

ONLY PAPER Published in the County \$1 a Year in Advance Job Printing Promptly and Neatly Done

Madison County Record.

The Medium Through which you reach the people of Madison County ADVERTISING RATES ON APPLICATION

POLITICAL REFORM AND THE GENERAL UPBUILDING OF MADISON COUNTY.

VOL. XI.

MARSHALL, N. C., FRIDAY, AUGUST 20, 1909.

NO. 33.

NORTH STATE NEWS NOTES Items of State Interest Gathered from Here and There and Told Briefly for Busy Readers.

Frazier Held For Jury. Greensboro, Special.—The preliminary hearing of James Frazier and John Leonard, alias John Hall, who have been accused of being implicated in the recent murder of Miss Lydia Newman, of Sumner township, was held before Justice of the Peace Collins Wednesday. The hearing was held in the county court house and attracted an immense crowd of people. The first case taken up was the indictment charging Frazier with burning Miss Newman's residence five years ago, and while the evidence was considered very flimsy, the defendant was held without bail for the action of the grand jury. Leonard who had been arrested for indecent exposure on a warrant sworn out by the defendant's wife, was the only witness who gave any direct testimony against Frazier in connection with the arson case. He swore positively to having seen Frazier set fire to the residence on the afternoon of June 17, 1904. The defense introduced twelve witnesses, several of them being leading citizens of the township, who swore to the good character of Frazier and the bad character of Leonard. Five of the witnesses established an alibi for Frazier on the day the house was burned.

Must Be a Citizen of the State. Raleigh, Special.—That none but qualified North Carolina voters can be appointed to the position of railroad policemen by the governor to serve in this State is a ruling just made by Attorney-General T. W. Bickett. The investigation and construction of the law in this State was made by the Attorney-General at the request of Governor Kitchin, who has been asked by a number of the railroad authorities, especially the Seaboard Air Line and the Southern, to commission a number of men brought into this State from Virginia and other States. The ruling of the Attorney-General is under the constitutional requirement that none but qualified voters can hold office in North Carolina, the special railroad policeman's commission being held to be within the purview of this constitutional requirement. Therefore, no one can in future secure a commission of this kind from the Governor unless for two years past a resident of the State.

Old Moonshiner Falls in Battle. Asheville, Special.—Sam Palmer, a veteran moonshiner, whose revenue men have been seeking for years, was captured after a battle with officers in a raid Tuesday. Palmer did not surrender until he was shot four times, and then only after he had been overpowered. He is a blockader of the old school, who believes he has an inherent right to make whiskey as he pleases, and who has no hesitancy in sacrificing the life of any one who will question that right. It is not thought that any of the wounds will prove fatal. A large still and outfit, with 3,000 gallons of beer, in which Palmer was interested, was captured and destroyed. Several shots were exchanged, but none of the officers was hit. All the moonshiners made off, and it is not known whether any except Palmer were wounded. The posse was led by Deputy Collectors Hendrix and Alley, of Asheville, and Marshall, of Bryson City. Old citizens throughout this section say that never before in their memory has there been as much illicit distilling as since the State prohibition law went into effect.

Big Cotton Mill. Wilson, Special.—D. D. Little, president and treasurer, and H. F. Little, general manager, of the Marion Manufacturing Company, have arrived in town and will spend the week looking after the building of the \$300,000 cotton mill which is under construction here. Work on the mill is progressing rapidly. When completed it will be one of the largest plants in the State.

Eight Men Were Injured. Hickory, Special.—At Brookfield an overloaded scaffold gave way Tuesday afternoon and eight men fell to the floor, a distance of twenty feet. J. Worth Elliott, the contractor in charge of the work, was severely cut and bruised about the face, and all the others bruised and scratched. No bones were broken, although the men fell among a tangled heap of heavy beams and timbers. Mr. Elliott was brought to his home and the gashes on his face stitched up. The others escaped with bruises and a few sprains.

Young Davidsonian Bound Over on Charge of Forgery. Mooresville, Special.—J. F. Sawyer, a young man of about 20 years of age of Davidson, came to Mooresville Saturday and went to the Mooresville Loan and Trust Company to secure a loan of \$105. He presented as collateral a note purporting to be legally signed by himself and three other men, Mr. E. C. Deaton, to whom the note had been presented for payment, suspected forgery and deferred payment until an investigation. The result was that Sawyer was arraigned before Mayor Brown and bound over to court under a \$250 bond, in default of which he went to jail. Sawyer admitted his guilt at the preliminary hearing.

