

### FARMERS LISTEN TO TWO SPEECHES AT MEETING TODAY

President Moore and Mr. William Whitman Make Addresses at the Meeting of the County Association of Cotton Farmers Held at the Court House To-day.

President Moore and Capt. S. B. Alexander Appointed to Attend the May Meeting that will be Held in Washington. Other Business Transacted.

An interesting and well-attended meeting of the members of the County Association of Cotton Growers' Association was held at the county court house this morning.

President Moore was called to order by Mr. H. K. Reid, and the meeting was called upon to elect officers for the coming year.

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point of the manufacturer. Mr. Whitman, although he was not expecting to be called on for an address, arose and made an encouraging talk about the friendly relations between spinner and farmer, and also told of the big meeting to be held in Washington on May 1 and 2, of the Growers and Manufacturers of Cotton, which will be one of the greatest gatherings of its kind ever held in this country.

Mr. Whitman's Speech. Mr. Whitman said in part: "The spinners are in warmest sympathy with the cotton growers. I shall try to talk about the manufacturers' point of view in this great movement and the part and interest that the farmer has in it."

"There have been several meetings in Washington during the past few months of committees from the South who have gone there to confer with the Senate and legislative committees about the cotton situation. These have always been well received, and especially has Mr. C. C. Moore made a deep impression on Senators and others by his own knowledge of the situation down South. I remember that one Senator remarked to me that that little runt of a man had more sense than all the others who had come all the way to Washington."

"Secretary Metcalf has also said in my hearing that he was pleased to notice that the South is coming to recognize that she is a part of the government and is learning to call upon the Washington government for her part when she needs anything, whether it be to further cotton interests or what not."

"Last year we sent out by export about \$56,000,000 cotton goods, and while there is a danger in the Chinese situation, it ought to be remembered that there is India with her enormous consumption of over \$100,000,000 worth of cotton goods annually, that gets less than \$500,000 of this amount from this country just because we have not gone after it."

"We have had it dinged into us so many times how great is the export trade of this country, and yet after all we are not told that one-third of this vast amount is cotton manufactured goods."

Mr. Whitman was asked by a member of the association if foreign competition, in his estimation, would ever interfere with the South's crop and markets. Mr. Whitman replied that the British Association had several millions already invested in experiment in other countries in the production of cotton, and that half a dozen other European countries were also making experiment and that this would in 25 years amount to something, but it would not hurt the South in any way.

The annual consumption increases 400,000 bales annually and by the time that foreign cotton could be raised in any quantities the increase in consumption would effectually protect the South."

Mr. Whitman's address was roundly applauded by the farmers and his remarks received close attention.

The meeting then heard from representatives of the association in the various townships of the counties, and while it developed that there were some whom the speakers said were wanting to give up the fight, the sense of the meeting and its officers was that there was no danger in this line, and that no trouble would be expected from this source.

The association by formal vote upon motion of Mr. McD. Watkins moved that Mr. J. S. Myers should address the next meeting, April 7, on the "Importance of Organization."

Another important motion which was unanimously carried, was one providing for representatives of the association to go to Washington May 1 and suggestion that the meetings of the Growers and Manufacturers of Cotton.

The association selected Mr. C. C. Moore, who will attend officially as president of the State organization, and Capt. S. B. Alexander, who will represent the local county association, together with Mr. Moore.

A new feature which was introduced into the meeting this morning was a suggestion that the meetings of the county association should be held frequently out in the county and not in the court house as has been the custom up to the present time.

The meeting then received invitations to the next meeting from townships or sections desiring the meeting on a Saturday.

When the executive committee of the Southern Cotton Association met in Asheville last September they had estimates on the crop of 1905 from 17,000 correspondents. From this source of information the committee was of the opinion that the new crop would be about 8 1/2 million to ten million bales. Now the final count of the government proves that their estimate was correct.

The Cotton Association has not in a single instance misled the people. In every case the advice given was after mature and careful consideration of evidence of a question by men who are capable, who love the South and who will not misrepresent the conditions.

