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## THE BUILDINGS ARE TO BE DOUBLED

### SOMETHING OF THE GREAT IMPROVEMENTS AT THE CENTRAL HOSPITAL FOR INSANE OF THE STATE

Secretary Oida Went Over Plant and Grounds and Reports Some of the Things Done by the State to Care for Patients.

Raleigh—Secretary Oida of the chamber of commerce, paid a visit to the Central Hospital for Insane and Epileptics, and found a great deal of work in progress that will interest the whole state. Wonderful improvements have been made, both as to buildings and grounds and in three years the number of buildings and of patients has doubled, he said. The gardens and the farm are models and so are the new barns and dairy. At the latter two reinforced concrete silos are under construction, each to hold about 150 tons. In the power house a new lighting plant is being installed at a cost of \$6,500 for which the legislature provided. There are two new boilers, one of 125, the other of 35 horse power, this equipment being so arranged that in case of a breakdown of one the plant will be available. The lighting plant will furnish 2,500 lights for the buildings and grounds. Much work has been done in laying out new roads through the extensive property, more than 1,300 acres in extent, the hospital, to the bringing up of the farm, and the advancement of grounds.

Secretary Pardon Number Two. J. Arnette, of Sampson county, who was in the State prison in 1903 for an assault, was for the second year granted a pardon, and on condition that he should be in good behavior during the term of the pardon, he was first conditionally pardoned by Governor Glenn, but he violated the condition, being convicted of a crime, and was again in the State prison.

Blockade in Hands of The Law. Chief United States Deputy Marshal Bailey received a wire from Deputy Collector J. T. Sheppard of the arrest near Wilkesboro of Code Lane and Weiborn Nance, charged with having been two of the three blockade runners who waylaid United States officers about a month ago, seriously shooting and wounding Deputy Collector Henry and killing two horses of the official party. Rewards of \$500 have been sent out.

Worm Doing Much Damage to Cotton. A bug or worm is doing much damage to cotton in Kinston, and it is feared that serious results may follow. The insect or worm bores into the stalk just at the root, travels downward, and out into the ground. Immediately the root dies and a plant withers and dies. Mr. T. B. Brown says that fully one acre of his 55-acre cotton field has been entirely destroyed already.

Wilmington Officers Exonerated. The case against Mayor Joseph D. Smith and Dr. Charles T. Nesbitt, city superintendent of health, arrested some days ago on a charge of allowing and maintaining a nuisance in the form of an obstructed sewer drain, was dismissed in Justice Brannan's court the magistrate stating that the nuisance, if any ever existed had been abated and that the prosecuting witness had asked for the action to be dismissed. The case occurred several days ago, the magistrate reserving his decision.

An Enthusiastic Meeting. The Iredell County Live Stock Association, a new organization recently organized, held an enthusiastic meeting at the court house. The object of this organization is to increase the interest in live stock and to protect and promote the live stock industry and the interests of the live stock raisers. The association was organized by Messrs. Chamberlin, Franklin, Johnson, Lynn and Brewer. Mr. J. E. House appeared before the board and the interest of a bridge to be extended over Bryan Creek, Cedar Fork township, on the Hillsboro road. The matter will be taken up.

## TWO ARE GRANTED PARDONS

### And Commutation to One Announced by Governor Kitchin—He Gives His Reasons For Pardons.

Raleigh—One commutation and two pardons were granted by Governor Kitchin, the commutation being on the sale of liquor, the pardons being in cases of burglary. They are: Preston G. Cobb, of Gaston county, convicted at the February term, 1911, for the crime of selling liquor, and sentenced to twelve months on the roads. Sentence commuted to eight months, the reason for the commutation assigned by Governor Kitchin being:

"Owing to the prisoner's former good character, the solicitor recommending clemency, and the facts set out in petition, I commute prisoner's sentence to eight months on condition that he remain of good behavior and law abiding." Nathan Brodie, of Vance county, convicted at the September term, 1908, for the crime of burglary in the second degree, and sentenced to ten years in state's prison. Pardoned conditionally, the reasons for pardon assigned by Governor Kitchin being:

"Both the trial judge and the solicitor recommend pardon on ground of the probable absence of a felonious intent in the offense charged, the prisoner being drunk at the time and probably getting into the wrong house by mistake. A large number of the best citizens of the community recommend pardon, and there is no protest. Prisoner's previous character seems to have been good, and he has a good record since imprisonment. I therefore pardon prisoner on condition that he remain law abiding, sober and of good behavior."

