FARMERS FIGHTING THE EXCHANGE EVIL

Would Prevent Gambling on Cotton and Grain

A DELEGATION VISITS TAFT

The President Advises the Callers to Get Behind the Congressmen and Make the Best Showing Possible Before the Committee on Agriculture on February 9th—President Barrett, of the Farmers' Union, and Dr. H. Q. Alexander Among the Delegation—Department of Justice Investigating.

By THOMAS J. PENCE.

Washington, Feb. 2.—A dozen or more of the officers of the Farmers' Union were presented to the President by Secretary of Agriculture Wilson this morning. In the party were Dr. H. Q. Alexander, of Mecklenburg, the president of the Farmers' Union of North Carolina, and ex-Congressman A. C. Shuford, of Newton. They spent over half an hour discussing the crusade against the stock and produce exchanges which they say "Use the crops of the farm as gambling stakes. The officers of the Farmers' Union favor legislation which will eliminate the gambling features of the exchanges, even if it results in the closing of the exchanges.

"If the investigation now being made by the Department of Justice at the direction of the President, results in the discovery of evidence that will support criminal prosecutions, I believe it is the purpose of the President to order such prosecutions undertaken. Of course when he goes into this fight he wants a case that will hold," said Mr. Parrett, of the Farmers Educational and Co-Operative Union.

A RIVAL FOR KEELEY.

One Salisburian Who Vows to Quit the Cup.

(Salisbury Post.)

A well known Salisburian has mounted the water wagon to make it his abiding place. He had not seen monkeys nor did he go to Keeley. For an altogether different reason he has gone dry to become wet no more. But to the story.

This Salisburian was requested last week by a daughter to procure some whiskey for medicinal purposes. Out of a small stock that he had stored up town for use in emergency he took a pint of ancient corn, the old North Carolina stock distilled and aged with care.

To Chapter II. Sunday morning the cook failed to put in appearance at the home of this citizen. Considerate and industrious man that he is, he volunteered to make fires. Fat pine, he knew, could be found in a disarranged cupboard, and to the cupboard he hied himself.

"I was feeling wretchedly," Well Known Citizen says, "and my delight was great when, upon opening the door of the cupboard, I came face to face with that pint of North Carolina corn. 'I'll check,' said I to myself, and, lifting the flask, I took a long, tall, keen 'un—something like a four-finger bracer, without breathing. When I did turn my breath loose something happened. I felt that live coals had been poured into my mouth. I burned, man, but I burned from lips to the pit of my stomach. Then I yelled for help. It came none too soon. Members of the family gave me a pint of emetic and—well I'm here to tell the story but a very weak man. That's the reason why I've taken up the refrain, 'Good bye, Old Booze, Good bye.'"

"But what was the trouble?"

"O, I forgot that end of the story. My daughter had emptied about half a pint of the whiskey and prepared a hair tonic, mixing the other half pint with bay rum, Jamaica ginger, camphor, pepper mint and the Lord knows what else. It was that half pint of hair tonic, man, that sent me to the water wagon for keeps."

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AGRICULTURE IN WAKE

The Farmers Co-Operative Union Wants County Commissioner of Agriculture

Officer Whose Duty It Will Be to Look Out for Agricultural Interests on the Line of County Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The Wake county branch of the Farmers' Co-operative Union met in Raleigh yesterday in the courthouse, there being over two hundred present. Dr. J. M. Templeton, of Cary, is the president and Mr. Thad. Ivey, of Cary, the secretry-treasurer. Among those present were President D. H. Hill and Professor Newman, of the A. and M. College; Mr. C. H. Poe editor of the Progressive Farmer, and Mr. Elias Carr, of the Department of Agriculture.

The principal matter disposed of at the meeting was the adoption of a resolution introduced by Mr. Thad. Ivey, which requested that the Wake county members of the next General Assembly take steps toward having created the office of a Wake County Commissioner of Agriculture, to look after agricultural interests in Wake, just as the County Superintendent of Public Instruction looks after educational interests.

At the meeting, which was a most excellent one, there was also action taken towards the purchase of fertilizers for the coming season by means of co-operative action. It is the purpose of the Association in this way to secure the best possible prices on the fertilizer bought.

