

STATE NEWS.

It is estimated that Mount Olive will ship 60,000 barrels of potatoes this summer.

Vance County has voted \$20,000 of bonds for an experiment in macadam road building.

Steve Carson, colored, employed on a farm near Rutherfordton, was killed by lightning Saturday afternoon.

Revenue Officers Samuels and Hasty were tried at Wilkesboro last week for assaulting Editor Deal. Both were bound to court.

The Main Street M. E. Church, South, of Gastonia, has decided to send a special missionary of its own to some foreign field.

The name of the Howland Improvement Company has been changed to that of the Atlantic and North Carolina Company.

The Newton Enterprise tells of three sisters in Catawba County who are the mothers of 50 children—an average of 16 2-3 to the woman.

A 10-year-old son of Lewis T. Adams, who lives near Pilot Mountain, was bitten by a snake a few days ago and died four hours later.

An ostrich farm which has been in operation near Asheville for some time has been abandoned. The birds were healthy, but few of the eggs would hatch.

A man named Warner, a farmer about 50 years old, living in the Tobaccoville section of Forsyth County, committed suicide Wednesday by hanging himself.

The citizens of Selma voted out the dispensary there last Monday by a majority of eight votes. The fight was warm and the anti-dispensary folks did good work.

The local Salvation Army Post introduced the Wilmington public to something new by holding a religious service in front of a saloon at the invitation of the proprietor.

Miss Nora Lassiter, of Durham, attempted suicide by jumping into the reservoir at a cotton mill, but was rescued. Despondent. She had made a similar attempt a year ago.

Albert McCoy, colored railroad fireman, was killed in a collision between a freight and passenger train on the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad at Goldsboro Saturday night.

Dr. W. J. Trent, of Earl, in walking out of his door at home one day last week, fell on a sharp stone which inflicted a painful wound on the side of his face, says the Shelby Aurora.

H. Clay Grubb, of Davidson County, who for ten days has been on trial for killing his brother-in-law, O. L. Davis, last October, was acquitted in Rowan Superior Court Saturday.

Will Douglas, colored barber of Gastonia, was a dope fiend. Last week, in addition to his usual supply of various concoctions, he drank quantities of bay rum, and that was the last of him.

Mr. O. F. Crowson, editor of the Burlington News, and a son of Mr. H. H. Crowson, of Statesville, has been elected secretary and treasurer of Burlington by the board of aldermen of that town.

Marion Democrat: A petition in favor of Mr. Wagner, of Statesville, for appointment as internal revenue collector for the western district, was circulated in Marion this week and received numerous signatures.

A prominent farmer, of Lodo, Mecklenburg County, Mr. George Hearn, was killed by lightning Friday while picking cherries. A nephew, Neeley Hearn, was with him, and was rendered unconscious for several hours.

Lightning struck a corn crib owned by H. D. Pinkston at Wadesboro one night last week, causing a fire that finally destroyed a large lot of corn, fodder, etc., and 28 bales of cotton. Loss, \$1,500.

The grand lodge of the Knights of Pythias of North Carolina, will meet in Charlotte, June 13, and continue in session till Wednesday. The guest of honor will be Supreme Chancellor Charles E. Shiveley, of Richmond, Ind.

A committee of King's Daughters met with the trustees of the Mecklenburg reformatory Saturday morning and discussed informally the establishment of a house of correction for youthful criminals in Mecklenburg.

The United States Court of Appeals, which has been sitting in Richmond, will hold a session in Asheville. The court is held in Asheville through the influence of Judge Pritchard, who is a member of the court.

Charles E. Merrill, of Biltmore, sustained injuries on the railroad near Statesville last Saturday that necessitated the amputation of his left leg. He was a brakeman on freight train No. 30, and was 23 years of age.

The Secretary of State is sending out to the registers of deeds and tax-listers the State over copies of the revenue and machinery acts by the last General Assembly for use by the tax-listers in listing the taxes during the month of June.

The South Atlantic Missionary Conference was a great gathering of Methodist people, and mission work was the theme. A number of bishops of the M. E. Church, South, prominent foreign mission workers and lay delegates were present.

Richard Lee, a negro driver of Spencer, was killed between Salisbury and Spencer yesterday afternoon. The team was frightened by an automobile. The driver was thrown out with his head between the spokes. His neck was broken.

The place near Asheville to which Bill Nye, the humorist, gave the incongruous name of Buck Shoals, which was made famous up to the time of his death several years ago as his wild mountain home, was sold Saturday to Mrs. Sophie Harrison Eastman, of Chicago.

Mr. Robert Horton, who had his skull fractured in a row at LaGrange some time ago by being hit on the head with a heavy piece of scantling, and who has been in the Emergency Hospital in Goldsboro since that time is recovering, says the Fremont Courier.

