

**State News.**

John Turner Johnson was killed by a passenger train at Greensboro a few days ago. Johnson attempted to cross the track in front of a moving train.

The China Grove Telephone Company, of China Grove, has been chartered by the Secretary of State to operate a telephone company in that town and surrounding country. The capital stock is \$3,000 paid in.

The ten-year-old daughter of Preston Crouch, of Anson County, was killed by lightning a few days ago. Her clothing caught fire and her body badly burned. Other members of the family were badly shocked when the lightning struck their home.

Company M, Second Regiment of Wadesboro, has been ordered disbanded by the Adjutant-General, the report of the inspecting officers being that it has fallen below the standard of efficiency required by the military law and regulations. It now goes out of the service of the State.

The Buffalo Cotton Mills, of Shelby, a 2,500-spindle plant, was sold under the hammer Tuesday to J. C. Smith, trustee in bankruptcy, to Ambrose Cline. The upset price was twenty thousand dollars. The property embraces 400 acres of land, water power and twenty tenement houses.

In a fit of insane jealousy, Will Cannon, a half-witted negro who lives near Concord, in Cabarrus County, attempted to murder his entire family and assaulted his stepson with a razor. The boy knocked his assailant down with a poker and secured help from neighbors. The negro was captured and placed in jail.

**A MURDER IN LEE COUNTY.**

Paul Wood Kills Dr. J. L. Cox Over a Debt of Two Dollars.

Sanford, N. C., March 14.—In a dispute over an old debt involving less than \$2.00, Paul Wood, aged forty years, became angered at a remark made by Dr. J. L. Cox, aged 80 years and a Confederate veteran, and struck him across the head with an iron pipe several times. Dr. Cox died two hours later.

News of the tragedy, which occurred at a sawmill in a remote section of the county yesterday, only reached here to-day.

Wood made his escape immediately after the assault and has so far eluded all efforts to capture him.

The affray occurred at the saw-mill of D. W. Cox, a relative of the dead man.

**NEGRO ASSAULTS YOUNG WOMAN**

Crime Committed Near Rose Hill, Duplin County—The Brute is Still at Large.

Wilmington, N. C., March 14.—Late yesterday afternoon a young woman about twenty-one years of age, a daughter of J. W. Judge, a farmer residing about twelve miles from Rose Hill, in Duplin County, was criminally assaulted by a negro, and is reported as being in a serious condition.

Poses searched all last night for the negro and scoured the surrounding country to-day. This afternoon a negro was arrested at Magnolia, who filled the description of the negro brute, but there was doubt about him being the man wanted.

**Another "Unloaded" Pistol Does Damage.**

Thomasville, N. C., March 13.—About 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon Robert Peace, a lad of fifteen, accidentally shot Wakefield Stone, of the same age, while carelessly handling a pistol. The boys had been together at the Peace home together for probably fifteen minutes, when it is stated Robert said, "Wakefield, hand me a dollar." Wakefield replied, "Get away from here with that thing." Peace then fired and the 32 calibre bullet pierced the groin and lodged near the hip joint.

Peace gave as his excuse for the shooting that he did not know the pistol was loaded. Wakefield at no time suffered to any great extent and today he is doing as well as could be expected.

**Missing Man's Body Found in the River.**

Elizabeth City, N. C., March 10.—Face downward in the sand of the river-bed, about thirty feet from shore and within a stone's throw of the camping ground of the county chain-gang, the body of Capt. Edward E. Gibbs, who has been missing since February 17th, was found Thursday afternoon. Northeast winds carried the tide out farther yesterday than in many days, and, while walking along the shore, J. A. Bynum, a neighbor of Gibbs, sighted the body. There is no doubt that he was murdered.

**A Ripe Tomato.**

Miss Emma Poovey, of this city, grew a tomato vine in her room, and on the 10th of February gathered a ripe tomato, nice, smooth and well developed, and about the size of a hen egg from it—The Lincoln Times.

**MRS. ROSA HAYES ACQUITTED.**

The Jury Sustained the Plea That She Killed Dr. Floyd in Defense of Her Honor.

Whiteville, N. C., March 11.—"Not guilty!" So said the jury this afternoon at 5.30 in the case wherein Mrs. Rosa D. Hayes was charged with the murder of Robert M. Floyd, a young medical student of Charleston, S. C., at her home in Mount Tabor, on the evening of February 4, and Neill Hayes, her husband, as accessory before the fact. While there was a slight demonstration by the friends of the defendants when the verdict was returned, which was quickly quelled, great indignation was expressed by numerous people on the streets that Hayes and his wife would go free. It was not believed that a verdict for a higher offense than manslaughter would be returned and after hearing the charge of Judge Cook, this opinion became much stronger. That the verdict caused surprise is expressing it mildly.

