

Charlotte News. We quote from the Progressive Farmer:

"In North Carolina the jury boxes in each county are to be purged and filled again in June. This is a matter of no small importance, and public opinion should be alert enough to compel our officials to a strict performance of their duty in regard to it. No matter how worthy our laws may be, they will count for little unless the machinery for executing them is in the hands of 'good and lawful men,' as the legal phrase has it. The pressure of aroused and intelligent public opinion can accomplish a great deal for the State, and for law and order, just here."

The evil results from having unfit men on juries are too well understood to require elaboration, but it is not amiss to impress the fact upon the people of North Carolina, lest some of those who are charged with the important duty of filling the jury boxes should grow careless or indifferent. Law will count for little or nothing unless the calibre of the juror is of the right material. The jury system is the very best form of justice. It is therefore all the more important that it be improved along certain lines. In purging and refilling the jury boxes next month the officials in every county in this State should exercise their strictest censorship in keeping out the names of all men who are not fit to serve on a jury in any case, it matters not what the importance of it may be. Let public opinion grow strong on this vital question. It is a matter that affects every individual, man, woman and child, in North Carolina. Build up the character of our juries, and the condition of society will be greatly elevated. There is an abundance of laws on the statute books. What is most needed now is their enforcement. The way to enforce them is to purge the jury boxes of all men whose characters are unclear.

A Dangerous Road. Salisbury Post. Conditions on the Yadkin Railroad have become so intolerable and the danger to life and limb so great that there is a very earnest and substantial movement on foot to take the matter before the Corporation Commission unless something is done by the Southern within a short while. During the past six months wrecks on this road have occurred with alarming regularity and the fact that no lives have been lost is nothing short of a miracle. From every side and from all classes and conditions of people complaints have poured in. Since the first of January twenty wrecks have occurred on this little road, we are told, and box cars without number have been smashed into knifing wood. The passenger as well as freight service is execrable and the arrival of any train on schedule time is a novelty. Capt. E. B. C. Hambley, manager of the Whitney Company, was compelled to drive through the country from Gold Hill Monday in order to reach home before midnight. Mr. T. A. Gillespie, the contractor, had a similar experience yesterday. All of the Whitney officers are now carrying heavy accident insurance owing to the insecurity of traveling over the Yadkin. The trouble is said to lie in inferior rail, rotten cross ties and bad road bed.

General Crop Report. WASHINGTON, May 16.—The weekly crop report issued to-day by the government says: In the central and eastern district of the cotton belt good stands and satisfactory growth of cotton are generally reported. Considerable planting remains to be done in the northern portions of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama, and planting is unfinished in the Carolinas. Planting is about completed in Georgia, where the stands are excellent and the plants are healthy and growing fast. In the Carolinas, Georgia, Alabama and Arkansas many fields are foul. In central and northern Texas planting has been further delayed and the crop, which is very weedy, has been much damaged by heavy rains, and is doing well over limited areas. In southern Texas the condition of cotton ranges from fair to good, and much has been chopped and cultivated. Boll weevils and other pests are attacking the crop in some localities.

Transplanting of tobacco has begun in Virginia, Kentucky and Indiana. Plants are generally abundant. Much tobacco land is prepared, and with the favorable conditions resulting from the rains of the latter part of the week this work will now be prosecuted actively.

—Mr. R. Robinson and family came in several days ago from Oklahoma, and are visiting at Mr. D. A. Price's, superintendent of the Gibson mill, who is a brother-in-law of Mr. Robinson. Mr. Robinson brought with him a pair of fine blood hounds, which are for the police department at Charlotte.

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There will be no preaching at Prosperity E. L. church on the third Sunday of this month, on account of Synod. Some of our young men are talking of going on the excursion to Greensboro. Mr. — Misener, the organ man, passed through Rimer a few days ago. We will come again if this is not cast aside.

SOUTH ROWAN. Mrs. William Bostian, who has been on the sick list for about eight months, is not improving very fast. Miss Flora Bostian spent last Saturday night at Mr. G. A. Patterson's and reported a nice time. Mr. C. W. Alexander was very sick Monday night, but we are glad to note that he is better.

