

State News Items.

Wake Superior Court is in session and there are nine capital cases on the criminal docket.

Col. Julian S. Carr is threshing his wheat on his Occaneechee farm and it is yielding an average of 40 bushels to the acre. He expects the crop to make about 5,000 bushels.

Last week while playing around an old rock crusher, a thirteen year old boy fell from the fly wheel of the old machine, down which he had been sliding, and fractured his skull and died in a few hours.

Mr. Thas G. McMichael, a well known Lawyer of Charlotte was found dead in his bed last Wednesday morning. He had recently recovered from an attack of pneumonia and died of heart failure.

A train on the Southern Railway near Brevard, jumped the track last Sunday and all the cars rolled down an embankment, but no one was killed though several persons were injured.

In Durham a few days ago a man had seven cases against him for selling liquor and was found guilty in each one of the seven cases. The judge sent him to the road for seven years. One year for every case.

The famous "Blewitt Falls" water power plant was sold at Wadesboro, last Wednesday under order of court and bought by the bond holders for \$1,000,000. It is a valuable property and the improvements so far made are said to have cost near \$2,000,000.

Sam Gibson, a young colored man, shot and instantly killed his wife last Monday night. He claims that he thought his wife was a burglar, as he did not know she had been out of the house until she was returning, when he fired on her in the darkness with a shot gun.

A colored fireman named Hamlin on the Southern Railway, between Charlotte and Taylorsville, fell from the tender of the locomotive one night last week and was badly injured that he died in a few hours. The engineer did not miss the fireman for some time after the accident, but when he was missed the train was backed until the injured man was found unconscious by the road side.

Strange Freak of Lightning in Maryland Town.

Cumberland, Md., Special.—Lightning struck the house of Johnson Collins, last Wednesday, four miles east of Flintstone, while Mr. and Mrs. Collins, their six children and Mrs. Johnson, a neighbor, were in the kitchen. Mrs. Collins was putting pies in the bake oven. When Mr. Collins recovered from the shock he found his wife and the youngest child in her arms standing under a tree in the yard. She could not tell how she got there. One of her shoes had been torn from her foot and the flesh was scraped from her ankle downward almost to the bone. The roof was torn from the house, one side of the building demolished, the stone chimney shattered in pieces and dishes in the cupboard broken.

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North Wilkesboro in Uproar Over Revelations Made by Detective.

Asheville Citizen.

High Point, July 11.—Detective H. R. Thompson, of the High Point detective agency, has returned from North Wilkesboro, where he was the means of turning that town upside down. He went there to work on blind tigers and in a little over a week had caused the arrest of 23 men, many of them prominent men in the town, including two magistrates. Some of the men are wealthy and are raising a racket.

Of course such a scoop as this caused great excitement and for a time the detective had to "stand pat." They talked of running him out of town, horse-whipping him but he went through without a scratch. When the preliminary trial was called the crowd was so dense that they had to adjourn to the opera house. When detective Thompson got on the stand the lawyers demanded that he be unarmed but this could not be done as he was an officer. Two warrants were issued against him to disarm him of his weapons but without avail.

A special term of court has been ordered to try the case and no doubt Wilkesboro will have one of the largest crowds in its history, when court meets.

The W. C. T. U. and other citizens of the county are back of the work and stuck to the detective in his work. Places raided were in the business part of the town, in places that were supposed to have been respectable.

Detective Thompson will go back there in a few days.

From Indiana.

For The News.

We got the full benefit of Independence day this year from July 3 to 6. Everything passed off pleasantly. Only one man lost his life during the celebration, caused by the premature explosion of a cracker. Another lost a thirty thousand dollar factory caused by a little balloon settling down upon it. Otherwise it was a glorious fourth. Last Friday, July 2, we had a splendid view of Capt. Burnbaugh's famous racing balloon "Hoosier," which passed over us about ten o'clock in the morning going in a Southeasterly direction. It hovered near us for awhile coming directly over our home. It had left Indianapolis Tuesday and had been up ever since. The Captain was accompanied on this trip by two other men who carry with them a printing press with which they will print a little paper while on this trip. This is the same balloon that won the famous race a few weeks ago from Indianapolis, landing in Tennessee. The Pilot could be seen calmly looking down upon us from his basket. There seems to be no question now about aerial navigation since the last trial of the aeroplane by the Wright Bros. at Fort Myer, Va. They demonstrated one thing that has been a question with us so long and that was a descent for repairs when the motor failed to work.

