

State News.

Mr. James C. Draughan, living near Dunn, Sampson County, last ten bales of cotton a few days ago by fire.

Hardy Brandon, a negro, was shot and killed by another negro named John Burris, Monday night in Winston-Salem.

Mr. R. O. Pike, of Lockhart, S. C., fell from a freight train in Asheville a few days ago and died from the effect of his injuries.

The Southern Railway Company is soon to build a new passenger station at Hickory. It is to be entirely modern in every way it is said.

A glove factory is to be opened in Hendersonville soon, conducted by Mr. R. P. Prieze, secretary and treasurer of the Fidelity Hosiery Mill at Newton.

The surviving members of Company I, Forty-ninth North Carolina Regiment, Confederate Veterans, will hold their annual reunion at Catawba, March 30th.

Mrs. Lizzie Shaft, committed to jail in Hendersonville last week, charged with being connected with the death of Myrtle Hawkins, has been released on a bond of \$5,000.

The post-office and express office at Kingsboro was robbed one night last week. Ten or twelve gallons of whiskey, money, postage stamps and other express were taken.

Mr. Huffman, a carpenter, fell from a scaffold in Greensboro a few days ago and received such injuries from which he died shortly. He came to Greensboro from Norfolk.

A contract has been awarded to Mr. R. C. Campbell, of Lenoir, for the building of a new court-house for the new county of Avery. The contract was for an \$18,000 building.

Mr. R. W. Vincent, who has been managing editor of the Charlotte Observer for years, has accepted a position on the staff of the Atlanta Georgian and will take up his new work soon.

The jewelry store of J. R. Brown, at China Grove, was broken into and robbed last Thursday night. Only a few articles were taken as the robbers were not successful in breaking into the safe.

Mr. Paul F. Burton, an excellent young man and electrician of Warrenton, came in contact with a live wire Tuesday last and was instantly thrown to the ground and killed. He was twenty-seven years old.

C. C. Southern, a young man of Salisbury, was arrested Tuesday charged with entering the home of Mr. D. L. Cauble while the family were away, an taking several articles, among them a pistol.

The home of Mr. Jeff D. Whitesides, near Yorkville, in the vicinity of Hickory Grove, was destroyed by fire a few days ago. The loss was estimated at from \$3,000 to \$4,000. The cause of the fire was not known.

Thirty-nine bridges in Guilford County were totally or partially wrecked by the recent floods. Most of them were wooden, and the commissioners of that county have decided to replace the larger wooden bridges with steel ones.

Mr. L. H. Phillips, at one time clerk of the Superior Court of Catawba County, and at present cashier of the Merchants and Farmers Bank of Newton, is to become secretary and treasurer of the Fidelity Hosiery Mills, succeeding Mr. R. P. Frieze.

Capt. Ed. Holden, a Southern Railway conducted, was shot and seriously wounded by a colored man last Friday night just as his train was leaving the station at Kernersville. The trouble arose over collecting the fare. The negro was arrested and is in jail.

Burglars attempted to enter the home of Mr. Jesse Lassiter about 4 o'clock last Sunday morning, when he, hearing the noise, shot and some of the shots struck one of the intruders, but his confederates managed to get him away before they could be captured.

W. C. Selby, an overman of Pamlico County, got drunk a few days ago and undertook to kill his wife, and very seriously if not fatally injured her. The indignation against him was so great that he had to be transferred to jail in another county in order to prevent his being lynched.

Robert J. Hook, a young man from Boston, who has been residing near Carthage, was given a preliminary hearing before United States Commissioner Copeland, at that place a few days ago on the charge of fraudulent use of the mails, and bound in a bond of \$400 to the May term of court at Carthage.

The four-year-old child of Mr. D. H. Crayton, of Mission, Stanly County, fell into a tub of boiling water at their home a few days ago and was drowned as well as scalded to death.

Mr. Samuel L. Roberts, a prominent farmer of China Grove, Rowan County, was found dead in bed Monday morning last. Heart disease is assigned as the cause of his death.

Officers Capture 17 Stills in One Series of Raids.

