

**STATE NEWS.**

The Charlotte papers report considerable work in gold mining in that section.

A company has been incorporated to mine and refine Kaolin in Macon County, capital \$25,000.

Charlotte, Greensboro and New Bern put in force prohibition with the advent of the New Year.

The citizens of Vance County will ask the Legislature to allow them to issue \$25,000 bonds for road improvements.

Robert Hardison, of Morven, Anson County, aged 16, lost his right eye by the explosion of a cracker during the holidays.

A train of 25 cars loaded with manufactured tobacco from F. R. Penn Tobacco Company, left Reidsville, for Atlanta, Friday.

Rev. W. F. Staley, of Biltmore, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Baptist churches at of Wilkesboro and North Wilkesboro.

In Anson County the other day two negro boys were fooling with a gun. The one they buried was named Adolphus Johnson and he was about ten years old.

On Monday night Mr. Lindsay Lucas, of Shelby, who was a flagman on the vestibule, on the Southern Railway, was killed between Atlanta and Greenville.

Hector McMillan, 9 years old, shot and killed himself in Fayetteville Friday afternoon. He was playing with a small rifle when the weapon was accidentally discharged.

Greenville Reflector: A movement is on foot in the section around Mt. Olive to petition the Legislature to form a new county out of portions of Wayne and Duplin with Mt. Olive as the county seat.

Will Thomas, colored, charged with the murder of Jim Floyd, also colored, at Cooleemee two years ago, was arrested in Charlotte a few days ago. Thomas admits the killing, but says it was an accident.

Jackson County Journal: It is reported that in the near future there will be an electric line of railway built from some point on the Southern Railway to the copper mines near the fork of the Tuckasee River.

At Walnut Cove, Stokes County, a few nights ago, three men assaulted Policeman C. H. Rayborn and beat him so badly that he was confined to bed. Rayborn's assailants were aggrieved because he had arrested one of them.

After three times refusing to relicense the distilleries of Asheville the Board of Aldermen, in extra session Saturday afternoon, reconsidered its previous action and again licensed all the establishments for another six months.

A small colored boy of Charlotte sneaked into the yard of a residence, turned the family cow out and drove her away. He then put a rope on the cow, returned her and claimed a reward of \$1 for returning a strayed animal. He got the reward.

The board of alderman of Wilmington have decided to increase the liquor license tax from \$264 to \$600 per annum, the increase effective May 1st. The action of the board is a compromise, the high license advocates holding out for \$1,000.

Irvin C. Day died in Durham Friday night as the result of a pistol wound received nearly two months ago. Soon after midnight the third of October he was shot in the hip by Allen Hopkins, a negro, in an affray in which Hopkins claimed that Day and another white man attacked him with knives. It was expected that the young man would recover from his wound, but blood poisoning set in with fatal results.

It is stated that a petition will be presented to the Legislature asking that the charter of the town of Shore, in Yadkin, be repealed. Shore was incorporated by the last Legislature purely for the purpose of permitting whiskey to be made there.

Atlas Kornegay, a demented white man who was kept confined at his home in Nash County, was cremated in his own home a few days ago during his wife's temporary absence. The house caught fire and the roof was falling in when the fire was discovered.

Near Jonesboro, Moore County, Tuesday morning, a negro named Hicks was playing on a harp and one Thomas, colored, asked for the harp. Hicks refused to surrender the harp and Thomas cut his throat from ear to ear, death resulting almost immediately.

Near Old Fort last week C. L. Bird and his nephew, Carliss Bird, were hunting together when the former's gun was accidentally discharged, the load taking effect in young Bird's abdomen, resulting in his death four hours later. The victim was about 18 years old.

The Concord Times of last Friday says: Mr. Ed. Powell and family, of Iredell county, are here visiting at Mr. A. O. Atwell's, Mrs. Powell's father. Mr. Atwell will celebrate his fifty-second birthday today, and there will be a family reunion. He has 10 children and thirty-six grandchildren.