James Lang, of Davie county, convicted at the spring term, 1908, for the crime of burglary, and sentenced to five years in the state's prison. Pardoned conditionally, the reasons for pardon assigned by Governor Kitchin being:

"If his conduct continues good, prisoner has only about five months more to serve. The prison physician is satisfied that he is slowly dying from disease, which he thinks is aggravated by his imprisonment, and which he is arrested or at least released by his release. Application for clemency is made by the prison physician at the Halifax farm of his own accord. In view of the above facts and prisoner's advanced age, the judge and the United States post-office inspector, who was largely instrumental in his prosecution, recommend clemency."

North Carolina New Enterprises. Articles of incorporation were granted in the office of the secretary of state, the authorized capital stock being \$25,000, with \$70,000 paid in. The new enterprises are: Central Bank and Trust Company, of Greensboro; to conduct a commercial and savings bank, fiduciary and surety business; authorized capital \$250,000, with \$50,000 paid in, by Lindsey Hopkins, J. E. Latham and W. G. Balesley. Lepore Manufacturing Company, of Lenoir; to manufacture building material, furniture, etc., authorized capital, \$50,000, with \$10,000 subscribed, by T. J. Lutz and M. L. Lutz of Hudson and C. P. Lutz of Lenoir.

Will Soon Be Linked Together. It looks very much as if the Twin City and High Point will be linked together in a short time by a well-built macadamized highway, on which there has already been done considerable work by the counties of Guilford, Forsyth and Davidson. There still remains a stretch of several miles across the old plank road, which has not yet been worked or macadamized. Neither of the above counties seem to feel that it is its duty to build this section of the highway. The citizens of Winston-Salem and High Point, in co-operation with farmers along the route and the Forsyth county commissioners, are now working to make arrangements to have this work done. A number of leading citizens of the Twin City and of High Point are going to make private subscriptions to the enterprise of from \$100 to \$250 each to push the work to completion.

## FARMERS NEED STRONG LEADERS

### PRESIDENT CHAS. S. BARRETT'S ANNUAL ADDRESS TO THE FARMERS' UNION.

Greatest Need of American Farmer Today is Effective Leadership.

Shawnee, Okla.—In a stirring address delivered before the annual convention of the Farmers' Union, President Charles S. Barrett stressed the necessity of competent leaders for the success of the movement. The address follows in part:

"During the past year, and especially during the past summer, I have visited personally all the important state organizations and all the state conventions. And I come to you with the message that the Farmers' Union is stronger, better drilled in discipline, in fiercer financial condition and more inspired with stern enthusiasm of sacrifice, of brotherly love and of co-operation than since that never-to-be forgotten day when Newt Greesham launched its first great principles. The states that were previously indifferent or laggard are going forward by great strides. State treasuries that once suffered lack of funds are being placed upon a solid basis. Everywhere—North, South, East and West—the farmer is waking to the opportunity and the duty of affiliating with his brethren, and is learning the true meaning of the creed to which he subscribes when he takes the obligation of membership.

"We have accomplished all thus far that the reasonable man could expect, and much more than our secret enemies and the pessimists hoped. We stand upon a record that no similar organization has remotely approached. And I bring to you the further important message that America is so waked to the significance of our movement that limitless financial assistance will be a tour disposal the moment we bring this organization to the high state of perfection it is now rapidly approaching. The day may come when the star at our pole will be the star of the Farmers' Union.

