

**STATE NEWS**

**FROM CURRITUCK TO CHEROKEE**

**Items of Interest Gleaned from Our Correspondents and Exchanges.**

About half the rebellious seniors have returned to the A. & M. College.

The annual fair at Winston-Salem will be held October 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th.

Greensboro Female College, in its handsome new buildings, will open on the fifth of October. The outlook is for a large attendance.

A severe storm, a regular cyclone in some counties, swept over the State last Wednesday, doing considerable damage to corn and cotton.

Oak Ridge Institute has the finest opening ever known there. Its capacity is likely to be thoroughly tested this year. Over two hundred boys registered the first week.

The East Carolina Truck Growers' Association will memorialize the State Agricultural Department to establish a soil test farm in the extreme southeastern section of the State.

A special term of court has been ordered for Cleveland County to try the negro Clark, who killed the chief of police of Shelby two weeks ago. Clark was badly wounded, but he is recovering. The court will be held the first week in October.

The committee of ex-Confederate veterans, composed of Edward J. Hale, W. A. Montgomery, A. C. Avery and H. A. London, has been appointed to memorialize the Legislature to erect tablets in memory of North Carolina dead on the battlefields of Bethel, Gettysburg, Chickamauga and Appomattox.

Lessee Howland has begun the improvement of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad. He is buying 100,000 ties to make the road safe until the new rail is laid. He will begin laying heavy rail in February at the rate of fifteen miles per month. It will require nearly a year to get all done, as 250,000 ties will be required.

The Wake Democratic primaries resulted in the renomination of the present incumbents in the courthouse. Mr. J. C. Ellington was nominated for the Senate; Alex. B. Stronach, R. E. Sentelle and Percy J. Olive were nominated for the House; Len H. Adams, W. F. Utley, J. T. Broughton, S. W. Terrell and J. T. Edwards were nominated for county commissions as the reform or "anti-machine" candidates.

Statesville Landmark: Not since the Civil War has a Presidential campaign been so devoid of interest or excitement as the present one. In years ago we began campaigns in North Carolina in Presidential years by the first of July and by the middle of September the campaign was at its height. This year, however, we have adopted the sensible plan of waiting until September to begin, and as a consequence, politics will excite little interest until next month.

Raleigh Post: Mr. Williamson, of the Farmers' Warehouse, thinks that there is about 50 per cent of a full crop of tobacco in this section, while the prices, he says, are nearly double what they were last year. Most of the tobacco sold thus far this season is the primings and inferior grades. The best grades of the weed are never sold until later in the season.

Mr. T. B. Parker, of Raleigh, Secretary of the State Farmers' Alliance, has been honored with the selection to respond to the address of welcome at the meeting of the Southern Cotton Growers' Association in St. Louis September 26th. Hon. D. R. Francis, ex-Governor of Missouri and President of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, will welcome the delegates, and Mr. Parker will be their spokesman in replying.

**White Brothers Declared Guilty of Murder in Second Degree.**

Salisbury, N. C., Sept. 16.—Thomas and Chalmers White, charged with killing Russell Sherrill one year ago, stand convicted of murder in the second degree. The jury in the case, after being out twenty hours, returned its verdict yesterday afternoon.

The White brothers are prominent business men of Concord. Russell Sherrill, whom they shot in an alleged altercation, growing out of their efforts to induce him to marry their fatherless niece, Miss Annie White, who charged Sherrill with her ruin, was an equally prominent young man of Mount Ulla, Rowan County. Because of the high standing of all parties connected with either side of the case, and of the prominence of the counsel engaged, the trial has been one of the most noted ever heard in Rowan.

Judge Cook to-day sentenced the two men to six years at hard labor in the penitentiary, and the counsel for the defense gave notice of an appeal to the next term of Rowan Superior Court.

**Reorganizing the Alliance in Mecklenburg.**

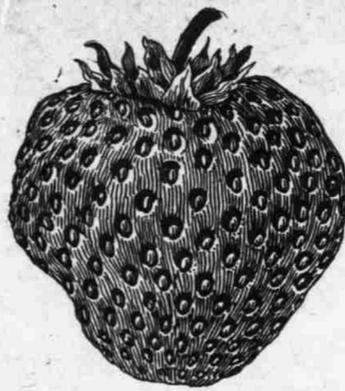
Editors Progressive Farmer:

A strong sentiment in favor of the reorganization of the Farmers' Alliance has developed in Mecklenburg County, and State Lecturer Cates is now in the field there with fine prospects for effective work. Following are his appointments:

- Sharon, Tuesday, September 21.
  - Providence, Wednesday, September 21.
  - Matthews, Thursday, September 22.
  - Mint Hill, Friday, September 23.
  - Newell, Saturday, September 24.
  - Derita, Monday, September 26.
  - Huntersville, Tuesday, September 27.
  - Long Creek, Wednesday, September 28.
  - Sandifer, Thursday, September 29.
  - Dixie, Friday, September 30.
  - Shopton, Saturday, October 1.
- We hope that all Progressive Farmer readers will attend and do all in their power to encourage the good work which Lecturer Cates has undertaken.

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