

NORTH STATE HAPPENINGS

Occurrences of Interest Gleaned From All Sections of the Busy Tar Heel State

THE CANVASSING BOARD AT WORK.

Will Require Several Days to Complete the Canvass—Canvassed Vote by Counties.

Raleigh, Special.—The State canvassing board began last week the canvass of the election returns. The members, all of whom were present, are W. G. Lamb, R. T. Claywell, R. L. Smith and E. B. Freeman, and they are being assisted by Alex. J. Field. The returns did not come in in very good shape to the board. Those for Congress were regular, except for Cherokee county which did not show the precinct vote. Then, too, the returns from the tenth district were not added. There is also a grave error in the returns of the electoral vote for Washington county, there being a discrepancy of something like 1,000 votes as between Taft and Cox. The corrected returns were telegraphed for.

The canvassed congressional vote follows:

Counties.	Small.	Meekins.
Beaufort...	1968	1167
Camden...	408	143
Chowan...	659	203
Currituck...	730	45
Dare...	397	411
Gates...	696	232
Hertford...	885	286
Hyde...	743	106
Martin...	1432	316
Pasquotank...	1042	311
Perquimans...	643	439
Pitt...	2563	779
Tyrrell...	390	313
Washington...	563	487
Total...	13119	5342

Small's majority 7777.

Second District.

Counties.	Kitchin.	Ferguson.
Bertie...	283	263
Edgecombe...	1841	363
Greene...	916	488
Halifax...	2135	243
Lenoir...	1495	834
Northampton...	1677	113
Warren...	1152	207
Wilson...	1901	795
Total...	12275	3361

Kitchin's majority 8914.

Third District.

Counties.	Thomas.	Hill.
Currituck...	1186	996
Craven...	1521	350
Duplin...	1689	1105
Jones...	622	230
Onslow...	995	564
Pamlico...	659	494
Pender...	1133	282
Sampson...	1410	2407
Wayne...	1428	1428
Total...	11544	7896

Thomas' majority 3648.

Fourth District.

Counties.	Pou.	Briggs.
Chatham...	1595	1427
Franklin...	2060	450
Johnston...	2797	2632
Nash...	1802	1144
Vance...	1188	572
Wake...	4021	2711
Total...	13463	8966

Pou's majority 4407.

Fifth District.

Counties.	Brooks.	Morehead.
Alamance...	2141	2178
Caswell...	853	344
Durham...	1814	1794
Forsyth...	2534	2861
Granville...	1663	651
Guilford...	3516	2901
Orange...	995	1059
Person...	778	961
Rockingham...	1819	2032
Stokes...	1027	1708
Surry...	1798	2799
Total...	18938	19288

Morehead's majority 350.

Will Employ Missionary.

Raleigh, Special.—The Home Missionary Society of the First Presbyterian church, this city, has just decided under the leadership of the new pastor, Rev. W. McC. White, who came here from Virginia, to employ a missionary for all his time to work at promising points in Wake county. The church here is the only Presbyterian church in the county.

Colored Woman Shot.

Charlotte, Special.—The house of a negro man by the name of Gus Porter, in lower Providence township, was the scene of murder Thursday night about 8 o'clock, when Daisy Thompson, a colored woman about 20 years old, was shot with a 38-calibre pistol. One discharge of the weapon is said to have accomplished the deadly work. Two negro men, Jack Johnson and Sam Broome, working for Messrs W. T. and L. H. Robinson, were arrested and are being held on the charge.

Killed on Thanksgiving.

Lexington, Special.—Coy Crofts, aged about 17 years, son of James Crofts, a well-known contractor, was killed late Thursday afternoon, about two miles from Lexington by the accidental discharge of a gun. Young Crofts started to push the gun into the rear end of a wagon, but foremost, and in some manner it was discharged and the entire load entered his stomach. He lived only about three minutes.

Project is Approved.

