

State News Items.

Maj. C. M. Steadman was last week elected President of the North Carolina Rail Road.

Last Thursday near Lincolnton, while a threshing machine was being placed preparatory to threshing grain, it fell on and crushed a man named Lingerfelt so badly that he died in a few hours.

Last week E. R. Shields and Joe Stevens, two bill collectors of Wilmington, N. C. had a difficulty in which Stevens shot Shields, who died about an hour afterwards. Stevens surrendered and was placed in jail.

Jno M. Freeman, of Spencer; was last week fined \$250 and cost amounting to \$70 for retailing liquor. This is record breaking fine but it is the proper way to deal with law breakers. He was given his choice to pay the fine or work six months on the roads.

Different towns in the State are making a good deal at revenue by taxing the sellers of "Near Beer." Salisbury has nine such dealers who pay \$300 each for the license, while Charlotte has fixed the license at \$1,000 per year.

Night Riders Warn Tobacco Growers.

Lexington, Ky., July 9—The tobacco growers of Hopkins county have been warned by the night riders that unless they become members of the association fighting the American Tobacco Company they will be dealt with in a manner not conducive to good health.

The letters so far received by the growers are to the effect that failure to sign an agreement to become a member of the association will result in the grower being whipped and fire set to his home and tobacco barn.

To the men who contemplate buying tobacco in Hopkins and surrounding counties this year, a warning is issued that if they purchase tobacco not belonging to members of the association they may expect hemp and bullets to be used upon them.

The letters conclude with the statement that the soldiers sent to the tobacco districts by Governor Wilson "will not last as long as a snowball in hell." One of the letters, signed "Night Riders, 800 strong," was received by a weekly paper at Madisonville, the editor of which was authorized to print it as a warning to the tobacco growers and buyers of that part of the state. Since the letters became public Governor Wilson has been called upon to send troops to that region to prevent outrages such as were inflicted on the farmers last summer.

The situation is regarded in official circles as critical.

A Tall Bear Story

"Why, once, do you know, I found a bear inside a hollow log. Well, of course, I didn't get to him to shoot him, and the log was too heavy to move. I didn't know what to do. So at last I thought of cutting four holes in the log, about where the bear's feet must be, and I got his paws through sick. Then I tied a rope about the log and made him walk with it into camp. And—would you believe it? We had all our food and all our fuel for the winter out of that one bear."

—Oiling.

Tortured On a Horse.

"For ten years I couldn't ride a horse without being in torture from piles," writes L. S. Napier, of Ruggles, Ky., "when all doctors and other remedies failed, Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured me." Infallible for Piles, Burns, Scalds, Cuts, Bolls, Fever-Sores, Swells, Salt-Rheum, Corns, &c. Guaranteed by J. E. Shell.

J. Y. Jovner Elected President of the National Educational Association.

Denver, Col., July 8.—The election of James Yarkin Jovner, Superintendent of Public Instruction of North Carolina, as president of the National Educational Association today is regarded by his supporters as a victory in their fight against any regulation of the prices of school text books. Mr. Jovner was elected over Ben Blewert, head of the St. Louis schools, and Dr. J. H. Phillips, of Birmingham, Ala. Two hundred Tar Heels joined Mrs. Gattis in singing Carolina songs, ending with three cheers for Jovner. The corridor of the Brown Palace Hotel was a scene of great enthusiasm at Jovner's election.

Wets Capture Bristol.

Bristol, Va., July 8.—By the narrow majority of 32, out of a total of 844 votes polled, the anti-prohibitionists won the local option election held here today, following one of the most hotly contested campaigns of its kind in the South. Pandemonium reigned here tonight, in that part of Bristol, which lies in Tennessee as well as in the half of the city which has declared for the sale of liquor after a dryness of two years. Preparations are already being made for opening up saloons and wholesale houses for supplying not only the immediate territory but that of the dozen nearby States which are in the prohibitive column.

Railroad Tracks Inundated.

