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TAR HEEL TOPICS
 News Items From All Over The State Briefly Noted.

Asheville is planning a big "Home-coming" week for September 13, 1909.

A new bank to be named the American National Bank will shortly be opened in Mount Airy.

W. H. Tilley, of Durham is held on very strong evidence for killing his wife, which he says was accidental.

It is reported that Norman H. Johnson of Charlotte, editor of the Merchant's Journal may go on the lecture platform.

Luther McRaney, the five year old son of J. D. McRaney of Fayetteville was ground to pieces recently in his father's cotton gin.

Miss Annie McIver, daughter of the late Dr. Chas. D. McIver, has accepted a position to teach history in the State Normal College of Arkansas.

National Democratic Committee man Josephus Daniels arrived in Raleigh Tuesday afternoon after a six-weeks absence in Chicago on special committee work.

The Wilkes County Fair Association has been formed, with C. Call, president; H. W. Horton, secretary and treasurer; J. T. Finley, business manager; F. G. Harper, chief marshal.

On next Sunday all the pastors in Greensboro will begin a series of revival services. These services have been planned and looked forward to by the Ministerial Association of that city for several months.

By the collapse of the general exhibit hall at the Piedmont Fair grounds at Winston-Salem recently, John H. Parker, a carpenter, was killed and a number of other workmen more or less injured.

Anderson Hege, a farmer of Forsyth county, while riding horse back at a rapid gait, one night recently, ran down a party of churchgoers, whom he did not see in the darkness and Mrs. Alexander Kitter, was struck by the horse's hoofs, sustaining injuries from which she died.

Ashe County has taken \$100,000 stock in the Virginia Southern Railroad Co., having recently voted bonds in that sum. This road is to be built from Rural Retreat, on the Norfolk and Western line, by way of Troutdale, Va., and on to Jefferson and Creston in Ashe county.

Major W. A. Graham of Lincoln County has been appointed by Governor Glenn to succeed the late S. L. Patterson as Commissioner of Agriculture. Major Graham is the Democratic nominee for Commissioner and has been for a number of years a member of the State Board of Agriculture.

E. B. Vann, the young man arrested in Wilmington last week for collecting commissions on fictitious orders sent the Cochrane Show Case Company at Charlotte, confessed his guilt, and said his downfall was due to fast living. He was committed for trial in default of \$300 bond. An effort will be made to repay the money and have the indictments dropped.

Mr. J. H. Dobbins, who was defeated for the nomination for treasurer in the recent Republican convention in Yadkin county, has announced himself an independent Republican candidate for treasurer. He says the will of the people was defeated in the recent Republican convention, and he asks the support of all who believe in a "square deal."

PURELY POLITICAL.

Sixth district Republicans have nominated A. H. Slocum of Cumberland county.

Lieutenant Governor Chandler of New York has been nominated by the Democrats for Governor.

Hon. J. G. Tatham of Cherokee County has been nominated by the Democrats for Senator on the 39th district.

Judge Taft will be in Tennessee making campaign speeches in October and it is expected that he may come to North Carolina.

Upon the occasion of the visit of John W. Kern to Greensboro, Oct. 16th, there will be a big Democratic Rally and barbecue on the Guilford battle ground.

Senator Simmons last Wednesday called on the Secretary of War and urged the appointment of Judge Avery, of Morganton, as successor to the late Gen. A. P. Stewart on the Chickamauga Park Commission.

The Rowan County Sunday School Association in session last week, at Thyatira church went after Judge Peebles in a set of resolutions for nol. pros. of a case of disturbing a Sunday school, on the ground that it did not come within the meaning of the statute.

N. C. Moody, a dairyman, was arraigned in the Asheville police court a few days ago on the charge of selling adulterated milk. Prof. McCormick, who was the complainant, said he had analyzed the milk and found it 18 per cent. water. Moody admitted that water had been put in the milk and was fined \$10.

In Greensboro, Saturday, an examination for a cadetship at the Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., was held. D. B. Iseley, of Burlington and W. A. Sherrill, of Greensboro stood and the papers will be graded and sent to Congressman Kitchin to make the appointment. County Supt. T. R. Foust held the examination.

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Hickory Man gets the Contract.

Rock Hill, S. C., Herald.

The building committee of Winthrop College, consisting of President Johnson, Mr. W. J. Roddey and Hon. O. B. Martin, State Superintendent of Education, held a meeting at the college Tuesday afternoon to consider the numerous bids which had been sent in for the erection of the new dormitory. There were twenty contractors here all day Tuesday, many of them from this State, with others from Richmond, Va., Birmingham, Ala., Atlanta and Augusta, Ga.; Jacksonville, Fla., and North Carolina. The committee was unable to arrive at a decision on Tuesday, and other meetings were held on Wednesday. The contract was finally awarded to J. D. Elliott, of Hickory, N. C., at the price of \$51,700. This however does not include the heating apparatus and furnishings. These will come under separate contracts.

