

LOCAL MARKET.

Cotton	14.50	
Cotton Seed	43 1/2	
New York Market.		
Opening	2 o'clock	
14.40	December	14.45
14.02	January	14.35
14.88	March	14.65
15.05	May	14.79
15.00	July	14.77

KILLING IN MECKLENBURG.

Prominent Farmer Shot and Killed Saturday By One of His Neighbors—A Dispute That Grew Out of Some Wood.

Charlotte Observer, 29th

Mr. Robert Simpson, one of the most prominent farmers of the county, was shot and killed early last night by Mr. Will Hartis, a son of Mr. Henry Hartis, also well known in the Mint Hill section of the county, the scene of the tragedy being at Mullis' store, three miles from Bain Academy.

About 7 o'clock last night, Will Hartis walked into the rear of Mullis' store and shot Mr. Robert Simpson with his riot gun through the heart, killing him instantly. The love of a child for her father stepped in between Mr. William Simpson, a nephew of the deceased and the infuriated murderer, saving his life. When Hartis walked into the rear of the store with his gun drawn, Mr. Avery Simpson, a son of Mr. William Simpson, was standing at the front door with his father when he saw Hartis level his double-barreled shot gun on his father.

"Don't shoot him," cried out young Avery Simpson as he stepped in front of his father. Mr. Hartis then pointed his gun directly at Mr. Robert Simpson, who said out a word, and shot him down. The deceased fell to the floor and died instantly never speaking a word. Some of those who were witnesses to the tragedy, declared that Hartis was determined to kill both Messrs. Robert and William Simpson, particularly the latter, but when young Avery Simpson, his son, stepped in front of him Hartis leveled his gun on Mr. Robert Simpson, against whom he also had a grudge.

Bad blood existed between Hartis and both the Simpson gentlemen. Some weeks ago the murderer entered into some sort of a bargain with the local firm of Simpson & Roediger, composed of Messrs. David Simpson, son of the deceased and Mr. Herman Roediger, to buy some wood owned by Mr. Robert Simpson. It is stated that without paying any money for the wood he began hauling it away and selling it to the board of county commissioners. When he neglected to pay the owners of the wood and part of his receipts, he was stopped at once from hauling it away. He then came to the city and secured claim and delivery papers for the lot, the suit being scheduled for a hearing on an early date. Mr. David Simpson was looking after the interests of his father. This was the beginning of the ill-feeling which led up to the shooting and the tragedy.

GLENN BOOSTE HARMON.

Former Governor of North Carolina Advocates the Governor of Ohio as Presidential Timber.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 28.—Former Governor R. B. Glenn of North Carolina made two addresses here today in behalf of the home mission work of the Southern Presbyterian church and of the Layman's Missionary Movement. In an interview he said with regard to the political situation: "Judge Harmon, Governor of Ohio, will be the next presidential nominee of the Democratic party, in my judgment. Everywhere I have been in my tour of the country I have found Harmon as the leading candidate in public and party opinion. 'I am of the opinion that the South should demand that the next vice presidential candidate of the Democratic party be a Southern man. We do the voting and we ought to be represented on the ticket. The war is over, and the people of the North, I believe, will support a Southern man as readily as any other.'"

Mrs. B. H. Bost has finished a month's course for the Ladies' Home Journal and Saturday Evening Post and sent into the publishers three hundred names for annual subscription.

When some people talk it is a waste of time to argue.

MONROE ON PROHIBITION.

Charlotte Lawyer Speaks of the Prohibition Law and the Conditions in the State Under State Wide Prohibition.

Mr. Frank R. McNeill, of Charlotte, delivered an address on temperance at the Central Graded School auditorium last night to a large audience. In most of the churches of the city services had been given over to the meeting and there was a large representative body of Concord people to hear Mr. McNeill. His speech was largely a review of former conditions, a summary of what we have accomplished in this campaign and what is in order for the future. Mr. McNeill declared prohibition to be a success in the State and urged that all friends of the law be active in seeing that there is an enforcement of the law. He gave a picture of what may be expected of prohibitions in the near future and outlines a plan of campaigning for prohibitionists that will result in taking the entire nation of no license. He spoke of the violations of the law and asked that a strong public sentiment be directed against the violations, that officers be upheld and by public sentiment made enforce the law.

