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NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST.

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

More than five hundred farmers are in attendance at the 11th annual Farmers' convention and Roundup institute in session at the A. & M. College, West Raleigh.

One negro is dead, one badly wounded, a township constable badly bruised, and three negroes are already under arrest following a mixup that began at a negro meeting near Huntsville, Yadkin county Tuesday night.

Former Mayor James D. McNeil of Fayetteville was placed on trial in the Superior Court of Cumberland county on Wednesday on an indictment for criminal libel of State Senator Q. K. Nimocks during the campaign between the two for the senatorial nomination in 1912.

It is understood upon the highest authority that former Governor Robert Broadnax Glenn, of Winston Salem, has been offered a good job with the federal government by President Wilson and that he has accepted it. The nature of the job has not yet been revealed, but it is said to carry a substantial salary.

Harry K. Thaw won three victories over the New York State authorities Wednesday and was locked in the Sherbrooke jail, immune for the time being from the Dominion immigration authorities, after having received an ovation from the townspeople of Sherbrooke that would have done honor to a prince of royal blood.

An automobile party consisting of Messrs. C. B. Bailey, T. E. Stainback, F. C. Richardson and Mrs. J. G. High and Miss Allie Bailey of Kentucky, and Miss Ruth Moore of Bennettsville, S. C. drove to Wilson on Tuesday and on the return trip struck a weak bridge near Kenly. The sleeper gave away and the car turned into the creek, the party narrowly escaping with slight bruises.

President Woodrow Wilson went to Congress on Wednesday and read his message personally to that body dealing with the Mexican situation. The President announced the necessity of a firm neutral stand and a policy of "hands off" to wait the time of Mexico's awakening. He expressed the opinion that all Americans should leave Mexico and that the Government should aid them in every possible way, but he is strongly opposed to armed intervention.

Twenty-one Persons Hurt In Train Wreck.

Lynchburg, Va., Aug. 26.—Twenty-one people were injured in a wreck of a mixed train on the Buckingham branch of the Chesapeake and Ohio railway near Brems, early this afternoon, one of them, Conductor J. C. Doswell, of New Canton, Va. being internally hurt and will probably die.

The train was derailed by spreading rails and the passenger coach and three freight cars loaded with lumber rolled over a 20 foot embankment.

Miss Helen Page, of Lynchburg, who had a miraculous escape, was a heroine in the rescue, for she worked faithfully, with the male passengers in their efforts to rescue those under the debris. The more seriously injured were taken to a hospital in Richmond.

GRAND JURY REPORT.

North Carolina) Superior Court. Caldwell County) Aug. Term, 1913 To the Honorable Jas. L. Webb, Judge presiding:

We, the Grand Jurors, for this Term of Court, beg leave to submit the following report, viz.:

1. We have carefully examined and reported on all bills of indictment submitted to us by the Solicitor.

2. We have made presentments of all cases against the peace and dignity of the State which have come to our knowledge.

3. We inspected the Court House and found some leaks in the roof which ought to be repaired; also a hole in the cement floor in the entrance to the Court House which ought to be repaired; also the North West ante room on second floor in the Court House is full of waste papers, probably mixed with papers and books, some of which should be saved. We suggest that the room be cleaned out, the papers assorted and those of a valuable nature properly taken care of. We also suggest that more placards be hung about the hallways in the Court House forbidding spitting on the floor.

We also inspected the various offices in the Court House and found the same well kept, the records well taken care of, and the officers generally indicated that the officers in charge thereof were doing their full duty.

We suggest that the basement under the Court House be cleaned up, and the same put in a sanitary condition.

4. A committee visited the County Home and found conditions there very unsanitary. The keeper of the Home is gone and the same is in charge of his wife. We recommend that conditions there be remedied, and suggest the building of a more comfortable home and moving it closer to town.

5. We visited the Jail in a body and found conditions there very favorable, except that we found one of the lines in bad repair, and we suggest that the stove in the cell room be taken out and two larger ones purchased instead before winter; also the cement floor upstairs is in need of repair; also, that wall be cleaned up and repaired, or else filled up. We also recommend that steel shutters be provided for the windows facing Harper Avenue, so that same can be closed in the event the Jail should be filled with prisoners who persist in cursing passers by.

6. We find that there are sections of roads in each Township that are in bad condition and in some cases without overseers. We suggest that these portions of roads be worked out and a report thereof be made to the Clerk within the next 60 days.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. PAYNE,
Foreman.

Mr. W. D. Clarke who went to Blowing Rock on business this week, returned to his home in Statesville today accompanied by his wife and family, who have been visiting relatives here.

Rev. C. B. Bryan, wife and daughter, Miss Mary, are expected here today on a visit to relatives. Dr. Bryan will preach in the Episcopal church at 11 a. m. next Sunday.

