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NEWS OF THE WEEK IN EPITOMIZED FORM

THE LATEST HAPPENINGS OF IMPORTANCE TERSELY TOLD.

EVENTS THROUGHOUT WORLD

News of Greatest Interest From All Parts of the World Related in Paragraphs.

Southern.

Plans have been formulated to conduct an agricultural train through the sixteen states comprising in the territory of the South, according to an announcement made by Dr. Clarence J. Owens, commissioner of the bureau of agriculture of the congress. The railroads of the South and the United States department of agriculture will cooperate in the effort. It is sought by this enterprise to interpret the agricultural resources of the Southern states through papers prepared by experts and to exploit the pre-eminence of the section.

Approximately twenty million gallons of liquors annually are shipped by express, principally from mail order houses, direct to consumers in prohibition states. This startling fact was developed in an inquiry conducted by the interstate commerce commission into the proposed changes in express classifications, which resulted in an advance of rates on packages containing liquors. The commission held that the express requirement that liquor containers should be packed in corrugated paper cartons was reasonable; but that the charge for transportation based upon arbitrary weights—eighteen pounds for a gallon of whiskey packed—was unreasonable and that the discrimination against stone jugs also was unreasonable.

At Port Arthur, Texas, two lives were lost, half a dozen or more were injured, some seriously, three oil barges and one tug burned to the water's edge, about ten thousand barrels of oil destroyed and two large warehouses and over five hundred feet of wharves burned in an explosion followed by a disastrous fire in the Port Arthur harbor and water front. The loss is estimated at about \$300,000. Capt. Frank Weber and a man who is as yet unidentified lost their lives in the explosion.

General.

Announcement in the newspapers that four prominent planters of Pulasqui county who were recently acquitted of peonage in the United States court in Macon, Ga., were to celebrate their acquittal on July fourth with a big barbecue and that an invitation had been extended to the twelve jurors to be the guests of honor, has provoked from Judge Emory Speer of the United States court a warning to the jurors not to attend. The judge takes the position that it is against the law to tamper with a jury.

Albert Steele Dockery, a leading attorney of Rockingham, N. C., died of an illness of three weeks. Mr. Dockery was 35 years old, a young man of more than usual prominence, having represented his county in both houses of the state legislature. He was attorney for several large corporations. Three weeks ago Mr. Dockery was stricken with typhoid fever. This week pneumonia and jaundice developed and death resulted. He was the son of Gen. and Mrs. H. C. Dockery of Rockingham.

Rudolph Hering of New York, one of the speakers at the meeting of the American Medical association, said we have advanced to a point where the spreading of disease by sewage can be prevented. "To accomplish this," he said, "we must first secure a substantial separation of the solids from the liquids; secondly, secure construction that will remove the sewage completely; thirdly, we must secure a removal as rapidly as possible, and fourthly, treat each part with intelligent care." The association is in session at Los Angeles, Cal.

John M. Whitman, vice president in charge of construction of the Chicago and Northwestern railroad and one of the oldest railway officials in the country, is to retire from the service, so it has been announced in Chicago. Mr. Whitman is 74 years of age, and has been engaged in railroad and engineering work continuously for 55 years of which the last 31 years have been devoted entirely to the service of the Northwestern. Mr. Whitman said he had no definite plans except to enjoy himself from now on.

Porto Ricans in New York numbering more than three thousand have organized a club of their own, modeled after the social organizations of former residents of other states. It is called the Porto Rico Alliance.

The United States government will issue its one-millionth patent for an invention on August 1 next.

Major Henry C. Davis of the United States marine corps and Mrs. Vestra Sherridge Braguire, San Francisco, were married in Wilmington, Del. Major Davis and Mrs. Davis returned to Philadelphia and will later go to New York.

President Fallieres asked Joseph Caillaux, the minister of finance in the Monis ministry, that retired recently, to form a new cabinet. M. Caillaux said he would give a definite response later.

