

## FARMER'S MUTUAL HELD IMPORTANT MEETING TO-DAY

Capt. H. D. Stowe, Chairman of the Executive Committee Submitted his Report Which Shows the Association to be in Splendid Shape.

Treasurer R. C. Freeman Made a Report of the Receipts and Disbursements. Quite a Large Number of Farmers were in Attendance.

The annual meeting of the members of the Mecklenburg Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company was held at the county court house this morning at 11 o'clock with a large number of the members present.

The meeting was called to order by Captain W. E. Ardrey, president, who made a short address explaining the purposes and benefits of the organization.

This was followed by the reading of the minutes of the last meeting which took place at the court house on the 18th day of March, 1905, after which Capt. H. D. Stowe, chairman of the executive committee, submitted his report, which covered the business of the company since the last meeting. The executive committee, which consists of three members elected by the board of directors, has the power to adjust values and determine all matters requiring the attention in the interest of the board of directors; it has the full power to act for and bind the company in all matters of business and to determine all matters of controversy arising between the company and any of its members. It has a general supervision over the supervisors, agents and employees of the company. The report in full follows:

"Four years ago the farmers of Mecklenburg county withdrew from the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Association of North Carolina and organized an independent local association for the farmers of Mecklenburg county.

"The growing demand for money from the branch offices to maintain the parent office with no published statements of receipts and disbursements were among the leading causes of the separation.

"Since the Mecklenburg County Association has been in existence, the world has been shocked and amazed at the corruption and frauds perpetrated on some of the great national insurance companies of America. But this home organization of the farmers of Mecklenburg county has moved along smoothly and successfully during the four years of its existence. It has demonstrated the fact that the plan of co-operation and protection in county organizations is the plan of insurance that the farmers want.

"In this way the independent local organization is hampered in no way by the influence of outside dictation. It manages its affairs in its own way and furnishes insurance to its members at cost.

"The by-laws require a reserve fund of not less than \$1,000 to be kept on hand at all times for the payment of insurance losses and expenses. This fund has run down a little below the

minimum required and an assessment of 20 cents on the hundred dollars has been recently made and is now in process of collection to replenish and maintain this fund. The provision in the by-laws requiring this reserve fund to be kept on hand is a good one. A member who may be burned out needs his money at once.

"It is required of the executive committee to audit the treasurer's books annually before the annual meeting of the association. This has been done. We find his books correct and in good order.

"The money on hand March 2, 1906, is \$1,203.16. A statement of receipts and disbursements including all losses sustained by fires, has been printed and a copy of which will be mailed to each member of the association.

"Section two of Article 4, of the by-laws, forbids insuring over three-fourths of the cash value of property, letting the owner carry one-fourth of the risk himself. We cannot be too careful to guard against over-insurance. Our success largely depends upon a rigid adherence to this rule.

H. D. STOWE, Ch'm'n,  
W. S. PHARR,  
J. H. McCLINTOCK,  
Secretary and Treasurer of the company.

The report of Mr. R. C. Freeman, secretary and treasurer of the company, for the year ending March 20th, 1906, was as follows: Policies in force, 450; insurance in force, \$375,000; cash on hand March 18th, 1905, \$381.44; amount collected by fees since March 18th, 1905, 145.96; amount collected by assessments since March 18th, 1905, \$904.70; total, \$1,333.26.

The total disbursements for the year ending March 2 were \$728.10, leaving a total cash on hand of \$1,203.16.

Directly after adjournment of the board of directors which was re-elected, went in session for the re-election of officers, an executive committee and township supervisors. The elections resulted as follows: Capt. W. E. Ardrey, president; Mr. John McDowell, vice president; Mr. R. C. Freeman, secretary and treasurer.

Township Supervisors—Charlotte: J. M. Davis; Steele Creek, J. B. Watt; Berrysville, H. H. Rhyne; Paw Creek, J. H. Sadler; Long Creek, W. P. Craven; Mallard Creek, R. W. Alexander; Lemley's, John S. Caldwell; Dewees, S. T. Caldwell; Huntersville, J. M. Knox; Crab Orchard, C. L. Abernathy; Clear Creek, T. J. Flawie; Morning Star, J. W. Hood; Providence, L. S. Knox; Pineville, D. F. Grier; Sharon, W. L. Pharr. Executive Committee: Capt. H. D. Stowe, Mr. J. H. McClintock and Mr. W. S. Pharr.