A Canal Street store advertises "Umbrellas recovered." We shall go by this afternoon and leave a description of ours that has been missing for over a week.

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SIX MONTHS IN JAIL

Jury Returns Verdict of Manslaughter in the Case Against Robert G. Thompson.

Mr. Robert G. Thompson, who shot and killed Robert Beaver, in the Kings Creek section about the first of August while raiding a blockading distillery, was convicted of manslaughter by the jury about 9:30 o'clock Tuesday night, and on Wednesday morning, he was sentenced to serve a term of six months in the county jail by Judge Webb.

The court began taking evidence in the case Monday afternoon and by the time for adjournment, the evidence was in and both sides rested. Wednesday was given over to argument by counsel, each side being allowed three hours. James Beaver was the main witness introduced by the State, and he testified that he and his brother, Robert Beaver started to run on the approach of Thompson and were commanded to hold up their hands. They then threw up their hands but Thompson began firing despite this fact, and shot two holes in his hat, besides shooting his brother.

Thompson swore that he only shot to the right and over the heads of the fleeing parties in order to frighten them and that Robert Beaver could only have met his death by a deflected bullet. According to their statement, the jury disregarded the testimony of young Beaver, but convicted Mr. Thompson on his own statement, believing that he was guilty in handling a pistol in a reckless manner. Judge Webb commended the jury for its verdict, and said that he was glad to see the men composing it, have the courage of their convictions and the manhood to uphold the majesty of law.

He expressed sympathy for Mr. Thompson though and said that he only felt like giving him a light sentence.

LORAY MILL BOY, LOVE SICK, COMMITS SUICIDE.

(Gastonia Dispatch.)

Gastonia, Aug. 25. Harvey Mauer, aged 19, an operative in the Loray Mill, committed suicide at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Mauer, about 6:30 o'clock this morning by shooting himself through the heart with a .22 rifle. Disappointment in a love affair is signed as the cause of the deed. Saturday he went to the office of the register of deeds for the purpose of securing a marriage license but was turned down because the register was not satisfied that the parties were of lawful age.

Mauer went to work at 6 o'clock and went to his home nearby. His mother was in the kitchen and he gave her some money to pay a couple of accounts he owed and returned to his bedroom. A moment later a rifle shot was heard and his mother rushing in found him lying on a sofa with a bullet through his heart. He was dead in a moment. The police department was notified at once and after conducting an investigation decided that a coroner's inquest was not necessary. Young Mauer is said to have been a quiet, industrious boy and had never been in any trouble before.

To say he is unpopular with hoodlums is giving to a policeman the best character he can have in the line of his duty.

JOE McNEELEY LYNCHED.

Negro, Shot to death by Mob in Charlotte.

Charlotte, Aug. 26.—"That Joe McNeely, deceased, came to his death by pistol shot wounds in the hands of a mob unknown to the jury" was the verdict given this afternoon by the coroner's jury at the inquest held over the body of Joe McNeely, who met death at an early hour this morning at the hands of a mob composed of some 35 persons.

The negro was taken from the negro hospital at 2:30 o'clock, dragged into the street and his body riddled with bullets. He lived, however, after being carried to the police station until 5 o'clock. The members of the mob wore masks and none of them, it is said by the officers who were guarding the negro, could be identified.

At a special session of the board of aldermen today a reward was offered by the city of Charlotte of \$1,000 for each and every member of the mob.

Superior court is in session here and Judge Shaw from the bench this morning delivered a caustic charge to the grand jury, instructing them to use every means within their power to ferret out the parties composing the mob.

Solicitor Wilson has taken charge of the case and is conducting a sweeping investigation. A ban has been placed on the sale of firearms and ammunition to any person. Some talk has been indulged in today by the negroes, but it is believed that they will not attempt any retaliation. It is believed the police department has the situation well in hand and that a clash between the races will be avoided.

JUDGE SHAW CAUSTIC.

In the course of his charge to the grand jury this morning Judge Shaw said:

"What are you going to do about the horrible crime that has been committed in this city this morning, gentlemen of the grand jury? What is going to be your attitude as to the forces and factors who must stand their shares of the blame that such a tragedy could be enacted in such a fine community as this?"

"I will tell you what your county needs and what it needs this morning. It needs a sheriff like one in South Carolina who had the courage and the backbone to stand up and do his duty. We are told by the newspaper accounts of this crime that two policemen leveled their pistols on the mob that wrought death to a negro in the hospital, but two big pistols in the hands of the men who were not diligent as to their duty were as harmless as a toy pistol in the hands of a child."

Motorman Peter Kelley Must Have A Rubber Back

New York, Aug. 25. Peter Kelley, a young motorman, jumped from the Brooklyn bridge today at its highest point, and escaped with a few slight bruises. On his way down Kelley turned over half a dozen times and struck the East river almost flat on his back. He floated a short distance until he was rescued, Kelley refused to tell why he made the jump.