Lawyers for the lumber companies which are opposing the state's oyster suit in allegations of being a trust, cross-examined John B. White of Kansas City, the trial of which has just begun in Jefferson City, Mo. White was president of the Southern Lumber Manufacturers' association, which was changed to the Yellow Pine Manufacturers' association, a defendant in the state's suit. W. K. Smith of St. Louis, secretary of the Yellow Pine Manufacturers' association, appeared at the hearing under orders of Special Commissioner Robert M. Reynolds, with his records and correspondence, by which Assistant Attorney General Atkins expects to prove the lumber output was curtailed by a meeting of the manufacturers in 1909.

In spite of the threatening skies, Harvard yard, at Cambridge, Mass., was alive with seniors in cap and gown, faculty members in their particular doctors' hoods and alumni of varying ages, who had returned to Cambridge to participate in the exercises connected with the 275th annual commencement. The commencement exercises began at 10:15 a. m. in Sanders' theater. The commencement speakers included Takashi Komatsu of Monmouth, Ill., candidate for the degree of master of arts.

Realizing that the boll weevil is a menace that threatens the financial interests of the entire state, and agreeing that all business classes should unite to counteract its encroachment, members of the Merchants and Manufacturers' association of Atlanta, gave their endorsement to the corn show plan.

Two negroes were lynched in Marion county, Georgia, as the result of the fury of crowds of Walton citizens, who sought to avenge the criminal assaulting of a prominent white woman in this county some time ago. Tom Allen, who was directly charged with having committed the assault, was hanged three miles out from Social Circle, Ga. Later a crowd stormed the Walton county jail at Monroe and secured a negro named Joe Watts, charged with having acted suspicious about the home of Mr. Bud Haw, who lives in Blasingame's district, this county.

Benjamin Appello, a blind boy, is the leader of his class of more than ninety pupils in public school No. 110, New York City, with an average of 97 per cent. in all his studies. He will enter DeWitt Clinton high school next fall. The boy's ambition is to become a lawyer. Since he has been in No. 110 he has been the presiding justice of the boys' republic. He has heard the testimony and sentenced the culprits for their dereliction of duty and infraction of rules of the republic.

Washington.

Irving C. Hart, formerly connected with the Charleston, S. C., postoffice, has been transferred to the Atlanta postoffice by Postmaster General Hitchcock, according to reports in Washington from sources which are believed to be authentic. He will succeed R. E. Barry of Atlanta, who now holds the position of superintendent of mails at the Atlanta office, according to this story, and Mr. Barry will be given other work to do, the nature of which has not yet been specified.

A party traveling in a special car over the Southern railway left Washington for Atlanta and its destination was the United States penitentiary. There were eight men in the party convicted and sentenced for various crimes against the government, left in charge of Warden McKee and several guards. No sentence among the eight was for over two years, and nearly all the sentences were around one year and one day.

With a continuation of the debates on the Canadian reciprocity bill, the speech of Senator Cummins of Iowa was the fixed event of the senate. Senator Borah of Idaho, whose speech was interrupted by the storm that swept over the capitol, caused a quick adjournment of the senate because the proceedings could not be heard, expected to continue his remarks if Cummins yielded the floor. The session was figured as an anti-reciprocity day from the Republican insurgent standpoint.

In a few days the screws will be applied to the senate in regard to the reciprocity vote on Canadian reciprocity and they will be forced to talk or vote. It has been decided to hold early sessions and sit up late, which program will keep La Follette and his small but noisy band tolerably busy. "I don't see any sense in letting matters drift along as they are now going," declared Senator John Sharp Williams. "The senate has an antiquated piece of machinery that pays too much deference to senatorial courtesy. I am in favor of sitting early and late and compelling senators to either talk or vote. The senate wants to pass the reciprocity bill without amendment, and ought to be permitted to do so."

According to the census bureau's forthcoming bulletin, 111, on cotton production for 1910, the world's crop last year was short of the quantity needed for the annual consumption.

