

STATE NEWS.

At Wilmington twenty-five negroes were charged with vagrancy and have been placed in jail.

The Board of Aldermen of Wilmington voted to increase the tax on liquor dealers from \$260 to \$600 per year.

A barn and 25 bales of cotton, property of G. O. Fulenwider, were burned Thursday morning at Peachland, Anson County.

A grass green calla lily was found on the hillside of Jacob's Fork river near Hickory by Miss Kittie Yoder, says the Charlotte Observer.

Revenue officers captured a still near Madison the other day which was so small that it could be carried in an ordinary grain sack.

Postmaster Bailey says there are now 960 free rural routes in North Carolina, 125 having been added to the number within the present year.

Spring chickens would almost be taken on deposit at the banks just now. They are bringing 25 cents per pound, gross, says the Morganton Herald.

Chase Price, who killed Robt. Odell in Rockingham County, recently, and was arrested at Radford, Va., a few days ago, has been released on a bond of \$5,000.

All these years the towns of Louisburg and Pittsboro have had no Sunday mails. On petition of citizens the service has been established at both these points.

H. Clay Grubb, of Davidson County, had a narrow escape from serious injuries and possibly death again Wednesday by his carriage horses running away near his home.

A negro by the name of Lockridge was placed in jail at Shelby, the past week for abandoning his crop. This is said to be the first case for violation of the new Landlord and Tenant Act.

Mr. E. T. Swanson, one of the oldest citizens of this county, passed away at his home in Cedar Rock township, on Tuesday last, at the ripe old age of 90 years, says the Louisburg Times.

Near Andrews, Cherokee County, Wednesday, Jas. Buchanan was shot from ambush by Manuel Hardin. Buchanan is dangerously wounded and Hardin is in jail. Hardin says Buchanan had threatened his life.

In Gaston County a few days ago John McElhaney and Robt. Currence were hoeing cotton and fell out. Currence struck McElhaney with his hoe, the blade cutting the brain. McElhaney died last Tuesday morning. Currence is at large.

Crops, throughout this section, continue in worse condition than ever before known at this season. The outlook now is that many acres of cotton will have to be abandoned on account of the grass and rain, says the Wadesboro Messenger.

Seigfried Roebbling, young son of John A. Roebbling, of Asheville, disappeared Sunday a week ago because he was tired of going to school. After a week of search and distress on the part of parents and friends, the boy was found in Knoxville Saturday.

Last Tuesday afternoon the dwelling house occupied by the family of Mr. Wm. G. Williams, at Bynum, was destroyed by fire with most of its contents. The fire started in an upstairs room, perhaps started by rats and matches, says the Pittsboro Enterprise.

Rev. L. R. Pruett, of Charlotte, has given notice that he has declined the call to the First Baptist Church at High Point. This is the third call that Mr. Pruett has had from the High Point Church. He is at present pastor of the Ninth Avenue Church of Charlotte.

Chas. S. Andrews, a well known citizen of Kinston, was killed by a train on the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad at a street crossing in Kinston Saturday morning. Mr. Andrews was very deaf and was struck by the engine while crossing the track.

A fight occurred at a house of ill-fame at Wilmington Saturday night and as a result a white man, John Roderick, is in the hospital at the point of death, three other white men possess painful gunshot wounds, while a fifth is in jail charged with being the cause of it all.

Secretary T. B. Parker, of the Farmers' State Alliance, has nearly completed the work of compiling the reports made to him on the reduction of cotton acreage in North Carolina and finds it to be 23½ per cent, as compared with last year, the returns from practically all the counties being on hand.

Mr. Thomas Staton died suddenly, Saturday afternoon, at his home in Burnsville township, aged about 65 years. Mr. Staton had just returned to his home from the postoffice, and was sitting in a chair, apparently in his usual health, when suddenly he fell from the chair and died instantly, says the Wadesboro Messenger.

L. D. Whittemore, of Stamford, Connecticut, a traveling representative for the Yale & Towne Safe Manufacturing Company, suicided at the Commercial Hotel at Lenoir, Wednesday night. To make death doubly certain he drank mercury scraped from a mirror, cut an artery in his wrist and then tied a piece of chamois skin around his neck and twisted it by using a hair brush.

Muffins, Gems and Waffles.

When soda is used in making gems, biscuits, or batter cakes, it should be thoroughly dissolved in a little warm water, or twice sifted with the flour. The proportion of soda for gems is one half a teaspoonful of soda to one cupful of sour cream or milk. If one has no cream, use three quarters of a cupful of milk and one quarter of a cupful of melted butter to make the muffins more tender. A general rule for muffins is one egg to two cupfuls of flour, two level teaspoonfuls of baking-powder, and about three quarters of a cupful of milk. One tablespoonful of sugar may be added if desired. The ideal biscuit is small, scarcely over an inch in thickness, and glazed over the top with milk to prevent any floury appearance. Gem pans should be heated on the top of the range, brushed thoroughly with lard or half each of butter and lard, and be very warm when the batter is turned in. From a quarter to a scant teaspoonful of salt is used in all gems and muffins, proportionate to the amount of flour. In mixing muffins, beat the butter to a cream, add gradually the sugar, then the eggs well beaten, then alternately the milk and flour with which the salt and leavening have been sifted. Muffins require about twenty-five minutes for baking. Rice muffins are prepared according to the recipe given for rice griddle-cakes, having a smooth but a little firmer batter. For berry muffins, sift half a cupful of sugar with the dry ingredients, and stir in lightly one cupful of berries dusted with flour. For date muffins, add one cupful of chopped dates.