Arrested For Embezzlement. Marion, Special.—Somewhat of a sensation was caused here Thursday when it became known that Sheriff Washburn, of McDowell county, had returned from Canton with J. R. Hawkins, a lumber dealer, as a prisoner and landed him in the jail here on the charge of embezzling \$1,250 from E. R. Hill, the Marion representative of John P. Shearer & Son, of Philadelphia, lumber dealers. From what can be learned Hawkins, while buying lumber for this company at Canyon, is alleged to have sent notices of lumber bought to the headquarters of the company here and kept the money sent for same for his own use. No time has been set for the preliminary hearing. Pless & Winborne have been employed to prosecute the case. Hawkins has not as yet retained counsel. The defendant is well connected here.

"Q. C. D." Sounds Once More. Beaufort, Special.—The steamship Arapahoe, of the Clyde Line, for Charleston and Jacksonville from New York, broke her tail shaft en route at this station at 4:50 o'clock, and reported by wireless message, received at this station at 4:50 o'clock, that she was drifting helplessly. The ship at the time that she flashed her "Q. C. D." was 21 miles southwest of Diamond Shoals lightship. The wind was strong from the northeast and was drifting the ship in shore. She was heavily loaded and had quite a number of passengers on board. The Irquois, of the same line, was sent and arrived in port with the Arapahoe in tow.

Caught By Belt. Greensboro, Special.—Mr. L. A. DeWitt, superintendent of the Greensboro Furniture Manufacturing Company, was the victim of a painful and serious accident Thursday. While attempting to put a belt on the main line shaft his left arm was caught in the machinery and he was hurled around the shafting several times with great force, his left arm being broken in three places. He was removed to St. Leo's Hospital and given medical attention. Mr. DeWitt's injuries are of a serious nature and his physicians say he will be confined to the hospital for several weeks.

North Carolina Navigators Drowned. Boston, Special.—When the naval tug Nezinecott, Captain Thomas E. Evans, founded in the gale of Rockport Wednesday afternoon four of her crew lost their lives. Both of the white men, Dr. Charles F. Trotter, acting assistant naval surgeon, and C. L. Taylor, a seaman, are natives of North Carolina. Trotter entered the naval service from Franklin, N. C., last April and was on duty at the naval hospital at Portsmouth, N. H. Taylor was a native of Hendersonville, N. C., and made the trip around the world on the battleships Wisconsin and Illinois.

Gay Old Bird Landed. Wadesboro, Special.—News has reached here of the arrest at Hinton, W. Va., of Dr. A. E. Cline on the charge of passing worthless checks. Cline is now in jail, and will be held for trial. His girl-wife, formerly a Miss Cook, to whom he was married only a short time ago in Gainesville, Fla., has returned to her parents.

Governor at Jonesboro. Sanford, Special.—Governor Kitchin addressed an old soldiers' reunion at Jonesboro at noon Tuesday. Fully 3,000 people were present and after the address the old soldiers, numbering about one hundred and fifty, were served with a picnic dinner in the grove. Governor Kitchin was met at Sanford, where he spent the night, by a delegation from Jonesboro and was escorted by a beautiful float trimmed in national colors containing a select choir of Sanford young ladies who made the welkin ring with Dixie and other appropriate songs.

FARMERS' STATE CONVENTION

Four Days' Session, Aug. 24-27—Railroads Give Special Rates.

Raleigh, Special.—The Farmers State Convention will meet here Aug. 24th to 27th, inclusive. A reception committee, of which W. C. Etheridge is chairman, will meet all trains arriving at the Union Station Monday evening, Tuesday and Wednesday. When you get off the train, look for men with badges: "Reception Committee," or for sign: "Headquarters, Reception Committee, State Farmers' Convention," and make yourself known. The committee will take care of you.

Those who prefer will be assisted in securing satisfactory accommodations in the city, while those who wish to room at the College will be escorted there and provided with rooms free and meals at cost. Those who intend rooming at the College should notify Mr. E. B. Owen, West Raleigh, when they will arrive, but failure to do this need not prevent anyone from securing a room at the college on his arrival. Those expecting to room at the College should bring towels and pillows with them.

The accommodations for rooming at the College are not good, owing to the fact that the College has no furniture or bedding except that furnished students, but such as is there will be at the disposal of those who wish to avail themselves of it.

Railroad Rates. A rate of one and one-half fare plus fifty cents has been granted for the Farmers' State Convention, provided there are as many as one hundred persons attending the meeting holding properly receipted certificates.

Information, sample certificate and program may be secured from the Secretary or E. B. Owen, Registrar of the College, West Raleigh, N. C., upon application.

