

DROUGHT HAMPERS MILLS.

A SERIOUS STATE OF AFFAIRS.

No Present Danger of Columbia Water Supply Running Short—Hoyt Hayes Taken to the Penitentiary to Serve a Life Sentence—The Contest for the Office of Supervisor of Greenville County Attracting Much Attention.

This apparently interminable drought is greatly hampering manufacturing interests here and elsewhere throughout the Piedmont section of the State.

Section Director Bauer this morning reports the gauge at 2.6 feet below zero. This is four-tenths of a foot higher than it was last week.

What is causing the most alarm about the situation is the supposed increased danger of contamination of the river water. Some physicians contend there is danger of typhoid fever in this low condition of the river.

CONTEST ELECTION CASE. The contest between J. E. Speegle and J. W. Walker for the office of Supervisor of Greenville county, which the State Democratic committee has on appeal to-morrow night, is attracting much attention throughout the State.

A DISCUSSION AT ROXBORO. Messrs. Kitchin and Reynolds have a Debate—Reynolds Receives an Ovation at His Old Home.

TESTIMONY OF A MINISTER. Rev. Jno. S. Cox, of Wake, Ark., writes: "For 13 years I suffered from Yellow Jaundice. I consulted a number of physicians and tried all sorts of medicines, but got no relief."

MR. H. CLARKSON FOR JUDGE.

His Friends Express Confidence That He Will Be Appointed to Succeed Judge Hoke on the Superior Court Bench—Several Well-Known Lawyers Mentioned, But They Have Stated That They Were Not Receptively Candid—Some of the Reasons Given By Mr. Clarkson's Friends Why He Should Be Appointed.

There has been unusual interest shown in the matter of who will succeed Judge W. A. Hoke on the Superior Court bench. The appointment will be made by Governor Aycock, following the resignation of Judge Hoke to go on the Supreme Court.

Mr. Clarkson's career is well-known throughout the State. He has been identified with public movements, is in touch with the people of the State and his legal attainments are of an excellent order.

WEEKLY MARKET LETTER. Correspondence of The Observer. New Orleans, Oct. 15.—The past week has been a very interesting one for the cotton trade, not on account of large fluctuations and changes in the price level, but rather for the earnest struggle that has been going on between the buyer and seller.

A Weeping Elm. The most remarkable thing you ever saw since you were born into this vale of tears was almost in front of Mrs. R. M. Oates' home, on North Tryon street yesterday afternoon.

An Automobile "De Luxe." Quite the prettiest machine that has appeared on the streets of Charlotte has been received by the Omond L. Barringer Company, who have sold it to Mr. J. O. Gardner.

Mr. Richardson's Orchestra. Mr. D. A. Richardson and his orchestra will give a series of concerts in Concord, Monroe and nearby towns within a few weeks.

An Affair of Interest. Invitations have been received here to the marriage of Ellen Cooper and Thomas Henderson, which will take place next Thursday evening at 8:30 o'clock.

SENATOR SIMMONS TO-NIGHT.

Will Address the Voters at the Court House—Senator Simmons and He Will Be Entertained at the Manufacturers' Club.

Hon. F. M. Simmons, the senior Senator from North Carolina, speaks at the court house to-night at 8 o'clock. He will be introduced by Mr. T. C. Guthrie, of the local bar.

SOCIAL. There will be a business meeting of the Athenaeum Book Club to-morrow afternoon at 5 o'clock with Miss Margaret Kelly, the president. All members are urged to be present.

An entertaining programme is being arranged for an entertainment to be given next Friday night at the Dilworth Hall, for the benefit of the Dilworth Instrumental Club.

Meeting of Ladies' Home Missionary Society. A very interesting meeting of the Ladies' Home Mission Society of Trinity Methodist church was held last night in the Sunday school room.

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