

State News.

Over two thousand people attended a Masonic picnic at Pleasant Hill last Saturday.

A train from Pittsburg, Pa., to Cleveland, O., crashed into a freight train last Saturday and killed four men.

Marvin Kirkman, eighteen years of age, son of a prominent family of Pleasant Garden, was killed instantly by a falling tree a few days ago.

Luther C. Durham, a leading young business man of Chapel Hill, locked himself in his room one day last week and shot himself dead. Ill health is assigned as the cause for the act.

The tobacco sales at Greenville last Friday are reported as being the largest ever known. The sales for the day were 407,995 pounds for \$54,985.44, an average of \$1,327 per hundred.

Miss Lucy Martin, the fifteen-year-old daughter of Senator Martin, of Virginia, has been chosen to christen the United States Collier Porteus when it is launched September 19th at Newport News, Va.

K. L. Gray, a brakeman on the Southern Railway between Spencer and Monroe, was killed near Dry Fork, Va., last Friday morning. He had been sent back to flag a train and fell asleep on the track.

John Hunter, a carpenter of Charlotte, committed suicide by cutting his throat with a knife a few days ago. He had been driven to desperation by illness, and felt that he was a burden to his family. He had tuberculosis.

J. C. Daniel, a policeman of Randleman, Randolph County, was shot Saturday by Charles Gaster, who was resisting arrest. Four shots took effect, but it is thought the officer will recover. Gaster was placed in jail.

Chief-of-Police Britt, of Fayetteville, was shot and killed last Saturday by J. A. Cameron. Five other men were also wounded. Cameron was placed in jail. Considerable excitement was caused in Fayetteville and vicinity as a result of the tragedy.

A white man by the name of Allen Harrington, who resides at Vanceboro, was found dead on the Norfolk Southern Railroad track this August 30th by a passenger train running between Raleigh and Washington, N. C. He was probably run over by a train.

Mr. Samuel B. Hayes, a fever patient at St. Peter's Hospital, in Salisbury, jumped from a third story window a few nights ago while suffering from delirium caused by the fever. One leg was broken, but he did not seem to be hurt otherwise by the fall.

F. M. Laxton, of Charlotte, was robbed of \$5,000 cash early Friday morning while asleep on a Pullman car en route to Atlanta, Ga. Mr. Laxton is Vice-President of a company which is installing a electric light company in Charlotte, and most of the money was in the shape of a cashier's check.

Miss Little Lette, of New York City, was instantly killed and Miss Ruth Delling and Ralph Causley, also of New York, were seriously injured by the overturning of an automobile near their home a few days ago. Miss Lette has been conducting a fashionable millinery establishment in New Bern for some time.

HOMICIDE IN GRANVILLE.

Murdered by M. B. Hobgood, His Brother-in-Law—Hobgood Threatened to Shoot His Wife.

Oxford, N. C., Sept. 2.—County Commission W. P. Wilkinson was shot this morning on the way to Oxford by Mr. M. B. Hobgood. The left side was completely torn open with a load of buckshot. The daughter of Wilkinson was also shot in the arm, and Hobgood's child was shot in the foot. The shooting was the result of long standing family troubles. All are prominently connected. Hobgood is under arrest.

Hobgood went up the road several miles to meet Wilkinson. After shooting Wilkinson he followed his wife to her brother's home and tried to get her. Wilkinson and Hobgood married sisters. Hobgood had previously threatened to shoot his wife. She was returning from a visit to her sister, Mrs. Wilkinson. Wilkinson died at 12:30.

Best Prices in Ten Years for Tobacco.

Greenville, N. C., Aug. 30.—Thursday the Greenville tobacco market sold a quarter of a million pounds, and to-day the sales went over three hundred thousand pounds. To-day's sale were the largest and brought by far the highest prices of any sale in ten years.

The good prices is bringing the crop in freely. It took in the neighborhood of twenty-five thousand dollars to pay off yesterday's sales and checks for over thirty thousand dollars were written to-day.