Board of Directors: Capt. H. D. Stowe, Dr. W. P. Craven and Messrs. W. S. Pharr, A. F. Caldwell, J. H. McClintock, John McDowell and Dr. H. Q. Alexander.

### DAMAGE BY EARTHQUAKE.

Eight Deaths and 26 Injured Was Result of Earthquake.

By Associated Press. Lahore, India, March 10.—An earthquake in the Punjab States caused eight deaths and injured 26.

### TO FACE MINISTRY.

By Associated Press. Paris, March 10.—M. Sarrien has accepted the task of forming the ministry, after securing consent of M. Bourgeois and Poincare to take portfolios.

### N. C. Postmaster.

By Associated Press. Washington, March 10.—The postmaster appointed was John H. Williamson, for Shamburg, N. C.

### Governor of Alaska.

By Associated Press. Washington, March 10.—President Roosevelt announced that he had decided to appoint Wilfred Hoggatt, Governor of Alaska. He is a resident of Juneau and will succeed John G. Brady recently resigned.

## TAFT STANDS NEXT FOR APPOINTMENT TO SUPREME COURT

Report States that President has Decided to Appoint Secretary of War Taft to Next Vacancy in the Supreme Court of United States.

Vacancy to be Created by Retirement of Associate Justice Henry B. Brown, Taft May Succeed Chief Justice Fuller When he Retires.

By Associated Press. Washington, March 10.—The Post says: "President Roosevelt has decided to appoint the Secretary of War Taft to the next vacancy in the United States Supreme Court.

"That vacancy is to be created by the voluntary retirement of Associate Justice, Henry B. Brown, who was appointed in 1890 by President Harrison from Michigan.

"When Chief Justice Fuller retires—provided it is during the administration of Roosevelt, Taft will be promoted to his exalted position."

Secretary Taft made the following statement: "I am authorized by the President to say that he has made no decision as to the selection of any one to succeed Associate Justice Brown. He has been in consultation with Secretary Root, Attorney General Moody and myself, three lawyers of the Cabinet and no decision has been reached.

### LARGE STEAMER SUNK.

Unknown Steamer Struck Rocks and Sank Near Brest, France.

By Associated Press. London, March 10.—A large steamer, the name of which has not been ascertained, sank today after striking rocks northwest of Ushant, 27 miles from Brest, France.

Crew Were Saved. The steamer was identified as the Talbot, Wales, for St. Nazaire, France. The crew, numbering 25 men were saved.

### AN INVESTIGATION.

Relation of Common Carriers to Coal, Oil and Transportation of Same to Be Investigated.

By Associated Press. Washington, March 10.—In compliance with the joint resolution of Congress approved March 7, 1906, in the matter of the relation of common carriers to the coal and oil and transportation of the same, the Interstate Commerce Commission directed the proceeding of an inquiry and the investigation be instituted at once. The date and place for the hearing has not yet been named.

### PRESIDENT APPOINTS SULLIVAN.

James Sullivan Selected To Represent U. S. in Olympic Games.

By Associated Press. Washington, March 10.—The Post says the President has selected James E. Sullivan of New York as representative of the U. S. at the Olympic games in Athens next month, in accordance with the requests of King George, of Greece.

### TERRIBLE CATASTROPHE.

In Gas Explosion in Mine Many Miners Were Killed.—Three Chambers on Fire.

By Associated Press. Paris, March 10.—A terrible catastrophe occurred at a coal mine in Courriers district of Pas-de-Calais, 18 miles from Bethune. An explosion of gas killed many miners and there chambers of the mine are on fire. Eighteen hundred miners descended into the pit this morning.

Messrs. C. H. Duls and Walter S. Alexander have returned from Cherokee county where they went on business.

## RADICAL LEADER IN REICHSTAG DEAD

Bismark's Old Opponent and Long Time Editor of Freisinnige Zeitung, Herr Richter, Died of Long Illness and Heart Failure.

By Associated Press. Berlin, March 10. Eugene Richter the radical leader in the Reichstag since its foundation, Bismark's old opponent and one time editor of the Freisinnige Zeitung died this morning. Her Richter, who was enfeebled by an illness of two years and who had been blind for a year, died of heart failure.

He was Prince Bismark's passion ate opponent. The great Chancellor that he wanted to fight a duel with his tormenter and finally the Chancellor always left the house when Richter rose to speak.

### NEGROES HAVE SCRAP.

One Negro is Shot But Not Fatally.— Negro Sustains Serious Injury.— Personal Notice.