Thousands of passengers are held up at various points in Colorado on account of floods. Half the railroad tracks are inundated and traveling is exceedingly hazardous. Near Canon City two hundred passengers were saved from death by a tramp, who flagged the train, which was running at forty miles an hour just before it reached a washout.

The inhabitants of Pattenburg, Mo., with fifteen hundred residents, Wednesday asked Kansas City and St. Joe for help from flood which have deluged the town. The entire village is under ten feet of water and every inhabitant was forced to the roofs. Several are reported drowned and scores of others are in immediate peril. Many houses have left their foundations and are now floating along the streets, striking others still standing.

Libraries at Penitentiary.

The board of directors of the state prison will meet here next week and one of the most important matters before it is the establishment of a library at the penitentiary here and also a small one at each of the five convict camps maintained by the state.

This movement has been on foot for many years and there is considerable fund on hand. This money has been collected from visitors by means of small fees collected from each for the purpose of establishing the libraries.

Bowel Complaint in Children.

When six months old the little daughter of E. N. Dewey, a well known merchant of Agnewville, Va., had an attack of cholera infantum. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy was given and effected a complete cure. This remedy has proven very successful in case of bowel complaint in children when given according to the plain printed direction can be relied upon with perfect confidence. When reduced with water and sweetened it is pleasant to take, which is of great importance when a medicine must be given to young children. For sale by J. E. Shell, Druggist, Dr. Kents, Druggist.

Corporation Commission Assessing Corporations.

Raleigh, July 8.—Into all parts of the State there are now going from day to day notices from the Corporation Commission to the effect that the Commission has assessed and appraised the capital stock of one and another of the 5,200 corporations of the State that are subject to this assessment and deducted corporate excess. The officers are notified that if there are exceptions they desire to make to these figures they can have a hearing in the office of the commission within ten days after the receipt of the notice. Officers or attorneys for corporations that are not satisfied with the assessments are coming in almost every day to be heard and their general complaint is that the assessments are put very considerably higher than has been the practice heretofore by the State Auditor who has in the past made these assessments. It is estimated by some that the increase in this corporate excess taxation this year will be as much as 25 per cent. On the other hand there are said to be large corporations in the State whose assessment in this connection in the past has not amounted to as much as their surplus actually on hand. It will be several weeks before the commission completes its work in connection with the assessments.

Floods in the West.

Kansas City, Kas., July 7.—Swollen by unprecedented rains, Missouri valley rivers today left their banks and causing damaging floods in many parts of Missouri and Kansas. The most spectacular accident due to the flood was the derailing in a flooded plain of the Achison Topeka and Santa Fe passenger train bound from Kansas City to Denver.

Long Drought in Mexico Breaks After Great Damage.

El Paso, Tex., July 7.—Two million dollars will no more than cover the losses sustained by stockmen as the result of drought in northern Mexico, according to conservative estimates. The drought, which has lasted nearly a year, has been broken by heavy rains, but cattle died by tens of thousands from starvation and thirst.

In Floods in Middle West.

St. Joseph, Mo., July 8.—The flood situation is now the most serious ever known in the Middle West. The railroad and telegraphic tie-up is complete. It is impossible to accurately estimate the number of dead but it is believed that at least 20 are dead, besides many yet unaccounted for. Reports from various places say the waters are still rising.

\$700,000 Roads.

Columbia, S. C., July 8.—Spartanburg and Newberry counties will both bond themselves heavily this summer for better highways, the former being certain to vote favorably August 24, upon a proposition to issue \$400,000 worth of bonds, while Newberry, as previously noted in these dispatches, will vote July 28 on the issuance of bonds in the sum of \$300,000, with practical assurance that the result will be in favor of the good roads cause.

Get DeWitt's Carbolic Witch Hazel Salve when you ask for it. There are a great many imitations, but there is just one original. This salve is good for anything where a salve is needed to be used, but it is good for Piles. Sold by J. E. Shell, Lenoir Drug Co. Granite Falls Drug Co.

Beautiful Western North Carolina.

