#### TWO REACTBLE TO RETIR IR. C. C. MOORE IN HALIFAX men sat stolidly in their ME COURT GEANGES SOON ADDRESSES COTTON

wer Will this in June of Next Year-Justice Will Probably Hold III March, 1909-Mr. Justice III March, 1909—Mr. Justice May Step Out at the Same Though He is Hale and —An Interesting Sketch of urt and Its Make-Up and

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Special to The Observer.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 28 .- The membership of the Supreme Court may be largely changed between now and March 4th, 1909. In fact, the ong probabilities are that it will so changed. It is a pretty genaral rule among the members of the

which permits them to retire with full pay when they have reached the age of seventy, though in the case of few members who have been blest th robust health they have walved the rule and have continued to grace the woolsack for several years after they had reached the age of earned retirement. At other times the exgencies of politics have caused them to hold on or retire as the case may be in the hope that their places might be filled with men of their own party.

At this time there are two members of the court eligible to retirement besides Justice Brown, who, on secount of failing eyesight, has just stopped down. They are Chief Justice Fuller and Associate Justice Harian. Fuller is a Democrat and Haris a Republican. It is being stated with seeming authority that Associate Justice Peckham is going to retire on account of ill health. Associate Justice Brewer will be eligible to retirement on the 20th of next June, when he will have reached the allotted three-score and ten.

### FULLER THE OLDEST.

Chief Justice Fuller is the oldest sember of the court. He was born bruary 11th, 1833, in Augusta, Me. It will be seen by this that he has already given three and a half years to the arduous task of weighing every matter coming before the urt than he would have had to give. is a hale and hearty, well-preerved old man and bears his threeore and thirteen years with grace. will probably hold on at least undi after election day 1908, and if odore Roosevelt is succeeded by a emocrat as President, barring illwith, Chief Justice Fuller will likely not retire before March 4th. 1909. which time he will be seventy-six st which time he will be this course last year. The movement since Sept. er pleaded for better system of farm-the Chief Justice would have the ist shows recepts at all United States ing and said that, while every ton big successor a ports 674,784 against 874,000 last year. of coal taken from the mines imnsure of seeing his successor a mocrat. If, however, he retires Democrat. before that time, or if Roosevelt should be succeeded by a Republican President, Chief Justice Fuller's sucbe a Republican. would Though for the time he is Chief Justice Mr. Fuller is compelled by precedent and good thate to keep out of politics he is yet a staunch Democrat and would leave no stone unturned to see his successor a man of like political faith.

## HARLAN IS HEALTHY.

For bumptious good health Associate Justice Harian takes first rank. He is only three months the junior of the chief justice, but he is as big as a mountain almost and seemfull of health as the best of He is a Republican and a pretty strict party man and should the Demwin in 1908 he would probably

As stated above Justice Feckham may retire on account of 10 health. He would be eligible to retirement with pay after Nov. 8th, 1908, but he may retire before that time. He took his seat in 1905. The other members of the court have more than five years to serve yet before any of them would be eligible to retirement. RIGHT CHIEF JUSTICE.

Right Chins Jostick. It is interesting to note that since the beginning of the government there have been only eight chief jus-tices of the Supreme Court. John Jay served from 1789 to 1795-six years. John Rutledge, of South Car-olina, served the five years from 1796 to 1801. John Marshall, of Virginis, served 34 years, from 1801 to 1885. Roger B. Tanly, of Maryland, served Roger B. Tanly, of Maryland, served from 1836 to 1864, twenty eight years. Salman P. Chase, of Ohio, served from 1864 to 1873, and Morrison R. Waite, of the same State, from 1873 to 1885, when Chief Justice Fuller was appointed.

