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AN UNWARRANTED PUBLIC OPINION

Boston-Beaufort Project Has Gained Much

APPOINTS 400 MEN

Congressman Godwin Has Named in the Sixth District 400 Correspondents to the Department of Agriculture—Meeting of Public Buildings Committee.

By THOMAS J. FENCE.

Washington, D. C., April 1.—The truly national project of a continuous inland waterway along the Atlantic Seaboard from Boston to Beaufort Inlet and thence to the Cape Fear River has made notable advance at this session of Congress. The progress is not indicated by legislation, but by an awakened public opinion, and particularly by obtaining recognition in quarters which have heretofore vigorously opposed it.

It will be seen that a most important step has been taken in that this survey has the approval of the River and Harbor Committee, while heretofore every bill introduced for these waterways along the seaboard has been obtained against the vigorous opposition of Chairman Burton. In spite of this opposition, Mr. Small and his colleagues have secured several surveys, and finally secured an appropriation of \$500,000, and this fact has aroused the attention of Congress and the country.

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The House Committee on Expenditures on Public Buildings, of which Mr. Small is the ranking minority member, held a meeting today. Mr. Small stated that the meeting was notable in two respects: While he said he had been a member of this committee since the first meeting which it had ever held. Again he said the business upon which it had entered was of exceeding importance, because the committee proposed to make a detailed investigation of the laws authorizing the erection of public buildings and the expenditures therefor.

Representative Godwin, of the Sixth North Carolina district, has appointed four hundred men, scattered throughout the counties, to act as correspondents to the Department of Agriculture, here, to assist the department in collecting statistics for the coming year. Mr. Godwin hopes to have the crop reporting service of his district greatly improved and augmented by the addition of names of reliable and representative farmers or planters of his district who will give accurate information by answering monthly inquiries sent to them.

PEONAGE IN THE SOUTHERN STATES

Subject Before the House Yesterday.

CLARK'S RESOLUTION

Resolution Requesting Information as to Money Paid Detectives—Some Heated Remarks.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, D. C., April 1.—The subject of peonage in the Southern States arose before the House today at the convention of the members of about a score of county unions to formally organize the North Carolina Farmers' Union, the twelfth state to be thus added to the ranks of the union now numbering two million farmers. The opening exercises were held at ten o'clock in the morning and were open to the public. E. R. Preston, of the Charlotte bar, delivering the address of welcome for the city and President H. Q. Alexander, of the county association, for Mecklenburg. President Barrett, of the national union, a Georgian, responded.

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TWELFTH STATE TO BE ADDED

North Carolina Farmers' Union to Organize.

SCORE OF COUNTIES

Represented in Charlotte Yesterday When Preliminary Steps Were Taken to Organize the State Into the Union With Two Million Farmers.

(Special to News and Observer.)

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BILL AGAINST FULTON QUASHED

Winston Fulton Still Under Bond—Good Month of Commercial Growth and New Buildings—Business Change—Mule Thief Caught—Social Events.

By ANDREW JOYNER.

Greensboro, N. C., April 1.—In the Superior Court the cases against W. V. Van, but is disposing of his business there with the intention of devoting all his energies to his business here. He will add an undertaking business to the business of being Huntley-Stockton Hill Furniture Company, one of the suppliers having already been received. Mr. George Stansbury will be in charge of the undertaking department.

Mule Thief Caught. While Mr. O. W. Monroe was sitting in his office near the Southern passenger station last night, he saw a negro named Arthur Boyd, leading a mule down the railroad track, that looked so much like one of his own mules, he went out and asked the negro where he got the animal. The man said he had bought him in Danville. Mr. Monroe would have sworn it was his mule, and got some one to detain the negro and the mule until he looked into his stables in the lumber lot but a block distant. The stable was empty, the mule was gone. The mule the negro had was undoubtedly the mule that Mr. Monroe had but a few moments before lost, without knowing. The mule was returned to the stable and the negro turned over to a policeman and is in jail. It is seldom that a man has the good luck to recover a stolen animal and catch the thief in the space of fifteen minutes.

At the Normal College Friday evening, April 2, the first of a series of musicals will be given. On his occasion, the Normal College will be the attraction. Selections from the works of this composer will be given by the Normal College choir. The Normal College will be the attraction. Selections from the works of this composer will be given by the Normal College choir.

TOO FEW OF THEM

Bulletins Furnished Congressmen to Distribute

Subject of Much Discussion in the House Yesterday—Additional Appropriation of Fifty Thousand Dollars Advocated.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, D. C., April 1.—The insufficiency of the number of farmers' bulletins furnished members of Congress for distribution among the constituents was the subject of much discussion in the House today during the consideration of the agricultural appropriation bill, with the view to increasing the number of bulletins. Mr. Payne, of Pennsylvania, offered an amendment to add \$50,000 to the appropriation for publications of the Department.

Mr. Williams, of Mississippi, strongly supported the amendment, while Messrs. Scott, of Kansas, and Mann, of Illinois, opposed the amendment, which was lost. The provision for an experiment station on the island of Guam went out on a point of order by Mr. Madden, of Illinois, considerable discussion occurred on the paragraph relating to inquiries of the Agricultural Department in reference to systems of road management. Mr. Williams, of Mississippi, spoke in support of his bill to distribute among the several States the surplus of the treasury up to \$25,000,000 for road construction.

ADVERSE DECISION

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OUTS THE FLEET

Admiral Evans Hies to Mineral Springs.

Lands at San Diego and Takes Special Car—Says His Physician Cannot Be Cured Aboard.

(By the Associated Press.)

San Diego, Cal., April 1.—The flagship Connecticut, of the Atlantic fleet, with Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans on board, arrived off Coronado today and the admiral was taken off on the tender Yankton and was brought to this city where a private car had been placed at his disposal. Admiral Evans plainly showed the effects of his illness. He left this afternoon for San Luis Obispo to receive treatment at the mineral springs of the Associated Press Admiral Evans said: "On the advice of my physicians I am going to Paso Robles Springs for treatment. I am told that my rheumatic pains, which have become at times almost unendurable, cannot be conquered as long as I remain in air and aboard ship, where the necessary diet and the treatment cannot be secured."

SHALL WE HEAR SOMETHING DROPPED?

Threatens to Tell All He Knows in the House

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THE WEATHER. Maximum temperature yesterday, 65 degrees. Minimum temperature yesterday, 57 degrees.