

Stately Bond Case.

It should be a matter of interest to our taxpayers to learn that the cost of the Stately county bond case to the county, according to the Treasurer's settlement with the county commissioners, was \$2,299.13. This covers every item of expense the county except a few incidentals heretofore published in the annual exhibit. Some of the most eminent lawyers in the State of North Carolina were employed, and who it is considered that the suit was fought through six different courts and given seven hearings, and continuing through a period of more than seven years, the wonder is how our commissioners went through it all with so little expense to the county. If they overstepped their very binding contract with the lawyers in paying them amounts before the suit was ended, they in turn received more than a full measure of service from the lawyers, and the sum total paid barely represents the actual court costs, hotel bills and traveling expenses. It is well known how intensely earnest at least ninety per cent. of our taxpayers were in pressing the suit.

Decisions by the State Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals, favorable to the county, naturally created within the minds of commissioners and lawyers an impression that the county would finally win. Judges Avery and Shepherd had faith in the suit, and they wisely managed it. The loss of the case meant much to them not only in the way of dollars and cents, but sincerely regrets that the cause they so faithfully championed should have been lost.

In conclusion, we would say that our commissioners deserve praise, not censure. They have concealed nothing, and they do not desire to. Their acts are on record, and the earnestness and unselfishness with which they devoted themselves to saving the county from a burden which they deemed unjust and fraudulently imposed are the strongest evidence that they have kept faith with the people of the county.

Men will differ as to the advisability of having instituted the suit and the reasons calling for such action. The Enterprise has always believed that the legality of the act creating the bonds should have been conceded. It was a pure technicality, resulting from an error in the Legislature in taking the eye and nay votes. Our lawyers thought best to take advantage of it, but back of it all there was, as the main reason, resting in the minds of our people, a belief that the Railroad Company had acted in bad faith with the people and an actual fraud had been perpetrated.

The case was fought and fought hard. We lost. Now let us bear up under the loss, and not try to attach blame where no blame belongs. The man who is ready to say "I told you so," may talk, but he does so to no good purpose.

For Betterment of Rural Schools.

RALEIGH, N. C., July 22.—The annual meeting of the Woman's Association for the Betterment of Public School Houses in North Carolina has just been held here. One hundred delegates were present, representing forty-three counties, all of which sent in reports. There are six field workers, who also made reports. The adornment of school houses, the improvement of grounds, and everything along this line was reported upon. The statement is made that the state, counties and school districts had, by their united efforts, placed over 1,000 free libraries in rural public schools and that these had immensely stimulated good reading, not only on the part of pupils, but on that of their parents and other relatives.

A Battle Impending.

The position of the Japanese forces east of Liao Yang is such according to a Russian army journal, as to suggest that their next movement will be into the Liao river valley. This valley is north or the Russian position at Zanzou pass. Leaving the Noties, Laobo and Tapan passes the Japs will thus occupy a favorable position for endangering Russian communications northward with Mukden, at the same time flanking General Keller's army. Their strength has been increased, it is stated, by large reinforcements, so that they are now able to fight an important battle with a fair chance of winning. An engagement of the first magnitude is believed to be imminent.

Three Trainmen Killed.

SALISBURY, N. C., July 22.—Engineer Charlie Hall, Fireman Millaway and brakeman McClanahan, all of Spencer, were instantly killed in the wreck of north bound passenger train No. 9 near Franklin Junction, Va., at four o'clock this afternoon. It is learned that the train was making sixty miles an hour when the engine struck a box car shutter which had fallen from a passing freight train.

THE HERALD FOR PARKER.

Declares Roosevelt Has Lost Confidence of the People by Freshish, Meddling, Dictatorial Ways.

The New York Herald, noted for its political independence, comes out strongly in favor of the election of Judge Parker.

In its leading editorial, under the caption, "The Democrats and Their New Leader," the Herald says:

"Judge Parker's telegram declaring himself for sound money has made such an impression that it may save the Democratic party in spite of itself. The comment is it is still eliciting show that Judge Parker's action has won the confidence of the people and that sort of confidence President Roosevelt has not inspired.

"His imperialism and his dictatorial ways, together with his revival of the race issue in the South and other rough rider fads, have awakened among the people a distrust of Mr. Roosevelt and the Republican party quite as great as the distrust which Bryanism, sixteen to oneism, populism and other freakish isms had excited with respect to the Democrats.

"Mr. Roosevelt has the support of his intimate friends and his political proteges, but conservative people eye him with distrust. They acknowledge that he is irreproachable as an individual; that he is a staunch patriot, a good husband, a loyal friend. But they doubt his capacity for self-control, distrust his judgment and question his conception of presidential duties.

