

News of the State

Occurrences of Yesterday Told in Paragraphs.

Raleigh, Feb. 21.—There will be a novel feature in the House of Representatives to-morrow at the opening. Mrs. Horace R. Howell of Raleigh will, by special invitation, sing patriotic songs.

Spring Hope, Feb. 21.—Col. D. L. Chappell, proprietor of Chappell hotel, besides being a most excellent hotel man, is an up-to-date and successful farmer. Last year he made 16 tons of cotton on 27 acres. He says that his record is ahead of any other man in this part of the State.

Durham, Feb. 21.—The city has settled its fire losses and the municipal building has been sold for \$12,000, while the furniture was placed at \$5,500. The settlement was effected two days ago and is regarded as generally satisfactory. With this amount in hand it is fairly certain that the building of the new city market and county court house will proceed shortly, but there is no theatre talk, much to the regret of the people.

Rocky Mount, Feb. 21.—Unfavorable weather for the handling of the bright leaf has caused a falling off in the amount of tobacco sold on this market and only about 200,000 pounds were sold during the past week. Prices have been very satisfactory and the offerings have been eagerly sought after by both the large corporations and the independent buyers. The sales to date have amounted to 10,190,000 pounds and it is thought that they will reach 10,500,000 before the close of the season.

Fayetteville, Feb. 21.—An agitation is being started in these parts to secure the establishment by the Atlantic Coast Line of a southbound short-haul train on this section of the road, to run from Weldon or Rocky Mount through Fayetteville to some convenient point, returning the same afternoon. It is said that the change would be a great benefit to the public, as many small stations between this place and Rocky Mount have no southbound passenger service for a space of about eighteen hours in the twenty-four.

Order Given for Thirteen Car Loads of Lead.

Anderson, S. C., Feb. 21.—Mr. J. R. Vandover, president of the Anderson Phosphate and Oil Company, has placed an order with the Sullivan Hardware Company of this city, for fifteen solid cars of lead to be used in rebuilding the big acid chambers in the big fertilizer plant just north of the city. The lead will be shipped about the first of May and will represent an outlay of about \$12,000. The walls of the acid chambers are made of sheet lead and the lead wears out after a few years. The building of the new chambers will put this plant in the very best possible shape, and it will be able to turn out even better goods than ever before.

Two Suits For Heavy Damages.

Asheville, Feb. 21.—Two heavy damage suits against the Southern Railway Company have been instituted in Superior Court here. Although the complaints have not been filed, it is understood that damages will be demanded in sums of \$30,000 in each case. One of the suits is that of James Hyams by his next friend, George Hyams, for the loss of a leg. This case was in the courts some time ago and the plaintiff took a voluntary nonsuit. The other suit is that of James Hymans, who was run over and killed by a banking train at or near Balsam, on the Murphy division of the Southern, last May.

Durham Recorder's Court a Good Thing.

Durham, Feb. 21.—The close of the first week with the recorder's court shows an agreeable condition, and the institution has pleased the people quite a little. The court has had but two appeals from its decisions and five men are doing time on the funds who might have been forced to stay in jail. These sentences range from thirty days to six months. Judge J. H. Sykes has made a splendid impression and his relations have been marvellous. It is believed that the court will reduce the expenses of criminal court fully one half and that the move is one of the wisest that the legislature ever made.

THE WEATHER.

Washington, Feb. 21. Forecast.—Virginia, partly cloudy Monday, possibly showers in the morning in the southeast portion. Tuesday, increasing cloudiness, rain in afternoon or night, variable winds becoming cool and moderate.

North Carolina, with showers Monday, fair Monday, increasing showers in east portion, two to four in Tuesday night, moderate winds mostly from west.

Georgia, partly cloudy Monday, rain Tuesday or Tuesday night, moderate to heavy showers south winds.

East Florida, fair Monday, Tuesday partly cloudy, part rainy night in north portion, moderate to heavy showers in south portion.

West Florida and Alabama, partly cloudy Monday, Tuesday, moderate to heavy showers what cooler, moderate to heavy showers Wednesday.

Louisiana, increasing showers Monday, rain at night, Tuesday, moderate to heavy showers, part at night in west portion, moderate to heavy showers in east portion.

East Texas, fair Monday, Tuesday, moderate to heavy showers in west portion, moderate to heavy showers in east portion.

West Virginia, partly cloudy Monday, Tuesday rain.

LOCAL OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU.

Charlotte, Feb. 21. Sunrise 7:02 a. m.; sunset 6:11 p. m.

TEMPERATURE (in degrees). Highest temperature 69. Lowest temperature 46. Mean temperature 54. Excess for the day 13. Accumulated excess for month 119. Accumulated excess for year 267. PRECIPITATION (in inches). Total for 24 hours ending 5 p. m. 0.11. Total for the month 2.27. Accumulated deficiency for month 1.28. Total for the year 4.91. Accumulated deficiency for year 3.73. Prevailing wind direction S. W. W. J. BENNETT, Observer.