MURDERED ON THE STREET.

Prominent Citizen of Dover Put to Death by Two Negroes—Murderers in New Bern Jail.

A New Bern, N. C., dispatch of September 2nd says:

"Yesterday morning the little town of Dover was thrown into great excitement when the news was spread that Clem Johnson, a prominent citizen, had been brutally murdered on the public streets by two negro men. There were no eye witnesses to the murder except those actually taking part in the affair.

"Johnson was stabbed to death, his throat being badly lacerated.

"Very shortly after the killing took place, Charles Moore and Tass Hill, negroes, were arrested and charged with the murder and kept under guard until they were brought to New Bern yesterday afternoon and placed in jail for safe-keeping pending an investigation.

"The men claimed they were on their way home and Mr. Johnson stopped them and used abusive language, stating he was going to kill them. Hill said about that time another white man came up but did not know who he was. Hill said just at this time Johnson stabbed him in the neck and he turned to run, and as he did so he was again stabbed in the hip.

"More was also stabbed in the shoulder, but he contends he had nothing to do with the fight.

Only Living Militia Colonel Learns Typewriting at Eighty-Seven.

A Newton, N. C., dispatch says: "In the person of Colonel George M. Yoder, Catawba County has perhaps the only living militia colonel in the State. At least the colonel is inclined to that position in 1853.

"In telling about it he calls to mind that, prior to his election, the late Col. D. A. Lowe had been colonel in this county. Catawba had been erected out of Lincoln County, and the first division line put Colonel Lowe on this side. While a citizen of Catawba he was made colonel. In 1848 there was another survey and this time Colonel Lowe was put back in Lincoln County.

"Succeeding him as colonel of militia was Marcus Rudisell, and then Colonel Yoder was elected.

"He is in his eighty-seventh year, never smoked, never chewed, never drank coffee or whiskey and never 'cussed.' Old as he is, he recently bought him a typewriter and is spending his time clicking out bits of local history, he being the county historian."

Prominent Young Man of LaGrange Victim Unusual Manner of Death.

Kinston, N. C., Sept. 3.—John H. Burke, a prominent young man of LaGrange, died in a singular manner at his home there. Young Burke, who was about twenty-three years of age, was talking to his father on the front porch of their residence, and was leaning against a post when he suddenly fell to the ground, breaking his neck. It is not known whether Burke died from heart failure or the broken neck. He had been suffering from vaccination against smallpox, an epidemic of the disease prevailing in the little town, and was very weak. He was seen to stoop as though in pain before falling from the porch. When the elder Burke reached his son's side the young man was dead. John H. Burke was very popular throughout this section and was a leader in social circles in LaGrange. He was a partner in the mercantile business headed by his father, W. H. Burke. The funeral was largely attended and the interment was in Oakdale.

Killed By Falling Scaffold at Spencer.

Spencer, Sept. 2.—Jack Huffman, aged thirty-five years, one of a construction force on the Southern Railway, was killed and J. W. McPherson, a fellow workman, was seriously injured in Spencer this afternoon. The accident was caused by the falling of a scaffold, eighteen feet high, to the ground, both men falling with the timbers.

Huffman fell on his head and a heavy plank fell end wise on his chest, inflicting a deadly blow. He was carried to a hospital and died in about two hours. His home was at Elon College, to which place his body was sent. McPherson was given medical attention and will recover.

A FUNNY CAMPAIGN.

The Machine Democrats Want Taft and the Machine Republicans Want Simmons—They All Want to Draw the Line on Progressives—Judge Clark and His Campaign—The Fools Not All Dead Yet.

Hickory Times-Mercury.] Judge Clark and Mr. Ward spoke here Friday night, and the folks say both made good speeches. If they did, then Kitchin and Simmons are not good Democrats and have never done anything for the party, for that was the burden of their theme.

It's a funny campaign. The Democrats want Taft, and Republicans want Simmons. The logic is, Simmons is not a Democrat and Taft is not a Republican.

