THE MEBANE LEADER.

AND RIGHT THE DAY MUST WIN, TO DOUBT WOULD BE DISLOYALTY, TO FALTER WOULD BE SIN.

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PERSONAL AND LOCAL BRIEFS

PEOPLE WHO COME AND GO

Items of interest Gathered by Our Reporter.

Mrs. F. O. Hawley of Chrrlotte is visiting her son Rev. F. M. Hawley.

Indications of the recent election in Texas is that the State has gone wet again.

Rev. B. F. Hurley left Tuesday for a brief visit to his old home at Wadeville Montgomery County.

Mrs. S G. Morgan and children left Thursday last for Mt Vernon Springs where they will spend a while.

Mr and Mrs. C. J. Kee and children left Thursday for Mt Vernon Springs where they will spend a while.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Wilkerson of Burlington spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. Wilkersons parents Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Wilkerson.

Mr. C. C. Smith broke dirt for the foundation of his new store on Monday. He has ordered the brick and will begin the work of construction at once.

Mrs L. S. Sheep and daughter Paulene who have been visiting Mrs. F. M. Hawley left Monday for their home at Elizebeth City.

Nelson Thompson who has been with the Steel Range Company in South Carolina has returned to his home South of Mebane.

Nelson-Cooper Lumber Co. change ad this week. This firm can supply you with anything in the building line. Dont fail to see them.

Mrs. J. H. Gilliland and daughters Misses Linnie, Edna and Frances of Greensboro are spending a week at Capt. George Mebane's.

Tuesday was a great day in Meba e with the farmers. They seemed to have a good time and everybody was glad to see them.

Mebane Store Co. are making some tremendeous reductions in all summer goods, such as low cut shoes, summer clothing, hats and light weight dress goods.

Miss Margaret Clegg Grahams popular Milliner is making a 30 per cent cut on all hats. If you need anything in her line this is a good time to buy it.

A head line in the Greensboro News says a man by the name of Rochelle father in law of Brodie Duke was given six months in court Saturday in Durham. He took an appeal.

Mr. O. F. Crowson of Burlington was here Tuesday to the Farmers Institute, and made an excelent talk. Where Crowson learned so much about farming is puzzling his friends.

Mr. Billy Miles who operated the Mebane Warehouse year before last who now lives in Danville was here Tuesday at the Farmers Institute shaking hands with the boys.

Rev. C. J. Edwards attended the annual meeting of the Junior Order at Spray last week. He reports that it was decided at this meeting to hold the next annual meeting at Mebane in the year 1912.

A great cut price sale will be inaugrated at Holmes-Warren Store Friday August 4th. They are preparing to make it the sensation of the season See ad this week. Prices and particulars will be given in next week's issue.

Brown-Belk Co., of Greensboro change their advertisment in this weeks Leader. This is a very reliable firm, keep a nice stock of dry goods, notions, ready made clothing, ladies dress goods, shoes and hats, always sell reasonable.

Mr. J. T. Terrell who has been ill for the past 5 months, has surficiently recovered to be at the Farmers Institute Tuesday. He called at the Leader office to renew his subscription. He says he does not see how he could get along without the Leader.

Chas. H. Dorsett of Greensboro the proprietor of the "Ladies store" is offering a nice line of ladies light weight dress goods, ready to wear summer suits and other seasonable goods at tremendeous discount. Don't forget the Leading store. See ad elsewhere.

The Mebane Drug Co., received their handsome new soda fountain the past week It is one of the very latest pattern, a model of convenience and beauty. All of the parts have not been set up yet, but enough to serve the delicious fluids and cream dispensed at this popular Drug Store.

Ellis-Stone and Co., the leading dry goods house of Durham changes their advertisment in to days Leader. This firm carrys an elegant line of everything for ladies to wear selected with the most artistic taste and discretion. Send for samples. Express paid on $5 purchases or more. Railroad fair paid both ways from Haw River, Mebane, Efland and Hillsboro for purchases of $15 or more goods.

Our Thanks.

The Editor, and entire Leader force wishes to tender their thanks to the ladies of the Presbyterian church for a very generous spread of chicken, ham, pickles, cake, and ice cream on the evening of the Farmers Institute. It was highly appreciated.

Increase of $1,027,000 in Alamance Taxable Values.

The new assessment of taxable values in Alamance county shows an increase over last year's assessment of approximately $1,027,000.

Some of us had something to say of the way the democrats voted on the lumber schedule at the time, but mighty little attention was paid to it. --Durham Sun.

