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FIRST OF AUTO TRUCKS SIMMONS FAR IN THE LEAD. NEWS FORECAST FOR THE COMING WEEK. CANNIBALISM IN PERSIA. PERSONAL MENTION. WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION. CONCORD PRESBYTERY MEETS.

FIRST OF AUTO TRUCKS

Capt. Williams, of the U. S. Army, spent last night here—Test Auto Trucks for the War Department.

Capt. Williams, of the United States Army, in charge of a party that is making a test of automobile trucks for the war department, arrived in Concord Friday evening and spent the night here.

The party is driving three large trucks, two four-wheel drive trucks and one autocar truck. The four-wheel drive trucks are the property of the government, but the autocar is the property of the factory. A feature of the four-wheel drive truck is that the power is driven both to the front and rear wheels. The party started from Washington and will go to Atlanta and Indianapolis. The test so far includes a trip from Washington to Richmond, Raleigh, Greensboro over the National Highway to Concord.

In speaking of the roads Capt. Williams said: "From Hendersonville to Raleigh in this State the roads were bad and from Raleigh to Burlington they were even worse. In Guilford county they were fine and also in Rowan. But in Davidson they were the worst I ever saw. In Cabarrus the Kannapolis road, by its grading, surface and finish, is the finest piece of road I have seen in the United States."

The tour is being made for the purpose of thoroughly testing the automobile truck with a view of supplanting the army mule with it. The trucks carry a load of 3,000 pounds, mostly sand. When the present tour is completed the trucks will be put to a field test. In this test they will be driven alongside of a wagon drawn by army mules and each will carry an equal load.

Capt. Williams is a North Carolinian, a native of Fayetteville. He graduated at West Point in 1898 and graduated at West Point in 1908 and was detailed immediately into regular service in Cuba during the Spanish-American war. Since that time he has spent most of his time in the Philippines. He will leave the present tour at Indianapolis and report back to his station in the Philippines.

Some Points for the Cotton Farmers.

If a 16,000,000 bale crop of cotton is raised in 1912, you can't expect more than 8 cents a pound. This will give the farmers \$640,000,000. For the sake of argument, let's cut it down to 12,000,000 bales, and say it will bring 12 cents per pound, which is very remarkable. This would bring the cotton farmers the sum of \$720,000,000 or just \$80,000,000 more than the 16,000,000 bale crop would bring.

Say that we will cut the crop one fourth, then take that one-fourth of acreage and plant in corn. If we would use the same energy and use the same amount of fertilizer on this 8,000,000 acres and make 30 bushels corn per acre, we would make \$240,000,000 bushels of corn. If this corn only cost the farmer 25 cents per bushel to raise, it would be worth \$240,000,000 dollars to him, just what he is paying some one else to raise for him; at \$1.00 per bushel. And if by good fortune we should get 15 cents per pound for our 12,000,000 bale crop, it would give us the sum of \$900,000,000. Add to this your \$240,000,000 dollar corn crop, and you have the total sum of \$1,140,000,000. Now take from this sum \$640,000,000 which you get for your 16,000,000 bale crop, \$500,000,000, and you find the difference just one-half a billion dollars. That is just half what it costs to run the United States government.

Think of this, farmers; how easy it is to make more money. By curtailing this half billion dollars is considerably more than all the cotton mills in the South are worth today or would sell for.

G. T. C.

Cotton 18 1/2 Cents.

Statesville Landmark.

What do you think of that? It sounds good and is a fact that a bale of cotton sold in Statesville yesterday for 18 1/2 cents a pound. It was not ordinary cotton, however, but the long staple variety. The cotton was grown by Mr. A. D. Brawley, the Barringer township trucker, and is, so far as known, the first bale of long staple ever produced in Iredell. Mr. Henry Steele, of Statesville, was the purchaser.

Mr. Brawley says it costs a little more to grow the long staple cotton but the difference in selling price more than makes up for the cost. His bale was produced on about two and a half acres but the season was unfavorable. He thinks with a good season the long staple will yield a half bale or more to the acre.