Special to The News. New Bern, March 10.—Joe Scott, a negro employed by the P. O. & W. Railroad, had an altercation with another negro at Bayboro regarding an express package, and was fired upon, receiving a charge of No. 4 shot. None of the shot struck a vital spot and the negro, though seriously, is not necessarily fatally wounded.

A colored laborer named Morgan, employed by the New Bern Lumber Company, fell from a log truck, sustaining very painful injuries yesterday.

Rev. Mr. Knowles, of Galt, Canada, the author of "St. Outburst," will lecture under the auspices of the Woman's Club next Wednesday night, the proceeds to go to the library fund.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Gulon have returned from a trip to St. Augustine and Rockledge, Florida. Mr. Gulon, who has been ill with pneumonia, has greatly been improved by his sojourn in Florida.

Quite a number of Pythians attended the district meeting in Wilson. A special train was in from here.

Mrs. F. W. Hughes has returned from Cobine accompanied by her son, James who has been ill with pneumonia.

### DEATH OF MISS CHAMPLIN.

The End Came in Syracuse, N. Y., Last Wednesday.

Special to The News. Syracuse, N. Y., March 10.—Miss Hattie Belle Champlin, who had been ill for about a week, died Wednesday morning at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Champlin, at No. 23 West street, Oneida, N. Y. Pneumonia was the cause of her death. Miss Champlin was 19 years of age. Surviving her are her parents, two brothers, Dr. Frederick W. Champlin, of Oneida and N. Harry Champlin, of Erie, Pa.; also two sisters, Miss Daisy Champlin, of Washington, N. C., and Miss Violet Champlin, of Oneida.

## MOB GIVES TRAMP A SEVERE WHIPPING

Tramp Begged Cup of Coffee and Attempted to Seize Woman. Mob Catch Him and Wear Out Whole Bone Whip on Him.

### SEVERAL OFFICIALS OF TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION WILL HOLD THEIR OLD POSITIONS.

By Associated Press. Indianapolis, March 10.—President James M. Lynch, first vice president, John W. Hays and Secretary Treasurer J. W. Bramwood, of the International Typographical Union, have been practically re-elected as the nominations have been finished and there will be no opposition to them on the ticket which will be voted on the third Wednesday in May.

### CALL FOR MEETING.

Y. W. C. A. Executive Committee to Meet Monday Afternoon at 3 O'Clock.

Miss Ellen Cobb, chairman of the State Executive Committee of the North Carolina Young Woman's Christian Association, has issued the following call:

The members of the State Executive Committee Y. W. C. A., residing in Charlotte are requested to meet Monday March 12th at 3 p. m., in the parlors of the Young Woman's Christian Association on North Church street.

The members thus called to meet are as follows: Miss Lily Long, Mrs. Frank Osborne, Mrs. Carrie Martin, Mrs. C. W. Stewart, Mrs. M. A. Bland, Mrs. R. C. Holland, Mrs. C. E. Mason, Mrs. A. M. Whisnant, Miss Cornelia Shaw and Miss Margaret Greaver.

The object of the meeting is to elect officers to serve until after the next State convention.

Mrs. Geo. H. Atkinson, of Monroe, and Miss Inez Kinney, college secretary, will be present at this meeting.

Closing of McCall's School. The closing exercises of McCall's school in Providence township will take place next Friday, the 16th. Mr. John A. McRae has been invited to make the closing address and has accepted the invitation. Mr. Edgar Byrum who has been in charge of this school has been wonderfully successful.

## NEW RAILROAD FAR UNDER THE GROUND

New Baker Street Waterloo Tube Opened for Traffic To-day. In Places it is 135 Feet Under Ground and 35 Feet Under Thames.

By Associated Press. London, March 10.—The Baker Street Waterloo Tube, one of the late Charles T. Yerkes group of railroads, was opened to public traffic today. This is the latest addition to the London underground electric railroads.

It is 5 1/4 miles long, running north and south, traversing all the older lines, with which it is connected by subways.

In some places the new "Tube" is 155 feet below the surface and 35 feet beneath the bed of the Thames.

## 900 MEN WERE SLAIN IN THE FOUR DAYS BATTLE IS REPORT

Attack on Mount Dajo Commenced Monday. Hard Fighting Lasted Four Days. Women and Children were Among the Victims of the Conflict.

Americans Arriving at Zomboanga. Detachments Busy Rounding up Savages and Head-hunters who are on War Path. Cause of Trouble.