It was not quite time to give attention to it then.

When Noah was a boy he walked around town and listened to the people lie on the Editor, when he knew the Editor was the only person in town that was working for the town without pay. His mother reproved him for it, she said don't you know that the people who talk about the Editor are working their jaws without pay, and then Noah said nothing.

Good Road Train.

The Southern Special Road Improvement train will stop at Graham 8:30 in the morning of July 31sf at Hillsboro on the same date, at 2 P. M. It goes to Chapel Hill August 1st at 10 A. M.

At each stop free lectures and demonstrations will be conducted by two road experts of the United States Department of Agsiculture, Messrs. D. H. Winslow and W. N. Fairbanks, assisued by a representative of the Land and Industriai Department of the Southern Railway. Two coaches of the train are filled with exhibits, pictures and working models. The Southern Railway is handling this train without charge to the government in order that the people along its lines may have the opportunity to receive the valuable information as to road builking which it affords.

May Buy the Murry Farm

Mr. Eugene Ebbert and Mr. Linville and son of Winston-Salem were in Mebane last Friday. They had driven over from Burlington in a private convey once in company with Mr. J. P. Albright of Burlington, Messrs. Ebbert and Linville came over to Mebane to look over the Murry farm two miles west of Mebane recently perchased by Mr Z. D. Mumford, perhaps with a view of purchase.

If these gentleman should effect a perchase of the place it is likely they would engage extensively in stock raising, a business that has much promise in it just now.

The Book Club.

The Thursday After-noon Book Club was most charmingly entertained by its popular President Miss Fanny Murphey Mebane July 20 1911 from four to six

While the guests were arriving the hostess rendered several beautiful musical selections.

First there was a contest on the "Names of Roses" the prize, a beautiful boquet of pink roses was won by Mrs. Willie Kerr Scott of Winston, N. C.

Then followed an exciting search for 18 Foreign cities by very striking illustrations. A dainty ice course was served by Miss Sue Mebane and the hostess.

Mrs. W. K. Scott of Winston, N. C., was guest of honor. Members present; Miss Alice Fowler, Mrs. L. S. Straughan, Mrs. S. A. White, Mrs. Walter Malone, Mrs. W. O. Warren, Miss Mary E. Scott, Miss Margaret Chandler, Miss Lenorah Harris, Miss Jennie Lasley, Miss Margie Scott, Miss Mary White, Miss Sue Mebane and Miss Lillie Fowler.

At the next meeting which will be with Miss Mary Ed. Scott, August 3rd 1911 from 4 to 6 each member is requested to be ready to decide on the new books for the coming year.

List of Letters

Remaining unclaimed at this office for the week ending July 22nd 1911.

1 Letter for Mr. W. H. Clark
1 " " Mrs. Barbra E. Fuller
1 " " Miss Robena Miles
1 P. C. for Mr. Henery Haith
1 " " Sudie Thompson.

These letters will be sent to the Dead Letter Office August 5, 1911, if not called for before.

In calling for the above please say "Advertised" giving date of ad. list.

Respectfully,
S. Arthur White, P. M.

FOR SALE 1 saw mill and plainer and 50 acres of land, all in good condition, apply to L. G. Wilkerson,
Mebane, N. C.

We Need the Dollar.

Send us in your subscription. We have many names that are behind, you ought to know if your s is on the list. You can remember how much you have paid on subscription. The Leader is one dollar a year in advance. Send us one dollar and let us put your name in our next weeks honor roll. We need the dollar.

Amick Has a New Automobile.

Mr. John L. Amick, one of the popular mail carriers for Mebane has got an automobile to carry his rout with. It is a Sears Roebuck machine very substantialy built, and seems well adapted to the purpose for which he is using it. Mr. Amick has not got the hang of it entirely, but is learning quite rapidly. The first day he used it, it tried to go in the stable with him, and sometimes it tries to run in the creek with him. One trouble he has is to make the thing stand until he can collect his mail. He carried out a good stout manilla rope Tuesday morning. He said he would tie the dinged thing to a tree if it did not stop trying to run off and leave him. He is stiring up some "coniptions" among the farmers on his rout. One farmer took to the woods, and his wife run in the barn, but she immerged time enough to tell Amick that if her husband was not back by noon, she would have her gun for him the next morning, and uncle Sam might have to make a hurry call for one of his supplies. Amick's automobile is putting ginger in everything on his rout, horses and mules go over the fense in hast, that never went that way before. There is a wild time on Rfd 4 Mebane.

