

State News.

The Missionary Union of the Fayetteville Presbytery is in session at Red Springs.

Craven County has voted for the establishment of a Farm Life School in that county.

Mr. G. H. Weddington, of China Grove, committed suicide a few days ago. His health was given as the cause of his rash act.

Mr. John W. Crowell, a prominent furniture dealer, died suddenly Tuesday night in the hotel at Lexington, N. C.

Rev. A. C. Dixon, pastor of Moody Church, Chicago, formerly from this State, has accepted a call to the Metropolitan Tabernacle in London, England.

The Whiteville High School closes next Friday, when the teachers will return to their homes. It is thought that the school will run the full term next year.

L. C. Irvin, a brakeman on the road from Winston to Mount Airy, was fatally hurt while coupling cars at Rural Hall one day last week, and dying a few hours later.

The Democratic ring in Elizabeth City has received a hard jolt. The citizens ticket won in that city Tuesday by a large majority.

The North Carolina Bankers' Association and the North Carolina Merchants' Association will both hold their annual sessions at Hendersonville the third week in June.

In the city election at Hendersonville, N. C., Tuesday, the Republicans re-elected their mayor and also elected two of the three councilmen.

Capt. James A. Cheek, of Hillsboro, died Tuesday in Greensboro at the home of his son, Mr. Clyde Cheek. Mr. Cheek was on a visit to his son at the time of his death.

Robert Smith, a young man from New Bern, was jailed in Wilmington last Saturday for forging checks on the National Biscuit Company and the Coca-Cola Bottling Company.

A boy baby, about six weeks old, dressed in silk and supplied with clothes, etc., was left on the porch of the residence of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Jellard, in Asheville, one night last week.

The American Cotton Association will hold their annual meeting this year in Richmond, Va., May 18th and 19th. Mr. D. Y. Cooper, of Henderson, N. C., is President of the Association and will call the meeting to order.

There was no term of Court in Sampson County this week owing to the sickness of Judge Peebles. The term will begin next Monday if Judge Peebles is well enough to attend; and if not, probably some other judge will be supplied.

The House of the Colorado Legislature has passed an anti-cigarette bill, making it a misdemeanor to buy, sell, give away, or have in one's possession cigarettes or cigarette papers. The measure will have to pass the Senate before becoming a law.

John Anderson, one of the ginger-cake variety, disappeared last Friday night and Mr. W. J. Fife, of Charlotte, a well-known merchant, is short a \$100. The negro had been sent to collect a bill. He was given a hundred dollars in payment of the bill and he skipped.

On Friday morning a barn of Mr. C. R. Montgomery, five miles from Concord, was destroyed by fire. There were five mules burned to death, worth in the aggregate of about \$1,000. A lot of corn, fertilizer and other property was also consumed. There is no clue as to the origin of the fire.

In the Federal Court at New Bern last week B. F. Sanders was sentenced to the Federal prison at Atlanta, Ga., to serve one year and one day for violation of the internal revenue laws. Sanders openly defied the officers for a year or more before he was arrested. Four other prisoners will be sent to Atlanta along with Sanders.

A young white boy by name of Robert Smith, son of a New Bern grocer, was arrested in Wilmington Saturday afternoon upon the charge of forgery. He purchased some groceries from a grocery store and presented for payment a \$25 check, receiving twenty dollars in change. The check purported to be given by the National Biscuit Company.

Loses to Virginia.
Charlottesville, Va., April 29.—The University of Virginia debating team to-night scored a victory over the team of the University of North Carolina in a debate on the income tax amendment to the Federal Constitution. W. T. Joyner and W. A. Dees composed the Carolina team, while Lewis Lyree and M. L. Levy represented Virginia.

NEW ORDER FORMS STATE CAMP.

Patriotic Order Sons of America Hold First State Meeting in Lexington Officers Elected.

Lexington, N. C., April 27.—The first State meeting of the Patriotic Order Sons of America was called to here this morning. The convention is for the purpose of perfecting a State organization for North Carolina. The town is full of delegates from all parts of North Carolina and national officers from Pennsylvania, Virginia and other States.

Meetings were held this afternoon and to-night when officers of the State camp were elected.

After preliminary organization the following officers were elected for one year:

Past State President, C. F. Caudle, Lexington; State President, T. D. Brown, Salisbury; Vice-President, M. T. Ray, Raleigh; Master of Forms, J. W. Colloch, Lexington; State Secretary, Z. P. Smith, Fayetteville; Treasurer, T. Ivey, Cary; State Conductor, C. P. Watkins, Shelby; State Inspector, A. W. Gilliam, Old Fort; Guard, Daniel, Barton, Winston-Salem; Trustees, G. W. Murray, J. Frank Adams, Jethro Almond; National Representatives, W. D. Gaster, Fayetteville; D. L. Sides, Salisbury; Assistant Secretary, M. R. Kirkman, High Point; Chaplain, J. C. Griffin, Bailey.