Wilson says he is a Progressive, Teddy says he is a Progressive, Judge Clark says he is a Progressive. Then here comes Taft and squalls, "Me too." Yet some want to draw the line on "progressive." Fools are not all dead yet.

General News.

On September 30th, the salaries of the 30,000 rural carriers will be increased from \$1,000 to \$1,100 a year and 12,000 other carriers will get an increase according to the length of their routes.

Bourfire, Ga., suffered a \$25,000 fire last Sunday; the Georgia Northern Railway's office building, and the Colquitt Lumber Company's office were destroyed together with valuable records.

An auditorium and other large buildings at the Ocean Park, near Los Angeles, Cal., were burned, also a number of large buildings in the business section. The damage is estimated at \$2,000,000.

The women of Spartanburg, S. C., stirred by recent political developments in South Carolina, have demanded a right to vote. They held a mass meeting to consider the organization of a Woman's Suffrage League.

G. Morgan Eldridge, one of the most prominent men of Southwest Georgia, dropped dead at his home in Americus, Ga., August 31, as he witnessed the burning of the home of one of his neighbors. He was forty-nine years of age.

Solomon Luna, a millionaire, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, for sixteen years Republican National Committeeman for New Mexico, fell into a vat of boiling water at Sulphur Springs a few days ago and was scalded to death.

In a wreck on the Lake Shore Division of Chicago and Northwestern Railway six were killed and several others injured last Sunday. The train was running thirty miles an hour and was derailed as the result of a washout.

The total production of cotton in the United States for the commercial year ending August 31, was 16,138,426 bales, an increase over last year of 4,018,331, according to figures compiled by Col. H. G. Hester, secretary of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange.

As a result of rains throughout Pennsylvania and West Virginia Sunday night, thirty-six persons are reported dead and a large number of others are missing. Railroad tracks are washed away and the entire country is flooded, and it is believed that the monetary damage alone will reach \$1,500,000.

Myron Sandifer, Jr., son of Dr. and Mrs. M. H. Sandifer, and John Creighton, son of Mrs. J. W. Creighton, of Rock Hill, S. C., were drowned in Catawba River one day last week while in swimming with a party of boys. Their bodies were discovered the next day.

William W. Wood, president of the American Woolen Company, was arrested a few days ago in Boston on a charge of conspiracy in connection with planting dynamite at Lawrence during the strike last winter. The strikers were using explosives for the purpose of destroying the manufacturers' property.

New York people are planning to commemorate the centenary of the birth of Sir Isaac Pitman, the inventor of modern shorthand. He was born in England one hundred years ago next January, and invented his system of shorthand in 1837 and was knighted by Queen Victoria for his services in this direction.

Four persons were killed in the wreck of a passenger train, No. 10, on the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha Railroad, which plunged into the Lemmonweir River, near Camp Douglas, Wis., Monday. The wreck was caused by the washing away of a bridge. Twenty-six other passengers were injured.

TRUSTS AGAINST ROOSEVELT.

Are They Now Working for Taft or Wilson?

[Washington (D. C.) Times.] The Standard Oil-Penrose combination, which is only one combination of the many between Big Business and Corrupt Political Bosses, admits it tried to buy Roosevelt in 1904.

It also admits that it did not succeed because he wouldn't sell out. Because it has learned that Roosevelt cannot be bought by Big Business or controlled by Corrupt Bosses, it has taken the open against him and is trying to defeat him for election this year.

Inasmuch as Big Business and Corrupt Bosses are against Roosevelt this year, it is proper to inquire as to whom they are supporting this year. Is it Taft or Wilson? Is it a man they know has no show of beating Roosevelt or one they believe has a chance?

Who is the beneficiary of the Roosevelt foes?

Little Willie (who has an inquiring mind)—"Papa, are all men really born free and equal?"

Mr. Hennypeck—"Yes, but a good many of them marry."—Augusta Woman's Home Companion.