AT MISENHEIMER SPRINGS.

Purchasers of the Property Are Planning for Large Things for This Splendid Resort.

Rev. Robt. L. Patterson, of Charlotte, came over on the early train this morning and is spending the day with Rev. J. E. Shenk and Mr. V. L. Norman at Misenheimer Springs. These gentlemen have practically bought this property with a view of making extensive developments and making it an ideal resort. Just what the plans are have not been fully given out, but the gentlemen interested have some well defined plans of development which will mean improvement on an elaborate plan. Misenheimer Springs has been a resort of more than local fame for years. The water is a fine mineral water and the location is ideal. It is likely that the outcome of these developments will mean much for the neighboring sections and an extensive enlargement of the property.

WHO WILL OPPOSE COWLES?

Democratic Speculation as to Who Will Oppose Congressman.

Winston-Salem Dispatch to Greensboro News. It is generally conceded that Congressman C. H. Cowles will be renominated by his party in the Eighth district. A prominent Democrat here today from that political territory was asked who would be the nominee of his party for Congress next year. He replied that at present it looked like either R. L. Doughton, of Alleghany, or L. C. Caldwell, of Statesville. The friends of those gentlemen are pushing their candidacy and it appears that the contest over the nomination will be quite lively.

Several others are being mentioned among them being Whitehead Kistia and Walter Murphy, of Salisbury, and T. C. Bowie, of Jefferson, but it is understood that neither of these gentlemen will make an active fight for the nomination.

A Few Locals From Forest Hill.

Miss Florence Paul, who is attending the Commercial College in Charlotte, spent the Thanksgiving holidays with home folks in the city.

Misses Anna and Ida Thompson, of Kannapolis, visited friends in this part of the city last Thursday.

Mr. Hill Brown, of Durham, N. C., spent Sunday with Dr. J. F. Bunn.

Mr. Lester Sherrill, of Bessemer City, is now working with the Locke Cotton Mills.

Mr. Frank Willeford returned to his home in this city, after a two weeks' visit on business in Rock Hill, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack B. Morton, of Gastonia, spent the Thanksgiving holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Coble.

Mr. J. S. Joyner spent Sunday at his old home near Charlotte.

Mr. Emers, of the Charlotte department of the General Fire Extinguisher Co., is in the city and will have charge of installing the new sprinkling system of the Locke Cotton Mills.

Mr. Tom Combs has completed his work at the Buffalo Mill and has been ordered to Mecklenburg, S. C., to do some work.

Mr. Albert Crooks is spending today in Charlotte.

GUILFORD GETS FIRST.

North Carolina Takes First Prize in the National Highway Tour, Guilford Getting the Journal's Prize Money for Best Piece of Road on Southern Road.

The judges having in hand the awarding of prizes for the Atlanta Journal and New York Herald have made the report and awarded the prizes. The Southern portion of the route is in the hands of the Journal and the prizes of this section are as follows:

Atlanta Journal prizes—First, \$1,000, Guilford county, N. C.

Second, \$500, Spartanburg county, S. C.

New York Herald prizes—First, \$1,000, Mecklenburg county, N. C.

Second, \$500, Jefferson county, W. Va.

Third, 250, Roekridge county, Va.

Southern Bell prizes—First, \$250, Bessemer City township, N. C.

Third, \$100, DeKalb county, Ga.

Aggregating \$4,000 prize money, distributed among nine winners.

Comments on North Carolina Roads. The Journal in its story of the prizes and review of the work of the judges says of the roads covered in North Carolina:

Forsyth county, N. C.—From Kernersville to Winston-Salem there are several miles of road built of granite, which, although practically the only stone available in this section, is not considered a first-class road-building material. The macadam road showed the effects of wear and was extremely dusty. This road could be very much improved by substituting the bituminous macadam for the plain macadam, and in this connection it may be stated that there is a tendency at the present time to use the tar products produced by the local gas companies. This product is rarely suitable to use in its ordinary condition. However, by being refined, it may be made a very good material for dust prevention, and is a solution for the building of macadam roads out of granite.