A dispatch from Asheville yesterday says: "Revenue Agent Sams has just received reports from his officers in Virginia that they seized during the latter part of last week in Franklin County seventeen illicit distilleries in one series of raids. Six plants were seized the first day, six on the second, and five on the third. This is one of the largest raids that has been made from this office in many months."

Former Employe Sues Southern Road for a Bad Cold.

A Greensboro dispatch of yesterday says: "A novel damage suit against the Southern Railway Company has been instituted in the Superior Court here by Edward L. Haley, through a local attorney, the complainant demanding of the railway corporation the sum of \$3,000 for a bad cold which he alleges he caught while in the employ of the company and that his 'affliction' is due to the negligence of the company. It is set forth that Haley was employed by the Southern as brakeman and sent to Goldsboro March 7th; that at the time the yards were muddy and that sometimes he had to work in water up to his shoe-tops, and that as a result he has lung trouble and rheumatism and an account of which he suffered great physical and mental agony and was forced to abandon his job 'and come home.'"

Mecklenburg Farmers Pledging to Reduce Cotton Acreage.

A Charlotte dispatch of yesterday says: "The farmers of Mecklenburg County are liberally pledging themselves to reduce cotton acreage the coming season, and this in spite of the fact that cotton has heretofore been practically the one crop raised in Mecklenburg. Canvassers are making a thorough campaign, though until the last two weeks they have been greatly hindered by the inclement weather. 'In one township every farmer signed the pledge, and the action throughout the entire county will be practically unanimous. 'The expense of the canvass in this county is being borne by funds raised by the business men of Charlotte.'"

THE SCHEME OF THE REFEREE RING.

They Are Trying to Capture the State Under the Cry for Roosevelt—The Roosevelt People Will Stand by Morehead and the State Organization.

The Lincoln Times.] Two years ago the Republicans of North Carolina cut loose from the old referee system that for years had hampered the growth of the party at the polls. That was the beginning of the rule of the party in the State by the voters rather than by the old-time bosses. It was a long step in the right direction. Under the new order of things the voters are being allowed, unhampered, to choose between the candidates for President instead of a little coterie of bosses delivering the delegates to the administration candidate. It is a healthy change and one that will make votes for the party. Let the people rule the Republican party. The point we wish to make is this: The old referee crowd is going to try to recapture the State organization under the popularity of Roosevelt. They know Roosevelt is popular in the State and they are championing his candidacy not because they are necessarily for him, but in order to fool the voters into restoring them to power in the State. It would be a sad mistake on the part of the party should the voters allow this set to capture again, the management of the party in the State. It would simply mean a return to the old order of things and our victory two years ago would be lost completely. All one has to do to convince himself that this is the game, is to take an inventory of the leaders of the movement. We are for Roosevelt, not because we are mad at "old Taft," but because we believe the Colonel is the stronger man. This is the feeling among the real Roosevelt voters. But we will not be trapped into a support of the old referee crowd simply because they pretend to love Roosevelt. We can support Roosevelt without training with this bunch who care nothing about the real welfare of the party at the polls. We are going to support Theodore Roosevelt for President and J. M. Morehead for State Chairman. We believe they represent the best in the Republican party. Let the people not be fooled by the cunning of those who have held us back as a party for generations.

General News.

As a result of an explosion in a mine at McCurtain, Okla., March 20, forty men were killed and others injured.

The right of the State of Indiana to prohibit the sale of foot stuffs containing benzoites of soda has been affirmed by the Federal Court.

Gen. John W. Noble, who was Secretary of the Interior in President Harrison's Cabinet, died in St. Louis last Friday. He was eighty ears of age.

Reports from Honolulu are that Hawaii is solid for Taft and that a solid delegation will go from Hawaii to the Republican National Convention.

News comes from China that three American teachers were attacked by pirates while exploring the Yang-Tse River a few days ago. One was killed and the others wounded.

General Henry H. Bingham, Congressman from the First District, died in Philadelphia, Pa., March 23. He was seventy-one years of age and had been ill for some time.

Two men were killed and several seriously injured in a wreck of the Central Georgia work train, which was caused by the train running over three cows near Oconee, Ga., a few days ago.