The per capita tax was fixed at 7 cents, of which goes to National Camp. The work of organization was placed in the hands of the Executive Board, which consists of the President, Secretary and Treasurer and Master of Forms. A resolution of thanks was tendered the citizens of Lexington and the local camp for the hospitality and kindness shown the visitors. There are forty-seven camps of the order in the State and each camp was represented to-day except two. Eighty-seven delegates were present. The membership in the State now amounts to about seventeen hundred. Concord was selected as next place of meeting and the meeting set for the third Tuesday in May of each year.

A SLICK FIRE BUG.

Man Who Burned Masonic Temple and Several Other Buildings at Rocky Mount is at Last Doing Time.

Rocky Mount, N. C., April 28.—George L. Judge, the young man who was arrested a half-dozen years ago upon the charge of burning several buildings in this city, among them the Masonic Temple, when the city suffered a loss of about a hundred and fifty thousand dollars, has confessed that he set fire to the Masonic Temple, and the much conjectured point in which about half of the citizens were divided has been settled.

Judge was by far the slickest fire bug that this city ever had to deal with, and there were many that believed he set fire to the Masonic Temple, the Robbins building and other buildings in the city.

He was taken upon the charge of burning a stable and feed room at North Rocky Mount and it was for this that he was convicted and sentenced to five years in the penitentiary, though there was little substantial evidence for the man's conviction and there have been many that have declared openly and above board that he was falsely convicted.

F. G. Southern and Twelve-Year-Old Sold Found Guilty of Murder.

Winston-Salem, N. C., April 29.—F. G. Southern and his twelve-year-old son, Herman, were convicted in Surry Court, at Dobson, yesterday, for the murder of Southern's son-in-law, John Wall, at Pilot Mountain, last fall.

The senior defendant was given a term of nine years in the State's Prison at Raleigh, while the son goes to a reformatory for four months. Mr. Southern is fifty-six years old, and if he serves his full term he will be quite an old man when he gains his freedom.

Southern and Wall got into a dispute over the storage of some leaf tobacco in the basement on the latter's home. Wall was stabbed, and it was alleged that Herman Wall inflicted the wound that caused Wall's death a few hours after the difficulty.

Bird Dog Robs a Bank.

Kings Mountain, N. C., April 28.—A bird dog wandered in the People's Loan and Trust Company to-day and picked up a package lying on the floor and walked out with it. Clerks did not see him. About a half block away he dropped the package on the sidewalk and tore the paper open. His action attracted the attention of a passer-by and took the package away. It was found to contain a deposit ticket and \$18 in silver and greenbacks.

The dog evidently thought that he had done something criminal, for he struck out post-haste down the street and went up stairs to a law office.

We are not far wrong when we say that the majority of people suffer from ailments caused by disordered Blood. Mrs. Joe Person's Remedy is a most wonderful Remedy with 35 years' clean record as a Blood Purifier and Tonic. Twelve bottles (\$10, express prepaid) will tone up your system, give you appetite, give you flesh. Ask your druggist, or write, MRS. JOE PERSON'S REMEDY CO., Kittrell, N. C.

General News.

Frost caused some slight damage to the fruit crop on May 2nd in some sections of Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Kansas.

The War Department will not abandon Fort McPherson (in Ga.), as a military post as was first reported.

The Senate Committee on Judiciary reported favorably the House resolution for the direct election of United States Senators.

The bank of Rosemont, in Hastings, W. Va., was visited by robbers Monday night. They blew open the safe and escaped with \$1,500.

The Democratic politicians of the Northwest will hold a conference in St. Paul, Minn., June 1st. Bryan and Parker will be among the speakers on that occasion.

The Technical World Magazine for May contains the astounding statement that there is a dog in Hamburg, Germany, that can actually talk. The dog speaks in German.

Forty-five additional postal banks were installed in second-class post-offices on May 1st and on July 1st the service will be further extended to other second-class offices.

The Bath Tub trust case will be heard by United States Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond on May 25. Judges Goff, Pritchard and Rose will sit.

Argument of cases have been suspended in the Supreme Court of the United States until next October. The court, however, adjourned to meet on the 15th and 29th to announce decision.