Mrs. Carrie Nation called on Judge Taft in Cincinnati recently and tried to draw him into a discussion of the drink evil, where upon the candidate smiled and closed up like a sensitive plant.

Mark Twain's Villa Robbed.

South Norfolk, Conn., Sept. 18.—A gang of New York crackmen looted the beautiful Italian villa of Mark Twain at Redding early today and afterwards engaged in a desperate pistol battle with Sheriff Banks, of Danbury, and his posse.

During the battle Sheriff Banks was shot in the leg and one of the robbers was wounded and captured. The battle took place on board a train of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad as it drew out of Bethel. Sheriff Banks having traced the robbers to that point. It was about midnight when Miss Lyon, Mark Twain's secretary, was aroused by hearing the crash of a glass on the lawn in front of the house. She awakened the humorist and his daughter, Miss Clara Clemens, and the butler, Claude Douchotte, who was armed. The party sallied out on the lawn and found two men rifling the drawers of an open sideboard which they had carried from the dining room and which was filled with souvenirs and costly plate.

The appearance of the family frightened the men, who fled, followed by bullets from the butler's pistol. H. Lansbury, a neighbor, telephoned to Sheriff Banks and in a short time the sheriff and several deputies were on the scene. It was found that the robbers had gone away with several hundred dollars worth of valuables. The sheriff and his men traced the burglars to Bethel and overhauled them there as they boarded a train which was pulling out, bound for New York. John Dias, the conductor told the sheriff the robbers were on board and in the last car, where they had deposited a bag containing a lot of loot.

Six or seven shots were fired by the burglar who is known as "Red" Rooney and the sides and the roof of the car were perforated. Constable George Banks displayed wonderful grit by holding to his man in spite of the fact that he had been shot in the thigh and was seriously injured. When Rooney was finally pounded into submission several seats in the car were demolished and the car looked like a slaughter pen, being saturated with blood from the officers and the burglars.

A bag of loot containing \$600 or \$700 worth of silverware was found in the seat of the car.



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CALDWELL COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Will Convene With Lower Creek Church Sept. 24th—Interesting Session Expected.

The Caldwell County Baptist Association will meet in its 24th annual session at Lower Creek church, two miles of Lenoir Thursday at 11 a. m. Elder I. C. Miller will preach the annual sermon. A most interesting session is expected. Representatives of the different boards will be present. Below is a list of the churches and the homes assigned to their delegates and visitors.

CHURCHES	HOMES
Dudley Shoal's	F. S. Stine
Buffalo Cove	R. G. Thompson
Pisgah	R. L. Austin
Union	John Hass
Sardis	Jake Powell
Piney Grove	Smith Barlow
Nelson's Chapel	S. J. Stokes
Globe	M. D. Smith
John's River	M. E. Thompson
Kings Creek	P. A. Sudderth
Bethany	John S. Barlow
Wilson's Creek	John R. Barlow
Fleming's Chapel	J. C. Haigler
Winkler's Grove	Z. M. Wilson
Mt. Grove	Vance Austin
Mulberry	James Swanson
Green Valley	Mrs. Lee
Yadkin	S. L. Austin
Clarke's Chapel	Bart Swanson
Hartland	David Secrest
Lovelady	Smith Steele
Mt. Zion	G. L. Swanson
Pooy's Grove	Waits Haigler
Union Grove	D. P. Presnell
Granite Falls	John Laxton
Rocky Springs	R. W. Barlow
Conway's Chapel	G. F. Thompson
Lenior	Joe Powell, Jr.
Blair's Fork	W. W. McGowan
Rhodebiss	Geo. W. Smith

Arrested for Theft.

Greensboro, Sept. 16.—Arthur Little, a respectable white farmer living near Jamestown, was placed in jail here this morning in default of a \$1,500 bond, charged with stealing over \$2,000 from Miss Ellen Garner last January. Miss Garner last fall during the panic had considerable cash deposited in the banks here and managed in spite of the script to draw nearly all of it out. She got as much as \$2,100 in cash and kept it in a little box she had hid in an old bed-tick at her father's home near Jamestown. The man arrested today on a warrant sworn out by the Garner woman, was suspected at the time, he being a tenant on Garner's farm. The money was stolen last January, and close watch has been kept all the time for some signs of its use. Nothing whatever was discovered in all this time to fix the crime on Little till, it is said by the Garner woman, Sunday Little's wife who became incensed with her husband for some cause, told Miss Garner that if she would look under a large rock at the spring house which was used as a table to set the milk pail on, she would find \$500 of her money. Miss Garner lost no time in making the examination and exhibits the wad of bills amounting to \$500 as proof of her find, and of her charge that Little got at least a part of her \$2,100.

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