

**State News.**

A Farmers' Union for Wilson County will be organized in Wilson Saturday.

The State Sunday School Convention will be held in High Point April 20th to 27th.

Mr. W. C. Hurst, of Durham, died Tuesday from erysipelas, which had followed a severe attack of small-pox.

The annual address at the State University will be delivered this year by Governor Woodrow Wilson, of New Jersey.

The Women's Missionary Union of the Baptist churches of North Carolina are holding their annual meeting in Wilmington this week.

In the election held at Asheville Tuesday on the commission form of government, the proposed new charter was defeated by the close margin of twenty-three votes.

The Hotel LaFayette, of Fayetteville, has been sold to J. P. Sanders, of Charlotte, and Robert Irwin, of Greensboro. It is understood that improvements will be made on the property.

The Spring Hope Banking Company, of Spring Hope, Nash County, was robbed some days ago of about \$200. It is thought the money was stolen by the janitor. He was arrested and \$190.50 was found on his person.

Wilmington adopted the commission form of government by a decisive vote, and will hold primary April 18th and the election first Monday in May to elect the three commissioners from those nominated in the primary.

At the request of the Salisbury Bar Association, Governor Kitchin has called a special term of Rowan Superior Court for a week's term, beginning Monday, April 10th, for the trial of civil cases, the docket having become congested.

The executive committee of the board of trustees of the State University will award the contract for the erection of a \$50,000 building on the campus for the Schools of Medicine and Pharmacy. It will be known as the Caldwell, in honor of Dr. Joseph Caldwell, the first President of the University.

**MRS. ROYSTER ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.**

Deserted by Her Husband, the Despondent Young Wife Tries to End Her Life in a Greensboro Hotel—Had Been Married Only a Few Weeks.

Greensboro, N. C., March 18.—Forsaken and deserted by the man who a few weeks before had become her husband, tired of searching and inquiring for him, despondent, dejected, and downcast, Mrs. Farrar Royster, who was before marriage Miss Sadie Mitchell, of Burlington, attempted to take her own life in a parlor of the Guilford Hotel to-day. Guests in the lobby at 1:15 o'clock heard a pistol shot behind the curtains that separate the lobby from the parlor. Thrusting aside the curtain, they beheld the woman lying writhing upon the carpet, a gaping wound in her breast, from which the blood was spurting, and a smoking Smith & Wesson 32-caliber revolver at her side.

"I did it myself," she said in answer to the questions of those who pressed about her. "I did it for the love of a man; he left me two weeks ago, and I love him better than life.

Doctors were hurriedly called in and they applied anaesthetics, and an ambulance was called to carry her to the hospital. The woman begged the physicians to finish her life, either to shoot her or give her something that would take away the life, which, she said, was misery without the man she loved and had married.

The man, who the young woman says is her husband, is Farrar Royster of this city, a member of a good family and well-known in the city. He is about twenty-three years of age and has held several positions about town, none of them, however, long at a time. He is now said to be in Texas.

The young woman has a brother and a sister living here, but her home until the marriage was in Burlington. She was a woman of rather striking appearance, pretty and attracted attention in the hotel. She wore a brown coat suit, was well-dressed and her appearance and conversation indicated that she is a woman of refinement and education.

A report from the hospital tonight is that, while the woman is seriously injured, she has about an even chance of recovery.

**Entire Faculty of Presbyterian College at Charlotte Resign.**

Charlotte, N. C., March 21.—The entire faculty of the Presbyterian College for Women, located in this city, and a leading institution in the Carolinas, has resigned, and the newly elected president, Rev. J. L. Caldwell, D.D., has accepted these and new members will be secured for the fall term.

**WEST AND HIS GANG SENTENCED**

Lewis West Will Be Executed in the State's Prison May 5th—Purcell Must Serve Thirty Years—Other Members of Gang Receive Sentences From One to Eleven Years.

Wilson, N. C., March 18.—The curtain rang down on the last act on the Wilson stage of the West and Purcell trial this morning, when Judge Adams passed sentence on the notorious prisoners, who yesterday were found guilty, the former in the first degree and the latter in the second degree, of the murder of Deputy Sheriff George Mumford in this city Friday afternoon, February 3rd.

