

ONE of the most dastardly crimes ever known in the annals of Northampton was committed near Jackson on the morning of April 1st. Mr. Atlas Taylor, a highly respectable and quiet citizen, was foully murdered at his home at the early hours in the morning by having his head beat almost to pieces with a maul in the hands of unknown persons, and his body carried for some distance across fields and roads and thrown into a creek.

He must have shown signs of life while being carried to the creek as his assassins beat his head against a tree while on their way as was evidenced by blood and hair on the tree.

The most accepted theory for the cause of the murder is that he, rising early in the morning, heard the assassins about to break into his barn or stable, and went out and coming on them of a sudden, they attacked him, and that he reached under the barn for the maul to defend himself, that it was wrenched from his hands and he beaten to death with it.

#### TO TEACHERS:

We suggest that you read the above article to your primary grammar class and have them reproduce it in their own language.

In this connection you could give them a lesson in Civil Government that would impress them.

Tell them what would be done with the murderers if caught, what proceedings would be had, how and why they would be punished.

It is your duty to teach the children under your charge about our government. Let them know why we are taxed, and that the officers are public servants.

THE Ninth Annual Session of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly will be held at Morehead City, N. C. June 21, to July 4, 1892.

In addition to the regular program which will include lectures by such eminent educators as Dr. Edward S. Joynes, of the University of South Carolina; Hon. Frank M. Smith, of the University of Tennessee; Hon. Josiah H. Shin, State Superintendent of Arkansas; Mr. F. F. Donnelly, of New York. Mrs. Idalia G. Myers, of Washington, D. C., there will be public entertainment by the inimitable "charlck artist," Frank Beard.

The railroads in North Carolina have always shown a peculiar interest in the Teachers Assembly. The rate at which tickets will be sold this year is only one and a half cents a mile each way and will be good to return until July 31.

The Annual fees for membership are \$2.00 for males and \$1.00 for females, and board at the Atlantic Hotel is only \$1.00 per day to members of the Assembly.

One of the main objects of the Teachers' Assembly is to bring togeth-

er annually in pleasant and social intercourse and consultation the teachers and all friends of education.

The Assembly cordially invites the people of North Carolina to meet with the teachers in their great educational gathering, to confer with them as to the educational needs of our State, to take part in the discussions and to enjoy with the teachers all the pleasures of the sea-side and all the exercises and entertainments of the Assembly programme.

Further information can be had by addressing Superintendent A. J. Conner, Lasker, N. C., or Col. Eugene G. Harell, Secretary Teachers' Assembly, Raleigh, N. C.

#### PERSONAL AND NEWS NOTES.

Mr. A. J. Allen, an honored and well known citizen of Northampton, died at his home near Creeksville on April 1st, and was buried with Masonic honors by King Solomon Lodge, of Jackson, of which he had long been a useful member.

Mr. J. A. Burgwyn has qualified as Public Administrator for Northampton. Mr. Burgwyn is a man of fine business qualifications, and estates entrusted to his management will be well looked after.

The Roanoke Fisheries, a new enterprise established on the Roanoke river at J. W. Buxton's "Polenta" farm, by a company composed of L. J. Davls, W. H. Evans, D. C. Gailing, and L. M. Baugham, young men of push and energy, we learn are doing a good business catching fish, but their sales are small owing to the fact they do not advertise.

Mr. Wellington W. Cummer, of Michigan, President of the Cummer Company, a firm owning a large amount of property in Northampton, was on a visit to Lasker for a few days the first of April. Mr. Cummer is a pleasant, cultured, high-toned gentleman, and the more our people know of him the better they will like him.

Gov. Holt has offered a reward of \$300 in addition to the \$100 offered by the County Commissioners, for the arrest of the parties who foully murdered Mr. Atlas Taylor.

There is no liquor sold in Northampton at present, but there is one application, that of Mr. Geo. P. Burgwyn, pending for license which will be considered by the commissioners the first Monday in May. We learn that Capt. R. B. Peebles will appear for the applicant, and Senator M. W. Ransom and others against. All interested should go and hear the case. It will be a big time.