Justice Daniel T. Wright of the district supreme court issued a writ against Samuel Gompers, Frank Morrison and John Mitschell, the labor leaders, requiring them to show cause on July 17 why they should not be judged guilty of contempt of court. This action followed the filing of the report of the special committee of attorneys appointed by Justice Wright to inquire into the matter of contempt proceedings in the Buck Stove and Range boycott case. Mr. Gompers is president, Mr. Morrison secretary and Mr. Mitschell a vice president of the American Federation of Labor.

PARDON SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

CONCERNED WITH EARL COTTON
AND RED HOPKINS IN MURDER CASE.

SERVED OVER TWO YEARS

Was Sentenced to Ten Years But Was Pardoned Upon Condition of Good Behavior—Reasons Are Assigned For the Action Taken.

Raleigh.—A sequel to the conviction of Tim Holderfield, Earl Cotton and Red Hopkins in April, 1909, for the murder of Dr. E. W. Smith, a Richmond traveling man, is a conditional pardon by which Governor Kitchin allows Holderfield his freedom during good behavior. It will be remembered that Holderfield was convicted of murder in the second degree and sentenced to ten years in the State Prison, of which sentence he has served something over two years. Earl Cotton is still in the penitentiary, serving a thirty-year sentence, and Red Hopkins has completed his sentence.

The Governor has assigned the following reasons for the conditional pardon:

"Prisoner with the others was convicted of murder in the second degree. The principal offender was sentenced to thirty years. Holderfield was in his employ and acted under his direction. The murder was the result of a robbery. The prisoner got none of the spoils and had nothing to do with the drugging. The police justice who conducted the preliminary investigation, the twelve jurors who tried the case, the trial judge, the solicitor, the attorney who aided the solicitor, and many other reputable citizens recommend pardon. Prisoners were not regarded as a vicious man."

"I pardon prisoner on condition that he remain law abiding and of good behavior."

Guard Shot Escaping Convict.

Tom Browning, a young white man, who is serving a term of three years on the roads for stealing two cows, is at the county home with a bullet through him, the wound being inflicted while he was attempting to escape. Browning chose the time to run when Guard Ferguson was lifting a bucket of water up to his head and had both arms in position to be easily attacked. But Browning decided not to do this, and made a break. He ran seventy-five yards through a thicket, when the guard caught sight of his body on the other side and fired. So far as Mr. Ferguson could see, he did not hit his man, and he attempted another shot, when one of the cartridges caught in the gun and he could not break it. Browning continued to run about 250 yards and fell. It was found that he had been struck in the back and that the bullet went directly through, coming out an inch or so below his heart.

New Division Counsel Appointed.

Winston-Salem.—The official announcement of the appointment of Messrs. Manly, Hendren & Womble as division counsel for North Carolina of the Southern Railway, succeeding W. B. Rodman of Charlotte, was received here, the change taking effect July 1. The chief clerk, Mr. John C. Wallace, who so capably held the office under Colonel Rodman, will retain his position, together with his stenographer, and also the office force will be increased by two. Messrs. Manly, Hendren & Womble have been for years assistant division counsel for the Southern and the general practice of the firm is certainly one of the largest in the Carolinas and Virginia. The new connection of the firm will in no wise interfere with its general practice.

Raleigh.—There was a charter issued for the Stateville Gas Company of Statesville, capital \$150,000 authorized and 5,000 subscribed by W. E. Webb, H. N. Street and J. M. Tisell.

Annual Meeting of Trustees.

An annual meeting of the board of trustees of the State Normal and Industrial College was held with Hon. J. Y. Joyner, as chairman, ex-officio, entered into the matter of general improvements. No important changes were made, however. Those members of the board present were: T. B. Bailey of Mocksville; A. J. Connor of Rich Square; G. W. Henshaw of Winston-Salem; T. S. McMullan of Hertford; R. T. Gray, of Raleigh; Joe Rosenthal, of Goldsboro; C. H. Mebane, of Catawba.

Will Speak at Smithfield.

