

DROUGHTS AND FLOODS.

Several days ago we published an editorial on floods caused by cutting timber, suggested by a communication in the Charlotte Observer.

The existing drought which has reduced the water supply in various sections of the State to the famine point and threatens to close coal mines and iron furnaces and leave the farmers without drink for their cattle, shows that the movement to protect the forest sections at the source of the great river systems was not started too soon.

The greatest shortage of water exists at present in the mountainous regions which furnish the sources of the Lehigh and Schuylkill rivers. These exist because these sections have been largely denuded of their forests.

What has befallen the sources of the Schuylkill and Lehigh bids fair to befall the great watersheds of the Delaware, Susquehanna and Allegheny in the near future unless the State acquires and protects the forest sections at their sources.

The private owners of the forest lands at the sources of the Lehigh and Schuylkill rivers stripped their land of marketable timber, and forest fires and drought have done the rest.

We reproduce this because it is applicable to North Carolina as it is to Pennsylvania. That State permitted her forests to be denuded because she had an abundance of timber and didn't realize the consequences of indiscriminate cutting and damage by fire until it was too late.

WILL LET THE SOUTH ALONE.

The reports coming from Washington sustain the opinion that there will not be any serious effort made to reduce Southern representation in Congress and in the electoral college.

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The German Government pays \$528 a ton for armor plate, which is more than this Government pays. The probabilities are that Herr Krupp has a pull on the German Government.

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THE OPEN DOOR.

In discussing the other day the petition of Southern cotton manufacturers to this government to use its efforts to maintain the "open door" in China we remarked that the land-grabbing nations which had secured a foothold in that Empire would favor the open door so long as it might be their degrading to do so and only so long.

The two powers playing the big hand for grab, are Russia and Germany, the others looking on to be governed by circumstances and opportunities. This government is the only one, perhaps, mixed up in that business which hasn't grab on the brain.

And thus the game goes on and they haven't made a beginning in solving the Chinese problem, because everyone of them wants to solve it its own way, the way that will best subserve its own interests.

Noah Raby, originally of Edenton, N. C., but for the past hundred years or more a denizen of New Jersey, forty years or more having been spent in a poor house, has again celebrated his 128th birthday.

There is nothing like a good hearty laugh, but there should be moderation even in hilarity. Mrs. Sharp, of New York, paid the penalty for forgetting this when she laughed so hard that she dislocated her under jaw and it took the doctors a couple hours to prize it back into place.

Some of the Republican organs still ask "What Will Bryan Do?" Why, Bryan will go right along attending to his own business, eating three meals a day, sleeping as soundly as a plow boy, and not bothering his head about the Republican editors.

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CAPE FEAR RIVER.

Merchants' Association Committee Heartily Endorses the Improvement.

THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

An Able Argument Which Will Be Presented in Support of the Anchorage Basin at Wilmington and the Dredging of the Channel.

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that their duty to the Merchants' Association would be unfulfilled without an expression to you of his recognition and high appreciation of the skillful and faithful service rendered to his port by the Engineer Corps from the beginning of the bar and river improvement to the present time.

The closure of new inlet; the removal of formidable natural obstructions from the river bed; the experimental dig at Snows Marsh; the admirably designed and efficient dredger, "Cape Fear," and the deepening of navigable water from twelve (12) feet to twenty (20) feet, alike attest the entire success of one of the most scientific and economical projects ever devised by this valuable arm of the general government in the river and harbor work.

We are, Sir, Yours obediently, JAMES SPRUNT, C. W. WOTH, E. W. HICKS, Committee on the Merchants' Association, of Wilmington, N. C., Wilmington, N. C., Nov. 20th, 1900.

THE ATTORNEY GENERALSHIP. Robt. D. Douglas Appointed to Succeed Walter-S. Board of Cassavers. Two Negroes Killed.

(Special Star Telegram.) RALEIGH, N. C., November 19.—Attorney General Walter's resignation, which was handed to Governor Russell Saturday, was to take effect next Saturday, was to-day accepted by the Governor and Robert D. Douglas appointed to fill out the unexpired term.

THE OFFICIAL RETURNS. North Carolina's Vote for Presidential Electors.—The Senatorial Primary. (Special Star Telegram.) RALEIGH, N. C., Nov. 20.—The State Canvassing Board to-night finished the official count of the vote for Presidential electors.

