

State News.

Bernard Norden, an employe in the Selma cotton oil mill, was caught by the set screw of a shafting a few days ago, and his right leg torn off below the knee.

J. P. Meares, a carpenter helper in the Seaboard Air Line round-house at Spencer, swung on the steps of an engine a few days ago and was crushed against a post and killed.

Mrs. Bruce Craven, of North Wilkesboro, accidentally shot herself very seriously last Wednesday by a pistol which was under the pillow, and fell to the floor while she was making up the bed.

Theodore Holton, a young son of District Attorney Holton, of Winston-Salem, lost three fingers in an explosion of a dynamite cap, with which he was playing, on the morning of October 12.

W. A. Carver, an employe of the Durham Hosiery Mills, committed suicide last Saturday by shooting himself through the head. It is said that he was a victim of pellagra and was insane as a result of the disease.

Frazier Jenkins was killed and Irving Chandler seriously wounded by the breaking of the guide wire supporting a large bucket, which was carried on a cable across the river at Weaver Dam, near Marshall, October 16.

The owners of the Surry Chair Factory at Elkin have decided to move the plant to Hickory and enlarge it. The new concern will be known as the Hickory Chair Manufacturing Company and will be capitalized at \$100,000.

Baxton R. Sowers, one of the most popular engineers on the Asheville division of the Southern Railway, was struck on the head by an unknown man on the night of October 10th, in Spencer, while crossing the railroad yards, and very seriously injured.

Pitt County's new court-house and jail which was destroyed by fire in February of last year, have been completed and were turned over to the county commissioners October 12th. These buildings were modern in construction and equipped with every convenience.

A reward is offered of \$1,000 for the burglar who entered the residence of W. W. Horn, at Monroe, Sunday morning of last week and shot the young lady who gave the alarm. The Governor offers \$400, the town and county \$400, and friends \$200.

Dr. Russel, of Fletcher, was fined \$500 in police court at Asheville on October 14th for violating the law regulating the giving of prescriptions. The case grew out of a prosecution of C. C. Seawell, a druggist, for selling whiskey to a man named Wilson without prescription.

A young man named Green, an employe of the Yadkin River Power Company, in crossing the Randolph and Cumberland Railroad track with a mule and wagon on the morning of October 17th, was struck by a train and knocked unconscious, while the mule was instantly killed.

The Statesville Lumber Company, whose plant was burned a few weeks ago, will soon be ready for business again. Their new plant located near the North State Veneer Company, is nearing completion. The capital stock is to be increased and it will do business on a larger scale in the future.

The revenue officers continue their activity in the vicinity of Hickory. Two cases having been disposed of before United States Commissioner Whitner this week. George Harrison, of Hickory, was tried, but released for lack of evidence, and Zeb Stamey was held in bond for \$500 for his appearance at Federal Court.

FAKE "BEGGARS" ARRESTED.

"Crippled" Beggars Found to Be Able-Bodied Men and Sentenced to Serve on Durham's Roads.

Durham, N. C., Oct. 16.—In the Recorder's Court this morning four tramps on their way to Raleigh were tried on a charge of vagrancy and sent to the roads.

The fellows spent Saturday on the streets of Durham, sat squat on the sidewalks, quoted Scripture supporting their profession and cried when men passed them by. They sold shoe-strings and chewing gum, lead pencils and bought near-beer with the proceeds. They wept for alms and receiving them said in the hearing of an officer: "Ain't Durham a dam easy old town," and drank more. They owned jointly a pair of crutches and two walking sticks, a tin cup and perhaps fifteen cents worth of lead pencils besides their faces, which were their real fortunes.

The bibulous beggars were all men of perfectly sound body. They did not lie long, but admitted that they were members of an organization that does town at carnivals and State Fairs.

A HERMIT BURNED TO DEATH.

Cat Was Sitting Upon the Body Eating the Charred Flesh When Body Was Discovered—Deceased Had Led a Strange Life.

A special from Concord to Saturday's Charlotte Observer says: "With his body lying across the hearthstone of his cabin and his clothing burned to shreds from a lamp that rested against his leg, the remains of Jean Napoleon Ingram, globe-trotter, lecturer, writer, recluse and most unique character this section ever knew, were found at his hermitage in No. 1 Township yesterday about noon by a small colored boy who lived on his place.