Col. F. A. Olds has received, through Mr. W. M. Sanders, of Smithfield, an invitation to address, on July 8, a big gathering of the Johnston county farmers, in Smithfield. The occasion will be the annual meeting of the Johnston County Farmers' Union. Besides the address of Col. Olds, which will be on "Good Roads," there will be addresses on education. It is expected that nearly three thousand people will be present. These will be the features of the gathering, which will last the better part of the day.

THE PLANS ARE TO BE DRAWN

State Building Commission Convened in Full Meeting—Held Conference With Architects and Officials

Raleigh.—The State Building Commission reconvened in a full meeting at the State Auditor's office. The following members were present: Mr. Ashley Horne, of Clayton, chairman; Mr. W. C. Springer, of Wilmington, secretary; General Julian Carr, of Durham; Mr. J. A. Long, of Roxboro, and Mr. J. Elwood Cox, of High Point, Commissioners W. L. Parsons, of Rockingham, and A. S. Roscoe, of Bertie county, were absent.

The full commission met—having been represented the previous day by a sub-committee, which conferred with the architects and the state officers—in order to go over matters thoroughly with the architect. Allotments of the various state departments were agreed upon—these matters having been pretty thoroughly gone over at the Monday session—and all changes necessary for each department were communicated to the architect, to be embodied in the plans which are now to be drawn.

The commission further made an agreement with the architect—Mr. P. Thornton Marve, of Atlanta, with whom Mr. Frank B. Simpson, of Raleigh, is associated as consulting architect—that full details and blue prints should be reported to the commission within ninety days. When this is done, the commission will be ready to advertise for the construction of the building.

Entitled to Foreclosure.

For non-payment of interest on an unredemmed mortgage held by J. W. Perry and others of Virginia, Judge J. C. Pritchard of the United States circuit court signed a decree at Asheville ordering the Navy Yard Home Corporation of Charleston, S. C., to pay to the clerk of the United States circuit court the sum of \$82,935 within the next ten days. The complainants according to the decree are entitled to the foreclosure of the mortgage, a sale of defendants' property and a judgment for any deficiency after the sale.

Railroad Holds Enthusiastic Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Stateville Air Line Railroad Company, held here, was one of the most enthusiastic gatherings of the railroad promoters ever held and the attendance was good. The stockholders from Yadkin and Surry counties, who had not visited the scene of the work on the road, were taken for a drive over the portion graded and were much elated over the progress being made. The reports of the officers of the road were very gratifying. It was shown that nearly five miles has been graded, the work being first-class and permanent, at a cost of only \$10,000 to the state, which is furnishing convict labor for stock in the road. The officers were urged to make every effort to secure more convicts for the road. All the directors and officers were re-elected for another term, and D. M. Ausley, of Statesville, and T. L. Adams, of Bethany township, were elected additional directors.

Roads Macadamized by Convicts.

Since December 1, 1906, there have been 77.2 miles of macadam roads placed in Mecklenburg county to convict labor. Some time ago Chairman W. M. Long, of the board of county commissioners, asked County Engineer Sam T. Stowe to compile a statement of the work which has been done and of the roads which have been macadamized, during his administration.

Slim Fruit Crops Expected.

Assistant Horticulturist S. B. Shaw, of the State Department of Agriculture, returned from a tour of horticultural inspection in the Brushy Mountains. Mr. Shaw reports that while the average yield of apples in the state will not exceed a 30 per cent crop, there is to be a fair apple crop in Yadkey and McDowell counties. The peach yield, says Mr. Shaw, will not exceed 5 per cent of normal.

Raleigh.—Mr. J. C. Allison, who attended the meeting of the State Building and Loan association in New Bern went to Morehead for a short vacation, is expected in Raleigh.

Commission Issues Statement.

As a result of the hearing that Commissioners McNeill and Lee gave at Lexington two weeks ago, the Corporation Commission issued a statement to the effect that if the town of Lexington will provide the proper approaches for a new railroad crossing at Lexington for the Cotton Grove road the commission will then order the Southern Railway to put in the necessary bridge and other approaches on its right of way in order that the present dangerous grade crossing can be abolished.