Not Enough Hog

There's a kernel of wisdom in the complaint of a Mitchell county man who calls himself "Job Lot" and utters his protest in the following communication in the Kronicle:

It seems like there has been a lot of Jumbo hogs slaughtered in the county of late. Perhaps some of them were like Old Man Aldrich's hog. He offered to bet a gallon of "bug juice" against a yaller hound pup that his hog would weigh 600 pounds; but come to find out all the hog he had was a few doses of Western sow belly that he got at the store and that on credit; and the merchant said he hogged him out of that. Strange, that in this county flowing with lard and ham gravy that every merchant, store keeper dealer in tooth-picks and shoe strings should have to ship in tons and tons of Western bacon to supply farmers with something to fill up on. Don't you think so, Mr Big Hog Man? Anyway, it is a durned hoggish business. We buy Western bacon, rusty and hog salt, with all the goose grease out of it, and call it better than home-made razor-back."

The Tale That Taft Told.

(Uncle Remus' Magazine.)

While spending the winter in Georgia before his inauguration as President, Mr. Taft went to the city of Athens to deliver an address to the students of the University of Georgia. He met a member of the faculty, a staunch Democrat, who said:

"Judge, I voted the Democratic ticket but I wanted to see you win."

Judge Taft replied:

"You remind me of the story of Prer Jasper and Prer Johnson who were both deacons in the Shiloh Baptist church although avowed enemies.

"Prer Jasper died and the other deacons told Prer Johnson he must say something good about the deceased on Sunday night. At first he declined but finally assented.

"Sunday night when the time for the eulogy arrived, he arose slowly and said: 'Prederen and sisters, I promised ter say sump'n good 'bout Deacon Jasper tonight, an' I will say we all hopes he's gone whar we knows he ain't.'"

Special Term Guilford Court.

The Governor yesterday assigned Judge G. W. Ward to hold a special term of the Superior court ordered for Guilford county, for civil cases only. It is to last two weeks, beginning March 7th, 1910.

GEM COLLECTION OF NATIONAL MUSEUM

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North Carolina is a Favorite Territory for American Gems and From It are Series of the Colored Aluminum Oxides, Such as the Ruby and Sapphire, But More Conspicuously the Rare Green Hiddenite and the Pleasing Pink Garnet.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Washington, D. C., Feb. 5.—Fascinating indeed is the study of minerals; for they are the bright-colored and brilliant objects in the inorganic world that may be pleasantly compared with the butterflies and humming birds of the animal kingdom.

The mineral collection in the United States National Museum is one of the finest in this country. Its growth and development have been interesting. Originally it was the private collection of Charles U. Shepard, of Amherst College—one of the favorite pupils of the elder Silliman and a famous chemist and mineralogist in his time. To this as a nucleus was added much of the material collected at the World's Fair held in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1876, and since then accretions have come from the field collections made by the various parties sent out by government surveys and from donations from private individuals.

The collection as now shown includes about 20,000 specimens on exhibition, and it contains of conspicuous interest much of the type material from which the original descriptions of minerals have been written.

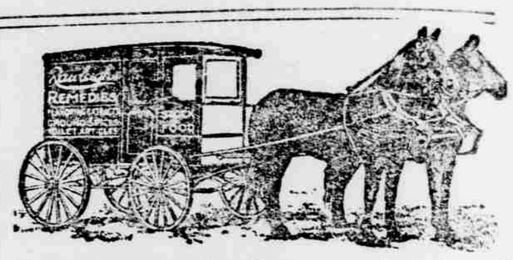
Among the specimens that are likely to attract the attention of one interested in mineralogy is the complete collection of zeolites from Great Notch, Sussex county, N. J., and it may be mentioned that the series of zeolites from the Bergen tunnels is worthy of consideration. Some very fine specimens of crystallized gold from California are shown and the extraordinarily large bowlder of copper, known as the "Ontonagon Bowlder," from the Lake Superior region, show the crystallized faces of that metal. From Bisbee, Arizona, are the beautiful green and blue crystallizations of malachite and azurite, while from Joplin, Mo., are interesting crystals of calcite. There are in the collection from abroad beautiful groups of the famous colored fluorite from Cumberland, England, and full suites of crystals of topaz from Siberia and Brazil.

