

State News.

Mecklenburg County leads in the number of automobiles in the State, with Guilford a close second.

Surveyors are working out a new line of railway between Mt. Airy and Statesville.

Trips are being made by various Farmers' Institutes, starting from Raleigh and going into different parts of the State.

Efforts are being made by the citizens of Hickory to secure the building of a highway connecting that thriving town with Asheville.

A case of actual cure from the dread disease, pellagra, is reported from Durham, the patient being Mrs. R. M. Baxley, of Hillsboro.

Charles F. Spencer, son of Mr. J. B. Spencer, of Lexington, was drowned at Bryson last Tuesday while bathing.

Mr. E. Ashe Boat, for twelve years with the Imperial Tobacco Company at Durham, has resigned his position and goes to South Carolina as buyer for that organization.

In the Fifteenth Judicial District the Democrats have nominated Jos. S. Adams for the judgeship, and Robert S. Reynolds as solicitor.

While working on a dam near Marshall Tuesday afternoon, a young man named Gray Hancy, fell across the belt of a rock crusher and was probably fatally injured.

George Misenheimer, formerly in the service of the Southern Railway Company at Spencer, was killed in a railroad wreck at Saddle, Mo., on last Thursday. His remains were shipped to Charlotte for interment.

John S. Huyler the candy man, has agreed to donate \$23,000, the mortgage he holds upon Montreat, a Presbyterian Assembly ground in western North Carolina, provided the Montreat Association raises \$10,000 towards permanent improvements.

Doctors B. W. Page, of Snead's Ferry; C. F. Strasider, Wilmington, and Claude L. Pridgen, Kinston, have received appointments from the Rockefeller Hookworm Commission as district agents in the campaign being waged in this State against the hookworm disease.

Robena Slack, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Slack, of High Point, is in a critical condition from the result of a fall from a second story window to the ground, a distance of about eighteen feet, at an early hour Monday morning.

Greensboro is shy of one member of the Board of Aldermen and has been for some time. One member resigned and the board, it is said, will not elect a successor until it can do so with the assurance that the ring, so called, will have a safe working majority.

The Interstate Commerce Commission has ordered a reduction in through freight rates to Winston-Salem and Durham, N. C., from Roanoke and Lynchburg, Va. It amounts to about 9 cents a hundred pounds on class freight and from 4 to 8 cents a hundred pounds on hay, grain and packing-house products.

Lightning Kills Harnett County Boy - Others Wounded.

A special from Angier to yesterday's News and Observer says: "During a thunder storm here the lightning struck a pine tree about one hundred yards from the home of Mr. John Hockaday, and then ran along a wire fence to his house, where it got into his bed springs and tore two bed slats all to pieces.

"There were three small children lying on the bed asleep, but they were not even waked up. One boy awoke, and sitting at the foot of the bed was killed, namely, Willie Day, about fifteen years old.

"The lightning also struck Mrs. Andrew Pate and tore her clothes nearly off her and tore a big hole out of her arm. She is not expected to live."

Johnston County Farmer Killed by a Train.

Smithfield, N. C., July 11.—Chas. Davis, aged twenty-seven, a farmer who lived about eight miles from Smithfield, was run over and instantly killed Sunday morning at 12.05 by fast train No. 82, northbound, on the yards of the depot at this place. He had been drinking and it is supposed he went to sleep on the track. The remains were horribly mangled. Telegraph operator at the depot, Mr. Ernest Ruckman, went out to put the mail on the train. He picked up what he thought in the dim light was a mail bag but instead he had picked up a man's leg. He notified the station master, Mr. Hinant, of the accident. The scattered remains were taken to the undertaking establishment and prepared for burial. They were later taken to the home of the young man's parents, about eight miles from town.

PREACHER WHIPPED CONSTABLE.

Mecklenburg Constable Cursed a Minister and a Hot Fight Followed.

Charlotte, N. C., July 12.—Rev. A. J. Crane, a leading Presbyterian minister of this county, promises to gain the name of "the fighting parson" in a literal sense, should his encounter with Mr. D. W. Teeter, a constable of Newells, five miles from Charlotte, be repeated.

The minister has been laying out blind tigers and liquor, and yesterday, it is said, that the constable, meeting the preacher's son, made use of language alleged to be very abusive, which the boy reported to his father.