### TUCKER DRUG STORE SUFFERS FROM FIRE THIS MORNING

Loss \$1,000 Building Belongs to the North Carolina Home Insurance Company, and was Gunned by Fire Two Years Ago. New Incorporations.

Evidence in the Norris Case Largely Circumstantial. Governor Glenn Honors Requisition Final Report of Noted Railroad--Saw Mill Case.

Raleigh, March 24.—This morning at 2:30 o'clock fire broke out in the rear of the store of the Tucker Drug Company, and resulted in \$1,000 damage. The store is in the North Carolina Home Insurance Co.'s building, which was gutted by fire about two years ago.

The following charters were issued today: Mercantile Bargain House Company, Wilmington, capital \$50,000, by W. O. Page, C. H. Thompson and J. L. King; Salisbury Cocco Cola Bottling Company, capital \$1,000, by Luther Snyder, and others; Meyers Westbrook Co., Winston-Salem, general merchants, capital \$50,000, by A. Meyers, A. B. Meyers and C. H. Westbrook, of Newport News, and George P. Pell, of Winston-Salem; Yarbrough & Bellinger Company, Charlotte, capital \$20,000, by J. A. Yarbrough, George H. Bellinger and others; Waters Power Electric Company, Hickory, capital \$25,000, by C. F. Blacklock and others.

Sheriff A. Ammons was here today from Graham county, to deliver to the penitentiary Mute Mahaffy to serve two years for breaking into a store at Robinsville.

Justice of the Peace Charles Spark, announces this afternoon that he will not decide as to binding M. T. Norris over to Superior Court until noon Monday.

Gov. Glenn last evening honored a requisition from the Governor of West Virginia for R. H. Hays, a negro youth now in jail at Henderson and wanted in the sister state for what is termed in the requisition "a felonious and malicious injury to the body," which is explained in the accompanying affidavit to the Governor to have been one of the most revolting and diabolical assaults in the annals of such crimes. His victim was a young white woman, Miss Addie A. Moss, of Kanaha, W. Va.

Special Master H. F. Seawell has completed and forwarded to United States Circuit Judge J. C. Pritchard at Asheville his final report in the noted suit of the Carolina and Northern Railway Co., vs. Southern Saw Mill and Lumber Co., from Robeson county, and the final hearing is set for Asheville next Monday. About \$40,000 is involved as well as the administration of W. J. Edwards who was for a while the receiver. It is understood that the report finds that Edwards is due the estate \$10,000, less about \$3,000 of pro-rata credits.

The preliminary hearing of the charge brought by State Insurance Commissioner against M. T. Norris, a prominent merchant of this city that he set fire to an unoccupied factory in order that his wife might get \$500 insurance carried with the North Carolina Home Insurance Company continued last night until about midnight and yet two of the contending counsel were to argue the case. J. N. Holding for the defense and J. V. Hinsdale for the prosecution. Taking of testimony began about 7 o'clock and the State rested about 7 o'clock.

Counsel for Norris contended that the State had not made out a case and demanded the dismissal of the case. Then the argument proceeded, S. G.

Secretary Bryce, on Behalf of Government, Pledges Reforms. London, March 24.—Irish education grievances have been the subject of a long debate tonight in the House of Commons. Irish members declared that the existing system is deplorable, and that Ireland will never rest until she obtains a university representing the interests of the Catholic majority. George Wyndham, chief secretary for Ireland in the Balfour cabinet, also spoke strongly in favor of reform, declaring that if Ireland were given the same facilities for education as England old feuds would be appeased.

James Bryce, the new chief secretary for Ireland, on behalf of the government, made a conciliatory speech, admitting the existence of the grievances. He said the government had not had time to formulate a policy, but the matter had his constant attention, and he did not despair of finding a scheme of reconciling the conflicting interests. The government, he added, also was considering a scheme to promote the study of the Gaelic language.