"The greatest need of the American farmer today, whether within or without this organization, is effective leadership. I know that for the so-called 'rural problem' there are a thousand and one remedies and solutions suggested, some of them good, some absurd and some absolutely vicious in intent and principle. None of them touch the core of the situation. We need not remedies but leaders. Give us proper leader in every state and we shall soon find the remedies and apply them.

"As a matter of common justice, I want to pay tribute to the national officers who have aided me in your cause the past year. If I have failed to discharge my duty or to live up to your rights in any particular, it is not their fault. Side by side, hand in hand, they have worked with me, giving their time and brain and strength with a free-heartedness that will remain with me as a lasting inspiration. They have given me all the scope I needed, and they have ever been ready to act boldly, in the cause of the organization.

"We of us who have fought the good fight, and who, as God gave us light, have kept the faith, are resolved that the cause shall not fail. We know that the Farmers' Union is the last call for the American farmer; that if it disappoints him, a half century, perhaps a century, will elapse before another farmers' organization can get on its feet in this country. That is why we have pledged our very lives to the man of the acre. That is why, knowing that the man who falls deep into the underworld to unearth his sordid acts, we met Beulah Binford frequently at low dives in Richmond and at other places. The jury took this into account. Judge Watson delivered an impressive speech to Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., convicted of wife murder.

## HENRY BEATTIE, JR., IS FOUND GUILTY

### Young Virginian Sentenced to Death for Killing His Wife—Climax of Court Drama.

BEATTIE CASE IN BRIEF. Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., of Chesterfield county, was convicted of the murder of his wife, Mrs. Beattie, on the night of July 18, 1909, by a rough-bearded stranger, and that he wrested from the murderer a single-barreled shotgun, was discredited by police authorities. The state showed that young Beattie killed his wife that night by a rough-bearded stranger, and that he wrested from the murderer a single-barreled shotgun, was discredited by police authorities. The state showed that young Beattie killed his wife that night by a rough-bearded stranger, and that he wrested from the murderer a single-barreled shotgun, was discredited by police authorities.

Chesterfield Courthouse, Va.—Twelve Virginia farmers knelt in the obscurity of the small jury room of the Chesterfield courthouse, praying fervently that they might pass judgment on Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., indicted for the murder of his wife. Grimly determined, they made a moment later and silently, one by one, recorded a unanimous verdict of "guilty."

Fausing in solemn contemplation for forty-eight minutes, weighing fully the meaning of their deed, and once more on bended knees, seeking divine assistance that might not err, they filed into the cold stillness of a crowded court room, and with startling suddenness, instead of the usual one-time foreman, spoke the single word "guilty."

When the life of Mrs. Beattie was taken away with the single report of a shotgun, started on the young husband, ready to claim his victim by electrocution on Friday, November 24 next, but the prisoner returned the age, unwavering and unshaken.

The court of appeals, to be sure, will be asked to grant a writ of error and a new trial. Young Beattie, cognizant of the legal weapons yet at his disposal, did not surrender. Instead, he consoled his broken-down father, white-haired and wrinkled, and comforted him as he whispered, "I haven't lost yet, father."

Unusual as has been the tragedy and the gruesome scene where it occurred, the twelve jurymen did not hesitate to admit to their friends that they stood in judgment not only over the cold-blooded murderer, but upon his marital infidelity as well.

Beulah Binford, the girl of the underworld, the woman in the Beattie case, whose relations with young Beattie furnished a dominating feature of the prosecution's case, did not figure as a witness during the trial. Neither side was willing to call her. Immediately upon her release from the jail, where she had been held for possible testimony, she disappeared from Chesterfield, hurried to New York, and almost at the hour when the jury was registering its verdict that carried the penalty of electrocution for her quondam companion, she was posing for motion pictures at Staten Island and nursing theatrical ambitions.

## 15 CENT COTTON AFTER OCTOBER

### IN MONTHS OF SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 14 WILL BE THE UNION'S PRICE.

## URGE DIVERSIFIED FARMING

### Milch Cows and Mother Sows Salvation of Cotton Farmer, According to the Farmers' Union.

Shawnee, Okla.—This year's cotton crop will be sold for 14 cents during September and October and 15 cents thereafter. This was the agreement of the cotton growers of the South attending the National Farmers' union here made.