It may be suggested that the most reliable information to be had on this subject may be obtained from the director of the office of public roads, Washington, D. C.

Guilford County Leads.

Guilford County, N. C.—Your committee anticipated leaving Roanoke, Va., that the award of prizes would be much more difficult south of Roanoke than they had been north of Roanoke, but upon passing through Guilford county with its roads graded 30 feet or more in width between ditches, with its macadam road in the center and room enough for a dirt road on either side, the award of one of this series of prizes has no competitor. The condition of the surface of the macadam was found to be smooth and exceptionally free from bumps and the general cross section of the entire road is almost perfect and seems to be especially adapted to the convenience of both automobile and horse traffic. The construction of culverts and bridges was also noted in this county.

Davidson County, N. C.—In this county steep shoulders and deep ditches are noted, also ruts in the earth roads. The split log drag is especially adaptable for use on the roads in this county, and it is suggested that information and plans showing how to build and use the drag to the best advantage may be had by addressing the State Geologist, Chapel Hill, N. C.

Rowan County, N. C.—This county contains some excellent macadam, and also short stretches of sand-clay road. The local material seems to be adapted to building sand-clay roads in this county, and more of this type of construction, such as the object lesson road constructed under the supervision of the service of public roads, Washington, D. C., is to be recommended.

Cabarrus County, N. C.—This county has some good macadam roads, well shaped. The dirt roads have rather steep ditches and in some places right of way is narrow.

Mecklenburg's Best Not Shown. Mecklenburg County, N. C.—Unfortunately the route did not pass over the best roads in this county. The first eight or ten miles happened to be over a sandy road which has not been worked, although evidence was noted by the stone piles along the side of the road that this county, which is noted for its good roads, intends to improve this particular road in the future.

Mrs. W. C. Wilson, of Charlotte, spent today in the city at the home of Mrs. M. E. Carroll, who accompanied her home this afternoon.

DR. COOK IS NOT LOST.

Brother of the Explorer James Statement Stating That the Explorer is Still in the Vicinity of New York Reappearing.

New York, Nov. 28.—They found Dr. Frederick A. Cook tonight, that is, an authoritative statement was issued by his brother, W. L. Cook, saying that the explorer, who mysteriously dropped from public view yesterday, was still in the vicinity of New York, reappearing. He was on the verge of a nervous breakdown and his retirement was absolutely necessary.

The statement, as issued by Mr. Cook follows:

"Dr. Cook is in the vicinity of New York trying to get a much needed rest. If he decides to go to Europe there will be no secrecy concerning his departure. I think that his friends and enemies alike should be charitable enough to allow him to rest until his health is fully restored. He has not been reading the newspapers in the last few days and is not responsible for the statements that have been issued by those who were acting as his spokesmen.

"In sending his data to Copenhagen, Dr. Cook has fulfilled his obligations to the public."

The foregoing was issued by the explorer's brother in view of the fact that the doctor's apparent seclusion caused great anxiety among his friends, leaving even John R. Bradley, the financial backer, puzzled and exasperated. Mrs. Cook is also in New York, but her exact whereabouts as in her husband's case has not been announced.

JOHN R. WEBSTER DEAD.

Editor of Webster's Weekly at Reidsville and Confederate Soldier Dies at Home in Reidsville Sunday Morning.

Colonel John R. Webster, editor of Webster's Weekly and a prominent citizen of the State, died at his home in Reidsville early Sunday morning as a result of paralysis. He was 64 years of age and served in the Civil war. He was for a long time one of the leading newspaper men of the State, prominent in politics and was speaker of the House in 1887, having defeated Senator Lee S. Overman. He was a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Congress in 1896, when Governor Kitchin was nominated in the Fifth district. Colonel Webster was a leading citizen of his day, a staunch citizen and a prominent churchman. The first stroke of the paralysis that ended in death came four years ago. A wife and one brother survive.