Joseph Nash was put to death in the electric chair at Auburn, New York, yesterday for murdering his son-in-law. Nash was a prominent citizen of Waterloo, N. Y.

A hundred and fifty thousand dollars worth of opium seized at different times by custom officers was burned Tuesday under the United States marshal's direction at El Paso, Texas.

Benjamin W. Conoway, a young white man of Wilmington, Delaware, was arrested Saturday afternoon upon a warrant in which Conoway is charged with offering to bribe a voter at an election in Wilmington.

As a result of orders issued Saturday to close the steel rail mills of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company at Ensley, Ala., 2,500 men were thrown out of employment. It is believed that the shut-down will be only temporary.

Because of a suspected case of smallpox in the steamer, the steamer Haverford, from Liverpool for Philadelphia, was detained at the government quarantine station, near Philadelphia, and more than one thousand persons aboard were vaccinated before the vessel was allowed to go in port.

The \$10,000,000 collateral trust 5 per cent bonds issued in 1901 by the Seaboard Air Line Railway, and the \$4,651,000 collateral trust 5 per cent bonds issued by the same company in 1904, matured Monday and are being redeemed in New York. The officials of the road say that it is now in good shape.

The first convictions in Norfolk Va., under the new statute for pandering or defaming one's own wife for pecuniary gain, went to trial in Norfolk Tuesday, when John Anderson, after trial, was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary and fined \$100. Joe Epstein, who entered a plea of guilty and threw himself on the mercy of the court, was given three years.

Resolutions embodying appropriations aggregating \$35,000 for special religious extension work were adopted at the executive session of the Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at its meeting in Richmond, Va., last Friday—\$10,000 goes to Seattle, Wash.; \$10,000 to Oklahoma City, and \$10,000 to the mining districts of Eastern Kentucky, and \$5,000 was appropriated for work at Key West.

Ohio Bribery Charges to Be Investigated.

Columbus, Ohio, May 2.—The Franklin County grand jury met to-day to consider the bribery charges involving about forty members of the Ohio Legislature. On Governor Harmon's advice, the matter was taken before the grand jury instead of the legislative committee, to prevent the accused members from escaping punishment through immunity plea.

Balked at Cold Steel.

"I wouldn't let a doctor cut my foot off," said H. D. Ely, Bantam, Ohio, "although a horrible ulcer had been the plague of my life for four years. Instead I used Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and my foot was soon completely cured." Heals Burns, Boils, Cores, Bruises, Eczema, Pimples, Corns. Surest Pile cure. 25c. at all Druggists.

ENLARGE HOUSE MEMBERSHIP.

Bill Passes House Increasing Its Membership From 391 to 433—A Resolution to Probe Cotton Trust.

Washington, D. C., April 27.—A bill providing for the enlargement of the National House of Representatives from 391 to 433 members, and the apportionment of these members to the different States on the basis of the population shown by the recent Federal census, passed the House early this evening after vain efforts of members of both parties to amend it in important particulars.

The proposed size of the House is identical with that provided for in the Crumpacker bill, passed by the House at the last session of Congress, but not acted upon by the Senate. The Houston bill, passed to-day, leaves to the Legislatures of the different States the power to re-arrange the Congressional Districts in their respective States on the new population basis of one member for each 211,877 of inhabitants.

The two important amendments proposed to-day, and defeated after lengthy debate, were to put the re-districting power in the hands of the Governors of States, when the Legislatures had failed to act; and to limit the House in the future to a membership of 430 or 433, leaving future re-appointments to the Secretary of the Department of Commerce and Labor.

The increase of the size of the House was agreed to by members of both parties, but many Republicans attacked it on the ground that it would make the House more unwieldy.

To Investigate Cotton Trust.

A resolution calling upon the Attorney-General to give Congress all facts in his possession relative to an investigation of alleged violation of the Sherman anti-trust law by Frank B. Hayne, William P. Brown, James A. Patten and Eugene Scales in the formation of a combination to advance the price of cotton was re-introduced to-day by Representative Blackman of Alabama.

Representative Blackman also re-introduced resolutions directing the Attorney-General to institute an investigation into an alleged conspiracy on the part of persons not named to reduce the price of cotton between August, 1909, and June, 1910, and an investigation of the so-called corner in wheat from May to July, 1910. The resolutions were referred to the judiciary committee.

The Army Shoes.

A sensation was sprung in the House to-day when Representative Gardner, of Massachusetts, introduced a resolution of inquiry in response to a charge by Representative Diffenderfer, of Pennsylvania, that money and influence were being used to give an Eastern manufacturing concern a monopoly in the contracts for shoes for the army and navy. Mr. Diffenderfer said he could prove his assertion, and as a result, Mr. Gardner called upon the Secretary of War and Secretary of the Navy for all possible information concerning the shoe contracts.

