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The News

LENOIR, N. C.

Old North State Drew Some Prizes.

Notice has just been received by Prof. W. N. Hutt, State Horticulturist, that the exhibit of North Carolina at the National Apple Show at Spokane, Washington, has been awarded first prize as being the best exhibit of apples from South of the Mason and Dixon line. Many valuable prizes were taken by the North Carolina exhibit. This will be very gratifying to all our people, and especially to those who are acquainted with the splendid natural advantages of the Western part of our State for commercial apple culture. Nowhere in the whole east of the United States can be found a climate and soils better situated for the growing of the king of fruits than is found in our western mountain counties. In the well drained soils of mountain slopes and coves the apple tree finds its most favorable conditions for growth and productiveness. It may be interesting to many to know that in the mountains and piedmont regions of this State there are three quarters of a million apple trees growing in commercial orchards. This does not include small orchards of less than one hundred trees. Thousands and thousands of apple trees are being planted in our western counties every year. There is a bright future before North Carolina as a great commercial apple producing State.

As soon as word was received that a National Apple Show would be held, the State Horticulturist felt that considering our pretensions as an apple producing State North Carolina could not afford to be absent from it. A circular letter was sent out by the State Horticulturist to all commercial apple growers and a magnificent lot of apples were collected for this exhibit. The county fairs and State Fair added their quota and the whole was assembled and placed in cold storage at Greensboro. Before the time of the opening of this National Apple Show this exhibit was carefully repacked and forwarded by express to Spokane. The result is especially gratifying, considering the difficulties under which we competed as our fruit had to be sent three thousand miles in heated express cars. In spite of this handicap our fruit arrived in good condition and carried off the honor of being the best exhibit from the Southern States.

At the close of the exhibition the fruit of the North Carolina exhibit was bought by a "Tar Heel" now residing in the West. When he saw North Carolina fruit he could not resist the school boy memories of the delicious flavor of apples grown in the Old North State.

The following letter to Professor Hutt from the management of the National Apple Show gives a catalogue of the awards won by the North Carolina exhibit.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 18th, '08.
Mr. W. N. Hutt,
State Horticulturist,
Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Sir:

We are pleased to advise you that the judges awarded first prize to Haywood county, in No 8, class 5. It carries with it a blue ribbon and \$100 in cash, both of which we enclose herewith. We wish to congratulate you upon your success in this contest. We know that it is well earned.

You are also awarded first prize in No 58, Class 15, for the best single view of an orchard home. For this we enclose check for \$5 and a blue ribbon.

In the contest of new apples the judges decided that none of those exhibited from any place were worthy of a prize, and therefore

none was awarded. Mr. J. A. Duha, of Lenoir had entered in this class. We have written him regarding this.

Several prizes were awarded in the plate contest also. Haywood county was awarded first on Royal Limbertwigs, Nickajacks, Fallawater, Smith Cider Wine and McCullers.

M. H. Cone, of Blowing Rock, was awarded a blue ribbon on Buckinghams and North Carolina beauties, second prize on Royal Limbertwigs and first on Virginia Beauty.

J. S. Green, of Blowing Rock, was awarded the blue ribbon on Greogs and the red ribbon on Virginia Beauties.

A. A. Boggs, of Wayensville, was awarded fourth on Adrian Special, No. 67, Class 16.

J. S. Palmer, of Southern Pines, was awarded second on McCullers.

Martin Glass, of Greensboro was given honorable mention on his Winesaps, and Paul Van Lindley honorable mention on his Staymen Winesap.

The Sparger Orchard Company of Mount Airy, was given the blue ribbon on Red Limbertwigs, the white ribbon on Royal Limbertwigs, and honorable mention on Winesaps.

J. R. Ragsdale, of Jamestown, was given honorable mention on his Winesaps also.

The Judges neglected to name a scale of points for the different varieties in the plate exhibits, and it will be necessary for the board of trustees to do this. You will note by the premium list that certain varieties exhibited in the plate contest were to score ten points, and other varieties nine points, seven points, etc.

