

EAST CABARRUS FARMERS CLUB

Will Hold Institute—Hints from Postmaster Moose—Tuscarora Mill Running Full Time.

Feb. 10.—One of the liveliest farmers organizations to be found in the country is the East Cabarrus Farmers Club with headquarters at St. John's. Our townsman, Mr. W. H. Fisher, is president and the club numbers among its members many of the most successful farmers of the section and is making earnest efforts to get every farmer within its fold who resides in the territory of the club. The officials have completed arrangements for a great day next Saturday, 15th. Dr. Tait Butler, State Veterinarian and General Manager of Farmers' Institutes, has consented to be present and make an address at that time. Ex-State Senator, H. C. McAllister and T. A. Moser, Esq., will also have interesting talks as well as a number of others. The day promises to be a profitable and pleasant one and a large crowd should be present. The hour for meeting is 10 o'clock.

In this connection we will also say, upon the authority of the president, that Dr. Butler has granted this club an institute to be held next summer, and doubtless at the meeting Saturday many important details of this institute will be discussed.

It will be a bit of welcome news to the patrons of rural route No. 2, Mr. W. J. Moose carrier, that orders have been received here to the effect that the route will be carried daily beginning March 1st. The amount of mail matter on this route has nearly doubled since last July.

Postmaster Moose desires to call attention to the practice of patrons of rural delivery of placing loose coins in their boxes each time they desire to dispatch letters instead of supplying themselves with postage in advance of their needs.

This practice imposes undue hardships on the carriers in removing loose coins from boxes and delays them in the service of their routes.

The postmaster, therefore, urgently requests that patrons of rural delivery provide themselves and keep on hand a supply of stamps consistent with and in advance of their needs. It is also very desirable that rural patrons place in their mail boxes small detachable cups of wood or tin in which to place coins, when necessary, in purchasing supplies of stamps.

"Bus" the colored free delivery for Mr. C. G. Heilig, has been behind the counter for several days. Selling goods? Oh, no, not Bus. He isn't built for a salesman, and besides he says his highest ambition toward a salesmanship is fully gratified when he is running the peanut roaster. But for some days Bus has been forced to adopt defensive tactics, using counters, show cases, soap boxes, broom stands, et cetera, as impromptu breastworks against his mortal enemy, Wade Reed, Mr. D. D. Barrier's colored attache. What it was that brought about such an unprecedented state of war between these two colored supplements of their respective business houses, cannot be ascertained, but they are determined to fight it out to their own satisfaction if it takes all summer. Yesterday, Bus, who is the smaller of the two, was on the street under a flag of truce plying his accustomed Sunday vocation of "Shine, Mister!" while Wade, with his eyes rolling like the white created waves upon the bosom of the billowy deep, was saying to himself "Oh, yes, dog gon yer—jes wait till tomorrow, I git yer." But Bus knows Wade can't make good, for the white folks protect him when on duty and the counters offer safe retreats while waiting for the next trip. Question: Is there a limit to the encouragement that should be given small boys, white or colored, to scrap?

Mr. Paul Dry, who recently completed a textile course at Raleigh, has accepted a position with the Elber Manufacturing Co., at Albemarle, entering upon the duties of the position today.

The panic is beginning "to let go" to the joy of the Tuscarora mill operatives. The mill is now running full time again and has large orders ahead.

The Parker minstrel band entertained a dull Saturday afternoon by giving a free mid-winter concert. Parker and his associates are not slow fated with their music—they roll it out by the barrel.

Miss Anna Belle Barrier came in from Crockett Friday evening to spend a few days with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. P. A. Barrier.

Miss Bryna Baker is visiting at her home, King's Mountain. She left Saturday accompanied by Miss Kate Barlowe.

FIRST OUT IN WAGES.

Prevailing Trade Conditions Necessitate the Cannon Mills to Reduce Wages or Run on Short Time—Out Made From the President Down of 15 Per Cent Except Spinners, Which Will Not be So Much.

Owing to the prevailing trade conditions in yarn and manufactured goods and the high price pair for cotton, the management of the Cannon Manufacturing Company Saturday cut the wages of the mill men and employees from the president down.