FIFTY-THREE JUSTICES

There have been fifty-three asso-ciate justices of the Supreme Court, seven of whom are there yet. Of these Justices Story and Fields each served thirty-four years. Justices Mc-Lean, of Ohio, and Wayne, of Georgia, each thirty-two years. Bushrod Washington, of Virginia, hirty-one years; William Johnson, of South Carolina, thirty years; Justices Catron, of Tennessee, and Miller. of Iows, each twenty-eight years. There have been one chief justice,

and four air. Washington, from Marshall, associate justices, Blair, Washington, haur and Daniel, from ginla; one chief justice, Bar-Vir Ruteđ ledge and Johnson, from South Caro-

North Carolina furnished Justices Iredell and Moore: Georgia Wayne and Woods; Tennessee, Ca Jackson; Kentucky, Todd, Catron and Trimbill, and Harlan; Alabama, McKinley and Campbell; Mississippi, Lamar; Louisiman

ana, White. Since 1861 there have been only five Southern Southern justices appointed from Southern States. They are in the order named, Harlan, of Kentucky; Woods, of Geor-gia; Lamar, of Mississippi; Jackson, of Tennessee; and White, of Louisians. During the same time seventeen justices have been appointed from North-

HESTER'S COTTON STATEMENT.

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#### Amount Brought Into Sight During Week, 358,415 Bales--Supply

Date, 1,286,572. New Orleans, Sept. 29 .- Secretary Hester's weekly New Orleans cotton exchange statement issued to-day shows:

Amount brought into sight during the past week to be 358,415 bales, against 379,805 for the same days last year, and 499,287 year before last; and for the 28 days of September it has been 938,892 against 1,186,035 Overland across the Mississippi, Ohio and Potomac rivers to Northern mills and Canada 16,765 against 17.-707 last year: 13,585 year before last and 1,638 same time in 1903, interior stocks excess of those held at the close of the commercial year 67,253 against 117.219 last year; Southern

milks takings 150,000 against 176,609 last year. Foreign exports for the season have been 360,570 against, 417,370 last year.

The total takings of American milk, north, south and Canada, thus far for the seasan have been 270,992 against 286,727 last year. These include 90,-779 by northern spinners, against 110,035. and

Stocks at the seaboard and the 29 with much appreciation. leading Southern interior centers have increased during the week 327,240 bales against an increase during the address Capt. Jenkins asked Mr. John corresponding period last season of Harian and Brewer love to play golf crop and the number of bales brought Picot presented Mr. Moore in a most Some years ago they were into sight thus far from the new crop, year.

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Special to The Observer. Scotland Neck, Sept. 29.—Your cor-respondent was present at the farm-ers' big rally at Littleton Thursday, under the auspices of the Southern Cotton Association. This was the second of a series of rallies planned for Halifax county, the first being held at Scotland Neck last week. The merchasts of Littleton entered into the spirit of the day and closed their stores for several hours to attend the speaking and dinner. The meet-ing was held about half a mile from the town of Shaws Springs, a most beautiful park-like wooded slope where bursts the water from the All-healing Springs, and through which healing Springs, and through which gurgles a beautiful, mountain-like

gurgles a beautiful, mountain-like stream. Together with the farmers and merchants, there was quite a number of ladies, and the crowd num-bered four or five hundred persons. With a large rock for a platform Capt. W. T. Jenkins, president of Hal-ifax county branch of the Southern Cotton Association called the meeting to order, made some brief remarks to order, made some brief remarks about the work of the association and then called upon Rev. F. G. Smith, who offered a well-timed invocation. Here State Senator W. H. Thorne was callto introduce the first speaker of

the day. Mr. Thorne spoke for organisation among the farmers, saying that even tramps are organized, and declared that in good organization there is great strength. He said that he was glad to introduce to the audience a who had written much and labored much for the agricultural interests of the State, Mr. T. B. Park-er, of Raleigh, secretary of the North

Carolina division of the Southern Cotton Association. Mr. Parker, in the opening of his address, reviewed the organization of the Southern Cotton Association and reminded the farmers of the fact

that from the day of the organization in New Orleans on Jan. 24, 1905, within a year the price of cotton rose steadily from 6½ to 12 cents. He emphasized the great good which has come to the South in better prices for cotion through the work of the