Homer Bush, a negro convict, was lynched near Cochran, Ga., last week after he had killed Guard Joseph Cody, and attempted to shoot down two other guards, in a convict camp near that town.

The Atlantic Coast Line freight station, at Florence, S. C., was burned a few days ago, the loss being estimated at \$45,000. Besides the station, ten box-cars and 230 bales of cotton and a quantity of merchandise were destroyed.

Efforts are being made by the attorneys of Clarence V. T. Richeson, the convicted murderer of Avis Linnell, to get his sentence commuted to a life sentence. The date of his execution is set for May 19.

Crazed by humiliation at being caught in the act of smuggling Mrs. Blanche Carson, of San Francisco, a very wealthy widow, committed suicide in New York a few days ago by hanging herself from the eighth story window of a hotel.

Congressman David P. Foster, of Vermont, died in Washington, March 21, of pneumonia. He was fifty-four years of age, and had represented the First Vermont Congressional District since the beginning of the Fifty-seventh Congress.

A mob broke into the city jail at Fort Smith, Ark., March 23rd, and seized the negro who shot and probably killed Deputy Constable Andrew Carr, of that place, and dragged him down one of the most prominent streets and hanged him to a telephone pole.

A man named Newsome (or Price, who was arrested in Jacksonville, Florida, for vagrancy a few days ago, has confessed that he sent the infernal machine received by Judge Rosalsky, in New York, some days ago. He claims that the package was given him to mail.

Government scientists have discovered in Lake Searle, San Francisco, Cal., enough potash to last the United States probably for the next thirty years. The estimate of the geographical survey and the bureau of soils was that the deposit may amount to 4,000,000 tons.

John F. O'Malley, State Auditor-elect of Maryland, is charged with offering a member of the Maryland Legislature \$500 to vote against the State local option bill. The proof against O'Malley is so strong that his indictment has been recommended.

The President of China has assured the missionaries in China that they will have all the liberty and freedom of the new Republic. The constitution of the new Chinese Republic will remove all obstacles to the liberty of conscience, and that the destruction between Christians will disappear forever.

The government of Nicaragua is said to have taken prompt action in the punishment of the conspirators who placed bombs along the route with the intention of assassinating Secretary Knox on his recent visit to the capital of that country and reports are that a number of the most prominent liberals have been put to death.

Appeal to Governor Dix.

Chairman Duell, of the Roosevelt Committee of New York, has asked Governor Dix to declare Tuesday's primary election invalid and order a new primary election.

FIGURING ON POSSIBILITIES.

What Collier's Weekly Says Regarding Presidential Outlook.

The Conservative Wing of the Democratic party is gathering all the force it can behind Governor Harmon, but astute leaders know they cannot nominate him. In Underwood they have an able, honest, and fearless statesman, whom they would prefer to all other Democrats, but him also they are convinced they cannot nominate. In this predicament, what will they do? They dislike and fear Wilson most of any man in either party. The leaders, therefore, in the conservative group—popularly known as "the interests"—have hatched a plan which is unmistakably ingenious. Of an ordinary politician they are not afraid. They know that, whatever words flame from his throat, he will in important crises be good. The interests and the machines can handle an ordinary party specimen. In selecting Champ Clark they have been rather deep. Although, in fact, he is nothing, he is scheduled as a progressive. He has a deal on with Hearst, who plays the property and dicker game more openly every year. Clark is, we believe, not really satisfactory to Bryan, but Bryan can scarcely oppose him, since he wears the progressive label. He will go to Baltimore with some strength of his own, and the present plan is to throw the Harmon votes to him, as it would probably be impossible to throw his to Harmon or Underwood—Hearst perhaps getting the nomination for Vice-President, or perhaps being satisfied with strengthening his pulls in the States where he dabbles in political patronage.