"Like the German Emperor, he wishes to meddle in every detail of the public service, to control every department, to rule every official, to be both the law-maker and the executive, to be the source of power and apply it.

"Between Mr. Roosevelt's views of the President's duties and the views of the American people on that subject there is a very wide difference. He evidently thinks the President of the United States is a sort of dictator, while the people rightly regard him merely as their chief magistrate—as the executive head of the administration.

"This domineering conception of his official duties has excited widespread resentment among Republicans and has led him to make mistakes that would have prevented his nomination if the Republican party had any other available candidate.

"As it was, however, he had virtually a walkover, and the Democrats were entirely out of the running until Judge Parker's telegram to W. F. Sheehan at the St. Louis convention revealed to them that they had a candidate possessed of strong sense and statesmanship.

"Before his ultimatum was delivered it was said in the Herald that Judge Parker was the servant of the Democratic party, not its master. His telegram on the gold question proved the contrary. It showed that the Democrats who had nominated him, believing him to be King Log had really chosen King Stork.

"What the Democrats needed was a master. They have found one in Judge Parker, and he may yet lead them out of the wilderness."

Strike "On" Again.

The meat strike is "on" again because all the strikers were not given employment Friday when they went back to work. The agreement by which arbitration was accepted provided, say the packers, that present non-union employes should be retained and that strikers should be given places as fast as possible, whereas the strike leaders hold that all the strikers were to be taken back at once. The two sides, it is said, understood the agreement differently, which is strange, seeing that it is presumably in black and white. As the allied trade are now to be called out if possible for a sympathetic strike, the situation is likely to be worse than it was before the strike was called off. The innocent public will suffer severely because of somebody's blunder in the wording of the terms of peace.

Ed Deaton Given Life Sentence.

FORT MILL, S. C., July 23.—The jury in the case of Ed Deaton and wife, charged with the murder of J. Laurie Patterson, last night brought in a verdict of guilty as to the former, with a recommendation to the mercy of the court. Deaton was given a life sentence in the penitentiary and his wife, who testified that she fired the fatal shot in defence of her husband, was discharged. People here are satisfied with the verdict.

Big Textile Strike Sure.

FALL RIVER, Mass., July 23.—The manufacturers met to-day and in a lengthy session voted not to withdraw the notices of a reduction of wages in the various mills. This makes certain that a big textile strike begins Monday.

Early Tuesday morning work was begun by a large force to rebuild Greenboro Female College. Material is on the ground and it is hoped to have the building completed in time for the opening of the fall session by October first.

"Water, water everywhere," said the Modern Mariner, contemplating the the trust. "It's enough to drive a man to drink."

Gibson Mill Items.

Mr. John White is erecting a four-room cottage on his lot in the Wadsworth Addition.

On Sunday morning at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. J. K. Gurley, Mr. Bruce Medlin was married to Miss Dora Gurley. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. W. T. Talbirt.

There was a very interesting sermon preached in the Second Baptist Church Sunday night by Rev. Mr. Sammy, of Davidson county. The congregation was unusually large and much interest manifested.

There was a Children's Day meeting held in the Second Baptist Church Sunday morning, which was very much enjoyed by the old as well as the young.

Prof. Gardner's singing school closed with a musical entertainment Saturday night. The patrons of the school are very much pleased with Prof. Gardner, and also with his teaching, and regret to see him leave.

Forest Hill News.

Mr. Tom Mills and family moved to this place Saturday, where they will work in the mill.

All the mills, including the Magnolia, have started to run again, after a two weeks stop-out.

There is very little sickness of any kind in this neighborhood, and no serious ailment that we can hear of.

Mr. H. C. Willeford has moved from North Spring street to a house on Church street.

The Cotton Situation.

Charlotte Observer.

The receipts at the city cotton platform yesterday were 12 bales, the highest price being 11 cents. The corresponding date of last year no cotton was sold. The price at that time was 13.75 cents. The cotton receipts for the week ending yesterday were 83 bales against 28 bales for the corresponding week of last season.

Rarely has there been a year when the prospects for a good crop were better than they are now. Good crops are the rule all over the county and if favorable seasons continue Mecklenburg farmers will be prosperous this fall, except in the section that suffered by the hail storm Thursday evening.

Will Mecklenburg farmers sell cotton for 10 and 11 cents a pound, after having received 15 and 17 cents for it last year? is a question that is often heard down on the wharf. It is the general opinion that at the opening of the season a great deal will be sold, if prices do advance, cotton will be stored.

