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CAROLINIANS.

Greensboro.-Thieves smashed the plate glass front door of the Pomona Mercantile company's store here and removed goods valued at \$2,000

Winston-Salem .- In default of two bonds, aggregating \$1,500, Fred Dobbins, a negro, is in jail awaiting trial this city.

New Bern .- An effort is being made in New Bern, fostered by the chamber of commerce, the Rotary club and the Woman's club, to substitute the city manager form of government for the present aldermanic system.

Charlotte.—Telegrams to Mrs. John C. Kilgo state that Bishop Kilgo was T. Finney, and that his condition was good following the operation.

Red Sprngs.-The British embassy at Washington has notified President Vardell of Flora Macdonald college, that the ambassador, Sir Auckland Geddes, will reach Fayetteville, accompanied by his private sevretary.

in his pockets bore the name of J. B. Taylor, of Arlington, Ga., and he also carried a Woodman of the World receipt from the Winnsboro, S. C., camp,

Kinston. - Operatives in the Kins-Beaufort have started working four system. days a week, it was announced, this being an increase of one day over the schedules of the last few months.

Burlington.-With reports from several of the large tobacco markets of this state in the office of the Burlington chamber of commerce, that organization has given out the fact that the Burlington market for the weed soared high above the average reported in other markets. The average here ranged around \$24 to \$26.

Raleigh.-Retiring Governor Thomas Walter Bickett, takes up the practice of law in Raleigh, and has accepted employment as attorney for Congressman R. L. Doughton, of the Elighth North Carolina district, in the contest started by Dr. Ike Campbell, for the seat in congress to which Mr. Doughton was declared elected.

Greensboro. - A two-story frame building, used by the Sanitary Mattress company as a storeroom, was completely destroyed by fire.

Wilson.-Elder Thomas Felton, one of the oldst and most substantial citizens of this county died at his home near Saratoga in his 81st year.

Raleigh.-D. J. Ward, sixty year old man under sentence of death from Columbus county for murder in the first degree will not die in the electrie chair, his sentence having been commuted to thirty years imprisonment by Governor Bickett.

Charlotte.—The Charlotte internal pevenue tax division has absorbed the Statesville division, with P. G. Kiser, shief division deputy of the Charlotte division, in charge of the enlarged district, according to instructions received by Mr. Kiser.

Asheville.-Death has claimed Arthur Raymond Luetchford well-known landscape artist, who came to Ashewile two years ago from Havana, Cuist, seeking health. Prior to his trip upon the famous public parks of the Ouban city.

Durham-Charging that they set Are to and destroyed a house several miles west of this city in order that he could not move into it on the following day, Gilliam Riley had a warrant issued against Frank Kurtz, white, and Sam Green, colored, charglag them with arson.

Charlotte .- John F. Orr, for 50 years with the First National Bank, has resigned as cashier, Robert C. Johnson the arst president, R. Z. McAden.

Huntersville.-At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Huntersville here it was decided to from nine to 17.

The Grand Jury Make MANY FARM-Their Report

Hon. John H. Kerr. Judge Presiding January Term, Superior Court for Warren County.

We have completed the duties assigned us by law and our respective oaths, and beg leave to report the in their present "Valley of Trouble. same and ask for a discharge.

We have passed upon all bills sent to us the Grand Jury and also brought to our attention by Hon Garland E on the charge of stealing two cars in Midyette, solicitor of this Judicial district.

> We have examined through a Committee of this Body the Home for Age and Infirm. We find the home in good condition, and all inmates well kept and suitably provided for.

We visited the Jail in a Body and found the same in Sanitary condition and inmates comfortable.

We visited the offices of the County operated on at the Union Memorial Officials and find them in good condi-Hospital at Baltimore by Dr. John M. tion and well kept, and the officials very courteous.

