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WANT REDUCTION IN FERTILIZER

MANUFACTURERS OF COUNTY
WILL SUBMIT BIDS TO MR.
BENJAMIN HIGGS.

SO PLANS FARMER'S UNION

Later to Extend Method So As To In-
clude Every Necessity of Farm—
Central Warehouse To Be Located
In City Not Yet Chosen.

Raleigh.—At a meeting of the state council of the North Carolina Farmers' Union which was held in this city, Mr. J. Benjamin Higgs of Greenville, N. C., was chosen secretary to Mr. J. R. Reeves of Lee county, state business manager of the North Carolina Farmers' Union. The newly appointed secretary was instructed to receive bids on fertilizers and fertilizing materials from the manufacturers of the country, for the 2,100 local organizations of the Farmers' Union in North Carolina. These bids will be received at the office of Secretary Higgs in Greenville, N. C., until January 6, and at the Yarrowhouse in Raleigh until January 10.

The bids received from the manufacturers will be placed before the executive committee of the North Carolina Farmers' Union at its meeting in Raleigh on February 11, and will receive careful consideration at its hands. Following the letting of contracts to the successful manufacturers, it is the plan of the executive committee to have a main warehouse erected in one of the principal cities of the state, which will provide for the distribution of the fertilizer to the 2,100 local organizations, and from thence to the individual farmer-purchaser.

An inspection committee was appointed at the first days session of the state council in this city, which will visit the main cities of the state, and there confer with the chambers of commerce, or other commercial organizations, in order to determine the inducements which will be offered for the location of a main warehouse in that city. A second committee was chosen to care for the securing of a charter for the incorporation of the warehouse company. This company will have a capital stock of \$125,000, and with a paid-in capital of \$25,000.

Is Charged With Murder of Baby.
Tracy Graham, colored, has been committed to jail by Justice McKeller, of Rowland, on the charge of murdering the 2-year-old son of Donna McNeill, colored, about 2 miles from Rowland. He was brought to jail by Mr. C. E. Ball, of Rowland. It was in evidence at the preliminary trial that Graham was making himself troublesome in the home of Donna McNeill, she ordered him out of the house and he shot at her with a shotgun, hitting her baby boy, which she held in her arms, and blowing his brains out.

Are For The Child Labor Law.
There was held a special meeting of the North Carolina child labor committee for the special purpose of formulating plans for a campaign of the coming year to bring about such legislative influences as will secure reforms that the committee stands for. These include the raising of the age limit for child labor and the prohibition of the working of women and children under 16 in the factories at night. A light to this end was made in the last legislature and failed with the exception of the reduction of the hours of labor from 66 to 60 hours.

To Hold Meeting of Farmers' Union.
The Mecklenburg County Farmers' Union will hold its January meeting with the Amity local at Sardis school house in a few days. There will be several matters of business to be considered and hence it is desired that a large attendance be present. A feature also will be the address of Mr. E. R. Preston, Mr. W. C. Crosby is secretary and treasurer of the organization.

National Guard Association to Meet.
The annual meeting of the North Carolina National Guard Association will be held in the assembly hall of the Selwyn hotel on January 30 and 31. The first meeting will be called to order at 11 o'clock the morning of the 30th and much important business to the members will be transacted that day. The pay bill and proposed legislation for the new legislature in its session of 1913 will be discussed. It is believed that between 70 and 100 members throughout the state will be in Charlotte.

TO SAVE PENALTY OF LAW

The Corporations Should Promptly
Make Their Returns Under the
U. S. Tax Law.

Raleigh.—The matter of the United States corporation tax law is one that should be considered by all business corporations, and prompt reports should be made so as to avoid the penalty imposed for delay in making reports as required by the law. It is a law which should be taken seriously by all corporations desiring to avoid trouble.

Business concerns operating under articles or acts of incorporations should recognize the fact that returns are required from all corporations organized for profit and having a capital stock represented by shares, and all insurance companies, regardless of the volume of their business or whether operated at a profit or a loss, and, in fact, whether in active operation at all; that these returns must cover the entire calendar year and must be filed on or before March 1st. Those failing to observe this time limit are subject to pay a fifty per cent penalty on the amount found to be due, and in addition to this are liable to a penalty of from one thousand to ten thousand dollars, the latter penalty applying to those whose net receipts are less than five thousand dollars as well as to those who are found to be liable to tax. A common error has been to suppose that concerns making no profits, or making less than five thousand dollars, are not required to make returns, and this error has cost many concerns dearly. It is estimated that there were twenty-five thousand delinquents in the country at large in the year 1911. All these incurred the penalty of from one thousand to ten thousand dollars, and those whose profits exceeded five thousand dollars were required to pay a penalty of fifty per cent on the amount of tax found to be due.

