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LOCAL NEWS.

W. F. Trogdon, Esq, went o Winston last week on busi-

Mrs. J. G. Jennings, of Taylorsville, is visiting relatives in this county.

It has been suggested that the "Second Battle of Seven Pines" should be called the 'Battle of Chunk's Run."

Mr. and Mrs. R L. Scroggs, who have been at Brownsville, Texas, for some time, arrived at their old home at Moravian Falls last week.

The Elkin Times says: "Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Wellborn returned from Charlotte !ast week. The doctor's health is much improved.

Miss Myrtle Pardue, who has been spending a few days here, returned Saturday to her position at Dr. Long's Sanatorium at Statesville.

Esq. Frank Mitchell, of Spurgeon, was in to see us last week and he says people are trying to get their corn planted in his section.

Lawyer C. G. Gilreath made a business trip up in the Red dies River Gap section of Union township last week and reports plenty of whooping cough in that scetion.

We notice in the Supreme court decisions that the case of W. L Bryan vs. the C. J. Cowles' heirs was decided in favor of Bryan. He is recoving about \$5,000 in some land matters.

Since the close of the school at Elkin in which Miss Nellie Rousseau taught music, she has been engaged in teaching a private music class at that place.

Mr. C. Y. Miller returned Friday from Caldwell county where he has been for several weeks opening up a marble yard at Lenoir. He is high ly pleased with Caldwell coun- ter. ty and the people there and thinks it is among the best counties in the State and he is right about it.

Mr. L. L. Walker, of Boom er, was in town last week. He told us of the death of Mr. Anderson Whittington which Monday, May 15th. In case occurred Wednesday night at the home of Mr. Jeff Eller near plication and wish to become a Boomer. Mr. Whittington had member, write me at once for been sick for about three blank applications and rules weeks. He was about 75 years and regulations governing the old and was both deaf and dumb

The cold wave which swept over the north west and north last week, with plenty of snow in some places, didn't quite forget us. It jamped on the mercury and run it down prety low, and there was a few cicles in the air and several samples of frost were left lying around loose.

Day after to-morrow, Fri day, is the County Commence ment. The exercises will be held at the auditorium of the high school at this place. The address will be made by Mr, that of one year ago. C. H. Mebane, ex-Superintendent of of the State, and every body should hear him. In the May 5, 1911. afternoon, beginning at 2 o'clock, the diplomas will be awarded. Let every body whocan, attend.

Lewis West, the negro who killed deputy sheriff Munford at Wilson in February, was electrocuted Saturday at the Springfield, Ill., and works all State penitentlary,

INFORMATION ABOUT WILKES.

The Agricultural Department at Raleigh has received a letter of inquiry from one Mr. Carl Heinrich Vogel, of New Jersey, who is desirous of procuring a farm in Wilkes county. Mr. Vol gel seems to be in earnest both about wanting to come to Wilkes and about the "fine sober drink" made of "apple whiskey." As matter of general information, it may be stated that it will be no trouble for Mr. Vogel to get "ship ped in secrete" all the "apple whiskey" he may want for "sober drinks," but everybody from the Aid Societies to the Whitling Clubs, will know it as soon as the and offer their free assistance in aiding him to keep "sober" as long as the drinks last. Here is

the letter: "Dear Sir:-I like to buy a Wilkes farm, can I slay downfield, or is there the legislature that the forest must be forest for ever, like at Germany. There must be one-fifth of the farm formust use the regular lawful farm in this State. What means that? Is there another law concerning through the holes and wrappurchase, than in other States? ping around the cross pieces. corded by the court be I then not the real owner because I be still a stranger? Have I to live some years in that State before I be the real owner? Is there any special iaw or legislature at North Carolina? And of which style is that? North Carolina is temperance State or prohibition I know and I don't like saloons or whiskey stores. But I like still liberty and suppose I get me shipped in secrete some bottles of apple whiskey to make me at home my own milk punch (that is a very fine sober drink), is there any hard punishment if I use such drink only for my own use Please give me the particulars

ABOUT THE CORN CLUBS.

about the Legislature in that quar

To the Wiikes County Corn Boys:

The time for sending in applications for membership in the Boys' Corn Clubs expires you have not sent in your apcontest. The names of members are placed on the mailing list of the Department of Agriculture at Washington and Rateigh to receive all publications of these departments which pertain to the cultivation of crops, the preparation of the soil, etc. Badges are also furnished free by the

State. Several prizes besides those offered by the State Department of Agriculture will be given to the members of these clubs in this county.

Our membership in this coun ty is 260 per cent greater than

C. C. WRIGHT. Co. Supt. of Schools

W. M. Pruitt, of Greensboro, has a patent for making ice without the use of amonia or acids. It is claimed that under | way. his process-ice can be manufactured at from 65c to \$1 per ton. A machine has been tried

HOW TO MAKE A ROAD DRAG.

