State News.

The crops along the Tar River were seriously damaged during the recent heavy rains.

An unknown negro was struck by a train near Wadesboro Thursday and instantly killed.

The Southern Y. W. C. A. Conference are holding their annual meeting in Asheville this week.

The North Carolina bankers are holding their fourteenth annual convention at Wrightsville this week.

The Board of Trustees of the East Carolina Training School held its annual meeting in Greenville yesterday.

The North Carolina Retail Merchants' Association are holding their annual meeting in Salisbury this week.

While dressing to attend church, Mrs. C. S. Miller, of Waynesville, was stricken with paralysis and died in a few days.

A Confederate monument will be unveiled at Reidsville on Wednesday, June 29th, by the Rockingham Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy.

The Norfolk Southern Railway has awarded the contract for the erection of the new $60,000 passenger depot at New Bern. Work of erecting the building will begin at once.

The British-American Tobacco Co. has purchased a lot in Wilson, N. C., consisting of two and one-half acres on which it will immediately erect a mammoth tobacco storage warehouse with a capacity of 2,000,000 pounds. The building will be completed in time for the storage of the 1910 crop.

John Fleming, a young white man of Mount Airy, was placed in jail at Dobson Friday charged with stealing between $300 and $400 from Stewart Brothers of Mount Airy. He stole the money at various times to pay for rolling ten-pins. He left a heart-broken mother at home to weep over the misdeeds of her wayward son.

MR. D. T. MASSEY SUICIDES.

Well Known Citizen of Selma Ended His Life Sunday Afternoon by Shooting Off Top of His Head.

Selma, N. C., June 20.—Yesterday afetrnoon about 7 o'clock, Mr. D. T. Massey, a well known citizen of this place, took his gun, went to the woods and blew his brains out.

Mr. Massey had not been in his usual spirits for several days, and yesterday afternoon he was asked by his son's wife to go to walk, but declined. He then went into the house, took down his gun and began to clean it up, saying that he was going to shoot some young rabbits. The other members of the family went for a walk, and upon returning missed Mr. Massey. A search began and between 8 and 9 o'clock last night the body was found in a piece of woods, something over a mile from town.

The body was lying on its back and the entire top of the head above the trees was blown off. The gun was still clasped between the knees. At his feet lay a lump of brains and for a distance of ten or twelve feet brains and portions of the skull were scattered. Another lump of brain was found about three feet to the left of the body. A stick about two feet in length was found beside the body, showing how the trigger had been pulled.

The body will be buried this afternoon.

The deceased was about forty years old and is survived by two grown sons, two grown daughters and two or three younger children. His wife had been dead for about three years.

BURGLARS ROB ASHEVILLE DENTISTS.

Take All the False Teeth Supply in the City—Estimated Loss $1,000.

Asheville, N. C., June 20.—No clue has been discovered by the police as to the organized gang of "dental thieves" who entered seven of the dozen dental establishments in Asheville some time early Sunday morning. The latest improved locks and safe combinations were picked with the greatest apparent ease. The robbers took all of the gold and platium and much of the bridge and crown work. One or two Asheville gentlemen who had left their "gold teeth" with a dentist for repairs found that these had also been taken along by the robbers. The estimated loss is about $1,000.

Two Pellagra Victims.

Wilmington, N. C., June 19.—Robert E. Daniels, aged thirty-six years, died this afternoon after an illness of two months with pellagra. He leaves a widow and five children.

Mrs. Graham Bell, aged twenty-four years, of Currie, near Wilmington, died to-day after an illness of several weeks with pellagra. She is survived by her husband and four children, one of whom is an infant only a few months old. Mr. Bell is agent of the Atlantic Coast Line at Currie.

HON. THOS. SETTLE TO SPEAK.

Reported That He Will Address the Republicans of Johnston County at Their Convention at Smithfield Saturday.

It was announced some days ago that a prominent speaker would be present and address the Republicans of Johnston County at their Convention at Smithfield Saturday, but at that time we had not learned the name of the speaker. But just before going to press with this issue we received a letter from one of our subscribers in Johnston County stating that Hon. Thomas Settle of Asheville, would be present and address the Convention. Mr. Settle is one of the best speakers in the State and is very popular with all Republicans. Every Republican voter in Johnston County should be present Saturday to hear Mr. Settle as he would get enough enthusiasm to run him through the campaign.

GLENN WILLIAMS FOUND GUILTY

Thomas Craft Also Guilty of Violating Postal Laws—Sentence Will Be Passed June 28th.

