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OUR WATER SUPPLY.

Cold Water Creek Will Yield Fine Supply.—Supply in City Wells Diminishing.—Present Supply Adequate for Domestic Purposes Only.
On account of the almost unprecedented drought, no better time ever presented itself to test the various sources of water supply within the piedmont section of North Carolina. As Concord is now constructing a water line that will furnish water for this city for probably several years. Superintendent Rutledge made an inspection trip along Cold Water creek to ascertain first hand this creek's capacity to furnish water, even when conditions are as they now are, which is not likely to occur within several decades, and he reports that he is highly gratified with the conditions.

The creek was inspected for a mile and a half above where it will be tapped for the supply. Eight inches of water was found and it showed a flow of fifty feet within thirty four seconds. This measurement was taken on the surface and no test was made of the sand bottom, which is from 12 to 14 feet deep and contains a large quantity of water, which would prove of an inestimable value in a crisis in the water situation like the present. Another feature of the sand bottom is the fact that it causes a natural filtration, which is looked upon by engineers and water experts as a decided advantage when the purity of the water supply is considered. As several streams were considered when it was decided to enlarge the water plant an inspection was also made of Coddle creek, which showed a flow, where it was found, of 10 feet in ninety seconds, but it was found to be dry in most places.

Another fact that the drought has demonstrated is that it would be impossible to get a sufficient supply of water from either of the creek or the river at a time like the present unless a dam was built.

The present city water supply is proving sufficiently adequate for domestic purposes only. That is with an uninterrupted power, and, with the Catawba river in its present state, it is doubtful if the Southern Power Co. can furnish an uninterrupted current. Nothing short of this will suffice however, as it is necessary to operate the pumps night and day to supply sufficient water for domestic purposes only, and without doing this it will be impossible to furnish the supply.

It requires a 50 horse power motor to operate the air pumps that lift the water out of the wells and a 150 horse power motor to force the water to the stand pipe, and it requires continuous power to keep this machinery in operation. The stand pipe can be filled within three hours, but the city is straining every resource to keep a surplus supply of water on hand in case of fire. There are three artesian wells that furnish the supply, two on Spring street, 150 feet deep and the other 750 feet deep but on the same vein as the larger well, and one at the pump station 950 feet deep. While the supply of these wells has decreased considerably, there appears no immediate danger of their becoming exhausted. Three years ago these wells furnished a supply of 300,000 gallons a day. The supply now measures about 150,000 gallons. Government statistics show that wells geographically located as these are have an average life of about ten years. And from the decrease in the city's wells it shows that it is in accord with the report.

Every property owner and resident should be extremely careful as to fire and use every precaution in this regard; so let this be a timely warning.

Situation Serious at Salisbury.
Salisbury, July 31.—The water situation in Salisbury has become acute and the shortage that now stares the citizens in the face has caused much anxiety on the part of the municipal authorities. Mayor F. M. Thompson has addressed a card to all citizens to save their water and warns all against a waste at this time. The supply comes from a creek near the city, which has shown a marked decline, and, until it rains, the shortage will increase. There is talk of running a pipe line to the Yadkin river north of Spencer at a cost of \$100,000, and placing a large filtering plant on the plant.

A Suggestion to Auto Drivers.
X X has the following in the Salisbury Post, which applies everywhere just now:
Editor Post:—Please allow through your paper a suggestion that the automobile drivers show some consideration for a man who "lives in a house by the side of the road." During when no water is available for sprinkling the dust is simply awful. Drivers can win the gratitude and praise of many citizens by running these machines at a low rate of speed so as to keep the amount of flying dust at a minimum.

Mrs. W. C. Houston is visiting relatives in Monroe.

DELIGHTFUL HOUSE PARTY.

Jolly Week Spent at Flows—A Time Always to be Remembered.
Written for The Tribune.

The young people who left last week on a house party trip, chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Graham Robinson, thoroughly enjoyed themselves and it was a perfect success in every way. All of them had the time of their young lives. The party was given in the Burleyson home at Flows.

