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FIRE PREVENTION DAY.

Fittingly Observed by Concord Firemen and Citizens Generally.

Fire Prevention Day was fittingly observed in Concord yesterday. The local firemen took the lead in the events of the day and were ably supported by the citizens generally. In the morning the school children practiced fire drill and in the afternoon the firemen held a meeting and gave a big parade over practically the entire city. They distributed circulars calling attention to the losses annually by fires that could be easily prevented if the property owners would only exercise a little precaution by inspecting their premises and removing useless waste. The parade including the Forest Hill Band, the Cannonville reel team, Forest Hill reel team, Concord firemen, the two wagons, the hook and ladder wagon and the colored firemen. This was the first time in several years that all the members of the separate departments were seen in a body and the showing was made a matter of pride to the city.

Last night at the court house the firemen gave an informal smoker that was attended by a large crowd of both firemen and citizens. Many others would have been present but for other meetings that were in progress at that hour. Mr. John K. Patterson acted as chairman. Cigars were passed around and everything was entirely informal. The object of the meeting was to impress upon every one the importance of exercising due care in the prevention of fires. A number of citizens were called upon for short talks on the subject and the following were among those who responded: Rev. T. W. Smith, J. Harvey Dorton, G. Ed. Kestler, Rev. C. P. MacLaughlin, John M. Oglesby, H. S. Williams, John K. Patterson, Dr. T. N. Spencer, Thomas and V. F. Widenhouse, C. A. Isenhour and J. F. Honeycutt. Charley Johnson, of the colored firemen made a few remarks in behalf of his department.

Among the facts as pointed out in the speeches was the danger of the match now in common use here instead of the safety match. The carelessness in leaving trash, old papers and such matter around the premises. Rev. T. W. Smith called attention to the importance of this matter and by reviewing a number of the local fires he showed that a great majority of them were started on account of the carelessness of the property owners. It was also stated that at least three-fourths of the fires were caused by allowing old waste to collect around the house and not paying attention to the fire flues. The importance of a modern fire alarm was also pointed out by Mr. Ed. Kestler. Mr. Kestler stated that as a business proposition the city should put in a fire alarm system. He also stated that the installation of an up to date fire alarm system would reduce the insurance premiums enough to pay for it. He said the Concord Telephone Co. had offered the use of its poles in installing the system. Mr. Kestler made a motion that a committee of citizens be appointed to investigate the cost of putting in this system and take the matter up with the city authorities. The motion was unanimously passed and Chairman Patterson appointed Mr. Kenstler, J. Harvey Dorton and John M. Oglesby on the committee.

In speaking of his work as building inspector Mr. Dorton stated that when he was appointed to the position he was altogether unfamiliar with its duties but that he had made an investigation and found that the law here in regard to erecting buildings was being violated every day. It requires that before any property owner can erect a building a permit must be issued by the inspector. Mr. Dorton said that he got a copy of this law and mailed it, with a letter, to every contractor and builder in the city and that he knew of twelve buildings that had been started since that time and no one had ever secured a permit. "I have already spent more than I will make in a year in calling the contractors' attention to this requirement and I expect to see that the law is obeyed, and if it is not there will be somebody arrested," said the new building inspector.

Many tributes were paid to the loyalty and courage of the local firemen and the meeting last night under their auspices was marked by the same aggressive spirit they exhibit in fighting fires and no doubt accomplished much in impressing upon the public the importance of paying particular attention to the prevention of fires.

A gentleman from Vance township tells us that his neighbor, Mr. J. L. Helms, an up-to-date farmer, notwithstanding that the drought has cut his crop short, will make 600 bushels of corn, 20 or 25 bales of cotton, 200 gallons of molasses and 300 bushels of sweet potatoes, all with two small mules. Mr. Helms hired no help and thinks that if it had not been for the drought he would have made 40 bales of cotton.—Monroe Enquirer.

PRESIDENTIAL FIGHT ON.

Wilson, Harmon and Clark Lead in Democratic Race.

Washington, Oct. 9.—Ninety-nine men out of every 100 in the United States today believe that the Presidential race, which will culminate a year from next month, is going to be the hottest of any which the Republican and Democratic parties have engaged in for 20 years. This is the view of the professional politician and the plain citizen whose only part in government is casting his vote. The campaign has already begun, unofficially, although neither party has selected its leader. The issues are being framed deliberately and inevitably. They are comparatively easy to foresee. It is another matter to name so far in advance the men who will oppose each other in the big battle.

Reports of conditions and sentiment from every part of the country indicate that the choice of the Republican party for its Presidential nominee will be to all intents and purposes known before the Republican National Convention meets next summer. They indicate that it will remain for the Democratic National Convention to decide between the rival claims of at least four and perhaps half a dozen "eligibles."