"Coroner Isehour went to the home yesterday afternoon, together with an undertaker and a number of neighbors. The sight that greeted their entrance was a ghastly one. On the hearth lay his decomposed body, burned beyond recognition by a lamp that is supposed to have fallen from a box near-by and on his breast sat a large cat that had eaten the flesh from his face until only the bare bones of his skeleton were left. A few steps away was a gallon jug containing three quarts of whiskey. The coroner's jury rendered the following verdict: 'That the deceased came to his death by accidental burning.' So far as is known, he has no living relatives."

BIG FIRE AT SPENCER.

Southern Railway Suffers \$15,000 Loss—One Person Perhaps Fatally Burned.

Spencer, Oct. 14.—Fire which originated from the bursting of an oil feed pipe to-day almost destroyed the large blacksmith shop of the Southern Railway Company in Spencer, and seriously, if not fatally, burned Earl Goodman, a young white man employed in the shop.

The pipe bursted without warning and Goodman was enveloped in flames of burning oil. He rushed to a barrel of water and jumped in with the hope of saving himself. Later he was carried to the Whitehead-Stokes Sanatorium, in Salisbury for treatment. Owing to the burning oil the fire spread rapidly, and although the Spencer fire department and the Southern Railway shop fire department responded promptly, the firemen were unable to cope with the flames. After the water from the Spencer mains had been brought into service the fire was quickly subdued.

The firemen rendered valuable service in saving other buildings of the Southern Railway Company valued at hundreds of thousands of dollars. Falling timbers in the burning building handicapped the firemen in their work to a considerable extent. The streams played upon the fire until subdued. Eye witnesses state the blaze traveled through the building faster than a man can walk. The loss is estimated at about \$15,000.

MURDER IN IREDELL COUNTY.

June Summers Killed by Walter Russell Over Card Game.

Statesville, Oct. 11.—In the northern section of Iredell County last evening June Summers, a young man about 18 years old, was struck in the head with a piece of scantling by Walter Russell, aged 23, and so badly injured that he died this morning about 8 o'clock. Russell fled when his victim fell and has so far eluded officers and citizens ever since the tragedy.

The troubles which ended in death occurred at a sawmill, and is said to have been the result of a quarrel about a card game. Russell resented a remark by Summers and seizing a small piece of timber struck Summers such a terrific blow on the head that his skull was crushed. Russell fled into the woods at once and while some of the men about the mill administered to his victim others pursued him and still others notified the officers. Russell is said to be a bad character. Summers was the son of Gus Summer, an Olin Township

THIEF ENTERS A LEXINGTON HOME.

Frightened Boy Aways and Stole Considerable Sum of Money.

Lexington, N. C., Oct. 16.—Tonight at about 8 o'clock an unknown man entered the home of P. D. Finch, a prominent farmer living on the outskirts of Lexington, and stole a considerable sum of money. There was no one in the house at the time except Mr. Finch's eight-year-old son, who was so badly scared that he could give no description of the burglar. The man carried a big club in his hand and with it threatened the boy. In his search for money he laid the stick down and left it. The boy could not even tell whether the man was black or white, though he may be able to give a better description when he gets over his scare.

The Democratic False Cry of Over-production.

Lincoln Times.] The estimate of the crop for this year is about the same crop of 1907 (the year of the Roosevelt panic). Yet cotton sold that year at fourteen cents. And, too, there are more people now to be clothed. The Democrats will come poor speer using their old argument of "over-production."

General News.

L. P. Mullinax, manager of the Troy oil mill was shot and perhaps fatally wounded at Troy, S. C., October 10th, by G. W. Long, a druggist, of that town.

T. J. Hill and J. M. Revels, farmers living near Adelle, Ga., engaged in a quarrel the morning of October 17th, and Hill shot Revels. A son of Revels then shot Hill through the head.

Chairman Mack has called a meeting of the Democratic National Committee at Washington, D. C., on January 8th to fix the time and place of holding the Democratic National Convention.

Reports from the regular monthly meeting of the Anderson County Farmers' Union, were to the effect that one-half of the cotton crop is being held by the farmers for higher prices.

Two negroes, A. B. Richardson and Ben Woods, were taken from the city jail in Caruthsville, Mo., October 10th, by a mob, and lynched. Feeling against these negroes had been at a high pitch for some time.

A negro at Louisville, Ky., who attacked two girls and their mother October 14th, was seized by a mob of angry citizens of that city and beaten so badly that it is thought he cannot recover.