Rapid Calculator in Poverty.

Kansas City Times.

"Prof. Rube" Field, known in Missouri and the West as a lightning calculator and mathematical expert, is an inmate of the Jackson County poor farm. He has been in this institution about three years. He is fifty-eight years old. At one time he could tell the time of day to the minute the instance he was asked, without referring to a timepiece—in fact, it had been done him any good to look at a clock, as he can neither read nor write. He never attended school, yet he can add a column of figures of any length "in his head," and give the correct answer every time. Rube is eccentric, of course. He calls himself the "eight wonder of the world," and says his powers are due to a miracle. He steadfastly refused all of the many offers he has received to adopt the stage as a means of livelihood. It suited him better to travel around at random and he was happy and satisfied if he could pick up enough coins to assure him something to eat. He was born in Bath County, Ky., and as a boy began to show the peculiar powers which marked his career. He showed many other peculiarities, too, such as making pets of snakes, eating green fruit, green corn and cucumbers in the field and garden without any apparent ill effects. He spent most of his time eating, puzzling his parents, and physicians, because the satisfying of his voracious appetite did not appear to harm him.

The horse which was being driven to the laundry wagon became frightened this morning and ran down Depot street, and into the rear end of the new bakery wagon. Mr. Ridenhour was at work on the harness at the time but could not stop the horse. A large hole was torn in the back end of the bakery wagon while very little damage was done to the laundry wagon. Nobody was hurt.

TORYISED AMERICANS.

Why Do Our Correspondents in Foreign Lands Prejudice Dispatches. Boston Traveler.

One of the peculiar things that strikes the mind of the average newspaper reader, who watches the foreign news, the letters, and dispatches from Europe in particular, is this—that pretty near all the American correspondents in London are rank Tories, and those in Paris are the friends and advocates of the persecuting, anti-religious politics of the French political leaders. Why is this? Why do American newspaper men, presumably democrats in the broad, not the limited partisan sense—after a brief residence in the English capital fill their dispatches with sneers at the British Liberal leaders, misinformation concerning Liberal measures, abuse of Irish home rule, and defamation of all the politics that the normal American, trained in an American atmosphere, and educated in American ideas, would naturally sympathize with? Can it be attributed to the social influence exerted there to the back-stairs influence, to color American opinion? Chamberlain, the New York Sun correspondent, is a very able man and an American who has in a way built up a peculiar social position, and whose house is a center for all manner of celebrities, lions, and freaks, has become as sturdy a Tory as the notorious Squire Snalley, in the Tribune, used to be. We wonder often if his Toryism is the price and the recognition of the nobility and gentility? Education and ability seldom prevent a snob from showing his snobbery when occasion demands it, or the distaff of half the family needs it.

The Parisian correspondents are seldom French; they are sometimes British and occasionally American, but their correspondence all bear the peculiar coloring of those French political ideas and views, which in this country are exploited by Emma Goldman and those who dignify the abolition of the law, order, religion, marriage, morals, and trifles of that sort as freedom and progress.

It would be a rather refreshing novelty to get in the foreign dispatches a chance to read the other side of these questions, to see an expression of the views of the people in England and France who believe in progress, liberty, humanity, reform in social and economic matters, the abolition of medievalism in government, and the things Americanism appears to represent, reforms possible as our experience has shown without destroying churches, banning religion, and persecuting ministers and priests. We wonder if some of the editorial giants of the newspapers of our great cities will try and give the news of Europe to their patrons and out the poison and misinformation they have such a predilection for distributing. We have an idea it might be made profitable; there are times when newspaper readers like to get the news plus the truth, and at any rate, the experiment of clipping wings and regulating the imagination of European correspondents might be worth trying. There is nothing in the ocean or its salt that transforms falsehood into truth.

Well—She had lofty ideals when she went on the stage, and now she's in the ballet. Belle—Yes, she started to elevate the stage and wound up by elevating her toes.

Mrs. Wigwag—My husband goes out every evening for a little constitutional. Does yours? Mrs. Gunzler—No, my husband always keeps it in the house.

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