

NORTH STATE WINS FIFTY-TWO PRIZES AT NATIONAL SHOW

Fifty-two ribbons, ranging from purple to white, is the number brought back to Raleigh and North Carolina by Messrs. W. N. Hutt and S. B. Shaw from the National Horticultural Congress, held several weeks ago at St. Joseph, Mo. Through this number gives an idea of the place the North Carolina exhibit held at the great exposition, it does not convey the impression the fruits, vegetables and nuts made on the visitors to the show. As has been related the Tar Heel exhibit carried off the grand sweepstakes for the best exhibit of any state in the union.

A fact heretofore unnoted is that persons who attended former shows invariably sought out the exhibit from this state and asked for North Carolina apples. Some of the visitors even knew in which county their favorite was grown. The Buckingham, raised in Surry county, seemed to be a favorite. At the close of the exhibition, when the fruit was sold at auction, the North Carolina apples sold for twenty-five cents more a bushel than the apples from any other state, even the beauties of Colorado, Iowa and Oregon taking second place when it came to buying.

The delicious flavor of the Carolina product was not even approached by any of the apples from the west and north, and this state secured an immense amount of advertising from the exhibit. Major W. A. Graham, commissioner of agriculture, though not speaking of the exhibit, said today that he had received numerous letters during the holidays from prospective settlers.

Mr. W. N. Hutt, state horticulturist, has got out a circular letter showing the premiums won by this state. His letter, which is approved by the commissioner of agriculture, is as follows:

The Descriptive Circular.
For the third time the horticultural products of North Carolina have been exhibited in competition with similar products from all over the United States, at the National Horticultural Congress, which was this year held at St. Joseph, Mo., November 3-December 3, 1911.

Once more the Old North State takes first place in the production of fruits, nuts and vegetables. It is indeed gratifying to know that this has been made possible only by the earnest and enthusiastic co-operation of our growers. The quality of the fruit this year at both the state fair and the national show bore every evidence of improvement in cultural methods. Not only was this true of the individual specimens, but the fact of our taking first place in the commercial five-box class at St. Joseph shows that North Carolina can hold her own in the production of apples for market purposes as well as for exhibitions.

Many people from other sections of the country who have heretofore thought of our state as a vast producer of corn, cotton, tobacco and other staple farm crops, have looked with wonder and surprise at our horticultural productions. The interest displayed by these people lends new encouragement towards the still greater development of these resources.

The following list shows in detail the premiums won on fruits, vegetables, nuts and horticultural by-products.

Thanking our growers for their co-operation in this work, and bespeaking their future help in maintaining at the state fair and at coming exhibitions the high place we have already attained, I am,

Very truly yours,
W. N. HUTT,
State Horticulturist.

Approved:
W. A. GRAHAM,
Commissioner.

The Prizes.
The following premiums were won at the National Horticultural Congress, St. Joseph, Mo.:

- Best and largest horticultural display by any state. First prize—sweepstakes trophy.
- Commercial Pack—Best 5 boxes of 5 varieties, central or eastern grown apples—First prize, \$20—Sparger Orchard Co., Mt. Airy, N. C., and special prize—one 50-gallon Rex Limesulphur.
- Best single box apples grown in United States—Second prize (Stayman), \$2—J. C. Bushnall, Saluda, N. C.
- Third prize (Rome), \$1—J. K. Boone, Waynesville, N. C.
- District Display—First prize, trophy and \$25—Sparger Orchard Co., Mt. Airy, N. C.
- Individual display (eastern district)—First prize, \$30—Bolling Hall, Waynesville, N. C.
- Second prize, \$20—R. P. Johnson, Waynesville, N. C.
- BEST GENERAL DISPLAY OF CITRUS AND SUBTROPICAL FRUITS.
- First Prize—Trophy and \$25.
- Plates of Apples—
- Albemarle—second prize, \$2—Bolling Hall, Waynesville, N. C.
- Albemarle—third prize, \$1—Charles McPeters, Bald Creek, N. C.
- Delicious—first prize, \$2—J. C. Bushnall, Saluda, N. C.
- Delicious—second prize, \$2—R. M. Chatham, Kiklin, N. C.
- Mother—first prize, \$3—Mrs.



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WILL NOT ANNUL MARRIAGE

Vatican Refuses Request of Boni de Castellane

Rome, Dec. 27.—The Vatican has declined to grant Count Boni de Castellane an annulment of his marriage with Anna Gould, who is now the Duchess of Talleyrand and Sagan. Countess de Castellane was granted a divorce from her husband and given the custody of their three children November 14, 1908. About a year ago Count Boni applied to the Vatican for annulment of the marriage.

For several months past the congregation of the council has had under advisement the process received from the archbishop of Paris concerning the case. When Monsignor Amette, archbishop of Paris, wrote to Rome recently to request the red hat he gave to the Pope and Cardinal Genardi, prefect of the congregation of the council all the details in his possession concerning the case and the situation of the parties involved. Count Boni came to Rome on December 20, for the purpose of using all possible influences to obtain his object. In this he was not opposed by the Duchess of Talleyrand. The decision of the congregation of the council, however, which was communicated to him yesterday, rejected his petition for the annulment. The ground on which the application was denied was summarized as follows:

"A marriage celebrated and consummated, if performed according to the law of the church, until proved to the contrary, as was the case of the Castellane-Gould marriage, is indissoluble. There are certain impediments, which, if existing before the marriage, can prevent its celebration or, if celebrated in ignorance of them, render the marriage invalid, in which case the church can never in reality exist. But in the arguments brought forward by de Castellane, no such impediments have been shown."

