order's rapidly growing interests in the State.

Announcement is made that the North Carolina division, Travelers' Protective Association, meets in Raleigh May 5. There are eleven posts comprising eight hundred "Knights of the Grip" and fully two hundred are expected to attend the Raleigh convention. The posts are Greensboro, Winston-Salem, High Point, Aaleigh, Asheville, Wilmington, Rocky Mount, Wilson, Mt. Airy and Hickory. Eleven delegates are to be elected to the national association in Philadelphia. J. J. Nowman of Winston-Salem is president and C. C. McLean of Greensboro is secretary.

Subsequent reports from fruit-growing sections of the state to the State Department of Agriculture are confirming the estimate made two weeks ago that, while the peach crop in the extreme eastern section of the state is about completely killed, there is still a half crop or more in the Southern Pine section and in the piedmont or central belt and prospects for a good yield further west. The apple crop in the piedmont section has been much more seriously injured than in the great apple belt of the mountain region of the State. Indeed it is estimated that the apple crop in the western part of the state will be a full one if there is no setback from now on.

Throwing dimes, quarters and bills to the winds of Broadway, N. Y., A. F. Ennis, who says he is a mining man, created so much excitement in the theater district last week that a near-riot resulted among the thousand youngsters who collected to gather in the coins. Ennis does not know what he actually threw away but he does know that he stopped the excitement when his pocket was pick-

ed of a \$100 bill. Ennis explained that he started out to have a "good time." The police dispersed the crowd and cautioned Ennis not to be so liberal hereafter but made no arrest.

Malcolm B. Arnold, representative of a Norfolk real estate business in Durham, shot himself, perhaps fatally in the Church Street hotel Saturday immediately after having had a pleasant chat with the landlady's daughter while they stood in the door. He fell at the head of the stairs with a bullet through his left lung and as medical aid reached him he begged for an end to his suffering. In another moment he was praying for recovery and between breaths murmured the names of two girls, one of whom he had addressed a few minutes before.

Mr. H. B. Varner, editor and general manager of Southern Good Roads, who was chosen last week to direct the laying off and the building of the great central highway, has received the offer of a big Case touring car for use as the scout car in mapping out the road. The Case car is one of the best made and is a product of the J. I. Case Threshing Machine Company of Racine, Wis., and will be in charge of one of the company's skilled mechanics. Mr. Varner, who is president of the Central Highway Association and chairman of the executive committee, expects to begin the tour at Morehead City on Monday, May 8, finishing the first part of the tour at Raleigh, May 13. The western part of the run will be pulled off in June.

'At a meeting of the farmers' union of Cleveland county Thursday the farm-life school was brought up for discussion and received the hearty endorsement of the members. They are enthusiastic about establishing one of these schools in the county and appointed a committee to set a day on which to call a mass-meeting. Speakers of prominence will be secured to advocate the school and steps will be taken to raise the \$25,000 necessary to get one. Every man, woman and child interested in the farm-life-school will be invited to this general meeting. The members of the union will do what they can to create sympathy and interest in the proposition all over the county and it looks as if a school will be located without a doubt.

U. D. C. UNVEIL STATUE.

Several Hundred Visitors Witness Brilliant Ceremonies at Wilmington

Wilmington, April 20.—The splendid bronze statue erected through the efforts of Cape Fear chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, at the corner of Third and Market streets, this city, to perpetuate the honor of young George Davis, revered son of the Cape Fear section, who was senator from North Carolina in the Confederate states Congress and later attorney-general of the Confederacy, was unveiled this afternoon with appropriate exercises.

Quite a number of people from other sections of the state were here to witness the unveiling.

Members of Cape Fear chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, and the local camp of veterans attended the exercises in a body, as did the members of the Wilmington chamber of commerce. Gen. James I. Metts was master of ceremonies and introduced the speaker of the occasion, Hon. Henry Groves Connor. The address of Judge Connor was able and scholarly and gave many facts of interest concerning the points of local history in connection with the southern Confederacy.

Machine to Kill Boll Weevil

Winston-Salem, April 22.—Completed and ready for the test a machine which if successful, will destroy the boll weevil and revolutionize the cotton industry of the Southeast, is here in the office of the Salem Iron Works. It is known as "H. H. H. cotton boll weevil destroyer," and is the invention of C. A. Hege of this city, assisted by J. K. Hord of Yazoo county, Mississippi. For the last six weeks the two men have labored unceasingly at their task. On April 13, the patent was applied for. The inventors who are both practical men have high hopes of success. The machine will scarcely have a practical and thorough test before next fall but it will be on exhibition at the State fair in Dallas, Tex., and at fairs at Shreveport, La., and Jackson, Miss.

The machine is mounted on a two-wheel carriage and is run by an 18-horse-power gasoline engine. Five switches protrude on either side, designed to strike the cotton plant, the shock knocking the boll weevil to the ground. Two suction pipes are in the rear of the machine beneath a 24-inch fan, making 2,000 revolutions a minute. Leather lips are attached to the ends of the pipes, dragging the ground lightly and the powerful suction is intended to draw the weevil up through the tubes and against a wire screen to their death.