This seed sell for \$2 per bushel but Mr. Brawley has no seed for sale. He will plant the seed from this bale and will try long staple again this season.

Man and Religion Forward Campaign.

Oakland, Cal., March 2.—The final arrangements have been completed for the campaign of the Man and Religion Forward Movement in Oakland, Berkeley and Alameda. The campaign proper will open in this city tomorrow afternoon, when Raymond Robinson will address a mass meeting for men. Institutes will be conducted throughout the concerned week by means of home work, social services, lectures and religious services.

SIMMONS FAR IN THE LEAD.

Prominent Traveling Man Says the Senator's Re-election is Certain.

Mr. Jim Steed, a representative of a large fertilizer firm of Norfolk, was in Concord yesterday. Mr. Steed lives in Mount Gilead, and is a farmer in connection with his work for his fertilizer firm. He is a close observer and takes especial interest in keeping abreast of the agricultural and industrial advancement of the State. Politics is his pet side line and he always keeps his ear to the ground for the latest political news. He is an original Simmons man and is a staunch supporter of the Senator.

"Senator Simmons has by far the greatest lead in most every section of the State," he said. "Down east they are rallying to his support and everywhere I go sentiment for him is rapidly growing. His friends are not only sticking by him but are working, and from what I see there is nothing to it but his re-election," he concluded.

Houn' Dog Helps Democrats.

Democrats with poetry in their souls are coming to bat in every part of the United States with protests against any further abuse of the "ole houn' dog."

Years ago some unknown poet of the Ozarks wrote a few homely verses on a certain hound which everyone seemed to have a desire to kick around, and now that Missouri has supplied a likely candidate for the Presidency, this plain ballad from the zinc laden hills of Missouri has leaped into national fame. A Washington newspaper has offered a prize for additional verses. Even members of Congress are competing.

The first verse of the original song runs as follows:

Every time I come to town
The boys start kickin' my dawg around;
Makes no difference if he is a houn',
They gotta quit kickin' my dawg around.

Taking this for their cue, the poets got busy, as follows:

Champ's on the hunt with his old houn'
And he's gettin' votes in every town.
The people are gatherin' for miles around
To vote for him and his Ozark houn'.

Every time the door bell rings
Somebody raises the prices of things.
Makes no difference if we're rich as kings
They gotta quit boostin' the prices of things.

Telephone Inventor is 65.

Washington, D. C., March 2.—Many messages of congratulation have been received at the home of Alexander Graham Bell in anticipation of the birthday anniversary of the inventor of the telephone. Professor Bell was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, and will be 65 years old tomorrow. He made his first experiments with the telephone while residing in Brantford, Ont. The invention was placed on exhibition at the Philadelphia centennial exposition and a short time later the first practical line was put in operation between Boston and Salem. Professor Bell is one of the few great inventors who has lived to see the fruition of his invention and also reap the financial benefit of it. For a number of years the inventor has made Washington his winter residence. He has a summer home and laboratory in Nova Scotia, where he has conducted experiments with a view to perfecting the flying machine.

LaFollette's Manager Denounces Teddy in Strong Terms.

Portland, Ore., March 1.—Walter L. Houser, chairman of the LaFollette National Campaign Committee, declares that Theodore Roosevelt had "double-crossed" LaFollette, who Houser asserted, entered the fight for the Republican nomination for President at the "earnest solicitation" of the former President.

Houser said LaFollette was still in the field and would not withdraw inspite of efforts on the part of Roosevelt. He affirmed that Roosevelt urged LaFollette to declare himself a candidate, and then went on to tell of Roosevelt's "wire pulling" through Warfield, who for a time was believed to be Roosevelt's personal choice for the nomination, to steal LaFollette's following.

"Roosevelt is not a real Progressive and does not represent the real Progressives," said Houser. "LaFollette does, and he will stay in the ring."

Fifty-Seven Lives Lost in Collision.

Victoria, B. C., March 1.—Fifty-seven lives were lost in a collision of the steamers Mori Maru and Richa Maru, details of which have just been brought by the steamer Awa Maru from the Orient. The two vessels foundered after the collision in Genka Bay February 19.