A New Precedent in the Chinese "Exclusion" Law.

Washington, D. C., April 27.—A precedent which may be interpreted to lead to liberalization of the Chinese exclusion laws, has been established by the Department of Commerce and Labor in the case of Lem Thung, a wealthy Chinese, of Wilmington, N. C.

Thung has been held at Boston, where the immigration authorities found he was attempting to re-enter this country with irregular papers. Secretary Nagel has ruled to admit him as a merchant. Several Congressmen made representations in his behalf.

The record in the Department shows that Thung, who is part owner of a National Bank in Wilmington, the owner of a large laundry and a farm, had a New York Chinaman arrange credentials for his re-entry into the United States after a visit to China. He could have claimed the right to re-entry as a returning laborer.

Heretofore the Department has declined to recognize laundrymen, farmers and the like as merchants.

Eight Persons Burned to Death in Their Homes.

Roanoke, Va., April 28.—William Nunn, 22 years old, died in a hospital this afternoon as the result of burns and injuries sustained this morning in the fire in which his mother, Mrs. J. H. Nunn, and seven children perished. Edward Nunn, a brother, is in a critical condition, while Miss Lelia, an elder sister, who is suffering from injuries, will recover.

Oklahomans Order Preacher to Hunt Another Town.

McAllister, Okla., April 29.—Incensed over his remarks on last Sunday when he preached against dancing, twenty-five prominent citizens of Indianola called on Rev. John L. Tindell, a Baptist missionary, to-day and told him that he must leave. They offered him a buggy and driver to transport himself to other parts. However, the minister was allowed to go to the residence of another preacher for the night.

Farm Topics

The first nitrogen captured from the air ever seen in Wadesboro was received by Mr. James A. Leak in a few days ago. The Elba Manufacturing Company, of Maxton, succeeded in securing a small amount of the fertilizer from Germany, which they divided with Mr. Leak, letting him have about sixty pounds. The mixture is a fine black powder and smells like coal tar. It is said to analyze 18 per cent ammonia, about half of which becomes available almost immediately after it is put in the soil.—Wadesboro Messenger and Intelligencer.

The Department of Agriculture estimates that there are 620,000 acres in wheat this season in North Carolina as compared with 570,000 acres for the previous crop. The winter conditions cannot be said to have been favorable for the development of the crop owing to the absence of snow, but reports from the principal wheat sections now to the State Department of Agriculture are that there is rapid development, so that a percentage of 95 is about a fair estimate of comparison with the normal yield.

A special from Spencer, Rowan County, to Sunday's Charlotte Observer, says: "Engineer W. A. Kiziah, well known on the Southern Railway between Spencer and Greenville, has been feasting on fine strawberries from his garden in Spencer since April 19th. It is stated that this is the earliest date on record for strawberries in this section of North Carolina and Mr. Kiziah is receiving congratulations on account of his efforts in this direction.

There will not be much more than half of an average tobacco crop planted in Columbus County this year, for the reason that growers can not get plants. Another cause is that last season the price paid was unsatisfactory, and with the high price of cotton farmers decided that there was more money in the fleecy stable than the weed.

Strawberries, of the Klondyke variety, sold in Tarboro as high as \$13 per crate, a price never before reached. It is now thought that the berry crop will be short, and this accounts for the high prices paid, and which will more than make up to farmers the loss they would sustain by said shortage.

TO INSPECT TEST FARMS.

Experts Leave This Afternoon for the East—Good Apple Crop.

Mr. A. Connon, of Henderson County, a member of the State Board of Agriculture, is in Raleigh. He says that apples will be plentiful in his section of the mountains this year. This evening he will be joined by Dr. B. W. Kilgore and Mr. R. W. Scott, of Alamance County, another member of the Board, and they will leave to inspect the test farms in Edgecombe and Pender Counties.

Mrs. Gielow Says We Are Doing More for Foreign Children Than at Home.

Washington, D. C., April 28.—Americans are doing more for the children of Guam and the Philippine Islands than for those in the Southern mountain districts of this country, declared Miss Martha S. Gielow, of this city, representing the Southern Industrial Educational Congress on Child Welfare, here to-day. She said children in the Southern mountains of Tennessee were compelled to walk seven miles to school. More than 4,000,000 American children, she said, were being brought up without educational facilities of any sort, and in many of these cases with little that tend toward civilization.

