

## State News.

The next session of the State Farmers' Union will be held in Wilson, December 13, 14, and 15.

The trial of Ben Hubbard for the murder of Dr. J. A. Pettit, at Lovington, Va., has been continued until November 14th.

J. W. Simmons, a pressman, 32 years old, was shot and probably fatally wounded by T. L. Carter, a plumber in Roanoke, Va., October 6th.

Arthur Spencer, the negro who entered the home of Mr. S. M. McCall, in Mocksville, on June 5th, has been sentenced to 30 years in the State's prison.

George Reed, a small boy of Meisenheimer, Stanley County, stepped on a nail a few days ago which pierced his foot. Blood poison followed and his foot had to be amputated.

As a result of a conference of ten days between the representatives and officials, the telegraphers on the Norfolk and Western Railway System will be granted an increase in wages.

George Glover, a negro boy, was shot September 16th, by Wilson Thomas, another negro, while watching for watermelon thieves in the field of his employer, near Fayetteville, N. C.

Two Richmond papers, the Richmond Evening Journal and News Leader, have been indicted, charged with publishing and mailing improper matter in connection with the Beattie trial.

James Rutherford, a capitalist, who recently moved from Carbonville, Pa., to High Point, dropped dead on the street in Winston-Salem, October 6th, where he was attending the Piedmont Fair.

Thomas Baker, an operator at the open mills at Spray, Rockingham county, had the misfortune to get his right arm caught in the machinery of the mill a few days ago, and the arm broken off at the elbow.

Seventeen bills of exception have been prepared by the prisoner's counsel in the Beattie case. The State Supreme Court will convene November 8th, and the appeal in the case will be promptly presented.

Lumberton Robesonian states that in accordance with an act of the Legislature, antitoxin for diphtheria can now be had at manufacturer's cost. A dose formerly cost \$1.95.

Body of Oscar Wicker, a well-known member of near Jonesboro, was found near the track of the Atlantic Coast Line, October 7th. The coroner returned the verdict that he came to his death "by being hit by a train."

A lodge of Pythian Sisters has been instituted in Asheville by Mrs. Fannie Dreeson, with about 35 lady members. This lodge bears about the same relation to the Knights of Pythias as does the Eastern Star to the Masonic Lodge.

Mrs. Lucy O'Brien, an aged lady, who resides in Goldsboro, N. C., has entered suit against the town of Mount Olive for \$20,000, on account of injuries received from a fall over a stump near the sidewalk in that town several months ago.

What is believed to be the longest electrical transmission line in the world, from beyond Charlotte to Durham, a distance of 173 miles, was opened October 7th. Power generated in the Catawba River turned wheels in factories in Durham.

The dead body of Will Owen, a young white man, was found near the tracks of the Western North Carolina Railroad at Barber's Junction, October 6th. It is believed that he was killed and placed on the tracks with the view of hiding the crime.

Richmond, Va., suffered from an \$800,000 fire, October 7. The International Harvester Company was the principal loser, but the stock of the Richmond Dry Goods Company, at 1004 East Cary street, was damaged several thousand dollars by smoke and water. The fire was supposedly due to spontaneous combustion.

Hemmett, the photographer, accompanied Paul Rainey's expedition to Africa, has returned, en route to America, two lionesses, two leopards, a lion, a leopard, one striped hyena, two spotted hyenas and several Nile crocodiles.

One of Charles' friends, who was being locked up, was suffering from a severe attack of pneumonia. It was thought that he would not survive.

The patriotic women of Fayetteville have adopted designs for a monument to be erected to the memory of the signers of the Liberty Point articles of independence, June 20, 1776.

Passenger train No. 35 of the Southern Railway crashed into a wagon load of negroes in Charlotte, October 9th, injuring six and, perhaps, fatally wounding the driver, besides severely mangle the team.

W. F. Fleming, a negro convicted of arson in Lee County, in April, 1910, has been pardoned by Governor Kitchin on account of his heroic action during the collapse of the pen in the mountains of Tennessee on the Transcontinental Line.

