

FRUITS OF FOOD INCREASE

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Statistics that are in every particular reliable have been secured by the Department from retail merchants in Charleston, Norfolk, Richmond, and other cities, which the Department figures out that the retail prices of food in 1905 were at the highest point during the 16-year period covered by the investigation.

CHASING NEGRO PASSENGER

He Became Obstreperous on a Street Car and Was Pursued by White Men, Who Used Rocks Freely—Southern Improving Spencer Yards. Special to The Observer.

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STORM ON THE COAST

Some Damage Done in Pasquotank by Heavy Rain—Repairs to Lumber Mill at Columbia. Special to The Observer.

Asheville, Aug. 15.—A storm which the older residents pronounce to be the worst in years visited this town last evening. The rain came down in a regular torrent and the streets and courtyards were flooded.

PROVIDING FOR CONVICTS

Work Progressing Rapidly on the Wilson Stake—Commercial Correspondence School Changes Its Name. Special to The Observer.

Wilson, Aug. 15.—Work is progressing rapidly on the stake for the county convicts which is being erected near the county jail about two miles from Wilson. The building will be constructed throughout with brick, concrete and iron and will be absolutely fire proof, and will have water and sewerage connections.

DISQUIETING IOWA ADVICES

Disquieting advices, both political and personal, reach Washington from Iowa in a private letter to an important government official, from one of the closest friends of Senator Allison. The statement is made that the Senator is in a serious condition and may never again be able to resume his seat in Congress.

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When Senator Allison left Washington, it was realized that his physical condition boded ill for the future. He had not been able to undertake his duties in the closing days of the session of Congress, but his friends here attempted to minimize his trouble by arguing that all he needed was a little rest.

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Among those nearest to him in a personal way, it was well understood that the political situation in Iowa was a matter of great concern to him. He did not fear that a situation might arise in the State that would affect him personally, for he had never been willing to stand on his record before the people of Iowa; but he expressed regret that his party friends in his own State should have become embroiled in a factional contest that was largely personal in its character.

TO EXTEND WATER-WORKS

Gastonia Town Council Takes Up Proposition of Clara Mills—Sale of Real and Personal Property—Funeral of Mrs. John Thomas—Personal News Notes. Special to The Observer.

Gastonia, Aug. 15.—At a meeting of the town council in the city hall last night the proposition of the Clara Mills Manufacturing Company, represented by Mr. C. H. Armstrong, the secretary and treasurer, was accepted by the council. The Clara Mills, which is on the outside of the incorporate limits of the town, will have water and the same protection from fire as the places in the city.

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The council also approved bills to the amount of \$500.47. Alderman J. F. Jackson was authorized to dispose of the water in public utterance, said he was so "pussy-footed" that he could walk all the way from Iowa to Washington on the keys of a piano and not sound a note.

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"It lacks only one word," he declared, "to make it a perfect character. It is the word 'pussy-footed'." The sale of the real and personal property of the late Mrs. Margaret Glenn took place at the Glenn residence on South Narrow Gauge street to-day at 9 o'clock.

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The funeral services of Mrs. John Thomas were held at the First Baptist church in the town of York, and were conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. H. Reddish. Mrs. Thomas was before her marriage, Miss Phoebe Head and leaves a husband, three children, two sons, and a daughter.

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Southern Live Stock Insurance Company Organized at High Point—The Officers and Stockholders—Catholics Contemplate the Erection of a Shrine at Waverly. Special to The Observer.

High Point, Aug. 15.—The organization of the Southern Live Stock Insurance Company was formally effected here yesterday with the election of officers and the board of directors and the new company expects to begin operations by the 1st of September. Prominent horse men from all parts of the State were present at the organization.

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THIS DAY IN HISTORY

1484.—Ferdinand and Isabella addressed letters of approbation to their high admirer, the King of Spain, Columbus, from Seville, wishing "to know all the seasons of the year, such as they take place there in each month especially, some wish to know if there are two summers and two winters in the same year."

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

1518.—Cortez set out from his colony in Villavieja on his expedition to Mexico with 415 Spanish infantry, 16 horses, 200 Indians to transport his artillery and baggage, and some native troops, among whom were 24 nobles, whom he took as auxiliaries in war, and hostages of the Totonacs.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

1654.—Candonga salt springs discovered. The second ship from England arrived at West Jersey, bringing 230 passengers, most of whom were Quakers, some of good estate in England.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

1721.—No. 1 of The New England Courant issued. James Franklin, brother of Benjamin, was the publisher. It lived only about six years.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

1777.—Battle of Bennington. Gen. Stark with about 1,400 New Hampshire militiamen, checked and defeated a detachment of 1,500 British regulars and 100 Indians, sent out by Burgoyne, under the command of the Hessian general, Quaker, some of whom took a magazine at Bennington, British lost 226 killed and 53 of their 700 prisoners; the Americans lost four men, with all their baggage, wagons and horses. Americans lost less than 100 killed and wounded.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

1780.—Battle of Camden. The American army of 1,800 men, totally defeated by the British under Cornwallis. Baron DeKalb received 11 wounds in this engagement, which proved mortal.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

1792.—Fire theater opened in Boston. It was called the "New Exhibition Room"; the statute of the State prohibiting dramatic performances, they advertised to represent the moral lecture of Douglas. One evening, about two months after, as Sir Peter and Lady Teazle were represented on the stage and arrested them by virtue of a peace warrant.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

1804.—The United States fleet employed in the expedition to Mackinac having failed in its object, Col. Croghan re-embarked his troops at the mouth of Chesapeake Bay, destroyed by fire.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

1824.—Charles Thomson died, aged 94. He was the first secretary of Congress, in which office he continued 15 years. The Indians called him "The Man of Truth."

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

1841.—The President vetoed a bill to charter a United States bank.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

1881.—The division of the forces of the League and Col. Crittenden having been driven to the coast, where they embarked in open boats, were captured and shot at Havana.

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