Judge Adams, in an impressive talk, passed sentence. He started out by saying that this was the first time he had had the painful duty of passing such a sentence. He said the defendants had a fair trial; they were ably defended and fairly prosecuted and the evidence as to West was overwhelming; the verdict as to Stetson the prisoners had not been brought was merited; and that he regretted only better men.

Judge Adams advised Lewis West to seek immediate spiritual advice for the life to come; that his counsel were satisfied at the verdict; he could hold out no hope for a new trial and saw no chance for pardon by the Governor, owing to the nature of the crime. Judge Adams passed sentence that Lewis West be electrocuted on May 5th between the hours of 12 and 2 o'clock.

Stetson was sentenced to hard labor in the State penitentiary for a term of thirty years.

West thanked the sheriff and his officers after sentence for what they had done for him.

The other members of the gang were then sentenced. Matthew Mebane, alias Brodie, was sentenced to eleven years for robbery here, and carrying concealed weapons; Dave Young got four years for conspiracy to rob and carrying concealed weapons; Will Lane and Wade Williams were given two years each; Mary Young gets one year. The trial of Tom Smith and Jim Simms was continued.

After the sentences expire the prisoners will be turned over to Cumberland County to answer a robbery charge.

After court adjourned, Judge Adams walked where West and Stetson were seated and told them goodbye. West and Stetson were taken to Raleigh this afternoon.

**SHOOTING AT GASTONIA.**

Geo. A. Jenkins Mortally Wounded by Spake Elmore at Latter's Home—The Affair a Mystery.

Gastonia, N. C., March 20.—As a result of a mysterious shooting affair at the home of Spake Elmore, on East Franklin Avenue, to-night about 9:30 o'clock, George A. Jenkins, a well-known business man of Gastonia, now lies in the hospital with a full load of gun-shot in his lower left stomach and Spake Elmore is in jail awaiting developments in the condition of the wounded man. There were no eye-witnesses to the shooting and the facts are hard to get at, although all sorts of wild rumors are afloat.

According to John Thomas, a white barber, who was waiting in a carriage for Jenkins, he and Jenkins drove down to the Elmore home to get some chickens, for which Jenkins had gone up the steps and was on the porch when Spake Elmore opened fire. The full load took effect in Jenkins' lower left stomach, but he was able to stumble down the steps and out to the carriage. Thomas lifted him inside and drove madly to the hospital, over a half-mile distant.

Spake Elmore says that he saw some one walking around the house, and, owing to a lack of light at the spot, he did not recognize who it was. Thinking the prowler was possibly a burglar, he shot.

The whole occurrence is veiled in mystery and details are not available. The general opinion, however, seems to be that there is something back of the affair that has not yet come to light.

The physicians are unable to say whether or not Jenkins will live. His condition is serious, to say the least.

**Destroyed a Distillery Every Day in the Week.**

Newton, N. C., March 17.—The past week or ten days have been full of work for the Revenue officers in this section of the county. Deputy D. A. Kanipe, of Marion, reports having destroyed a distillery every day for the past week. Yesterday he, together with H. W. Jones and Policeman Sherrill, of Hickory, destroyed two stills and fixtures. One was very large and the other of small capacity. These blockades were found in a corner made by Burke, Lincoln and McDowell Counties. At the large distillery four men were seen as the officers approached, but all escaped into the woods. But little whiskey was found on hand, as it seems the moonshiners dispose of it as rapidly as made. Only about four gallons of liquor were destroyed.

**The Spelling-Bee.**

Amos: "We had a spellin'-bee in th' church parlors last night and I wuz in th' contest." Silas: "Haow did ye come out?" Amos: "I got stung."—C. C. M., in Woman's Home Companion for April.

**General News.**

Nearly ten thousand women voted in a school election in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Tuesday.

The Leinlauf Banking Company, the oldest bank in Mobile, Ala., has made an assignment.

The old battleship Texas was sunk Tuesday at Fort Monroe, Va., in the firing tests of which she was the subject.

A portion of the business section of Staunton, Va., was fire-swept on Monday night. The loss was about \$150,000.

Spirits of turpentine sold in the Savannah, Ga., market a few days ago at 98 cents a gallon and the price is expected to reach \$1.00.

L. S. Nafziger, formerly president of the Fourth National Bank of Wichita, Kansas, has been found guilty of buying and selling stolen postage stamps.