We are sorry to hear that Aunt Peggy Hileman is not any better. Some of our neighbors are talking of moving out to get rid of the grass. Mr. Marshall Misener spent last Sunday night with Miss Rosa Patterson. Listen for the wedding bells. F. B. CARRIERS. We are sorry to note that Mr. Key Bigger, of near Brief, was snatched into eternity by a stroke of electricity on last Saturday evening. He was a W. O. W., and leaves a widow and several children. Our sympathies go out to the bereaved ones. The stroke also shocked his wife and one of the children. Mr. L. S. Bost lost a fine milch cow recently. Mr. W. A. Hough, of Wake Forest College, will arrive home on the 21st to spend the time until next season opens. He will make an address at the Children's Day at Bethel on the third Sunday of the present month. He is a young man of fine promise.

The W. O. W. will organize a camp at Bethel soon; they now have about 18 members. The little child of Mr. and Mrs. Felton Austin died on the morning of the 13th. Our sympathy goes out to the bereaved parents. The people of Bethel church are repairing the old church by placing new seats in it and put down new flooring. RUST. How's This? We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions, and financially able to carry out any obligations made by him. W. A. RORER & M. J. HALL, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, not acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75c per bottle. Sold by all druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.



DAVIS WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS HOTEL, HIDDENITE, N. C.

The above is a cut of the new Hotel just completed at Davis White Sulphur Springs, near Hiddenite, Alexander county, owned and operated by Messrs. Davis Bros. This has always been a popular resort, and will now be more popular than ever. The Hotel has over 50 rooms for guests, with 500 feet of verandas 10 feet wide, and new furniture throughout. The water, both sulphur and iron, is fine. The formal opening of this Hotel will take place June 1. Price of board is \$18 to \$35 per month. Write to Davis Bros., Hiddenite, N. C., for Booklet giving further particulars.

Neighborhood News.

NO. 5 TOWNSHIP.

Miss Carrie Lipe has gone to Pineville to spend some weeks with Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Davis, who recently moved there from Concord.

Mr. Bud Murr is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Ingle O. Cook, who has been seriously sick, is able to be up again, we are glad to note.

Miss Pearl Cline, who was called to nurse two cases of typhoid fever three weeks ago in Lancaster county, S. C., is expected home next Saturday. The exercises by the missionary band, together with the address of Rev. J. H. Keller, at New Gilead last Sunday, is a compliment of well-done by all who took part in the work. The choir was well trained, and added a great help in their part—music.

Along the Little Cold Water stream, in No. 5, we'll report a marriage soon. Don't you know?

We enjoy the South Rowan items in THE TIMES from Cold Water. Come again, Miss C.

This scribe and daughter, Miss Annie Cook, spent last Wednesday at our home in No. 5 with some hands picking cherries of the May variety. We have gathered four bushels and one peck, and have more than two bushels yet to gather. The peach, apple, plum, black cherry and damson crops are good on the highlands in No. 5.

A cool, dry spring gives North Carolina a good wheat crop. What will be the result this year? This is a fine time on oats—the early and late crop—and the crop points that direction at present.

The wet season has been a harvest time with the potato beetle. The poison would wash off the stalks before the insect would eat enough to kill it.

Some cotton fields are in a bad condition—covered with grass, and the grass larger in places than the cotton. Mr. H. A. Wenzel, one of the oldest farmers in No. 5, said that one-half the cotton fields in his community would be plowed up and planted in corn.

Mr. Editor, I believe that Providence is trying to teach us (the farmers) a lesson. But, we have always had too much sense as to our farming management. Yes, we were going to reduce our cotton crop one-fourth. Mr. A. did so, and Mr. B. added more than one-fourth to his crop. I know a township in Cabarrus that more than one-half the feed, corn, bread and meat will have to be bought for man and beast to grow this year's crop. It is not Nos. 5 or 6. Our cotton crops are just about a surplus. To make a rough living we ought to get sixteen cents for cotton, when we buy part or all of our meat and pay twelve cents per pound; four dollars per hundred and corn eighty cents per bushel. Is it any wonder that Providence comes in and says to humanity: "Thus far shalt thou go and no farther." Now, are you going to replant in corn or cotton. If the public press is correct, Providence has decreed reduction in all the cotton lands in North America. C.

