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NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Interesting Reading Matter of Local and National Affairs in Condensed Form.

The North Wilkesboro Hustler learns that a man named Holman, 55 years old, was crushed to death in the cogs of a grist mill in Ashe county a few days ago.

Columbus, Ga., Feb. 23.—Flames which caused a property damage of approximately \$1,000,000 were still burning here late today, but were entirely under control. No further damage to property is expected.

In Wake Superior Court last week Walter G. Ferree, who lost a hand and was otherwise injured while in the service of the Norfolk Southern railroad as flagman, was awarded \$10,000 damages. He sued for \$75,000.

In Edgecombe county last week Ben Shavers, a negro 18 years old, was killed by Elmore Morgan, a white boy 16 years old. Morgan says they were playing mad dog, Shavers being the dog, and that the shooting was entirely accidental. Shavers' father says there was ill feeling between the boys and Morgan was sent to jail until an investigation could be made.

Chas. Daugherty, a young man of Wilmington, employed as a saw filer at a saw mill on Trent river, near New Berne, was caught between the log carriage and a roller bench and rushed almost beyond recognition. He had cut off the steam from a log carriage to file a saw when a negro boy loafing about the place turned on the steam with the result stated. Daugherty was taken to a hospital in New Berne and may die.

Joseph Price, a white man of Marion, charged with the murder of John Allen, colored, in August, 1911, was acquitted in McDowell Superior Court last week. Price was arrested on the statement of his 16-year-old son, that his father had slain Allen in order to get the gold which the negro was supposed to carry on his person. The boy stuck to his story which the father and mother both denied. The theory of the defence was that the boy concocted the story for revenge because his father had whipped him.

It is well enough to encourage and admire the girls in the tomato clubs of the county, but what about the girls and boys in the city and its suburbs? There is hardly a home in Charlotte that has no room for a garden and chicken yard in the rear. The girls and boys of the city should be able to produce as many tomatoes and other vegetables as their cousins in the county and they have the advantage of an immediate market for their products without canning it. —Charlotte Chronicle.

North Carolina last year produced a little more than \$51,000,000 bushels of corn, which is quite an advance from the 34,818,000 bushels produced in 1900. The average yield last year was 18.2 bushels to the acre against 12.8 bushels to the acre 12 years ago. After the Boys Corn Clubs have had a few more years to get in their work and the farmers become more familiar with the importance of seed selection and proper cultivation North Carolina will be producing 30 to 40 bushels to the acre with an acreage that will give us more than one hundred million bushels of corn a year.

Servicable Streets Cheap. (Charlotte Observer.)

To its city's street department as an example of inexpensive improvement The Spartanburg Herald points what has been done by a local real estate developer upon one of the new streets there. Early last Fall he applied sand liberally to red clay, had it ploughed in deeply, and thereby got a street which has stood heavy hauling all Winter and is now better than at any other time. This street was not even rolled or packed, as of course it should have been. The Herald is therefore led to believe that other streets which may not be paved would render much better service if at least well mixed with sand. We have no doubt whatever that many a town might with advantage build stretches of sand-clay road as some in this section have done. If not the regular sand clay, an even less expensive improvement, like that just described may be made. Or when applied often enough the split-log drag will do excellent work at practically no cost. The chief requirement is to utilize experience and avoid such senseless mistakes as filling mudholes with fresh material for mud. If work done on streets or country roads with little or no benefit had been devoted solely to making them self-draining, far better results would have accrued. Sand as a further improvement is cheap. Hard-surfaced streets or roads cannot be had every where, but it costs very, very little if people only knew it, to keep from floundering deep in mud.

The People and the Astute Politician. (Greensboro Record.)

No one has ever been able to understand why there is so much time wasted in the Legislature in talking over bills that are demanded, yet no matter what it is some wise gentleman feels called on to dive in, waste time and do more harm than good. Senator Long of Alabama has introduced a bill in the Legislature giving any city or town in the State authority, on petition, to hold an election on adopting or rejecting the commission form of government. The bill is on the same lines as the original local option bill in force in this State. On presentation of a petition signed by one-third of the qualified voters of any town, township or county, the County Commissioners were required to order an election and the voters did the rest. This bill is demanded. Instead of passing it, the wise men are holding it up, while a dozen cities are asking for a chance to vote on the commission form of government. Senator Long's bill would settle the whole thing at one time. And yet we howl about this being the day when the people rule. Maybe, but not when the astute politician can help it.

Gorman Pitts Dies.

Morganton, Feb. 23.—Gorman Pitts, the eldest of the Pitts boys, who was shot and cut and otherwise injured in the Pitts-Hennessee battle of Glen Alpine several weeks ago, died here early this morning from his wounds. Dr. Hennessee, who is now charged with killing him, was brought here today and placed in jail, and is being held without bond to await trial at the March court.