Sandlin Pays Penalty For Crime.

The death penalty for wife-murder was paid in the electric chair in the state prison here by L. M. Sandlin of Wilmington, and the body of the man was turned over to his brother, who carried it to Wilmington for interment. Sandlin was completely unnerved when he was brought into the death chamber. He was almost paralyzed with fear and kept wailing to those about him with such expressions as "Oh, Lord have mercy! This is something I never thought would happen in this world to me!" The attendants helped the poor fellow rapidly and securely strapped him in the death chair when the signal was given and the first shock of 1,800 voltage was turned on; then off and on again in quick succession. The physicians found that the heart was still beating and there was a second shock, and a third. Then the physicians pronounced him dead, and the body was taken from the chair and delivered to his brother as the representative of the Sandlin family.

Total Tax Receipts Are Large.

The total receipts at the office of Tax Collector Wilson, at Charlotte, were \$124,346.16. Of this amount all but approximately \$6,000 was collected during the month of December. On Wednesday and Thursday of the past week, there was paid into the hands of the city tax collector, \$84,286.46. With the receipts which just arrived, the total for the three months will approximate something over \$125,000, leaving a surplus of \$55,000 to the credit of the city, after the outstanding obligations, which must be met on January 1, 1912, have been paid in full. Of \$70,000, the requisite amount, a check for something over \$35,000 has already been given into the hands of the American Trust Company as interest on the bond issues for which the municipal treasury is responsible.

A Raleigh Policeman Wounded.

Policeman C. B. Barber of the Raleigh police force was seriously wounded by a negro, Will McNeill, whom he was trying to arrest, with the aid of three other officers, at a negro boarding house, near Johnson street station. The charge against McNeill was simple assault committed some months ago.

On The Matter of Endowment.

Dr. W. L. Potat, the president of Wake Forest College, was in Raleigh on the matter of the endowment of Wake Forest College, the limit for the collection of the remainder of \$150,000 expiring a few days ago. There is still about \$30,000 to be collected, though pledges for more than this amount have been made. The college is to raise a total of \$112,500, and to this the General Education Board of New York adds one dollar for every three collected or \$37,500 in all.

BUSINESS IN 1912 BOUND TO BE GOOD

PRESIDENT ELECTION WILL NOT
SERIOUSLY AFFECT CONDI-
TIONS IN COUNTRY.

COUNTRY ON FIRM BASIS

Real Business of the Country Is On
a Firm Basis, Say Well
Informed Men.

New York.—"Not even a presidential election will be able to make business bad in 1912," declares a close observer of business conditions. "There may be furies in Wall street," he continued, "speculation may be hampered and Wall street may not enjoy the year as much as it might, but the real business of the country is on a firm basis and is going to be good."

And this pretty well represents the general idea among men who are in touch with conditions throughout the country.

The big crops mean good business for the railroads; this in turn goes a long way toward insuring the steady demand for steel. With the railroads and steel mill profitably busy, hard times would be difficult to bring about.

Then the copper business is in fine shape and the other great underlying industries of the country face a good outlook and money is in plentiful supply for legitimate purposes. Taken altogether there is good ground for optimism.

Warehousemen throughout the city report that business in nearly every line of trade is now more active than it has been in several years.

As the warehousemen diagnose the condition, they have their fingers on the pulse of the business world—this revival is not local, but quite general.

CONGREGATION MOBS PASTOR

Tampa Minister Roughly Handled by
Members of His Church.

Tampa, Fla.—At the conclusion of services Rev. R. E. L. Kirland, pastor of the First Congregational church, was the storm center in a near riot in which the police interfered, arresting six persons.

In a written statement he declared he had been kicked by some of the women.