We also find that the present system of paying salaries instead of fees saving to the taxpayers of the County. Recommendations

We receommend for the considera tion of the Board of County Commis

1st .- A satisfactory Heating Plant for Concord. - The body of a young the Court House, believing it will be white man was found beside the rail- both economical and much more sat way tracks in this city. Papers faund isfactory and efficient than the present method of heating each office and the Court Room by individual stoves, with their attendant mess and inefficiency.

2nd-A sanitary drinking fountain in ton Cotton mills, Orion Knitting mills the Corrid of the Court House, in place and the latter's branches here and at of the present poor and unsanitary

> Respectfully submitted, Foreman.

High School Notes.

Enrollment reached 197 during th first week after the holidays. This is two less than the maximum enrollreturns of so large a number is very gratifying and counts well for the work of the year.

The following pupils made a perfect attendanhe record, and a satisending December 22:

Lavell, Ethell Wright, Earl Connell, John Mustian, Alois Mullen.

Second Grade-William Dameron, Raymond Bowen, Leon Hoffler, Madison Williams, Beulah May Deal, Edith Terrell.

Myrtle Prescott, Ercelle Williams, William Hester, Levy Hicks, Edward Knight.

Fourth Grade-Mattie Dameron, Belle Mullen, Norman Lovell, William Taylor.

Dowtin. Sixth Grade-Willie Hall Johnson, Mary Frances Rodwell, Helen Rodgers, Virginia Shell, Douglas Mustian. Seventh Grade Lucy Marshall

Johnson, Raymond Loyd, Walter Boyd

Taylor, Lucy Scoggin, Elizabeth Rooker, Hugh Holt.

Elizabeth Johnson. Eleventh Grade-John Henderson,

Warrenton High School will partic- at its full market value. to this city he was engaged in work | ipate in the coming Triangular Debate. against us is not know at this time, pay the cost of a Warehouse in Warbut nofication of th arrangement is ren county in two years; that the optimism pervaded his hearers. expected from Chapel Hill in the next properly stored cotton would be enfew days. Olivia Burwell, Dorothy hanced in value enough in the crop

school.

Allen Hilliard.

HIGHWAY PROGRESSING

Township should see that the Road twelve months. And the farmer will farmer is a movable foundation, and ital stock of the institution from \$10. from Warr nton to the Fork line is know from his own Warehouses of the if you don't move from now to the 000 to \$20,000. It was also decided put in permanent condition to make South when he begins to plant his day of Judgment you don't deserve to increase the number of directors an unbroken chain of good road from cotton exactly how much is already on any better than you have had. "Gen-Centerville to Warrenton.

ERS PRESENT

The Court Room was comfortably filled Saturday to listen to addresses by several citizens of the County who are interested in aiding the Farmers

Mr. B. B. Williams had as his topic "Why he Farmer Should Organize." Mr. Frank H. Gibbs addressed the farmers along the line that "It is to the interest of all other business to aid the farmer except the Speculator.'

Mr. Palmer insisted that the farmers are paying more than their share

Judge Kerr spoke of the economic development of our people showing what we had done in the past few years. He spoke of the rapid stride the State had made in the value of its crops, reaching fifth place, even under the low prices now prevailing. Mr. Swain, the Secretary of the North Carolina Cotton Association next addressed the audience. He said

in part:

"Let us begin to have some pride. Let us loook upon farming as a necessary business. We haven't regarded our business with any degree of respect. We are engaged in an industry absolutely necessary to the prosperity and happiness of the world. Agriculture is the bed-rock, the foundation upon which all stand.

There are some things the world cannot do with out. One of these is cotton. The man who produces the white, fleecy locks of cotton is bringing into the world an essential product. It is both food and clothing.