WHEN OTHERS FAIL, TAKE ROBERTS' TASTELESS CHILL TONIC. It cures chills, fever, malaria and general bad health. 25c. A red cross on the label assures you of the pure, high-class material that makes ROBERTS' a success. Don't take a substitute. R. R. BELLMAN, JOS. C. SHEPARD, JR., and J. HICKS BENTON.

ROBESON'S NEW COTTON MILL. Contract Has Been Let for the Building. Other Lumberton News Notes. (Special Star Correspondence.) LUMBERTON, N. C., Nov. 20.—Work on the Lumberton cotton mills is progressing nicely.

A Frightful Murder. Will offend a horrible Burn, Scald, Cut, Bruise, Puncture, A. M. C. Balm, the best in the world, will kill the pain and promptly heal. Cures Old Sores, Fever Sores, Ulcers, Boils, Felons, Corns, and all other eruptions. Best Pile cure on earth. Only 25c. a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by R. R. BELLMAN, druggist.

MARRIED IN SAVANNAH. Miss Ella McKenzie Becomes Bride of Mr. M. M. Parker, of Wilmington. At the residence of Mrs. Kenneth McKenzie, in Savannah, Ga., last evening at 8.30 o'clock, her daughter, Miss Ella McKenzie, was happily wedded to Mr. M. M. Parker, a well known employe of the Atlantic Coast Line here in this city.

First Baptist Church Revival. Dr. Hines preached with great earnestness and effectiveness on "Repentance" and sang the beautiful solo, "When the Angels Roll Back the Gates of Pearl," at the First Baptist Church last night. A remarkable conversion was that of a young man who was the subject of special prayers. There was a large crowd present and a number sought prayers for their own salvation.

Telephone Possibilities. The Fayetteville Observer is informed of a telephone project in contemplation which will connect Wilmington with Fayetteville, the line continuing on by way of Raleigh and Durham to Charlotte and connecting with the long distance lines to the North and West. Mr. John Paul Smith of the Southern Bell Telephone Company, is the Observer's informant.

SEASON'S OUTLOOK.

Standard Oil Company's Representative Talks of Naval Stores Prospects.

REDUCED CROP EXPECTED.

Factors and Operators Both More Conservative, Says a Well Posted Man. This Year's Increase Due to Extension of Operations.

The Savannah News of a recent date printed the following which will be of interest to naval store men, generally: "Mr. Carey E. Townsend, representative of the Standard Oil Company in the turpentine section, spent yesterday in Savannah. Mr. Townsend reports that the outlook for the coming year with the naval stores people is for a reduced crop. While the crop for the year just ended was the largest ever known, the average production, he says, was less than in former years, the large production being due to the extension of operations.

"The average production was not as large as formerly," said Mr. Townsend, "and notwithstanding the high price, the operators generally have not fared as well as many people in the cities are inclined to suppose. While prices were higher the average production was lower, due first, to unfavorable weather conditions, and secondly to the scarcity of labor. The operators have never had so much trouble with labor before in all their history. Many of the operators, one which tends to sober them, and to incline them to take a very conservative view of the situation for the coming year.

"At the beginning of the last year," said Mr. Townsend, "something over 125 new places were established, an unprecedented record for one year. For the present year the outlook is that less than half that number of new places will be established. City people should realize that turpentine at 40 cents per barrel is generally higher than turpentine at 30 cents in former years. This is due to higher prices for timber, higher prices for labor and higher prices for supplies of all kinds, especially staves, hoop iron and provisions.

"The operators have never had such an experience with labor as they had during the past year. The increased operations naturally tended to increase the demand for labor, but in addition to this the railroads, saw mills and phosphate mines drew a large number of laborers from the naval stores people. The result was a struggle for labor to handle the crops which kept the operators in hot water during the entire season. Many of the boxes were very unsatisfactory experience for the operators.

"The consequence is that for the present year, which has just begun, both factors and operators are inclined to be more conservative. The factors will be conservative in making themselves more generally available for extensive operations as they did last year. The operators, owing to their experience with labor during the year just ended, will be disposed to confine themselves to the production of a few boxes which they think they are assured of a sufficient supply of labor. The result will be a somewhat smaller output than last year.

Box cutting, Mr. Townsend states, has already begun in Alabama and Florida. In Georgia the law fixes the time for beginning box cutting at November 15, which time the producers began operations. "The operators have never had such an experience with labor as they had during the past year. The increased operations naturally tended to increase the demand for labor, but in addition to this the railroads, saw mills and phosphate mines drew a large number of laborers from the naval stores people. The result was a struggle for labor to handle the crops which kept the operators in hot water during the entire season. Many of the boxes were very unsatisfactory experience for the operators.

