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DR. JOHN ROACH STRATON TELLS OF EXPERIENCES IN VICE FIGHTS

Famous New York Pastor Says Wave of Immorality Is Sweeping World—Minister Believes South Is Only Spot in U. S. Where Vice Is Prevalent.

Dr. John Roach Straton of Calvary Baptist church, New York City, widely known as the most fearless reformer that New York has known for years, arrived in Oxford Saturday evening and delivered three strong addresses at Warehouse Tabernacle during his 48 hour stay in Oxford. His subject Sunday afternoon was "Fighting the Devil in Modern Babylon." He told of the many underlying evils lurking everywhere in the present day life and put forth a strong plea for all Christian people to fight the forces. Although there was a heavy fall of rain in the afternoon and night, more than 4,000 people heard him at the two services.

"The Dance of Death." Dr. Straton during the four years that he has been a minister in New York has sprung one sensation after another upon the metropolis in his fearless exposure of vice conditions and started grand jury investigations into municipal politics, police departments and other fields that have been featured in all the Metropolitan dailies and that have far-reaching results. He has received hundreds of letters denouncing his conduct and many threatening his life if he did not stop his exposures of vice. One or two have been signed in blood. He paid no attention to any of them.

The subject of his address Sunday night was "The Dance of Death." "Any man who tells you that he can glide over the floor with a handsome woman, with the aroma of her hair in his nostrils and their cheeks touching, without a rise of passion, is either a half man or prevaricator."

After enumerating all the sins engendered by the modern dance, Dr. Straton said: "The extreme styles of women's dress, lewd pictures, the public absorption in matters of sex as revealed in the theater, in novels, in stage productions and the decaying of home life indicate that society is on the toboggan. We are going precisely in the direction as old Greece and Rome and other civilizations. When absorption in sex became the feature of Roman life, the old virtues began to decay."

"The South is the only section of our country today," Dr. Straton said, "where the old standards of virtue and Christian soundness are widely prevalent, and the South contains the leaven of virtue and soundness that will save this nation. Here only is the wholesome home life, with its cleanliness, its natural social graces, its domestic virtues and its reverence for christianity widely disseminated. There may be some crudities in the South, but there is virtue and cleanliness still left and adherence to Christian ideals."

This-skinned people did blush at the merciless invectiveness and plainness of speech of Dr. Straton when he rebuked such evils as the substitution of dogs for babies, immodesty in woman's dress and other indecencies that he claimed are confronting our modern civilization.

Dempsey-Carpenter Bout.

The Dempsey-Carpenter fight was the culminating note in brutality, as explained in his weird and last address here Monday night to 3,000 people who crowded into and around the warehouse tabernacle. Worse than the bull fights of Spain founded on fraud and dishonesty, and the day of the fight was the day of the tough element, included in which were 5,000 women, many of them professing Christians, and showed the tendency toward degeneracy in America today. This in substance, was the key-note of Dr. Straton's subject. "Our Relapse Into Paganism as Illustrated by What a Preacher Saw at the Dempsey-Carpenter Fight."

Dr. Straton explained that he had an invitation to go to the fight from a newspaper syndicate, that his church board favored his going in the belief that it would result in good. "The fight was revolting to every instinct in me," said Dr. Straton, adding that if the time should ever come when he wanted to do such things, as some preachers and many church men do, he would do it in the open.

The fight was a normal carbuncle with the poison of the entire system gathering together at one point, breaking down the firm flesh and breaking forth, he said, likening this to the state of New Jersey, the weakest spot.

Dr. Straton described what he termed the mob of 90,000 people, sweating, seething, sweating and swearing and gloating on the humiliation of a man, saying that the subconscious mind of the public is already revolting against the event, that an awakening is being shown even in the secular press.

That he liked sports, healthy clean sports, was asserted by Dr. Straton, who said that many people

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Mr. B. K. Lassiter Returns. Postmaster B. K. Lassiter, who was granted leave of absence a few weeks ago so as to recuperate his health, has returned to his post of duty much improved in health.