The cause of the outburst was an attack made by Reverend Kirland in his sermon on a former pastor in connection with alleged misappropriation of church funds. Reverend Kirland's subject was "If Christ Lived Today, Would He Be a Socialist?" His text was "My Father's house is a house of prayer, but ye have made it a den of thieves." Strained relations have existed between Reverend Kirland and members of his congregation for some months.

INDEPENDENTS ARE IGNORED

Tennessee "Regulars" Will Not Meet
With Party Bolters.

Nashville, Tenn.—Indications are that "regular" Democratic state committee men will ignore the opportunity to name the three "regular" Democrats on the committee of seven to hold the state primary called by the Independent state committee for April 30. Under the plan of the latter, the primary representatives of the "regulars" are to be named by Chairman O. C. Barton of the Independents, since the "regular" organization members have not acted.

The committee to hold the primary is to be composed of three Independents, three "regulars" and a seventh, selected by the six. The primary committee must organize not later than January 1.

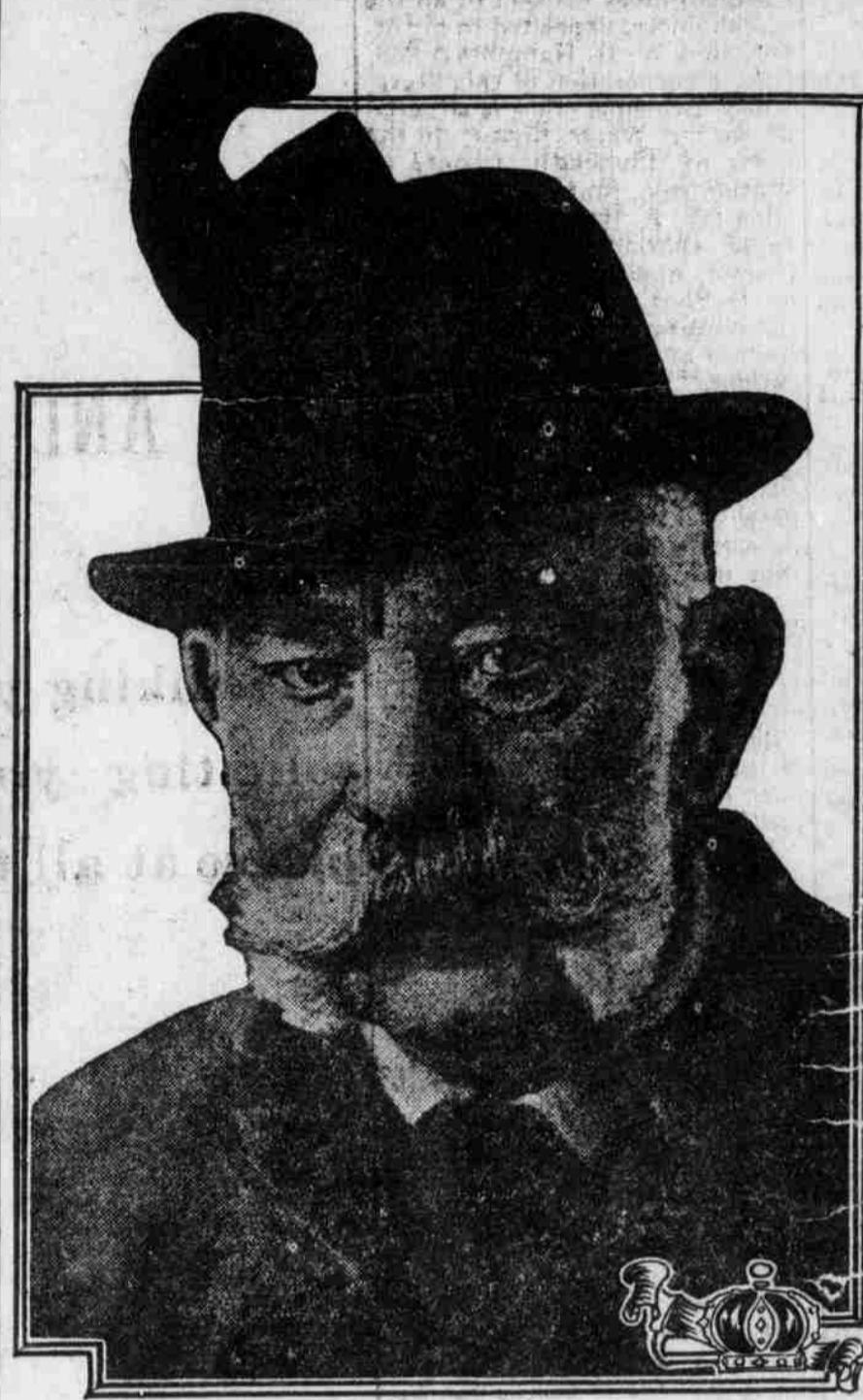
Crippled Torpedo Boat Arrives.

