

State News.

The Lexington bakery at Lexington was destroyed by fire Sunday morning.

Dr. Wiley says there is too much foam on beer. Well, why not blow it off?

The Southern's freight depot at Biltmore was burned Sunday night. Loss about \$5,000.

A \$100,000 company has been organized at Fayetteville for the purpose of building a Masonic Temple in that city.

The Boone Democrat reports that frost was seen in some sections of Watauga County Wednesday morning of last week.

A citizen of Wilkes County states that the blackberry crop in that county this year was worth one hundred thousand dollars.

The magnificent country residence of H. Clay Grubb, in Davidson County, was destroyed by fire Tuesday. The loss will reach about \$25,000.

Various churches in Cleveland County held special prayer services last Sunday for rain. The drought has reached a critical stage in that county.

John Donaldson, son of A. M. Donaldson, general yardmaster for the Southern Railway at Spencer, died suddenly in Monroe Monday morning.

Friends of George E. Hood, of Goldsboro, have announced that Mr. Hood will be a candidate for Congress against "Red-Shirt" Faison next year.

L. C. Grant and John D. Bellamy, two attorneys of Wilmington, engaged in a street fight Saturday but were parted before serious damage was done.

Revenue officers captured a large illicit distillery in Alexander County Monday. The operators heard the officers approaching and made their escape.

Hoke Kester, a well-known young farmer residing near Spencer, Rowan County, lost his arm a few days ago by having it twisted in a belt of a threshing machine.

Mr. Eugene T. Lee, of Dunn, who is a civil engineer in the employ of the Mexican Government, was accidentally shot a few days, though the wound may not prove fatal.

William Jones, a colored youth, whose home is near LaGrange, was seriously and perhaps fatally injured Monday while riding on the log train of the Hines Lumber Company.

Pres. Taft has been invited to attend the Forsyth County Fair this year, but the President told the delegation that he could not attend on account of previous engagements.

Earle Tyson, the eighteen-year-old son of R. L. Tyson, of Carthage, Moore County, was killed by a stroke of lightning Tuesday afternoon while the young man was playing base-ball.

A dispatch from Rocky Mount says that larger shipments of cantaloupes from North and South Carolina points are being routed through that town to Northern markets than ever before.

Mrs. J. L. Smith, of High Point, was killed by lightning a few days ago. She was standing on the back porch of her home when the bolt struck her, knocking her through the door.

Hermon Splieve, of Wilmington, has been arrested charged with attempting criminal assault on his housekeeper, Miss Bertha Griffin. Splieve could not give bond and was placed in jail.

Washington, N. C., was visited by a disastrous fire a few days ago. The Morton Building, on Main Street, which was occupied by several business firms, was destroyed. The loss amounted to \$30,000.

Mr. C. W. Tillett, of Charlotte, who has been spoken of as a possible Democratic candidate for Governor, was in Raleigh a few days ago and announced to friends that he did not expect to enter the race.

The four-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Wright, of West Durham, died Saturday morning as a result of drinking carbolic acid. The child thought it was drinking Castoria when it drank the poison.

The falling of a tree which had been struck by lightning and set afire seriously wounded Mr. Foy Jones and perhaps fatally injured ex-Sheriff Lon Taylor, both of Jones County, as they were driving along the road near Trenton, one evening last week.

In the Superior Court at Wilmington Tuesday, L. M. Sandlin, charged with the murder of his wife on June 27th, last, was found guilty of murder in the first degree, the jury refusing to believe the insanity plea.

Sandlin will probably be sentenced to-day to death in the electric chair at Raleigh.

A special from Shelby to Tuesday's Charlotte Observer says that W. S. Johnson of that county killed a ground hog in his orchard a few days ago. It was claimed that the animal weighed between thirty and forty pounds. Evidently some neighbor has lost a very fine "shoat."

The President has sent to the Senate the name of Hon. S. E. Marshall for postmaster at Mount Airy. Mr. Marshall was a member of the last Legislature and made a hard fight for free text-books for the public schools in this State.

SOUTHERN MILL MEN PROTEST.

Cotton Manufacturers' Association Protest Against Revising Cotton Schedule, Claiming it Will Mean Pauper Wages.