**One Negro Killed Because Another One Rang Church Bell.**

Washington, N. C., Oct. 6.—News reached this city yesterday of the murder of Alex. Harper, colored, last Sunday night near the township of South Creek, about forty miles from this city. It seems that Harper was the sexton of a colored church in that vicinity and about 7:30 o'clock another negro, Thomas Barnes and his wife, were the first to arrive at the church, another negro woman, Josephine Yates, soon followed and proceeded to ring the church bell before the arrival of Harper. Harper hearing the bell soon put in his appearance and became very much enraged with the woman for her act. Becoming very abusive, Barnes proceeded to take a hand in the rucus, and in a few minutes there was a general mix-up. Barnes, it is said, knocked Harper down and clubbed him to death, making his escape immediately afterwards, and at lost reports is still at large.

**Casey and Wife on Trial for Murdering Mrs. Casey's First Husband.**

New Bern, Oct. 10.—The trial of Burrill Casey and his wife, Leona Casey, is progressing and nearing the end of what will have been one of the most sensational murder trials ever held within the borders of the State, the prosecution making every effort to prove that the defendants caused the death of Mr. Joseph Whitty by administering poison to him, while the other side is endeavoring just as earnestly to show that the deceased had died from natural causes and that Burrill and Leona Casey had naught to do with his demise.

From present indications and unless some unexpected delay occurs the case will doubtless be concluded by Friday afternoon.

**Enormous Catches of Fish at Beaufort.**

New Bern, N. C., Sept. 30.—A visitor from Beaufort, N. C., who was in the city to-day, informed the writer that the fishers at that place have been making enormous catches during the past few days. In fact, more than the packers and shippers there could handle. The supply of ice from the local factories is entirely too inadequate for the needs of the packers and several car-loads of ice is shipped to that point from New Bern each week. Monday morning a solid car-load of twenty thousand pounds was sent down from this city and this relieved the situation somewhat. Saturday nine thousand pounds of blue fish were thrown away because the packers had not enough ice to preserve them.

**Ends His Own Life by Using Shot Gun.**

Clayton, N. C., Oct. 10.—John H. Lancaster of this place committed suicide by shooting the back of his head off with a shot-gun. He was a hard drinker and had been on a carousal for about two weeks. He lived in one of the cotton mill settlements and bore a pretty worthless name. Early in the night he took his gun in hand and went out of his house, making the threat that he intended killing the chief of police, W. A. Johnson, or himself. None of his family knew anything further about him until this morning when going out they found him lying at the back door with his head shot as named. No motive is given as the reasons for act.

**Mother and Son to Practice Law.**

Washington, D. C., Oct. 10.—Mrs. Sarah T. Andrews, aged 40, has matriculated at the Washington College of Law, and her son, Herbert B. Andrews, 20, has started a law course in the law department of the Catholic University.

Mrs. Andrews is the wife of a Government clerk. Mrs. Andrews said to-day:

"It is the intention of Herbert and myself to complete our course here and take the Washington bar examinations. If we are successful, we will go back to Missouri and put out a joint 'shingle.'"

**May Be Three Democrats in Race for Governor.**

Winston-Salem, Oct. 9.—Lieut. Gov. W. C. Newland, of Lenoir, was here today, and during an interview stated that he would be in the race for the Democratic nomination for Governor next year, an dthat in due time he would make his formal announcement. It was learned today that friends of ex-Lieutenant-Governor R. A. Doughton, of Alleghany, are urging him to enter the race for Governor.

## General News.

A six-story building in Boston collapsed on the afternoon of October 10th, killing at least six people.

Returns from forty-four precincts in California, October 10th, show a heavy vote against woman's suffrage and indicate that it has been defeated.

Instruments at the Brooklyn College, New York, recorded an earthquake shock on the morning of October 10th, which was more than 1,000 miles away. The tremors were severe.

One lady was killed, one fatally injured, and one badly hurt in the explosion of five sticks of dynamite which wrecked the home of R. E. Barclay, at Cooper Hill, Tenn., a few days ago.

The fatalities from the flood at Austin, Pa., caused by the breaking of the dam, first estimated at from 500 to 1,000, have dropped to seventy-four, and sixty-two bodies have been received.

Booth Tarkington, the noted Indiana author and playwright, has separated from his wife, who is the daughter of a millionaire. They have been married seven years. No reason is assigned.

