

STATE NEWS.

Mr. C. T. Pfohl, of Winston, has been book-keeper for the same firm for fifty years.

A test truck farm has been established on Senator Aaron's farm near Mount Olive by the National Department.

Fred, Wolfe, an Asheville news-boy, was held up on the street by a young negro and \$1.03, all the boy had, forcibly taken from him.

Measles may be said to be epidemic in this city. There are 147 absentees in the white graded school caused by this disease, says the New Bern Journal.

W. P. Merriman, of Wilkesboro, was recently robbed of \$52 by a woman at Roanoke, Va. Merriman recovered his money and the woman was sent to jail.

Work has begun at Shull's Mills, Watauga County, on a railroad. About seventeen miles of this road will pass through Watauga and is the first railroad in that county.

The Carolina Distilling Co.'s plant at Hamlet, a mammoth concern, and a big distillery at Hoffman, Richmond County, have both been seized for alleged irregularities.

The Virginia Press Association has accepted an invitation to meet with the North Carolina Association at the annual meeting of the latter, which will be held in Asheville, July 5-6.

J. P. Horn, for 18 years sheriff of Union County, died suddenly Thursday night at his home in Union County, aged about 70 years. He was the father of B. A. Horn, present sheriff of Union.

Charles Taylor, colored, living about seven miles west of here in Hickory Mountain Township, has lost within the past two weeks four children from typhoid fever, says the Pittsboro Enterprise.

Twenty illicit distilleries were captured and destroyed in this internal revenue district during April, and 12,800 gallons of beer and a quantity of low wines destroyed, says the Statesville Landmark.

The Winston people having decided that a \$60,000 public building is better than none, and advised the Treasury Department, accordingly, bids will be asked for the erection of a building at Winston.

Ed. Speagle, 13 years old, who killed his brother in Burke County last fall, has by order of the Superior Court been committed to the care of the North Carolina Children's Home Society at Greensboro.

The \$5,000 damages given against the Southern Railway in Davidson Superior Court last week for killing a boy at Thomasville, was sealed to \$2,700 on an intimation from Judge Bryan that he would set the verdict aside.

At a meeting of Mecklenburg farmers in Charlotte Saturday, reports from all the townships of the county save four showed a reduction in cotton acreage of 26 2-3 per cent. and a reduction of 31 9-13 per cent in the use of fertilizer.

The dean of the University Medical School announces that under the uniform minimum curriculum adopted by the American medical colleges, hereafter the term required for matriculation will be four years. Heretofore the term has been three years.

Mr. S. F. Wall has recently discovered a very rich monozite mine on his farm near Henrietta. It is being worked by Mr. J. W. Fisher, quite an experienced monozite mine worker, who recently took out \$124 worth of monozite in nine days. Mr. Fisher claims that it is the richest mine in Rutherford County as it makes from three to four bucket fulls to the trough.

The dwelling occupied by Billy Walston on Dr. Hayes' farm was completely destroyed by fire early Monday morning. Most of the household effects were saved and the adjoining out-houses were only slightly damaged. The loss was \$800, says the Fremont Courier.

Charles O'Day, alias Charley Cross, the safe-cracker, who was desperately wounded when captured at Lilesville about four weeks ago, continues to improve, and his recovery now seems assured. He is still being guarded at the Klondyke Hotel, says the Wadesboro Messenger.

Dr. Keller, the optician who issued whiskey prescriptions that got several Charlotte druggists in trouble, and who was held in durance vile as a witness against the druggists, was called up in Mecklenburg Superior Court last week and given two days to get out of town.

During a thunderstorm Saturday morning the barn of Geo. Whisnant in Burke County, was struck by lightning and burned with three mules, a lot of farming implements and feed. While attempting to get the mules out of the barn Mr. Whisnant was kicked and badly hurt.

A colored man by the name of D. Green got caught in the brick machine at the brick yard of the M. F. Houck Brick Manufacturing Company, near Fox Swamp bridge, on last Saturday morning, and was so badly injured that his right arm had to be amputated, says the Louisburg Times.

Andy Hall, the negro who murdered George Gaffney two months ago, at Charlotte, and whose escape was frustrated by a plucky young woman with a revolver, was adjudged insane recently and the case was not pressed. The court ordered his removal to the Eastern Insane Asylum at Goldsboro.

J. W. Hammond and wife, of Winston, had been separated for some months. Saturday night Hammond met his wife and shot her, inflicting a wound which resulted in the woman's death. The man was arrested and is in jail. He alleges that his wife was unfaithful and says he shot her for that reason.

P. B. Worley and his sons, Tom and Clemm, charged with killing Ed. Waters, in Lenoir County, a few days ago, had a preliminary hearing at Kinston Thursday. The elder Worley was discharged and the boys held without bail. They claim self-defense and application will be made to have them released on bail.

While Mr. Make Ballard, a young man of Newton, was feeding shingles at Sigmon's shingle mill, two miles south of Newton, Friday, he got his hand caught in the machinery and had it cut almost entirely through just below the thumb joint. The thumb was taken off and it is feared that the whole hand will have to be amputated.

Newton News: A big force of hands are at work filling in the Pond trestle below town on the Southern Road. A steam shovel is employed and we understand it will take several months to do the work. This is one of the longest trestles on the Western Railroad. The Southern is making it a point everywhere to fill in trestles and the policy is most commendable.