We welcome to Lasker Mr. E. W. Gerrish and family, of Michigan. Mr. Gerrish is Superinten-

dent of The Cummer Co's., lumber interest, in this county, is an educated gentleman, knows what a day's work is, gives better satisfaction to the workmen and people than any one else who has had charge of this business here. He pays his men cash and at any time they want it, so it is much better for the merchant, the farmer and the laborer, as the merchant can sell his goods at lowest cash prices, the farmer has a good market for all his surplus products and the laborer has the advantage that only cash can give.

Less guano has been brought in this county this year than for a long time. We have not seen a single sign or advertisement for guano posted in this county this year. Heretofore they have been on almost every store and at every cross road.

Our people seem much impatient at the delay of justice in the case of the two criminals who were convicted at January term of Superior Court and sentenced to be hanged for committing the most heinous crime known to human society, but thanks to the restraining influence of our new \$8,000 jail, our people will let the law take its course.

#### BARN AND STABLES BURNED.

At about 3 o'clock p. m., April 9th the large, new barn and stable of Mr. Jere Brown, of Lasker, was entirely consumed by fire, together with nearly all his corn, fodder, peas, pea nuts, harness, plows, &c. and one valuable horse and one mule. This fire occurred in broad day light and though there were in a few minutes after the fire started as many men around the barn as could well work, yet, owing to the large amount of hay, fodder, pea nuts, &c., stored in the barn, the flames spread so rapidly, being fanned by a hard wind that was blowing at the time, the heat was so intense that the horse and mule could not be gotten out and were burned to death.

The barn doubtless caught fire from live cinders from the engine of his grist and saw mill located about a hundred yards away, as the wind was blowing hard directly from the mill to the barn.

Mr. Brown is an honest, hard working man, has done much for his community, never turning a deaf ear to appeals for help from worthy persons, and we sympathize with him in his great loss.

Though it is very convenient to build barns and stables under one roof, yet in our mild climate, we have some doubts about the advisability of building them this way. It has not been many months since the barn and stables of Mr. J. R. Leak, of this county, were burned, together with seven horses and mules, and had all of Mr. Brown's horses been in the stables at the time he would hardly have saved any.

#### The Poultry Yard.

Under this head we will publish short articles of interest to poultry raisers. Contributions solicited, but we desire them short and to the point.

Coops for shipping chickens to markets should be made of light material and plenty of places for them to get air on the sides as well as at the top, as frequently several coops on the cars are placed on top of each other and unless they could get plenty of air from the sides they would suffer.

Do not crowd the coops trying to save express charges as they go by weight, if the coop weighs one hundred pounds or more; but if the coop does not weigh 100 lbs., and only one is shipped at a time, it goes at package rates, and in that case, the charges for a coop of twenty chicks would be as much as for one of thirty.

Do not ship so they would arrive in market on Saturday or Monday. The market is generally crowded on Saturdays and much stock is sometimes carried over till Monday.

Some commission houses furnish wire coops, which are much better than those you make of wood, as in them they can get more air, and when they get to market the chicks can be seen better, and generally sell for a better price unless you make arrangements with your commission men to have them transferred to wire coops before placed on sale. Sometimes the wood coops give away and a whole coop is lost, so it is best to be sure they are nailed or fastened securely.

—Great care should be exercised in packing eggs for shipment to market. Crates holding thirty dozen is the most convenient, and perhaps the cheapest way of shipping. Most commission houses will furnish them free if you return them promptly. Straw, or some soft substance, should be placed in the bottom of the crates before putting in the cases, and the bottoms and sides of the crates should be examined each time before shipping to see that they are well fastened, as frequently the bottom of a crate filled with eggs drops out breaking nearly all the contents. After the crate is filled paper should be placed on the eggs before putting on the top so that should the crate be turned over in transit, as is frequently the case, the eggs will not be broken by coming in contact with the lid.

It is best to ship strictly fresh eggs, and if you could guarantee every egg in the crate you could obtain a better price for them.

Some large poultry raisers who ship regularly to market, make arrangements whereby they obtain an advance on the market price by guaranteeing every egg they ship to be perfectly sound, and taking great care that no stale eggs get mixed up with the fresh ones. It pays in all business to attend to every detail and no where else better than in the poultry and egg business.

—Leghorns hatched in this month will begin to lay the first of October while the large breeds, such as the Plymouth Rocks, will not begin to lay till after the Christmas holidays.