By Associated Press. Manila, March 10.—The Associated Press telegrams from Zomboanga say the attack on Mount Dajo commenced Monday. There were four days hard fighting, during which it is estimated that 900 persons were killed or wounded.

The Americans are now arriving at Zomboanga from Jolo. The consensus of their opinion is that the whole trouble was due to the fact that Governor Major Hugh Scott permitted the outlaws to fortify themselves within the sight of the City of Jolo.

An unofficial report says the families of the Moros remained in the village located in the center of the crater at the apex of the mountain and the women and children mingled with the warriors during the battle to such an extent that it was impossible to discriminate and all were killed in the fierce onslaught.

Major General Wood is not available at the present to confirm this report. The constabulary detachments are now engaged in the mountains of Northern Luzon rounding up bands of savages and head hunters who are on the warpath.

### OFFICERS RETAINED.

Several Officials of Typographical Union Will Hold Their Old Positions.

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### AGED WOMAN DEAD.

Miss Roseanna Weaver of Steele Creek Passes Away.

By Associated Press. Miss Roseanna Weaver who had been a resident of Steele Creek township for the past 65 years, died February 24, aged 89.

Miss Weaver was a native of Rowan county having moved to Mecklenburg in 1840. She was a daughter of the late Henry Weaver, who in his day was one of Rowan's prominent farmers.

The deceased had been a great sufferer from dropsy for the past three years.

The funeral services were held from the residence by Rev. P. H. Gwynn, pastor of Steele Creek Presbyterian church, of which the deceased had been a member for a number of years.

The interment was in the churchyard. The deceased is survived by three brothers, Mr. David Weaver of Steele Creek; Abram Weaver of Texas and Mr. Lawson Weaver, of Kentucky, and one sister, Miss M. A. Weaver of Steele Creek.

### CONDITION IN MANCHURIA.

Commerce and Trade Again Approaching Normal Conditions.

By Associated Press. Washington, March 10.—The State Department received a cable received from a trusted agent in Manchuria, saying that the Chinese Governor of the province is anxious to take over the civil administration as soon as possible and the Japanese troops will be entirely out of Manchuria in a few days when the country will be opened up to the world.

### THREE TO BE HANGED.

Convicted of Murder of Prison Guard—Day of Execution April 20.

By Associated Press. Jefferson City, Mo., March 10.—The condemned convicts Harry Vaugan, George Ryan and Ed Raymond, found guilty of having murdered the prison guard, Clay in a prison mutiny Nov. 24 were sentenced to be hanged April 20. An appeal was granted to the Supreme Court.

### AMOUNT OF GRAIN.

Estimated Amount of Corn Wheat and Oats in Hands of Farmers.

By Associated Press. Washington, March 10.—The crop estimating board of the Department of Agriculture in its report issued today shows the amount of wheat, corn and oats in the farmers hands March first, 1906 as follows: wheat 158,403,000 corn 1,108,000,000; oats 379,805,000.

### A COLLEGE BUILDING.

To Be Erected at the Corner of Church and Sixth Streets.