While not a beauty, Mrs. Hayes is a pretty little woman and there is something about her that is attractive, especially when she smiles. She is a daughter of J. J. E. Harrelson, a farmer who resides near Loris, S. C. She has one brother, D. D. Harrelson, who represented Horry County in the Legislature and prior to that was County Superintendent of Education. Several of Mrs. Hayes' brothers are school teachers and one is a telegraph operator in Wilmington and is with the Atlantic Coast Line. It is said that the members of the family of Mrs. Hayes were bitterly opposed to her marrying Hayes.

Robert M. Floyd, who was killed the 4th of February by Mrs. Hayes, was the son of Matthew Floyd, a prosperous farmer of Gallant's Ferry, Horry County. He would have been thirty years of age had he lived until the 4th of the present month. Floyd was unusually well known throughout the upper portion of South Carolina, as he was colporteur of Waccamaw Baptist Association for some years and traveled over a considerable part of the State. Later he held a position in the bank of Mount Tabor and then in the bank at Conway. He was very popular and seemed to be liked by nearly every one who knew him.

**DEATH OF HON. W. F. STROUD.**

Passed Away Sunday Afternoon at the Home of His Son in Chapel Hill—Had Served Two Terms in Congress and Was a Member of State Constitutional Convention.

Chapel Hill, N. C., March 13.—William F. Stroud, one of the oldest inhabitants of Chapel Hill, and one of the most respected citizens of the community, died Sunday afternoon at the home of his son in Chapel Hill. He was seventy-nine years of age and had been in declining health, having had three strokes of paralysis during the past two years. An attack of grippe was the immediate cause of his death.

William F. Stroud was born in Orange County December 7, 1832, near Pittsboro. He was educated at Bingham School, High Hill Academy and Graham Institute. He lived in Chatham County practically all of his life and was a farmer.

In 1875 Mr. Stroud was elected to the State Constitutional Convention, and in 1894 was elected to the National Congress from the Fourth District at the hands of the Populist Party, defeating Charles M. Cooke, the Democratic nominee by 4,000 majority.

It was during this period that Marion Butler was in the Senate, both men being elected at the same time by the Fusionists. At that time North Carolina was represented in Congress by five Populists, three Republicans and one Democrat, he being W. W. Kitchin, of the Fifth District.

Mr. Stroud was highly esteemed by his acquaintances in both Orange and Chatham Counties. The funeral took place from the home of the son of the deceased this afternoon and the burial was at the Chapel Hill Cemetery.

The popularity of Mr. Stroud was evidenced by a great number of floral designs from Durham and Raleigh and neighboring towns. A large number of telegrams of condolence came in during the day.

**Kings Mountain Lady Killed by Lightning.**

Gastonia, N. C., March 13.—During a severe electrical storm at Kings Mountain about 1.30 o'clock this afternoon, a Mrs. Gordon, living at the Cora mill, was struck by lightning and instantly killed. She had just opened a door to look out when the stroke came. Her daughter, Mrs. Wallace, who was standing near by, was very severely shocked and is in a serious condition. The house was badly damaged.

**Fred Crudup Kills James Hunt at Kittrell, N. C.**

Henderson, N. C., March 13.—Deputy Sheriff Wilson landed two colored prisoners in jail this evening at 7.30 o'clock, charged with murder. The principal in the case is Fred Crudup, who killed James Hunt at Kittrell this afternoon.

**General News.**

The contract for the New York City Postoffice has been awarded to the Fuller Construction Company, of New York, at its bid of \$2,515,267.

Mrs. N. A. Floyd, of Waco, Texas, was stabbed to death with a pen-knife by her husband, Dr. N. A. Floyd, Saturday afternoon. Floyd then stabbed himself eight times with the same knife and probably will die. He went to Waco from Suffolk, Va., a short time ago. Domestic troubles are said to have caused the tragedy.

The estate in New Hampshire of the late Mrs. Mary Baker Glover Eddy, founder of the Christian Science Church, has been appraised at \$2,512,146. While the property left by Mrs. Eddy in Massachusetts has not been formally appraised, it has been estimated at about \$250,000.

Officers of Spartanburg, S. C., Saturday captured one of the largest distilleries ever seen in that county. Over three thousand gallons of beer was destroyed. The owners had made their escape before the officers arrived. The distillery was located at a point just on the North Carolina line.

**FORCE TO BE INCREASED.**

Other Troops Will Be Sent to Texas. Two Carloads of Mules Arrive.