Washington.—The crippled torpedo boat destroyer Warrington, which was run down off Hatteras in a gale on Wednesday night by an unknown ship, was safely towed into Hampton Roads. The revenue cutter Onondaga brought in the destroyer's crew.

Taft Refuses to Help Mcrae.

Washington.—It was announced at the white house that the report of the army medical officers who have examined Charles W. Morse, convicted New York banker, serving sentence in the Atlanta, Ga., Federal penitentiary, does not warrant immediate interference by the president and the pardon will not be granted at this time. The physicians made a physical examination of Morse in the military hospital at Fort McPherson, where the banker is being treated under guard.

ON THRONE SIXTY-THREE YEARS



All Austria-Hungary recently celebrated the sixty-third anniversary of the accession of Emperor Francis Joseph. The venerable monarch, who was born in 1830, is in fairly good health, but appears in public very rarely nowadays and can no longer indulge in the hunting expeditions he so much enjoyed.

RUSSIAN RULE FOR PERSIA

LAST VESTIGE OF INDEPENDENCE
WILL BE DESTROYED
BY THE CZAR.

Great Britain Is Acting as Russia's
Accomplice and Englishmen
Feel Outraged.

London.—The Russian government has decided to suppress disorders at Tabriz and other disturbed Persian towns. The dislocation of the telegraph lines makes it impossible to get a reliable narrative of the outbreaks. Yet it cannot be doubted that a situation of the gravest complexity has arisen.

As reports of Russian progress in Persia and stories of the indiscriminate killing of natives in Tabriz and Resht, and of the destruction of Persia's constitutional government under Russian menaces continue to reach England, the people are becoming increasingly disquieted at the British government's complicity, which the foreign secretary, Sir Edward Gray, thinks is a matter of policy and compelled by the Anglo-Russian agreement.

St. Petersburg.—A semi-official statement issued says that the Russian government, in view of "acts of foolhardy aggression" committed against the Russian forces and institutions in Tabriz, Resht and Enseli, sometimes followed by brutal torture of the wounded and base outrage against the dead, has decided that the severest punishment of the guilty is merited.

Teheran.—It is understood that the regent and cabinet desire the appointment of the American, F. E. Cairns, the principal assistant of Mr. Shuster, as the new treasurer general of Persia. It is more likely, however, that M. Mornard, the Belgian ex-director of customs in Persia, who some months ago made himself prominent by his hostility to Mr. Shuster, will receive the position.

Christian Science Goes in Panama

Washington.—President Taft settled the vexed questions of allowing the practice of Christian Science or other non-medical methods of healing the sick in the Panama canal zone. The executive order made, several months ago which members of the Christian Science church feared would prohibit their method of healing, was modified so that there can be no doubt as to the lawfulness of such practice. The order as modified goes into effect at once.

FEDERAL COURTS SCORED

Governor Baldwin of Connecticut Says
Superior Courts Merdle.

Buffalo, N. Y.—Control of state authorities by inferior United States courts has developed to such an extent that the people are becoming impatient, declared Gov. Simeon E. Baldwin of Connecticut at the opening of the twenty-seventh annual meeting of the American Historical Association and the eighth annual meeting of the American Political Science Association in joint session here. If some of the recent court decisions are not disaffirmed, Governor Baldwin said, the judicial power of the United States apparently will extend to any justifiable controversy arising in any state although pertaining to mere matters of local concern. Governor Baldwin also found a real danger in the recent utterance of a president that he was for a constitution when it conserved the people's rights, but not when it perpetuated the people's wrongs.

"The danger," he said, "is that a chief magistrate by some stretch of his executive or military authority may come to play the part of a dictator. It is only a remote possibility but the science which we profess warns us that great powers are apt sometimes to be used and that our fathers were right when they declared that eternal vigilance was the price of liberty."

Aviator Injured by Fall.