Jeff Beasley, white, 18 years old, was run over and killed by a train at High Point Friday. Beasley left home the night before about 10 o'clock, telling his mother that he was going to leave, and it is believed that he was "beating" the train from underneath the cars when the accident occurred.

Samuel Maddox was shot and instantly killed on a farm near Greenville by J. B. Waldrop. Both men seem to have leased the same farm, and when Maddox went to take possession he found Waldrop there. The men were well-known and industrious farmers. Waldrop surrendered to the sheriff.

Congressman Gudger, who attended the Lieutenant Pritchard funeral at Marshall Thursday, was robbed while there of \$25 in money and \$200 in checks. Mr. Gudger had left the money and checks in his room. The thief effected an entrance and stole the property. It is said that there is no clue to the robbery.

The Observer says that Mrs. Lucy Parmenter, the oldest woman in Charlotte and probably the oldest in the State, died in Charlotte Friday afternoon. She was nearly 104 years old, and her death was due to a stroke of paralysis that she received about 12 months before she died. Mrs. Parmenter's husband, who is 98 years old, survives.

The explosion of fireworks furnishes amusement to those who are not hurt, but it is the innocent that usually suffer. In Mt. Airy, Christmas eve two plate glass windows were smashed, the damage amounting to \$85 or \$90. In the same town at the same time one Sid Jones was struck in the eye by a Roman candle and the sight of the eye destroyed.

A little son of Ned Reeves, colored, residing at White Oak Mills, north of Greensboro, died Thursday night from hydrophobia. The boy was bit ten by a dog nine weeks ago. The parents drove the dog away, not knowing that it was mad. The wound did not trouble and apparently healed, but two days ago the boy began complaining and developed symptoms of the disease. He died in terrible agony, having suffered convulsion after convulsion for several hours.

**FARMERS AT GARNER.**

**They Will Hold Cotton and Reduce the Acreage.**

The farmers in the vicinity of Garner met at that place on December 31st to discuss the cotton question. Many of the leading planters in the community were present.

On motion of Mr. J. T. Broughton, Capt. C. N. Allen was elected chairman. Mr. Ransom Hinton moved that J. L. Ramsey be made secretary of the meeting.

Chairman Allen made a rousing speech, explaining the objects of the meeting, and on motion of Mr. George Turner, the chair appointed a committee of five to draft resolutions relative to reduction of acreage, etc., and the following gentlemen were appointed: Messrs. J. T. Broughton, George Turner, F. K. Howell, F. A. Whitaker and Ransom Hinton.

Messrs. Snelling, Black, Parker, Bagwell, Rand and others discussed the cotton situation during the absence of the committee, giving their views as to the cause and the remedy.

The committee on resolutions reported as follows:

1. That we recommend that all farmers hold all the cotton they can for higher prices as the present prices are too low to replace the money spent in raising the same.
2. We suggest to the cotton growers of Wake County that they keep out of the hands of speculators and gamblers as much of the cotton as they can until after the Government report on acreage in June.
3. Your committee further suggests that as many farmers as can, hold at least 20 per cent or more until we begin to gather and gin the crop of 1905.
4. Your committee further recommends that a reduction of 25 per cent or more be made in acreage for the year 1905 in the cotton crop.
5. We recommend that the farmers of Wake County raise, as far as possible, all the supplies necessary for home consumption and that the purchase of commercial fertilizers be reduced at least 25 per cent.

After some discussion, the various objections were all overcome by the committee, and the resolutions were adopted unanimously.

The following were elected delegates to the county meeting to be held in Raleigh next Saturday, January 7th: Messrs. Ransom Hinton, W. F. Black, F. K. Howell, George Turner, F. A. Whitaker, C. N. Allen.

**Meeting of County Commissioners.**

The County Commissioners met Monday in regular session, all present.