Greensboro, N. C., June 17—When Federal Court convened this morning the jury which had been out all night in the case against N. Glenn Williams and Thomas and Eliza Craft, on trial for alleged frauds against the Government, returned their verdict of guilty as to Williams and Thomas Craft, not guilty as to Eliza Craft, Judge Boyd announced that the defendants need not remain in the court-room if they desired to go out, as they were under bond. It is not known when sentence will be pronounced, or what the subsequent proceedings will be. It is presumed that whatever the sentence may be, Mr. Williams' attorneys will take an appeal to the Circuit Court of Appeals.

The statute under which the defendants were convicted provides a maximum punishment of two years in the penitentiary and a fine of from $1,000 to $10,000.

Judge Boyd has announced that he would pass sentence in this case on June 28th.

AN EXPLOSION AT FREMONT.

Saw Mill and Electric Plant Hurled Into the Air.

Fremont, June 20.—The saw mill plant and electric light plant owned by Mr. W. B. Floais exploded and went about thirty feet into the air. The electric light plant and also the saw mill plant are total wrecks. Mr. W. Floais was seriously injured; he is terribly scalded, and it is feared he will die. Lonnie Simmons, one of the colored employes, is also terribly scalded, but it is thought that we will recover. The loss is estimated at about $15,000.

Mr. William Skinner, of Concord, Commits Suicide.

Concord, N. C., June 19.—Cold in death, his breast pierced by a pistol bullet, the body of Mr. William Skinner was found in Oakwood Cemetery yesterday evening at 6:30 o'clock. The weapon of destruction was lying near the body, bearing mute witness to the tragic ending of a good man. The deed had been committed some two hours before the body was discovered. Mr. Skinner was going toward the cemetery about 4 o'clock, but was not seen afterwards until three ladies strolling through the cemetery came upon his lifeless body.

Mr. Skinner's mind had evidently become unbalanced. Since the death of his wife he had not been in his usual spirits, and at times was very despondent and gave evidences of insanity. He moved to Charlotte about six months ago and only returned to Concord last Thursday. He called at the post-office Friday and inquired about his mail, saying he was penniless and was looking for a letter from his landlady in Charlotte.

Drummer Robbed and Shot Near New Bern.

New Bern, N. C., June 20.—While en route from this city to Jones County this morning, Mr. Ralph Lupton, a traveling salesman for the Carolina Grocery Company, was held up by a negro man about ten miles from this city, who ordered him to hand over all his money. Mr. Lupton refused to do this, and attempted to secure his revolver, which was in the foot of the buggy, but before he could do so, the negro fired at him, the ball taking effect in his thigh. After shooting Mr. Lupton the negro took to the woods and has not since been seen.

Guards Shoot Two Prisoners.

Winston-Salem, N. C., June 24.—Garfield Hutchins and Lindsay Huffman, two white convicts, in attempting to escape from the county roads this morning, were shot by the guards. Hutchins was brought to the hospital and he is not expected to live through the night. Huffman's injuries are not serious.

Smallpox in Anson County.

Wadesboro, N. C., June 18.—Dr. Covington, county health officer, reports three cases of small-pox in Ansonville Township in the northern part of the county, and twenty suspects under quarantine. All of these are among the negroes, and it is expected that the strict watch will prevent further spread of the disease.

General News.

Quo warranto proceedings to oust the Beef Trust from Missouri were begun in the State Supreme Court at Jefferson, Monday.

A dispatch from Washington states that the Republicans of Pennsylvania may nominate Secretary Knox for Governor of their State.

President Taft has accepted an invitation to visit the Appalachian Exposition at Knoxville, Tenn., the second week in September. From Knoxville he will go to Nashville to attend the State Fair.

A wholesale investigation to ascertain whether the Government has prosecuted all violators of the anti-trust, interstate commerce and banking laws, especially directed at the United States Steel Corporation, is provided for in a resolution introduced in Congress Tuesday by Representative Stanley, of Kentucky.

CATHOLICS IN AN UPSTIR.

Cardenal Del Val Soundly Criticised for Trouble in Germany—Pope Deeply Grieved Over the Situation—Church Has Lost Much in Germany.

Rome, June 20.—The Catholic church is facing a crisis that is without precedent in its cardinal history and rumors current here today that Merry Del Val, the Cardinal secretary of state will resign his position and be succeeded by a cardinal who will be able to deal more diplomatically with the situation that confronts the vatican.

It is known that Pope Pius X is deeply grieved over the storm raised in Germany by the Boromeo encyclical and the threat that Spain will break off all negotiations on the concordat revision, if the vatican protests against the royal recognition of other denominations.

The result is likely to be startling change and the recent episode has lost him many supporters in the college of cardinals and as result he will gain no great sympathy in his papal circles.