Washington, March 14.—The present patrol of the Mexican frontier will be increased in a few days by several troops of cavalry from the mounted forces now being assembled in the southern border States. It is announced at the War Department that the increase will amount to six or seven troops of cavalry, who will be added to the patrol of the Rio Grande in order to prevent the smuggling of the munitions of war to the Mexican revolutionists. In making this announcement, officials of the war department emphatically declared that none of the infantry regiments now mobilizing at San Antonio, Galveston and San Diego would be dispatched to the border.

The increase in the patrol of the Mexican border line will be made by the war department at the request of Brigadier General Duncan, commander of the Department of Texas. Previous to the receipt of this request, the department had not intended to augment the southern patrol. There are already stretched along the frontier three regiments of cavalry, one regiment of infantry and two companies of the signal corps. Because of the great extent of the boundary line, over 1,500 miles in length, the patrol of the frontier is a mammoth task.

Galveston, Tex., March 14.—Eighty Missouri mules arrived at Camp Crockett today. They are attached to the field hospital corps and ambulance train No. 5, sent here from St. Louis to join the brigade commanded by Brigadier General Mills. Among yesterday's arrivals were 58 more mules from Fort Totten, N. Y., being part of the equipment of the troops now en route here by transport from Hampton Roads.

The field hospital will contain 108 beds and there are five surgeons in the corps. The corps comes prepared for active service.

**STOLE THE REGISTRATION BOOK**

Some Wilmington Democrats Again at Their Old Tricks—Stole Book to Defeat Election.

A special from Wilmington to yesterday's News and Observer says: An election is to be held here tomorrow to pass upon the adoption of the commission form of government bill, and this afternoon it was found that the registration books of the third ward, having about 700 voters and in the very heart of the city, had been misplaced or stolen. The books were not to be found when the registrar went to the office of the city clerk and treasurer, but this fact was not learned of until this afternoon, the impression of some being that it did not matter, as all desiring to vote could register on the day of election.

Investigation has failed to disclose any law allowing this and in the third ward the books of 1905 will have to be used and the few who have registered during the past few days, less than one hundred. It was generally regarded that the third ward would give an overwhelming majority for the bill. The general opinion prevails that regardless of the loss of the registration books of the ward in question that the commission bill will carry, although there seems to be an effort on the part of many to endeavor to defeat the measure in a quiet way.

This has been learned by those who are favoring the bill, and knowing of this and the strange disappearance of the registration books, will cause an unusually hard fight to be put forth to give Wilmington the commission form of government.

**A Fatal Accident at Selma.**

Selma, N. C., March 14.—A horrible accident occurred on Main Street yesterday afternoon in which Mr. Charley L. Eason, of Smithfield, was thrown from a buggy, sustaining injuries from which he died later.

Mr. Eason was crossing the Southern Railway's tracks when his horse

became frightened, he lost control of the animal and after going one block was thrown from the buggy, the wheel striking his head. He was taken to Dr. Noble's office and everything possible was done for him, but however, the injury was in the brain and he died in less than three hours.

**SEVERAL BIG FIRES.**

The Business District of Snow Hill Swept by Flames—Piano Plant at High Point Destroyed—Two Fires at Rutherfordton.

Kinston, N. C., March 9.—Fire, discovered at five minutes past 12 o'clock last night, swept the business district of Snow Hill and did over \$30,000 damage. Owing to lack of equipment for fighting fire, the citizens were unable to cope with the flames, and it virtually burned itself out.

The fire originated in the store of J. S. Sugar, a Jewish dry goods merchant and circumstances pointed so strongly to his guilt as an incendiary that he was arrested and this morning was given preliminary trial after which he was bound over to court under a \$500 bond, which he put up in cash. Among the circumstances pointing to the guilt of Sugar were the facts that he carried \$3,000 insurance on a stock that inventoried only \$2,200. That only Wednesday he took additional insurance on his stock, and that part of the stock had been removed from the store and concealed in his rooms at the hotel.

**\$50,000 Fire at High Point.**

High Point, N. C., March 10.—This morning at 8 o'clock the main building of the Shipman Organ Company's plant caught fire from a hot box on a drum sander. In a short time the large three story building was on fire apparently all over, some of the employees on the third floor having a very narrow escape to get out in safety.

The entire fire department was quickly present but could do nothing more than confine the fire to the plant.

The entire plant was destroyed including a new boiler and engine room which was just completed a few weeks ago.

A young girl, Stella Carmickle, was caught on the second floor and had to jump to save her life. She jumped into a small tree near the building and was then caught by her father and some other men. The injuries are very slight. The loss can not be estimated at this time.