Our friend D. F. Shepherd, of Ready Branch, was in our of road drag for very little mon- time. ey. Here are the directions as well as we remember:

Take two pieces of lumber 4x10, 7 feet long for the two runners or drags. Sharpen the bottom edge from the back so that the front edge remains straight. On the front lower edge of these runners fasten a flat piece of iron about 3 inches wide and as long as the runner Set the runners about 20 inches apart and the hind runner "bottles" arrive and will flock should be set sufficiently to the in large audiences to his home left of the front one so that when moving at an angle of about 45 degrees the two will "track." The runners are fastened together by three pieces of 2x4 lumber about 20 inches long, which are notched into some of the wood and use for the top of the runners and nailed well. These should be put on square across, and a wide plank nailed along the top to stand on. Two holes are bored est. One agent wrote to me we in the front runner near the cross-pieces, in which a log chain is fastened by running I mean if I buy that ground re- The stretchers can be hitched at any point in the chain so as te make the drag run at any angle desired.

It doesn't cost much to make a drag like this and it will do the work of two or three dozen men when properly managed. Every overseer in the county should have one.

IMPORTANT INVESTIGATION.

Congress, especially the dem ocratic House, is in an investigating frame of mind. Just in one day last week the house decided to investigate the shoe graft business, wherein it is charged that one Boston firm by the use of money, has procured all the contracts for fur nishing shoos and boots to the army and navy; the steel trust the sugar trust: the wool trust and the consular services where it is charged that favoritism and partiality is being used. Already committees have been appointed to investigate the expenditures of the departments, the "lame duck commissioners," the 'referee sys tem" of the postoffice department and many other things. There is plenty room for investigations and it is to be hoped they will result in good for everybody.

AGAINST THE HOBBLE.

There is something good in Queens after all. Queen Mary, of England, has put the ban on the hobble and harem skirt for the good old reason that "they are not decent," No lady in England will wear these skirts since the Queen has put the ban on them.

It is believed that the Queen will further help humanity by placing the ban on huge hats and pyramids of store hair. Long live the Queen!

help her. New Orleans is the place for the Exposition any-

The State Press Association, which meets at Lenoir this year, has been postponed from Jane 20th to June 27th.

NEWS AND COMMENTS.

The case of Senator Lorimer, of Illinois, is to be re-opened in fice a few days ago and told us the Senate, He will probably how he had made a splendid get to leave the Senate this

> The democratic House will tackle the wocl schedule of the tariff next. This schedule is admitted by all, even President Taft, to be indefensibly iniquitous

The commissioners of Cabarrus county have passed a reso lution forbidding the sale of liquor by druggists or pharmacists in that county. The "dry" fellows will have to go to Char-

Hon. W. C. Newland, of Lenoir, was in Raleigh last week and declared that he is in the race for Governor and intends to be in the race till the finish This will help to keep things lively.

The country is progressing. The latest card game of the "upper tens" is called "tout atout," and is pronounced "too tatoo." Wonder what would happen if Gabriel should happen to join the "tooting."

The farmers free list bill will cut off from the government about \$8,000,000 tariff taxes, But it is estimated to save the farmers about \$300,-000,000 which is yearly paid to the trusts. That would be some help.

The Senate committee has reported favorably on the prop osition to elect Senators by direct vote of the people. The democrats and progressive republicans of the committee voted to report favorably, while the old line republicans oppo-

The "carpet bag" bond collecting company of New York, the fellows that Marion Butler formerly associated with to collect the North Carolina bonds, is again at work trying to discredit North Carolina bonds. It is a blackmaling process for the purpose of trying to compel the State to pay the old carpet bag repudiated bonds. Butler may be tack of this new move. It is just like him.

Old Man Rockefeller must have a cinch on the shoe busi ness as his agents of the med ical division have pronounced against children going barefooted, for fear the hookworm will bore up through the children's tough heels and infect their whole system. Really the hookworm can bore thro' most of the children's shoes sold these days much easier than they can bore through the hide of the children's feet. Just as well go barefooted.

Governor Harmon, of Obio, who has been trying to get some meritorious matters thro' the Ohio Legislature and failed, decided to see what the trouble was. Detectives went to work and soon discovered that there was wholesale bri-New Orleans is going to have bery going on, that the "inter-Panama Canal Exposition, ests" were purchasing enough even if Uncle Sam did refuse to members of the Legislature to prevent any legislation not approved by them. As a result, some 40 members of that body have to answer charges made by the grand jury.

> The Asheville people last chesp ror cash. week voted almost solidly for a custow law for the city.

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