ANOTHER DEMOCRATIC SCANDAL.

Bribe Fund Raised to Find Votes of Regular Democrats—Sensational Development in Tennessee Legislature.

Nashville, Tenn., April 28.—Out of Tennessee's politico-legislative deadlock this afternoon came a development bordering on the sensational, by the publication of a dispatch from Birmingham, declaring that a bribe fund of \$1,500 had been offered to Representative J. Q. McDonald, of Overton County, by Judge E. C. Goodpasture of Livingstone, providing Mr. McDonald agreed to bind himself to vote with the so-called "regular" Democrats on all questions coming before the Legislature. The alleged agreement, in writing, McDonald claims he holds. It was, he asserts, on December 31st of last year, but he explains, for fraternal and political reasons, he withheld a revelation of the alleged bribe attempt up to this time.

In a statement to the Associated Press at Birmingham this afternoon,

PILES CURED AT HOME BY NEW ABSORPTION METHOD.

If you suffer from bleeding, itching, blind and protruding Piles, send me your address, home by the new absorption treatment; and I will also send some of this home treatment free for trial, with references from your own locality if requested. Immediate relief and permanent cure assured. Send no money, but tell others of this cure. Write today to Mrs. M. Summers, Box P, Notes Dame, Ind.

Mr. McDonald, one of the "regulars" legislators, who quit Tennessee to hold up further legislation, verifies the published statement that a bribe was offered to him providing he voted with the "regular" Democrats in the Legislature who were defeated in the late gubernatorial contest by a fusion of insurgent Democrats and Republicans.

Goodpasture was shown Representative McDonald's statement this afternoon. He denied that Mr. McDonald held a written proposal as described. He admitted that there had been a typewritten statement which pledged Representative McDonald to vote for the repeal of the election law and a State liquor law, but Judge Goodpasture declares McDonald did not sign it and Goodpasture further asserts there was no pecuniary consideration involved.

Miss Lula Barringer of New London Commits Suicide.

New London, April 28.—Miss Lula Barringer committed suicide at the home of her father, who lives some mile west of this place, this morning at 9:30 o'clock. Miss Barringer and her sister were in the room together and she was as jolly as ever. A few moments after her sister left her, the report of a 22 rifle was heard, and rushing to the room, the sisters found their daughter on the floor dead, with a bullet hole in her right temple. She left a note stating that she was tired of living and wanted to die.

Mr. Liza Barringer, the father of Miss Lula, is a well-to-do farmer, and is well thought of in this section. The funeral will take place at Kendall's church some time to-morrow.

Officer F. C. Watkins Found Guilty for Killing John Hill Bunting.

In Buncombe County Superior Court yesterday the jury in the case of State vs. Watkins, charged with the murder of John Hill Bunting, in a Black Mountain hotel about two years ago, after being out all night, returned a verdict finding the defendant guilty of manslaughter.

This was the second time the case had been tried. The jury could not agree at the first trial. Mr. Paul Collins, of Hillsboro, who was severely wounded by Watkins at the time Bunting was killed, was the principal witness against Watkins.

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Direct Line to All Points—North South, East, West—Very Low Round Trip Rates to All Principal Resorts.

Through Pullman to Atlanta, leaves Raleigh 4.05 p.m., arrives Atlanta 6.25 a.m., making close connection for and arriving at Montgomery following day after leaving Raleigh, 11 a.m., Mobile 4.12 p.m., New Orleans 8.30 p.m., Birmingham 12.15 noon, Memphis, 8.05 p. m., Kansas City, 11.20 a.m., second day, and connecting for all other points. This car also makes close connection at Salisbury for St. Louis and other Western points.

Through Pullman to Washington leaves Raleigh 6.50 p.m., arrives Washington 8.53 a.m., Baltimore, 10.02 a.m., Philadelphia 12.25 noon, New York 2.31 p.m. This car makes close connection at Washington for 7.40 p.m., making close connection Pittsburg, Chicago, and all other points North and West, and at Greensboro for through Tourist Sleeper for California points, and for all Florida points.

Through Parlor Car for Asheville leaves Goldsboro at 6.45 a.m., Raleigh, 8.35 a.m., arrives Asheville with the Carolina Special and arriving Cincinnati 10 a.m. following day after leaving Raleigh, with close connection for all points North and Northwest.

Pullman for Winston-Salem leaves Raleigh 2.30 a.m., arrives Greensboro 6.30 a.m., making close connection at Greensboro for all points North, South, East and West. This car is handled on train No. 111, leaving Goldsboro at 10.45 p.m.

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