Southern Cotton Association. Said the speaker, "Organizations like this, which tend to help the people of the South, deserves the sup-port of all the people, and should be encouraged and supported by every man. In 50 years," he said, "the population of this country will be 200,000,000 and they can be fed from the four quarters of the earth, but they will have to be clothed from the

poverishes the earth's supply that much and cannot be replaced, improved and intelligent farming en-riches the earth all the time. The riches the earth all the time. best farming can be done through co-operation and this the Southern Cotton Association encourages.

NEED OF WAREHOUSE. Mr. Parker took up the question of warehouses for storing cotton and showed how the farmers need it for the protection of their cotton from the weather, and that warehouses in Halifax county would save the farmers \$20,000 annually in this way

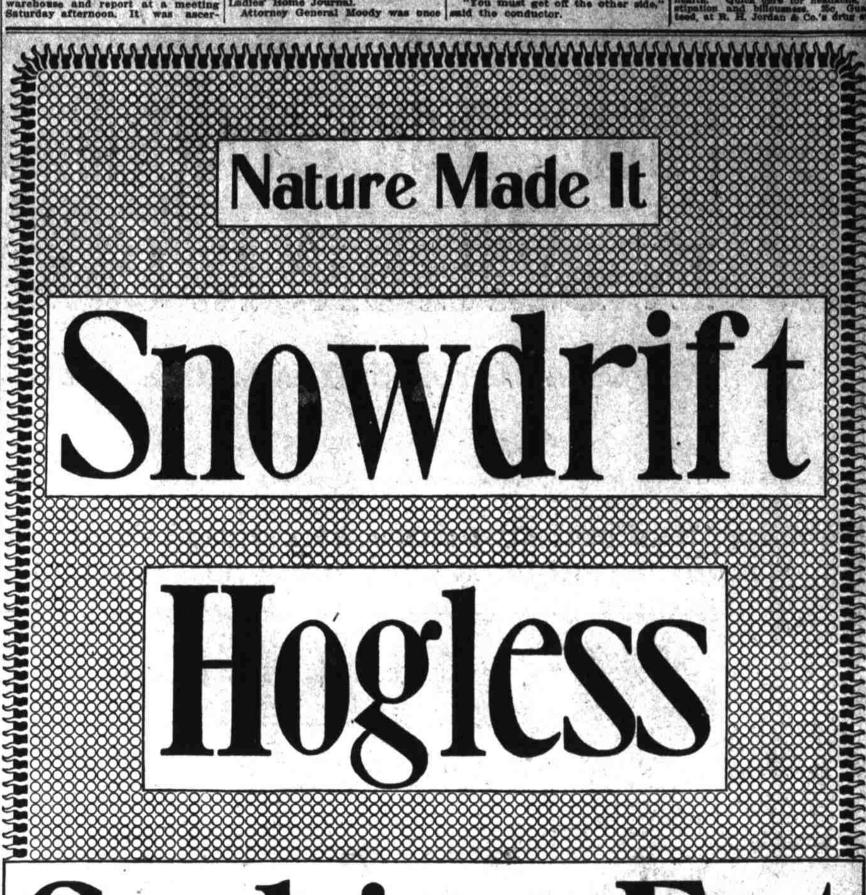
even if the price of cotton should not be-increased at all. Mr. Park-Mr. Parker's address was able and effective the great audience received it

> MR. MOORE SPEAKS. the conclusion of Mr. Parker

in a few remarks, recursion espanses anecdotes, and Capa vise thanked the speakers for their wise thanked the speakers and announced

Just up the hills the tables den with diffeen barbecued pis Just up the hills the tables were laden with fifteen barbecued pigs and choice Burnswick stew, of which the crowd partook. Dinner over the committee reported on subscription of something more than \$500, and an additional committee of ten was ap-pointed te solicit subscriptions for the warehouse and report at a meeting Saturday afternoon. It was ascer-