"Yet with all of its importance how have we treated it? As soon as we put it in a package we handle it as if we were afraid that somebody would refuse to buy it. In coming from Mr. Palmer's house this morning I saw at least 200 bales of cotton lying exposed to the weather-some of squarely on the ground. You treat it with the greatest respect while you are growing it, you gather the seed hedged about with financial safement of the fall session. The prompt cotton carefully and store it away, and I venture to say that if someone stole five pounds you would have him before Judge Kerr for larceny. But as soon as you put it in a marketable package, as soon as you bale it you loose respect for it, and begin to wonfactory class record for the month der what price somebody will give. Not what shall I ask, but what will Frist Grade-John Liles, Loretta somebody say it weighs and what will any grade and get better than the somebody give me for it after he has said what he thinks it weighs. He spoke along this line at some length very interestingly, and of the necessity for a change. He told his farmer auditors that a change had to Third Grade-Maywood Modlin, come, or their condition would become worse, instead of better.

He spoke of the necessity for or ganization; of the fact that previous organizations had been spoken of as failures, but that they were not; that they were but stepping stones to find Fifth Grade-Thurmutis Loyd, John | the best way out of the difficulty which had always beset the farmer. That light was ahead and that it woud become raidant sunshine should the and of the Liverpool market. farmer but organize.

the necessary things which would follow organization he spoke of the Eigth Grade-Cora Green, Leonora Storage Warehouses. He pointed to antee 8 per cent. dividends, and on the fact that the cotton stored in these warehouses would be graded by a gov-Ninth Grade-Clifford Robertson, ernment grader and weighed by a government weigher, and that the certificate issued by the Warehouse would be received by the banks as collateral or would be taken by the Mills | the South's friend. We will have more

The fact was brought out that the Just what schools will be pitted proper grading of cotton would alone Walters, Emily Hilliard, and Hattie of the South to pay for all the Ware-

Connell will represent Warrenton houses in a year. most potential influence for the up-We are informed that the Contrac- has been offerd him n a life-time. It tors for the Warren-Franklin High- means that the buyer will have to

sign will control the acreage. "Organization is absolutely essential. We must know that you mean business." The success of the organization will favorably effect every other business. "I ask that the merchant, the doctor the lawyer, the banker put their influence behind this great movement for the aid of the cotton grower and the emancipation of the South." We have a right to expect your aid.

"We ar coming to you on the 31st of January and ask your aid. Before April 1st we want a legal, bina ing contract with every cotton grower to turn over your cotton to your organization to handle for you. We already have 32 warehouseo in North Carolina; 69 in South Carolina; Texas a great many; the other cotton states are rapidly falling into line. Lets stick together. You ought to have the manhood, the backbone to get into this this thing. It means your financial independence. Already in Cumberland county 2,000 fasmers have signed this contract; Mecklenburg has done splendidly.

At the close of Mr. Swain's address, of which the above is a mere synopsis, Judge Kerr arose and said, "I have heard Mr. Swains most instructive speech with great pleasure, and move that this audience show its appreciation by a rising vote." The audience arose unanimously.

Mr. Galoway, of the American Products Export and Import Corporation, with authorized capital of Ten million dollars, was given an attentive hearing.

This Corporation is receiving warm welcome throughout the South from farmers, bankers, business men and all professions except the speculators. Its purpose is to export the South's cotton to European countries and finance the deal; providing marnets where none now exist for lack of money: and having no money because the mills cannot get the raw cotton 'o manufacture and turn the money." This organization proposes to furnish the cotton on splendid collateral and wait for a year or even fifteen months for the countries importing to manufacture the cotton and sell the cloth to their own people. This cotton is guards until it is manufactured and

paid for. It is estimated that that Corporation will pay the farmer-stockholders 8 per cent. from the beginning, and the farmer who sells his cotton through the organization half of the profits above 8 per cent. So that as a farmer you may ship your cotton of market price in America, and then spindles are idle for lack of arrangements by which they can get the cotton, and millions are wearing paper clothes because they can't get the cot-

In 1912 we exported to Germany to Germany 55,000 bales.