Mebane, Rfd. No. 1.

Miss Mary Mebane left Friday on a visit to relatives at Madison.

Miss Myrtle Moses of Burlington No. 1 is visiting her sister Mrs. D. M. Garrett.

Master Charles Tarpley of Graham is visiting J. F. Garrison.

Mrs. C. G. Maynard is spending a few days on Watson, No. 1.

Messrs L. A Gibson of Durham and J. H. Gibson of Mebane spent Sunday at home.

Mr, and Mrs. J. S. Foster of Union Ridge spent Thursday at J. W. Rays.

Mr. P. B. Tate who has been in Florida for some time came home Friday looking as usual.

Mrs. G. W. Womble of Rocky Mt. is visiting her sister Mrs. M. A. Gibson.

Mrs. T. C. Johnston of Burlington is spending a few days with Mrs. J. S. Gibson.

Mr. W. C. Gibson of Goldsboro came home Friday very ill, but glad to report is doing fairly well.

Mrs. A. E. Patton spent one day last week with her father Mr. J. F. King of Burlington Rfd. No. 3.

J. T. McAdams of Mebane was stepping high on No. 1 last week.

Miss Ida Deavers of Greensboro is visiting at T. A. Evans.

Mr. and Mrs, R. B. Terrell and children of Greensboro visited W. A. Terrell Sunday, Mr. Terrell returned Sunday evening leaving Mrs. Terrell for a few days.

R. L. Ray atty of Selma spent a few days last week with Mrs. J. W. Ray.

Wheat threshings are about over on No. 1 to our sorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Gibson visited J. A. Patton of Haw River No. 1 last Thursday.

Would like to see that bridge put in near Madison Crawfords that the old board ordered last October. Certainly think that the patrons of this road are being badly neglected as it is almost impossible to get over.

Duke and Reynolds Retire From Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company held at Jersey City last week, J. N. Wallace, T. S. Young and J. A. Long were elected directors, succeeding James B. Duke, R. J. Reynolds and W. N. Reynolds, retired. The other directors were re-lected. It was decided to sell $2,000,000 worth of unissued preferred stock. From reports transmitted, the general business of the company was shown to be in splendid condition.

Not That Bad.

Dobby was showing off his baby.

"Think he looks like me, Slithers?" he asked.

"Well—no," said Slithers, looking at the youngster critically. He's a queer-looking cuss, but I shouldn't go so far as to say he looks like you."—Judge.

Sallie C. Martin living near Ashville wants to leave her husband after a stay of twenty years. We wonder if Sallie has been offereded an affinity by her brother.

Resolution of Respect.

Whereas God in his infinite wisdom has been pleased to remove from our midst our faithful and beloved pastor, the Reverend M. M. McFarland; therefore be it-

Resolved 1. That in the death of our beloved pastor the North Alamance Circuit has sustained a great loss and we, as members, do hereby exnress our deepest sense of the same.

Resolved 2. That while bowing in humble submission to the divine will we can but lament the death of one who by his gentleness of spirit and consecration to his Master's service had won for himself a place in our hearts and impressed us as a true servant of Jesus Christ.

Resolved 3. That we do hereby express our sincere appreciation for his faithful service among us.

Resolved 4. That we extend to the bereaved family our deepest sympathy and commend them to the Healer of the broken hearted;

Resolved 5. That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our Quarterly Conference, a copy be sent to the bereaved family, and a copy be sent to the Raleigh Christian Advocate, to the North Carolina Christian Advocate, and to the Mebane Leader for publication.

W. B. York
A. M. Cook
H. F. Moore
Committee.

State Association of County Commissioners

The State Association of County Commissioners of North Carolina will hold their fourth annual convention at Ashville, North Carolina on August 16th 1911. The indications are that this will be the largest meeting ever held, practically all the counties in North Carolina will be represented. The State Association was organized at the Atlantic Hotel, Morehead City, N. C., August, 1908. It was authorized by the Legislature at its session of 1909. The second meeting was held at Wrightsville Beach August, 1909, the third meeting at Charlotte August 1910.

Questions of vital interest to the State will be discussed at the Asheville meeting.

President: C. E. Foy, New Bern, N. C.

District Vice-Presidents.