Text-Book Hearing Closed.

The State text-book commission and sub-commission has finished the hearing of book men on the merits of the books they are offering for adoption for use in the public schools of the state and the sub-commission will now take a week's breathing spell, and then get to work on their personal examination of the books for the purpose of preparing their reports for the joint session of the commission and sub-commission to be held beginning August 3.

LARGE ATTENDANCE

THE TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THOMASVILLE BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

SPEECH BY DOCTOR KELLY

As Judge Pritchard Was Unable to Attend the Pastor of the Baptist Church of Raleigh Filled His Place and Presided.

Thomasville.—The beautiful grounds of the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage were alive with color and action, hundreds of visitors were strolling over the grounds, examining the buildings and watching the bright eyed, rosy cheeked children at their happy tasks. The orphanage is no small affair and the visitor's first sensation is close akin to awe. The magnitude of the plant is astonishing. The grounds are well laid off, nicely kept and the buildings are a revelation to one who has not seen them before.

In the throng were many scores of the religious leaders of the state, prominent Baptists from all sections of North Carolina, who had journeyed to Thomasville to help celebrate the 26th anniversary of the founding of the orphanage. Among the Baptist leaders present were noted the following: Dr. Charles E. Brewer, of Wake Forest; Mr. John E. Ray, of Raleigh; Rev. Hight C. Moore, of Raleigh; Dr. J. B. Richardson, of High Point; Mr. W. A. Cooper, of Raleigh; Dr. T. W. O'Kelly, of Raleigh; Mr. Stephen McIntyre, of Lumberton; Mr. E. F. Aylett, of Elizabeth City; Mr. Noah Biggs, of Scotland Neck; Dr. F. P. Hogwood, of Oxford; Mr. R. A. Spainhour, of Wilkesboro, and many others.

Aiding Southern Commercial Congress

Washington, D. C., June—Under the direction of the Southern Commercial Congress, a "Greater Prince George League" was organized in Disputanta, Prince George County, Virginia. The purposes of the new league are to unite the progressive forces of the county for local development. Bohemian and German immigration are to be encouraged, and committees of the league will immediately begin to push forward road improvements, and attempt to center public attention on the agricultural, school, transportation and sanitary needs of the county. The league is affiliated with the Southern Commercial Congress, and will do for Prince George County what the Congress, as a national movement, is doing for the whole South. The "Greater Prince George League" is the first of its kind to be organized in Virginia, and owes its success to the County Board of Supervisors, through which the preliminaries were conducted with the Southern Commercial Congress, and the Prince George Business Man's Association. After a conference between the Southern Commercial Congress and the Board of Supervisors late in April, a joint meeting of the Board of Supervisors, with a select committee composed of two citizens from each of the five county districts, the Prince George Business Man's Association and the Southern Commercial Congress was arranged for June 23d in Disputanta. At this meeting, the Southern Commercial Congress was represented by LeRoy Hodges, Commissioner of Immigration, who outlined the new work of the League, and discussed the labor and immigration needs of the county. Mr. Thomas Temple, a prominent attorney of the county, was elected President of the League; Mr. R. B. Batte, a member of the Board of Supervisors, vice-president, and Mr. John Kolar, a leading business man, Secretary and Treasurer. An executive committee was elected composed of the officers, with the president as chairman, and three men from each county district.

Ice Fund is Getting Low.

Raleigh.—Those who are willing to relieve much suffering at a small cost can do this by leaving with Mr. J. T. Pullen or Rev. R. S. Stephenson contributions for the ice fund, which will be administered by the Associated Charities. The contributions previously made, including the gift, by a generous fellow-townsmen, of all the ice needed for a period of some weeks—are now exhausted, but the need is greater than ever. Contributions left with either Mr. Pullen or Mr. Stephenson will be used to best advantage.

A New Directory For Raleigh.