DR. KLITTS FOUND DEAD.

Just before we go to press we learn that Dr. Seal B. Klitts, a dentist of Albemarle, was found dead in his room this morning. He was as well as usual last night but was found dead about 9 o'clock. He was a member of Dr. H. Klitts' former class at Concord.

NEWS FORECAST FOR THE COMING WEEK.

Washington, D. C., March 2.—President Taft, among the numerous entries in the presidential race, promises to be most in the public eye during the week, owing to his Western trip. The President is going to Chicago to speak Saturday night at a meeting to be held under the auspices of the Illinois Swedish-American Republican League in celebration of the semi-centennial anniversary of the battle between John Ericsson's Monitor and the Confederate ram Merrimack. On his way to Chicago the President will stop in Toledo, where, it is announced, he will make a speech that will be an answer to Mr. Roosevelt's recent speech at Columbia.

Several of the Southern States are to receive attention from Harmon and Wilson, the rival aspirants for the Democratic presidential nomination. Governor Wilson has accepted an invitation to address the Maryland legislature Thursday evening, while Governor Harmon is expected to speak before both the Maryland and Virginia lawmakers during the week.

State conventions to choose delegates to the Republican national convention will be held during the week in Alabama, and New Mexico. It is regarded as likely that fights between Taft supporters and Roosevelt supporters for control may develop in each of these conventions.

President Taft, Cardinal Gibbons and other men of national prominence will take part in the twelfth annual meeting of the National Civic Federation, which will meet in Washington Tuesday for a three days' session. "Industrial Peace and Progress" will be the general theme of consideration, with an exhaustive discussion of the practical operation of trade agreements between employers and employees.

At a meeting called for Kansas City next Monday plans are to be perfected for the formation of a territorial federation of railroad employes that will include every railroad operating west of the Mississippi river. As soon as the organization is launched demands are to be made for a general advance in wages on every road.

As a result of the municipal election Tuesday, Seattle may be the first large city of the United States to adopt the single tax. On that day the voters will pass on the Erickson single tax amendment to the city charter. Broadly stated, the amendment proposes to exempt all buildings and personal property from city taxes and confine the taxes wholly to land values and the franchises of public service corporations.

Fitcher Fullenweider May Stay in Big Show.

Martine, Tex., Feb. 28.—To the official scorers of the National League, greetings:

Master Pfeiffer Fullenweider (he spelled it that way himself), pitcher, made his first appearance in the box with McGraw's recruits this afternoon at Emerson Park and there is grave danger of him sticking around in the big tent.

Master What-eh-call-um is a squarely constructed young man, who favors Otis Crandall as to physical formation, and after he had finished a brief turn on the mound, Wilbur Robinson, the coach of the pitchers, gravely shook his head and said: "He acts like a wise bird—he certainly does."

But, and also, however, as we have remarked before, this is the "spring-time."

Contest for Bailey's Seat.

Temple, Texas, March 2.—J. F. Wolters of Houston came to Temple today to formally open his campaign as a candidate for the United States Senate to succeed Joseph W. Bailey. The recent withdrawal of Congressman Sheppard leaves the senatorial contest a three-cornered race between Wolters, Congressman Choate B. Randall, of Sherman, and Cone Johnson, of Tyler. Notwithstanding the fact that State-wide prohibition has no direct bearing upon the senatorship, this question will be one of the chief issues of the campaign. It is the general opinion that the anti-prohibition vote will be divided between Wolters and Randall. This may prove of benefit to Johnson, as he is the only prohibitionist in the race.

Mr. Linney to Run.

Salisbury Post.

It is understood that Mr. Frank Linney, of Watanga, wants to be the Republican nominee for Congress in this, the eighth district. Mr. Linney is solicitor of Thirteenth judicial district. He has let it be known that he has a hanker for the position.

It is practically certain Mr. Doughton will have no opposition for the nomination for a second term, and it is likely this opponent in the election will be Mr. Linney.