Mr. N. S. Perkins, of Pikeville, was here Saturday, and in reply to a question he said that the new hotel which he is building at that place will be opened in about two months. Pipe has already been laid to bring water from the mineral springs to the hotel, says the Fremont Courier.

The Star says that the startling revelation was made during the meeting of the Board of Audit and Finance that the prevalence of small-pox at Wilmington during the past winter months has cost the city something like \$5,000, and by the time all bills are in, the figures are expected to reach another decimal point.

The Greensboro Record says if Mr. John W. Cook has a field full of strawberries as large as a sample he left here today he will find himself in the same fix as Carter with his oats, who, after cutting them, found he did not have enough room to stack them in the field from which they were cut. The sample is three and a half by two inches and an inch thick. How it tastes could be told better if there was one more so that they could be put into a short cake.

It is announced that new military companies have been accepted for the North Carolina National Guard at High Point and Louisburg subject to satisfactory inspection by Inspector General Bain. The High Point company will be assigned to the First and Louisburg to the Third regiment.

Mr. Henry Sigmon had the misfortune last Saturday to break his collar bone. He was at the Newton Roller Mill with his wagon and was covering some wheat and flour to keep it dry when he stumbled and fell out of the wagon, striking on his head and shoulder, says the Newton News.

Dick Johnson, white, thirty-five years old, a State prison convict, was shot and killed by guards at a convict camp near Lillington, Harnett County, a few days ago. He was serving a third term in prison, his sentence being fourteen years for forgery, and was shot while trying to escape.

A special from Wadesboro to the Charlotte Observer says that Constable Will Kirby arrested a negro in Lanesboro Township, Anson County, Sunday, and was walking beside the prisoner when the negro raised his gun, shot Kirby in the head and made good his escape. The shot did not penetrate the brain, and it is thought that Kirby will recover.

Last Saturday afternoon, at Richardson's store, in Hadley township, two young white men, L. D. Petty and John T. Odell, got into a quarrel about a knife and an altercation followed, resulting in Petty receiving two flesh wounds, one on the back of the left shoulder, the other in the left side. The wounds are not considered serious, says the Pittsboro Enterprise.

The universal verdict of the farmers of Anson is that never before at this season of the year have crops been so grassy and farm work of every description so backward. A very large number of farmers did not finish planting cotton seed before the rains set in, some of them not having seeded more than half the acreage they intended putting in, says the Wadesboro Messenger.

Buggies Smashed.

Saturday night at 7.30 a section of the storage loft over Woodall's stable on Morgan Street gave way and a large quantity of baled hay that had just been placed in the loft, tumbled down, smashing twenty-five buggies to kindling wood. Part of the buggies belonged to the stable and part to private individuals. The building is owned by Mr. H. A. Bland. The total damage will amount to nearly \$3,000.

Louisburg Has Another Fire.

The stores owned by C. T. Stokes and W. H. and E. W. Ferguson at Louisburg, were burned Monday morning about 4 o'clock. It is surmised that rats started the fire by gnawing matches. The loss is about \$10,000, fairly well covered by insurance.

Louisburg has had several fires in the past few years, some of them large ones, but the town still goes forward.

Crop Conditions.

The continued rains since early in May interfered with the late planting of cotton and other things, and the hot weather was very favorable for the growth of grass and weeds. Extra hands are scarce and many feared that crops would be swamped before they could be cleaned. But good progress has been made and many farms are now in fair condition. The cool weather this week has been favorable for hard work and plows, harrows and hoes have brought about a great change. By Saturday nine-tenths of the farmers will be out of the grass, or so near that they can see the finish. The grass is small, and if our farmers follow up the advance made this week and the weather continues favorable, the fields will be in prime condition by the first of June.

New Franchise.

Yesterday the Board of Aldermen granted a new franchise for the Raleigh Electric Company, and that company agrees to build at least two miles of track additional within a year, the new line to reach the Union Station and other sections.

The Raleigh-Durham Passenger and Power Company may or may not build, but it has given the old electric company something to think about, and it has gotten a move on itself lately.

At Fuquay Springs.

Mr. Thomas Kyte has erected an ice cream pavillion at Fuquay Springs, and has put in a fountain. He is now prepared to serve ice cream, cold drinks and similar refreshments near the spring and this will be appreciated by the excursionists and other visitors there during the hot season.

TERRIFIC RACE WITH DEATH.

"Death was fast approaching," writes Ralph F. Fernandez, of Tampa, Fla., describing his fearful race with death, "as a result of liver trouble and heart disease, which had robbed me of sleep and of all interest in life. I had tried many different doctors and several medicines, but got no benefit, until I began to use Electric Bitters. So wonderful was their effect, that in three days I felt like a new man, and to-day I am cured of all my troubles." Guaranteed at all druggists; price 50 cents.

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