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COUNTY CORRESPONDENTS

Items From Our Regular Correspondents and Neighboring County Papers.

WILKES.
(Patriot.)

Will J. Horton, of Elkville was a visitor here this week. He will go to Lenoir in a few days to take charge of the Lenoir Book Company's business there, which he formerly held.

The proprietor of the Greek restaurant in North Wilkesboro was up before Mayor Barkley yesterday, at "Mountain Home" Monday charged with selling cigarettes to minors. He submitted and was fined and taxed with the cost. He also promised not to repeat the offense.

Ira Hurley, who has been in the employ of Forester & Phillips livery stable in North Wilkesboro for several months, was arrested and placed in jail Saturday night on a capias from Ashe county. Hurley is charged with retailing whiskey.

J. M. Bumgarner, J. R. Owens, W. A. Payne, J. H. Carrigan, S. C. Webster and Frank Kilby, the deputies who took Wilkes county's contribution of sixteen men to the Catawba county authorities last Friday, made the transfer of the men without mishap, and all have returned to their respective homes in this county.

BURKE.
(Messenger.)

Senator E. S. Coffey, who was a Morganton visitor Saturday and Sunday, was unexpectedly called to Lenoir, Sunday by the death of Mr. Drury S. Coffey.

Miss Mattie Mae Ballew, who spent several days with her sister, Mrs. B. F. Davis left for Atlantic City yesterday to spend several days.

Mesdames Shell, of Lenoir, and Earnhardt of Lexington, returned to their homes last week after spending a few days with the family of their brother, Mr. F. M. Seroggs.

Mr. T. G. Cobb has so far recovered as to be able to return from Statesville, many friends will be pleased to learn.

Last week we stated that Peter Swink submitted to murder in the second degree and was given five years. This is a mistake he did not submit but the case was ably defended and the defendant was convicted. However, after the jury returned a verdict acquitting Dr. Hennessee Monday morning, Judge Webb was asked to take off the sentence by several lawyers, in order that justice might be somewhat balanced. The Judge refused to do this, but took off two years of the sentence, thereby giving Swink three years.

WATAUGA.
(Watauga Democrat.)

The measurement of the Daniel Boone oak, standing near the monument, is 18 feet in circumference one foot above the ground; spread of limbs 68 feet, height 62 feet, according to measurements taken by Mr. R. M. Greene.

The Training School had a splendid opening this, Wednesday morning. The pupils from a number of counties are pouring in in great numbers, and the prospects for a large attendance are splendid. The faculty is complete, so far as we know, except Prof. White, who is detain-

MOUNTAIN HOME. (News and Observer.)

Asheville, Aug. 22.—"Mountain Home" is western North Carolina's "baby town" and by next summer this place promises to be one of the Land of the Sky's most thriving resorts. The town site comprises 700 acres of land recently purchased by the Mountain Home company of St. Petersburg, Fla., and at a meeting of representatives of the passenger department of the Southern Railway company and members of the colony company the site for the passenger and freight depots was chosen. The Southern announces that work on the structures will be started immediately.

The colony company has awarded the contract for a central dining hall and by the early part of the spring of 1914, 100 cottages will be ready for the company of Floridians who belong to the colony company and who are desirous of spending their summers in this section of the State. The members of the company are some of St. Petersburg's most wealthy citizens and while they have purchased the property primarily for the use of their families, they expect to construct a small hotel and boarding houses for the accommodation of tourists from the north and east who spend their winters in Florida and who desire to return to their homes by way of this section of North Carolina. The colonists, however, will not make a bid for this class of trade, their idea in starting the new town being solely with the end in view of providing summer homes for themselves.

What Happened While He Gazed. (Catawba County News.)

While the balloon was being inflated and being made ready to go up at the College on Reunion day, a unique character from the country drove his horse and buggy close up to the scene of action.

He sat in his buggy with his eyes strained, his mouth open and tongue hanging out completely absorbed by what was being done by the balloonist, when suddenly the balloon took the upward flight, the horse to the buggy took to the woods and across the field at the rate of 2-10 per minute and the driver's gaze was turned from things above to the things of the earth.

ed at his home in Taylorsville on account of the continued illness of his wife.

Chief Engineer Early, and Right-of-way agent Harrison Tucker, of the Virginia-Carolina Railway, were guests at the Critcher Hotel Tuesday night, en route to Blowing Rock, on some business, we hope, pertaining to the extension of the road into or through a portion of Watauga. They were to have met some parties there and are expected back through today.

RUDSON

A number of young men who recently left here for Bluefield, W. Va., to help grade a new railroad there, write that they are now on a very busy job in a wild country.

A generous stork made a hurried call on Mr. and Mrs. Ira M. Hawkins, leaving a tiny girl.

The motto, "Live and Let Live," is not popular in Mexico.