Capt. J. tions asking the at the ports of Wil



Theodore Roosevelt the privilege of appointing his successor. He comes corresponding period last season of from Virginia via Kentucky, that is his ancestors were Virginians. Justices ports and interior towns from the last together. when Justice Brewer went to swat a 1.630.566 for the same period last ball with main force. He missed it and then he stood looking at the thing with an air that made Justice Harian exclaim, "Brewer that was the **Dost** profane silence I ever saw." **Justice** Harlin loves a joke I recall sit-ting in the court while John S. Wise was trying to overturn the Virginia Mr Wise was talking constitution. about the Virginia constitutional conabout the Virginia constitutional con-vention's having been a collection of as bold a set of pirates as ever soul-tied a ship or trod a quarter deck. When Justice Harlan, who sits next on the right to Chief Justice Fuller reached over and whispered some-game animal in the various counties of North Carolina; Sum may be killed. Following is a statement of the open season for this game animal in the various counties of North Carolina; Sum may be killed. Following is a statement of the open season for this game animal in the various counties of North Carolina; thing amusing you may surmise for of North Carolina: never did school boy have to bite his There are a num Hps harder to keep from laughing outright than did the dignified chief jus-

tice, and as for Marian he simply had to hide his face behind his hands while his sides shock with laughter. It is not often, however, that such things happen. Associate J Justice Davis Josiah Brewer will be eligible for retirement

next June, having been born in Asla Minor in 1837, his father having been a missionary to Turkey. Whether he Parfilco, Wake and Warren. In wfil avail himself of the opportunity Greene county Sept. 1st to Feb. 1st. to retire is not known. He appears to be a man of excellent health. He is a Republican and would probably eve Theodore Roomevelt the opportu-

nity to appoint his successor should the next President be a Democrat. Mr. Brewer and Justice McKenna are the two most regular patrons of the street cars in Washington. Many has en the time I have seen them give

OPEN SEASON FOR OPOSSUMS.

Time Within Which This Animal May be Hunted and Killed in Various Counties.

To the Editor of The Observer:

I have received a number of in-

North Carolina where opositims are price, for he said all the mills can protected a portion of the year. Many pay 12 cents for cotton and then hunters are apparently unaware of The season when this animal this. may be legally hunted, caught, chased with dogs and killed is from Oct. 1st to Feb. 1st, in the following counties: Alamance, Caswell, Chatham, Durham, Franklin, Graham, Guilford, Hallfax, Mecklenburg, Moore, Orange, in Harnett and Lincoln counties. Oct. 1st to Jan. 1st.

Additional information regarding protect cotton any of the game laws may be had by addressing the State Audubon Socirty. Greensboro T. GILBERT PEARSON.

Secretary. Greensboro, Sept. 29, 1906.

Picot to escort to the stand Mr. C. Moore, of Charlotte, president of the Southern Cotton Association. Mr. graceful manner and said that the speaker would not discuss any issue of white supremacy, or goveernment ownership of railroads, but would talk about cotton, the great money crop of the South. Mr. Morre, equal to the occasion, as he always is, said in his opening remarks that the talented man who

had just introduced him in such a bright little speech had made a mistake. He said, "I am to discuss 'white supremacy," for cotton is white

farmers ought to stand for ten cents There are a number of counties in and not sell their colton below that make a good profit. Mr. Moore ex-hibited various samples of cotton goods in the finished state from ordinary domestic to mercerized silk, and declared that the difference between the price of the raw material and the finished product is too great-it is simply an outrage upon the producer. Mr Moore said that the cotton crop Mecklenburg county from last year averaged the highest price in the South because that county is well organized and has warehouses to

In concluding his able and effective address, which the people received with high appreciation, Mr. Moore asked for subscriptions for a cotton storage warehouse at Littleton. A committee of three was appointed to report at 3 o'clock. Capt. Jenkins



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