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Lawyer "Set Down" By Judge. (Greensboro News.)

Complaining that the judge had no right to treat him in the manner in which he was doing, and saying he had stood it as long as he was going to stand it, Col. John A. Barringer, an attorney, yesterday afternoon was ordered by Judge R. B. Peebles to "Set down." Colonel Barringer said he wouldn't do it, but when ordered the second time to "set down" he did so, declaring that it was for no other reason than the judge had the power to control that court.

Colonel Barringer was defending R. A. Apple, who was charged by the state with a trespass, and was in the act of examining a witness when the judge asked what certain questions had to do with the case. Finally Colonel Barringer arose and told the court he had no right to treat him in that manner "and trying to humiliate me before the crowd here. I've stood it as long as I'm going to stand it," he said.

"Set down!" ordered the judge. Colonel Barringer refused. "Set down!" again came from the bench.

Colonel Barringer stated he would do so because of no other reason than that the judge had authority to control that court, and had the advantage of him.

Bill For Reformatory For Girls and Women Endorsed. (Raleigh News and Observer.)

The plan for a reformatory for girls and women under 30 years of age who need help for a clean life, has been endorsed by the Senate committee on penal institutions. The bill was introduced by Senator Bryant of Durham and provides that there be a reformatory for girls and women found guilty in the courts of various items of criminal conduct under the law, with under stood features in the institute to be used as a means of help. The proposition is that the State give \$15,000 in 1913 and \$5,000 in 1914 for the institution, the income of the first year to be used for buildings and equipments, after a site has been secured at some small place or within two miles of it.

The need to protect and take steps to reform the class of girls and women who are guilty of violations of moral and other laws was urged ably by the women who spoke for the establishment of a reformatory, and the value of work in this line in other States was presented in their argument. The committee members expressed themselves as being most favorably impressed and voted unanimously for the bill.

Block System Complete.

Spencer, Feb. 23.—The new automatic electric block system recently installed by the Southern Railway company between Spencer and Denim was placed in service at 12:01 this afternoon. All trains on this part of the main line are now being operated under the new system, which is working like a charm. Interlocking switches, operated by electricity and electrically lighted, have been erected at intervals of two miles apart all along the line. "By the use of the automatic signal system inaugurated it is said that wrecks by collision will be practically impossible."

A silver dime always makes more noise in the contribution box than a \$5 bill.

Disgrace To The State. (Raleigh Times.)

"Recognized by connoisseurs of architecture and art the country over as one of the most beautiful public buildings in the United States, the Capitol of North Carolina is without doubt one of the worst kept public buildings in the world. Its corridors are filled with trash, tools and implements of all sorts, empty boxes, discarded furniture and other articles that ought to be relegated to the trash heap. Its closets and toilet rooms are filthy and indecent. In one of them a bucketful of empty whiskey bottles, the accumulation of a single night, was seen. In one of the corridors while the snow was melting Saturday, it was necessary to set buckets to catch the water that literally flowed through leaks in the roof. The walls, ugly enough at best with their dingy brown paint, the door facings, the window frames, and other parts of the interior have been so abused, marked up and cut up as to have become disgraceful to the State. In certain places large portions of the plastering, and large blocks of the beautiful frieze, especially in the gallery over the Senate chamber, have been so loosened by the water flowing through the leaks that they have fallen off in great blocks. In many places the Capitol presents the appearance of a building in the first stages of decay.

Build Silos.

Atlanta, Ga., February 26th.—How the average farmer, using ordinary farm tools, at an expense of only \$65.00 can construct a silo with a capacity of 55 tons—enough silage to feed 20 cows 40 pounds per day for four months—is told in a booklet just gotten out by the Live Stock Department of the Southern Railway, a copy of which will be mailed free to any farmer addressing request for same to Mr. F. L. Word, Live Stock Agent, Southern Railway Bldg., Atlanta, Ga.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson has recently declared that the Southeastern states constitute the ideal section of the United States for live stock raising and must be looked to in future years for the nation's food supply. To stimulate interest in the live stock industry and to aid farmers to successfully follow this line, the Southern Railway has established its Live Stock Department which is giving undivided attention to this work.

Lyceum Course.

Our Lyceum Course would not be complete without the appearance of the Chicago Ladies Orchestra. The best and highest priced attraction of the year. The management has succeeded in getting another date for them and they will appear in the Graded School Auditorium Saturday night, March 8th, at 8:45 o'clock. Their connections are easy to make this time and they will sure appear on the above named date. This will be the best attraction of its kind this year and you should make your plans to bear this celebrated company. adv.