The secretary's critics say that at the best he is maladroit. The Roosevelt incident was bad, they point out, but it was nothing compared to his latest mistake which has caused the supreme pontiff to bow humbly under a message from the Prussian minister which has been declared "the haughtiest address sent to a pope since Hildebrand." Declaring that the pontiff has insulted them, kings, princes and people of Protestant Germany, the minister said:

"We hold you responsible for the consequence and you must order your bishops to forbid the reading of the encyclical in German pulpits."

Just how far Del Val is respnosible for the necyclical is problematical but it is felt that even if the authorship was not his, as secretary of state, he should have prevented the promulgation of so fatal a document.

AMERICAN BANK IN CHINA.

Such a Movement Would Aid American Interests in the Orient

Washington, D. C., June 21.—Great activity will mark Chinese affairs from now on, according to a high official of the State Department. He attributes this to the successful termination of long-drawn out negotiations, as well as to the agreements that the powers have decided to conclude at as early a date as possible.

What from the American standpoint will be the most important question is the establishment of an American bank in the Far East. It is understood that the Chinese Government has consented to have such a bank in whatever city Secretary Knox—who is behind this movement—selects. China will regard this bank as its own institution and will protect it to the utmost extent of her laws.

Secretary Knox has been personally advised through Minister Chang Yin Tang that whatever steps he desires to take with regard to extending American commerce in China will be welcome to the central government. China wishes to develop the country and will offer every possible inducement to foreign capitalists.

MOTOR TRUCKS ON DIRT ROADS.

A Great Time and Labor Saving Device—The Value of Good Roads.

Culpepper, Va., June 21.—A splendid object lesson in the value of good roads was given and the advantageous use that may be made of the motor truck, supplementing the transportation facilities offered by the railroads to the great benefit of farmers and owners of industrial plants and mines, not located directly on railroad lines, has been demonstrated in a striking manner by the movement of a car of coal from the tracks of the Southern Railway at this point to Sperryville, a distance of twenty miles, a three ton motor truck being used. The eighteen tons of coal were hauled to the tannery in two and a half days, six trips being made. In the past it has taken a good six-mule team two weeks to accomplish the same work. The road over which the hauling was done is a good hard road, but leads into a mountainous country and has many long and heavy grades.

HOUSE HOLDS NIGHT SESSION.

Passes Arid Land Reclamation Bill—Senate Discussing Postal Savings Bank Bill.

Washington, D. C., June 21.—After passing the general deficiency appropriation bill, the last of the great supply measures, and the bill to retire Justice Moody, the Senate to-day again took up the postal savings bank bill and spent about four hours in discussing the motion by Senator Carter to concur in the House bill. The motion was strenuously resisted by Senators Cummins, Bristow, Bacon, and Newlands, and supported by Senators Carter and Burton.

There was great desire on the part of friends of the bill to bring it to a vote, but failing in that effort, an agreement was reached to vote at 5 o'clock to-morrow.

The House held a night session and passed the arid land reclamation bill in the form in which it had been reported from the Committee on Public Lands. The bill provides for the issuance of certificates of indebtedness to provide a fund of $20,000,000 for the reclamation of arid land.

Earlier in the session the House agreed to the conference report on the naval bill and to a partial report on the sundry civil bill, sending the latter measure back to conference for further consideration of the Senate amendments still in dispute.

The substitute offered by the Senate to the House land withdrawal bill was also accepted by the House without amendment.

SPECIAL SESSION NEW YORK LEGISLATURE.

Governor Hughes Sends Message Favoring Direct Nomination of Candidates for Public Office.

Albany, N. Y., June 20.—Governor Hughes sent a special message to the Legislature, which convened in extraordinary session to-night, in which he recommends the enactment of a law making suitable provision for direct nominations of candidates for public offices; an amendment to the resolution providing for an investigation into corrupt and improper practices in connection with legislation, so as to give the committee ample authority, and the consideration of the financial condition of the State and the best means to provide additional revenue.

Celebrating in Honor of Statehood in New Mexico.

Albuquerke, N. M., June 20.—Flags are flying around pictures of President Taft to-night in honor of the signing of the Statethood bill today by the President. A non-partisan celebration, consisting of speaking and parades, was held to-night to celebrate the event. After the announcement of the President's approval of the Statehood bill to-day, whistles were blown for several minutes.

Six Hundred Buildings Burned and Several Lives Lost.

St. Petersburg, June 20.—Ten persons are dead, fifty missing, and fully two thousand others homeless as the result of a conflagration which swept over Mahiley to-day, destroying more than six hundred buildings.