

DESIGNATIONS ARE NOT ABOARD

Woods and Streams at Home Hold Contentment and Rest For The Weary

THIS STATE A PARADISE

Fish in The Rivers, Game in The Woods and Beauty Everywhere To Provide Balm To Cure The Cares of Business and Prevent Reckless Spending

(S. R. WINTER.)

Tilly's Mill, Durham County, Aug. 2.—The erstwhile popular view that the only route by which one could enjoy a vacation was to scamper away to earth's far places is declining in favor. The signs of new camp trails along the borders of the innumerable small streams and rivers in North Carolina and the growth in numbers of folks that are searching rejuvenation by the river banks indicate a heading of the advice, "Travel abroad at home."

Familiar spots adjacent to mill sites and unexplored woodland territory, seemingly commonplace, are finding favor with the farmer as well as many city folks where they may pitch their tents for a week's outing and to obtain a well-earned rest. Quail, Tar and Flat Rivers as well as similar North Carolina streams are affording camping sites of real merit to the sporting party and the farmer and wife and neighbors or groups of men on a "fish fry" as well as relaxation.

Stretches of tempting woodland for miles, alongside of a river, with just enough game fish for appetizing purposes, and enough fun in "hooking" them to make angling a contemplative recreation, a plenty of scenic beauty—these environments make for an unexcelled vacation. In the rural dweller and the tired city man prefer an outing in No Man's Land rather than his way to Atlantic City, Coney Island or Kalamazoo, his recreation is none the less real and genuine.

The month of August will witness a tremendous outpouring of both city and country folks in quest of rejuvenation. The farmer will embrace the opportunity of a vacation between the period of "laying-by" his crop and harvesting time. The city man likewise will find a loophole by which he can forsake his desk for a week's relaxation—change of environment, the inexpensiveness of a camping trip, counting the unalloyed pleasure and the wholesome recreation obtained, are items that recommend a trip down by the old mill-race, pushing into unexplored territory.

There are, however, certain surroundings that advertise one camping ground as more desirable than another. The location of your tent is all-important—there is the opportunity of inviting spots and places of distasteful appearance. It may not be that because the poet has written of the charms of the revolutions of the old mill wheel or because the opportunist has pointed us to the lesson negatively told in the truth that you cannot grind corn with water that has passed the mill—however, it is desirable to camp in close proximity to an old mill. The scenery is inviting and the miller is always an optimist.

The camp should be within easy approach of a spring of clear, sparkling water, and it is desirable to locate a region where there is an abundance of drift wood. This wood will serve amply for fuel for cooking purposes and any scrubby tree will create enough smoke to banish the few mosquitoes that may inhabit the camp at night.

Along with the mosquito the only other voracious varmints that may be considered night intruders are the whippoorwill and owl—the plaintive cries of the one and the mournful "questioning" of the other.

The camp should be situated on an elevation, overlooking the river and yet the route to the banks of the river should not be unduly obstructed. The desired convenience renders easily accessible the fishing haunts—where the bass, red eye, perch, catfish, sucker, carp or other fresh-water fish are caught. Then, too, the camp trail should branch off into a growth of original forest where the nimble squirrel often frequents. The meal around the camp fire is generally regarded more appetizing with the meat of the squirrel.

The necessary articles which should constitute the budget of a camping party of four persons for a week's outing are here enumerated:

- 1 tent with flap.
- 1 cooking pot.
- 4 blankets.
- 1 gun and ammunition.
- 4 camp stools.
- 1 fishing tackle.
- 1 lantern.
- 1 carving knife.
- 2 packages of bacon.
- 1 axe or hatchet.
- 1 mallet.
- 1 water pail and dipper.
- 1 large-size pan.
- Sufficient salt, pepper, sugar and coffee.
- 1 canoe or boat.
- 1 minnow pail.
- 1 canvas seine.
- 2 mill nets.
- 25 turtle hooks.
- 2 dozen loafs of bread.
- 1-2 bushel of meal.
- A variety of canned goods.
- 1 camera.
- 1 cooking pot.

Daily tramps, three hearty-meats a day, ten hours of restful sleep, combined with never-ending cheerfulness, is a program that vouches for a vigorous mind and body—a thorough-going vacation.

BEDS MYSTERIOUSLY DAMP

Sudden Change in Mystery Deep and Unfathomable.

(Special to The News and Observer.)

Wilson, August 2.—A mystery, deep and seemingly unexplainable, has been puzzling Mr. Albert Farmer and his family who reside in Tolnet township, two miles out from Elm City. Reputable gentlemen who live in the neighborhood of Mr. Farmer say that the mystery is the talk of the township and that it seems to be unexplainable. About ten weeks ago, so the story goes, three feather beds at the home of Mr. Farmer, at about the same time every afternoon, would become wet—so much so that they would have to be put out of doors in the sun to dry before it would be safe to sleep on them—and on one occasion one of them suddenly became soaking wet while a lady was watching for the change from "dry" to "wet." The lady had passed her hand over the covers and as she expressed it—"It was as dry as a chip," and after stepping over to a bureau in the room to get a pin, and on returning to the bed found it "almost as wet as water." The phenomenon seems unexplainable to those who have witnessed the transformation from "dry" to "wet."