We are sending you direct the ribbons which were won by your exhibitors and trust that you will see that they are distributed. We shall also write each of the exhibitors a personal letter.

The National apple Show was a wonderful success in every respect, and we thank you for your part in making it such. We wish to congratulate you upon your success and hope that you will do as well or better next year.

Diplomas will also be issued and in some cases medals, and these will be sent on later.

We hand you herewith an order on the Columbia Nurseries, Gainsville, Ga, for 50 extra fine Winesap apple trees, as a prize for the best exhibit from South of Mason and Dixon's line. This award was made since we wrote you last. Other prizes, such as medals, diplomas, etc., will be forwarded as soon as we can have them inscribed.

Again thanking you for your many efforts in behalf of the National Apple Show, we beg to remain,

Yours very truly,
NATIONAL APPLE SHOW,
H. J. Neely,
Secretary Manager.

Train Ran Away Down Steep Mountain Grade.

A train of seven freight cars ran away down the steep grade on Balsam mountain, on the Murphy branch of the Western railroad, Friday. All the trainmen except the engineer jumped and escaped injury. Engineer Coble was making his first run, remained with the engine and finally got it under control. The runaway was due to the engineer losing control of the engine and the train ran down the mountain at terrific speed. Five of the cars jumped the track at Addie station and one of them was thrown against the building and partially demolished it. The station agent got out of the way just in time.

State News

A modern hotel to cost \$60,000 to \$75,000, and to be known as the Huffay Inn; will be built at Hickory.

The Hustler says a small boy in knee pants, dead drunk, was picked up from the frozen ground between Wilkesboro and North Wilkesboro a few days ago.

Rowan county commissioners have refused to issue license to drug stores to sell liquor on prescription, and liquor cannot now legally be sold, even on prescription in Rowan county.

Sam Robertson who recently shot and killed "Rabbit" John Willis, at Boonford, has surrendered to the officers at Bakersville, Mitchell county, and is in jail. Self-defense is claimed.

At the meeting of the grand lodge of Masons in Raleigh last week the former officers were re-elected—S. M. Gattis, of Hillsboro, grand master; Congressman R. N. Hackett, deputy grand master, etc.

Salisbury correspondence Charlotte Observer: Capt. L. D. Parker a veteran railroader, who has been off duty for nearly a year as a result of injuries received in an accident, has resumed his work with the Southern on the Western division.

North Wilkesboro Hustler: Mr. L. E. Davis, of Goshen, has purchased a 500-acre farm in Virginia, only a short distance out from Washington City. He will send shortly some of the tenants from his Goshen farm to operate his new purchase.

Shelby Star: G. B. Turner, formerly agent for the Southern Railway at Mooresboro, was arraigned before Magistrate J. B. Martin last week on the serious charge of threatening to kill his wife. He was required to give bond in the sum of \$1,000 to keep the peace.

John Gregory, white, who had been in the criminal insane department of the penitentiary since he killed his wife four years ago, and was recently returned to Wadesboro for trial, was convicted of murder in the second degree and sentenced to 26 years in the State prison.

At Winston a few days ago C. W. Dunningan, a young white man employed in the baggage department of the Southern Railway station, and C. K. Brown, colored, scrapper, and the next day Brown sued the Southern for \$2,000 damages, alleging that one of its employees had assaulted him.

Geo. Thomas, colored, is in jail at Greensboro under 13 separate and distinct charges of larceny. A trunk was found at his home filled with watches, jewelry, musical instruments, guns, pistols, clothing, knives, razors, old coins, clocks etc. On the inside of the trunk Thomas had arranged a gong, similar to those on cash drawers, to sound an alarm when the trunk was opened by others than himself. Thomas' mother was jailed on the charge of receiving stolen goods. Many of the stolen articles were identified by the owners.

The Kindly Old Gentleman—"Well my little man, and what's your name?"

The Little Man—"Please sir, I dunno."

The Kindly Old Gentleman—"Bless my soul, you don't know!"

The Little Man—"No, sir. Please, sir, mother got married again yesterday."—The Sketch.

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