The loss is about \$50,000 and the insurance is about \$28,000.

**Rutherfordton's Loss Over \$40,000.**

Rutherfordton, N. C., March 10.—Flames last night burned the Carpenter building and penetrated the Central Hotel adjoining, before they were controlled, the damage being about \$40,000. The property was not well insured. The Carpenter structure was a modern two-story brick building, but the Central Hotel was old, and the loss of it will probably result in the erection of a modern building.

Mr. K. J. Carpenter, proprietor of the Carpenter building, had the heaviest loss with \$2,500 insurance. H. S. Toms, groceries and furniture, carried \$2,000; the Carpenter Grocery Company, wholesale grocers, \$2,000; J. A. Wilson & Co., dry goods, \$4,000; McBrayer & McBrayer, attorneys, and J. S. Souther, jeweler, had a total loss, with no insurance.

Rutherfordton, March 11.—Rutherfordton was today visited by another fire, this one being the residence of Mr. B. A. Hampton near the Southern depot, which was burned this morning about 11 o'clock, together with a large portion of his household and kitchen furniture.

**Several Killed in Kentucky Railroad Strike.**

Burnside, Ky., March 15.—Reports received here are that the strike on the Queen and Crescent has caused the death or injury of at least twenty persons. "They are slaughtering them right and left," said a fireman who pulled into the Somerset yards to-day.

Engine 707 which carried freight from Ludlow was riddled by bullets from ambush at Kings Mountain. At the same place 200 armed men took off four negro firemen and three special guards and carried them into the hills when a passenger train stopped to pick up a dead negro fireman at Glen Mary, Tenn. The fireman of that train was shot dead also.

Two negro firemen were taken off a train at South Fork trestle. Many engine cabs have been shot to pieces. The dead and wounded negroes are said to be hidden in the cars to conceal the number of casualties.

**Not a Word of Scandal**

marred the call of a neighbor on Mrs. W. P. Spangh, of Manville, Wyo., who said: "She told me Dr. King's New Life Pills had cured her of obstinate kidney trouble, and made her feel like a new woman." Easy, but sure remedy for stomach, liver and kidney troubles. Only 25c. at all Druggists.

**Farm Topics**

Under this head we shall be glad to publish articles or communications from farmers and farmer boys each week on subjects of interest to farmers. In this way the farmers can exchange their ideas and help one another. We will let the ladies in on this also. They may have something interesting to say about gardening and raising poultry, and we shall be glad to publish their ideas in these columns. In fact, we shall be glad to publish any article that will be of interest to those who live on the farm.

The editor will also select articles from other papers and print in these columns. We want to make this feature of the paper both interesting and useful. Don't wait for some one else to write first, but send in your article right away.

**Some Pasquotank Farmers to Work Under Direction of Board of Agriculture.**

Elizabeth City, N. C., March 11.—A movement of vital interest to this county and one that will no doubt prove of incalculable benefit to this entire section has been started by a number of Pasquotank County's most progressive farmers. These planters have agreed to plant one acre of land under the direction of the State Board of Agriculture for the purpose of ascertaining the relative value of modern, as opposed to ordinary methods, of agricultural practices. In consideration of these tests, the farmers are to receive all seed, fertilizer and instructions free of charge from the State Board of Agriculture. Regular reports are to be made to the State Board and accurate accounts of all expenses in connection with cultivation of the acre are to be kept and reported.

The planter is to receive all returns from the acre thus cultivated under the direction of the State Board of Agriculture.

**Build Plant of Manufacture Fertilizer From the Air.**

Chester, S. C., March 10.—Work on the new plant that is to manufacture fertilizer from the air, at Great Falls, on the Catawba River, in the lower end of the county, is progressing rapidly and will soon be completed. At the same time the company is erecting a number of houses there and in a short time there will have been born another thriving village down there in a region that a few years ago was a veritable wilderness of rugged hills covered with scrub oak and pine.

This plant will be the only one of its kind in America to make fertilizer from the air and is owned by the same people who own the Southern Power plants and associated developments. Its success is based on the fact that the method has been used in Germany with good results and there is no doubt but that it means a still greater development of Chester County.

**Farmers Will Know Who Voted Against Them.**

Referring to the class fight made against the Torrens system by the lawyers, the Charlotte Chronicle says: "The Torrens land bill, fathered by Senator Cotten never at any time had the ghost of a show. Mr. Cotten could not succeed in getting it before the House, but after many trials and tribulations, did get it to a vote in the Senate. Then it was killed by a vote of 22 to 18, as fast as the clerk could call the roll. Mr. Cotten took the precaution to put the Senators on record, so the farmers will know who voted against them. Why we said the bill never had a chance is this: There are 32 lawyers in the Senate against 18 laymen. The vote against the bill was cast by 18 lawyers and 4 laymen who had been prevailed upon to go with them. But the fight will be kept up and the chances are that the Torrens land bill will be dealt with a little more respectfully in the next Legislature."—Carolina Farmers' Union.