Milledgeville, Ga.—Stanley James, an aviator, who was scheduled to give exhibition flights here, fell from a height of about sixty feet and was painfully though not seriously injured. The accident was witnessed by but few, as it happened at the Treanor race track, across the river, just as the aviator had risen in his aeroplane to come over to the city to give an exhibition. The injured man was hurriedly taken to the Baldwin hotel, where he received medical attention.

Killed in Hotel Lobby.

Rome, Ga.—Douglas H. Harris was shot and instantly killed in the lobby of the Cherokee hotel by Ulrich L. Starnes, traveling salesman for a local marble factory. Starnes claimed that Harris wrecked his family, and after giving himself up to the nearest policeman, said that he was the happiest man alive, and assured bystanders that if his victim was not dead he would go back and make a good job. Harris was 25 years old and unmarried. His father now lives in Columbus, Ga.

TURKS DEFEAT ITALIAN FORCE

PUT TO FLIGHT WITH GREAT
LOSS AFTER TWENTY-FOUR
HOURS' BATTLE.

ITALIAN LOSS IS ONE-HALF

Commander of Turkish Troops Re-
ports Garrison Annihilated and
Munitions Captured.

Washington.—A twenty-four-hour battle, in which the Turkish troops defeated the Italian force, killing half of it in the rout, is described in an official message from Constantinople, made public at the Turkish embassy. The message was transmitted to the imperial ministry of war at Constantinople by the commander of the Turkish troops from Tobruk, Tripoli, under date of December 22. The report follows:

"We have attacked the fortified posts of the enemy. Notwithstanding the fire from the warships and fort batteries, we entered the fort and the garrison has been annihilated. Ammunition, provisions, war material and a quick-firing gun have been carried into our camp.

"In its forward march, one of our wings cut off the retreat of the enemy, who fled toward the coast. During the retreat the enemy lost half their numbers. The battle lasted all day and night.

"Among the killed were three officers of the enemy. Our losses were seven killed and a few wounded. The helik Meri, who, with his five sons, came at the head of his tribe, is among the dead.

"The courage of our officers and soldiers is exemplary. Lieutenant Medjib Bey was the first to enter the fort. He destroyed the quick-firing guns and carried away one into our camp."

TO FIX FORM OF GOVERNMENT

China's Future in the Hands of Na-
tional Convention

Shanghai.—The peace conference being held here between the representative of the Peking government and the revolutionary party agreed that the form of government to be ultimately adopted for China should be decided by a national convention, whose determination should be binding on both parties. It also was agreed that pending the decision of the national convention, the Manchu government was neither to accept nor to attempt to obtain foreign loans.

Another agreement reached is that all Manchu troops in the provinces of Shan Si, Shen Si, Huh Peh, Nganwei and Kiangsu shall evacuate their present positions and withdraw from them to a distance of 100 li (about 37 miles) within five days, beginning from December 31. The republican troops meanwhile shall neither advance nor occupy the places evacuated pending special arrangements to be reached by mutual agreement. The Manchu troops are not to advance nor to attack the positions at Shantung held by the republicans, nor shall the republican troops advance upon nor capture new places.

It is understood the national convention to be called is to include those delegates at present in conference at Nanking, who have elected Dr. Sun Yat Sen president of the republic and others to be elected.

Tang Shao Yi received a telegram from Peking saying that Tuan Fang, formerly director general of the Hukang railroad and ex-viceroy of the province of Chi Li, had arrived in the capital disguised as a coolie.

Arrested for Forgery.

Nashville, Tenn.—E. Kline, a Hungarian, who represented himself as James Stewart, of New York, was arrested here on a charge of forgery, and will be taken back to Scranton, Pa., to face his accusers. Kline came to Nashville last Saturday and announced that he was James Stewart, a New York contractor of the firm of James Stewart & Co., and intended to beautify suburban sections about this city, and engage in an extensive sale of villa sites.

Richeson's Condition Prevents Trial.

Boston.—The physical and mental condition of the Rev. C. V. Richeson is so unfavorable that his trial on January 15, the date set, will be an absolute impossibility in the opinion of his counsel. "Perhaps his wounds may be in a favorable condition," says a statement from his lawyer "but his general and mental condition is far from favorable, and I believe an early attempt to put him on trial at so early a date would cause a collapse which would delay the trial indefinitely."