Aviator C. P. Rodgers broke the world's record on October 10th by a flight from New York to San Francisco, a distance of 1,265 miles, according to railroad mileage, at the rate of seventy miles an hour.

Lieutenant John R. Lynch, of the Third United States Cavalry, committed suicide at Fort Sam Houston, October 9th, a few hours after he was married. He was twenty-five years of age. No cause for the rash act has yet been determined.

Eight indictments against four wall paper manufacturers and four wall paper jobbers, charging them with conspiracy in restraint of trade in violation of the Sherman law, were returned by the Federal grand jury at Cleveland, Ohio, last week.

The total money in circulation in the United States the 1st of October was \$3,242,182,715, an increase over the preceding month, when it was \$3,228,913,644. The gain over October 1, 1910, is \$78,355,034. The per capita circulation at present is \$24.35.

The will of Admiral Schley, dated October 2nd, was filed for probate on October 8th. The presents given the Admiral by the people he directed to be divided equally among his three children, and to be held by them and their heirs as a remembrance of the people's love. The remainder of the estate was left to his widow until her death.

Secretary of the Navy Meyer has cast aside all scientific systems of navy yard management advocated in this country because he thinks they involve too much detail and require serious changes in the civil rules of employment, and will import from England the system of management in use at the Barrow-in-Furness shop engine and ordinance works.

President Taft has confirmed the sentence of dismissal in the cases of the four West Point cadets recently convicted of intoxication, and commuted the sentence of four West Point cadets recently convicted of intoxication, and commuted the sentence of four others to confinement in barracks and gymnasium until May 31, 1912. Three of the four dismissed were from the South.

**Charges of Corruption Against Senator Stephenson Are Not Substantiated.**

Milwaukee, Wis., Oct. 10.—The charges that United States Senator Isaac Stephenson of Wisconsin secured his election through bribery and that he spent \$107,793 corruptly to influence voters, were today put by the United States Senate investigating committee squarely up to John J. Blaine, a State Senator, who brought the charges. As a result, Blaine admitted he had no facts or information personally known to him to be true upon which to substantiate his charges. He admitted that the charges were based largely on newspaper editorials, political speeches, and hearsay.

**Another Negro Lynched for the Usual Crime.**

Greenville, S. C., Oct. 10.—A long distance telephone message from Honea Path, thirty-five miles south of Greenville, says that at 11:25 o'clock to-night, Willis Jackson, a 17-year-old negro, who assaulted a 17-year-old white girl there this morning, was strung to a telephone pole by one foot and his body shot to pieces by a mob.

Following one of the most sensational man chases in the history of this section, extending over one hundred miles, a mob overpowered the sheriff and his deputies six miles north of Greenville late this afternoon and secured possession of the negro.

## TRIAL OF McNAMARA.

Charge Alleges They Were Implicated in Dynamiting Los Angeles Times When Twenty-One Persons Were Killed.

Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 10.—Not since the trial of the officials of the Western Federation of Miners for the alleged assassination of ex-Governor Steiengberg of Idaho, has a trial in this country excited the intense interest in labor circles and among the public generally as is manifested in the case of the McNamara brothers, who are about to be brought to the bar to answer for alleged complicity in the dynamiting outrage that resulted in the destruction of the Los Angeles Times building and the death of twenty-one men working there, on October 1, 1910.

**Trial Is On.**  
Los Angeles, Oct. 11.—James B. McNamara, younger brother of John J. McNamara, Secretary of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, will be tried first for the murder of the men in the Los Angeles Times explosion. This announcement was made by District Attorney Fredericks, who declared should the defense exercise the privilege of having the brothers tried separately he would begin by first trying James B. McNamara.

**WISCONSIN TOWN SWEEP AWAY.**

**Half of the Business Houses and Many Residences Destroyed—Two Persons Missing.**

La Crosse, Wis., Oct. 6.—The situation at Black River Falls, the prosperous little city of 2,000 inhabitants which was swept by a flood this afternoon when the water of the Black River, swollen by recent rains, washed through the embankment of the LaCrosse Water Company's dam at Hatfield is to-night worse by far than was ever feared when the flood swept upon the city.

