

Franklin Courier

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CONVENTION.

ORDINANCES PASSED BY THE CONVENTION SINCE OUR LAST ISSUE.—On Friday the Convention passed an ordinance enlarging the powers of the Senate in regard to the appointing of certain officers, the amendment is in substance as follows:

Resolution to amend art. 3, sec. 10; provides that the Governor shall, by and with the consent of a majority of the Senate, appoint all officers when such officers are authorized by this Constitution and when appointments are not otherwise provided.

The ordinance passed a strict party vote, 57 for and 55 against it.

Another—An ordinance to add a section to art. 4. Providing that no amendment to the Constitution shall have the effect of vacating any office now held by virtue of the 4th article, until the present term of such officer shall have expired.

Only two Messrs. Manix and Goodwyn voting against it.

Also an ordinance in relation to the calling of Convention, and the adoption of amendments by the Legislature. It provides that hereafter no Convention shall be called without having first obtained a two-thirds vote of the General Assembly and after being ratified by the people, and that any amendments to the Constitution by legislative enactment shall receive a three-fifths vote of one session of the General Assembly and then be ratified by a majority of the voters of the State. Heretofore legislative amendments have required a two-thirds vote of two sessions of the General Assembly and then to be ratified by the people.

We collect the following report of the crops of corn, wheat and cotton in this State, from the monthly report of the Department of Agriculture, for September.

COTTON.

NORTH CAROLINA.—Wilson: The rust has become general, and but little of the cotton will escape it. Anson: Late, with some rust. Alamance: Plant fine. Gates: The constant rains of August caused the weed to grow rapidly and the farms to drop off at least one-third. Gaston: A wonderful growth of plant and show of fruit. Greene: The two extremes of drought and excessive wet produced rust, which has spread very rapidly. Onslow: On the whole, bids fair for a good crop. Perquimans: Materially injured by the excessive rains. Harnett: Injured by rain. Montgomery: Injured by wet; shedding bloom. Polk: Too much rain. Mecklenburg: If we have two weeks of dry weather the crop will be as good, or better than for several years. Robeson: Injured by excessive rains; rust very prevalent. Moore: Rust beginning to appear. Columbus: Daily showers through the entire month have caused it to drop forms freely. Clarendon: Rust very general and disastrous. Lenoir: Doing well. Duplin: Since the 12th of August very rainy, causing cotton to shed its forms and rust. Wayne: Excessive rains caused considerable shedding, and rust is spreading rapidly. Davidson: Too wet for cotton. Pasquotank: The best since the war, till now, seemingly, almost ruined by rains. Surry: Promising, unless it runs too much to weed. Cumberland: Greatly injured by heavy rains in August. Franklin: Injured by rains and rust. Nash: Luxuriant growth of weed, but a good deal of rust. Pitt: Heavy daily rains from the 8th to the 20th caused rust to appear in about half of the county, the other half yet doing well. Beaufort: Seriously injured by August rains; Chowan: Very much injured by continued wet weather. Edgecombe: Still declining from too much wet, and rust beginning to appear. Tyrrell: Has had too much rain. Wake: Injured by rains in August.

CORN.

NORTH CAROLINA.—Mecklenburg: Better than for several years. Moore: Damaged to some extent along the creeks by overflow. Clarendon: Not half a crop; drought. Person: Very fine on uplands, on low grounds damaged by excessive rains. Caswell: Half destroyed on bottom-lands. Lenoir: Very fine. Wayne: Excellent crop. Davidson: Too wet for corn. Pasquotank: The best since the war till injured by recent rains. Surry: More promising than usual, but overshooting owing to continual rains. Franklin: Promises unusually well. Beaufort: Magnificent. Chowan: Better than for ten years. Tyrrell: Good. Wake:

Ee.ly injured by intense heat in July; all crops injured by excessive rain in August. Wilson: Cut off 10 per cent. by excessive rain, all on the land subject to overflow destroyed. Anson: Fair on upland, but very poor on bottoms owing to excessive wet. Haywood: Favorable season. Alamance: The finest in twenty years. Gaston: Upland crops promise all the land can produce, on low grounds, the loss from rains and flood is about 74 per cent. Greene: Very good though injured by drought 10 per cent. Onslow: About one-third of the crop badly injured by drought. Montgomery: The best for many years. Caldwell: Too wet for corn. Polk: Injured on bottoms by too much rain; better than usual on uplands.