All kinds of amusements were engaged in, dancing morning, noon and night. A grand old-fashioned square dance was participated in by all, with delightful music furnished by a darkey with an old time melodious banjo, and every one retired when daylight was approaching, not to sleep, but to think of the jolly time all were having. A little country store was visited daily by the crowd for coco-cola and stick candy, which was even better than Huyler's. Watermelons were to be had at all times and were delicious.

On Wednesday night at the big square dance were visitors from town, Misses Nellie Herring, Mary Griffith, Mildred Wallace, Louise Means, Frank Morrison, Paul Means, Mike Ramser, of China Grove. Thursday night, Messrs. Gowen Dusenberry and Fred Patterson came out to see the happy crowd. On Friday a big barbecue was prepared by the chaperone, Mr. Robinson, and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Robinson spent the day with the jolly house party.

Friday night the young men had a stag hop, which couldn't have been surpassed. Several young men came here from Harrisburg and took part in the dance.

Those who were on this delightful house party were Misses Kathleen Smith, Mary Bingham, Alice Brown, Helen Arehey, Jean Moody, of Richmond, Va., Louis Beason, of Lexington, N. C., Mrs. Bertha Moody, of Richmond, Va., Messrs. Frank Crowell, William Moody, Warren Moody, William Sherrill, Chas. Wadsworth, John Pogter, Cy White, Donald Smith. Chaperones, Mr. and Mrs. Graham Robinson.

Here's hoping that this meets with the approval of the entire party and that we may meet again in the near future.

Knights of Columbus Gathering.

Detroit, Mich., August 1.—The annual convention of the Knights of Columbus, which opened here today with a solemn mass at Holy Rosary church, has brought thousands of members of that order to Detroit. Every State and Territory in the United States, the Dominion of Canada, Mexico, Cuba, Portorico and even the Philippine Islands are represented in the gathering and many of the knights are accompanied by their wives and daughters. The convention will last three days and will be devoted to business as well as pleasure. Today was principally devoted to the reception and registry of the arriving knights at Columbus clubhouse. The program for the evening includes a banquet at the Hotel Cadillac to delegates and a minstrel show at the club house auditorium for the visiting knights.

Ensign Young Must Report to Norfolk.

Washington, July 31.—Dr. Young, father of Ensign Robert S. Young, Jr., who recently placed the young officer in a sanitarium suffering from a complete nervous breakdown following his disappearance in New York has been instructed by the Navy Department to have the young man report to the commandant of the Norfolk navy yard when he is physically able to do so. A court of inquiry will probably be necessary to determine what action, if any, shall be taken in the case.

Dance Last Night.

There was a delightful informal dance at the Elks' home last evening. Those dancing were: Misses Ashlyn Lowe, Jean Moody, Helen Archey, Louise Means, Louise Reason, of Lexington, and Alice Brown; Messrs. Ross Cannon, William and Warren Moody, John Porter, Fred Patterson, Eugene Barnhardt, Gowen Dusenberry, Luther Brown and Frank Crowell. Chaperones: Mrs. J. W. Cannon, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Cannon, Mrs. S. J. Lowe and Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Barnhardt.

The proverbial "million dollar rain" soaked Minnesota and the Northwest Sunday. From points in every state in the wheat belt came the reports that water enough to carry growing crops through the crucial state has fallen. The Winona potato growers assert the rain there for the late crop. Advisers from North Dakota say that a good flax crop is assured.

All records for high temperature on the Mojave Desert were broken early last week, when the thermometer reached 140 degrees at Salt Basin in Death Valley.

Mr. John Cannon is visiting friends in Winston-Salem.

IN POLICE COURT.

Duncan Cook Up On a Charge of Larceny and Selling Liquor.

Duncan Cook, a frequent offender in police circles, is again in the limbo and will have to satisfy the court beyond a reasonable doubt that he is not guilty on the charge of larceny and selling liquor before he is allowed his freedom. From the facts that have been given out concerning the case it seems that Cook and L. C. Cannon, a young man from the country, were together yesterday afternoon and night. When the time came for Cannon to go home he states that Cook induced him to spend the night here. The two securing adjoining rooms at the St. Cloud.