Raleigh.—President Henry E. Litchford, of the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce, has appointed the fifteen committee chairmen—the nucleus of what is known popularly, if not officially, as the "Boosters Club"—and these chairmen are already actively at work. The plan, it will be remembered, is for each chairman to select two fellow-townsmen, so that the Boosters Club will have enrolled, when completed, forty-five enterprising men. Some of the committees have already completed their organization.

FROM THE OLD NORTH STATE

Paragraphs That Have Been Gotten Together From Many Towns and Counties in the State.

Raleigh.—An amendment to the charter of the Carolina Naval Stores Company Newbern, is filed with the Secretary of State, changing the principal office of the corporation from Newbern to Morehead City.

Raleigh.—Reports of the Raleigh Methodist Orphanage, the Trustees of which institution will be in session here indicate that this splendid home and school for fatherless children is in excellent condition. The Trustees are heartily welcomed to Raleigh, and their plans for the orphanage will be a matter of general interest.

Montreat.—The nineteenth annual Southern students' conference of the Young Men's Christian Association closed when Dr. W. D. Weatherford, in the presence of the full delegation which opened the conference outlined the work accomplished during the ten days' meeting and the results which he expected to follow in its wake.

Raleigh.—The McKimmon Dry Goods Company of Raleigh is chartered with \$50,000 capital by Charles McKimmon, E. C. Duncan and others to open a mammoth new store here in the early fall. A special building is being erected for the company on Fayetteville street, near Hargett, by W. W. Vass. The paid-in capital is \$15,100.

Asheville.—News comes from West Asheville of the heroic rescue from death by one man of another. The rescue was effected under conditions that reflect in the highest manner upon the bravery of the rescuer. Arthur Whitney, who descended into a gas-poisoned well and brought out a Mr. Lindsey, after the latter had been overcome by the gas.

Winston-Salem.—A petition, signed by a large number of manufacturing and mercantile concerns and several hundred individuals, has been prepared, asking the Postoffice Department to rescind the order it made, closing the postoffice here on Sunday. It is expected that the order, which was made upon a petition, many of whose promoters did not expect the general closing of the office, will be granted.

High Point.—Work on the new city park is progressing. The little lake is receiving its finishing touches, driveways and rustic bridges are being completed, and with the addition of more cultivated shrubbery, shade trees and the extension of the street-car line around the park, this will soon be an attractive spot to enjoy an outing.

Raleigh.—Rev. R. S. Stephenson, Superintendent of the Associated Charities, has returned from his Northern trip. While gone he visited Norfolk, Baltimore, Philadelphia and Boston. At the latter place he attended the meeting of the National Organization of Associated Charities. He reports his trip to have been full of interest and particularly pleasant.

Raleigh.—State Commissioner of insurance J. R. Young is just back from an extended trip that included the Building and Loan Association convention at Newbern, the Retail Merchants Association and Bankers' Association at Hendersonville and the editors at Lenoir. On this trip, which was primarily to deliver addresses in response to invitations from the various associations, he devoted some considerable time to official inspection of buildings as to fire escapes equipment.

Wilmington.—As the result of an accident on the tram roads of the Waccamaw Lumber Company, at Makatoka, about 18 miles from the company's plant at Bolton, four foreign employes of the company were killed and one man seriously injured. Three of the dead men are Italians and the other is a Russian. The matter has been reported to the coroner of Brunswick county, and an investigation will be held.

Southern Pines.—Mr. E. L. Hedrick, engineer on the Seaboard train, No. 24, while climbing the hill near Southern Pines, met with a severe injury. The reverse lever flew back, crushing his foot against the boiler. The pain proved so great that Mr. Hedrick could proceed only a few miles further, returning to Raleigh on No. 38, where he was attended by Dr. Rogers. After thorough examination, the injury proved to be only a very severe strain, and no bones were broken, as was at first supposed.

Raleigh.—Hon. J. R. Young, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, accompanied by Mrs. Joyner, left for San Francisco to attend the session of the National Educational Association that will be in session there. There will be quite a party from North Carolina to make this trip.