Half of the business part of the city has been destroyed, together with a part of the residence district. Thus far two persons have not been accounted for.

At 7 o'clock to-night between 25 and 30 business houses, comprising all the stores on both sides of two streets, have been destroyed, together with an equal number of houses.

**REHEARING LORIMER CASE.**

**One State Senator Says He Was Offered \$1,000 for His Vote.**

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 11.—State Representative Henry Terrill testified before the Senate committee that former Representative John Griffin, a Democrat, told him (Terrill) he could get \$1,000 for Terrill's vote for Lorimer.

**U. S. Supreme Court Convenes With 781 Cases on the Docket.**

Washington, Oct. 9.—After a four-months' vacation the Supreme Court of the United States convened this morning for the term of 1911-12. The docket is crowded with 781 cases, as compared with 696 cases a year ago at this time. No case of anything like equal importance with the Standard Oil and Tobacco dissolution suits is on the docket, but there are a number of important and interesting matters that will come before the court for adjudication.

**Government Will Prevent Shipment of Unripe Fruit.**

Washington, Oct. 9.—The Department of Agriculture has prepared for confiscation of any shipments of unripe oranges or other unripe fruit from Florida. Secretary Wilson, who has been in communication with the Florida agricultural authorities, announced today that any attempts to ship artificially ripened fruit out of Florida or to "process" unripe fruits on its journey to the North would be the signal for government activity.

**Revolutionists Capture Chinese Town.**

Hankow, China, Oct. 11.—Revolutionists have undisputed possession of Wu Chang. The town's capture was the climax of a series of sudden developments during the past twenty-four hours. Fires started in every corner of the town. Twenty-five American missionaries were among the foreigners. No word of their fate has been received.

**Time to Gather the Herd.**

If in the struggle to control the party organization the Democrats throw away the opportunity to elect a President, one jackass will not be sufficient to emblazon the party hereafter. An entire herd will be needed.—Houston Post.

**Never Out of Work.**

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## Farm Topics

GREEN MANURING—No. 10.

Straw.

Traveling through the Piedmont section it is not unusual to see large stacks two or more years old rotting to the ground. As the farmers do not need it for bedding for their live stock, and find it very poor roughage, they are content to let it lie in the field or around the barn lot as worthless "straw," good for nothing but to be burned or rot where it lies.

A ten acre field of wheat that yields 200 bushels will produce 10 tons of straw and chaff. This straw has about 12 pounds of nitrogen, 4.4 pounds of phosphate, and 12.6 pounds of potash per ton. These amounts were necessarily taken out of the soil and should be returned together with the very large amount of organic matter contained in a ton of straw.

Should the straw from this 10 acre field be put back into the land the soil would receive an application of 120 pounds of nitrogen, 44 pounds of phosphate, and 126 bushels of potash. This is as much nitrogen as can be gotten from three tons of an 8-2-2 fertilizer or 18 tons of fresh cow manure. The potash made available in the amount of straw is equal to that in three tons of an 8-2-2 fertilizer or in 17 tons of fresh cow manure.

Wheat straw, old hay, dead weeds cut when cleaning fence rows, ditch banks, etc., should be spread evenly over the poor places in the field during the winter. In the spring this rough material may be easily cut to pieces with a disk harrow and plowed under.

Last year a good farmer in Davidson County spread a lot of rag weeds, coarse grasses, etc., cut from around his tobacco barns and cow stables, over a very poor land in the fall on which he had sowed rye. He did this to get the "stuff" out of the way and with no thought of its possible fertilizing value. I saw the rye in the spring just before it was cut, and the result was astonishing. The crop was as thick on the ground as it could stand, well filled, and about five feet high. Just a few steps away where no much of any kind was used the rye made but an indifferent growth and was thin on the land. Another farmer in Randolph County last year thoughtlessly spread some old straw, weeds, and coarse, dirty grass over a gall spot in his wheat field, and in the spring and at harvest time was surprised to find his crop looking as though he had spread tons of stable manure over the land. Instances may be multiplied.