The following facts are from the account of the robbery as told to Police Sloop, who made the arrest: Cannon stated that he was awakened by Cook and told to get up as it was time for him to go home. He got up and came to the front of the hotel, where he looked at his watch and found that it was 2 o'clock and when he put his watch in his pocket he missed his money. He told Police Sloop of the matter and he arrested Cook. Cook declared that he was innocent and told the officer to search him. He was searched but no money found. Cook was locked up, however, and during the morning he told the officer where the money was, and he in company with the policeman went to the rear of Gibson Drug Store, where the wallet containing the money was found in a coal box. It is believed by the officers that Cook put it there while Cannon was reporting the matter to Police Sloop. Cannon stated that he had \$12.00 when he went to bed but only \$9.00 was recovered. Cook is also charged with buying a pint of liquor for Cannon during the evening.

John Koonce, colored, was fined \$24.88 for being drunk and firing his pistol at his home near Lovetown.

Good Roads Picnic at Harrisburg.

At the last meeting of the Harrisburg local of the Farmers' Union, we decided that the most important thing confronting all our people today was the permanent improvement of our public highways. And in order to arouse the people to a fuller conception of what we were losing by bad roads, it was agreed that we would have a "Good Roads Picnic" at Harrisburg on Wednesday, the 23rd day of August.

We hope to have with us some of the best informed road builders in the state, and also some one from the National Bureau of Public Roads, to make addresses on the subject of improving our common dirt or clay roads.

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Everybody interested in the improvement of our roads is invited to be present and help along a good cause. Refreshments will be served on the grounds at moderate prices. Let all who are interested in the improvement of our roads and the uplift of rural conditions come and help us enjoy the day.

Very respectfully,
W. W. AUTAN,
L. H. QUAY,
J. E. THOMPSON,
Committee.

The Farmers' Institute.

The farmers' institute is in session here today and a large crowd of farmers and their wives are in attendance. The session for the men is being held at the court house as we go to press and the following is the program: Soil Improvements and Legumes—E. S. Millhops.

Poultry on the Farm—J. P. Kerr. Plant Diseases and Spraying—Dr. F. L. Stevens.

General discussion. The ladies meeting was held at the Elks' Home and most interesting talks on the following subjects were had:

Health in the Farm Home—Mrs. Emelia Orr.

The Cooking of Meats—Mrs. Charles McKinnon.

Moral Training of Our Children—Mrs. Orr.

A report of these meetings will appear tomorrow.

Change in Express Business.

New York, August 1.—In accordance with arrangements previously made the Wells-Fargo Express Company today took over the business of the Pacific Express Company, which has been operating over the Wabash, Wheeling Lake Erie, Missouri Pacific, Iron Mountain, Cotton Belt, Texas & Pacific and International & Great Northern railroads.

Bellevue Hospital in New York has established a training school for midwives. The fact that the stork made 52,000 visits to United States homes in 1910, without a doctor to welcome, convinced Bellevue of the need.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Some of the People Here and Elsewhere Who Come and Go.

Mr. Carl Spears has returned from a week's visit to Montreal.

Mr. Roy Duncan, of Norfolk, Va., is visiting friends in the city.

Miss Elma Byles has returned from a visit to friends in Charlotte.

Miss Ashlyn Lowe will leave tomorrow for Lancaster to visit friends.

Mr. E. V. Correll has returned to his home in Bunyon.

Miss Olivet Cline and Carrie Heilig are visiting friends in Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cannon are spending the day in Winston-Salem.

Miss Helen Suther has returned from Durham, where she has been visiting relatives.

Mr. H. B. Slack, of Mebane, is visiting her parents, Rev. and Mrs. N. R. Richardson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Allison left last night for Atlantic City to spend several weeks.

Miss Annie Belle Mills, of Statesville, is visiting Miss Emma Cannon, of No. 2 township.

Miss Sallie Murr, of Charlotte, is visiting her mother, Mrs. George M. Murr, on East Depot street.

Mr. Ernest Porter left this morning for Greensboro where he will enter Page's School of Pharmacy.

Miss Mattie Ross has returned from Sanford, where she has been visiting her mother, Mrs. J. M. Ross.