Rumor of the cut in wages at the local mills was current early Saturday morning, and Mr. J. W. Cannon, president of the Cannon mills of this city, was seen by the Tribune man concerning the matter. Mr. Cannon stated concisely that there was practically no demand for the cotton goods at the present time, and trade conditions were in such shape that the warehouses were becoming overstocked with goods. This condition necessitated curtailment. Friday he called up all the men in the various departments of his manufacturing plants and stated the situation, telling his employees that he regretted very much to do so, but that the plants would have to run on short time, or there would have to be a reduction in wages, and even with a reduction of wages he would not state that the mills would be able to run on without further curtailment. They may have to lessen the output at any time and shut down for several days each week. The employees preferred to accept a reduction in wages, rather than run on short time. The salaries of the president and all subordinates, including every employee such as superintendents, office help, room bosses, clerks, weavers and finishers, were reduced 15 per cent. Spinners not being paid quite so well as those employed in the other departments the cut in their wages will not be so great, but will be adjusted on a pro rata basis.

This action on the part of Mr. Cannon was received with the unanimous consent of all his employees. The mill people all know of the immense stocks of goods that are constantly piling up in the warehouses, and are well aware of the situation, and rather than loaf several days a week the men preferred the cut in wages.

Since the first of January there have been standing idle 17,000 spindles at the Cannon mills, while other departments have been threatened by the prevailing conditions.

The Salisbury, Vance and Keeler mills, located at Salisbury, of which Mr. Cannon is president, are now running only four days each week. The mill at Landis has been idle for several weeks, and the Kindley mill at Mt. Pleasant has been idle since the first of last December.

The affairs at the Cabarrus mill will be adjusted this week, and from an intimation by Mr. Cannon this mill will probably be run on short time.

One Mill Shuts Down.
No. 3 mill, of the Cannon Manufacturing, closed down today at noon for the remainder of the week. This step was taken on account of the congestion of the market in towels and toweling. No. 3 is where all the toweling of this immense manufactory is woven, and the stopping of the looms means great loss to the weavers as well as to the mill proper.

While there is nothing certain as yet as to the fate of these and other mills in this vicinity, but in conversation with a well-informed cotton mill man last Saturday afternoon, the Tribune learns that there is a condition of unrest that is rather more alarming than encouraging at present. It is rumored that one of the largest mills in this section of the State is rumored to close down for 90 days. This rumor is not verified, however.

Julia Martin Pays a Fine.
Julia Martin, the negro woman on whose person was found a number of bottles of liquor brought in from Salisbury several weeks ago beneath her clothing, was again hauled before the police justice this morning for the same offense, the case having been dismissed from the Superior court and taken up again in the police court. Julia submitted to retailing and was fined \$25, including the costs.

John Madia, not a stranger to the police circles, was before the justice this morning on a warrant charging him with an assault on his wife. Madia was dismissed after paying a fine of \$5, including the costs.

There were several other unimportant cases before the justice, all being drunks and profanity.

Attorney L. T. Hartwell is in Salisbury today on professional business.

DIBASTROUS HIGH POINT FIRE.

The Works of the Southern Car Company, the Only Concern in the South Building Electric Cars, Destroyed by Fire, the Loss Reaching Nearly \$100,000.

High Point, Feb. 9.—The biggest fire in the history of the city in dollars and cents occurred here last night when the main plant of the Southern Car Company was destroyed by fire, together with all machinery. The loss is between \$80,000 and \$100,000 and covered by only one-third insurance. There were twenty-three cars worth several thousand dollars each almost ready to go out, and these were also destroyed. The origin of the fire is now unknown, but it is believed to have started in the cabinet room. The plant is located almost a mile from the business section of the city, and by the time the fire companies arrived the mammoth building was on fire all over and there was no chance to save it.

Work was then directed in saving the new addition to the main plant, where a number of cars were also in course of completion, which is used as a finishing room and for other purposes. This and other buildings and a string of box cars standing on the sidetracks were saved by the firemen or the loss would have been at least double what it is. The cars caught twice, but were promptly put out. A large black horse belonging to the company was driven from the stables only to return at once and drop dead from the heat.

The Southern Car Company was established in 1903 and the buildings were of brick. It was capitalized at \$250,000 and was the only company making electric cars of its kind south of Wilmington, Del. The officers of the company are: President, J. Elwood Cox; vice president, E. A. Snow; secretary and treasurer, E. K. Briggs.

The loss is a heavy one to the stockholders and High Point also, in that it was the only factory of its kind here. But out of the ashes will rise a better and larger plant, this being given your correspondent by Mr. Briggs today.