The bill to raise revenue which has been prepared by the finance committee of the Legislature, provides an entire re-assessment of real and personal property this summer. It also provides for a state Tax Commission.

New Way To Deal With Drunks. (Greensboro News.)

Judge Junius G. Adams of the Asheville Municipal court has hit upon a novel plan in dealing with drunks who persistently pester the court with their presence. The judge recently increased "drunk" fines from \$5 to \$10, but it seems this failed to have the desired effect. Now the court has decided to impose road sentences, but with a proviso. Thirty days on the roads is to be imposed upon all persons convicted of drunkenness in the Asheville court with an avenue of escape only through the temperance pledge. All "drunk" defendants are to be given the privilege of going to the roads or signing a pledge to in future abstain from alcoholic drinks. If the defendant signs the pledge and breaks over then the road sentence immediately becomes operative. We are fully persuaded that if this rule is made iron-clad there will either be an increase in the road force in Asheville or a decrease in the number of "drunks" before the court.

Orders Mistrial.

Asheville, Feb. 25.—After being out for 60 consecutive hours the jury in the case of the State against John Huff, a negro charged with the murder of Patrolman McConnell on July 4, 1911, came into court this morning with the announcement that it was unable to reach a verdict and Judge Steven C. Bragaw thereupon ordered a mistrial.

Huff was returned to the county jail where there is incarcerated another "John Huff" alias Wess Brewer, also a negro, who six months ago was tried for the killing of McConnell. The jury in that case also disagreed, and Brewer was returned to jail where he has spent 18 months.

It is authoritatively stated that today's jury stood eight to four for acquittal from the first ballot which was taken Saturday afternoon.

A report is current tonight that the district solicitor will ask for a nol prosee in both cases, and that the two "John Huffs" will eventually be liberated.

The bill to aid public road building, by the state issuing 4 per cent bonds in lieu of county 5 per cent bonds, has passed the house of representatives and will likely pass the senate branch of the Legislature.

The bill to permit the citizens of Caldwell county to vote a bond issue of \$200,000, for the improvement of the public roads of the county has been introduced in the legislature and if passed the people will be allowed to vote on the question.

As a result of the recent revolution in Mexico, the deposed President Madero and Vice President and brother to the president have been killed by mobs, as they were being conveyed to the penitentiary. The country is in a state of turmoil and the commander of the federal army is military President or Governor. Several thousand United States troops are being mobilized at Galveston, Texas, and it may be necessary for the United States to take a hand before the troubles are over, though the indications are a little more hopeful at this time.

So many people are dying suddenly that it seems almost dangerous to be healthy.

COUNTY CORRESPONDENTS

Items From Our Regular Correspondents and Neighboring County Papers.

HUDSON.

Mr. W. W. Stine and family have moved back to Hudson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Bush, of Gastonia, are visiting at Mr. J. P. Bush's.

Hiss Lessis Shell is at Lenoir this week.

We wish to thank the committee of the Caldwell County Ministers Union for preparing the excellent article on, "Blessed Are the Merciful," and the editor of The News for publishing it. Please continue along the same line. T.

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KINGS CREEK.

Will give our readers a little scratch from the creek again.

We are having some nice weather. People are gardening, such as setting out cabbage plants and sowing garden peas, going by the old rule; Spring has broke by the doves cooing. Will see how it works this time.

Our public school will close March 7th, with exercises at night. Hope the weather will be favorable. Everybody cordially invited.

We noticed some time ago in The News some writer wanting the schools to organize a humane society for the protection of dumb animals. The school at this place had organized a society quite a while before that came out. We think all the schools ought to follow in the good work.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Beach were visiting on Kings Creek last Sunday. X. Y. Z.

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The News Free.

Now listen girls, we want to talk to you. We will give the News free, for a whole year to the girl under 15 years of age who will grow and care for the best Flower Garden, during the coming season. And we will give the News six months free to the second best kept plot or yard and three months free for the third best kept plot.

The yards must be at least 10 feet square, the larger the better and the girl can choose her own kinds, of flowers and plant all one kind or make it just as elaborate as she desires. She must live in Lenoir and do all the work herself in connection with the planting and care of the flowers. We will arrange for a committee of ladies to visit and inspect the yards some time during the season and they will decide who are to get the prizes. Those girls who wish to compete must send us their names and addresses by the first of April.

Now this is an opportunity to get the News free and also to learn something about growing flowers. Then when the Flower Show comes on this fall these girls will be in position to take part in that and may win some nice prizes.

Huxley said that an oyster was as complicated as a watch. All we know about it is that it's awful to swallow one that is out of order.

When a vessel has a hole stove in her it usually makes it warm for the people on board.