BEVERIDGE PREDICTS ROOSEVELT VICTORY.

Had No Idea of Success on Starting Campaign. But is Sure of it Now.

Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 30.—"If politics interferes with business, cut out the business," is the watchword passed over to county and district chairman by former Senator Albert J. Beveridge, now a candidate on the Progressive ticket for Governor of Indiana. "When I started out in this thing I had no idea I could be elected, or that Mr. Roosevelt could be elected, but it is a fight worthy the effort.

"The people have taken up the cause to such an extent that now I believe Roosevelt will carry the country, and that Indiana will not be behind in her share of the victory.

PROFIT IN BEEF CATTLE.

Only 40 Per Cent of Arable Land in the Southeastern States Being Used, and the 60 Per Cent Could be Used for Cattle.

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 1.—With the view of encouraging the Southeastern farmer to put the whole farm work by introducing beef cattle in the system of farming and to give practical aid in this work, the Southern Railway Company has just issued an attractive booklet giving valuable instruction on the feeding and management of beef cattle. The booklet calls attention to the fact that only about 40 per cent of arable land of the Southeastern States is being used and declares that by the introduction of stock raising the remaining sixty per cent could be made to return handsome profit and the land greatly enriched. Prof. R. S. Curtis, of the North Carolina Experiment Station, and Prof. Dan T. Gray, of the Alabama Experiment Station, both authorities on animal industry, contribute articles to the booklet which set out in detail the methods to be pursued in feeding and handling cattle to secure the most profitable results. The Southern Railway desires to give this booklet wide distribution all throughout the South, and copies will be gladly mailed to those interested on application to F. L. Word, Live Stock Agent, Atlanta, Ga.

Clearing Wreckage is Great Undertaking.

Pittsburg, Sept. 3.—The task of clearing away wreckage caused by the storm of Sunday night and early yesterday, progressed fairly well today at hundreds of points throughout Western and Northern Pennsylvania, West Virginia and a portion of Ohio.

Whether others met death will not be known definitely before more headway is made with great piles of debris deposited by the raging water over wide stretches of territory.

The loss is conservatively placed at \$2,000,000. The principal sufferers are farmers and railroads although upwards of three score houses were wrecked and manufacturing plants sustained heavy damage to machinery.

Communication was re-established with Salineville, Ohio, late today. The town was almost wiped out by the flood, causing an estimated loss of over \$200,000. Scores of persons were compelled to flee from their homes, but no deaths occurred. A number of houses were washed away, electric light plants were put out of commission and the waterworks ruined. The natural gas system was flooded, depriving the town of fuel until a supply of coal could be brought in from nearby mines. The Cleveland and Pittsburg division of the Pennsylvania lines between Salineville and New Salisbury suffered heavily.

Mexican Rebels Commit Depredations

Cananea, Mexico, Sept. 3.—Rebels dashed into the Cananea district today, cut all the wires between here and Naco, and burned three railroad bridges. When the news reached Cananea 200 men left to engage the rebels, reported as numbering about 125 mounted men.

Later the force of volunteers to defend Cananea in event of an attack by the rebels was increased to 1,200.

Colonel Campa, in command of the rebels, was reported to be en route for Gogollon Peak, in the Ajo Mountain range, where he would join Escobosa's command. A combined attack on Cananea was reported to be the intention of the rebel commander. Campa's forces are reported to be in dire need of provisions, though having plenty of horses and ammunition.

Rebels Attack of Death.

"Five years ago two doctors told me I had only two years to live." This statement was made by Stillman Green, Malachite, Col. "They told me I would die with consumption. It was up to me then to try the best lung medicine and I began to use Dr. King's New Discovery. It was well I did, for today I am working and believe I owe my life to this great throat and lung cure that has cheated the grave of another victim." Its folly to suffer with coughs, colds or other throat and lung troubles now. Take the cure that's safest. Price 50 cents and \$1.00. Trial bottle free at all druggists.

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