GRANVILLE COUNTY BURNS TWO THOUSAND GALLONS OF OIL DAILY

North Carolina automobiles burn 217,982 gallons of gasoline every day, a hundred and fifty thousand of them covering an estimated mileage of 2,397,802 miles. In a year, figured on the same basis, the automobiles in the State will consume a total of 79,663,420 gallons and cover approximately a billion miles in travel.

The State has not as yet compiled its report of the consumption in each of the 100 counties of the State, Granville being an average county, the consumption will not fall short of 2000 gallons daily.

THIRTEEN PERCENT ILLITERATE IN NORTH CAROLINA

Native Whites Are 8.2 Pct., While Colored People Are 24.5 Pct.

Washington, Aug. 15.—A total of 13.1 percent of North Carolina's population, counting only those ten years of age or more, can not read or write, the Census Bureau announced Saturday. The native whites are 8.2 percent illiterate, and the negroes 24.5 percent, the figures show.

Granville County. The native whites of Granville are 6.5 percent illiterate, and the negroes 25.9 at percent, the figures show.

THE KIND OF HELP THE FARMER GETS

Last week a farmer, in Fishing Creek came to Oxford to attend some business that required his attention. He returned home in the afternoon and went over to the field to see how his hired man was getting along. He found him lying in the shade of a tree, smoking a cigarette. "Tired?" asked the boss. "Nope!" answered the colored man, "Hain't done nothin' to make me tired. Just a layin' here waitin' for quittin' time souse I c'n come to supper."

For the past two years a great many young and old men have tried to earn a living that same way.

FINE VIEW FROM ONE OF GRANVILLE HILL TOPS

The Electric Lights In Oxford, Henderson, Durham and Raleigh Visible At The Home Of Mr. J. Walter Howell.

Mr. J. Walter Howell, who resides on Kittrell Route 2, Granville county, informs the Public Ledger that on dark nights he can see from his home the electric lights in Oxford, Henderson and Durham.

Mr. Howell lives about 8 miles southeast of Oxford, about 9 miles from Henderson and about 26 miles from Durham as the crow flies. It is about 40 miles from Mr. Howell's home to Raleigh. On very dark nights he can see the halo that hangs above the Capital City.

AVERAGE PRICE OF TOBACCO ON FAIRMONT MARKET \$21.46

Fairmont, Aug. 15.—Sales of tobacco on the Fairmont market last week totals 1,331,232 pounds for \$285,781.42; average \$21.46. During July sales totaled 1,016,950 pounds for \$33,645.10; average \$32.22. Sales for entire season, including last week, 3,159,682 pounds for \$491,421.43; average \$15.55. Good grades of tobacco are selling excellent and farmers are well pleased. Over million and quarter pounds are expected to be sold this week.

CATHOLIC PRIEST SLAIN BY METHODIST MINISTER

A Case Wherein The Flesh and the Devil Met.

Birmingham, Aug. 12.—Father James E. Coyle, for many years pastor of St. Paul's Catholic church, died at a hospital last night after having been shot three times by Rev. E. R. Stephenson, Methodist minister.

"I remonstrated with him for marrying my daughter, Ruth, to a man against whom we had lodged objections," said the prisoner.