One Car Not Enough, Anyway.

For three days the street car has been idle. Not a trip has been made in this time and but for the ever-ready public the public would be at the mercy of the system.

"We give them a car which is free and what we want to service," said a well known citizen this morning. "The cars are what we need and the service will never be adequate until the company puts on two cars," he said.

CANNIBALISM IN PERSIA.

Father Reported Eating Children in Famine-Stricken District.

Washington, March 1.—Startling allegations of cannibalism among the starving Persians are contained in letters from Teheran to the Persian-American Educational Society here from Dr. Susan L. Moody, formerly of Chicago.

She declares fathers are eating their children and children are eating each other in Northwest Persia, in the vicinity of Hamadan, where famine has followed the sacking of 25 towns and villages by the rebel troops of Salar ed Dowleh, brother of the deposed Shah.

Forty thousand people are starving it is declared, and the society has started a relief fund. The American National Red Cross will also be asked for assistance.

Until new crops have been grown and harvested there will be no opportunity for the homeless people to help themselves. The people of Teheran, Dr. Moody says, have been raising money to relieve the distress and have forwarded \$5,500 with which to buy food.

Salar ed Dowleh, who led the rebels, has been placed in official position as Governor at Teheran, in the Russian sphere of influence in Northern Persia. Recently the Persian government signified its willingness to grant him about \$11,000 a year and restore to him the \$50,000 confiscated by order of W. Morgan Shuster, while he was Treasurer-General of Persia. This was conditioned on his living abroad.

The Lentz Literary Society.

The Lentz Literary Society held its regular meeting Friday afternoon. The programme was as follows:

Recitation by Miss Nannie Fisher, entitled, "Dump's Story."

Recitation by Miss Kathryn Crowell, entitled, "Mice at Play."

Recitation by Miss Penza Cline, entitled, "The Battle."

Recitation by Miss Helen Furr, entitled, "The Drowned Singer."

Recitation by Miss Ella Peck, entitled, "Guilty or Not Guilty."

Recitation by Miss Grace Furr, entitled, "The Unknown Speaker."

Recitation by Miss Dena Phillips, entitled, "The Sword of Robert E. Lee."

The recitations were to decide what three would be the best to represent the Society at the public contest on March 21. All of the recitations were good but Miss Kathryn Crowell, Nannie Fisher and Grace Furr were chosen.

The debate: Resolved, "That capital punishment should be abolished." The affirmative speakers were Messrs. Joe Hendrix and Ed Morgan and Misses Ida Porter and Marvin Misenheimer. The negative were Messrs. Ernest Norman, Walter Furr and Miss Janie Morrison. The judges decided in favor of the negative. Mr. Ball was critic of the day.

New officers were elected as follows: Mr. Lee Crowell, president, and Miss Laura Gillon, vice president, and Mr. Joe Hawthorne, secretary.

A rising vote was given to the retiring officers, after which Mr. George Harley, the retiring president, thanked the society for electing him and urged it to give Mr. Crowell the same support he was given. Mr. McLeod was appointed to lead the new president to the chair, who thanked the society for electing him its president.

Mr. Webb was made honorary president.

Death of Mrs. J. A. Flowe.

Mrs. J. A. Flowe died this morning at 7:10 o'clock at the home of her son, Mr. Samuel Flowe in No. 10 township. Mrs. Flowe lived in Spentner but went to No. 10 township about a week ago to visit her son. She suffered a stroke of paralysis Wednesday and her condition continued to grow worse until her death this morning.

Mrs. Flowe moved from No. 10 township to Spentner about five years ago. She had a large number of friends and relatives in this county. Mrs. Flowe was 65 years old and survived by her husband and seven children, Miss Ida Flowe, of Roanoke, Va.; Ed and Sam Flowe, of No. 10 township; Morton Flowe, of Concord; Mrs. James McCurdy and Ceba Flowe, of Spentner, and Mrs. W. D. Dorton, of Salisbury.

The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 1 o'clock at Spentner Chapel and will be conducted by Rev. T. W. Smith.