The Cut Nail Manufacturers' Association of Philadelphia, which practically controls the nail industry in the United States, have advanced the price of nails \$2.00 a ton.

Two persons were killed and four injured at Buffalo, N. Y., Sunday when a Lackawanna passenger train running at high speed crashed into a street car at a grade crossing.

W. T. W. Morgan, postmaster at Huttonsville, W. Va., has been arrested charged with having stolen nearly \$2,000 of the post-office funds. Morgan admits guilt, but cannot explain what became of the money.

A memorial tower, in memory of Grover Cleveland, will be erected at Princeton, N. J., in the near future. A sum of \$100,000 has been raised by friends of the former President and the tower will be erected on the plain on which the battle of Princeton was fought.

Booker T. Washington, the well-known negro educator, was assaulted by a man in New York Sunday, and had to be taken to a hospital to have his wound dressed. Washington was walking to and fro in front of a residence waiting to see a party and the janitor of the house thought him a burglar and assaulted him with a club.

**THE WAR DEPARTMENT BUSY.**

Will Send 12,000 Troops to the Philippines—Some Big Guns Ordered to the Hawaiian Islands.

San Francisco, Cal., March 18.—It was learned here this evening that transports had been engaged by the United States to carry 12,000 troops to the Philippines. The equipment which will be taken is said to make the increase in the post permanent. The report of this action on the part of the United States has caused renewed talk of the threatening menace of Japan to the Western Coast of the dependent islands.

**Preparing for the Defence of Hawaii.**

Washington, D. C., March 18.—Redoubled activity is being displayed by the War Department, which is making emergency preparations for the defence of Hawaii with a view of preparing for a possible attack by Japan. Two of the first of fourteen-inch guns to be finished are ordered to Hawaii and other guns are on the way. It is proposed to have at Hawaii a full strength of five thousand troops and also ten companies of coast artillery.

**SEVERE STORM AND CYCLONE.**

Four Residences Blown Down, Several Persons Injured and Crops and Outhouses on Farms Damaged Along the Pamlico River.

Washington, D. C., March 20.—News reached this city to-day of a cyclone and severe rain-storm which last night visited Core Point, about ten miles from here on the Pamlico River, doing considerable damage to property and injuring several persons.

As nearly as can be ascertained, four residences were blown down and the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Mayo were demolished. Mr. and Mrs. Mayo were both injured by falling timbers. Mrs. Mayo's injuries are thought to be serious.

The storm continued down the west bank of the river, doing considerable damage to crops and out-houses on farms in the Aurora section. Buildings on the farms of Mrs. Sallie Mayo and Mrs. Walter Mixon, near Aurora, were blown from their foundations.

**A Farmer Visits His Plantation in Flying Machine.**

Aiken, S. C., March 18.—Probably for the first time since the invention of the flying machine it was put in use by a farmer to-day to visit his plantation. This morning, as a passenger of Aviator Coffey, Thomas Hitchcock flew to Cedar Creek farms, some sixteen miles, making the trip in twenty minutes. After attending to business matters, he again entered the machine and flew back to Aiken, making the trip without accident.

**THE POSTAL SAVINGS BANK.**

Postmaster General Says They Are a Success—Returns from Forty-eight Experimental Banks.

Washington, March 19.—The postal savings bank system has been more successful than reasonably could have been expected.

This was the comment made today by Postmaster General Hitchcock on the analysis of the returns from the forty-eight postal savings banks which have been in operation since January 3 last. The reports from the forty-eight second class postoffices where the postal banks are located, cover a period from the establishment of the banks to February 28, 1911. In that time 3,923 accounts were opened, and 6,861 separate deposits were made, the average amount of each deposit of each deposit being \$21.50. In the same period only 259 accounts were closed by the drawing out of the deposits, the total number of open accounts on February 28 being 3,664. The net amount on deposit at the forty-eight banks after two months of operation was \$133,869. If the same ratio of deposits and withdrawals is maintained for a year the amount on deposit at the end of the year would be \$803,214.

The aggregate population of all the forty-eight cities in which postal savings banks thus far have been established is approximately 370,000. Statistical experts of the Postoffice Department have estimated that if the postal savings system should be patronized in the same proportion when it is established at all money order postoffices, the total amount on deposit after one year's operation would be about \$200,000,000. Postmaster General Hitchcock is engaged now in preparing for the establishment of 250 additional savings banks an appropriation of \$500,000 having been made by the recent congress for the extension of the system. He lists of cities in which the banks are to be located probably will be announced in the near future.