It begins to appear as if Speaker Champ Clark, of the House of Representatives, was a good prophet when he said a few days after the sweeping Democratic victory last November: "When next campaign time rolls around the Republican party will have but one or two candidates to select from and the Democratic will have so many that they will not know where to turn."

Unless all signs fail the next President of the United States will be one of these men:

William Howard Taft, of Ohio; Woodrow Wilson, of New Jersey; Judson Harmon, of Ohio; Champ Clark, of Missouri; Robert M. La Follette, of Wisconsin; and Thomas R. Marshall, of Indiana.

There are others, of course, in the field who believe they have a chance of winning the prize, but at this time they appear to have been far outdistanced by their rivals.

Panama Canal Will Be Ready in 1913
Bellingham, Wash., Oct. 9.—President Taft predicted here today that the Panama canal would be ready for use on July 1, 1913.

"The canal," he said, "is the greatest constructive work since the Christian era." The President also declared that Canada was going to be sorry that she had not adopted the reciprocity treaty.

Speaking of the opening of the Panama canal, the President said he would let the people of Bellingham "into a little official confidence."

"If nothing untoward happens," he said, "you can count on the completion of the canal not later than July 1, 1913. It has only been promised on January 1, 1915, and if it is not ready until then you must not say that anybody made a promise that it would be completed before. I am expressing a hope based on calculations. But, of course, man proposes and God disposes. It is possible that something will happen down there in the way of slides or delays that men continue until January 1, 1915. But I don't want you to have any unpleasant surprise. I don't want you to have heart disease if you learn that the first steamer goes through on July 1, 1913."

Gov. Colquitt Calls for a Cotton Price Conference.

Austin, Tex., Oct. 9.—Suggesting that the depreciation in the price of cotton is not justified by the supply and proposing a conference between governors and commissioners of agriculture of Southern states with a view to preventing price depression, Governor Colquitt today sent a telegram to governors of Southern states recommending the plan. Governor Colquitt says that Texas, as the chief cotton producing state, should take the lead in the matter.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to express the gratitude of our hearts to our friends and neighbors for the many favors and kindnesses shown us during the recent illness and death of our loved one, Mrs. A. W. GEORGE.
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. LIPPARD,
A. W. GEORGE,
J. CROOKS LIPPARD.

"Heart says he forced Senator Bailey of Texas to resign." Now, if Senator Bailey will force Heart to shut up, we may take back several things we have thought about Bailey.

William Whitney the wool manufacturer, asks, "Why should any man want to put President Taft in a hole?" Especially if he had to dig the hole?

PERSONAL MENTION.

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

Mrs. D. B. Coltrane is spending the day in Charlotte.

Mr. George Hamilton is spending the day in Monroe.

Mr. P. A. Moore, of Mount Pleasant, is spending the day in Salisbury.

Mr. K. L. Craven spent yesterday afternoon in Charlotte on business.

Mr. C. W. Johnson, of Charlotte, is a business visitor in the city.

Mrs. R. A. Brown and Miss Maude Brown are spending the day in Charlotte.

Mr. T. H. Vanderford, of Salisbury, is a business visitor in the city today.

Mr. M. B. Stickleby spent yesterday in High Point on professional business.

Mr. John Young has left last night on a pleasure trip to Santa Rosa, New Mexico.

Miss Ada Craven has returned from Charlotte, where she has been visiting friends for a week.

Sheriff McKensie and Captain of Police Caudle, of Salisbury, spent the day in the city on official business.

Prof. Dennis Welsh, of Mount Pleasant, was in the city yesterday making arrangements for the football game Saturday.

Mrs. John Scherl has returned to her home in Charlotte, after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Gibson.

Saw Big Meteor Fall.

New Bern, Oct. 9.—A party of fishermen arriving in port from a point several miles down Neuse river related a strange story of seeing a falling meteor, which, according to their account, weighed several hundred pounds. The fishermen left at night and sailed down the river. Shortly after arriving at the fishing grounds one of them noticed a luminous body in the sky, which seemed to be an unusually large star. Within a few moments they noticed that it had grown in larger proportions and that a roaring noise could be heard. When the meteor finally struck the water a thick steam arose and upon rowing to the spot they found that the water there was still warm.

Dance Last Night.

The following couples enjoyed a delightful informal dance at the Elks' Home last night: Miss Louise Means and Fred Correll, Miss Marguerite Brown and Frank Morrison, Miss Alice Brown and John Porter, Miss Fay Polk and Archie Fisher, Miss Helen Archey and Fred Patterson, Miss Durald Borden and Eugene Barnhardt, Miss Wilma Correll and William Moody.