"The Heroes of the Mutiny."

Heroes are not made—they are discovered when duty calls. They may be born of gratitude, or love, or patriotism. Opportunity to show their loyalty to friends, home and country evolve them when we least expect. In the mutiny of the natives of far-away India against English intervention, a poor slave, in acknowledgment of kindness extended to him by a British officer and a young soldier, in the fervor of his love for the British officer's daughter, faces death to warn the British garrison of the approaching enemy. This historic drama will be shown in all its brilliant situation at The Pastime Theatre today.

It will inspire a feeling of appreciation and admiration for the motive of the heroes and the thrilling, warlike action of the wild, barbarous mutiny and the defense made by the splendid body of English soldiers.

Abolish Charlotte Office.

Washington, March 1.—The subcommittee of the house appropriations committee, in secret session tonight, unanimously voted to establish the Charlotte assay office and all assays offices, except New York and Philadelphia. It is also recommended that the commerce court and the mints at San Francisco and New Orleans and San Francisco be closed. This, they say, will save the government \$2,000,000 annually.

Come in and get one of our 1912 Vest Pocket Memorandum Books. If you need more than one, get two.

For Sale!

A two story, ten room dwelling with all modern conveniences—electric lights, bath room, hot and cold water, on a good street near the business portion of city.

Thirty acres of land on Charlotte public road. Rented this year for 10 per cent on price of land.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

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

Miss Maude Gibson is visiting friends in Charlotte.

Mr. G. F. Brown has returned from a business trip west.

Miss Ashlyn Lowe has gone to Durham to visit Miss Lucy Stokes.

Mrs. Vance Henkle, of Statesville, is the guest of Mrs. C. J. Harris.

Mr. J. Frank Smith and son, of Mecklenburg county, are here today.

Mr. W. L. Williamson, of No. 10 township, is visiting Mrs. Grover Love.

Miss Lola Sappenfeld has gone to Charlotte to visit Mrs. L. B. Sammond.

Mr. M. B. Stickle returned this morning from a business trip to Washington.

Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Montgomery, of Charlotte, spent a few hours in the city last night.

Mr. E. L. Umberger will leave tonight on a business trip to Washington and points in Virginia.

Mrs. C. V. Henkel and two children, of Statesville, arrived last night and are visiting Mrs. C. J. Harris.

Mrs. D. B. Privett and little daughter, Anna Montgomery, left this morning for Goldsboro to visit relatives.

Mr. E. L. Eiford has returned from New York, where he has been for a week buying goods for Eiford's department stores.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Cameron, of Albemarle, will spend Sunday here with Mrs. Cameron's sisters, Mrs. Howard Caldwell and Miss Kate Nicholson.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence S. Holt are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Locke Erwin. Mr. and Mrs. Holt are en route to their home in Burlington from Savannah, where they have been spending the winter.

Reunion at Mr. J. Wallace Cook's.

The home of Mr. J. Wallace Cook in No. 5 township was the scene of a happy family reunion Thursday, the occasion being the 76th anniversary of Mr. Cook's birthday. Twelve children, three great grandchildren and many friends were present, making a party of fifty in all. All the guests brought well filled baskets and sumptuous birthday dinner in honor of Mr. Cook was served on a large table in the yard. The party lasted until 5 o'clock in the afternoon and during the day Mr. Cook was presented with many birthday presents.

Among the out-of-town guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Cook and six children, of Lenoir, S. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Tucker, of Spentner; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McInnis and family, and Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Cook.

Capital and Surplus.

CAPITAL	\$100,000
SURPLUS	33,000

New Accounts

Large or Small Welcomed at This Bank.

Concord National Bank.

FOUR PER CENT Interest Paid on Time Deposits.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Of Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Baptist Union to Meet Here Next Thursday.