Charlotte, N. C., July 27.—R. M. Miller, Jr., chairman of the Tariff Commission of the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association, to-day gave out the following official statement on behalf of the association, protesting against the proposed reduction in the cotton tariff schedule:

"The so-called Underwood bill on the revision of the cotton tariff schedule is a bill framed apparently solely in the interest of the importer and foreigner—wholly unfair and unjust to us—ignoring entirely the interest of the American cotton manufacturer and the American laborer, and if enacted into law it will turn cotton mills of our country into soup houses."

"Based upon to-days prices of cotton yarns, as best that I can figure, in order that the manufacturers of this country may meet the reductions in the proposed schedule and to compete with imported yarns, it will necessitate a cut somewhere from 25 to 50 per cent in the wages of our cotton mill operatives. This means pauper wages to our American laborer to meet the pauper wages in Europe. Will American labor stand for it? The American cotton manufacturers protest against it."

Wilmington People Still Mad Over Prohibition.

Greensboro Record.]

They are at fire and tongs in Wilmington. A petition to recall the members of the commission is in circulation, and it appears enough names—35 per cent of the registered vote—will be obtained. The ground given is the cow, with the hog thrown in for good measure; but if they will scratch the surface it will be discovered that liquor has more to do with it than all else. A stringent law was passed some time ago authorizing one's premises to be searched for liquor, or to be exact, we believe it authorized only an examination of the soft drink places where a United States license has been secured. Wilmington people dearly love a drink; they have been mad ever since prohibition was carried, though the nibber saloons seemed to satisfy them very well.

Boiler Explosion at Concord Kills One and Injures Three Others.

Concord, N. C., July 28.—George P. Blackwelder, his son, Martin, aged eighteen, and his daughter, Miss Lisora, aged sixteen, are seriously, if not fatally, injured, and Miss Tina, his twelve-year-old daughter, is dead as a result of the explosion yesterday afternoon of a boiler at the former's saw-mill in No. 7 Township, this county. The young ladies had been assisting Mr. Blackwelder and his son in removing some slabbing from the saw, when suddenly and without warning the boiler exploded. Flying pieces of the broken boiler and of timber flew in every direction, and one piece as large as the top of a buggy was blown two hundred yards away. The engine was blown to pieces and the entire plant wrecked.

Monument Unveiled at Moore's Creek.

Wilmington, N. C., July 27.—In connection with the annual celebration of the anniversary of the battle of Moore's Creek Bridge, commemorating the first signal victory of the Continental troops in the American Revolution, near Currie, N. C., to-day, there was unveiled a monument with appropriate inscription to mark the old Wilmington and Fayetteville stage road, the route taken by the British and Tory army from Cross Creek, to join Lord Cornwallis and Clinton, February 27, 1776. Walter P. Stacy, Esq., of the Wilmington bar, delivered the historical address and there was a large concourse of people from half a dozen Eastern Carolina counties.

Mule's Kick Prove Fatal to Child.

Rocky Mount, N. C., July 29.—Ernest Howell, the eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Howell, who resides on South Church Street, Tuesday sustained an injury of an unusual nature that resulted in his death on Thursday night at eleven o'clock. The youth was at play in the yard at his home and he struck the mule that was grazing near-by with a switch, and as he did so the mule kicked him in the stomach, giving him injuries that caused his death.

And yet few of the trust-busters are pointing to the record of their party on this particular score.—Durham Herald.

General News.

Staunton, Va., has voted "wet" by a large majority.

Passaic, N. J., has voted for the commission form of government.

Geo. W. Klipp, a Democratic member of Congress from Pennsylvania, died a few days ago.

The Georgia Legislature has passed a law limiting the work in mills in that State to ten hours a day.

Senator Owen has introduced a bill in Congress providing for the election and recall of Federal judges.

Four persons were killed in an automobile which was struck by a train on the Pennsylvania Railroad near Pittsburg a few days ago.

Returns from the Democratic primary held in Mississippi Tuesday indicate that James K. Vardaman has been chosen United States Senator.

Seven persons were drowned in the St. Lawrence River near Manassas, N. Y., Tuesday when the ferry steamer on which they were passengers was capsized.

