

## TAR HEEL TOPICS

News Items From All Over The State Briefly Noted.

O. E. Mangum, a horse trader, was held up recently near Durham and robbed of \$3,700 and then shot three times.

The Southern Public service corporation of Norfolk, has contracted to construct a system of water works at Marion.

Will Hayes, of North Wilkesboro, and Joe Benton of Chase City, Va., were arrested near Asheville recently for horse stealing.

The court house for Rutherford county to replace the burned structure, is going up rapidly and the contractor says it will be ready for use by the next term of court, the latter part of October.

Henry Godwin of Johnson county, got into a row with his father recently over family affairs and batted the old man in the head crushing his skull, from which he died. Henry has vamoosed.

Mrs. Chas. D. Melver has taken the position as field worker for the North Carolina Woman's Betterment Association, which is doing such excellent work for the improvement of school houses and grounds.

In Guilford county Superior Court Tuesday afternoon the case against Baxter Shemwell, charging him with carrying concealed weapons, was called and the defendant pleaded guilty. Prayer for judgment was continued.

Mr. J. P. Yount, president of the Catawba Cotton Mill, is engaging help and getting material for starting the mill. Since the suspension of the mill last fall, a fine lot of machinery has been installed and the capacity will be almost doubled when work begins.

Rev. W. M. Curtis, secretary and treasurer of the Greensboro Female College, gives out the statement that \$75,000 of the \$100,000 endowment fund for his college, has been raised and that of this amount \$13,000 was secured during the past four months.

A number of the North Carolina cities will, or have already formed Booster clubs. This may be said to be an outcropping of the "Atlanta spirit" fostered by the panic and it will prove of incalculable value to the future prosperity of North Carolina. Among the towns in the movement are Greensboro, Rockingham, High Point and others.

The Daughters of the American Revolution in North Carolina will hold their annual State Congress with the Council Oak chapter, in Morganton October 1st and 2nd. The meeting will be held in the Auditorium and will be open to all those who feel an interest in the work of this patriotic organization. —Morganton News-Era.

The Newton News says that Lon Rader, who killed Miss Willie Bollinger on the 13th, had a preliminary hearing before Justice J. H. McLelland at Newton on the 17th and was held without bail for the Superior Court. The next term of Catawba convenes on the 2d of November. It is presumed of course that Rader will be committed to the criminal insane department of the penitentiary, as there appears to be no doubt of his insanity.

Nothing has been done by the Raleigh aldermen yet, providing for dogs to be kept off the streets until danger of epidemic of rabies from bites inflicted by the dog that was recently at large there two days, biting nine persons and no one knows how many dogs. A

dog that is believed to have had the rabies attacked Rev. T. S. Evans, colored, there Sunday evening biting him seriously. The dog got away and the preacher is to take the Pasteur treatment.

### Elkville and Blackstone News.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Isbell, of Boomer, who have been visiting Mr. Isbell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Isbell, for a few days, have returned to Boomer.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Turumire, of Yadkin Valley, spent last Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Blankenship.

Mrs. W. O. Smith, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Triplett, of Louis' Fork, for a few days, returned home last Sunday.

Mrs. Caroline Blankenship, of Louis' Fork, spent last week with her son, Mr. J. C. Blankenship.

We are having some dry weather in this section now. A few showers would be appreciated very much.

Success to the NEWS.

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### Dottings From Naoma.

Foddering is over, and molasses making on hand, with corn shuckings mixed with the other work.

Mr. C. Clarke had a rather serious accident last week. He was on his way from Mortimer with a wagon load of merchandise, when by some means his wagon got off the road, turned over in a deep gorge pulling the team in also. Happily there was no great damage done, losing only two and one half cases of soda water.

J. L. Bowman of this place has gathered thirty four pounds of Ginseng from his two beds 4x12 feet, and saved the plant of each root to set again.

Miss Kate Deal, who is teaching school in this district, and Master Cleveland Bowman left this morning for Lenoir, where Miss Deal will visit her parents for a few days. She will return next week and take up her duties as teacher.

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P. M.

Sept. 25, '08.

Governor Glenn has appointed Mr. Watt J. Shuford, of Hickory, member of the State board of agriculture of the Ninth congressional district to succeed Mayor W. A. Graham, of Lincolnton. Mr. Shuford is manager of the Hickory Seed Company, is thoroughly identified with the farming interests of the State and will be able to serve the people to the best advantage.