The second annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Baptist Association will meet in the First Baptist church here Thursday, March 7, 1912. The following will be the programme:

Morning Session, 11 O'clock.
Music.
Devotional Exercises—Mrs. C. E. Craven.
Address of Welcome—Mrs. H. S. Williams.
Response—Mrs. E. P. King.
Enrollment of Delegates.
Vice President's report.
Music.
Associational Constitution.
Discussion and Adoption.
Appointment of Committees.
Report of Societies.
Music.
Recommendations of Central Committee and Associational Aim—Miss Eva Liddell.
Closing prayer.
Lunch hour from 1 to 2 o'clock.
Afternoon Session, 2 O'clock.
Music.
Devotional Exercises—Mrs. J. R. Pace.

Standard of Excellence

Mrs. W. C. Bowd.
Sunbeams—Mrs. C. B. Floyd.
Music.
Women in Foreign Fields—Mrs. E. E. Bomar.
Young Women's Auxiliary—Mrs. T. W. Chambliss.
Music.
Problems in Country Church—Mrs. J. D. Withers.
Observance of Week of Prayer—Mrs. F. D. Letheo.
Closing prayer.
Evening Session, 7:30 O'clock.
Music.
Devotional Exercises—Mrs. L. R. Pruett.
What the Bible Teaches About Tithing—Mrs. C. E. Mason.
Recitation, "The Missionary's Dream"—Mrs. H. S. Williams.
Music.
Election of officers.
Report of committees.
Unfinished business.
Collection of minute fund.
Closing prayer.

The Cannon & Patzer Co. invite you to come to their store Monday and Tuesday to meet Mr. Rosenberger, of the custom tailoring department of Schloss Bros & Co., of Baltimore. His line will include new colors and fabrics.

CONCORD PRESBYTERY MEETS.

Rev. R. A. Lapsley Dismissed and Rev. C. B. Heller Received.

Salisbury, March 1.—A call meeting of the Concord Presbytery, Rev. D. Byron Clark of the First Presbyterian church of this city moderator, was held in this church today for the transaction of some matters of importance. One of these was the dismissal of Rev. R. A. Lapsley, pastor of the church at Newton, in order that he may connect himself with the Wilmington Presbytery to accept a call to Clarkton, and the other being from the reception of Rev. C. B. Heller from the Reformed church of the United States to become pastor of the Presbyterian churches at Spentner and Chestnut Hill, this city.

Arrangements were made for the installation of Rev. Mr. Heller Sunday, March 17. A number of visiting ministers will participate in the installation service, they being Rev. E. P. Bradley of Mooresville, Rev. E. W. Shipley, of Kannapolis and Rev. M. L. Kirschner, of Spentner. A regular meeting of the presbytery is to be held in this city beginning April 23, when it is expected that eighty or more delegates and ministers will be in attendance.

NORTH CAROLINA NEWS.

Items of News From All Parts of the Old North State.

Yadkin county has probably sent more people to the West, according to population, than any county in the State, and they're still going. The Journal says a colony of 23, including four families, all from Yadkin, boarded the train in Winston this week, Iowa being their destination.

Clem Wilson, clerk in a club in Charlotte, was convicted in the recorder's court in Charlotte of selling liquor and given his choice of 30 days in jail and a fine of \$300 or seven months on the roads. The first alternative was accepted. Recorder Smith announced that every club and drug store liquor seller in Charlotte hereafter convicted in his court will receive a road sentence, no matter what his standing in society.

The Charlotte News has closed its straw presidential election, which was conducted for ten days. A total of 376 votes was cast, which "considering that there was no particular reason for anyone to vote we consider good," the News says. The result is announced as follows: Woodrow Wilson, 174; Harmon, 64; Taft, 44; Roosevelt, 36; Bryan, 21; Underwood, 16; Clark, 8; Debs, 8; Kitchin, 3; Hoke Smith, 1.

When in doubt use Penny Column.

\$3.50 Shoes to Close Out at \$2.50

One lot of Ladies' Fine Patent Leather Shoes, in the Newest Style Toe, 16 Buttons, 7-inch Dull Kid Top, Sizes 3 to 5 1/2, Regular \$3.50 sellers, to close out quick for

\$2.50

As we are making room for our Spring Line, you will find very attractive prices on all our shoes now.

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