Gems are minerals made beautiful by cutting and other treatment, and used as ornaments. Dr. Isaac Lea, of Philadelphia, was a famous collector of gems and on his death the unique collection, so rich in American representatives, made by him, passed into the custody of the National Museum. North Carolina is a favorite territory for American gems and from it are series of the colored aluminum oxides, such as the ruby and the sapphire, but more conspicuously the rare green hiddenite and the pleasing pink garnet, called rhodolite. From that State also come the aquamarine and the beryls, and more recently, the sagenite, sometimes called Loves' arrows, on account of the crystals of rutile which occur in the quartz matrix. This gem is a favorite gift stone, especially when cut in the shape of a heart.

Where there is so much beauty to revel in as among gems it is difficult to indicate which specimens are the most attractive. Whether it be the beautiful series of tourmalins from Paris, Me., or those from San Diego, Cal. The blue turquoises from New Mexico are popular with some, while the blue sapphires from Montana have many admirers. The green variety resembling turquoise in exture is receiving growing consideration. The fery opals with their resplendent iridescent hues, notwithstanding the superstition that they are unlucky, find many to enjoy them.

One of the latest gem stones is called kunzite and is a pinkish spodumene from California. Specimens of it are most attractive and are still uncommon.

There are doubtless many minerals in existence that have not yet been described and as interest in mineralogy grows specimens will be collected and sent to the Museum for identification. Doubtless from among these gems will be found rivaling in beauty, if not the diamond, certainly many of the lesser well-known gems.



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IMPORTANT MOVEMENT

Cotton Interest to Organize For Promoting Industry

Meeting Will Be Held in Atlanta February 10th, All Interested in Cotton and Cotton Products, Appointed as Delegates by Southern Governors, to Participate.

Governor Kitchin yesterday appointed delegates to attend a convention to be held in Atlanta, Georgia, February 10, for the purpose of organizing a National Cotton and Cotton Products Association. The purpose of the movement is to maintain and promote the supremacy of the South's imperial monopoly, cotton production. The movement comprehends all cotton interests, those of the planter and manufacturer as well, and will have as one of its objects the extension of the use of cotton products and by-products. Another object will be to hold a great annual Southern Cotton Exposition.

The delegates appointed by Governor Kitchin are as follows:

Maj. W. A. Graham, Raleigh; Prof. C. L. Newman, West Raleigh; Hon. Ashley Horne, Clayton; Sheriff A. S. Richardson, Whiteville; W. F. Woodley, Ryland; M. W. Ransom, Littleton; W. I. Everett, Rockingham; H. C. Dockery, Rockingham; C. C. Moore, Charlotte; William Leggett, Laurinburg, R. F. D.; E. F. MacRae, Maxton; W. A. Simpkins, Raleigh; Garland Jones, Raleigh; Geo. D. Green Wilson; M. W. Kinson, Red Springs; W. E. Worth, Wilmington; R. F. Munroe, Charlotte; N. B. Mills, Statesville; R. A. Wall, Clayton; J. F. Taylor, Kinston; E. E. Cole, Gastonia; L. L. Staten, Tarboro; W. L. London, Pittsboro; J. L. Hartsell, Concord; S. N. Lattimore, Shelby; J. A. Waddell, Tarboro; J. M. Separk, Gastonia; C. A. Dilling, King's Mountain; W. C. Heatn, Monroe; R. E. Royal, Wake Forest; Bernard M. Cone, Greensboro; R. D. White, Kimesville; S. F. Patterson, Roanoke Rapids; A. W. E. Capel, Troy; T. H. Battle, Rocky Mount; J. H. Webb, Hillsboro; S. Bryant, Randleman; A. P. McAllister, Lumberton; Lawrence MacRae, Spray.

Mr. Brown for Corporation Commissioner.

(Asheboro Courier.)

There are many friends of Mr. H. C. Brown who would like to see him nominated by the next Democratic State convention as a member of the State Corporation Commission to succeed Mr Samuel L. Rogers.

It is urged that Mr. Brown should be nominated because of his long service as clerk and his fitness and qualifications for the office.

Mr. Brown has taken a most prominent part in freight rate investigations and transportation questions generally.

There will be a strong sentiment for Mr Brown, should he decide to run, among shippers and manufacturers of the State. The banking fraternity will feel kindly toward Mr. Brown because of his knowledge of banking affairs.

Mr Brown's candidacy will be received with favor in this section of the State should he become a candidate. In this county where he was born our people are so well acquainted with him and know his fitness and qualifications for the office, it is believed he will have, in event of his becoming a candidate, the almost unanimous support of the Democracy of this county.