BATTLESHIP FOR SHANGHAI The Wisconsin Rushed From Manila to That Port. By Associated Press. Manila March 24.—The U. S. Battleship Wisconsin will sail at midnight for Shanghai, to join the American fleet there, a rush order to that effect, having been received from Rear Admiral Train.

Samuel H. Ashbridge Dead. Philadelphia March 24.—Former Mayor Samuel H. Ashbridge died at the age of 57. He was in the city service 23 years as Coroner and Mayor.

### GOVERNOR WARREN HAS REFUSED THE GIFT OF N. C. BONDS

Refuses to Let State of Michigan be a Party to the Scheme to Collect the Fraudulent Bonds Against the State of North Carolina.

Donation of Bonds was Proffered by the North Carolina Bond Holders Committee. Governor Glenn Explained the Purposes of the Committee.

Lansing, Mich., March 24.—Governor Warren has written the organization known as the North Carolina Bond Holders' Committee, declining the proffered donation to the State of Michigan of North Carolina State bonds.

The Governor became convinced that the purpose of the proposed gift was to involve Michigan in a suit to test the legality of bonds which North Carolina declared worthless because they were fraudulently issued in the reconstruction period without value being received by the State.

Governor Glenn explained to Governor Warren that the holders of bonds not being able to sue their own State conceived the idea of getting the matter into the courts by getting other States involved.

South Dakota accepted some of the bonds and recovered judgment against North Carolina.

H. H. ROGERS ON STAND. First Witness Examined Today—Admission From Standard. By Associated Press. New York, March 24.—Henry H. Rogers, Vice President of the Standard Oil Co., was the first witness examined in the investigation conducted by Attorney General Herbert S. Hadley of Missouri, who is seeking to oust the Standard Oil Co. of Indiana and companies alleged to be allied with it, from doing business in Missouri.

Counsel for the Standard Oil Company agreed to have noted on the records of the hearing an admission that the stock of the Republic Oil Company and the Waters Pierce Oil Company and the Standard Oil Company of Indiana is held in trust by the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey.

DEATH OF HORACE EMERSON. Prominent Coast Line Official Died Last Night. Wilmington, March 24.—Mr. Horace M. Emerson, general traffic manager of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, died last night at 8 o'clock at his home in this city, of organic heart trouble. Mr. Emerson was born in Preble county, Ohio, and was in the 47th year of his age. He had been continuously in the service of the Atlantic Coast Line for 30 years. The funeral will be conducted at 5 o'clock this afternoon and the remains will be interred here.

PROMINENT DIVINE DEAD. Rev. Thomas H. Pegram of Methodist Church Died This Morning. Special to The News. Winston-Salem, March 24.—Rev. Thomas Howard Pegram died at 6:30 o'clock this morning, aged 81. He was in the ministry over fifty years, during which time he built 37 churches, and a number of parsonages. He was superannuated at the session of the Western North Carolina Methodist Episcopal conference held at High Point, three years ago.

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Governor Curry, whose former home was in New Mexico, was a member of the Rough Riders Regiment reaching the rank of captain. He was also an officer of volunteer troops sent to Philippines and became Manila's first chief of police, under American rule. Early last year he was appointed Governor of the province of Samar.

Pension Legislation. Washington, March 24.—The House opened today's session with the consideration of pension legislation.

### YOUNG MAN KILLED. Run Over at Railroad Crossing—Nordica Not Coming. Special to The News.

Salisbury, March 24.—Charles Canup, a young white man, was instantly killed at a railroad crossing on the Western about two miles from Salisbury yesterday morning. His horse, which was also killed, was dragged a distance of a hundred yards or more before the engine could be stopped.

Passenger train No. 11, due to leave Salisbury at 8:40 was in charge this morning of Engineer Bill Pitts and Conductor Charles Klutz. It did not leave Salisbury until 10 o'clock and was probably running at a high rate of speed when the unfortunate man lost his life. Although it is not definitely known, it is supposed that Mr. Canup did not hear the approach of the train. At any rate the engine was upon him before either he or Engineer Pitts observed his peril and it was too late then to avert the accident.