Automobile Line.

SALISBURY, July 23.—The Yadkin River Park Company, which was recently organized at Spencer, it is learned today, has decided to operate an automobile line between Salisbury, Spencer and High Point instead of doing only a local transfer business as was at first intended. The extension of the line was agreed upon only a few days since and arrangements are already being made for the initial trip to be made about August 1st. Mr. J. M. Brown, who has been doing a mercantile business at Spencer, has decided to sell out his business and take the personal management of the automobile line, of which he is also secretary and treasurer.

A Very Close Call.

"I stuck to my engine, although every joint ached and every nerve was racked and with pain," writes C. W. Bellamy, a locomotive fireman, of Burlington, Iowa. "I was weak and pale, without any appetite and all run down. As I was about to give up, I got a bottle of Electric Bitters, and after taking it, I felt as if I ever did in my life." Weak, sickly, run down people always gain new life, strength and vigor from their use. Try them. Satisfaction guaranteed by all Druggists. Price 50 cents.

Hail Storm in Union.

MONROE, N. C., July 22.—A very destructive hail storm visited Goose Creek township yesterday evening extending also into Sandy Ridge destroying the entire cotton crop within its path, which covered an area of about two miles wide and twelve miles long. Cotton being the principal money crop of farmers in this district, it leaves some of them in almost destitute circumstances.

Bingham One of the Best Schools in the South.

GREENBORO, N. C., June 10, 1904.—As I have been a patron of The Bingham School at Mebane, N. C., I can cheerfully testify to its high character, excellent instruction, wise rule and the perfection of its discipline. My son made the most satisfactory progress in his studies during the months he was there, and I hope to be able to send him back next session. I regard the School as one of the best in the South and take pleasure in recommending it to parents who wish to send their sons to a first-class, all-round training institution. Mrs. D. E. OSBORNE.

First Sale From Georgia.

ALBANY, Ga., July 22.—The first bale of Georgia's new cotton crop was brought in today by Deal Jackson, a negro farmer who has marketed the first bale in this section for several years. The bale weighed 851 pounds and classed as good middling. It was sold for fifteen cents a pound.

Mills in Dixie Cause Strike at Fall River.

FALL RIVER, Mass., July 24.—The strike of 30,000 cotton mill operatives ordered to begin here to-morrow because of the 12 1/2 per cent. cut in wages announced by the manufacturers, promises to be one of the bitterest fights ever waged between capital and labor.

The operatives say that they cannot possibly live on the reduced wages offered by the manufacturers and the spinners in turn say that they can never return to the wages which have been paid to employees.

The situation results from the competition by southern mills and was brought to the present acute stage by the high prices for cotton and the failure of cotton goods to rise in price correspondingly, according to the view of the spinners.

Cotton manufacturers assign the continued low price of cotton goods to the ability of the southern mills to manufacture goods at a profit even when sold at figures that mean a loss of money to the mills here.

A feature that will add to the suffering from the strike is the poverty of the operatives. Already over a dozen families have appealed to charitable institutions for help.

Manufacturers say that this means the strikers will not be able to hold out long, but the operatives say it is almost as well to starve in a fight as to attempt to live on what they term the starvation wages offered by the manufacturers.

Cannerville News.

Mr. Robert Culp, who lives on Simmons street, is very sick. He is suffering from a severe attack of fever.

Mr. Robert Brown, on North Kerr street, who has been critically ill for the past ten days, we are sorry to learn is no better.

Mr. J. N. Poplin had the misfortune to get his right foot badly mashed by a piece of machinery one day last week while at work in the Cannon mills. It is so badly inflamed that it is feared that it will have to be amputated.

About all the people in this neighborhood who went to the country to visit relatives and friends have returned, and have settled down to work.

Rev. L. C. Nash and wife attended Children's Day at Smith's chapel in No. 5 township Sunday.

Mr. Coleman Dry fell from his bicycle Friday evening, breaking his collarbone.

Wadsworth Mill News.

Our mills started up yesterday morning after a two weeks shut down. All the employes seem to be in high spirits, as the most of them were tired of resting.

Mrs. M. A. Blackwelder moved her family from here over on West Depot street yesterday. Her children will work in the Cabarrus mill.

Jordan Wants Cotton Held.