First District--J. W. Evans, Tyner, N. C. Second District--R. J. Shields, Windsor, N. C. Third District-J. H. Bell, Pollocksville, N. C. Fourth District--D. T. Johnson, Raleigh, N. C. Fifth District--W. C. Tucker, Pleasant Grove, N. C. Sixth District--J. W. Carter, Maxton, N. C. Seventh District--W. C. Long, Unionville, N. C. Eight District--P. B. Beard, Salisbury, N. C. Ninth District--W. M. Long, Charlotte, N. C. Tenth District--E. W. Patterson, Asheville, N. C.

BORED INTO A VOLCANO

Shoots Lava And Rocks From the Bowels of the Earth.

A phenomena v hich puzzled scientists and oil experts presented itself in the humble oil fields, when a well dug 1,200 feet blew out with a terrific gas explosion near Galveston, Texas last week. This was not an unusual feature nor was the spouting of water, but three hours later, with a deafening roar, which was heared for many miles, the hole in the ground began belching what appears to be lava and molten lead or red-hot iron, rocks the size of goose eggs and sulphurous gases and a strange dust which covered trees.

The rocks and lava were shot in the air about 100 feet, and, after a performance for more than one hours, in which the erup ion gradually decreased, the ground near the hole began to sink extending nearly 400 feet in diameter.

Many of the oil field workers residing nearby are preparing to move before the s.nking ground claims their properity. The oil volcano has ceased emitting everything but gas but much uneasiness is felt.

Scientists declare the explosion must have extended into the bowels of the earth at least 1,000 or perhaps 2,000 feet below the bottom of the 1,200-feet well to have brought forth these heated substances and iron of meteor formation.

Would Better Fill the Part.

Booth Tarkington was talking in Indianapolis about the stage.

"There were two actresses in an early play of mine," he said, "both beautiful, but the leading actress was thin. She quarreled one day at rehearsal with the other lady, and she ended the quarrel by saying haughtily:

"Remember, please, that I am the star."

" 'Yes, I know you're the star,' the other retorted, eyeing with an amused smile the leading actress' long, slim, figure, 'but you'd look better, my dear, if you were a little meteor.' "—Washington Star.

Efland Items.

Mr. Henry Jordan of Hillsboro was in Efland on business last Thursday.

Miss Minnie Murray spent Friday night with her friend Miss Annie Jordan.

Messdames Low, Dudley, and George Thompson and Miss Lettie Thompson spent last Thursday in Durham.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Boggs and two children are visiting Mrs. Talitha Boggs.

Mrs. Jennie Poe accompanied by her grandchildren Lucy, Annie and Banner Latcham left here Friday for Manchester, Ga.

Miss Maud Efland is spending some time with her friend Miss Bessie Taylor at Faison, N. C.

D. E. Forrest, Post Master and wife returned to their home in Efland Sunday after an extended trip through several Western States.

C. L. Boggs of Lime Rock is at home for a few days being called here on the account of the sickness ot his brother Frank who is suffering from an attack of appendicitis.

Messrs Gattis Horner, Dud Thompson and John Baity attended the funeral of Mr. Bun Christmas at Hillsboro Saturday after-noon.

Mr. Ole Aulbert and Miss Sudie Miller of Mebane called at J. R. Fitzpatricks Sunday evening.

Messrs Low and George Thompson, Marvin and Tom Pratt and Vestal Mayes took in the base ball at Hillsboro Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. William Fitch and children of Hillsboro visited at W. P. Rileys Sunday.

Will Thompson of High Point is at home for a few days.

Miss Stella Miles left last week for Durham and Oxford for a few days visit before returning to her home in Indiana

Messrs Charlie Brown and Harry Fitzpatrick attended singing at Lebanon last Friday night.

Miss Maggie Hayes and little brother have returned to their home in Burlington after a pleasant visit at Mr. Charlie Taylors. We suspect Miss Maggie made a lasting impression on some of our "City" boys.

Miss Annie Jordan and Mr. Vestal Mayes called on Mr. Trents family Thursday night.

Mrs. Sarah J. Rice is very sick with complication of diseases at the home of her son in-law W. P. Riley.

Miss Nannie Aulbert of Mebane is attending the bed side of her mother Mrs. Rice.

Mr. and Mrs. George Merritt of Chapel Hill is visiting Mrs. John Riley sister of Mrs. Merritt.

Mr. Hamilton of Raleigh was in Efland last week looking over real estate.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Squires and children visited Mrs. Squires mother Mrs. T. Boggs last week.

We regret to learn of little Miss Cassie McCadams sickness at her home near Efland.