In the future do not let your old hay, old straw, flooded grass, mixed weeds and coarse grass, lie around and rot in the fence corners and gullies, but spread them evenly over the poor spots in the wheat or oat fields just after the crop is sowed. When the crop is harvested, run a sharp disk harrow over this mass of half rotten vegetation once or twice and plow it under prior to seeding the field to soy beans or cowpeas to be plowed under if the land is poor or cut and fed to live stock if the land is not in need of fertility. We had intended to discuss corn as a green manuring crop this time, but find our space all occupied with the above discussion, and we will have to defer this crop for next week.

J. L. BURGESS,  
N. C. Department of Agriculture.

**GOVERNMENT CROP REPORTS.**

**Most of the Crops Are Yet Unharvested—Wheat Crop Not as Large as Last Year.**

Washington, Oct. 9.—Disastrous weather conditions which prevailed throughout the country earlier in the growing season abated during September, and the condition of most of the important unharvested crops, on October 1, showed improvement. Corn was one-tenth of one part of one per cent higher than it was on September 1; potatoes improved 3.1 per cent; tobacco 9.4 per cent; flax 1.2 per cent, and apples 3.6 per cent. Rice condition declined 1.8 per cent.

The effect of the hot weather and drought throughout the growing season was shown in the official preliminary estimates of the production of spring wheat, oats and barley. These three grains showed a loss in production over last year's harvest of an aggregate of 301,000,000 bushels. All wheat is about 40,000,000 bushels less than last year. The yield totaled the indicated total production of corn as figured out by the Department of Agriculture from the current condition will be about 356,000,000 bushels less than last year's crop. Buckwheat is almost two million bushels less than last year, potatoes 50,000,000 less, tobacco 69,000,000 pounds less, and rice 2,000,000 bushels less. Flax is the only important crop which will give a harvest greater than last year, the present season producing about 10,000,000 bushels more.

**A Serious Cotton Disease (Anthracnose) and How to Handle It.**

There is a disease of cotton which is yearly attracting increased attention throughout the Cotton Belt. It is known as cotton anthracnose. It is most easily recognized when on the boll, where it forms alcer-like spots, which, as they age, become

pink in the centers. The spots may enlarge so as to affect the whole boll. The diseased part of the boll usually falls to open and often the contents rot. Inquiries from various sections of the State are being received almost daily at the Experiment Station concerning the disease. It has also been especially severe in Alabama and Georgia during recent years, so severe in the latter State that the Legislature has made a large special appropriation for its investigation.

Although the disease is deep and recognized most prominently in the bolls, it also occurs on the leaves and stems. Cotton growers should know that this disease is carried from season to season on the seeds, and that seed from a sick boll, even though very slightly diseased, may raise a diseased plant, and this in turn may spread the disease to the whole crop of the next season. There is no satisfactory treatment, and the one point to be remembered is that seed from diseased fields is likely to carry the disease, in fact, almost sure to do so. Even seed from clean fields which has passed through a gin in which diseased cotton has been ginned is dangerous. It is of utmost importance for the grower to be sure that his cottonseed does not come from a field or from a region where this disease prevails.

F. L. STEVENS,  
Plant Pathologist.

**Will Take Twice as Much Cotton to Pay Taxes This Year.**

Lincoln Times.]

When you go to pay your taxes this year, Mr. Farmer, don't forget that it will take just twice as much cotton this year to pay it. While the price of your cotton has fallen off one-third, your taxes have increased in proportion.

**Victories of the "Prohibition" Party.**  
Lincoln Times.]

The Democrats carried the State of Maine for liquor this week by a majority of 26. This makes three States this summer that the Democrats have carried wet. A pretty good record for the "pro-bibition party."

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Burlington State Dispatch.]

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9:15 p. m.—Daily "Night Express." Pullman Sleeping Car for Norfolk.

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

6:15 a. m.—Daily, except Sunday, for New Bern via Chowanville. Parlor Car service.  
2:40 p. m.—Daily, except Sunday, for Washington.

**Trains Arrive Raleigh**  
7:20 a. m.—Daily; 11:20 a. m. daily except Sunday and 5:15 p. m. daily.

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

7:15 a. m.—Daily for Beaufort and Norfolk. Parlor Car between Washington and Norfolk.

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