Williamston.—Bears are reported to be in this vicinity and the colored population is very much alarmed. This condition has existed ever since a bear was killed about two weeks ago in the eastern part of the town, having been driven here by a party of hunters.

Salisbury.—The name of the Meroney theater recently purchased by Mr. H. Clay Grubb, has been changed to the Grubb theater and within the next few weeks Manager T. B. Marsh, of this popular playhouse, will open it to the public with first-class vaudeville and motion pictures, until the theatrical season proper opens, when only high-class attractions will be booked. An immense electric sign for the new playhouse is being placed, the most modern ventilators and cooling appliances are to be installed and Salisbury will be right in the lead in theatrical matters.

MASKED MEN HOLD UP MAIL TRAIN

DARING DEED HAPPENED WITHIN FEW MILES OF THE CITY OF ERIE.

MAIL CLERK IS BADLY SHOT

Many Shots Are Fired and the Conductor is Seriously Hurt—Train Had Narrow Escape From Going Over Embankment.

Erie, Pa.—A fast mail and passenger train on the Philadelphia & Erie the engineer saw an obstruction ahead. He stopped the train with all possible speed, but not before it crashed into ties and telegraph poles that had been placed across the track.

When the train hit the obstruction it was first believed by the passengers that there had been a collision with another train. The next moment, however, the crack of revolvers acquainted them with the real cause of the train's stopping.

As the train came to a standstill several of the passengers alighted to ascertain the trouble. Their presence drew the fire of the band of masked men and there was a stampede to re-enter the cars.

An unknown passenger, who, braver than the rest, caught hold of one of the robbers, was picked up bodily and thrown over a 300-foot embankment. His condition is serious. The man's hands, face and body were badly cut and his clothing torn from his back.

A Thorough Investigation.

Atlanta, Ga.—A resolution providing for a searching investigation of the State Department of Agriculture, by a committee of three practical farmers from the Senate and five from the House of Representatives, Representative Ault of Polk county, the author of the resolution, declared that it was aimed at no particular person, but was intended to give to the farmers of the state some much-desired information about the operation of the department and where certain proposed improvements can be made.

The inauguration of Governor-elect Smith will be marked by the simplest ceremonies. After the joint session of the House and Senate, where he will be sworn in, Governor Smith will go to the executive offices where he will hold an informal reception. Governor Brown, the retiring executive, following the inaugural ceremony, will go to his old home at Marietta, where the citizens of Cobb and adjoining counties have planned a big reception for him.

Cotton Expected to be Higher.

New Orleans.—The cotton market is in a waiting attitude as the result of the nearness of the July report by the government on the condition of the growing crop. The general expectation is for higher figures. In some quarters the highest July figures on record are looked for, but thus far the market has been very steady. It is probable that the trading will be exciting if the figures are a surprise one way or another.

Almost to a man the cotton trade expects a higher report than last month when the figures were 87.8 per cent of the normal. The reports that the growing Texas and Oklahoma up to June 25, the time to which the condition is to be carried, suffered no damage from drought, and to numberless reports from many portions of the central and eastern sections of the belt to the effect that the crop is in nearly perfect if not normal condition.

Grand Prize Automobile Races.

Savannah, Ga.—Sanction was received here for running the grand prize automobile race November 30, next, over roads in this county. It has been decided to run three races, including the Vanderbilt, simultaneously, but the date originally selected has been changed and the Vanderbilt, Savannah challenge trophy and Tiedeman trophy races will be run Monday, November 27. The second of these trophies has been contested for once, the third has been contested for twice.

Young Man is Adrift.

Cotuit, Mass.—Somewhere on the waters of Vineyard sound, a young man named Kenneth Linn of Tampa, Fla., is believed to be sailing or drifting in a small sail boat without food or drink. There is a possibility, however, that he has been picked up by some passing vessel or has fallen into the sea and lost his life. Linn, who is understood to be of a wealthy family, is said to have become mentally unbalanced as a result of having been hit by a ball during a ball game this spring.