In 1912 we exported to 9ngland 4, England 2,494,000 bales. This Export and Import Corpora-

tion will mean that the South will be financially independent of Wall Street

Ship your cotton with the tag we As one of the great things; one of furnish you to our warehouses in Greensboro or Charlotte and we will issue you its value in stock and guartop of that one-half of all profits above that amount.

> Mr. Gallaway had many convincing proofs and endorsements of the American Export and Import Corporation, including that of Secretary McAdoo, in a later edition to say of this plan, but space forbids more details of statistical nature. Mr. Galloway's address was convincing and a feeling of

> President John B. Davis in an earnest appeal to the farmers closed the

He spoke of his attendance upon the The American Cotton Association meeting in Raleigh of the Cotton and is, n the opinion of the speaker the Tobacco Associations. He said he had pointed to prepare a program for the been asked about the number present. next meeting. building of the Southern farmer that He didn't know; but he did know that the Newspapers said 3000 farmers were in attendance, and if it was a lie way through Fork township will move come to the seller, and nstead of ask- it was a "Newspaper lie." But he did then cashier, beginning service under their Camp to Inez in the next few ng, "Mr. Buyer what will you give me, know that they stuck to the meeting to Honorable John H. Kerr, Judge the first president, R. Z. McAden. days and will work both ways from "the buyer will say "Mr. Seller what and signed the pledge to a man. They Inez. We understand that the Con- will you take.'.' Instead of cotton came from business and they transacttractors are building a splendid road. being thrown on the market in three ed business. They say that the farm-The Commissioners of Warrenton months, it will be sold monthly for er won't stick. I thank God, that the hand, and his contract which he must tlemen, you have worked harder, you

have worked harder, you have worked more days in the year and got less for it than any set of men on God's green earth. You have not only worked yourselves, but you have worked your wives and children. You have made millions and yet are as poor as the devil. You have brains and you should use them. You have no right to work your wife in the field in order to make a living. She ought to be in the home. How can you look into the face of the woman yoo led to the altar, the bride with sparkling eyes and blushing cheeks; how can you look into her face and know these things and not remedy them? How can you?

"I ask that every man under the sound of my voice resolve that hence forth he will be a man, and organize and work out his own salvation.

"Gentlemen, you will meet with all kinds of opposition. They will tell you it can't be done. It is a hard fight, but if you stick to this plan it will work out your salvation."

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

There were only two or three matters of Special interest the general public in the Superior Court.

One of these was the suit brought against the Board of County Commissioners by Mr. J. Davis and others to break up the Special School district voted into existence last year and composed of part of Fork and of Shocco townships. This matter was by consent of Counsel on both sides referred to Hon. John H. Kerr as to finding of Fact.

The matter was heard on Thursday morning, and after going thoroughly into the matter, checking the tax list it was found as a matter of fact that the petition asking the privilege of vot ing for and against the district was not signed by one-fourth of the Free holders. Of course this nulifies the district, and no tax can be levied.

The other case was that of State vs Henry Falkener.

Court adjourned Thursday after-

WISE ITEMS

The body of Vance H. St Sing, who died in France in the service of his country has been returned to his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. H. St. Sing, and tenderly buried by his any friends and associates of the Wise community.

Funeral services were held at Sharon Church on Sunday January 9th, and in spite of the extremely bad weather, the church was well filled. Some of the boys who also wore the khaki "over there" acted as pall bearers. An appropriate sermon was preached by Rev. Mr. Britt, pastor one-half of excess profits. Millions of of the church, of which Vance was an esteemed member, having been Secretary of the Young Men's Bible Class at the time of entering the

A very successful meeting of the 3,393,000 bales; in 1919 we exported Betterment Association was held at the school building at Wise on the afternoon of January 5th. There were 343,000 bales; in 1919 we exported to twenty-two present, this fact being largely due to the efforts of Miss Harrison and Miss Kimball in advertising the meeting.