T. B. PARKER, Sec.

PROGRAM.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24.

11:00 a. m.—Address of Welcome by Major W. A. Graham, State Commissioner of Agriculture; Annual address by the President of the Convention.

2:15 p. m.—Reclaiming Soil, Mr. R. W. Scott, Alamance County; Discussion by Mr. J. P. Wyatt, Wake County; The Crime of Gullying, Prof. C. L. Newman, A. and M. College; Discussion by Mr. R. W. Pou, Iredell County; Crop Varieties and Soil Types, Mr. J. L. Burgess, State Department of Agriculture; Soil Preservation, Mr. E. E. Miller, Managing Editor Progressive Farmer; General Discussion.

8:00 p. m.—Progress in Agricultural Education, President D. H. Hill, A. and M. College; Agriculture's Debt to Science (Lantern Lecture), Dr. F. L. Stevens, A. and M. College.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25.

7:30 to 10:00 a. m.—Live-stock Judging—Cattle, Prof. John Michels; Horses, Dr. W. G. Chrisman; Hogs, Prof. R. S. Curtis; Poultry, Prof. J. S. Jeffrey.

10:00 a. m.—How to Make Two Bales of Cotton to the Acre, Mr. W. A. Simpkins, Wake County; Discussion by Mr. T. J. W. Broome, Union County; What Shall the Farmer Do With His Cotton Seed? State Chemist B. W. Kilgore, State Department of Agriculture; Discussion by Mr. W. D. Trotman, Iredell County; Peanuts as a Farm Crop, Supt. T. E. Browne, Hertford County; Discussion by Mr. Thos. W. Blount, Washington County.

2:15 p. m.—Doubling the Corn Yield, Mr. C. R. Hudson, State Demonstration Agent; Discussion by Mr. John F. Latham, Beaufort County; Injurious Insects to Corn, Prof. R. I. Smith, A. and M. College and Experiment Station; Preparation of Land for Corn, Mr. B. S. Skinner, Superintendent College Farm; Discussion by Mr. J. D. Sessoms, Cumberland County; General Discussion by all Corn Growers.

8:00 p. m.—The Importance of Education in Agriculture, Mr. F. S. White, Commissioner of Agriculture, Rock Island and Frisco Lines, St. Louis, Mo.; Farm Methods, Dr. S. A. Knapp, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26.

7:30 to 9:30 a. m.—Dairy Demonstration at College Dairy.

9:30 a. m.—Dairy Development in North Carolina, Mr. J. A. Conover, State Department of Agriculture; Discussion by Mr. W. W. Finley, Wilkes County; Economical Feeding of Dairy Cattle, Prof. John Michels, A. and M. College and Experiment Station; Necessity of Good Farm Equipment, Mr. John W. Robinson, Catawba County; Discussion by Mr. W. C. Andrews, Orange County; Feeding Cotton-seed Meal to Horses and Hogs, Prof. R. S. Curtis, Experiment Station; Suggestions for Selecting a Breeding Animal, Dr. W. J. Hartman, State Department of Agriculture.

2:15 p. m.—Legumes as Farm Crops, Mr. T. B. Parker, State De-

partment of Agriculture; Discussion by Mr. C. C. Moore, Mecklenburg County; Building Good Roads, Prof. Factors Affecting the Maturity of Corn, Director C. B. Williams, Experiment Station; Grasses and Hay-making, Mr. R. L. Shuford, Catawba County; Agricultural Extension Work, Prof. I. O. Schaub, A. and M. College.

8:00 p. m.—Improvement of Farm Homes, Mr. Franklin Sherman, Jr., State Department of Agriculture.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27.

7:30 to 9:30 a. m.—Demonstration of Tests for Tuberculosis in Cows, Doctors Hartman, Roberts and Chrisman.

9:30 a. m.—Commercial Fruit Growing, Prof. W. N. Hutt, State Department of Agriculture; Lettuce Growing in Eastern Carolina, Mr. W. H. Bray, Craven County.

2:15 p. m.—Handling and Selling Tobacco, Mr. J. O. W. Gravelly, Nash County; Improvement of State Horticulture, Mr. S. B. Shaw, State Department of Agriculture; Election of Officers and Other Business.

WASHINGTON NOTES

At an extended conference Friday night with Secretary Nagel, of the Department of Commerce and Labor; Postmaster General Hitchcock and L. Dana Durand, Director of the Census. President Taft at Beverly, approved the appointment of 330 supervisors of the thirteenth census. The list had been prepared here for the President and the qualifications of every man inquired into.