The State Democratic Committee of Virginia tried to hold a meeting in Richmond to settle some party differences that reached an acute stage, but they could not muster a quorum and had to adjourn.

Louis L. Gregory, defaulting cashier of the freight department of the Atlantic Coast Line at Richmond, Va., has been sentenced to serve three years in the penitentiary. Sentence was suspended for sixty days to secure the prisoner's aid in straightening out the accounts.

GIGANTIC ARSON TRUST.

Members of the Gang Make a Business of Setting Fire to Buildings to Enable Owners to Collect Insurance.

That there exists a gigantic, country-wide arson trust, with headquarters in Kansas City and in nearly all the large cities, the members of which make a business of setting fire to buildings to enable the owners to collect large sums of insurance, was the charge made by C. J. Doyle, State Fire Marshal, of Illinois, in an address before the Chicago Association of Commerce.

"The country is facing one of the most gigantic organized arson conspiracies the world has ever known," said Mr. Doyle. "The State Fire Marshal Department of Illinois has united with the State Fire Marshals of Kentucky, Tennessee and Ohio to wipe out the band of fifteen men at the head of this arson conspiracy. The head of the fire-bug trust is in Kansas City, from which city the operations of the entire gang is directed. The tentacles of this octopus have extended as the daring of those behind the plot has grown, into a dozen or more cities. They have been found at work at Bloomington, Springfield (Ill.), Pittsburg, Cleveland, New York, Buffalo, St. Louis, Chicago and elsewhere. Two of the gang have been convicted and are now imprisoned in a Southern city. The others will be behind the bars before long if we are successful in following the clues we are working on."

"The fire-bug problem is one of the most important which confronts the country. Even without the cases of arson, the fire losses of the country are appalling, amounting to about \$500 a minute. In Chicago the loss is \$5,000,000 a year, while in Berlin the annual loss does not exceed \$200,000. We should adopt the fire protection plans of European cities."

What's in McClure's for August?

The leading article in the August McClure's is an account in Detective Burns' own words of the events that led up to the arrest of John McNamara, the secretary-treasurer of the Structural Iron Workers' Union, and his brother James for the dynamiting of the Los Angeles Times Building in October, 1910. In spite of the storm of controversy that has raged around this case, and the important issues involved in it, the general public has in the main no very clear idea of the evidence upon which the arrest was made. For the man who honestly desires to know the facts, whatever his sympathies may be. "The Dynamiters," Detective Burns' straightforward and convincing story will have an absorbing interest.

In "The Collapse of the Diaz Legend," William Archer analyzes the causes that brought about the sudden downfall of Porfirio Diaz, the great Mexican dictator, and sounds a warning against the present-day tendency for its well-being.

Democratic State Chairman Scores Governor Wilson.

Sea Girt, N. J., July 26.—James R. Nugent, Chairman of the Democratic State Committee in New Jersey and, since the Legislature passed much reform legislation at Trenton last winter, an ardent foe of Governor Wilson, publicly termed the New Jersey Executive an ingrate and liar in a restaurant at Avon last night.

Mr. John W. Howell, of Raleigh, died a few days ago at Rex Hospital.

CRIME STALKS ABROAD

The Sound of the Pistol Has Been Very Frequent for Past Week

Paul Stamey Kills Seth Woods in Haywood County—Officer Kills Negro in Wilmington—Negro Shoots Sweetheart in Greensboro—Dan Graham Kills Sandy Cole Near Jackson Springs.

Carl Pickett a half-drunken negro killed his sweetheart, Nannie Mimes, in Greensboro a few days ago. Pickett made his escape.

Stabbed Friend to Death.

Asheville, N. C., July 29.—Tolley Stamey, twenty-three, an employe of the Champion Fibre Company, was fatally stabbed with a pen-knife in the hands of Seth Wood at Canton, N. C., fifteen miles from this city, at 7 o'clock to-night. Stamey died ten minutes later, and at the inquest following, the coroner's jury returned a verdict fixing the crime on Wood.

Dan Graham Kills Man Who Had Threatened His Wife.

