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SURVEY OF STATE FROM THE CAPITAL

Mr. Batts, Now Known to Fame as a Corn Grower, Gets \$5. a Bushel for Seed Corn.

The Gazette-News Bureau, Chamber of Commerce Rooms, Hollomon Building, Raleigh, Dec. 20. Secretary Clarence H. Poe of the State Literary and Historical association, has particularly desired that Rudyard Kipling should, sometime when he is in America, deliver the

annual address before that association, and so he recently wrote Mr. Kipling, asking him if he intended to visit the United States any time next autumn. Mr. Poe, an ardent admirer of Mr. Kipling, sent to that author a copy of one of his favorite Kipling extracts, asking the author to sign it so it could be framed. Mr. Poe has received the following letter from Mr. Kipling, dated at Hurwash, Sussex, England, December 9: "I am in receipt of your letter of November 29, containing an invitation to speak before the North Carolina Literary and Historical association. I have to thank you very much for so honoring me and can only regret that my present plans do not include a visit to the United States and Canada during the present year. I am returning you the extract which you sent from a speech I made at McGill university, which I have much pleasure in signing as a question." The following is the extract referred to and it is entitled: "The Man to Watch." "Sooner or

later you will see some man to whom the idea of wealth as mere wealth does not appeal, whom the methods of amassing that wealth do not interest, and who will not accept money if you offer it to him at a certain price. At first you will be inclined to laugh at this man, and to think that he is not smart in his ideas. I suggest that you watch him closely, for he will presently demonstrate to you that money dominates everybody except the man who does not want money. You may meet the man on your farm, in your village, or in your legislature. Be sure that, whenever or wherever you meet him, as soon as it comes to a direct issue between you, his little finger will be thicker than your loins. You will go in fear of him; he will not go in fear of you. You will do what he wants; he will not do what you want. You will find that you have no weapon in your armory with which you can attack him; no argument with which you can appeal to him. Whatever you

gain he will gain more. "I would like to study that man, I would like you better to be that man, because from the lowest point of view it does not pay to be obsessed by the desire of wealth's sake. If more wealth is necessary to you, for purposes not your own, use your left hand to acquire it, but keep your right for your proper work in life. If you employ both arms in that game you will be in danger of stooping; in danger also of losing your soul." **To Change the Current.** In a day or two the apparatus for changing the direct current of electricity at the penitentiary to an alternating current, for use in connection with the electric chair, will be received, having been shipped from Fort Wayne last Saturday, all the other parts of the chair having been received from Ossining (formerly Sing-Sing). The death chamber is in the east wing of the great prison here and is on the first floor. There are really two rooms, and these are

only about 20 feet from the six cells which have been set apart from persons who have been condemned to death, there are now but only one occupant, who is to be placed in the chair January 14. Thus the doomed men will have to go only a very short distance. The law says there are to be 12 witnesses and also clergymen and any relatives of the prisoner who may desire to be present. There will also be present the prison physician and warden. The latter or his deputy will turn on the current, except in the case of the first electrocution, for E. F. Davis of Corning, N. Y., the expert, who will fit up the chair, will do the work. This man Davis got the contract for the chair for use here, and it will be built for him at Ossining. The A. and M. college will end the first half of its term next Wednesday, and it has been marked by admirable behavior and good work throughout and with an attendance much in excess of that last year. The new dormitory will be ready for use when the next term begins. **Heavy Cotton Receipts.** In spite of the fact that there are a score of places in this county which buy cotton, Raleigh's receipts this season have increased more than 2000 bales compared with those last year to this date. Now they amount to 10,844 bales, as against only 7521 in this state in 1908. It is said that in the territory immediately around this city not over 2000 bales are now held. A charter is granted Elon Banking and Trust company, at Elon college, capital stock \$25,000. **Prolific Corn for the Mountains.** Ex-Congressman W. T. Crawford of the Tenth district is, like everybody else, very greatly interested in the wonderful corn growing done by John P. Batts in this county, at his farm 14 miles south of Raleigh, and he made a visit there last week, as the guest of Mr. Shipman, and each bought a bushel of the wonderful prolific corn, which is sold for \$5 a bushel, and it will be planted in several of the mountain counties. There had been some doubters about this wonderful yield of corn, but there is no reason for any doubt, as no evidence could have been stronger than presented before the committee, headed by Commissioner of Agriculture William A. Graham, who had charge of the award. Next year Mr. Batts intends to see if he cannot break his own record, and a large number of other Wake farmers are going to try what they can do.

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