THE GREAT STATE FARM. (Lexington Dispatch)

Mr. H. B. Varner, chairman of the State prison board, made inspection of the State's farm in Halifax County last week, and he was very much pleased with what he saw. He said this farm contains 7,300 acres and that it is probably the finest farm in North Carolina. There are something like 600 acres in cultivation. There are nine miles of dikes on the farm, seven and a half miles on the Roanoke River. These dikes are built to prevent the river from overflowing and destroying the crops on the farm. They are 100 feet at the base and about 20 feet on top, from 30 to 40 feet high. Sometimes the rains become so heavy and the river gets so high that it breaks through the dikes. When it does, the crops are destroyed.

Capt. C. N. Christian, a native of Stokes County, and Captain Rheam of eastern North Carolina are in charge of this farm. They are most excellent farmers and they say the prospects this year the finest they have ever been. They have 2,400 acres in corn, which will produce 100,000 bushels; they have 1,800 acres in cotton, which will produce a bale to the acre; 350 acres in peanuts, which will produce from 40 to 50 bushels to the acre, and 400 acres of cowpeas and soja beans. There are on the farm 200 head of cattle, 300 hogs, 240 horses and mules, 1,000 chickens, 150 turkeys and about 2,500 pigeons.

There are 450 convicts doing the work on the farm. Of course, it takes a considerable number of guards and overseers to look after these convicts. It is a little world all to itself and is a very interesting place to visit. No North Carolinian would regret spending the time and money sufficient to visit this wonderful farm and see these wonderful products.

SPARROW PIE. (Charlotte Chronicle.)

The United States Department of Agriculture interests itself in investigations of the usefulness of the feathered tribes and takes steps for the protection of those birds which are found useful. Even the crow has been found to do more good than harm, notwithstanding his well known affection for tender young corn. The English sparrow has been found to be bad for the principal reason that flocks of them drive away birds that are really useful. Many recipes have been given for poisoning sparrows, but the most approved manner of getting rid of them is to kill them and eat them, the little birds having been found to be excellent meat. It is said that sparrow breasts, though small in size, are a delicacy. To prepare them for the table the sparrows should be skinned and split down the back with a sharp knife; they should then be placed in a weak salt solution over night and then placed in the ice box for a few hours. They can be rolled in flour and fried in butter or lard, to which is added a few drops of vinegar to eradicate the "wild taste" or smothered with onions.

"A department store carries between 40,000 and 50,000 different articles."

"And a woman who drops in for a spool of thread has to look over every thing else in stock."—Washington Herald.

SCHOOL NEWS.

About all the schools of the County have elected teachers, with several applications from good lady teachers left over. I would be glad to hear from schools in need of such teachers.

A few of our large schools are still in search of first class men teachers. Several schools are in session with very much increased attendance. It has been necessary to doubt the capacity of many of our school buildings.

Teachers are requested by law to report to attendance officers all absentees between the ages of 8 and 12, even though they are legally excused. When a child is absent with legal excuse, the teacher marks it "excused" on her report to the officer. Cards for the teachers and voters for attendant officers are being prepared by the State.

Following are the attendance officers:

- Lenoir Township, W. L. Swanson, Lenoir, Route 3.
- Lower Creek, Russell Shuford, Lenoir, Route 1.
- Kings Creek, H. G. Barlow, Kings Creek, Route 1.
- Little River, F. M. Whitner, Lenoir, Route 2.
- Lovelady, C. G. Honek, Granite Falls.
- North Catawba, J. E. Clark, Lenoir, Route 3.
- Hudson, J. Z. Bush, Hudson.
- Johns River, M. C. Estes, Collettsville.
- Yadkin Valley, R. H. Pipes, Buffalo Cove.
- Patterson, G. A. McCall, Patterson.
- Globe, J. L. Gragg, Globe.
- Wilson Creek, E. B. Crisp, Edgemont.

Y. D. MOORE,
County Supt.

No Cheaper Beef Soon. (Charlotte Observer.)

Leader Underwood does well to warn the public that the new tariff, with its free cattle and free beef, will be unable to bring beef prices lower for the coming winter at least. Drought in the West will cause further shortage by affecting corn, and there is a present lack of foreign supplies. According to his observation, Canadian beef raisers cannot compete with those of the United States because of natural disadvantages. Small shipping facilities forbid any but correspondingly small importations from South America. With peace restored in Mexico, we could hope for cheaper beef from there.

The Democratic party has undertaken the extremely difficult task of lowering prices without injuring any legitimate interest or adversely affecting wages. It is enough to face the outcome without encouraging expectations which clearly cannot be fulfilled.

Get Terms In Pen. (News and Observer.)

Kinston, Aug. 22. For shooting up the home of J. R. Fields, a white planter, and negro farm tenants, Ed. Jones and Henry Wiggins were sentenced in criminal court here yesterday to ten and five years respectively in State's prison. No one was hurt in the onslaught, which occurred at midnight on a date early in August. Ivy Jones and Dave Sutton will be tried on a similar charge. Fields and the tenants had been witnesses in a case in Federal court against a brother of one of the four gunmen.