THANKSGIVING DAY GAME. Wilmington Team Making Great Preparations to Meet Wilson Next Week. The Wilmington foot ball team which will meet the Wilson eleven on Thanksgiving Day at Hilton Park, are rapidly getting into shape for the game under the coaching of Messrs. Hatch and Sinclair. They are nightly practicing at the O. A. N. grounds and from the enthusiasm displayed by the boys a great game may be expected.

Restored Valuable Property. The happiest commercial traveller on the road Sunday was Mr. D. Krulwich, representing S. H. Levy, dealer in hosiery and underwear, New York city. While bathing his hands and face at his hotel in this city Saturday night, he slipped off his finger a very handsome diamond ring worth \$350 and left it on the marble slab at the basin. Returning a few minutes later after discovering his negligence, he found his valuable article of jewelry gone. A diligent search was instituted but no trace of the valuable could be found. Capt. Robert Green, the city's detective, than whom there is none better, was called in and put on the case. Before dinner Sunday, he called Mr. Krulwich from his room and handed him his ring which had been procured from a colored employe of the hotel after true Pinkerton style. The happiness of the travelling man at the restoration of his property knew no bounds and Capt. Green was handsomely rewarded by Mr. Krulwich.

A Trip to Sea. Wilmington Division Naval Reserves will likely take a trip to sea on the Hornet Thanksgiving. The matter has not been formally brought before the Division but there is much talk among members of the proposed outing. The cruiser is now lying at foot of Orange street as the Murchison wharf is being used by stevedores loading naval stores.

Capt. James D. McNeill Sick. The many friends throughout the State of Capt. James D. McNeill will rejoice to learn that he is undergoing treatment in the hospital at Fayetteville for a bruised leg. He has just passed through a successful operation and is slowly improving.

BIG-HEAD CHILDREN.

with long thin necks—you see them in every school—want Scott's emulsion of cod-liver oil, to build up their poor little shrunken scrawny bodies.

School will be of no use to them. Something will carry them off.

They have no play in them. There is no fun in playing, when everybody else can run faster, jump further, turn round quicker, and keep on longer.

Big head is no harm; let the body be big too. We'll send you a little to try if you like. SCOTT & BOWNE, 409 Pearl Street, New York.

DIVINE HEALERS HERE. Dr. Gilbert, of London, Eng., and Rev. Mr. Skinner, of Columbus, Ga., will begin a meeting.

Dr. W. S. Gilbert, of London, Eng., and Rev. Otis M. Sutton, apostles of the divine healing persuasion, arrived in the city last evening and will begin to-day a ten day meeting in the city, preaching daily at corner of Front and Market streets at 10.30 A. M., 3.30 and 7.30 P. M. They claim that through divine inspiration they are able to cure diseases of the flesh simply by the laying on of hands and will give daily illustrations of their work for which there will be no charge, a collection only being taken at each service.

They have just concluded ten days' meetings at Raleigh and Durham and have very substantial press notices from the papers of these cities. They have also held meetings in several of the larger cities in Virginia and at Columbia, S. C.

Dr. Gilbert claims that he is an orthodox Episcopalian and Rev. Mr. Sutton that he is a Baptist and pastor of the Union Tabernacle, at Columbus, Ga. They are guests at the Bonitz House, and will be glad to confer with any one interested in their belief.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT. Jefferson Lodge, K. of P., Prepared Memorial to Departed Knight. At last night's meeting of Jefferson Lodge, No. 61, K. of P., the following resolutions of respect were adopted in memory of Mr. E. C. Warren, who was a Past Chancellor in the order and a valued member:

WHEREAS, In view of the loss of Jefferson Lodge, No. 61, K. of P., as sustained by the decease of our friend and brother, Past Chancellor Edward C. Warren, and of the still heavier loss sustained by those who were nearest and dearest to him, therefore be it Resolved, That it is but a just tribute to the memory of the departed to say that we regret his removal from our midst; we mourn for one who was in every way worthy of our regard.

Resolved, That we sincerely condole with the family of the deceased on the dispensation with which it has pleased Divine Providence to afflict them, and commend them for consolation to Him who orders all things for the best, whose chastisements are meant in mercy.

Resolved, That this heartfelt testimony of our sympathy and sorrow be recorded and a copy of same forwarded to the mother of our departed brother by the Keeper of Record and Seal of this lodge.