Bishop Van De Vyner, of the Catholic diocese of Richmond, died October 15, of complications resulting from a cold. He was 67 years of age, and had been bishop of Richmond 22 years.

A cyclone struck Indiana October 14th, wrecking homes and destroying property to the amount of \$50,000 in one village called Ben Davis, near Indianapolis. Other cities and towns were damaged also.

Hoke Smith has announced that he will relinquish the Governorship of Georgia November 15th, preparatory to taking up his duties as United States Senator, to which office he was elected by the late Legislature.

Governor Colquitt, of Texas, has called a conference of Governors of the Southern States to meet in New Orleans on the 23rd, to discuss ways and means to prevent a further reduction in the price of cotton.

Slight earthquake shocks have been recorded on the seismograph at Layola college, New Orleans, for the past few days, and are believed to be the forerunners of a more serious quake within the next few days.

The News-Leader, Richmond, Va., indicted recently, charged with having mailed papers containing objectionable matter in its report of the Beattie case, entered a plea of nolo contendere and was fined the nominal sum of \$50.

Burglars dynamited the Planters Bank vault October 16th and escaped with what is believed a large sum of money. J. J. Clements, who slept in a room above the bank, was awakened by the explosion and exchanged shots with the robbers.

The woman suffrage amendment to the constitution of California, which was first reported to have been defeated, was adopted. The recall—which includes the recall of the judiciary—was also adopted along with the Initiative and referendum.

Postmaster-General Hitchcock has authorized the establishment of the longest railway mail route in the United States. It will begin November 1st, and will extend over the Western Pacific lines between Salt Lake City and San Francisco, 992 miles.

Two Atlanta women, Mrs. M. A. Edwards and her sister, Mrs. A. E. Dobbs, were struck by an automobile just as they stepped off a street car on October 16th and Mrs. Edwards was killed and Mrs. Dobbs was seriously injured. The chauffeur was placed under arrest.

Foul play is suspected in the death of Smith Walsh, the bridegroom of eleven days, who committed suicide in Chattanooga, Tenn., last week. It was first reported that he was shot, then later a letter was sent to his people that he had taken a large quantity of strychnine.

John R. Walsh, ex-banker and former head of a score of railroad enterprises, was paroled Saturday from Fort Leavenworth Federal prison after serving less than two years of a term of five years imprisonment following conviction of the charges of infraction of national banking laws.

Seven persons were killed and twenty-two injured in a collision between a northbound Missouri Pacific passenger train and a fast freight train at Fort Crook, near Omaha, Neb., October 16. The accident is believed to have been due to a misunderstanding of orders on the part of the freight crew.

FOR FARMERS OF EAST TENNESSEE.

Southern Railway Will Operate a Special Agricultural Train.

Knoxville, Tenn., Oct. 14.—To place the advantages of scientific agriculture before the farmers of East Tennessee, the Southern Railway Company, working in co-operation with the State Department of Agriculture and the University of Tennessee, will operate a special Agricultural Train over its lines in this section, the tour commencing at Blountville, October 16th, and lasting until November 10th.

The train will be made up of three lecture coaches, three exhibit coaches and one flat car for live stock to be furnished by the Southern Railway, and one Arms Palace Stock Car, to be arranged for by the Tennessee Department of Agriculture. State Agricultural Commissioner T. F. Peck, Dr. C. M. Morgan, Dairy Agent of the Southern Railway, and well-known experts connected with the State and University will accompany the train and will conduct lectures and demonstrations in each of the thirty-three points, which will be covered in twenty-three working days.

The lecturers will attempt to acquaint the farmers with the latest scientific investigations relating to the soil, the plants and the farm animals, and to advise them how to increase crop yields and at the same time by a rational system of crop rotation to leave the soil richer year after year when crops are removed. The subjects of education and health will also be treated. The Southern Railway is bearing the whole expense of the campaign in pursuance of its policy to materially assist in the development of the territory it serves.

COMPLAINT AGAINST COAST LINE.

Fayetteville Company Alleges Discriminations in Freight Rates on Lard.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 16.—The Armfield Company of Fayetteville today filed a complaint with the Interstate Commerce Commission against the Atlantic Coast Line Railway, alleging that the railroad company is discriminating against Fayetteville in favor of Rockett, Va., on shipments of lard from Savannah, Ga., to the North Carolina town.

It is contended by the Fayetteville firm that a rate of 33 cents per hundred is charged on lard from Savannah to Fayetteville. A distance of 300 miles, while the same commodity is shipped to Rockett, Va., a distance of 512 miles, for twenty cents per hundred pounds.