We notice lately that an inventor has offered an airship to our government that will carry two hundred passengers. As for us, we prefer to walk.

Some of the old timers near Fort Myer, object to the airships passing over their farms for fear they might "drop and spile their corn or tobacco." This is going to be a difficult problem, securing and surveying an overhead right of way.

I will close for this time. Respectfully, J. A. DOWNS. New Albany, Ind.

Mississippi River Flooding the Country.

St. Louis, Mo., July 13.—The violent storm that devastated the upper Mississippi valley late yesterday moved eastward and threatened to do damage in the Allegheny region today. It has left in its path enormous damage to crops and buildings in several states. Hundreds are homeless, and a number of deaths were caused by the storm in various places.

The Mississippi river, driven over the levees at exposed points, has inundated many thousands of acres. The Missouri river is still rising rapidly and the devastation by floods along its banks is extending. In dozens of banner wheat counties the standing wheat has been razed by the violent winds. Where a bumper crop was expected and almost ready to be harvested, the wheat has been wholly destroyed. Great apprehension is felt at St. Louis, where the flood of the Missouri river is due to reach its height today. Great damage has already been done up river in the Manas and Cygnes valleys. As the flood moves down it is expected to cause a 34 foot stage of water at St. Louis.

The corn crop in Missouri and Oklahoma is subject to great apprehension. The corn in Oklahoma is enfeebled by two weeks' severe drouth preceding the storm.

Better Let the Heathen Perish.

"For ways that are dark and for tricks that are vain the heathen Chinese is peculiar." That remark has been emphasized since the murder of Elsie Seigel by a Chinaman who was her Sunday School pupil. He became infatuated with her, he became jealous and she paid the penalty of her folly. This should forever put an end to the practice of having attractive young women teaching the "heathen Chinese." Better let the heathen perish than to put our girls in jeopardy.

"Knowing the Chinese character as I do, in the face of the awful murder of a mission worker in New York City, I would not allow a daughter of mine or any woman, young or old, to teach in any Chinese mission in the United States."

So spoke Bishop E. H. Moore, who spent years in China for the M. E. Church in addressing the Epworth League Convention at Steubenville last week. He said: "Let the work be undone forever rather than the women attempt to do it," and the whole country will say "amen." The Elsie Seigel case is not the only one, as the following telegram printed last week shows:

"Pittsburg, Pa. July 7.—Sarah Crew, 17 years old a teacher in one of the Chinese Sunday Schools here, today was sent to the House of the Good Shepherd, where she will be held as a witness to appear against Lee Fulk, dive-keeper, and her Sunday School pupil, in whose dive she was arrested last Saturday."

"This morning she refused to testify against Fulk, who is charged with a serious crime, declaring she liked him better than any other man she knew and that if he were found caressing her, it was her fault and not his."

"Great pressure has been brought to bear upon the police to give up the crusade for fear they will entangle well known families."

"Lillian Ray, another of the youthful teachers, today refused to give up teaching 'until after her Chinaman had given her the brace let he had promised her.'"

If preachers and lay workers can not attract Chinamen to Sunday School, let them remain in the heathen faith.

Escapes With Door Receipts.