This is somewhat neat, and it may go through. If it does, Taft is more likely to be renominated. In that case Clark will get about the normal Democratic vote and Taft the regular Republican vote plus more than half of the independent vote, and be easily re-elected. Annexation speeches may be expected from Clark at intervals during the campaign and deals equal in moral fiber to his leaving the Speaker's chair to take conspicuous part in the pension grab. If Roosevelt is nominated, he will beat Clark—so badly there will be practically no raise. If he is nominated, it is difficult, indeed, to think of any Democrat except Wilson who can give him a sporting run. Between those two, Roosevelt would have the advantage of his unexampled vigor, popularity, and political knowledge, and Wilson the advantage of a clear and sound position on the tariff and the trusts—likely to be the two great issues—and a splendid power of thought and speech. It is extremely likely, however, that the Democrats will throw away their chance, as usual, and put up some ordinary compromise, like Clark, and hand the election to the Republicans.

Supreme Court Says Father of Girl Must Consent to Marriage.

The Supreme Court of North Carolina in the case of J. E. Littleton vs. John Haar, Register of Deeds of New Hanover County just decided, holds that the Register of Deeds is liable for \$200 penalty for the erroneous issuance of marriage license to Littleton's daughter Edna Littleton, because the license was issued on the written consent of the mother and not of the father. The girl was under age and the consent of her mother was filed only.

The father sued for the penalty and recovers judgment for it. The court holds that the consent of the father is essential when he is living. In this case the daughter was living with and being supported by the father, but the court holds that this consent of the father is necessary whether this is the case or not, and whether the father and mother are living together, as they were in this case, or not.—Exchange.

Thief Literally Coughed Up Money.

A dispatch from Nashua, N. H., says: "An emetic administered hypodermically to Fred Tupper to-day netted \$15 in bills which Tupper is charged with having stolen from John Hall, a lumber man."

After the two men had hired a room in a lodging house Hall accused Tupper of taking his money. At the police station Tupper was seen to swallow something. A physician injected a drug under the skin of Tupper's arm, and the prisoner soon began to cough up money, the police say.

First came a \$5 note and then a \$10 yellow back. The police will use the bills as evidence against him.

Farm Topics

GREEN MANURING—No. 19.

Corn (Continued).

When corn follows cotton, rye or crimson clover, or both, should always be sowed broadcast in the fields either when the cotton is laid by or just after the first picking.

One bushel or one bushel and a half should be sowed of the rye and from eight to fifteen pounds of crimson clover seed to the acre. The

white blooming crimson clover is about two weeks later than the red and for this reason, we would prefer the red for green manuring purposes as it will be ready for turning under sooner. The seed should be carefully covered with an ordinary cultivator.

Do not cut and burn the cotton stalks, but leave them in the field till you get ready to turn your green crop for corn. The old cotton stalks, burrs, and leaves make a very good manure of themselves. Every ton of your old cotton stalks has 51 pounds of nitrogen, 9 pounds of phosphate, and nearly 30 pounds of potash, worth, altogether, over \$10.00 as a commercial fertilizer, to say nothing of the enormous amount of humus this mass of stalks would add to the soil. What folly, then, to gather and burn them as you and I used to do before we knew better!

In the spring let the rye grow till the clover is coming into head. Then get on the field with a sharp disk harrow and cut the land diagonally two or three times till the clover, rye, old cotton stalks and all are thoroughly cut to pieces, when the whole mass should be plowed under eight or ten inches deep and the land disked once more in order to further incorporate the organic matter with the soil.

Now, do not lose sight of the ex-

treme importance of the use of the and crimson clover in the production of the corn crop on medium to poor land. The nitrogen alone makes a good crop of crimson clover worth as high as \$20 in value and the combined value of the nitrogen and potash and phosphate rendered available may often run as high as \$40 or more per acre. Is there any cheaper or easier way to fertilize the crop? Do not let your neighbor make you believe this green crop should be cut and fed to live stock bought for that purpose, when your fields are producing less than an average of 40 bushels of corn per acre. Feed the land first, then feed cattle. The first thing your well drained land needs is organic matter and after you have supplied this, you will not find it to need much else.

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Follies of the Rich.

Salisbury Post.] Sending a sick puppy from Cleveland, Ohio, to Boston in a Pullman palace car to undergo an operation on the throat is one of the little follies of the rich, the New York World correctly says, that helps on the cause of Socialism.

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