TAXATION OF MONEY AND CREDIT (Greensboro Daily News.)

In his speech in Statesville the other day Attorney General Bickett said the records show that fewer solvent credits are returned for taxation in the State now than were returned before the war. "It simply means," says the Statesville Landmark, "that most of the solvent credits are not put on the tax books. While those who fail to list solvent credits cannot be excused, for they not only commit perjury but shirk their proportion of the public burdens, there is some excuse for their conduct. The taxpayer who returns \$5,000 in solvent credits or cash on hand pays taxes on the full amount, while the taxpayer who owns \$5,000 worth of property pays taxes on anywhere from one-third to two-thirds of the amount and sometimes the valuation is less than a third."

Classification, which will permit of a different rate on different classes of property, is proposed in one of the constitutional amendments proposed by the legislative commission, as the Landmark points out.

Classification will put money and credits on the tax books, if an honest and just method of assessing real property can be devised and put in operation, and it is expected these things can be accomplished under other provisions of the proposed amendment.

THE FIGURES 13

New York city has a Thirteen Club, which proves the fallacy attributed to the unlucky conditions placed about the figures 13. They not only demonstrated to the public, but force home to each one of us that there is no such thing as ill luck about the supposed unlucky number.

There are thirteen members, they pay thirteen cents per month dues, meet on the thirteenth and if the thirteenth falls on Friday they are particularly happy. They have thirteen covers at their banquet. Then they do a number of so-called unlucky "stunts." The door is a ladder under which each member has to pass when entering the dining room, each member before being seated breaks a looking glass into thousands of pieces, they spill salt all over the floor and table and the past master sits under a raised umbrella. Every possible unlucky "stunt" that can be thought of is tried and every "hoo-doo" is defied over and over again.

The club is not composed of a bunch of lunatics, but men all sane, sensible fellows who enjoy life themselves and give their friends and associates a hearty greeting at each opportunity. The club members enjoy just as good "health, wealth and happiness" as those whose sidestep thirteens or other unlucky omens and that the percentage of morality is just the same as among any other club or society of the same size and situation in the same station physically.

That thirteen or any other number is unlucky is silly and is only one of the many relics of barbarism still lingering among some of us. Let us hope that the above may help some one who is scared to death at the thirteen "bugaboo." Good reader, if you are one of them, forget it, thirteen is absolutely no more unlucky than twelve or fourteen.

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NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST.

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

While driving through the southern part of the city, Thursday afternoon, Silas Cogdell was struck in the head by a stray bullet and almost instantly killed.

A deadly charge of dynamite three whole ten inch sticks and two halves with a fuse, was discovered Thursday afternoon, near the office of Mayor Gaynor of New York City.

Mr. Dorman Thompson has been nominated and will be elected to the State Senate from Iredell county to succeed Col. Alvin D. Watts, who was recently appointed collector of internal revenue.

William Dunn, alias "Irish Jimmy," was found guilty of cracking the safe of the McAdenville cotton mills office some years ago and sentenced to eight years at hard labor in the state penitentiary, on Friday.

Sam Harris, who lives near Leaksville, shot his wife twice in the breast with a shot gun, Friday morning, killing her instantly. He then reloaded the gun, turned it on himself, and sent the entire load into his throat, the shot coming out through the top of his head. He had been a sufferer for some time from pellagra and the general opinion is that his mind had become affected.

L. L. Wilson, a policeman of Charlotte, was shot from his motorcycle on Friday, by Joe McNeely, a cocaine crazed negro. The policeman then rose to his knees, shot down his assailant, staggered over to the fallen man, and clubbed him into insensibility, because he feared he was too weak to hold his prisoner until help arrived. McNeely had been shooting up the junction of South Tryon street and Park avenue, firing some 20 times at women, children and anybody in sight, and the officer was sent to quell him. Both will recover.

WHEN TO SOW CRIMSON CLOVER. (Progressive Farmer.)

A correspondent in Guilford County, North Carolina, says that he has corn which was just in tassel the first week in August and wants to sow crimson clover in it at once. I believe that while the August sowing may succeed, it is better to sow in September and up to October. Down in Jones County a friend writes that he has succeeded well with this clover in eastern North Carolina, but thinks we have been advising too early sowing, for he finds that he can get the best stands sowing from October to December. Perhaps in his warmer coast section he can do this, but the first inquirer is in the upper country, and there I would sow in September, and early in the month, too. Still there will be more risk of failure in August sowing than in October even. Too early sowing is worse than medium late. I once sowed crimson clover the first of November at Raleigh, and had a fine stand. But the fall weather was unusually favorable, and I doubt that such late sowing will be uniformly successful except in the lower coast region.

A silent partner is the fellow who makes a loud noise when the business goes wrong.