Jas. H. Robbins, the newly elected superintendent of roads, submitted his bond of \$2,000, with Henry E. Litchford as surety. It was accepted and he was sworn in.

W. G. Allen, the retiring superintendent of roads, read his report, in which he recommended that two new roads be opened in Panther Branch Township. James Adams was authorized to lay out these roads at an expense to the county of not over \$20, any other cost to be paid by the petitioners.

I. M. Bailey, road supervisor for the northern district, was allowed five days to file his bond.

Mrs. J. H. Keith, of New Light Township, asked that a new bridge be built across Little Ledge Creek and the bridge below on Big Ledge Creek be repaired. The matter was referred to the superintendent of roads.

It was ordered that the bill of T. E. Smith for lumber for bridge building during the year 1904, under the administration of J. C. Ellington, superintendent of roads, be referred to J. C. Ellington and A. J. Stephens, overseer.

A petition was presented by citizens of Panther Branch and Middle Creek Townships, asking for a new road from the A. T. Johnson place on the Raleigh and Fayetteville road, running west to W. H. Holland's on the Yadkin road. The matter was postponed till next meeting, advertisement being made at the courthouse door.

It was ordered that Jno. W. Hayes, supervisor of the Raleigh road district, be allowed \$20 per month additional for furnishing his own horse and buggy and boarding same, as well as himself.

Mr. Bailey, supervisor of the northern district, was allowed to use his own horse at his camp, the county boarding same as well as himself.

P. P. Medlin, of Mark's Creek Township, called attention to the need of a bridge on Smithfield road near R. B. Todd's and L. W. Honeycutt's. Referred to superintendent of roads.

Constables-elect Thomas E. Daniel, of St. Matthew's Township; J. A. Miles, of Mark's Creek, and W. R. Horton, of Cary, submitted their bonds and were sworn in.

A petition was received from citizens of Wake Forest Township asking for the opening of a public road from the northern extension of Main Street, Wake Forest, to the Oxford road, near the residence of H. H. Harris, through the lands of J. B. Carlyle, W. T. Holding, G. H. Wall and H. H. Harris.

The Commissioners met again Tuesday morning.

The printing of the annual statement and report of the Clerk of the Court was given to the News and Observer for \$250.

C. W. Beavers was allowed to pay single back taxes and costs on lands in St. Matthew's Township.

The Board decided to hold a special session January 12th to pass on the bonds of the road supervisors.

J. J. Dupree resigned as constable of Buckhorn township and it was accepted.

The consideration of the old New Light road matter was postponed until Wednesday.

The chairman of the Board announced that Henry Y. Pace had declined to accept the position of Superintendent of the County Home, and the Board went into an election. The following made application: J. A. Lowery, John G. Saunders, M. C. Buffalo, W. F. Black, J. W. Avent, Robert E. Gattis, A. R. Holloway, C. J. T. Adams and Frank M. Ferrell.

The first ballot stood: Holloway, 1; Adams, 1; Black, 1; Avent, 1; Buffalo, 1.

The second ballot: Black, 3; Avent, 1; Ferrell, 1.

The road supervisors, Jno. W. Hays and L. H. Smith, submitted their bonds for \$1,000 each, and they were sworn in by Major J. J. Bernard.

The accustomed reports were submitted and several were granted temporary relief.

The meeting yesterday was largely devoted to the franchise of the Raleigh-Durham Passenger and Power Company. The franchise was granted.

**Spoiled Her Beauty.**

Harriet Howard, of 209 W. 34th St., New York, at one time had her beauty spoiled with skin trouble. She writes: "I had Salt Rheum or Eczema for years, but nothing would cure it, until I used Bucklen's Arnica Salve." A quick and sure healer for cuts, burns and sores. 25c. at all druggists.

When a jury divides evenly in opinion, after hearing the same testimony from the same people, it is small wonder that there are such radical differences in political views.—Washington Evening Star.