Mr. Canup was 38 years old and was a well known farmer of Franklin township. He is survived by a family.

It is almost certain that Nordica, whom it was hoped to have in Salisbury next week, will not come here. A guarantee of \$2,000 is wanted by her manager, and it is the guarantee that stands in the way. Dr. and Miss Meza have abundant faith in the desire of the Salisbury public to hear Nordica, but whether or not a profitable audience would be secured was the question with which had to do. Reduced to its last analysis, this question means that if Salisbury is to have such celebrities as Bernhard and Nordica, Salisburyans must be willing to put up the price.

An called meeting of Concord Presbytery at Davidson Tuesday the day of the spring meeting of the Presbytery at Mocksville was changed from the 6th to the 12th of April. Licentiate H. A. Knox, who is an Irredell man, was given permission to labor in South Carolina, his present field being Mayesville. Thyatira and Back Creek Churches were permitted to prosecute a call before Mecklenburg Presbytery for the pastoral services of Rev. Walter M. Walsh.

ROW AT BALL GAME. Trouble Was Aired in Recorder's Court This Morning. There was a game of baseball yesterday afternoon between the students of the Tenth Grade at the graded school and a club from the University school.

One result of the game was a fight and it was aired in the Recorder's Court this morning. There was a large number of young boys present at court this morning who were summoned as witnesses.

It seems that Glenn Porter and John Wilson, two little fellows about 10 years of age, engaged in a scrap. Frank Porter, a brother of Glenn, was on the ground and wanted the fight to continue.

A young man by the name of McClure attempted to separate the kids and he and Frank Porter mixed. Porter called McClure a yankee and although McClure is from West Virginia he resented it good and strong. He said he was proud of being a yankee but the way Porter said it, was what made him mad. Accordingly, he got a bat and made for Porter. Some one caught the bat and the row ended without any serious damage being done. The court heard all the evidence and Porter was adjudged guilty. He was taxed with the costs.

Schools Close. Quite a number of the schools of the county closed yesterday.

Among the number were Belmont, Ebenezer, Back Creek, Luckey, William's Chapel, Hickory Grove, Progress, Robinsville, Paw Creek Academy and Matthews.

All of these schools splendid work has been accomplished and there has been good attendance.

Governor Pattison's Condition. Columbus, O., March 24.—Reports from the Executive Mansion say that Governor Pattison is no worse than last night. He passed a comfortable night.

Mrs. C. W. Eddins, of Atlanta, Ga., is in the city, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Withers, on East Avenue.

Dr. Carlisle to Preach. Dr. Mark Carlisle, pastor of the First Methodist church of Charleston will preach for the congregation of Trinity Methodist church tomorrow morning and evening. Dr. Carlisle is one of the best known Methodist ministers in South Carolina, and is a speaker of great power.

Mr. Alexander in Extremis. A telephone message this afternoon from the home of Mr. M. D. Alexander whose critical illness was noted in yesterday's News, states that there is no change in his condition. He is extremely ill and very little hopes are entertained for his recovery.

### INDIANS MURDER MEXICAN FAMILY SEVEN ARE KILLED

Victims were Slain in the Road Within a Few Miles of Their Home and Remained there Until Troops Could be Procured.

Head of Family was Prominent Man and Brother-in-law of Frederick Hartman of Los Angeles. Names of Dead, Three Members of Family Escape.

By Associated Press. San Francisco, March 24.—A dispatch to the Chronicle from Los Angeles says: News has been received here of the murder of five members of family of Pedro Meza, president of La Dura, in Sonora, Mexico, and the brother-in-law of Frederick Hartman, president of the William Hoge Company, of Los Angeles, and two others, who were massacred by Indians within a few miles of their home.

The bodies were left in the roadway between Ortiz and La Dura until a sufficient number of Mexican troops could be sent to overawe the raiding outlaws and bring in their victims.