**Woman Elected to Parliament in Norway—Her Maiden Speech.**

Christiania, March 17.—Miss Rogstad, the first woman to present a constituency in the Storting, made her maiden speech before that body to-day. She is a school teacher and represents one of the Christiania seats made vacant by the resignation of General Brattlie, President of the Storting, who was compelled to retire temporarily in order to assist in the work of re-organization of the army.

The entire assembly rose when Miss Rogstad began her speech. She said that the day would be a memorable one as it was the first time a woman had ever participated in the discussion in the Nation's Parliament, and predicted that the movement for political enfranchisement of woman was bound to succeed and to result in many reforms.

**President Taft's Suggestion Received Heartily.**

London, March 17.—President Taft's suggestion for an unequalled Anglo-American arbitration treaty was enthusiastically received by the International Arbitration League to-day. Sir Edward Gray's speech in support of the plan was given a like reception. Lord Chancellor Lore Burton, who presided, declared that when a man who held an office such as the Presidency of the United States said what Taft had said, he raised the hope of humanity.

**Former Insurance Agent of This State Sentenced to Ten Years.**

Bristol, Tenn., March 17.—For the betrayal of Lizzie Palmer, a pretty orphan girl, J. E. Hampton, who had been prominent in the insurance business in southwest Virginia and at Greensboro and Raleigh, N. C., was to-day sentenced to ten years in the Virginia penitentiary in the Corporation Court in Bristol, Va. It has developed since Hampton's arrest in Raleigh that he is a married man.

**Cotton Gin Report 11,941,563 Bales for 1910 Crop.**

Washington, D. C., March 20.—The Census Bureau to-day issued its reports on cotton ginning. The report shows for 1910, 11,941,563 bales, counting round as half bales, and including linters, compared with 10,386,209 bales for 1909. Included in statistics for 1910 are linters, 397,592 bales; Sea Island cotton, 90,386 bales; round bales, 112,887 bales. Expressed in equivalent 500 pound bales, the 1910 crops is 11,969,757 bales compared with 10,315,382 bales for 1909. Cotton estimated by ginners and delinters as remaining to be ginned and included in the 1910 statistics, is 70,169 bales. The number of gins in 1910 was 26,211, compared with 26,669 for 1909.

**CHANGE OF HEART.**

Sevierville, Tenn.—"I never did believe in patent medicines," writes Mrs. Martha Hown, of this place, until I took Cardui, and it cured me. Now I do all my house-work, and it don't tire me. Doctors failed, but Cardui saved my life." The benefit from taking Cardui is not confined to one part of the body. Cardui improves the whole womanly system. It helps headache, backache, falling feeling, and female weakness. Try it. It will help you. Price \$1.00.

**Farm Topics**

**LIKES "FARM TOPICS."**

May Be Made an Interesting and Valuable Feature of the Paper—Farmers Should Make This Department Lively.

To the Editor:—I was pleased to note in last week's Caucasian that you had begun a department of "Farm Topics." This may be made an interesting and valuable feature of our paper. I know that The Caucasian goes into many appreciative homes—into homes where its weekly visit is regarded as the coming of a friend. Its political views, its pithy "briefs," its "local" and its "general news," its "Home Circle," and now its "Farm Topics," and with all its clean editorials and selections, seem admirably to meet the demand for an "all-round" rural home journal. The new feature will add zest and increased interest to what is already one of the best papers in the State. I would suggest (if you will permit me), that you also include brief "poultry" notes, domestic science items, recipes, and so-forth, and that in the same department, if you have means for getting questions properly answered, you institute an "inquirers' corner." Many questions arise on the farm and in the home, answers to which would be of general interest. I like to read of the other fellows' troubles because, in the main, they are the same as my own, and to see the answers.

I insist that all your farmer readers shall proceed at once to make "Farm Topics" a lively department.