Notwithstanding the lateness of the hour the whole city seemed to be out to witness the big fire, which burned for several hours.

HILL'S ALLEY BLOODED.

Draymen Meet in the Narrow Lane Between Equire Jim Hill's Store and the Cabarrus Savings Bank, and Trouble Ensued.—Policeman Bensfield Opens the Way.

The straight and narrow way, leading from Union street to the warehouses in the rear of Equire Hill's storehouse, was blocked for fifteen or twenty minutes Saturday evening about 5 o'clock, when the boy who drives a delivery wagon for the D. J. Best Company was on his way out of the alley and met face to face another negro who was driving a dray wagon loaded with hardware. Behind the load of hardware was a second wagon, laden with plows and other farming implements. The grade is down hill from the Union street entrance, and when the delivery wagon and the dray wagon met, the first mentioned came to a standstill and the driver refused to back out. It was hardly possible for the loaded wagons to back up hill and make way for the out-coming wagon, hence a block. The negroes wrangled for probably twenty minutes over the question as to who was entitled to the right of way, and all refused to move until Policeman Bensfield came upon the scene. He ordered the negro with the delivery wagon to back out—and he backed. It looked for a little while as if greater trouble would ensue. Several hundred people had gathered about the entrance of the alley, until the string of curious men had lined up across the street.

Marriage at Court House.

At high noon today in the office of the register of deeds for Cabarrus county, Mr. Jesse C. Furr, merchant and farmer of No. 9 township, and Mrs. Elizabeth Harding, of No. 11 township, were united in marriage. Rev. T. W. Smith officiating. The groom is 46 years of age, and is the father of seven sons; while the bride is aged 30, and is the mother of two sons. After the ceremony the couple left for the groom's home in the lower end of the county.

Small Cabin Burned Yesterday.

A cabin on the plantation of Mr. W. F. Morrison was destroyed by fire yesterday morning, the origin of which, it is thought, was due to an unusually big fire. The house was occupied by some negroes, who lost everything they possessed.

Messrs. H. M. Barrow and C. L. Smith returned to Charlotte today.

After spending several days in the city with their respective families.

Hazing at the A. & M.

Fresh Outbreak at the State College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts of Interest to Many Concord People.

The recent outbreak of hazing at the A. & M. College is of interest to many Concord people. It was last week that upper classmen broke loose from restraint and opened war on the Freshmen. Several Concord boys, if not all of the Freshmen class, were subjected to indignities at the hands of higher classmen. One father declares that he is tired of it. That he could not object to a little fun at the expense of his boy, but the matter has grown to the point where fan ends. He passed a pretty severe judgment on the authorities and said President Winston could stop hazing if he desired, that other schools controlled the boys and the A. & M. could if the desire to do so were accompanied by a determined effort. Letters recently received tell of the treatment handed out to Freshmen from this city, one of whom it is declared was choked and had nitrate of silver poured on his face. Hazing has gone largely out of vogue and the institution that permits the severe forms of hazing to be indulged in is going to get severe criticism. It seems that there has been quite a good deal of it at the A. & M. The rush of the Freshmen before the Christmas holidays, followed by a fist fight was a matter of wide interest over the State. Now that there has been a renewal of hazing the A. & M. will come in for further criticism. There are a number of boys from Cabarrus at this institution, the most of whom are Freshmen.

Concord Boy Stands Pat.

A letter received this morning fresh from the college campus, states that while six young sophomores were attempting to haze Robert Graeber about 2 o'clock Saturday morning, the young Cabarrus boy stood pat, and as fast as he could wield a chair just so fast did he put the young students out of commission. He defended himself admirably, although the sophas got a little of the blackened mixture on his face. He states that the mixture put on his face was not the nitrate of silver, but that six of his classmates were daubed with the stuff and will have to await time for it to wear off.

J. W. Moye, the room-mate of Robert Graeber, submitted quietly to the hair-cutting stunt, but when Graeber broke into their plans the assailants dropped a pair of shears which are now in the Cabarrus boy's possession.

Warm times are ahead for the obstreperous freshmen, it is said, but the young man who hails from Cabarrus has sustained a well-earned reputation of being able to cope with any reasonable number at a time.

FERTILIZER SALES LIGHT.

Retail Merchants and Wholesale Dealers Not Handling the Usual Quantities.