Wm. A. JOHNSON, W. J. WOODWARD, Committee. Restored Valuable Property. The happiest commercial traveller on the road Sunday was Mr. D. Krulwich, representing S. H. Levy, dealer in hosiery and underwear, New York city. While bathing his hands and face at his hotel in this city Saturday night, he slipped off his finger a very handsome diamond ring worth \$350 and left it on the marble slab at the basin. Returning a few minutes later after discovering his negligence, he found his valuable article of jewelry gone. A diligent search was instituted but no trace of the valuable could be found. Capt. Robert Green, the city's detective, than whom there is none better, was called in and put on the case. Before dinner Sunday, he called Mr. Krulwich from his room and handed him his ring which had been procured from a colored employe of the hotel after true Pinkerton style. The happiness of the travelling man at the restoration of his property knew no bounds and Capt. Green was handsomely rewarded by Mr. Krulwich.

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AFTERNOON WEDDING.

Miss Sue Kidder Meares and Mr. T. P. Lovering United in Matrimony.

AT ST. JAMES' CHURCH.

The Ceremony Was Witnessed by Large Number of Friends of the Contracting Parties—Will Make New York Their Future Home.

Miss Susan Kidder Meares, daughter of Mr. Walker Meares, and Mr. Theodore Philip Lovering, of New York, were happily married at St. James' Episcopal Church, at half past five o'clock yesterday afternoon and when the time appointed for the wedding had arrived the church was comfortably filled with relatives and friends of the contracting parties.

The chancel was decorated in palms, ferns, chrysanthemums and candelas. Mr. Ed. H. Munson played several appropriate selections on the organ before the ceremony began, and when the party arrived he played the familiar wedding march from Lohngrin, by which they passed down the aisle.

The ushers—Messrs. William C. Munds, Thomas H. Wright and Clayton Giles, Jr.—were the first to enter and they walked ahead. The ribbon children, little Miss Catharine Williams and Master Harry Reibehoe followed, and then came the bridesmaid, Miss Virginia Batley and Miss Annette Claypool Munds, a niece of the bride, and Miss Gray of Philadelphia, and Miss Alice Boatwright. The bride and her father, Mr. Walker Meares, were given away, met the groom and his best man, Mr. Swift M. Boatwright, at the altar. The ceremony was impressively performed by Rev. Robert Strange, pastor of the church. The party retired from the church to the strains of "Mendelssohn's Wedding March."

The bride's costume was of white crepe de chene, with a yoke of Duchesse lace. She wore a tulle veil and carried a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley. The bridesmaids' gowns were of white organdy, with lace trimmings. They carried bouquets of pink chrysanthemums.

Immediately after the ceremony the bride and a few invited friends were entertained at a reception at the residence of Mr. Walker Meares, No. 712 Market street. The bride's presents were many and valuable.

Mr. and Mrs. Lovering left at 7 o'clock last evening on the A. O. L. north-bound train for New York, where they will make their future home.

TO ACCOMMODATE those who are partial to the use of atomizers in applying liquids into the nasal passages for catarrhal troubles, the proprietors prepare Ely's Liquid Cream Balm, Ely's Cream Balm, and Ely's Cream Balm. The liquid embodies the medicinal properties of the solid preparation. Cream Balm is quickly absorbed by the membrane and does not dry up the secretions, but changes them to a natural and healthy character. Ely Brothers, 65 Warren street, New York.

DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY. New York Journal of Sunday Has Complimentary Reference to Miss Meares. The New York Journal of Sunday in giving a review of the work of the seventh annual convention of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, recently held in Montgomery, Ala., the first capital of the Southern States, has this pleasant and complimentary reference to Miss Mary F. Meares, of this city:

"The corresponding secretary, Miss Mary F. Meares, of Wilmington, N. C., is the youngest woman who has held a national office in the U. D. C. Her father entered the army at sixteen and was seventeen when the war closed. He was a courier on the staff of General Bradley T. Johnson, and afterwards on General Wade Hampton's staff.

MEETS PRESIDENT'S VIEWS. Proposed Reduction of \$30,000,000 a Year in War Revenue Taxes. By Telegram to the Morning Star. WASHINGTON, November 21.—The Republican members of the Ways and Means committee made such progress to-day with the bill to amend the war revenue law that it is expected the first draft will be completed by tomorrow night.

GOOD HEALTH.

Every bottle you take of Johnston's Sarsaparilla means better health, and every bottle contains a full quart. It makes better blood—purifies the blood. For thirty years this famous remedy has been creating and maintaining good health.