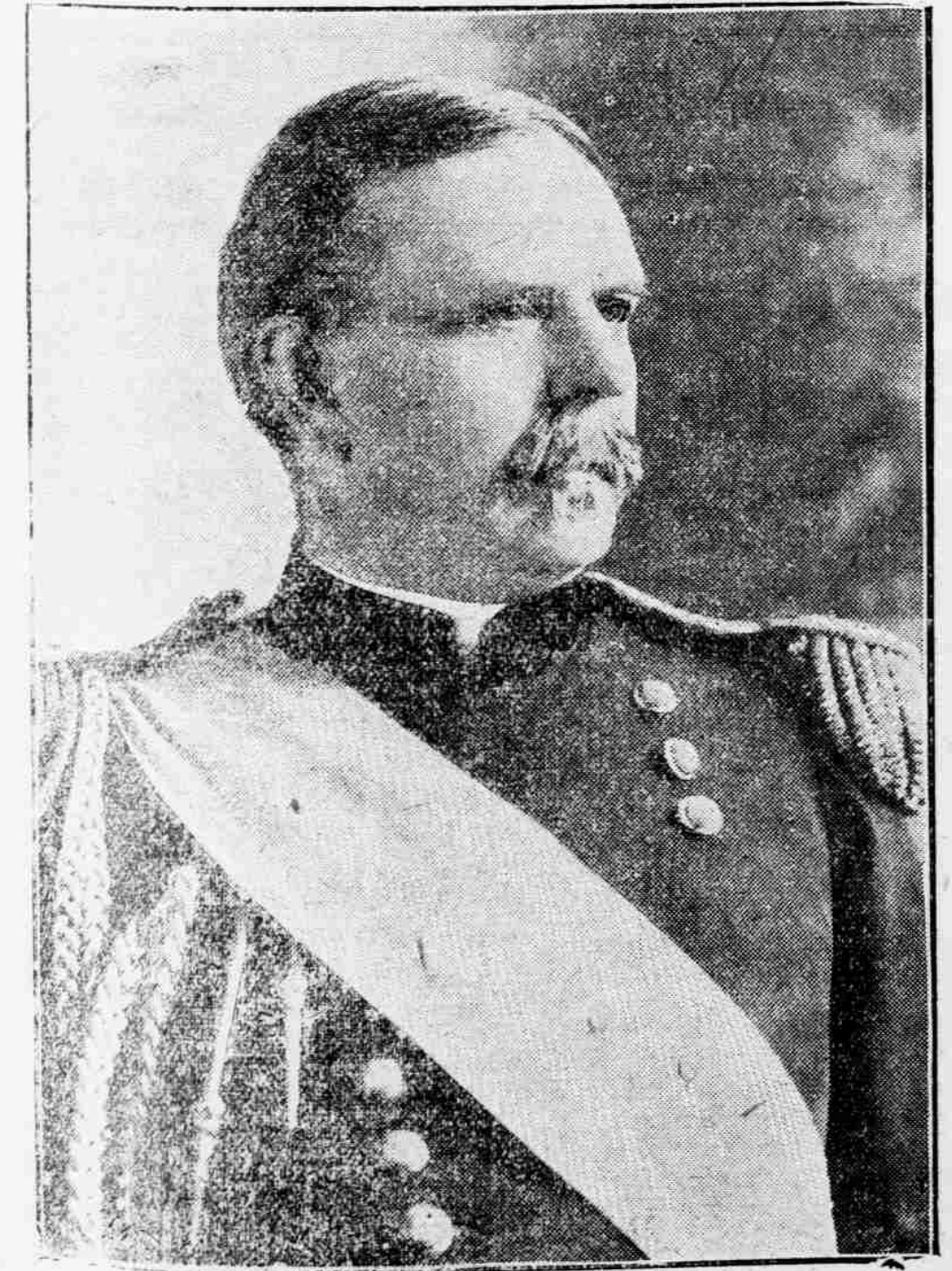
The promoters of the North Carolina Medical College have purchased from Mr. C. G. Wearn his lot on the corner of Church and sixth streets. It is also understood that the Summer property, which adjoins the lot purchased from Mr. Wearn, will be acquired.

The News learns that in the near future a handsome college building will be erected on this site. While the plans have not been agreed on the building will be a thoroughly up-to-date one, and work will begin about the first of April. It is hoped that the structure will be completed in time for the fall session, which begins about the first of September. It is also understood that both the senior and junior classes will receive instructions at the college here.

The North Carolina Medical College is now located at Davidson. Dr. J. P. Munroe founded the institution more than 16 years ago. It is one of the best medical colleges in the South and Charlotte is fortunate in securing any part of the institution.

Superintendent J. W. Jenkins of the Methodist Orphanage, received notice today that the eight-year-old orphan, Carlos Hudson, who ran away from the institution has turned up at his former home in Rockingham. In fact he only came to the institution from Rockingham with two little brothers and a sister last Saturday and he disappeared on Monday. It developed that he made his way to Cary, eight miles from Raleigh, where he told Dr. Utley and others that he was from Rockingham, that he had gotten lost from his people and wanted to get back home. They, not knowing that he had run away from the Orphanage here, made up a purse, bought a ticket for him and sent him on to Rockingham. He is to be brought back to Raleigh at once. There are now 81 children in the orphanage.

This is the first session of the Raleigh High School in connection with the graded school system of this city but their spirit of enterprise is strikingly evidenced by the issuance of what they term "The High School Enterprise," the first number volume 1 No. 1—being just out. It is a neatly got up 35-page pamphlet, the articles it contains being gotten up entirely by the pupils of the school.



MAJOR GENERAL CORBIN. Who has Just Returned from the Oriental and Says We Will Not Have Any War-Like Trouble With China.



STATE SENATOR GEORGE E. GREEN.