The Charlotte Chronicle says all the papers taken from the office of the McAden Mills, at McAdenville, on the night of March 4th, when the safe was cracked and robbed by professional burglars, have been recovered. The papers, consisting of notes, mortgages, deeds, etc., and valued at over \$16,000, were found under the Methodist church, about 300 yards from the scene of the robbery. The money taken amounted to \$1,540, and none of this has been recovered.

Late War News.

St. Petersburg, May 3.—The admiralty here professes ignorance as to whether Admiral Niebogoff and Admiral Rojestvensky have joined forces, but the impression prevails in naval circles that the juncture has not been effected. Some doubt is expressed whether Niebogoff's division has yet entered the China Sea.

The admiralty officials vigorously deny any intention of sending the protected cruiser Askold and the torpedo boat destroyer Grozovoi, interned at Shanghai, to join Admiral Rojestvensky and some resentment is shown against the United States and Great Britain for having officially warned China upon the basis of Japanese representations in this connection.

Tokio, May 3.—It is rumored that the destination of Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky's fleet is Petropavlovsk, on the peninsula of Kamchatka, instead of Vladivostok. It is stated that the Russians have been collecting coal and stores at Petropavlovski.

It is regarded as improbable that the Russians intend to use Petropavlovski to any great extent, because its defense from land is considered impossible.

The work of salvaging the sunken ships at Port Arthur and Chemulpo is progressing satisfactorily to the Japanese. Details are withheld, but it is believed to be certain that the Japanese navy will secure several battleships and cruisers.

Hong Kong, May 3.—Steamers arriving from the south continue to report that the Baltic fleet is in Hong Kong Bay, some forty miles north of Kamranh Bay. A telegram from Haiphong, Toquin, reports that Vice Admiral Bayles has rejoined the French fleet in Along Bay. Admiral De Jonquieres, on the cruiser Guichen, has sailed from Saigon for Hong Kong Bay.

Tokio, May 3.—Dense fogs prevail in the China and Japan seas. It is stated that the government is definitely informed that the Baltic fleet was at the port Deit Tuesday, apparently moving to an anchorage which would enable it to evade French neutrality.

Wake County Commissioners.

The commissioners of Wake County began their regular monthly session at the court-house Monday morning.

W. D. Chappell was granted a permanent rebate on poll tax because of physical disability. W. A. McCullers was given a poll tax rebate for 1904. A jury was ordered to assess damages on the land of H. B. Jordan because of the new road from Cary to Apex. The petition of F. Reid Clifton for damages in Wake Forest was referred to Road Superintendent, H. G. Holding. B. F. Sears was exempted from road duty in Cedar Fork.

The County Sanitary Board, composed of the County Commissioners and Dr. M. L. Fowler and Dr. W. B. McNider, met at noon and went into an election of a County Superintendent of Health. Drs. T. M. Jordan, S. W. Thompson, J. W. McGee, Jr., L. P. Sorrell, W. C. Horton, P. E. Hines, A. T. Cotton and D. S. Rowland were applicants for the

place. All of these gentlemen received votes on some of the ballots taken. The first ballot stood Jordan 2, Thompson 2, McGee 1, Sorrell 1 and Horton 1. On the second ballot Dr. Hines received 1 and on the sixteenth ballot Dr. Cotton got one. The eighteenth ballot stood McGee 4, Sorrell 3; so Dr. McGee was declared elected and his salary was fixed at \$500 per annum. He succeeds Dr. J. J. McCullers.

Troy Lee of St. Mary's and Misses Mirandy and Martha Harris were admitted to the County Home.

Tuesday a delegation from Panther Branch, including Jas. Adam, A. J. Blalock, Dr. Blalock, and others, appeared before the Board and asked that certain changes be made in the roads of the township. The matter was referred to the Superintendent of Roads and supervisor of the township.

W. H. Gilbert was admitted to the County Home.

A delegation from Wake Forest, consisting of S. F. Allen, W. W. Holding, Lassiter, Geo. Davis, W. Smith, C. E. Brown, Z. V. Peed and John Jones, appeared and made complaint that the roads in that township were in a terrible condition.

H. G. Holding, Superintendent of Roads, submitted his bond for \$2,000, given in the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company.

D. P. Burns was allowed \$30 on account of damages by reason of a change in the public road.

"Please Lock Me Up."

Tuesday a young man, who gave his name as DeYoung, from New York, approached Policeman Rogers and asked: "Have you a vagrant law here?" "Yes," said the officer. "Then lock me up," said the young man; I am from New York, have no money and cannot find work. I will not beg."

Mr. P. B. Fleming was near and overheard the conversation. "Here is half a dollar," said Mr. Fleming. But DeYoung declined to accept it. Later he accepted a quarter to buy supper, and the policeman told him he would not lock him up, but that he could sleep in the station-house.

Later he was given work by the Baker-Thompson Lumber Company, and if he really cares to work he will have no further trouble here, though a man cannot always step into a desirable position here.

Several stranded strangers have turned up here lately. If they let land. At any rate, no one will be always be secured; that is, if there is nothing more serious against them than being stranded in a strange land. At any rate, no one will be allowed to starve to death here.

A CREEPING DEATH.

Blood poison creeps up towards the heart, causing death. J. E. Stearns, Belle Plaine, Minn., writes that a friend dreadly injured his hand, which swelled up like blood poisoning. Bucklen's Arnica Salve drew out the poison, healed the wound, and saved his life. Best in the world for burns and sores. Twenty-five cents at all druggists.

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