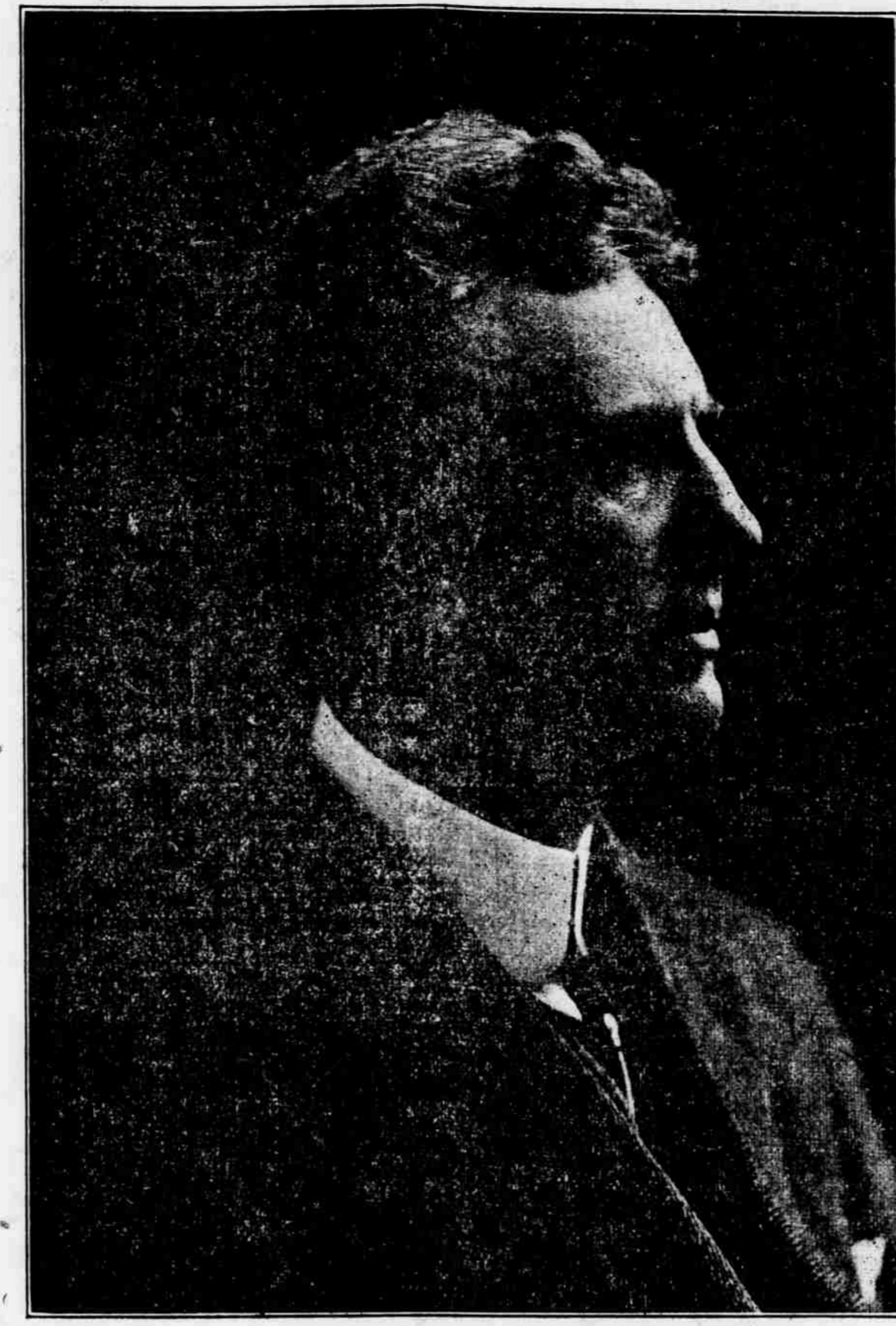
"I called him a dirty dog," said Stephenson. "He struck me," continued the preacher, "and then I shot him." Father Coyle was shot on the porch of St. Paul's rectory.

MORRISON WANTS STATE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

It is announced from Asheville that Governor Cameron Morrison will press the appointment of a secretary of commerce and manufacturing at the next session of the general assembly.

It is the opinion of the governor that some one should be always on the alert for the commercial and manufacturing interests of the commonwealth and to this end will press the legislature to make provision for a state officer and prescribe his duties.

Pietro Dellagra, Italian farmer of St. Helena, Pender county, 12 miles from Wilmington, is in a dying condition at Wilmington after being shot and fatally wounded by a negro. Reports said a posse of 20 men, not officers, had taken the negro in Pender county.



DR. W. D. RILEY

On Sunday evening at 8 o'clock the Oxford Union Service in the Warehouse Tabernacle will have as preacher Dr. W. B. Riley, of Minneapolis, Minn. He is pastor of a great church of 3000 members, is one of America's foremost preachers

A TENTED CITY ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF OXFORD

Capt. Blair Has Called In All Of His Horses and Road Equipment.

Capt. Blair, one of the best roadmen in the State, who has done much road work in Granville county, finds himself without a contract. It is the first time in several years that it became necessary for him to call in his vast equipment and store it.