ARE NOT BARRED

Christian Scientists Can Practice on Canal Zone

Washington, Dec. 27.—President Taft today settled the vexed question of allowing the practice of Christian science or other non-medical methods of healing the sick on the Panama canal zone. The executive order made several months ago which members of the Christian Science Church feared would prohibit their method of alleged healing, was modified so that there can be no doubt as to the lawfulness of such practices.

The original order provided that any one who wished to practice medicine, surgery, dentistry, pharmacy or midwifery on the canal zone must be licensed by the board of health. As modified by the president the order shall not be construed "to prohibit the practice of the religious tenets of any church in the administration of the sick or suffering by mental or spiritual means without the use of any drug or material remedy, whether gratuitously or for compensation, provided that such sanitary laws, orders, rules and regulations as now are hereafter may be in force in said canal zone are complied with."

The order as modified takes effect January 1.

MAIL BY FREIGHT

Secretary Hitchcock is Going to Perform a Paradox.

New York, Dec. 27.—Postmaster General Frank H. Hitchcock intends to extend the practice of carrying second class mail by fast freight trains. He so stated in an answer he filed in the United States circuit court today in the case of The Review of Reviews Company which complained of discrimination because its magazines were carried by freight instead of by mail trains through the middle west for distribution to far distant points. The postmaster general says the government lost seven cents a pound on all second class



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RICH HUSBANDS SPEND MILLIONS FOR CHRISTMAS TREES.

From left to right: Mrs. William E. Corey, Mrs. William B. Leeds, Mrs. Frank Gould and Mrs. John Jacob Astor. Millions of dollars worth of pearls have been showered on the wives of millionaires for the Christmas holidays. It has been estimated that more than \$200,000,000 is a low estimate to be placed on the baubles that have been given by the various millionaires to their wives as Christmas tokens, year after year. Mrs. Corey, formerly Mabelle Gilman the actress, was showered with jeweled gifts by her husband, William E. Corey, of Steel Trust fame. The famous necklace of Mrs. William B. Leeds is worth a fabulous amount, the estate house authorities demanding \$120,000 duty on it. Frank Gould gave his wife a pearl necklace, consisting of three strands of pearls estimated to be worth more than \$500,000. Not to be outdone, the lover like Col. John Jacob Astor showered on his beautiful young bride, jewels and diamonds of every description. New York society has gone jewel mad, and there is a mad rush on to see who can outshine the other with the most wonderful brilliants.

MAILED IN WOODS

Roosevelt Talks But Conveys No Information

Says He is Not in Politics and Nobody Expects Him to Be in Politics—"Think of That," He Exclaims, When Told He is Placed As a Political Enemy of Taft.

DIES OF BLOW FROM SHOVEL

Police Seek a Fellow Workman of Victim on Murder Charge.

Cumberland, Md., Dec. 27.—Conrad Schaidt, 24 years old, died this morning at the Allegheny Hospital from a blow on the head with a shovel. The police are looking for Jack Carson, who is charged with the crime. The men had words on Monday last, when Schaidt passed Carson with a wheelbarrow load of concrete. It is alleged that Carson dealt Schaidt a blow on the head with his shovel that felled him, then coolly asked for his pay check and walked away. An officer was placed at the bank where Carson was to have his check cashed, but in the holiday rush he succeeded in obtaining his money and escaping. The police have a photograph and good description of Carson. He is of slight build, a floating laborer, aged about 35 years. Schaidt was a member of Chosen Friends Lodge of Odd Fellows, and was well-known.

WALLS OF BUILDING FELL

Crash in Which One Man Was Killed and Several Injured.

Philadelphia, Dec. 27.—One man was killed and five injured when the wall of the Ederer Thread Company building collapsed. Seventy-five men and women were in the building when the crash came. Many narrowly escaped death.

Farley Receives Many Honors.

Rome, Dec. 27.—Cardinal John M. Farley was the recipient of many warm messages, on the occasion of his name day. Together with his suite and some American visitors, the Cardinal drove to the Vatican for a farewell audience with the Pope and was received with great honors. The Pope spoke in appreciative terms of the United States and its loyal and zealous Catholic population.

Boxing For Girls Barred.

Los Angeles, Dec. 27.—Boxing among high school girls was placed under the ban by Physical Director Beach who said it was not instructors' aim to turn out a generation of feminine fighters.

Boycott Movement Growing.

Washington, Dec. 2.—The movement in Russia to boycott American machinery is growing. The state department was advised by members of the council at Moscow and Kursh petitioned the Duma to act.

Stockholders' Meetings

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The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Mechanics Savings Bank will be held in the rooms of the bank on Tuesday, January 9th, 1912, at 8 o'clock P. M.
WALTERS DURHAM,
Cashier.
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Notice.
The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Commercial National Bank, Raleigh, N. C., will be held in their banking rooms Tuesday, January 9, 1912, at 12 o'clock noon.
B. B. CROW,
Cashier.
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Dec. 9, 1911.

Stockholders' Meeting.
The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Merchants National Bank will be held in their banking room on Tuesday, January 9, 1912, at 12 o'clock noon.
W. B. Drake,
Cashier.
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Stockholders' Meeting.
The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of The Raleigh Savings Bank & Trust Co., will be held at their banking house in this city on Monday, January 8, 1912 at 4:30 o'clock.
CHARLES ROOT,
Cashier.
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Stockholders' Meeting.
A meeting of the stockholders of the Mutual Savings & Deposit Company will be held in the office of R. T. Gray, Esq., Tuesday afternoon, January 9th, 1912, at 4:00 o'clock.
H. E. LITCHFORD,
Secretary.
e. d. (Ill) Jan. 9

Stockholders' Meeting.
The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Citizens National Bank will be held in their banking rooms in this city on Tuesday, January 9th, 1912, at 12 o'clock noon.
H. E. LITCHFORD,
Cashier.
Dec. 18, 1911.
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