CORN JUDGING IS PLANNED

FOR BENEFIT OF FARMERS.

Unique and Interesting Meeting at Hertford March 9th Under Auspices of United States Bureau of Plant Industry—Number of Experts in Agricultural Lines Will Make Talk—North & Southern Will Run Special Train to Carry the Farmers of Nearby Counties—First Meeting of the Kind for North Carolina and the South—Soil Survey of Robeson County Completed, and Map and Report Will Soon Be Ready for Distribution.

BY H. E. C. BRYANT.

Observer Bureau, Congress Hall Hotel, Washington, Feb. 21.

There will be held in the Town of Hertford Tuesday, March 9th, a meeting for the benefit of the farmers, which will be unique and interesting. It will be known as "Corn Judging Day." Corn-growers from the counties of Beaufort, Pitt, Hyde, Washington, Tyrrell, Martin, Curritow, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Camden and Currituck have been invited to attend the meeting, and each one has been requested to bring with him not less than thirty, nor more than fifty, ears of his best corn. Each exhibit will be placed separately, on long tables, and under the advice of experts each farmer will be taught how to select his best ten ears of seed corn. In addition, at least one ear of good seed corn will be presented to each exhibitor.

There will be brief talks made upon different phases of the soil and corn-growing. The corn judging will practically continue all day, but will be so arranged as not to interfere with the discussions. NUMBER OF SPEAKERS ENGAGED. The meeting will be held under the joint auspices of the Bureau of Plant Industry of the United States Department of Agriculture, the North Carolina Board of Agriculture, and the State Experiment Station. The programme of talks has been about completed, and is as follows: Mr. A. D. Chandler, the well-known corn expert, will talk on seed selection. Mr. J. P. Sargent, division superintendent in the farmers' cooperative demonstration work, will talk on preparation of the soil for the seed bed. Mr. C. R. Hudson, State agent farmers' cooperative demonstration work, will talk on cultivation of the crop. Talks will also be made by Maj. W. A. Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture, Dr. C. H. Williams, director of the State experiment station, and President J. H. Hill of the A. & M. College, on subjects which will be announced later.

Dr. S. A. Knapp, who is the originator of the farmers' cooperative demonstration work, has declared that this meeting will be one of the most useful which could possibly be arranged, and has announced his intention to actively cooperate. Every farmer who brings a sample of his corn and agrees to plant a "demonstration" will be visited at least one or more times during the crop season by one of Dr. Knapp's experts, who will give such practical advice and assistance as may be necessary. A further inducement for each corn-grower to bring samples of his corn, arrangements have been made for presenting to each ear of selected seed corn for planting, which will be secured through the courtesy of Mr. R. C. Harby and others at Moyock, N. C. In addition, it is believed that arrangements will be perfected for the Bureau of Plant Industry to present an exhibit of a small package of selected seed corn.

SPECIAL TRAIN ON N. & S.

The Norfolk & Southern Railway, through General Manager Fitzgerald and Mr. F. L. Merritt, industrial agent, will co-operate for the purpose of the meeting. A special train will be run from Washington on the morning of the meeting, leaving at 6:30 and arriving at Hertford at 10:30, and returning the same day. This train will connect at Mankie's Ferry with the regular morning train from Belhaven and Columbia. Similar meetings have been held in the corn-growing States of the Middle West for two or more years, and have been instrumental in revolutionizing corn growing in that section. It is believed that this is the first meeting of the kind which has been arranged for North Carolina and the South.

ROBESON COUNTY SURVEY.

The United States Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Soils, completed a soil survey of Robeson county last July. The field sheets covering the county have been assembled into one large sheet covering a complete map of the county. The cost of the soil survey of Robeson was, in round number, \$4,000, of which amount the State paid \$1,000. The cost now of photographing the map and printing the report will be about \$1,200, making a total of over \$5,000. The cooperation between the Bureau of Soils and Dr. W. K. Kilgore, North Carolina chemist and director of the State experiment farms, has been mutually satisfactory.

The maps and reports of the soil survey of Robeson will probably be ready for free distribution by Congressman Godwin in about four or five months. Several thousand copies of this will be given to the people of the county. If the county had made this survey it would have cost \$2,000 or \$3,000 a copy.

The work was under the direction of Mr. W. E. Hoar, who has had charge of the work in North Carolina for the past three years. Congressman Godwin has not only given support to soil survey work but he has been working earnestly for something that would be of value in the district and to his constituents. The farmers' institute work carried on last summer was highly appreciated by the people and the benefit derived from it. He has made request for soil surveys of other counties in his district.

WASHINGTON ONCE GAVE UP.

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