Mr. Hord has been in cotton planting for forty years and he believes that the machine will practically work for the destruction of the dreaded weevil. If so, a vast sum will insure to cotton planters and incidentally to the inventors of the machine.

Five Negro Children Burned in a House

Lumberton Robesonian. Five negroes, 4 of them children ranging in age from 2 to 5 years, one of them a girl 20 years old, were burned to death at Bladenboro Tuesday night in a fire which destroyed the house they occupied, which belonged to Mr. H. C. Bridgers, of that place. They were the children of Reuben Branson and wife, who were away from home at the time. The fire occurred between 8 and 9 o'clock and was caused by the explosion of a lamp, while all the occupants were asleep. A negro man who was in the house waked after his bed was in flames and barely had time to jump out of the window.

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NORTH CAROLINA SENATORS HOLD ON.

Overman and Simmons' Committee Assignments—Four Of The Best Places Washington, D. C., April 22.—The Democratic steering committee has about completed its work, but it may be that the minority committee assignments will not be announced for some days owing to the clash between the regular and insurgent Republicans, who seem to be almost hopelessly apart.

Senators Simmons and Overman will keep their big committee assignments, which are not excelled by those of any two members of the Senate. Senator Simmons will hold finance and commerce, and Senator Overman appropriations and judiciary. These are the four biggest committees of the Senate. Senator Overman will have to give up the military affairs and public buildings, which was the understanding when he was given appropriations early in the spring.

Senator Simmons will keep oceanic canals in all probability and his other committee assignments. According to report tonight Senator Overman will go on rules, which is an important Senate committee. The steering committee, of which Senator Simmons is an influential member, has done its work well, according to all information. Senators John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi, Kern of Indiana, and Johnson of Maine, are to be the new members of the finance committee. All three Senators have fine tariff records and better selections could not have been made.

W. E. Hooks, of Fremont, Wayne county, was today sworn in as assistant clerk of the House. Mr. Hooks is a striking young Democrat, is the appointee of Representative Faison. He gets a fine position for which he was endorsed by the members of the delegation. Mr. Hooks is one of the officials of the present State Senate.

Jim Dorsett, postmaster at Spencer who is here, tendered his resignation today. Chairman Morehead at once recommended for appointment his brother, J. R. Dorsett. Mr. Dorsett is one of the very few Republican office holders in the State who has ever resigned.

Secretary of War Dickinson has authorized President Schenck of the Guilford Battle Ground Association, to go ahead and select a design for the monument to National Green, for which Congress made an appropriation of thirty thousand dollars. As soon as the design is selected the contract for the monument will be awarded.

Mr. Schenck, who was accompanied to the War Department by Senator Overman, extend an invitation to Mr. Dickinson to deliver the address at the Fourth of July Guilford celebration. The Secretary of War said he hoped he would be able to accept.

Mothers' Congress in Washington City

Washington, April 23.—The second international congress on child welfare, under the direction of the National Congress of Mothers, will open its sessions May 12. The governors of the various states have been invited to appoint representatives, each state congress of mothers will send a delegation and several foreign delegates are expected. The congress discuss probation systems, the juvenile court, the dependent or delinquent child and other subjects correlated to the uplift of the young.

ATTEMPT TO SAW OUT OF JAIL.

Jailer Hears Noise and on Investigation Finds Number of Burglar Saws and Other Tools of a Similar Nature—Had Aid From Outside.

Brevard, April 6.—Several weeks ago Tom Robinson and J. W. Carpenter were placed in jail here for running a "moonshine" plant up on Rich mountain. Night before last Policeman Galloway, who is also the keeper of the county jail, heard a peculiar rasping noise upstairs and went up to investigate. He and his son soon found a number of burglar saws and other apparatus of a similar nature. At the rate they were progressing they would soon have sawed their way to liberty. Yesterday morning the officers found suspicious tracks around the jail. These were followed to Cathey's whose tracks were identified with those tracks were identical with those found around the jail. He has been placed in jail to await the next term of court.

Superior court convenes here next week, Judge Webb presiding. There are many cases on docket and the court will be kept busy.

Evangelist Albert Hall Writes

Leonard, Texas, Feb. 2, 1911. Garren Medicine Co., Hendersonville, N. C. Gentlemen:

I used some of your medicine during my stay in Hendersonville while assisting in the great Cates-Hall revival. For four years I have suffered severely with nervous indigestion and constipation. Have been given up to die twice. So many times I have had to give up my preaching for weeks, even months. One time I had to give up my sermons for five months. Two months ago I began using GARREN'S Tonic and pills. I am bothered no more with indigestion or constipation, my nerves are good. I eat three square meals a day and weigh more than I have weighed in 11 years. I shall try to induce our drug stores here in Texas to use your remedy.

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