The names of the killed are: Senor Pedro Meza, presidente of La Dura, rich mining contractor and one of the most prominent men in the district; Senora Elvira Meza, wife of the presidente; Senoritas Carmen, Floisa and Pancheta Meza, 18, 20 and 23 years of age, their daughters; Mrs. Wenceslas Hoff, an old friend of Meza; Theodore Hoff, aged 24, her only son.

Three members of the Meza family survive. They are the baby son of Pedro Meza and two young daughters. The children had been left at the home in La Dura when the rest of the family drove to Guayamas.

MASS MEETING FOR MEN. The Sermon At the First Church Tomorrow Will Be Delivered By Dr. Hardin. The greatest mass meeting for men ever held in Charlotte, will take place at the First Presbyterian church tomorrow afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. Hundreds of invitations have been issued to the members of the various fraternal and all other organizations of the city. Each order is requested to march to the church in a body. A complete list of the organizations to be represented are the following:

The Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, the Order of Railway Conductors, Woodmen of the World, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons, Junior Order United American Mechanics, Improved Order of Red Men, Knights of Pythias, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Manufacturers' Club, Hornet's Nest Rifles, Printing Pressmen's Union, Charlotte Typographical Union, Carpenters and Joiners, No. 558, Iron Molders' Union, National Association of Machinists, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Commercial Telegraphers.

Death of Mr. C. B. Trumbo. Mr. H. C. Long received amonage yesterday morning announcing the death in New York of Mr. H. C. Trumbo, a well known traveling salesman. The end came yesterday morning. The body will be taken to Charleston, S. C. for burial. Mr. Long will join the funeral party here and will accompany the remains to Charleston.

Mr. and Mrs. Trumbo spent several weeks in Charlotte last summer, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Long.

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Body Was Not Taken To Milton. It was decided at a late hour yesterday afternoon not to take the remains of Mrs. Julia Susan Smith to Milton for interment. The body was interred in Elmwood cemetery.

Two Marriage Licenses. Deputy Register of Deeds Powell today issued two marriage licenses. The first was to Mr. C. B. Williams who is to wed Miss Harriet Riley. The second was to Mr. M. C. Crump who will wed Miss Alice Taylor.

Masons to Attend. The members of the Masonic Fraternity will attend the special services at the First Presbyterian church tomorrow afternoon in a body.

S. E. T. A. Meeting. The South Eastern Tariff Association will meet this year at Hot Springs, Va. The dates has been fixed for the meeting May 16th.

### DOUBLE HANGING FOR BRUTAL CRIME

Two Negroes Hanged in New Jersey for Assault and Murder Committed in January. Prisoners First Confessed, then Denied but Convicted on Trial.

By Associated Press. Mt. Holly, N. J., March 24.—Rufus Johnson and George Small, colored, were hanged here today for the murder of Miss Florence W. Allison, assaulted and killed in a barn near Moorestown, January 18.

Miss Allison lived in a cottage on the Strawbridge farm, her only companion being Bessie Walker, a little girl whom she adopted. Her body was found in the barn, with evidence of a desperate struggle. Her head had been crushed with a club. Her assailant had torn a strap from a horse blanket and bound it tightly around Miss Allison's neck.

Before leaving their cells to go to the gallows both men made statements. Johnson acknowledged his guilt, but Small steadfastly maintained that he was innocent.

### NORFOLK IN GRASP OF SNOW STORM

Coming from the Northeast, it Sweeps the Coast, Making it Dangerous for all Shipping and Holding Many Vessels in Port. Some Vessels Lost.

By Associated Press. Norfolk, March 24.—A severe northeast storm, with blinding snow swept this coast today, making it dangerous for all shipping at sea and holding in port many vessels.

The storm has lessened the chances of saving the numerous vessels, now ashore on the Virginia and North Carolina coasts and word comes from Cape Hatteras that the three masted schooner, Raymond T. Maul, appears to be practically beyond saving.

The crew of wreckers aboard the schooner Fannie Palmer, at Little Island, here signalled life savers to come to their rescue and an effort is now being made to get the men ashore.

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