Part of a letter written for the Lexington Dispatch by a young man traveling through the mountains. Soon we reached Howard's Knob, on the top of which one may stand and behold the hills of Virginia and Tennessee, and one whose top is what is known as Sampson's chimney, a rock about thirty feet high and not much larger than an old chimney. At the base of this knob is the historical town of Boone, county seat of Watauga which so impressed the State officials that they established there the Appalachian Training School. Here is where Daniel Boone, heroic pioneer, camped and built one of his rude cabins, the old chimney of which may still be seen in part.

After staying a few days at Boone, we made a visit to Blowing Rock, where nature spreads her fascinating scenes abroad in a most alluring way. As we passed over the famous Yonolosee turnpike there were many things of interest to see, among which was the Falls of the New River halfway between Boone and Blowing Rock, but that which attracted our attention and admiration mostly was the beautiful lake to be seen just before reaching the Rock. This lake is of artificial formation, one half mile in circumference. Myriads of beautiful Southern laurels decorate its margin and Mother Nature, with her thoughtful hand, has pinned on the lapel of its bosom thousands of beautiful water lilies. The lake is inhabited by many of the fly tribe, which dart hither and thither on one's approach. Leaving this we visited the lake on the Cone estate, which is also artificial, covering 26 acres. Here also were laurel and water lilies to adorn, and what is more, was a gasoline boat. Just above is a number of smaller lakes in which we saw many fish, trout, bass, etc. Nearby is a park containing many deer. Between the lakes and the Cone Mansion, which cost \$68,000, and which is beautifully located, and can be seen 20 miles, is an orchard containing 45,000 trees. Mr. Cone spent a great deal of money in beautifying and improving this section.

Reluctantly leaving so entrancing a spot, where we beheld so many of the beauties of nature, we passed on beyond the town of Blowing Rock, to the "Rock" itself, from which the town gets its name and which is so-called on account of the high precipice and the strong current of air coming up from below. To say this is a grand and magnificent view would only half describe it. A vast expanse of territory embracing parts of Watauga, Mitchell, Burke and Wilkes counties opens itself to view as one approaches. So great is the beauty of the scenery that one would naturally imagine that he was getting a glimpse of fairyland, and he realizes that this country is justly termed the "Switzerland of America."

Another thing of interest to be seen is the Grandfather mountain, whose towering peak points upward to the height of 5,887 feet, and as someone has said, "whose brow is received into a cloud of historic glory." We congratulated our selves upon being permitted to drink water from the head spring of the Yadkin river.

It is a matter of great surprise that so few of the people of the State know about the attractions of this section of their own beloved North Carolina.

CHARLES H. MYERS.

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applies to Harness stronger perhaps, than anything else. There are some good that appear to be the best when they are not. And there are some goods that are much better than they look. When you buy Harness you should buy from people who make them and know them from hide to the finished article. This is why we sometimes remark—

"WHEN IN DOUBT, BUY OF PRICE!"



"And it doth not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is." Uttering these words, Cornelius R. Means, one of the best known colored men in the city, ended a talk which he had been making in the Sunday School of Seventh Street Presbyterian church, colored, yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and sat down. A moment later he fell over and was dead. Heart trouble was the cause. Considerable excitement was caused by his speedy demise.—Charlotte Observer, 5th.

Mr. N. G. Whitley, of Hays, tells us that on Saturday he took thirty nine pounds of sourwood honey from one common sized hive of his bees. This does very well indeed, we are told, being, as it is, yet early in the season.—Wilkes Patriot.

Sees Mother Grow Young.

"It would be hard to overstate the wonderful change in my mother since she began to use Electric Bitters," writes Mrs. W. L. Gilpatrick of Danforth, Me. "Although past 70 she seems really to be growing young again. She suffered untold misery from dyspepsia for 20 years. At last she could neither eat, drink nor sleep. Doctors gave her up and all remedies failed till Electric Bitters worked such wonders for her health." They invigorate all vital organs, cure Liver and Kidney troubles, induce sleep, impart strength and appetite. Only 50c at J. E. Shell.

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