Mrs. C. A. Boggs and little daughter Grace spent last Friday night at J. B. Baitys.

Old Mrs. Polly Durham died at her home near Efland last Saturday morning and was buried at Cool Springs Sunday P. M. 3:30 o'clock. She leaves two sons and two daughters to mourn their loss.

Miss Sula Pratt of Norlina is spending a few days with her mother Mrs. Alice Pratt and attening the Teachers Institute.

Jack Baity and Charley Brown attended the game of ball down at Eno Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. James Durham of Durham came up Saturday evening to attend the funeral of their grandmother Mrs. Polly Durham.

The many friends of Rev. Homer Casto who went to Ashville some time ago will be glad to learn of the improvement in his health. We hope to have Rev. Casto with us again soon.

Jay Bird where art thou? Blue eyes Touch me not, Billie, Hobble Skirt and others come again, we get lonely by ourself.

Aurevoir,
"Pa-Paw-Queese"

Senate Adopts The Reciprocity Measure By Good Vote.

The reciprocal trade agreement between the United States and Canada, embodied in the reciprocity bill that proved a storm center in two sessions of Congress, passed the Senate without amendment July 22 by a vote of 53 to 27. A majority of Republicans voted against it. Of the 53 votes for it 32 were Democratic and 21 Republicans; of the 27 against, 24 were Republicans and 3 Democrats.

This action settled the whole Canadian reciprocity question so far as Congress is concerned, and save for executive approval and the Canadian Parliament's ratification, made the pact the law of the land.

The Farmers Institute.

There was a very good attendance of farmers their wives sons and daughters at the Farmers Institute.

There was some splendid addresses and much interest taken in the work.

The Woman Institute also attracted much attention. Mrs. Howell, and others made excelent talks. The demonstration work in the Womens Institute was very interesting. It is a gratifying fact that farmers are giving so much more attention to advance ideas in refrence to farming. They are trying to inform them selves as to the best methods of preparing land, improving the soil, and cultivating their crops.

We feel that much credit is due Mr. Chas. F. Cates of this section of the county for his interest in the Institute work. He is a faithfull laborer in the field of agriculteral progress, giving much of his time and means to help his fellow farmers to a higher conception of the posibilities, and advantages of the farmer.

It was an ideal day, a nice rain the evening before had layed the dust and the temperature had cooled off very preceptably.

Orange Grove Items.

It has been raining local showers but we are still dry at this writing, and crops are cut short.

A good number of our young people attended the "Quaker meeting" in Southern Alamance Sunday.

Miss Minnie Rankin of Greensboro is visiting Miss Recie Crawford and Miss Helen Reynolds.

Mr. Roy Cates, a pill roller of Conway, S. C. is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Cates. Mr. Cates had business in Burlington Saturday and Sunday and we will explain next week.

Mr. J. W. Howard who is one of uncle Sam's boys in the Post-office at Raleigh is spending his vacation at home. Orange County boys will come back.

The famiiy of Mr. Clarence Cates of Burlington is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Cates.

Orange Grove is well represented in the Teachers Institute at Hillsboro which has been in session two weeks. Six of Orange Grove's farmers students being in attendance.

We have never lost faith in Orange Grove and never expect to, and we hope to see the time come in the near future when those causes which debar the progress of the school at present will be forever elimanated. We refer specifically to gossip.

Rev. Robert Watkins Hines Dies At Home of Brother.

Rev. Robert Watkins Hines, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Clear Water, Fla., died at Reidsville while on a visit to his brother, H. W. Hines. The minister's funeral was conducted from the Presbyterian church Saturday after-noon, and the remains were buried in Greenview cemetery. He was pastor of several churches in the Orange Presbytery and the presbytery of Albemarle before going to Florida, and Dr. Craig, who conducted the funeral services, spoke feelingly of the estimate in which he held the deceased minister.

The deceased was about 52 years old and is survived by his wife and one small son, four brothers and two sisters. He had been voted a vacation by his congregation in Florida and came to North Carolina for a visit. Two weeks ago he preached in Milton and came to Reidsville a few days later for a visit. The death was unexpected, although he had been very unwell for some time.

We are told that Mr. Hines did pastorial work in this section of Alamance, and was regarded as a most excelent man.

Watson Items.

Well Mr. Editor, and readers guess you think I am dead, but glad to say such is not the case.

Crops in this section are looking very well since the rain come.