Capt. Blair's residence is at the east end of King street. Since calling in his sixty odd horses and mules, wagons, drags, shovels and plows and erecting the tents on the premises the surroundings takes on the appearance of a "tented village," or a circus.

The enforced idleness of horses and equipment for a week or a month would cost Capt. Blair a pretty penny. With \$50,000,000 road work to be done in the state, Capt. Blair's vacation is a matter of only a few days.

YEAR WITHOUT A SUMMER

And It Seems That We Are To Have a Summer Without Rain.

According to the opinion of some of our aged citizens, this has been the hottest and driest summer in their recollection. The ground has not been saturated with rain since the middle of May. In times past there was also a year without a summer. We find an account of the summerless year in a back number of the Richmond Dispatch:

"The year 1816 is known in Virginia, North Carolina and some other states as the 'year without a summer.' From the diary of Abner Courtney, of Petersburg, Va., are extracted the following fragments concerning that summer season: 'May—Ice froze from a quarter to a half inch thick. Corn was planted two or three times and was froze out. A melancholy hue seemed to seal the fate of all vegetable life. June—The coldest June on record. Killing frost occurred on several mornings, and nearly all vegetables were killed. July—A month of heavy frost and ice. On the morning of 5th ice formed as thick as window glass. August—Ice formed a half-inch in thickness, and everything green was destroyed.'"

Local Showers B'ings Relief.

Copious showers throughout the county on Saturday and Sunday broke the backbone of the hot spell that had gripped this section for forty days. The temperature at Hall's drug store Saturday morning before the first shower, was 90 degrees in the shade. At this same hour Tuesday morning it was 65 degrees.

—Dr. George T. Harding, father of President Harding, slipped away from his home in Monroe, Ohio last Friday and went over to Marion, Mich., and married Miss Alice Severns, his stenographer and office assistant. On his return to Marion, Dr. Harding took his bride to her home and then was driven to his own home four squares away. Before leaving his bride, Dr. Harding said "Good night, Alice, I'll see you tomorrow."

and a Bible Expositor of international fame. He will preach on "The Scientific Accuracy of the Scriptures."

All these are open to the public. No admission charged. A free will offering will be made. Every person who comes should bring his purse.

GRANVILLE COUNTY FARMERS ARE SELLING THEIR CATTLE ON ACCOUNT OF DRY SPELL

Good, Juicy Beefsteak Will Take a Tumble In Price Soon.

One of the leading farmers of Granville county informs the Public Ledger that he is selling all his cattle on account of the long dry spell and the prospect of not producing enough to feed them.

Other farmers tell us that they have sold or are trying to sell their cattle for the same reason.

One farmer called at the Public Ledger office to inquire if he would be permitted to butcher a fine fat steer and sell it on the streets of Oxford without a permit. He stated that he would be glad to get 20 cents a pound for steak and other cuts at a corresponding figure.

THE SHORTEST ROUTE TO BUFFALO SPRINGS

Mr. and Mrs. Sam C. Howard and pretty little daughter Betsy, were very pleasant visitors to Oxford yesterday. Mr. Howard stated that many Oxford people have found out the shortest and best road to Buffalo Springs, which passes his house. Instead of going via Charksville, said Mr. Howard, they should turn to the west at Stovall; go via Grassy Creek and turn to the west in front of Church and continue that road three miles to the church on the right and the school house on the left; about 100 yards from this point take the road to the left through the woods, then turn to the right which is the main road that will take you within sight of Buffalo Junction, thence to the springs.

GREENE COUNTY LEADS IN NORTH CAROLINA

Greene county tobacco growers still hold the record for the largest percentage of the tobacco crop of 1920 signed up for cooperative marketing.

There are several 10, 20, 30 percent counties, more with 40, 50, 60 percent of production signed up, but Greene, with 80, leads them all. It is true that she was among the first to start signing, and that several counties which have passed their minimum continue to send in more tobacco contracts, but so far Greene is still out in front and challenging the field.

THE SOUTH CAROLINA LEAF TOBACCO CROP NEARLY SOLD

The remant of the South Carolina tobacco crop will have been sold within a week or ten days, according to information reaching tobacco circles here. It is also reported in some parts that farmers have lived up to the decision made recently that they would not cut any more tobacco, and they have plowed up the land. This is probably tobacco which was ruined by the prolonged rain.