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builds up the system, tones the nerves, and strengthens the muscles more promptly and effectively than any other remedy known. The palor of the cheeks, the dizziness, the nervous languor, and the rich color of health flows to the cheeks. Unequalled for all disorders of the stomach and liver, and for all weakening complaints of men, women and children.

Hold everywhere. Price, \$1.00 per full quart bottle. MICHIGAN DRUG CO., Detroit, Mich. For sale by HERBERT L. FENTRESS, Wilmington, N. C.

TO INCREASE THE ARMY. Large Force of Regulars Needed to Replace the Volunteers Now in the Philippine Islands. By Telegram to the Morning Star. WASHINGTON, November 21.—Adjutant General Corbin authorizes the statement that it is the intention of the War Department to bring home from the Philippines to the United States every one of the volunteers who care to come, and discharge them here, on or before the first of July next, when under the law the volunteers must be mustered out. It is the expectation and hope of the War Department that the coming Congress will, to an early period in its session, enact legislation which will enable the department to replace the present volunteer force by a permanent force of soldiers. In that case, such of them as are desirous to continue the service will be re-enlisted as regulars, and any vacancies that may exist through the muster out of the volunteers will be supplied by the original enlistment in the United States. It is believed that these enlistments can be made in time to replace all the retired volunteers by the first of the next fiscal year without causing any hiatus.

EXPRESS CAR ROBBED. Train Held Up by Masked Men in Arkansas—The Express Car Blown to Pieces With Dynamite. By Telegram to the Morning Star. LITTLE ROCK, ARK., Nov. 21.—The north bound passenger train No. 56 on the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern railway was held up to-night near Gifford station, forty miles south of Little Rock, by five masked robbers. A lot of the piled on the truck and surrounded by a red light caused the train to slow up, and before the train had come to a stop, the bandits were at work with dynamite. The door of the express car was blown open and the express messenger, L. D. Avery, of St. Louis, was seriously injured by flying timbers. Four vain attempts were made to blow open the through car, but the robbers were finally exhausted, the robbers left with the contents of the way safe, amounting to about \$300. No attempt was made to rob any of the passengers. The express car was literally blown to pieces. A posse of fifteen men left Malvern at 10 o'clock to night and took the trail of the robbers at the scene of the hold-up.

Governor Jones announced to night that he will offer rewards for the capture and return to the United States of those who have fled towards the Indian Territory.

ROBERTS SEVERELY HURT. The General Reported to Have Been Thrown from His Horse. By Cable to the Morning Star. LONDON, Nov. 21.—The Evening Standard, in a special edition this evening, says: "Just as we are going to press the news has reached London that Lord Roberts has been thrown from his horse and received severe injuries."

Officials of the War Office say they are "not in a position to report anything in connection with the rumored accident to Lord Roberts." This utterance is interpreted here as giving indirect support to the Evening Standard's statement.

LONDON, Nov. 22.—Lord Roberts' accident occurred on Sunday last, while he was riding. His horse fell with him and he was shaken and bruised, but no limbs were broken. He has since sent dispatches to the War Office, it is believed that he is performing his usual duties, especially as he has not mentioned the accident.

FOR AGED ODD FELLOWS. The National Home at Gainesville, Fla., Soon to Be Opened. By Telegram to the Morning Star. GAINESVILLE, FLA., November 21.—A meeting of the board of trustees of the National Odd Fellows' Home and Sanitarium was held in this city to-day at the office of the secretary, Dr. R. L. Robb. The home is for aged Odd Fellows, cared for by the Sovereign Grand Lodge. There has been a delay in opening, but at this meeting it was decided to open. The home will be in a first class condition financially. In response to the appeals made under the auspices of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, the members all over the United States have responded liberally.

A Monster Devil Fish. Destroying its victim, is a type of Constatation. The power of this murderous miasma is felt on organs and nerves and muscles and brain. There's no health till it's overcome. But Dr. King's New Life Pills are a safe and certain cure. Bound to cure the Stomach, Liver, Kidneys and Bowels. Only 25c. at R. R. BELLMAN'S drug store.

WINGHESTER "NEW RIVAL" FACTORY LOADED SHOTGUN SHELLS. No black powder shells on the market compare with the "NEW RIVAL" in uniformity and strong shooting qualities. Sure fire and waterproof. Get the genuine. WINGHESTER REPEATING ARMS CO. New Haven, Conn.



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