Miss Tilly Love died at the home of her son, Mr. T. L. Love, May 12. She was 90 years old and leaves three sons and one daughter, namely: Messrs. William, T. L. and John Love and Mrs. John J. Long. She was a good Christian lady and a member of the Methodist Church. The funeral services were held at Zion church Sunday.

Mr. F. H. Bigger, while sitting in his chair on the 13th, inst., was killed by lightning. Mr. Bigger was about 35 years of age. He leaves a wife and five small children. He once ran a store at Brief, and was well known in this vicinity. He had a kind word and a smile for every one. M.

As we see that our item of last week missed the waste basket, we thought we would try and give to our editor of a very interesting paper, THE TIMES, a few items of the latest news.

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Grubb Shot Because He Feared for His Life.

SALISBURY, N. C., May 16.—Interest in the H. Clay Grubb trial reached a climax this afternoon when the prisoner took the witness stand in his own behalf to tell how and why he killed his brother-in-law, Obe Davis at Piney Church, Davidson county, on October 16. His story was told in a plain, unaffected manner, and he made a good impression on about two thousand people, who visited the court house to hear the testimony. Grubb said he lived one-half mile from the scene of the murder; that he and his wife drove to church that Sunday morning, the day of the killing, in a buggy, driving slowly in order to reach the grounds a little late, this idea being to avoid Davis, whom he was informed had threatened his life. The defendant says that Davis was a most dangerous man. He said he saw him approach his (Grubb's) buggy soon after reaching the church with his hand on his hip pocket, attempting to draw something. "I heard my wife scream," said Grubb, "and I jumped from behind my buggy and fired; I shot again and saw Davis weaken." The prisoner then told of numerous difficulties he had with Davis, but they had since made friends and drank together.

The defendant said that Davis had been outlawed for burning barns and other depredations, and had tried to hire several men to kill the defendant. Mrs. Grubb, wife of the prisoner and a sister of the deceased, was also placed upon the witness stand to-day. Her story was likewise told in a plain manner. Both Grubb and his wife stood a most rigid cross-examination in a remarkable manner, and each proved good characters, while the character of Davis was proved to be bad.

SALISBURY, N. C., May 17.—All testimony in the murder trial of H. Clay Grubb was concluded to-day. E. J. Justice, of counsel for the State, spoke two hours this afternoon. He will conclude his speech to-morrow morning. The case will go to the jury by Friday evening. The witness introduced to-day testified with reference to the defendant's character. Counsel on both sides express confidence in a verdict in their favor.

Missionary Conference. ASHEVILLE, May 17.—The third annual South Atlantic Missionary Conference of the Southern Methodist Church opened at the Auditorium to-night with 2,000 delegates in attendance. One thousand additional delegates are scheduled to arrive to-morrow, the total numbering the largest representation ever accorded to a convention of any sort in this city.

Among the prominent missionaries who are already in attendance, and who will be here during the conference, are: Dr. D. W. Carter, of Havana, superintendent of all the work in Cuba; W. G. Fletcher and Mrs. Fletcher, of Santiago, Cuba; W. P. Turner, of Japan; W. B. Burke, of China, and R. A. Hardie, of Corea.

The capacity of the Auditorium, which seats 4,000 people, was tested to the utmost to-night, and many were unable to gain admittance. Bishop E. E. Hos, of Texas, opened the proceedings with an address in which he outlined the work accomplished in the missionary field during the past year. The conference will continue for four days.

To Hold a Great Revival in Greensboro. GREENSBORO, N. C., May 16.—At a largely attended meeting of ministers and laymen in the Bonhow Hotel Assembly Hall last night, it was resolved to hold a general revival in the city next fall in the following words: Resolved, "That at such time as may be determined in the early fall, we hold simultaneous evangelistic meetings in the various churches of the city, each meeting being conducted by the individual church, independent, in its method but all concurring in time and object."

There will be no services at Central Methodist church nor First Presbyterian church next Sunday morning on account of the graded school commencement sermon at the Central building.

HOW GERM DISEASES START.

People With Weak Stomachs in a Continual State of Danger. Nearly all disease germs that find lodgment in the system gain entrance with the air we breathe, or through our food and drink.