H. L. Morrow and Company, agents for the Studebaker automobile and one or two makes of airplanes, has failed, according to word from Charlotte, headquarters of the company.

GOOD TOBACCO BRINGS ABOUT WAR-TIME PRICES

Number Of Farmers Sell Tobacco For From \$30 to \$66 a Hundred On Lumberton Market.

Lumberton, Aug. 15.—Last week was the record breaker of the season on the Lumberton tobacco market, as well as on other markets in the county. Farmers who succeeded in growing a good crop of tobacco are receiving wartime prices for it, while the off grades are still selling low. One farmer sold a curing for more than \$1,000 and a number of them have sold tobacco for from \$30 to \$66 the hundred.

This week promises to be another busy one on the markets. It is expected that the crop will have been sold by September 10. The money received for the tobacco crop is having its effect in business circles.

COLORED VOLUNTEER FIREMEN OF NORTH CAROLINA GATHER IN OXFORD

Street Parade and Hook and Ladder Race Tomorrow—Other Races Thursday On Hillsboro Streets.

The colored volunteer firemen of the State met in Oxford this morning for a three days' session. President Plummer, of Washington, N. C., delivered the opening address in the auditorium of Mary Potter's school this morning at 10:30 o'clock, followed by Mayor T. G. Stem, who welcomed the fire fighters to Oxford in good style. The response to Mayor Stem was made by Dr. J. W. Grimes, of Washington, N. C., and in a short speech Dr. G. C. Shaw "Welcomed the Firemen to our City and Homes." An interesting program, interspersed with instrumental and vocal music is in progress at Mary Potter's school this afternoon.

The street parade will take place on Hillsboro street tomorrow morning at 10:30. The hook and ladder race will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 on Hillsboro street. Hose and reel races will take place at 10:30 Thursday morning, followed by other races.

Oxford All-Star Base Ball team will have a game at the colored ball park in South Oxford each day during the convention.

PREMIUM LIST OF THE GRANVILLE COUNTY FAIR

Farm and Field Crops; Horticulture Products; Home Economics Products, School Exhibits, Etc.

The premium list of the Granville County Fair, to be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, October 4-5-6, has been issued in neat form. Mr. J. E. Jackson, manager of the fair, is sending copies of the 50-page booklet to all parts of the county. If you fail to receive a copy, the first time you come to Oxford call at any of the stores or at Mr. Jackson's office in the Court House and get a copy. The premium list should be in the hands of every farmer.

Premiums will be awarded for field products, horticultural products, home economic products, poultry and school exhibits. In order to make the premiums in the above departments as large as possible live stock was omitted this year.

The amusement feature this year is larger, stronger, and better than ever before.

KINSTON SCHOOLS TO GIVE CREDIT FOR BIBLE STUDY

(Kinston Free Press)

The giving of credits in the Kinston high school for students' work in the Bible schools of the city sets a precedent, at least in this part of the country. Ministers state that the idea was introduced at a State Sunday school convention and that its adoption here will be its initial try-out so far as they know. The local plan differs in some respects from that proposed at the convention.

Students will be given one high school unit for four years' work in the Sunday schools. This will be based upon a minimum of study of 45 lessons of 40 minutes' duration, or an equivalent, the lessons to conform to the public schools' standard and to be graded as to time and content by the educational authorities.

HEAVY TOBACCO MOVEMENT FROM SOUTH HILL, VA.

In connection with leaf tobacco movement over the Southern Railway during the season recently ended, a total of 9,910,384 pounds was shipped from South Hill, Virginia, the whole of which was handled from origin to destination without a complaint or claim. The fact that this record was established with the limited facilities at South Hill adds additional glory to the effort of Agent G. W. Hardy and his organization at that point. —So. Railway Bulletin.

The Lucky Numbers.

The drawing of the coupons that were issued at the recent sale conducted by Landis & Easton took place on last Monday morning and the lucky numbers are as follows: town number 052382; county number 052093. Mrs. Easton Parham held the lucky number for Oxford. No one has yet claimed the county prize.