The Armfield Company contends that this rate is unreasonable and unjust and asks the commission for relief.

Banker Walsh is Pardoned.

Leavenworth, Kan., Oct. 14.—An order from Washington, paroling John R. Walsh, the former Chicago banker and railroad president, was received at the Federal prison here this morning. The prisoner at once began preparations for the start home.

Mr. Walsh up to the time of his parole, had served one year, eight months and 26 days of his five years' sentence.

When the prisoner was notified that a parole finally had been granted he was overwhelmed. He had been anxiously awaiting the arrival of a favorable reply. However, when it failed to come yesterday at noon, hours after he had expected, he passively gave up hope.

FORBIDDEN FROM COERCING.

Southern Wholesale Grocers' Association Feels Effect of Sherman Anti-Trust Law.

Montgomery, Ala., Oct. 17.—In a "consent decree" handed down by the Circuit Court for the Northern District of Alabama to-day, the Southern Wholesale Grocers' Association, prosecuted under the Sherman law, is forbidden from coercing manufacturers to sell only to association members or those whom it recognizes as wholesalers, and is prescribed against conspiracy to maintain or to coerce manufacturers to fix limited selling prices.

The injunction case against the Southern Wholesale Grocers' Association was instituted by the United States Government in Birmingham, June, 1910, for the purpose of restraining the association from certain practices alleged to be in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

BIBLE IN PHONETIC SPELLING.

Judson Jones Spends Seventeen Years in Producing Volume.

Mankato, Minn., Oct. 16.—Judson Jones, the author of "The Alphabet of Orthoepy and Its Application to Monosyllables," is now bringing out a complete translation of the Bible in his phonetic system. Mr. Jones' system of phonetic spelling has been recommended by Prof. Lounsbury, of the English literature department of Yale, and Dr. W. T. Harris, formerly United States commissioner of education.

Mr. Jones is 80 years old, and began the work twenty years ago. It required fifteen years to write the book, and another two years to correct the proofs.

Farm Topics

GREEN MANURING—No. 11.

Corn.

Who would think of using corn as a green manuring crop? But why not use it as well as rye? True, the chemical analysis of green corn reveals less plant food in it per ton than green rye but what about the tons per acre? Where you can get eight tons of green rye you should be able to get twenty-four tons of green corn. You can, on average land, by use of, say, 200 pounds of some cheap fertilizer, grow from 15 to 20 tons of green corn per acre which should be cut up with a disk harrow and plowed under just before botting for tassel. The following table shows the average chemical analysis of a large number of samples of green corn compared with the composition of stable manure:

Composition of Green Corn Compared With the Composition of Fresh Cow Manure.

Material	Nitrogen	Phos.	P. 100 lb
Green corn	8.2	3.0	6.6
Fresh cow manure	7.6	1.6	7.3
Fresh horse manure	8.7	3.0	6.6

The above table shows green corn to contain 8.2 pounds of nitrogen, 3 pounds of phosphate, and 6.6 pounds of potash per ton. As indicated above, land in a fair state of cultivation should grow at least 15 tons of green corn per acre. At this rate a ten-acre field would grow 150 tons of organic matter which, when incorporated with the soil, would add, in an available form, 1,230 pounds of nitrogen, 450 pounds of phosphate, and 990 pounds of potash. All of this plant food came out of the soil of the ten-acre field to be sure, but, though it was in the soil, it was not in an available condition for the succeeding crop until it was taken up, digested, and built into the tissues of the green corn plant, from which it will be readily liberated by decay after being plowed over.

The amount of nitrogen thus rendered available on the ten-acre field is equal to that supplied by 160 tons of fresh horse manure, or 30 tons of an 8-2-2 fertilizer. The phosphate supplied by this amount of green manure is equal to that found in 2 1-2 tons of an 8-2-2 fertilizer or in 280 tons of fresh horse manure. The potash rendered available is equal to that supplied by twenty-five tons of an 8-2-2 fertilizer or 135 tons of fresh manure.

At 50 cents a ton it will cost \$80 to haul and spread 160 tons of manure. The seed corn should not cost over \$2.00 and, with the right kind of implements, the seeding should be but a small expense. The disking and plowing necessary to incorporate the green corn with the soil properly, incidentally prepares the land for the succeeding crop so that the labor expense is but a small item.