Little of the proceedings of the union was made public, although aside from the price the farmers ask for their cotton, good roads, parcels post and dabbling in cotton futures will be discussed by the convention.

Members of the union say parcels post will be favored by the farmers and that the delegates will endorse the Scott "anti-gambling" bill prohibiting the use of mails or interstate commerce for the furthering of contracts for the delivery of cotton where there is no intent to make actual delivery.

The report of the live stock commission urges diversified farming and stock raising and contains the statement that "one million additional milch cows and an equal number of mother sows properly distributed through the South would easily add \$10 per bale to the price of the cotton crop."

The congressional immigration committee recommends increasing the tax head, excluding illiterate adults from America, and the firing of foreign steamers for bringing to this country undesirable that could be rejected on the other side.

Comptroller of the Currency seeks information of Southern banks. Washington.—Comptroller of the Currency Murray will send out a circular to all banks in the Southern States, asking for information regarding the financial condition of each bank.

Married by Proxy. New Orleans, La.—Although Dr. Bellario Porras, minister of Panama to the United States, has been too busy to leave Washington, he was married last week at San Jose, Costa Rica, to a member of a prominent Cuban Rican family, according to mail advices received here from Columbia. The wedding was by proxy, perfectly legal, and sanctioned by the government, although rarely resorted to in the Latin American. Senora Porras will join her husband soon.

## FROM THE TAN NEEL STATE

Some General News of State-Wide Interest That Has Been Gotten Together for the People.

Raleigh.—The North Carolina Corporation Commission issued a notice calling for a statement of state banks at the close of business on the first of September.

Dunn.—The Dunn road district had been without a supervisor since the first of September. Capt. Cole resigned. Mr. M. H. Bryson, Wake county, has been elected as his successor and will reach here in a day or two. Capt. Cole made a good road man, and made great improvements in the roads while supervisor.

Winston-Salem.—The Winston-Salem board of trade has resumed activities after a sort of holiday during the summer, which, however, was not entirely a period of rest for this very active organization. A new tobacco experimental farm is a pet project which has come to the front recently and the board will push it to fruition.

Handlemas.—At a special meeting of the board of aldermen in the mayor's office, J. M. Daniel was elected police chief to succeed C. C. Bodding, who recently resigned. Mr. Daniel is a citizen of Handlemas and has had quite a deal of experience, having formerly served as a deputy sheriff on the local police force.

Shelby.—Friends here suggested the name of Mr. H. T. Hudson of this place to the Corporation Commission, asking that he be appointed as assistant state bank examiner to succeed Mr. Charles Brown, assistant examiner who was elected examiner to succeed Mr. J. Kemp Dougherty, resigned. Numerous letters have gone in from friends unsolicited and it looks now as if his chances for appointment are very favorable.

Concord.—Superintendent A. S. Webb reports that he has everything in readiness for the opening of the city school. At a meeting of the school board it was decided to add another grade, making eleven in all. The change will be gradually brought about by dividing what has heretofore been known as "A" and "B" sections of the seventh grade.

Raleigh.—Raleigh has a large and better representation at Wake Prison than it has for some years past. This year that over 100 prisoners were sent there, the highest number in any one year.

Greensboro.—In the United States circuit court here a suit has been instituted by the Imperial Company of Norfolk, Va., against the Ryeview Phosphate Company. A bill in equity has been filed by the plaintiff in which it is alleged that the complaint in the sum of \$13,000; that the defendant owes about \$60,000 and has assets to the amount of only about \$40,000. Judge Boyd ordered a subpoena for the defendant to be issued and the case is returnable before him at Salisbury the first Monday in October.

## HESTER'S COTTON REPORT

With 1,700,000 Bales Less Than 1908-9, Crop Just Marketed Netted \$254,000,000 More.

## WILL INSPECT STATE BANKS

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