Jackson Springs, N. C., July 29.—This afternoon about 6 o'clock, eight miles west of here and two miles west of Norman, Dan Graham shot and instantly killed Sandy Cole. It seems that Cole had visited the home of Graham about six months ago and had threatened the life of Mrs. Graham. He was discovered this afternoon advancing with his gun and presented his gun as if to shoot Mrs. Graham, whereupon Graham fired and instantly killed him.

Looking for Greene County Murderer.

Wilson, N. C., July 26.—Tuesday afternoon Mr. J. H. Jackson, of Greene County, was in Wilson on his way back home after a fruitless search for Andrew Pool, the slayer of Caesar Wooten, deacon of Labanon Church, near Lindell, in Greene County.

Serious Cutting Affair at Greensboro.

Yesterday's Greensboro News tells of a serious cutting scrape in that city Tuesday:

"As a result of a fight with knives yesterday morning at 11 o'clock, near the city water station, Joe Powell and Norton Summers, two negroes, are lying in the city calaboose with three serious wounds each and a possibility of either or both of them being a murderer or a corpse. Powell is by far the worse cut of the two, though Summers is stabbed deeply in several places."

Mr. Grace Hallyburton, of Asheville, died Saturday from the effects of a stroke of paralysis. He was city clerk of Asheville for six years.

Farm Topics

WINTER COVER CROP.

United States Department of Agriculture Ready to Aid the Farmers in Every Way Possible—What to Plant and When to Plant.

A winter cover crop is one of the most important factors in Southern farming, especially hill farming. A system of poor farming has so greatly exhausted the humus in the majority of the fields as to make it well-nigh impossible to prevent their further depletion by the heavy rains of winter and early spring, which carry off much of the valuable elements left, onto the bottoms, and into the streams. Nature, always resourceful, has furnished certain plants which may be used to restore the depleted soils. These winter cover crops will hold our loose soils in place, and where sufficient growth is obtained, can be turned under to add humus to the soil. The sand hills and other loose soils can largely be prevented from leaching if heavy cover crops are turned under for a few years. This statement may be verified by taking new land where the plant roots and vegetable mold are still in it, or the same may be found in sod land where run to pasture for a series of years and brought back into cultivation. No washing occurs here even after the heaviest rains. A good cover crop will not only prevent washing and add humus to the soil, but if clovers or vetches are used there will be nitrogen collected from the air and stored in the soil during winter, as peas and beans do in summer. The plants most suitable for cover crops are rye, vetch, crimson and bur clover. Conditions, of course, must determine which to use. Rye.—Rye is one of the old standard winter cover crops and has been used very extensively in some sections.

Oats.—Oats may be used instead of rye in many instances, and the same general rule for preparation, planting, and after-treatment may be followed as rye. One and one-half to two and one-half bushels of seed should be used per acre when planted alone; one and one-half bushels and one-fourth bushel of vetch when combined. Rust-proof oat seed gives the best results in nearly every part

of the South. Unless the lands are fairly good, it will be necessary to fertilize the rye and oat crop to get sufficient growth for the most valuable cover crop. Stable manure applied broadcast at time of planting is good for this, or the following per acre: Acid phosphate, 150 pounds; cottonseed meal, 150 pounds; and muriate of potash, 30 pounds—thoroughly mixed and applied at time of planting.

Preparation.—Turn a few inches deeper than it has been previously plowed. If there is no rain, after this, before time of planting, a roller should be run to firm the seed-bed. These crops can be sowed in both corn and cotton middles where cleaned by scattering seed broadcast and running sweep or cultivator lightly to cover. Entire success, however, need not be looked for by this method of seeding, though some splendid results were reported from it last season. The corn lands can be put in fine condition by using a cutaway or disk harrow, to cut stalks and turn top soil. Sow seed and cover with tooth harrow.

Fertilizers.—The clovers and vetch will need fertilization to get satisfactory early growth. For this purpose stable manure stands first as it not only adds fertility but carries the bacterial inoculation so essential on soils first planted to these crops. An application at time of sowing of 300 pounds 16 per cent acid, 25 pounds muriate potash, and 75 pounds cottonseed meal or dried blood per acre will be good. The addition of the small amount of nitrogenous fertilizer will aid in giving them a vigorous start. When they happens to be any acidity of the soil, air-slacked lime at the rate of 1,000 pounds, per acre, should be applied at time of preparation.