The ambulance surgeon, who in ten minutes pronounced him practically as good as ever, said Kelley had been drinking.

TO HELP FARMERS FIND A MARKET FOR THEIR PRODUCTS.

Atlanta, Ga., August 23.—"To Help Southern Producers Find Markets for the Products of the Soil" is the slogan of the market department of the Southern Railway and affiliated lines, (including the Mobile and Ohio, the Cincinnati New Orleans and Texas Pacific, the Alabama Great Southern, and the Georgia, Southern and Florida), and with this end in view, two booklets have recently been issued which should prove of great value to fruit, vegetable, and truck growers of the Southeastern territory.

One of these booklets contains as complete a list as could be compiled of the brokers, commission merchants, jobbers and receivers of vegetables and berries located at the principal cities of the United States and Canada east of the Rocky Mountains. The booklets give the name of dealers, character of business, and commodities handled, in each town together with the population of the town. A copy will be furnished free of charge to any grower of vegetables or berries along the line of the Southern Railway and affiliated lines. The second booklet contains a list of the fruit, vegetable, and melon growers in the territory served by the Mobile and Ohio Railroad and the Southern Railway in Mississippi and will be placed in the hands of dealers throughout the North and East. It is planned to issue similar booklets covering other territory throughout the South-east.

The work of the market department is in the hands of market agents located at Atlanta, St. Louis, Cincinnati and Washington whose services are at all times at the disposal of farmers living along the Southern Railway and affiliated lines.

CAPTURE BIG STILL.

(The Observer.)

Statesville, Aug. 25. Revenue Officers J. M. and W. D. Davis have returned from Yadkin County where they made another raid into the moonshines territory. In the big woods of South Liberty Township the officers destroyed what they describe as the "largest and best distillery" they have seen in a long time. The plant was apparently new and had just begun operations, the 125 gallon still being of bright new copper of best quality. About 500 gallons of beer was destroyed along with the plant.

As the officers drove through the woods toward the still they saw a man standing beside the road gazing up in a tree. He explained to the "revenues," on being accosted, that he had almost killed a big hawk with a rock and was then looking for it. The next person seen came from the direction of the still in great haste and appeared much excited when questioned by the officers, but he claimed to know nothing of what was going on in the woods. There was no one on the premises when the officers reached the distillery and it is believed that the first man they saw was a scout who ran to the still and warned the blockaders of the approach of the officers.

"What can a man do without money?" asks an impecunious friend. Cheer up, dear fellow-partner in distress. Without money you can go into debt.

COUNTY CORRESPONDENTS

Items From Our Regular Correspondents and Neighboring County Papers.

DRACO.

The farmers in this section are busy plowing and getting ready for another wheat crop.

Miss Ruby Hawkins has returned to her home in the Yadkin Valley after visiting her sister, Mrs. S. E. Reid a few days.

Mr. Felix Downs is spending a few days outing at Blowing Rock.

Mr. Levi Kirby after spending a few days with his father, returned to his home in Hickory last week.

Miss Fannie Reid is visiting friends and relatives at Blowing Rock for a few days.

Mr. Roby Holsclaw while out hunting the other day killed an eagle that measured six feet and three inches from tip to tip.

Rev. Isaac Swanson will preach at Draco, the second Sunday in September at 11 o'clock.

Mrs. Abby Head after a lingering illness died last Friday. That dreaded disease consumption was the cause of her death. The burial took place at Union cemetery Monday at 10 o'clock. Rev. Arch Pennell conducting the services. She leaves a husband and a large host of sympathizing friends and relatives to mourn her departure.

W. B.

LITTLE RIVER.

The farmers are taking advantage of the weather now and are doing a good deal of ploughing for wheat sowing.

Mr. H. M. Crouch went to Virginia Monday on a prospecting expedition.

Mr. A. T. Poreh will move to Virginia this week.

Mr. D. C. Flowers goes to Watauga county today to purchase some fine sheep.

Misses Margaret and Lana Deal of Statesville, are visiting Mr. J. E. Flowers this week.

The Little River Telephone Company has completed its line to Mr. John McLeods.

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August, 27th.

Lucky And Happy North Carolina.

(Raleigh Times.)

This has been one of the most disastrous drought years in large areas of this country, and the southwest and the middle west have been scorched by weeks of blazing sunshine, while here in North Carolina the rainfall has been almost exactly normal and most crops, all the late ones, have almost a spring freshness, as has also the foliage of the trees. In the middle west the damage to the corn crop, which is the main one, is enormous, mounting into the hundreds of millions. In most of Texas all crops have suffered, particularly cotton and corn. At last there is a break in the heat, for cooler weather has come to the west. It is a merciful relief to man, beast and crop. North Carolinians do not know what a real drought is, or great neat for that matter, for they are truly in the temperate zone. They ought to be glad they are alive and right here.

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