RALEIGH, N. C., July 24.—Harvie Jordan, president of the cotton growers association, has written a very strong letter to the growers in North Carolina urging them to put their cotton in warehouses and to draw upon it if needed; also not to market more than a tenth of their crop at once. He says that by this means the prices can be kept around 12 cents, while if there is no system the speculators, aided by mill men, will keep the prices down around 8 cents, until the bulk of the crop is marketed. The growers in North Carolina are called to meet in convention here August 2.

Wednesday, August 10.

ROSEMOUNT, July 23.—It was announced that the formal notification of Judge Parker will take place at Ecopus on the afternoon of Wednesday, August 10th. A telegram to this effect was sent from Rosemount to Champ Clark, chairman of the notification committee. Precedent will be rigidly followed throughout the function, but the ceremony will be made as brief as possible.

Concord Markets.

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes Cotton Market (Stained, Good Middling) and Produce Market (Pork, Bulk Meat, Sides, Butter, etc.).

For Sale or Rent.

One four-room house to rent for \$20 per month, and one three-room house for \$25 per month. Will sell either or both of these houses at a reasonable price. Apply to J. B. SHERRILL.

For Sale Cheap.

A number of 30 gallon oak barrels. CAROLINA BOTTLING CO., Church Street, July 25-1m.

NOTICE.

I hereby forbid any one entering my pasture under any excuse or for any reason. I will prosecute to the full extent of the law. W. L. WINBOFFY, July 25-2t.

AN UNUSUAL OPPORTUNITY!

Buy Real Estate Where it Will Yield an Enormous Profit.

Chicago Highlands.

a suburb of Chicago, where the Chicago and Northwestern R. R. and the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern R. R. cross. The Chicago Highlands Association, capital \$1,000,000, is developing the property. The Chicago Title and Trust Company, capital \$5,000,000, is the trustee for the property. More than \$300,000 has already been expended on the property. Large manufacturing plants are being erected. Every lot offered for sale fronts on a finished street, sixty-six feet wide, is on line of water mains, and is accessible from an alley sixteen feet wide from the rear. \$10 down and \$10 a month is an easy way to save money. No interest charged. No taxes until lot is fully paid for. Free life insurance an unusual feature. Real estate, the road to wealth. You have the privilege to go to Chicago to investigate the property. The association guarantees the construction of sidewalks on both sides of every street. Buy now while you can realize the largest profit. Lots are being sold all over the United States.

W. M. OSTRANDER

of Philadelphia, is the exclusive sales agent. H. A. M. Holshouser, of Concord, N. C., is the local agent. Call on him and get particulars, and buy through him. He has an option on a number of lots for a few weeks. Now is the time. Do not delay. Offers are made only as far as they can be made good. Advertisements are to be found in nearly all the leading religious papers. The Lutheran Observer of June 3, 1904, says: "We call the attention of our readers to the advertisement of W. M. Ostrander on the last page of this number. He offers to investors one of the choicest and safest investments on the market. We invite a careful reading of the ad. by the readers who are looking for a place to invest their spare money where it will earn good dividends. It will certainly pay you to invest your money through a broker with the standing that Mr. Ostrander has. He is in a position where he can afford to be extremely particular, and offers to investors only the propositions that he has thoroughly investigated and found that he can safely recommend. Last year his extensive advertising brought him proposals to handle 600 big investment proposals. Out of the 600 he accepted 8. Many of the other 592 were very good, but none were quite up to Mr. Ostrander's high standard. When he is not satisfied with every single detail of the proposition, he takes the safe course by refusing to handle it upon any terms. We advise you to at least write to Mr. Ostrander, mentioning the Lutheran Observer, in reply to this advertisement, and let him send you further particulars of what he has to offer. Any one wishing to invest \$10 per month for thirty-one months where it will increase from 100 to 300 per cent. in the same length of time should inform H. A. M. HOLSHOUSER.

TRUSTEE'S SALE

OF THE LINN ERYN FARM.