### Plot Against Roosevelt.

Bayonne, Sept. 25.—Evidence of an anarchistic plot against President Roosevelt on his forthcoming hunting trip in Africa was made public to-day by the police authorities of half a dozen countries who have been examining the Spanish anarchist Canatrava in an effort to connect him with a suspected plot against King Alfonso. It was disclosed that papers were found on the person of two Italian anarchists, arrested in Switzerland on Wednesday, containing the most definite information possible of President Roosevelt's African trip. The authorities are convinced that Roosevelt is being considered as a fit subject for an anarchistic attack. The sweating of Cantava is expected to disclose evidence of a plan for one of the greatest terrorist uprisings Europe has ever seen. As a result of the disclosures made to-day the guards in nearly every royal household in Europe have been increased.

### PURELY POLITICAL.

Congressman Webb and his Republican opponent, Mr. J. A. Smith, of Bessimer City, will make a joint canvass of the Ninth district.

The Republicans are hoping to secure ex-Secretary of the Treasury Leslie M. Shaw to make a speech in Salisbury during the campaign.

Governor Glenn is notified by the Democratic national committee that he is to speak in New York, Maryland and several other States October 10th to 20th.

Arrangements have been made by Chairman A. H. Boyden, of the Rowan Democratic executive committee, to have Representative Claude Kitchin, of the Third district, speak in Salisbury on the 28th instant. Other well known speakers will also visit Salisbury soon.

The Republican Senatorial Convention held in Morganton last Saturday nominated J. Caswell Sherrill, of Caldwell, and Samuel A. McCall, of McDowell. There was quite a delegation from Caldwell present, to-wit: B. H. Dula, W. S. Miller, Z. V. Johnson, S. A. Smith, H. D. L. Clarke, and F. T. Hawkins.

When Mr. Kitchin spoke in Hendersonville last week, he was entertained by Captain Toms, the father of Charles French Toms, late a Senator from this district, and now the Republican nominee for Lieutenant Governor. Captain Toms stated to Mr. Kitchin that he would not support Charles French, but would vote the straight Democratic ticket this year.

The Democrats of Polk county have nominated the following ticket: For the Legislature, J. B. Livingston of Tryon; for Sheriff, A. L. Hill of Tryon; for Register, F. M. Burgess, Columbus, incumbent; for Treasurer, F. C. Jackson; Commissioners, J. T. Waldrop, W. G. Edgerton, Harrison Cannon. Polk is a Republican county and the Democrats are working hard to recover it.

### General News Notes.

The cholera epidemic threatens to spread throughout the whole of Europe.

It is estimated that \$10,000,000 damage has been done in Minnesota by the forest fires.

Governor Ansel of South Carolina, has taken prompt measures to stop night riders in his state.

The Cruiser Yankee, which went ashore in Buzzard's Bay on the 23rd, is thought to be badly damaged and may prove a total loss.

By the explosion of a big turret gun on the French armored cruiser, La Touche Treville, recently during target practice, thirteen men were killed outright and a number seriously injured.

The cotton mills in Manchester, England, wanted to make a five per cent cut on the wages. The wage earners would not agree to it and made a strike, shutting down four hundred mills, and throwing out of employment 180 thousand workers. It is estimated that as a result of the strikes, over one million of workmen will be idle.

### Negroes Will Not Leave G. O. P.

New York, Sept. 23.—Another negro bishop, Rev. Abraham Grant of Kansas City, in a letter made public today, says he does not believe that the negro vote of the country will to any great extent desert the Republican party.

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### Over Ninety Bushels of Corn to The Acre.

Gastonia News.  
Mr. A. U. Stroup, of Lucia, has gathered six-tenths of an acre of upland corn he worked this year under instructions of Mr. A. C. Stroup, the representative of the demonstration work in Gaston. Mr. Stroup gathered 56 bushels and 42 pounds on the spot, which is at the rate of about 93 bushels an acre. This is fine farming and shows what can be done when farming is done right.

### Automobile As The Traffic Solution.

Charlotte Chronicle.  
The last of the Blowing Rock railroad projects seems to have been put to sleep for some years to come, and the talk now is of a macadamized road with a compensated grade, and the use of the automobile for passenger and freight traffic (lumber excluded). The idea had been generally entertained that automobiles were barred from the turnpike between Lenoir and Blowing Rock, but for years the toll gate signs have borne the words: "Automobiles, 50 cents." Mr. Osmond Barringer, the Charlotte automobile man, who is forward in all development projects, this week demonstrated the utility of the turnpike. The present grade proved no obstacle—in fact, the going up was better than the coming down. No teams were scared and the trip served to convince the people of the safety of the automobile. It seems now that the automobile is to be the present solution of the Blowing Rock traffic. Passengers could be whirled along, comfortably and swiftly. As to freights, Mr. Barringer says he would guarantee a rate of a ton a mile at 10 cents. That is, he would carry the produce of Blowing Rock to Lenoir, 25 miles, (giving long distance) at \$2.50 a ton and make it in three hours. It would seem that the automobile proposition ought to interest the people of Lenoir and Blowing Rock.

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