The minister later met the constable, and reports say that the physical punishment which he administered would have done credit to a trained athletic and pugilist. Constable Teeter is said to have been knocked down three times by the stalwart preacher when the latter was cursed by the constable.

Both have appeared before magistrates here, and their cases will be fought out in local courts. Teeter has secured able counsel, while the minister will likewise be taken care of in that respect, and intense excitement attaches to the outcome. It is said that Constable Teeter will allege the use of a deadly weapon by the minister. Both men are popular and stand high in their communities. The minister is quoted as having said that no man could hold his hands and receive the epithets of words that were alleged to have been applied to him.

CAPT. SPENCER DROWNED.

A Sad Death at Encampment Near Asheville.

Asheville, N. C., July 12.—A special from Bryson City says that the body of Capt. Charles Spencer, who was drowned Saturday in the Tuckasee River while out with a boating party, was recovered to-day miles below Bryson, where it had been washed by the current against a rock.

This is one of the most pathetic deaths for a long while. Capt. Spencer was one of a party of college men who were spending a while at Camp Cherokee. His home was in Lynchburg, Va., and he was a professor of mathematics at Orange, Va. He was a graduate of Washington and Lee, thirty-five years of age and unmarried. The members of the camp will accompany the body home.

Wife Searching for Run-away Husband.

Charlotte July 8.—Mr. J. C. Furr, a well-to-do farmer of Pineville, of about fifty years of age, is on a determined hunt for his thirty-year-old wife, who left him recently in the company of Jim Lamons (it is believed), Lamons being a mill operative. The story became known today. The woman, when she left her husband's home, took with her an eleven-year-old daughter, and a two-months-old infant. She has not been seen, though it was alleged that she was with Lamons in Statesville. Upon investigation it was found that they had left for parts unknown.

Good Prospects for Republican Victory in Randolph.

Ashboro, July 9.—County Chairman C. L. Holton has issued a formal call for the Republican convention for Randolph County, to be held in the court house at Ashboro on Saturday, July 16th.

Hon. A. E. Holton and other prominent Republicans will address the convention.

In Randolph prospects for a sweeping Republican victory were never brighter, and predictions are that the county ticket will go in to the man. A strong ticket will be put out and already Randolph is jubilant over its opportunity to roll up a large Republican majority.

Woman Swindles Charlotte People.

Charlotte, N. C., July 8.—A young woman of fine address, and giving the name Marie E. Barwick, after spending several weeks here, has departed and behind her are unpaid bills estimated at about five hundred dollars.

The young woman secured expensive offices in the Realty building, and stated that she was interested in the insurance business. She is said to have ordered about three hundred dollars worth of dress goods from one firm, but upon investigation the goods were withheld. She left the next day.

Attachment papers for her trunks were in a constable's hands when she was leaving. Miss Barwick secured handsome living rooms, also, and made quite a stylish appearance. There is no explanation of her unlucky sojourn here.

Not in Bad Condition.

State Dispatch.] If the textile industry was in one-half as bad condition as some people would make believe, does any one suppose for a moment that the Marshall Field Co., would invest one and a half million dollars in one little town in North Carolina?

General News.

A New York scientist is convinced that the growth of crops can be increased by the use of electricity as a fertilizer. He has bought an "electric farm" and proposes to test his theory.

Garment workers in New York have gone on a strike, demanding a recognition of their union and improved sanitary conditions in the shops and factories.

Nelson County, Virginia, has a smallpox epidemic. Fully 150 cases are now in quarantine in a territory five miles long and three miles wide. General vaccination has been ordered although no deaths have occurred.

Staggering under debts of \$849,269 and facing financial ruin, George Washington University to-day is negotiating the sale of the most important buildings and a discontinuance of its medical school and hospital.

The Republicans of Alabama have placed a full ticket in nomination, excepting for justices of the Supreme Court, and announce that they expect to reduce the Democratic majority this fall.

While flying through the air over Atlantic City last Tuesday, Glenn H. Curtis, the noted aviator, threw a number of oranges at a yacht lying several hundred feet below, and came within three feet of hitting the deck. This was done in order to prove the possibility of hitting vessels with bombs.

THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE.

Fourth Conference of American Republics in Session at Buenos Ayres - A Very Important Meeting.