There is a great falling off in the sales of guano and other manufactured fertilizers this year. It is learned from very good authority that the retail dealers have not bought as heavily as in years gone by, as there is less demand for the goods among the farmers.

A car load of fertilizer, shipped to merchants of this city on consignment, will be sold at public auction tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock at the Cotton Seed Oil Mill, having been left on the hands of the Southern Railway.

A Raleigh correspondent sends out the following from the State capital in regard to the sales of fertilizers:

The sale of fertilizer continues quite light all over this State. This was expected in view of the panic. It seems that the latter is not yet over. A prominent man who came in today says that merchants are buying very little and that factories of all kinds are having a hard time in general. One factory which employs 200 people shut down, but notified the employees that its commissary was open and that while they were out of work they would be amply supplied with food.

Left for Montana.

Mr. John A. Blackweider, the young son of Mr. James W. Blackweider, left this morning on his return to his home at Billings, Montana. Mr. Blackweider had been on a visit in this county for several weeks, the time being spent with the scenes of his earlier life. His present home is in the great wheat-growing and cattle raising section of the western frontier, and the life out that way has special attractions for this young son of Cabarrus. Wages are good and work is always plentiful.

NEGRO IS SLAIN WITH AXE.

As cold-blooded a murder as could easily be imagined came to light yesterday morning shortly after the victim, David Lewis, an old colored man, died at his home six miles north of the city, in the vicinity of Newells.

With three axe wounds in his head and an equal number in the pit of his stomach he lived from 6 o'clock Saturday evening until 9 yesterday morning. The murderer, Henry Melwany, up to last night had eluded capture but Harrison Brown, a yellow negro who says he came from Wyoming, and Joe Hayes, another negro, are looked up charged with being accessories after the fact.

The first news of the killing, which occurred on the Douglas Orr place, came in a telephone message to the city yesterday morning about 10 o'clock. At once Sheriff N. W. Wallace, Chief of Police T. M. Christenbury and Officers Mosteller and J. D. Johnson set out for the scene. As a result of the investigation the facts were brought to light clearly and apparently there should be little difficulty in convicting the man if he is captured.

Old man Dave Lewis, it seems, drove up to his home on a load of wood Saturday afternoon. Melwany walked out to meet him, picked up a 5-pound axe and struck him on the head. The injured man tumbled over on the woodpile in a heap. The wielder of the axe continued to rain blows upon him until satisfied that he had made a complete job. In the meantime Laura Lewis, the wife of the man attacked, came running out. Melwany asked her if she needed any wood. Then with consummate and inhuman nerve, while his victim's life blood ebbed away, he proceeded to cut her enough wood to last awhile and walked off, as if he had discharged his own obligations. The other witnesses of the killing were Roscoe Cureton, of colored boy, and Thomas Lewis.—Charlotte Observer.

'NIGHT RIDERS' AGAIN.

They Invade Kentucky Town, Intimidate Citizens and Destroy Great Quantities of Tobacco.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 9.—'Night riders' to the number of 150 masked, heavily armed and wearing the insignia of a secret clan, last night invaded Fredonia, Crittendon county, captured James Scribner, operator of the Cumberland Telephone Company, and cut out all telephonic communications. They then forced David Potter, a drug clerk, to open his store, in which they imprisoned several citizens.

Leaving a large guard in the town, the others galloped to View, five miles away, and blew up Alfred Cardin's tobacco factory, containing 35,000 pounds of tobacco and destroyed with fire Cardin's barn, containing 10,000 pounds of tobacco. The damage aggregates \$10,000 with half as much insurance.

Cardin is buyer for Buekner & Dunkerson, of Louisville. Neither he nor his family were at home.

Firing volleys of shots into the air, the 'night riders' returned through Fredonia and released their prisoners.

PETTY THEFTERY ABOUT.

Wood Piles and Chicken Coops Being Visited These Nights—Many Complaints Being Heard.

In these piping days of bad weather and sleek work the nights are bringing forth frequent raids on wood piles and chicken coops. Not a night of last week but brought a petty theft and with bad weather at hand and work short these visits are not likely to be discontinued. The newsman hears of many cases where wood piles and chicken houses have been gently touched during the hours of night. In some instances the friendly wood pile is visited, in others it is the henhouse that is sought by the unwelcome visitor. Many a housewife is taking extra precaution to guard her favorites and the wood piles are watched with equal interest.



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