Banana griddle-cakes require simply the addition of three bananas sliced in very thin rounds sprinkled with a tablespoonful each of lemon-juice and sugar, and allowed to stand while the batter is being prepared. To compound waffles, the yolks of the eggs are beaten, the milk added, then the dry ingredients, and lastly the thickly whipped whites of the eggs are folded in. Scones are a little larger than biscuits, and are served at luncheons especially with cocoa or chocolate. Fruit and nut rolls are

used for breakfast. To prepare them, follow the directions for biscuits, using less salt; add fruit to the flour, brush the top with melted butter, and sprinkle with half a teaspoonful of ground cinnamon mixed with quarter of a cupful of granulated sugar.—Mrs. Regina Rogers in the Pilgrim for April.

The Mother and the Daughter's Marriage.

The relation between mother and daughter is so affectionate, and the former so adores the latter when she emerges from childhood into her grownup estate, that she cannot let this beautiful period slip away, and a different period begin, without feeling a pang, almost a wrench. Just as Edith is old enough to be her companion, to enter into her life as only a daughter can, along comes Love, an imperious claimant, and snatches her away. The mother cannot complain. She herself was wooed and won in her day of girlish beauty and triumph, and her mother had to resign her to a lover who has been tried and true. It is the way of the world—and who shall question it?—but successive mothers resign their cherished children to the outside interest and the outside joy, an interest and a joy that to some extent take them away, with always the same heartache.—Margaret E. Sangster in Woman's Home Companion for June.

An exchange says that "Uncle Sam needs money." No doubt the old duffer now regrets that he never subscribed to a newspaper, hence cannot call on the boys in the time of trouble.

Richmond Pearson Hobson, who is a North Carolinian, of course, has gotten married up in New York State. Girls desiring to kiss him now should see that the coast is clear.

The people of Goldsboro have tried prohibition and are thoroughly disgusted with it. It does not prohibit the sale of liquor and knocks the town out of revenue which it formerly got.—Goldsboro Record.

Some of the best citizens of Texas and Missouri, announce that they propose to stop the habit of "toting" pistols in those States, even if they have to shoot the life out of men addicted to the vice.—Durham Sun.

The sale of Captain Kidd's home in New York the other day attracted no attention. When it comes to genuine piracy there are thousands of New Yorkers who have him beaten to death.—Wilmington Journal.

While I live I trust I shall have my trees, my peaceful idyllic landscape, my free country life, at least half the year; and while I possess so much I shall own one hundred thousand shares in the Bank of Contentment.—Bayard Taylor.

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HUGE TASK.

It was a huge task to undertake the cure of such a bad case of kidney disease, as that of C. F. Collier, of Cherokee, Ia., but Electric Bitters did it. He writes: "My kidneys were so far gone, I could not sit on a chair without a cushion and suffered from dreadful backache, headache, and depression. In Electric Bitters, however, I found a cure, and by them was restored to perfect health. I recommend this great tonic medicine to all with weak kidneys, liver or stomach. Guaranteed by all druggists. Price, 50 cents."

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IMPORTANT CHANGE IN THE SOUTHERN RAILWAY SLEEPING CAR LINE.

Effective June 11th, the present Raleigh-Greensboro Pullman Sleeping Car Line will be extended and made a Winston-Salem and Morehead City Line, with first car leaving Winston-Salem 5.10 p. m., Sunday, June 11th, and first car from Morehead City 4.30 p. m., Monday, June 12th.

This car will be handled into and out of Raleigh on same trains as at present.

This extension will afford excellent service between Middle and Western North Carolina and the sea-shore.

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MEETING OF ELKS, BUFFALO, N. Y., IN JULY.

The Seaboard announces if there are a sufficient number to justify it they will arrange to operate a special Pullman Sleeping Car to run from Raleigh through to Buffalo to accommodate the Elks from Wilmington, Charlotte, Durham and Raleigh, to attend the meeting of the Grand Lodge which will be held in Buffalo, July 10th to 15th.

Rate from Raleigh, all rail, round trip, \$20.50; via Norfolk and Bay Line, \$19.45; Wilmington, all rail \$23.50; Durham, all rail, \$20.20; Charlotte, all rail, \$23.95; Bay Line from Wilmington, \$21.65; Durham, \$19.45; Charlotte, \$23.95. Tickets will be sold July 8th, 9th and 10th, with final limit to leave Buffalo July 15th, but tickets can be extended until August 4th, upon payment of fee of \$1.00.

Pullman rate from Raleigh to Buffalo, \$4.50; Durham, \$4.50; Charlotte, \$5.00, and Wilmington, \$5.00.

Those desiring to attend will please notify the undersigned so that it can be determined if sufficient number will go to justify operation of special Pullman.

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