Mr. H. Clay Grubb has exchanged with ex-Judge W. B. Council of Hickory, his splendid farm, 2 miles from Salisbury, on the Concord road, for the latter's fine river bottom farm in Rowan county. Mr. R. H. Trollinger, who has been manager of the farm for Mr. Grubb, will continue with ex-Judge Council in the same capacity.

Penny Column Ads. are CASH.

Wanted!

I want 4 or 5 well dressed young men, age 18 to 30, must have good ideas of business ability, to canvass from house to house in and around Concord, for Herbert O. Breedlove's French Dry Cleaning and Dyeing Plant. Call the 11th, hours, 8:30 to 10:30 to Herbert O. Breedlove's French Dry Cleaning and Dyeing Plant. I pay 25 per cent. on delivery, or weekly. Please do not call without you mean business. No. 77 S. Union St., Concord, N. C.

TO THE DRESSMAKERS OF CONCORD.

Did you know that Herbert O. Breedlove's Dry Cleaning Plant, No. 77 South Union St., will press for dressmakers, by them doing their own basting, at a very reasonable price, at Herbert O. Breedlove's Dry Cleaning and Dyeing Plant, No. 77 South Union St., Concord, N. C. "Phone us and our boy will call." Phone 434.

HERBERT O. BREEDLOVE DYED LAST WEEK.

Asking all the citizens of Concord to bring their Old Clothes to No. 77 South Union Street and have them Cleaned, Pressed, Repaired and Dyed, any kind of alterations made. We make Ladies' Wash Suits and Dress Suits to order. All work guaranteed. Work called for and delivered. All work strictly C. O. D. Phone 434. I charge for responsibility; my work thrown in.

LADIES, I'LL DYE! FOR YOU.

Salisbury is to have a big term of federal court, beginning on Monday, October 16th. United States Judge James E. Boyd, of Greensboro, has ordered the Statesville term of federal court which was to have been held beginning Monday, October 16, adjourned and the Salisbury court which was set to begin on Monday, October 23rd, is to convene one week earlier and will begin on the 16th, the original date set for the Statesville court.

Death of Mr. R. B. McEachern.

Mr. R. B. McEachern died yesterday afternoon at his home on Valley street after a lingering illness of tuberculosis. Mr. McEachern was 57 years of age and is survived by a wife, four daughters, Miss Della, Mrs. Herbert Honeycutt, Mrs. Charles Freeze, Mrs. Jake Barnhardt and two sons, Messrs. James and Clarence McEachern. The funeral was held this afternoon at 1 o'clock and was conducted by Rev. Mr. Thomas. The interment was made at Rocky River cemetery.

STREET CAR LINE TO BE EXTENDED.

Work to Begin This Month.—Extension to Be Made to Gibson Mill and Probably to Kannapolis.

Mr. T. H. Vanderford, of Salisbury, was in the city today making arrangements for beginning work on extending the street car line. The company has not definitely decided just when it will begin work but Mr. Vanderford said it would probably begin this month. The work will begin at the Locke mill and run to the Gibson mill but plans for the other extension work have not yet been made. Mr. Vanderford said that they would probably continue the track from the Gibson mill on to Kannapolis, using the track in this direction instead of the Kannapolis road. From Mr. Vanderford's conversation it was also gathered that the plan of extending the loop line from the Gibson mill to connect with the depot line at the intersection of Kerr street had been dropped. Definite announcement of the company's plans will likely be made within a few weeks.

Lieut.-Gov. W. C. Newland Will Be in the Race.

Winston-Salem, Oct. 9.—Lieutenant Governor W. C. Newland, in an interview today with a newspaper man here, said that he intended to be in the race for governor and would make a formal announcement in due time. Mr. Newland was seeing several of his friends here in the interest of his candidacy and made no concealment of his intentions to be a candidate for the highest state office. It is reported that ex-Lieutenant Gov. R. A. Doughton's friends are warmly urging that he be a candidate for the governorship.

"The Prince and the Pump."

Miss Ellen Gibson, was witnessed by one of the largest crowds that ever attended a picture show in Concord last night, it being necessary to turn a number away. The large crowd was a pretty tribute to the young authoress, who throughout the evening was the recipient of many compliments. Miss Gibson gave a theatre party to a number of her friends to witness the production, at the close of which she was presented with a number of handsome floral designs.

Football Game Saturday.

There will be a game of football next Saturday afternoon on the Forest Hill ball park, between the teams of the Mount Pleasant Collegiate Institute and the Baird School at Charlotte.

Don't fail to see the fast team from Charlotte which is out for the championship of the preparatory schools of the state, meet the fleet M. P. C. I. pig-skin booters on the gridiron. Admission, 35 cents. Game will be called at 3:40.

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Do You Spend Your Money as Fast As You Get It?