Raleigh, Special.—Very general approval is heard here of the movement announced by the North Carolina Division, Daughters of the Confederacy, for providing a home for wives and widows of Confederate veterans, to be maintained as an annex to the present Soldiers' Home. It is expected that the whole matter will be settled before the 1909 legislature completes its sixty days session.

Wounds Betray Him.

Salisbury, Special.—Warren Whitmire, colored, an employe of the Southern Railway Company here, was arrested in Salisbury when he appealed to a physician for treatment of a gunshot wound in the stomach. He is believed to be the burglar who was shot by Mrs. Maud Peamster in her home in this city last week, when she fired upon some one in the darkness at her bedside. Whitmire's wounds are not considered dangerous, and it is thought he will stand trial for the crime.

Sixth District.		
Counties.	Godwin. Slocomb.	
Bladen...	1183	625
Brunswick...	660	766
Columbus...	2032	1189
Cumberland...	1937	1356
Harnett...	1561	1029
New Hanover...	2165	247
Robeson...	2074	1173
Total...	12542	6355

Godwin's majority 6157.

Seventh District.		
Counties.	Page. Walsler.	
Anson...	1537	255
Davidson...	2220	2484
Davie...	815	1158
Lee...	904	508
Montgomery...	N 1070	1047
Moore...	1244	959
Randolph...	2582	2629
Richmond...	1133	361
Scotland...	761	38
Union...	2081	670
Yadkin...	710	1623
Total...	15057	11732

Page's majority 3325.

Eighth District.		
Counties.	Hackett. Cowles.	
Alexander...	776	1079
Alleghany...	632	563
Ashe...	1729	1688
Cabarrus...	1635	1847
Caldwell...	1463	1717
Iredell...	2514	1798
Rowan...	2446	1988
Stanly...	1564	1620
Watauga...	1040	1261
Wilkes...	1689	3302
Total...	15488	16813

Cowles' majority 1325.

Ninth District.		
Counties.	Webb. Smith.	
Burke...	1364	1318
Catawba...	1939	1999
Cleveland...	2341	1445
Gaston...	2657	1705
Lincoln...	1300	1157
Madison...	977	1933
Mecklenburg...	4350	1279
Mitchell...	582	1766
Yancey...	1020	912
Total...	16530	13514

Webb's majority 3026.

Tenth District.		
Counties.	Crawford. Grant.	
Buncombe...	3548	3572
Cherokee...	837	1250
Clay...	351	320
Graham...	432	464
Haywood...	1984	1263
Henderson...	983	1442
Jackson...	1030	1065
McDowell...	991	982
Macon...	939	1030
Polk...	552	595
Rutherford...	2014	1767
Swain...	619	914
Transylvania...	604	581
Total...	14884	15245

Grant's majority 391.

Charters Issued.

The Salisbury Business Men's Association is chartered with \$2,000 capital to maintain a social club for the business men of this growing young city. John Moyle and J. A. Hanson are among the incorporators. State Commissioner of Insurance J. R. Young cancels the license of the Ohio German Fire Insurance Company, Toledo, O., to do business in this State, for the reason that the Ohio Commissioner of Insurance has asked for a receiver for the corporation.

The Greensboro Manufacturing and Coal Company gives notice to the Secretary of State of change of name of the corporation to The Independent Ice and Coal Company. W. E. Hockett is president. The \$50,000 capital is readjusted so that \$30,000 is common stock.

Instantly Killed.

Raleigh, Special.—At Zebulon, this county, last week Tilden Adams was fatally shot in the head by Lula Todd. Coroner Seaparks was called from Raleigh to investigate and found it a clear case of accidental killing, the two having been working with the gun in a careless way. Both were colored.

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THE VOTE FOR GOVERNOR

Canvass by Election Board Shows That Kitchin's Vote For Governor Was 145,102 and Cox's 107,760.