OXFORD-HENDERSON BRANCH OF THE SOUTHERN RAILWAY WAS BUILT BY CONVICTS

One Must Be More Than Forty Years Old To Remember the Event.

The current number of the Orphan's Friend contains an interesting article by Col. Fred A. Olds embodying a complete history of the North Carolina State Prison boiled down to one page, from which we take the following paragraphs.

The act to provide for the erection of a penitentiary was ratified April 12, 1869. A penitentiary was required by Article II, Section 3, of the constitution of 1868. This act required it to be built at or near Raleigh, on a site selected by the commissioners, Abern L. Harris, Alfred Dockery, Samuel F. Patterson, Alfred Howe, and George William Walker; the site to be not less than 12 nor more than 25 acres.

Prison Site.

The site of the prison, bought from Miss Kate Boylan, cost \$20,000. Work began in 1870 on the permanent building and the contractors, Coleman Bros. of Illinois, were paid \$28,879 on it up to November 1, of that year. For 1871 they were paid \$68,880. The total cash expended on building up to Nov. 1, 1871, was \$143,957. William J. Hicks was the architect and also the superintendent of the building.

One Indian.

There were in the prison November 1, 1871, white males 69, females 1; negro males 257, females 16; total 343; one being an Indian; the only one ever in this prison. Of the prisoners 108 were under 20, and 177 were married; 264 could neither read nor write; six under life sentence, all for murder. The cost of feeding convicts was 11 cents a day, guards 23 cents. The prisoners made all clothes and shoes used.

Scurvy Broke Out.

Dr. William G. Hill was the physician. In July, 1871, scurvy broke out and 63 cases were treated. Dr. Hill in his report said: "This terrible disease is rarely met with in this country many physicians never having seen a case of it. It is due entirely to lack of fresh vegetables. As soon as discovered I ordered full rations of Irish potatoes three times a week for the prisoners and onions and potatoes daily to those sick with it; apples and lemon juice being also freely used. The remarkable drought this summer caused an exceeding scarcity of vegetables in all this section."

Prisoners Shot.

July 9, 1878, a desperate attempt was made by two white and six colored convicts to scale the stockade while the other prisoners were at supper, but the guards killed one and wounded another. The prisoners made all the iron doors for the cells and in two years, 1877-78 laid 1,644,216 brick in the main building. The brick were made inside the prison to which the clay was hauled. This plan saved cost as the brick were made at \$2 per thousand.

Oxford-Henderson Railway.

November 1, 1878, there was 1,102 convicts and in 24 months from that date 942 were received. November 1, 1880, 245 were building the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley railway, 55 were on the State University railway. The exterior wall was finished in June, 1880. Sixty-seven convicts were building the Oxford & Henderson railway. In two years the prison earned \$648 more than all expenses.

Percentage Of Deaths.

In 1881 it was found that the mortality among the convicts at work on the Western N. C. railway was nearly double that among those on the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley railway; in spite of the fact that the former were picked men and the latter rejected men. Ninetenths of those on the high mountain work were negroes and the winter cold was too severe for them as they were chiefly from the milder counties of the east.

Negro Convict Hero.

December 30th, 1882, twenty-two convicts at work on the Western N. C. railway were drowned by the sinking of a flat boat at the ferry across the Tuckasee river. Forty-five men were on the boat, and someone cried out that it was sinking. A panic resulted. The legislature made a full investigation of this occurrence. Sam Pickett, a negro convict, was the hero of the occasion, saving some persons and getting a full pardon from Gov. Jarvis.

Insurrection.

April 16, 1887, the first overt act of insubordination in all the history of the prison occurred. In the evening a large number of convicts became greatly excited and claimed to be terribly alarmed because a convict who had armed himself had to be knocked down and disarmed. Some claimed he had been killed and 60 refused to go into their cells. Troops were sent to the prison but the convicts next day all surrendered and were appropriately dealt with.

Examination For Teachers.

There will be an examination for teachers' certificates held in Oxford August 30th and 31st.

J. F. WEBB.

Your battery should have water about every two weeks. Stop at Wiltard Service Station.