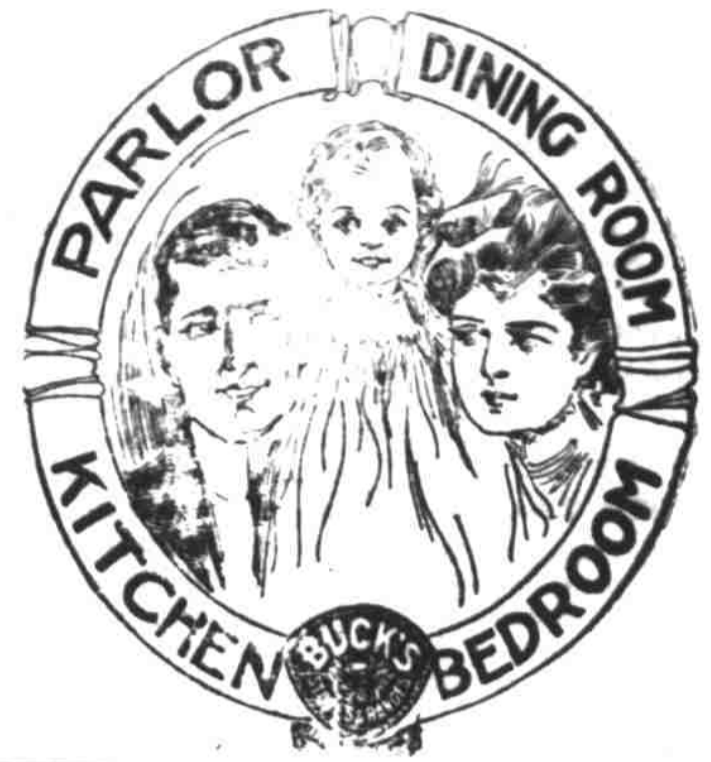
We don't know that Greensboro has any more easy marks than any other town of 42,000 population—more or less—but the "gate city" is a fertile field for the sharper. The latest operator there was a citizen who gave the name of Heber McDonald. He drifted into Greensboro a few weeks ago and presently decided to put in his spare time promoting an Inter-State Fiddlers' meet. The contest was pulled off with Bob Taylor, of Tennessee, as a star, and seems to have been a success. Bills were met and every body satisfied. Thereupon Mr. McDonald decided, while he had his hand in, to promote another contest and bands from all about were invited to come to Greensboro and toot for prizes. Bands not a few responded and tooted with a vim, and a great crowd attended and applauded. The prizes were duly awarded and the promoter notified the band men that the prize money would be paid at his hotel next morning. One band manager who was suspicious called the same night and demanded his prize money, which was paid. Those who called next day found McDonald absent. He had departed with the gate receipts and since has kept under cover. The only people who are not complaining is the band man who collected his prize before the appointed hour, and the hotel man who made himself safe by acting as gate keeper for the promoter until he had enough cash to liquidate the latter's hotel bill at Greensboro and also a bill for a brother hotel keeper at Durham, where the promoter had recently visited and overlooked paying his hotel bill when he departed.—Landmark.

Good Roads.

There is a great deal being said about good roads, but not too much, and whenever we hear of a piece of road that has stood the test this summer it is worth while to mention it, and if so be we could go and see it. We are told that there is a piece of public road in John's river township that has not been out of order this summer and that it is now as it has been all spring and summer, dry and smooth. We are also informed that the overseer with all his road hands puts in his six days work every year and at regular times. The brush on the sides are kept trimmed off so the sunshine can get to the road. Mud holes and gullies are kept filled with loose stones from the fields. Water trenches are kept open, and in this way the road is kept in fine condition, not withstanding there is a lot of travel on it. This may look like a small matter, but with the condition our roads have been in for the last six or eight months, it is worth thinking about. We are further informed that there are sections of roads in this county, and the roads in these sections are not good roads either, that have had no work done on them for the last twelve months. That perhaps accounts for a great deal of the bad roads we have not only in this county but elsewhere.

Life 100,000 Years Ago.

Scientists have found in a cave in Switzerland bones of men, who lived 100,000 years ago, when life was in constant danger from wild beasts. To-day the danger, as shown by A. W. Brown of Alexander, Me., is largely from deadly disease. "If it had not been for Dr. King's New Discovery, which cured me I could not have lived," he writes, "suffering as I did from a severe lung troubles and stubborn cough." To cure Sore Lungs Colds, obstinate Coughs, and prevent Pneumonia, its the best medicine on earth. 50c and \$1.00. Guaranteed by J. E. Shell. Trial bottle free.



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Aeroplane Record Broken To-day

Etamps, France, July 13.—The greatest aeroplane flight on record was completed this afternoon by M. Bleriot, a noted French aeronaut, making 28 straight away miles in 56 minutes.

The Wright brothers have been in the air longer and have flown a greater distance but never attempted a cross country flight like Bleriot to-day.

Berriot plans to soon cross the English channel for a 5,000 pound prize.

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Chopped to Death.

Raleigh, July 12.—Joe Pulley was chopped to death with an axe while he lay sleeping in his home near Selma early to-day. Pulley's 12-year-old step-daughter, Marie Pulley, is charged with the killing.

Pulley's threat that he would whip the girl and drive her from home is understood to have furnished a motive for the killing.

Pulley lived several hours after his skull had been crushed in several places.

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, Boils, Fever-Sore, Eczema, Salt Rheum, Corns. 25c. Guaranteed by J. E. Shell.