WHEAT.

NORTH CAROLINA.—Mecklenburg: Poor, injured by rains. Person: seriously hurt by rains. Caswell: Damaged by wet after harvest. Chowan: Small crop, but good. Stokes: Slightly damaged by rain before secured. Tyrrell: Badly injured by rust. Anson: Good. Haywood: Quantity and quality generally prove less and worse than anticipated. Alamance: Injured by rains after harvesting 25 per cent.—Caldwell: Some injured and sprouted.

TOBACCO.

Person: seriously hurt by long-continued rains. Caswell: Seriously damaged by continued wet. Davie: Injured in low lands by wet weather.—Stokes: Has too much sap to make it strictly fine. Alamance: Except on wet ground, very fine.

SOME QUEER ANIMALS.

Before Columbus sailed so bravely off out of sight of land, to discover the half of the world that he felt sure was on the other side, people had very queer ideas about the countries that were beyond Europe. Animals so strange were thought to inhabit them, that almost any story a traveler chose to tell would be believed.

Such creatures as Basilisks, Griffins, Marmads, Sirens, Harpies, Centaurs, Unicorns, Phoenixes and Dragons, were never seen by any one; but they were written about in poems and stories, and some of them were used in this way to express various symbolic meanings, so that, in writing at least, it seemed difficult to get on without them. One of the most absurd of these animals was the Basilisk, a most unpleasant creature in every way, and not one that could possibly be made a pet of. People were silly enough to believe that it came from an egg laid by a very old cock and hatched by a toad, and that it had a cock's head and wings, a lizard's body and tail, eight feet, and wore a kirgly crown as monarch of all the serpents and dragons, who ran away whenever it came near them. Its breath was poison, and the fearful glare of its eyes killed both animals and men whenever they encountered it.

The Basilisk, sometimes called the Cockatrice, lived in the deserts of Africa; it could only live in a desert, for its deadly breath burned up everything that grew, and no animal would venture near it except the weasel, who would bravely fight with it. The weasel got the better of the Basilisk by eating an herb called rue, which poisoned the monster when it bit him—but the poor little weasel always died too.

When the Basilisk was dead and burned to ashes, people took a little comfort in it, for the ashes were said to turn all kinds of metal into gold, and it would seem almost worth while to have a live Basilisk about for the chance of getting a dead one.—St. Nicholas.

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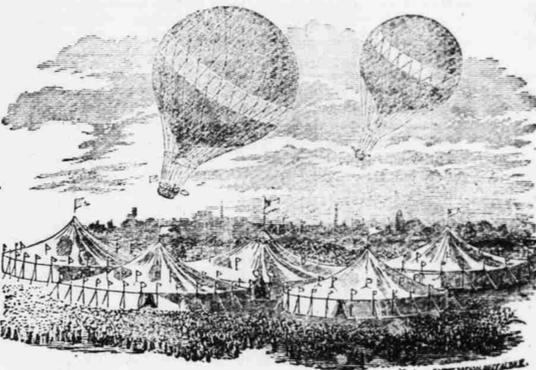
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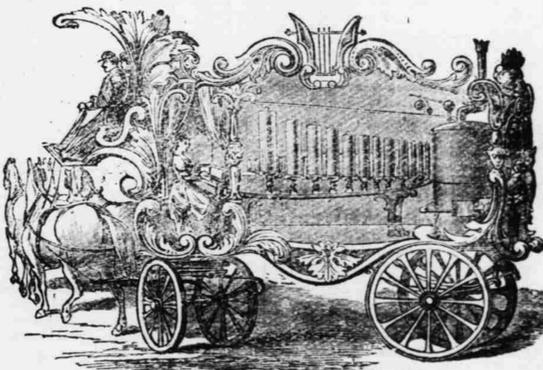
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