Raleigh, Special.—The state board of elections finds the official canvass of the vote for Governor gives Kitchin, Democrat, a majority of 37,342 over Cox, Republican, the vote being 145,102 for Kitchin and 107,760 for Cox. The majority of Governor Glenn, Democrat, four years ago was 49,256. Then the Democratic vote was 128,761, against 79,505 for Harris, Glenn's Republican opponent. The vote in the recent election for other State officers thus far canvassed shows: Lieutenant Governor—Newland, Democrat, 145,147; Toms, Republican, 107,851. Secretary of State—Grimes, Democrat, 145,268; Thompson, Republican, 107,848. State Auditor—Dixon, Democrat, 145,060; Wood, Republican, 107,848.

The vote by counties follows:

Counties.	Kitchin.	Cox.
Alamance...	2220	2150
Alexander...	793	1076
Alleghany...	643	541
Anson...	1533	263
Ashe...	1700	1701
Beaufort...	1914	1209
Bertie...	1323	274
Bladen...	1213	597
Brunswick...	671	774
Buncombe...	3629	3434
Burke...	1353	1315
Cabarrus...	1616	1511
Caldwell...	1467	1685
Camden...	405	141
Carteret...	1173	998
Caswell...	878	323
Catawba...	1961	2012
Chatham...	1594	1428
Cherokee...	823	1273
Chowan...	658	176
Clay...	348	318
Cleveland...	2304	1452
Columbus...	2056	1192
Craven...	1520	340
Cumberland...	2014	1250
Currituck...	734	49
Dare...	443	354
Davidson...	2231	2481
Davie...	802	1163
Duplin...	1642	1139
Durham...	1902	1693
Edgecombe...	1837	392
Forsyth...	2653	2782
Franklin...	2093	432
Gaston...	2560	1820
Gates...	750	278
Graham...	422	461
Granville...	1746	592
Greene...	915	504
Guilford...	3948	2901
Halifax...	2285	276
Harnett...	155	1012
Haywood...	1483	1253
Henderson...	978	1487
Hertford...	880	290
Hyde...	706	677
Iredell...	2533	1746
Jackson...	1928	1073
Johnston...	2816	2596
Jones...	631	272
Lee...	912	501
Lenoir...	1490	896
Lincoln...	1286	1180
Macon...	940	1017
Madison...	878	2001
Martin...	1385	360
McDowell...	973	984
Mecklenburg...	4233	1385
Mitchell...	575	1797
Montgomery...	1047	1047
Moore...	1219	976
Nash...	1848	1222
New Hanover...	2110	283
Northampton...	1691	121
Onslow...	988	559
Orange...	1077	1014
Pamlico...	671	478
Pasquotank...	1048	265
Pender...	1019	244
Perquimans...	598	427
Person...	890	847
Pitt...	2509	811
Polk...	536	504
Randolph...	2546	2647
Richmond...	1106	366
Robeson...	3005	1115
Rockingham...	2059	1883
Rowan...	2039	1798
Rutherford...	2719	1739
Sampson...	2011	2423
Scotland...	752	47
Stanly...	1537	1630
Stokes...	1123	1671
Surry...	1820	2781
Swain...	614	902
Transylvania...	600	579
Tyrrell...	357	345
Union...	2086	701
Vance...	1187	578
Warren...	4149	2585
Washington...	1171	191
Wayne...	993	1279
Wilkes...	1599	3331
Wilson...	1905	1831
Yadkin...	718	1649
Yancey...	1002	912
Total...	145102	107760

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Farmers Year Book.

The Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company has issued a handsome Farmers Year Book that does immense credit to the enterprise of that progressive corporation. The Year Book contains a vast fund of valuable information that will interest and instruct every farmer. It is not a mass of advertisements of the products of the company nor yet a lot of testimonials but it contains really indispensable information. The output of the Virginia-Carolina Company, with headquarters at Richmond, Virginia, is too well and favorably known throughout the country to need much in the way of advertising, so the annual is more in the nature of a handbook of useful information, and can be had free of charge by addressing the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company, Richmond, Va. Every live farmer should get a copy.