His Honor Thomas A. McNeil having decided the case in the Superior Court of Erwin against Morris Brothers in favor of Morris Brothers, as Executors of the late F. M. Morris and by virtue of authority vested in us by a deed in trust or mortgage by Laura E. Moss on the 1st day of December, 1894, which mortgage or deed in trust is duly recorded in the Register's office for Cabarrus county, N. C., in book No. 8, page 128, will sell at public auction at the court house door in Concord, N. C., on Monday, August 23rd, 1904, to the highest bidder for cash: One tract in Row 1 township adjoining what are known as the C. H. Ervin lands, the C. A. Alexander lands, the Ostrander lands and the lands of others. Beginning at an ash on the corner of C. H. Ervin lands then N 86 E 31 poles to a black oak, said C. H. Ervin's corner; then with the C. H. Ervin line to a stake on Coddie Creek; then up the creek as it meanders to a corner of the Alexander land, and near the Nicholson ford; then with the Alexander line to a black oak, corner between Alexander, T. L. Martin and the lands hereby conveyed; then N 75 W 15 poles to a hickory, said Martin's corner; then S 45 E 34 poles to a cedar on bank of Rock River; then up to river 97 poles to a hickory, formerly H. B. Pharr's now T. F. Pharr's corner; then S 87 E 31 poles to a cluster of elms in a cluster; then N 86 E 31 poles to a black oak; then S 75 E 128 poles to a hickory; then N 5 E 24 poles to the beginning point, containing six acres more or less, and same being what was formerly the J. F. Ervin lands. Title to said property is supposed to be good, but the purchaser only takes such title as we are authorized to convey under said mortgage.

SPECTACLES and Eye Glasses.

Why strain your eyes when you can get them properly fitted with the very best Glasses at moderate prices? For the benefit of old people who are not able to stand the long, hot drive to Concord, I will be at the following places for one day only for the purpose of fitting Glasses. No charge for examining your eyes: Harrisburg, July 25. Flow's, July 26. Miami mine, at D. L. Best's store, July 27. Georville, July 28. Glass, Dayvault's store, July 29. Remember the date and meet me there. W. C. CORRELL, Jeweler and Optician. July 25-1d.

Grand Reduction Sale

Of Men's Suits, Fine Trousers and Foot-wear

From now until August 1st is not a question of profit, but of ridding these shelves and counters. You need extra clothes for vacation time and now is your opportunity at a small cost.



Sommer-Deutch & Co.

4.00 and 5.00 Worsteds Pants for \$3.

These fine Trousers have been arranged on a table near the door and are mixed sizes from our best sellers during the season, your choice for \$3.00

Pants at \$2.

This lot contains light and dark colors in flannels and neat stripe worsteds that sell for 2.50 and 3.00, priced in this sale \$2.00

\$2 Pants \$1.50.

Some of these are all wool flannels and others hard finish, in good assortment of sizes, extra values for the price \$1.50

\$1 Pants 75c.

These are cotton trypic Pants of good value, sold anywhere for \$1.00

Boys' \$1.00 Long Pants for 50c.

We have quite an overstock of boys' long Pants in sizes 26 to 29 inch lengths, that we sell for 50c per pair.

Great values in Men's \$10.00 summer suits at \$7.50

Buy a new straw hat for a change. The price is small, 25c, 50c, and 1.00 for hats that are worth a great deal more money.

Special Value in Men's Socks.

One lot of 50c Sample Socks, all colors and kinds only 25c.

Big lot 25c Socks in drummers' samples at 15c

Do you want all the Shirt goodness you can possibly get for the money in neat patterns, well fitting and full made for 50c and 1.00? Then come in and have a look.

Shoes Reduced.

Great reductions have been made in men's, women's and children's low shoes.

The Mattress Store

The Iron Bed Store

Iron beds that last a life time, or we might say a hundred years, as there is really no wear out to ours. They're cool, too, just the thing for summer.



Craven Brothers

FURNITURE & UNDERTAKING

The Racket Store

LINEN SPECIAL.

36 in. Bleached Shirt Waist Lincn at 25 and 37 1/2c per yd. 36 in. Bleached Linen Lawn 37 1/2 and 48c yd. 36 in. Bleached Linen, sheer quality, 65c. 68 in. Bleached Linen Table Damask in 2, 2 1/2 and 3 yd. remnants at 50c per yard, worth 25 per cent. more. 60 in. Bleached Linen Table Damask at 45c per yard, lengths 22 1/2 and 3 yd, value 65c yd. 58 in. Bleached Linen Table Damask at 40c yd, will cut any length. 55 in. Bleached Cotton Table Damask 25c yd. Linen Table Napkins from 12c to 98c per set of six. Large assortment of White Counterpane in the Crocket and Marseilles patterns, both hemmed and fringed, at 85c to \$2.68. You will do well to lay in a supply of these now before they advance. Girdle and short waist Corsets 48c. Gauze Vests 5 to 15c. A good assortment of Infant's Lace Trimmed Lawn Hoods at 25 to 68c. Ladies' Umbrellas 48 to \$1.33. The best 9 1/4 and 7 1/2c Gingham in town. New lot pound Organdie at 90c per pound. New lot Silk Taffeta Ribbon, Nos. 40 to 60, at 10c yd. New lot Fans 5 to 25c each.

D. J. BOSTIAN.