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DECREASE SHOWN IN PORT EXPORTS

Short Cotton Crop Accounts For Poor Showing Made by Wilmington

(Special to The News and Observer.)

Wilmington, Aug. 2.—The annual report of Maj. H. W. Stickie, United States engineer in charge of this district, with headquarters in Wilmington, has completed his report for the fiscal year ending July 31, and a copy has been forwarded to the chief of engineers in Washington. The report gives detailed resume of the operations of the department in the district and also a record of the traffic over the waterways of the district.

A decided decrease in commerce through the port of Wilmington for the calendar year 1913 over 1912 is shown in the report. The tonnage in 1913 was 772,610 against 1,072,395, in 1912. This falling off is attributed to the poor cotton crop of last year and the decrease in the shipments of lumber and crosties. The tonnage last year was the lowest since 1901. Shipping had a steady increase from 1912, when the record was 225,000 tons, to 1913. As a direct indication of the fine work that has been done in the river between Wilmington and the sea, the average tonnage of ships coming into this port now is 1,500, as against 421 tonnage in 1912. During the past fiscal year ending July 31, a total of 3,457,342 cubic yards of earth was removed from the river channel at and below Wilmington. This work is done under the supervision of the engineering department.

The commerce over the lower Cape Fear river for the year ending December 31st, is recapitulated as follows: Foreign exports, 87,964 tons, value \$24,685,694; coastwise exports, 106,281 tons, value \$4,228,370.45; total exports, 194,245 tons, value \$28,914,064.45. Imports, foreign, 185,823 tons, value \$8,718,389; coastwise, 182,915 tons, value \$9,749,540.90. Total import, 368,738 tons, value \$18,467,929.90. Internal up-stream, 8,158 tons, value \$241,833.80. Internal, down-stream, 23,835 tons, value \$615,272.52. Total internal, 32,000 tons, value \$857,106.32. Wilmington harbor, inbound, 25,812 tons, value \$1,444,889.99. Wilmington harbor, outbound, 148,749 tons, value \$1,695,481.60. Grand totals, 772,610 tons, value \$46,726,718.06.

Foreign exports from Wilmington for the year show 255,448 bales of cotton valued at \$24,637,693; 409,000 feet of lumber, valued at \$9,143; 2,627 tons of coal, valued at \$14,505; and other items. Foreign imports show 185,789 tons of fertilizer materials, valued at \$3,715,780; 19,000 casks, worth \$400; 5,000 gross fruits, worth \$150; and 250,000 oranges worth \$2,500.

The commerce on the upper Cape Fear river, between Wilmington and Fayetteville for the calendar year 1913, as shown in the report, amount-

ANSON VOTES OUT RECORDER'S COURT

Democrats Renominate F. E. Thomas For House; Second Race For Sheriff T. S. Clark

(Special to The News and Observer.)

Wadesboro, Aug. 2.—Anson county in its primary election yesterday also voted on the question of retaining or abolishing its County Recorder's Court. By a majority of 25 this court, which has been in existence for about three and a half years was voted out. The vote shows that there was nearly an equal division on the matter.

There was great interest shown in the Democratic primary and a large vote was polled. All nominations for county officers were made except as to one officer, that of sheriff, for which there were four candidates, T. S. Clark in leading the present sheriff, H. J. Lowry, by over 200 votes, and there will be another primary. The others in the race were Ed. Barnett and W. S. Braswell.

For House of Representatives F. E. Thomas was renominated without opposition. W. K. Hoggan was renominated for clerk of the court without opposition. D. M. Johnson was renominated for register of deeds over D. B. Braswell and J. A. Carpenter by about 500 majority. Dr. B. D. Jones was nominated for coroner. The present board of county commissioners were a was renominated, the members being Dr. R. M. D. Dunlap, Dr. J. E. Hart, and T. A. Horne.

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TWIN CITY HOPES TO BE FIRST CITY

Incorporation of Three Suburbs Would Give It The Lead It Is Claimed

Winston-Salem, August 2.—At a mass meeting of about 400 residents of Southside, Centerville and Waughtown, held in the auditorium of the Centerville high school building Friday night for the purpose of considering the problem of incorporation, Chairman A. E. Holton was included in a committee of six which he was empowered to appoint to investigate the most feasible plan, incorporation as a separate municipality or incorporation as a part of Winston-Salem.

Great interest was manifested in the movement to incorporate and the general trend of the speeches was favorable to incorporation as a part of Winston-Salem. There are about 7,000 people in these three sections, and according to estimates used last night, their incorporation in the Twin-City will make it the first city in the State. These communities are in reality a part of Winston-Salem as it is, there being nothing separating them but a boundary line, while they are connected by a community of interests, street railways, railroads, lighting and water systems. Great numbers of the people living in Southside, Centerville and Waughtown are employed in the Twin-City proper and many of the foremost business and professional men of the city reside in these suburbs. So incorporation as a part of the great Twin-City would be the logical outcome of the movement.

It is not known though whether the three communities will ask to be taken in or whether they will ask to be incorporated separately. And it is not known whether the officials of the Twin-City are favorable to incorporation, but it is generally understood throughout the city that sentiment is in favor of such a course.

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