SIGN OF RETURNING CONFIDENCE



Season's cleverest cartoon by Davenport, in the New York Mail.

PROSPERITY WAVE FELT IN COUNTRY'S INDUSTRIES.

Railroads Plan Gigantic Improvements Costing Millions of Dollars—National Prosperity Association, Having No More Work to Do, Disbands.

The certain return of prosperity is eloquently indicated in items in the news of the past week. From all over the country have reports of the reopening of factories after ten months of cessation. Whirling machinery tells of the employment of thousands of men and women who have had nothing to do.

While only a short while ago mills were running on half time, to-day they are rushed with work and are giving employment to all who apply. Railroads are feeling the Aladdin-like touch of prosperity and are planning to expend millions of dollars upon improvements. There has been a loosening up of the money market so that funds to carry on the gigantic projects contemplated are to be had readily.

Correspondents send in glowing reports of conditions in all the manufacturing centres. In the Northwest, the South, the East—everywhere there are signs of better times. One positive evidence of the improvement in conditions is given in the disbandment of the National Prosperity Association, of St. Louis. Its chairman, E. C. Simmons, explained that now that prosperity is swiftly returning, there is no more work for the organization to do.

News of a Week That Shows Evidence of Better Times

Washington, D. C.—Reports received by the International Brotherhood of Operative Potters during the week indicated a general opening up of work everywhere in that industry. The force at the Riverside Pottery at Wheeling, W. Va., has been greatly increased, and the firm is getting orders in a steady stream.

The Dresden Pottery is working at full force. The Klondike Pottery will have no slack time this winter, its employes having all they can do. The Sebring Pottery, at Sebring, O., has had the busiest November it has known in years. It is expected that the American China Company, of Toronto, will operate steadily to the year's end.

The Union Buffalo Cotton Mills, of Union, S. C., which is said to operate more looms than any other textile corporation in the South, received such a rush of orders that it will be obliged to run all of its three immense plants to their fullest capacity. This sets going 17,000 spindles and 800 looms, which were idle during the summer. The mills employ 2000 men and women.

The Fales & Jenks Machine Company, of Pawtucket, R. I., employing 400 hands, began working on a fifty-five-hour-a-week schedule. The factory had been running on half time.

The Easton & Barnham Machine Company, of Pawtucket, R. I., started its factory on full time, after running on short time during the summer. It employs 100 men.

Lumbermen of Tifton, Ga., report that all the mills are booked with enough orders to keep them going full tilt for three months. Some are despatching orders until March 1.

The American Tobacco Company agreed to take seventy-five per cent of the 60,000,000 pounds of tobacco of the Barley Leaf Tobacco Society. The deal involves \$10,000,000.

After a shut-down of six months, the Illinois Steel Company reopened four of its plants at South Chicago, 700 men being put to work. Several additional furnaces, requiring 500 men, will be blown at once.

Prominent railroad men, including Donald G. Reid, of the Rock Island, and E. C. Converse, of the Baldwin Locomotive Works, and the United States Steel Corporation started the organization of a \$2,000,000 corporation to manufacture steel. Most of the bonds have been subscribed. The works will be located near Gary, Ind.

Contracts were awarded by Crescent Steel and Wire Company to construct a new plant at New Cornerstown, Ohio.

Officials of the Lackawanna Railroad announced that improvements costing \$25,000,000 will be begun soon. Plans have been drawn for the extension of the road to Chicago. The electrification of the suburban lines is contemplated.

Generally, the shipment of currency, gold and silver to financial institutions in rural districts begins to decline in November, in accord with the slackening of trade and the receipt of money from abroad on grain and cotton exportations. But confidential reports of the St. Louis reserve agents show that the shipments to all centres in the South and West are almost as large as last month. To the growing trade and invigorating industry is attributed the activity.

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