Time for Sowing.—The best time for sowing crimson clover or bur clover is just as early in the fall as danger of summer killing of young plants is past—not later than September first. Vetch can be sowed much later, though the earlier planting does better.

Amount of Seed.—About twenty pounds of crimson clover seed per acre should be used; 30 pounds bur clover or 15 pounds vetch when sowed with one bushel oats which plan is always best if the soil is good enough to allow it, 30 pounds if sowed alone. Bur clover will be found to grow better as a rule from the seed planted without hulling. The inoculating germ appears to be carried with the bur. All clover seed should be covered lightly; use roller if the soil is dry at planting time.

Inoculation.—To get a satisfactory crop crimson clover, bur clover, or vetch the first year, the soil must be inoculated. Stable manure apparently does this in some localities but the safest plan is to procure soil from a few inches below the surface, where the bacteria are more numerous, from a field which has already grown the crop, scattering broadcast over the newly-planted area. Two or three bushels per acre will answer, while more would be better.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture will furnish inoculating material free for any of these crops, to any who make application, full instructions as to use being sent. It is recommended that those desiring this material shall send direct to the Department for it, rather than pay fancy prices to some of the firms making extravagant claims for the same material. Application must be made on regular forms which you can obtain either from Dr. Knapp at Washington, or from my office.

C. R. HUDSON, State Agent. Washington, D. C., July 14, 1911. Approved: S. A. KNAPP, Special Agent in Charge.

UNION AND ALLIANCE MAY UNITE.

Representative of Farmers' Alliance Makes Proposition to Farmers' Union.

A special from Salisbury to Sunday's Charlotte Observer says: "Just before adjournment last night the North Carolina Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union elected the following delegates to the National Convention, which meets at Shawnee, Oklahoma, the first Tuesday in September:

Dr. H. Q. Alexander, of Mecklenburg; C. C. Wright, of Wilkes; J. Z. Green, of Union; E. C. Farris, of Gaston; J. M. Fox, of Pitt; T. B. Hill, of Virginia, Va.; Alternates: J. M. Templeton, of Wake; P. E. Shaw, of Duplin; A. F. Yarborough, of Forsyth; S. A. Earnhardt, of Rowan; A. C. Shuford, of Catawba; R. L. Nunn, of Stokes.

A representative of the State Farmers' Alliance was present last night and made overtures to unite with the Farmers' Union. The membership of the Alliance at present is small. A committee was named to investigate the matter and report at a future meeting. The State meeting of the alliance will be held at Hillsboro Thursday of next week.

It was decided to hold a meeting of the tobacco-growers, who belong to the North Carolina State Farmers' Union, at Greensboro, August 24th, and a committee was appointed to advertise the same. National President C. S. Barrett promised to be present and make an address. Before adjournment several resolutions of thanks of the citizens, merchants and organizations were unani-

mously passed. The members stated that it was the most pleasant meeting they had yet held, and were glad to while in Salisbury.

The Drought and the New Methods of Farming.

Said a farmer to-day: "With farming done as it was ten years ago there would be no corn crop at all in those sections where rain has been needed. Under the recent system we go down deep; the result is that the dry weather has done but little hurt and the crop, at a general thing, is in good shape. Of course, the time is now on when there must be rain or corn will be greatly injured, for it cannot stand everything. Thirty years ago an effort was made to get the farmer to school, most of them started, but abandoned it, saying that the red clay would ruin the crop. But they have learned better and for some years the yield has been greater with really less work." All of which is true.—Greensboro Record.

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6:15 a. m.—Daily for Wilson, Washington and Norfolk. Parlor Car service between Raleigh and Norfolk.

6:15 a. m.—Daily, except Sunday, for New Bern via Chocowinity. Parlor Car service.

3:00 p. m.—Daily, except Sunday, for Washington.

Trains Arrive Raleigh

7:20 a. m.—Daily—11:30 a. m. daily except Sunday and 8:15 p. m. daily.

Trains Leave Goldsboro

10:15 p. m.—Daily—"Night Express"—Pullman Sleeping Car for Norfolk via New Bern.

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