Mrs. J. C. Hill, who has been visiting Mrs. W. C. Correll, has returned to her home in Abbeville, S. C.

Messrs. W. W. Flowe, W. R. Archibald and W. S. Bingham have gone to Linville to spend a week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Haywood, Jr., Mrs. R. O. Burton and Miss Burton will leave Friday for Blowing Rock.

Mr. F. B. Crooks, of Jacksonville, Fla., arrived this morning to visit his mother's family here for two weeks.

Miss Lucy Brown will arrive tomorrow from Tarboro where she has been visiting Miss Eliza Pender for a fortnight.

Miss Bessie Bangle will leave Saturday for Portland, Me., to visit Miss Alice Hersey. Miss Bangle will also visit in New York.

Misses Carrie Heilig and Ollie Jane Cline left this morning for Wilmington, where they will visit relatives for a week.

Mrs. George Richmond and little son, Caleb, of Valdosta, Ga., are visiting at the home of Judge Montgomery.

Mrs. Grover Love has returned from No. 10 township, where she has been visiting her father, Mr. Bunyan Green.

Samuel Pemberton, who has been visiting at the home of Dr. W. D. Pemberton, will leave tonight for Fredericksburg, Va., to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Deal and son, Walter, who have been visiting at the home of Mr. John W. Cline, have returned to their home in Salisbury.

Rev. J. Walter Simpson left this morning in his Maxwell car for Rock Hill, S. C., on a visit to his father, Dr. I. Simpson, who is an invalid and is reported much worse.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Robinson are spending the day in Salisbury. They intended to go on No. 36, but missed the train and were taken up by Mr. L. E. Boger in his automobile.

Mrs. C. W. Hopkins, of Atlanta, is visiting at the home of Mr. T. F. Hopkins. She will go from here to Pittsburg, where she will join her husband and go from there to Niagara Falls.

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MILLS SHUT DOWN.

Drought Closes 152 Plants in The Carolinas.—Can't Get the Power.

Charlotte, July 31.—As a climax to the unprecedented drought this section is experiencing, 152 cotton mills in North and South Carolina shut down today because the water in Catawba river is so low the Southern Power company cannot supply the plants with power.

It is estimated that 70,000 operatives are thrown out of employment. It is expected that work will be resumed in a few days as the weather bureau records show a deficiency of this section.

Creeks which have not gone dry in 45 years are mudholes, and distress among the rural population dependent for water on wells is great. Mountain streams to the west, upon which flouring mills, tanneries and cotton mills are dependent for power, have dwindled to mere brooks in some instances, and many enterprises have been forced to shut down. Crops are burning up in the fields. Many farmers in this and adjoining counties, despairing of a corn crop, have chopped down the young corn and are using it for feed, while the hot winds are playing havoc with the cotton.

Cities and towns to the north and west of the city are facing the ordeal of a water famine that this city is now experiencing. At Salisbury, Concord, Spencer, Monroe, Wadesboro and other places the water supply problem has reached the serious stage and measures of economy are being rigidly enforced. The situation in Charlotte has not been improved materially, though the authorities are working night and day on the problem.

Feeling that the distress of the people is not being relieved as promptly as was hoped by means of tank trains from the river at Mount Holly, the offers of water from Gastonia, Shelby and Lincoln were today accepted and tank trains tonight brought in 50,000 gallons from each place. This is being pumped into the city mains by means of fire engines, and an additional steamer borrowed from Columbia, S. C., will augment the local fire apparatus in this work tomorrow. It is hoped by Wednesday to resume an economic service through the mains. It has been cut off since early Friday.

Special prayer services for rain were held in churches throughout the section yesterday. There was a brief shower this afternoon and rain is falling lightly tonight, with atmospheric conditions that promise relief.

Mississippi Primary.

Jackson, Miss., August 1.—A Democratic primary election is being held throughout Mississippi today for the purpose of nominating a United States senator, members of the legislature and State officials. The three-cornered senatorial fight, in which Senator Leroy Percy, ex-Governor James K. Vardaman and C. H. Alexander are the rival contestants, is the all-absorbing feature of the election.