There has been marked discontent among some Southern Republicans over the decision of the President to divide the census patronage in the States of the "solid South."

Col. Cecil Lyon, Republican national committee man from Texas, who came to Beverly Friday, told the President that he would rather have the State put in charge of one supervisor—a good Republican—than to have to divide the congressional districts with the Democrats. Colonel Lyon said the declaration of this policy on his part held good for all of the States. Oklahoma, he declared, had been included with Tennessee, Kentucky, North Carolina and Missouri in the list of nearly doubtful States that had been set apart from the other Southern States for a full list of Republican supervisors.

"If Oklahoma is a Northern State," declared Colonel Lyon, "I am in favor of moving Mason and Dixon's line still further South to let Texas in."

Each census supervisor will have a tremendous field force of enumerators under him. The supervisors will receive a salary of \$2,000 and their work will extend over eight or ten months. The States where the supervisors are divided equally between the Democrats and Republicans are Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas. In most of the States supervisors are appointed in each congressional district.

President Taft, it is said, laid down the rules, especially in States where a division has been made between Democrats and Republicans, that supervisors shall not be active partisans and that no attempt should be made to build up political machines out of the census patronage.

The President appointed Charles A. Overlock, of Douglas, Ariz., as United States marshal for that Territory. He also signed the commissions of some sixty-odd supervisors in different sections of the country and the names of these appointees were made public by Mr. Durand at the conclusion of the conference.

The list includes: Florida: First district, Henry W. Bishop (Republican); second district, L. Lesueur Gaulden (Republican); third district, Thomas David White, (Democrat).

Alabama: First district, Lawrence W. Locklin (Democrat); fourth district, George W. Parsons (Democrat); fifth district, William P. Cobb (Democrat); sixth district, Simeon T. Wright (Republican); seventh district, James J. Curtis (Republican); eighth district, Thomas P. Wood (Republican); ninth district, John T. McEniry (Republican).

President Taft at Beverly, talked over the Cuban situation for an hour Sunday afternoon with Carlos Garcia Velez, the island's minister to Washington. From 3 until 4 o'clock the diplomat and the President sat in earnest conversation on the veranda of the Taft cottage. Mr. Velez declared after the long interview that he had found President Taft deeply interested in Cuba and thoroughly

acquainted with the ideals and ambitions of the people. Mr. Velez said he realized that forces were at work in the hope of disintegrating the republic. Some of the American newspapers, he declared, had said unkind things about the Cuban people which were disheartening and discouraging, but he emphatically shook his head and said, "No, no, no," when asked if he thought it ever would be necessary for the United States again to intervene to set the republic's house in order.

In a letter addressed Sunday to Secretary Nagel, of the Department of Commerce and Labor, President Taft served notice that any man engaged in the taking of the thirteenth census of the United States who engages in politics in any way will be dismissed immediately from the service. At the same time announcement was made of the appointment of 134 additional supervisors. Outside of casting their votes the President believes that census supervisors and enumerators should keep clear of anything that savors of politics, national, State or local. In his letter President Taft orders that the Secretary of Commerce and Labor and the director of the census embody in the regulations governing the taking of the census the rule as forcibly laid down in his letter. Mr. Taft says that in appointing census supervisors it has been found necessary to select men recommended by Senators and Congressmen in their districts. He says he realizes that this method of selection might easily be perverted to political purposes, and it is to take the census out of politics, so far as the actual work is concerned, that he has explicitly expressed his desire as to the regulations. The census supervisors announced from North Carolina and South Carolina as follows:

North Carolina—First district, Josiah C. Meekin, Sr.; second, James M. Newborn; third, H. Frank Brown; fourth, William Claudius Pearson; sixth, Irvine B. Tucker; seventh, A. Turner Grant, Jr.; ninth, J. Yates Killian. South Carolina—First district, William J. Storen; second, George Waterhouse; third, William Walker Russell; fifth, Robert Leroy Douglas.

Predicts Heavy Business. Washington, Special.—A heavier business than ever has been known in a single year is looked for by Chairman Knapp, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, for America's railroads during the present fiscal year. The serious situation anticipated is that there may be a shortage of cars. The crop prospects are considered so bright that the likelihood is the railroads and other transportation companies may be taxed beyond their capacity to handle the freight that will be offered to them.

Earthquake in Japan. Tokio, By Cable.—Reports received concerning the earthquake in central Japan Saturday afternoon show there were a number of fatalities and that great damage was done. The dead at present is said to be 30, though it is feared that the fatalities will be greatly increased when the outlying districts are heard from. The number of persons injured is 822. Thus far 362 buildings, including many temples, are reported to have been destroyed and more than one thousand others badly damaged.