But what about old dry corn stalks? Shall they be burned? A thirty bushel crop of corn will leave on the average about one ton of stalks, fodder, and "shucks" on the land. This ton of this dry stuff contains 20.8 pounds of nitrogen, 5.8 pounds of phosphate, and 28 pounds of potash, all of which will be given up to succeeding crops just as soon as this material can rot in the ground. Why not use these old stalks as a source of organic matter for soil improvement? It would seem that the best thing possible to do with the corn crop is to husk it in the field, leaving both husks and fodder on the stalks, then cut the stalks to pieces with a good sharp stalk cutter and plow them under to decay. This method of handling them is far superior to any other I know, as they make a poor quality of forage and a right good quality of humus.

In the above we have emphasized the plant food elements contained in the vegetable matter, but the most important functions of humus is that of liberating otherwise inert plant foods in the soil itself, opening up its texture, and allowing the rain waters to go down deep into the subsoil where they are stored and held for the crops. Lands that were plowed deep and filled with organic matter did not suffer from drouth during the past season.

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MECKLENBURG FARMERS HOLD.

Very Little Cotton Being Offered on the Charlotte Market.

Instead of the 552 bales of cotton which were delivered at the local platform on October of last year, but 250 bales of the white staple made their appearance upon the Charlotte market yesterday. Also in place of the 14.65 cents per pound which it brought upon its appearance twelve months past, the meager price of 8.75 was the best that it could command yesterday. Yesterday being Saturday, there was a considerable increase in the number of bales which were brought into the city, as opposed to the remaining days of the past week. It is estimated that the local platform is losing in the neighborhood of the excessively low price which cotton now commands.

The number of bales per diem which are stored at the Charlotte cotton warehouse remains at very near the same figure which represents the daily sales on the local

markets. This is not according to the usual method of the Mecklenburg farmer, and evidently means that he is prepared to hold his cotton until the price has risen considerably above the figure which it now fetches. In very few cases has the tiller of the soil parted with his product, except when forced to do so by the actual necessity of cash, or for the purpose of staying off a financial crisis of some kind. Even with cotton the lowest in price which has been in almost three years, it yet been reached in its rapid descent. There are many cotton men who predict that the country will see significant cotton before the market again becomes normal.—Charlotte Observer.

LA FOLLETTE TO MAKE TOUR.

Senator and Progressive Leader Will Speak in Central West. (Washington Post.)

Senator La Follette, of Wisconsin, progressive Republican leader, yesterday decided to start early next month on a speaking tour through the middle West. The tour will last until Congress meets in December. It will embrace the Dakotas, Minnesota, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, Oklahoma, Mississippi, and probably Ohio. The itinerary has not been arranged.

Senator La Follette will make eight or ten feature speeches and numerous brief ones. He said if he did not visit Ohio on this trip he would during the Christmas holidays. The coast was not included in the tour because of lack of time.

Alfalfa Growing.

An experiment that Mr. Dornel Shemwell has tried out with great profit is that of growing alfalfa. Mr. Shemwell has one-third of an acre in alfalfa this summer, and in spite of the drouth, he has cut five good crops off of it and pastured it down to the ground once. He was so well pleased with the results obtained that he will try two acres in alfalfa and he contemplates greatly enlarging this acreage if it shows up well. Many farmers have the idea that alfalfa will not grow in this section, but Mr. Shemwell's experience would seem to indicate that it will.—Lexington Dispatch.

Schooner From Alaska With Sixty-Five Starving Passengers.

Seattle, Wash., Oct. 14.—The power schooner Bender Brothers, from Nome and the Kuskeviw River, passed in to-day at Cape Flattery, disabled, with more than sixty-five people on board starving. Her gasoline engine exploded nine days ago, when the schooner was 180 miles off the cape. Captain Louis Knattich is seriously ill.

Saved His Mother's Life.

"Four doctors had given me up," writes Mrs. Laura Gaines, of Avoca, La., "and my children and all my friends were looking for me to die, when my son insisted that I use Electric Bitters. I did so, and they have done me a world of good. I will always praise them." Electric Bitters is a priceless blessing to women troubled with fainting and dizzy spells, headache, weakness, debility, constipation or kidney disorders. Use them and gain new health, strength and vigor. They're guaranteed to satisfy or money refunded. Only 50c. at all druggists.

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Trains Leave Raleigh
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 Chocowinity 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 8:15 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.

3:20 p. m.—Daily for New Bern, Oriental and Beaufort. Parlor Car Service.

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