We again ask our good friends, when telephoning to the office, to give the message to the one who answers the phone, whenever it is possible to do so. Miss Sue Nicholson is always in the office near the telephone, and will be glad to take any item of news or other message.

INCREASE OVER A MILLION.

Gratifying Increase Shown in Amount of Property Listed for Taxes in Cabarrus.

The following is the aggregate amount of real and personal property listed for taxes this year in the various townships:

Ward 3	390,000	increase	38,154
Ward 4	696,511	increase	93,188
No. 1	441,665	increase	\$133,264
No. 2	491,071	increase	112,305
No. 3	288,971	increase	80,367
No. 4	1,044,821	increase	86,469
No. 5	205,131	increase	33,773
No. 6	208,995	increase	41,095
No. 7	169,029	increase	36,711
No. 8	477,062	increase	76,182
No. 9	259,650	increase	53,734
No. 10	520,179	increase	119,818
No. 11	510,839	increase	100,273
Ward 1	1,034,630	increase	50,608
Ward 2	623,966	increase	57,201
	7,362,565		1,122,763

To Probe Postal Rates.

New York, August 1.—The members of the commission appointed by President Taft, to examine the reports of the Post Office Department, and the existing evidence taken in respect to the cost to the Government of the transportation and handling of all second-class mail matter, and such evidence as may be presented by persons having an interest in the rates to be fixed for second-class matter, of Associate Justice Charles E. Hughes, of the United States Supreme Court, chairman; A. Lawrence Lowell, of Harvard University, and Harry A. Wheeler, vice president of the United States Trust Company of Chicago. Colley E. Bell is the secretary of the commission. The report is to be made to President Taft on or before December 1.

Mrs. E. S. Foil returned yesterday from Spencer, where she went to attend the funeral of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Nussman. Those attending from Concord and Mount Pleasant were: Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Foil, J. C. Foil and son, Francis, Mr. and Mrs. A. Nussman, Misses Nina and Lillie Nussman, Mrs. Sallie Misener and little daughter.

Forty Veterans Leave This Morning For Wilmington.

Forty members of the Cabarrus Camp of Confederate Veterans left this morning for Wilmington in charge of Commander H. B. Parks to attend the State reunion. The Veterans choir is among the party and their music is now a special feature of all reunions. Those in the party were: D. C. Dayvault, W. M. Weddington, D. A. Caldwell, C. A. Pitts, S. R. Andrews, R. O. S. Miller, H. B. Parks, D. C. Caldwell, John McDaniel, S. W. White, J. C. Thompson, M. M. Gillon, Rev. Jacob Simpson, P. C. Leutz, C. W. Iman, H. C. McAllister, O. V. Mauney, J. C. Johnson, J. R. Bradford, W. H. Hudson, J. W. Walker, William Haraschek, Neal Overcash, Robert Blackwelder, B. M. Saffir, A. L. Demarcus, John Lowry, W. A. Davis, G. W. Isenhour, P. C. Earmhardt, George Best, J. B. Brown, M. B. Goodnight, B. S. Gray, C. Holshouser, P. M. Faggart, John Cook, C. R. White, Alfred Klutz and C. F. Walker.

Alliance Wants to Unite with Farmers' Union.

Salisbury, July 28.—Just before adjournment last night the North Carolina Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union elected the following delegates to the national convention, which meets at Shawnee, Oklahoma, the first Tuesday in September: Dr. H. O. Alexander of Maconburg, C. C. Wright of Wilkes, J. Z. Green of Union, E. C. Farris of Gaston, J. M. Cox of Pitt, T. B. Hill of Virginia, Va.; alternates, J. M. Tompkins of Wake, P. E. Shaw of Duplin, A. F. Yarborough of Forsyth, S. A. Earmhardt of Rowan, A. C. Shuford of Catawba, R. L. Nunn of Stokes.

A representative of the State Farmers Alliance was present last night and made overtures to unite with the Farmers Union. The membership of the alliance at present is small. A committee was named to investigate the matter and report at a future meeting. The State meeting of the alliance will be held at Hillsboro Thursday of next week.

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