NEWSY GLEANINGS.

The homeward rush of tourists from London has begun.

Battleships of the Atlantic fleet began the work of turning tests in Cape Cod Bay.

Bolivians at Guapal stoned the houses of Peruvian and Argentine residents.

Talk of combining the Marine Corps with the army was again revived in Washington, D. C.

Advices from Stockholm said that the strike was growing; only one paper will be printed in the capital.

Two regiments of Swedish troops in the northern part of the country mutinied and were confined to barracks.

The French Government is pleased with Germany's exertions to induce Turkey to modify demands regarding Crete.

It was reported that the Union Pacific has sold its Great Northern ore certificates and thus closed out its line of Hill stocks.

Rush of wine and other imports to escape increased duties will reduce the estimated receipts under the Payne-Aldrich tariff.

The Swedish National Labor Union issued a manifesto announcing that every weapon driven by a person without a badge would be stopped.

SNAPPY AND BRIEF

Items Gathered and Told While You Hold Your Breath.

SOME EVERY DAY HAPPENINGS

Lively and Crisp as They Are Garnered From the Fields of Action at Home and Abroad.

A constable at Black Mountain Saturday at 1:30 a. m., shot two men, John Bunting and P. C. Collins. Bunting is dead and Collins is severely wounded. The men disturbed the other guests in the Gladstone hotel and the shooting followed the officers' appearance on the scene.

One man was killed and four were injured in Philadelphia, Saturday, by the giving away of one wheel of their automobile which caused it to overturn.

President Taft began his vacation at Beverly by engaging in his favorite game of golf.

By an erroneous throw of a switch one train ran into another which was still on the siding near Memphis, Sunday morning, and Joe Lewis, an engineer of thirty years experience, was killed and several others of the crews were badly hurt.

A celebration of the 275th anniversary of the coming of the first white man to Green Bay, Wis., was held there on Tuesday. Tablets marking historical sites were unveiled and the reconstructed old Tank cottage was dedicated.

A dispatch from Tokio says that 457 members of the coral fishing fleet were caught in a squall off Kobe and drowned. Details of the disastrous storm have not been received.

The annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic was held in Salt Lake City Wednesday. Three inspectors were suffocated on Tuesday in a mine at Telluride, Col., when lightning fired the buildings at the entrance.

Peter Leibach, of Pittsburg, supposed to be demented, has been discovered to be the possessor of a fortune, which he hid about his house and lived in the greatest poverty. Trunks full of coin, stockings full of bills, washboilers full of nickels, dimes and pennies, estimated at \$100,000, were loaded into a patrol wagon and taken to the Farmers' Deposit Bank by the police.

Henry Roberts was president of the Y. M. C. A. of Bristol, Va. He believed high license the best solution of the liquor question and voted against prohibition. He was asked to resign and has conformed to the request.

The Dan River Power and Manufacturing Co., and the Riverside Cotton Mills have combined, making one of the biggest cotton mill corporations in the world, having a capital of \$7,000,000 with a surplus of nearly \$1,000,000.

Hal H. Haynes, a stock farmer of Bristol, Va., is confident that he has discovered the cause of blind staggers in horses and cattle. It is a growth called water hemlock. It is fatal to man and beast.

It is now a fact that Dr. Mell will leave Clemson College. His resignation has been accepted by the board. He will remain till the end of the year till a successor can be secured.

Near King, Lee Bennett and Jack Tolleston successful farmers, in Stokes county, N. C., attempted to settle a dispute arising from a line between lands on last Friday by the use of shot guns. Some friends were involved in the battle and when the smoke blew over five men were bleeding with wounds, two are having a life and death battle now.

A rain and hailstorm Friday did great damage to crops about Danbury, N. C.

The fear of an uprising in Mexico is subsiding.

The Cuban Minister had a conference at Beverly Sunday with President Taft on the critical situation in the island.

The late tariff bill putting \$20 a ton on zinc ore, it is said, will cut off this trade with the United States by Mexico. Heretofore about 150,000 tons per year have come in from there.

The Bell Telephone Company has won its fight before the Corporation Commission to arise rates in Asheville and Wilmington making them equal to the rates in Charlotte and some other cities in the State.

Lucinda Davis, a colored woman of Louisville, Ky., ate five watermelons, winning a contest, but dying from the effects last week.

Little Beneta, in the employ of an amusement park at New York, Sunday afternoon came in contact with a live wire in descending with a parachute. She was sharply burned and in struggling to escape she spilled the air in the parachute and got a hard fall.