If some one suggested building first the top of the house and the foundation later, you would want to turn him over to the Lunacy Commission, yet that is what every man is doing who insists on spending his money as fast as he gets it. BE WISE and commence SAVING NOW. Build first the FOUNDATION and then build the top of the house.

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MECKLENBURG FAIR.

To Be Held October 24-27.—Elaborate Plans Being Perfected.

Elaborate plans are rapidly being perfected by the officials of the Mecklenburg Fair Association for the greatest fair in the life of the association. The fair will be a \$10,000 event, slightly more than this amount of money being offered as prizes for agricultural, live stock and other exhibits, purses and prizes for the races during the four days and for special free attractions.

The agricultural exhibits this year will hardly average as high as they did last year on account of the exceedingly bad season. The exhibits of live stock, however, will be better and larger and the poultry show will be well up to the standard of last year when the high water mark was reached in this interesting and important department. The free attractions will be one of the special features of the fair, the most conspicuous of these being the United States Marine Band, which will be there on the 25th inst. for two concerts in front of the tremendous grandstand.

The fair management of the fair is particular to see that no undesirable features are given space on them idly, but there will be a large number of wholesome and innocent attractions so that no visitor to the fair will be disappointed. All in all a better rounded and better fair is in prospect, it is stated, than those that have heretofore won the praise and approval of the thousands of people who have visited them.

The fair will be held October 24-27.

Burned His Human Victims in Furnace of Distillery.

Raleigh, Oct. 9.—Governor Kitchin offered today a reward for Will McIntyre, wanted in Rutherford county for a most notable series of crimes. He operated a blockade distillery and it is now believed that he committed three murders for the purpose of robbery, and burned the bodies of his victims in the furnace of his distillery.

J. H. Milton disappeared September 7, 1906, and in November of the same year J. D. Ateley disappeared, and in 1908 there was a similar disappearance of L. B. Hines, each having been known to be at the blockade still just prior to their disappearance.

It is only since the conviction of McIntyre for the blockading, the service of his sentence and his disappearance that suspicion has pointed to him as the perpetrator of the series of murders, and Solicitor A. Hall Johnson and numerous citizens of the section join in asking for the reward by the state.

It is alleged that human bones have been found that were from the furnace of the distillery, McIntyre is described as 25 years old, sallow, dark hair and eyes, crippled so that he ordinarily walks with one hand on his knee. He is believed to have had accomplices in the murders. The reward for him is \$200.

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THE COTTON LEAF WORM.

And Not Dreaded Army Worm.—Fields in Many Sections Being Stripped Clean of Leaves.

Charlotte Observer.

Nothing of recent years has occurred in this section that has attracted so much comment and discussion among farmers as the horde of caterpillar pests that has swept over the county during the past week or ten days. It seems that the unwelcome visitors appeared like the proverbial "thief in the night" the fields being stripped of all leaves almost before it was known just how it all happened. Every section has been visited, reports coming in from Morning Star, Sharon, Crab Orchard, Pineville, Providence, Lemly, Huntersville, DeWeese and practically every other section. While the pests have attacked principally the cotton leaves, in a number of instances they have been known to forage on the young bolls as well, but this has been where the young leaves have been devoured. The rapidity with which the work has been done is one of the marvelous features.

It has been feared that the caterpillars might affect the crop by reason of their depredations on the young bolls but this theory has been rejected by reason of the lateness of the season and the fact that the vast majority of the bolls are well on towards maturity. And then, too, it is said that the stripping of the plant of leaves will promote the development of the bolls by reason of the fact that the sunlight will be permitted to reach the bolls so much better.

Northwestern Farmers Coming Here.

Raleigh, Oct. 9.—According to Major W. A. Graham, commissioner of agriculture, several hundred farmers from the northwestern section of the United States have settled in North Carolina during the year. Seven farmers who left Forsyth county 12 years ago announced their intention of returning. Major Graham says a few farmers in the mountain counties are selling their lands and buying cheaper farms in Virginia.

Penny Column Ads. are CASH.

Electric Current is Used 173 Miles Away.

Durham, Oct. 7.—What is believed to be the longest electrical transmission line in the world, from beyond Charlotte, to this city, a distance of 173 miles, was formally opened today when the power generated on the Catawba river turned wheels in factories here. Twenty thousand horsepower will be supplied over the wires for use in Durham.

"Southern Field," the Southern booster magazine of the Southern Railway says that Morristown, Tenn., annually ships out 1,000 solid carloads of chickens and eggs.

Cool Weather Merchandise.

In the largest variety and best selected line to be found in Concord. . . .

We show you the best quality and the price is no higher than you pay for inferior goods. . . .

You are doing yourself an injustice if you don't see us before you buy.

We are glad to show you.

H. L. Parks & Co.

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