If the stomach and digestive organs be weak, so that food does not readily digest, they will contain a sour, slimy fermenting mass, an ideal spot for the disease germs to grow and spread through the whole system.

If you suffer with headache, back-ache, variable appetite, nausea, gnawing at the pit of the stomach, sallow skin, heart-burn, torred tongue, sleeplessness, and general debility, it shows that the stomach has been overworked and weakened. A fifty-cent-box of Mio-na tablets will give quick and speedy relief.

Ask Gibson drug store, one of the most reliable drug firms in Concord, to show you the strong guarantee under which they sell Mio-na.

It is stated that in some parts of Georgia farmers are plowing up the cotton and will replant, it being figured that this is cheaper than to try to clean that already planted of grass. In North Carolina the protracted wet weather has enabled the grass to run away with the cotton. It certainly seems as if Providence were helping the farmers to reduce the size of the next crop.—Charlotte Observer.

The Fayetteville bankers, accused of looting that institution also have a postponed trial. Dewey has a postponed trial. Had they been niggers, these worthless, they would have been in stripes and breaking rocks or sleeping in a convict camp before this.—Fair-brother's Everything.

Concord Markets.

COTTON MARKET. Cotton Seed 21 Stained 5 to 7 1/2 Good Middling 7 1/2

PRODUCE MARKET. Corrected by Geo. O. Smith. Fork 7 Bulk Meat, Sides 10 to 12 1/2 Beans 30 Butter 10 to 30 Chickens 20 to 40 Corn 8 1/2 Eggs 12 1/2 Lard 11 to 12 1/2 Flour, North Carolina 3.00 to 3.25 Meal, new 1.00 Lady Peas 1.25 Cow Peas 75 Corn Peas 80 Oats 60 Tallow 4 to 5 Salt 65 Irish Potatoes 1 to 1.00 Hams 12 1/2 to 17

White Quilts Under-priced. You should see these Quilts as there is a positive saving of 25c to 50c on each one.

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Umbrellas Go on Sale To-day

While in New York we purchased the entire sample stock of a prominent umbrella maker and the result is to-day on our counters. The material and the handles are better than you will expect at the prices.

Two hundred Children's Parasols from 10c to 75c Big lot of Ladies' \$1.50 Black Parasols, fine assortment of horn and silver handles, at \$1.00 Big values at \$3.00, \$2.50 and \$2.00 Fifty Men's \$1.50 Umbrellas in the sale at \$1.00 On Saturday morning we place on sale one hundred Ladies' 50c Umbrellas, with fancy handles, for 29c

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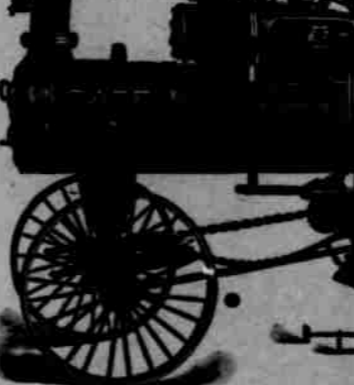
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THE 'BIG SALE CONTINUES WITH A VIM

Some new arrivals make an interesting feature for Friday and Saturday. Values are what people want and we have them. New desirable goods of high quality at cut prices always draws a crowd and rolls up sales. The crowd that daily throngs this store is the best evidence of value-giving. This store is filled with the newest and most stylish goods, and below are only a few indicators:

- 25c White Waisting, 15c Yard. Big lot of white mercerized Waisting in new patterns, and looks like silk, every yard worth 25c, our special leader, per yard. 75c Flowered Organdie 10c per Yard. Just received fifty pieces of Organdie in floral designs, at the very modest price of, by the yard 10c

MILLINERY UNDERPRICED.

The immense values offered in this department have depleted the stock during the past ten, and we are fortunate in offering some new values equally as good bargains in Ladies', Misses, and Children's Hats. Now is the time to buy a hat at half price.

12 1/2c Dress Voils, 8c. 2,000 yards of Voils in all colors, big bargain. 8c

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We have about 100 pounds of Long Cloth in the above lengths at 38c per pound in pound bundles only. This goods is about 36 inches wide and runs about 6 yards to the pound. When ordering goods to be mailed add postage at the rate of 10c per pound. 25 cents will prepay a package weighing 5 pounds to any part of North Carolina.

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