Buenos Ayres, July 12.—The fourth international conference of American republics opened here today and probably will continue for six weeks. Because of the trouble in the conditions in Nicaragua and other Central American states, this is expected to be the most important conference yet held.

Henry White, former American ambassador to France, will respond for the delegates.

Other delegates in attendance are Prof. Paul Reinsch, of the University of Wisconsin; Prof. David Kinley, of the University of Illinois; Prot. John Bassett Moore, of Columbia University; Prof. Bernard Moses, of the University of California; E. B. Moore, United States Commissioner of Patents; J. B. Quinters, New Orleans; Colonel Enoch Crowder, assistant judge advocate general of the United States army; Lewis Nixon, New York; Prof. J. B. Shepherd, Columbia University; Cabot Ward, ex-secretary of state of Porto Rico, and W. T. S. Doyle, assistant chief of the division of Latin-American Affairs, State Department.

LaRazon, an influential journal, today denies reports that the Argentine Republic, Brazil and Chile are planning an alliance to offset the power and influence of the United States in South American affairs.

Horse Thief Arrested at His Wife's Grave.

Monroe, La., July 12.—Returning here early to-day with Philip Ward, alleged horse thief. Sheriff Parker and his deputies reported that they came upon Ward while he was standing by the half-filled grave of his wife near Quachita City. Ward drew a revolver, but the deputy knocked it out of his hand. He drew another and it met the same fate. As he was drawing a third revolver, the posse decided it was time to intrude still further upon the obsequies and they placed him under arrest and handcuffed him.

Ward's wife died yesterday. He says that he had self-destruction in mind when the posse drew up and had no thought of harming them. There are at least half a dozen charges of horse stealing against him and he is alleged to have fired on a negro farmer from ambush several days ago.

"Kid Burns" Killed in Prize Fight.

New York, July 12.—Hugh Grant, 19 years old, of Tuckahoe, N. Y., known in the prize ring as "Kid Burns," died early today as the result of a terrific beating administered to him by Tommy Welch, of Jersey City, in four rounds of fighting at the Powhatan Club here last night.

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(Continued from Page 1.) able effect; but he said that from all he could learn that these methods, though cunning and dangerous, would not fool the people on this occasion, and even if it fooled some, it would not be effective to overcome the great growing tide of sentiment for Morehead and progress and victory.

HIGH COST OF LIVING.

Claims That Pure Food Law Has Tended to Advance Prices on Things to Eat.

A Washington Dispatch says: "The Congressional Committee on the cost of living recently detailed fifteen reasons for the high cost of living and yet one of the most important reasons for high prices was left out of their report," remarked Solicitor McCabe of the Department of Agriculture to-day. "The execution of the pure food law undoubtedly had an important effect upon prices. Formerly resort was had to adulteration and misbranding to reduce the price of alleged food articles. Now people buy raspberry jam, for instance, and pay more for it, but they get what they pay for. So it is with many other articles in common use. This increase in price of course, is only apparent, but it impresses the people who make purchases as real."

WOMAN SUFFRAGE IN ENGLAND.

House of Commons Passes Shackleton Bill, But it Has Not Yet Become a Law.

London, July 12.—The House of Commons, by a vote of 299 to 190 to-night passed the second reading of the Woman's Suffrage bill, for which David James Shackleton, labor member from the Clitheroe division of Lancashire, is the sponsor. The bill provides for the granting of the parliamentary franchise to women who are possessed of the property qualification and who already exercise the franchise in municipal elections.

The unexpectedly large majority of 109 gives an important impetus to woman's suffrage, but many obstacles must yet be overcome before the principle is legalized by the necessary majority of 145. The House subsequently referred the bill to a committee of the whole, which means that the bill will be shelved until next year.

The interesting debate showed that many leading men, including Winston Spencer Churchill, Secretary for Home Affairs, and A. J. Balfour, leader of the opposition in the Commons, who favored the principle of woman's suffrage, objected to the present bill, and contended that the whole country must pronounce unreservedly in favor of women voting before Parliament sanctioned such a change in the Constitution.

Premier Asquith in a strong speech against the bill declared that if women had a vote they must inevitably have seats in Parliament and might take the speaker's chair or sit in the Cabinet.

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