The program consisted of talks and readings bearing upon the present educatoinal status of North Carolina, and a resolution was passed urging our representatives to support measures looking toward the improvement of our entire school system.

Refreshments were served, and few minutes of sociability ensured before adojurnment was in order. Meeting Wise Betterment

Merry Mount

The Merry Mount Betterment Association met on Friday Jan. 6th at German disarmament and other matthe school house. There were twelve present. The teacher of the school talked to the children about the care of the teeth and distributed samples of tooth paste.

After school was dismissed the women present discussed ways and means of improving their school environment, and a committee was ap-

REPORT OF SOLICITOR

Warren County Superior Court, January Term, 1921

I have examined the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of this County and I find it supplied with necessary books, papers and records, and to be in good condition.

G. E. MIDYETTE Ordered recorded:

JOHN H. Kerr,

Judge Presiding.

POSITION OF WASHINGTON AS TO KILLING OF AMERICAN OFFICER PROBLEMATIC.

TO REOPEN THORNY QUESTION

Uneasiness is Felt in Many Japanese Cities Regarding Relations With the United States.

Tokio.-Government officials have not as yet made public the text of the American note protesting against the shooting of Naval Lieutenant W H. Langdon, by a Japanese sentry at Vladivistok. Publicists, however, express the belief that Washington has not only asked reparation with guarantees removing a probability of similar incidents in future, but also had again pointed out to Japan the wisdom of reducing if not withdrawing altogether, her troops from Siberia.

This would open the old thorny question which Japan, herself has been finding difficulty in settling. division of opinion exists in government circles as to the Siberian probdem, it is reported.

The correspondent of The Associat ed Press, who has just returned to Tokio from a visit to many of the larger cities of the far east, found some uneasiness everywhere regarding relations between Japan and the United States. In well informed circles these misgivings appeared to be based more upon what was described as "Japan's resentment to any American policy calculated to curb Japanese expansion 'in Asia," than upon the California question. The latter problem, while touching Japan's national prestige and the interests of Japanese in America is apparently not regarded with the same seriousness as are some other problems which materially affect the interests of Nippon at or nearer home.

Harding Declines Invitation.

Washington. - President-elect and Mrs. Harding have declined an invitation to attend a charity ball to be held here March 4 as a substitute for the discarded inaugural ball. The committee in charge announced that Mr. Harding had replied that he could not with propriety attend a ball of any sort at the time, in view of opinions he had already expressed against holding an inaugural ball.

100 Thrown Into Bay.

Rio Janeiro.-At least three persons were drowned and 17 injured when approximately 100 passengers were thrown into the bay here by the collapse of a gangplank being used by passengers boarding steamship Tras-Os-Montes. It is believed many more lost their lives.

Special Session April 4.

Washington .- President-elect Harding practically has decided to call a special session of the new congress on April 4, members of the house and ways and means committee were informed by Chairman Fordney, who has just returned from a conference with Mr. Harding at Marion.

Refused to Review.

Washington .- The supreme court fused to review a judgment of the supreme court of California holding that the United States railroad administration was not immpne from damage suits, arising from the operation of a common carrier in that state.

To Meet January 25, Paris.-Premiers Lloyd George and Briand will meet for a conference on ters now awaiting settlement on January 25, it was announced here. The date for this conference was at first for January 19.

Tobacco Sales Again Begun. Lexington, Ky .- Selling of the 1920 crop of burley or eigarette tobacco in central Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio. was resumed after a delay of 13 days due to efforts of persons interested in the growing of the crop to force prices to a higher level.

Investigating Ballon Flight. Rockaway, N. Y .- The naval board of inquiry appointed by Secretary of the Navy Daniels met here to begin its investigation of the balloon flight of Lieutenant Kloor, Farrell and Hin-

Georgians Pledge Reduction. Macon, Ga.-Committees of business men are at work in practically all mi-Ittia districts in Georgia, it became known, obtaining signatures to pledge cards to reduce cotton acresse onethird this year.