There is another reason why I think you are wise to introduce this feature: Mr. Secretary Wilson, of the National Department of Agriculture, said a few years ago that "more than one-half the people of this country till the soil for a livelihood," and it is on the tongue of every public speaker in the State and the pen of every writer who wishes to catch the attention of the "dear farmer" that "82 per cent of the people of North Carolina live in the rural districts and live by the farm." So any effort to meet the demand of the farmer is both wise and commendable. Trusting that you will make "Farm Topics" interesting and profitable to both The Caucasian and its readers, I am,

Respectfully, T. IVEY.

**WOMEN WHIPPED OFFICERS.**

Revenue Officials Forced to Retreat After a Lively Battle—One of the Posse Fatally Wounded—Women Arrested Later.

Knoxville, Tenn., March 17.—A special from Bristol says one officer shot and fatally wounded with a finger shot off and a third frightened from the scene is the result of a battle between three women on one side and a trio of Revenue officers on the other at Long Fork, near the Pike and Letcher County border in Kentucky Wednesday afternoon.

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**MINERS ARMED WITH GUNS.**

Strikers Threaten to Kill Miners Who Attempt to Return to Work—Troops Ordered Out.

Gilispie, Ill., March 21.—Troops of the National Guard are arriving here on every train to-day to check the 2,000 idle miners, who are threatening physical violence to any of their fellow-workers who return to work.

Word reached here to-day that Deputy Sheriff Knamiller and eight deputies from Carlisle, who went to Bend to furnish protection to a shift of miners who sought to return to work encountered three hundred miners armed with shot-guns and were ordered to leave town under penalty of death.

Knamiller and his deputies immediately left. The trouble culminating in the present situation originated in a dispute as to the amount of coal to be loaded on mine cars.

One of the local unions voted to return to work, and the members of the other local unions immediately began to arm.

Half a hundred miners, armed with revolvers, rifles and shot-guns, were parading the streets swearing that no men would return to work without trouble. Many of the riders were the worse for drink, and Sheriff Etter decided to call for assistance. Governor Dincen immediately ordered detachments aggregating three hundred men to the scene.

**800 More Miners Forced Out.**

Wheeling, W. V., March 21.—The 800 miners who on Sunday voted to work and ignore the sympathetic order issued by National President Law is decided to change their tactics last night and to obey the strike order. As a result, all the mines affected are closed to-day.

**A Big Fire at Kenly.**

Kenly, N. C., March 21.—The fire which occurred here Sunday night did about \$8,000 damage. The fire originated in a frame building used for hitching and feeding teams. Four other frame buildings were also destroyed. The buildings were owned by Elias Barnes, Tom Watson, Jim Davis and Jesse Jones. There was no insurance on them nor was there insurance on contents.

A spectacular incident was the liberation of a steer from a burning building by a negro. The animal in the mad rush for liberty caught the negro on his horns and carried him about twenty feet, then dropping him to the ground unhurt.

**Elizabeth City Men Capture Young Bears.**

Elizabeth City, N. C., March 21.—Clay Foreman and a party are the owners of four cubs, which were captured Sunday afternoon in a tract of lumber woods about six miles from the city.

Mr. Foreman, who is president of the Foreman-Blades Lumber Company, was inspecting some timber lands with several workmen, when he ran across a bear with her brood. Several shots were fired at the old bear and she scampered away into deeper woods, deserting her offspring. The cubs were bagged quickly and brought to town.

**Walked to the Gallows Singing.**

Pittsburg, March 21.—Marching to the gallows singing, Steve Rusic, a one-time Magyar soldier, was hanged here to-day for the murder of Mrs. Belle Dombay on the night of January 15, 1910.

Early to-day Rusic began singing and the weird Hungarian death-song was taken up at intervals until the black bag was clapped over his head.

**Flying Machines for the Army Maneuvers.**

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**BAD CASE OF GRIP**

Caused Sore Throat and Tonsillitis. Restored by Peruna.

Mr. W. H. Housley, Stony Point, Tennessee, writes: "Five years ago I took a very severe cold which resulted in the grippe. I never was so bad off. I was in bed several weeks, and when I did get up I had tonsillitis and a sore throat."

"I tried to cure this for eighteen months, but it gradually got worse. A doctor advised me to have my tonsils cut out, but I did not like the idea. Another doctor examined me, and told me the same thing. I finally got a bottle of Peruna, and after I had taken one bottle my throat was better. I bought and used a dozen bottles, and saw I was going to get well, and I did."