Miss Bessie Wilson of Burlington is visiting relatives on Watson No. 1.

Miss Ruth Browning returned from a visit to Greensboro Saturday, Miss Nellie Thomas came home with her to spend a while, guess some one is real glad now, they have been looking awful lonesome.

Quite a number of young people attended an ice cream supper Saturday night July 22, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Pace on Mebane No. 1. It was given in honor of their guest Miss Alma Latta of Durham, every one seemed to enjoy it fine.

Several of Mr. J. W. Tingen's friends visited him Sunday afternoon. they also visited his watermellon patch too.

Mrs. Alice Mayhan of Burlington No. 3, and Miss Nannie Boland of Watson is visiting at Mr. J. W. Fausetts.

Best wishes for the Leader.

Blue Eyes.

"A Great Speech"

"It was our privilege, while in Washington last Monday, to hear the great speech of Senator Simmons, in opposition to the Republican party measure know as the Canadian Reciprocity Bill, which is supported by many Democrats in the Senate.--So says the Editor of the Twin County Echo, Rocky Mt, N. C.

"Our senior senator spoke for three hours, and during the greater part of the time, was under fire from some half dozen of the ablest Democrat Senators, who were attacking his Democracy and endeavoring to confuse him. It looked like a concerted and premeditated attack and an attempt to impeach the Senator's Democracy on the part of the ultra-progressive Democrats. Among the Democratic Senators who attacked him were Kern, of Indiana; John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi; Stone and Reed Missouri.

Disagreeing with Mr. Simmons as we do on many things, it was yet particularly gratifying to us to observe the manner in which he handled himself under vicious attack, and the ability and cool courage with which he defended himself and position. It was worthy of note, too, that in not a single instance did he descend from the high plane of battle that so well becomes a member of that great body. He yielded not at all to the insidious invitations and temptations provided for him for to throw mud. In every instance, he took care of himself, and not a single thrust penetrated his armor. The attack failed, whatever its object was and whoever was behind it. The Senator emerged from the contest with accumulated laurels and with the honors of war.

"The attack on Senator Simmons under such circumstances is to be deplored and will react on his assailant who were thoroughly discomfited by their failure to break the force of his speech or successfully impeach his party regularity. The people know too well the Senator's eminent services to Democracy, and fidelity and courage under all conditions, to countenance such methods.

"When you come to think of it, it required a high order of courage and independence for Senator Simmons to vote on the Lorimer case and on the other matters that have given opportunity for attack, according to his honest sentiments, when the country was howling for the other side, and this just on the eve of the Senatorial primary in this State. Those who know him best say that the courage displayed by Mr. Simmons in these matters is in all respects characteristic of him A demagogue or a time-server would have trimmed his sail to meet the prevailing winds. Senator Simmods refused to so forfeit his independence and self-respect

If you did rot get what you wanted that was good to eat at Mebane Tuesday at the Farmers Institute it was not the ladies fault.

COTTON REPORT ILLEGAL

Senator Smith Protests Against Prediction of Size of Crop.

Charging an illegal action against the crop reporting bureau of the Department of Agriculture, in that they had made a prediction July 3 as to what would be the size of the cotton crop for the season of 1911-1912, Senator Smith of South Carolina Thursday last warmly protested against such action in a speech in the Senate, and said the effect had been to injuriously affect the cotton market. The paragraph of the crop report to which Senator Smith objected declared "The acreage of cotton this year is about 35,000,000. The condition (88.2 as compared to a ten-year average of 80 per cent) indicates a probable yield of 202.8 pounds per acre, which on 34,000,000 acres—allowing one million acres for abandonment—would mean 6,895,000,000, or about 14,425,000." bales

USED TO DEPRESS PRICES.

"A cotton crop of this size would be most extraordinary," said Mr. Smith, "and the prediction that this year's crop would reach such a total has already been used by the bear operators on the New York cotton exchange to depress the price of cotton futures." He said it made no difference in the effect of the bureau's estimate, that it was a mere guess, since crop conditions were changing weekly and would ont inue to change until the crop was gathered.

"This guess carried with it official sanction, official weight, and was, therefore, calculated to have vastly more effect upon the market than any private guess could have," said Mr. Smith.

WILSON ADMITS ILLEGAITY.

He told of an interview with Secretary Wilson, who admitted that the act was illegal and promised thatit should not occur again.

Excursion from Greensboro Wednesday next August 2 leaving at 7 o'clock P. M. for Norfolk, $3,65 for round trip,