**All Railways Comply With the Decision of Interstate Commerce Commission.**

Washington, D. C., March 15.—All the railways in official classification territory which were prevented from increasing their freight rates have complied with the Interstate Commerce Commission's decision that no advances would be permitted.

From examination to-day of the 15,000 rate cancellations filed with the Commission, it was found that every railroad has restored the old rates.

The office of the Commission worked until late last night making comparisons of rate schedules, for it was announced by the Commission that had any road refused to comply with the ruling the increased rates on that road would be suspended for two years.

It is expected now among railroad experts here that the roads will either seek to raise their capitalization or increase their freight rates individually so as to attain the end they desired, which was denied by the Commission's ruling.

**Sixteen Americans Killed in Mexico.**

San Antonio, Texas, March 11.—A dispatch to the Express from El Paso says: "From the only American who es-

caped unscathed from the fight at Casas Grandes it is learned the details of the fight Monday, which resulted in the extermination of the American Legion of Madero's army. Of the fifty Americans leading in the attack 16 were killed or wounded. The only survivor, Roy Kelly, of Smithport, Pa., former United States army scout in the Philippines, with his clothing in rags and his body a mass of cuts, arrived in El Paso this afternoon.

**His Frankness Won.**

The late Senator Dolliver said that in politics it paid to be frank and honest with the people.

"My predecessor in the Senate," he said, "was John H. Gear. On one occasion the prohibition spirit was running high and a public meeting was held, with a well-known Quaker as chairman. Gear was invited to the meeting. He accepted the invitation. The old Quaker called him to the platform and said:

"We learn that thou dost not belong to any temperance society and also that thou dost drink liquor at thy discretion. Is this true?"

"Every word of it is true," replied Gear, "but did you ever hear of my doing anything dishonorable?"

"Nay, Mr. Gear," replied the old Quaker chairman—"nay, we have never heard anything else to thy discredit. Thy frankness is more to be commended than thy habits. But thou hast not lied to us, and we will support thee."

"And they did," said Senator Dolliver, "and elected him, too."—Washington Star.

**Over 500 Head of Stock Roasted to Death.**

Fort Worth, Texas, March 14.—Nearly two acres of stock sheds burned here to-day, roasting to death between 500 and 1,000 head of horses, sheep and hogs, and seriously burning four men. The value of the dead animals is estimated at about \$50,000, and the property loss \$25,000. The fire is believed to have started because of the carelessness of a helper cooking his breakfast in one of the barns. None of the packing houses was damaged.

**Newspaper Man in Jail for Contempt.**

Atlanta, Ga., March 14.—Because T. J. Hamilton, a reporter for the Augusta Herald, refused to give the police board the name of a policeman who gave him a "tip" on a murder story, he must return to jail and finish serving a sentence of five days or pay a fine of \$50, imposed for contempt. This was the decision handed down by the Supreme Court here to-day.

**To Drive Mormon Missionaries Out of England.**

London, March 13.—A bill to drive Mormon missionaries out of England is being prepared by the government and will be passed without any opposition. Investigation by Home Secretary Winston Churchill has shown that 500 young girls have recently left England for the Mormon colony in Utah without the consent of their parents.

**Craven County Lady Commits Suicide**

New Bern, N. C., March 13.—Information was received here this morning from Ernul, a small village a few miles from this city, that Miss Amanda Barrington, a highly respected young lady of that place, committed suicide last night by firing a load of shot into her head. No cause as to why she committed this deed is known.

**COLDS BREED CATARRH**

Her Terrible Experience Shows How Peruna Should Be in Every Home to Prevent Colds.

Mrs. C. S. Sager, 1311 Woodland Ave., Kansas City, Mo., writes: "I feel it a duty to you and to others that may be afflicted like myself, to speak for Peruna. "My trouble first came after the grippe eight or nine years ago, a gathering in my head and neuralgia. I suffered most all the time. My nose, ears and eyes were badly affected for the last two years. I think from your description of internal catarrh that I must have had that also. I suffered very severely. "Nothing ever relieved me like Peruna. It keeps me from taking cold. "With the exception of some deafness I am feeling perfectly cured. I am forty-six years old. "I feel that words are inadequate to express my praise for Peruna."



Mrs. C. S. Sager.