

**NORTH STATE HAPPENINGS**

Occurrences of Interest Gleaned From All Sections of the Busy Tar Heel State

**TOBACCO FARMERS IN CLOVER.**

The Crop this Year is Very Good and the Prices Exceptionally High—Great Breaks on Warehouse Floors of Twin City.

Winston-Salem, Special.—Hundreds of farmers in this section of the state, loaded to capacity, were in the city last week, the tobacco warehouses being filled long before daylight, so that hundreds of wagons actually filled the streets in the vicinity for many blocks. It looks certain that the local market will see records smashed this week.

Prices ruled high and firm, the buyers of the many firms showing eagerness to swell the volume of big stocks that they have been already buying. The leaf offered ranged from ordinary to good, as a rule. The tobacco has been brought from several adjoining counties besides Forsyth, among them being Surry, Stokes, Rockingham and Yadkin.

The good tone at which the local market has held since the season started is making the farmers rush their crops to the buyers as fast as they can strip the weed. A tremendous crop is reported throughout this section, yet many of the best-posted men maintain that good prices will prevail right along till next spring.

The panic did not effect the consumption of tobacco, except to force a man may economize on other things, but not on the weed. In consequence, the big manufacturers here are looking for the biggest sales in their history; in fact, they have been doing a big business all along already. Whatever hardship may have been felt from the panic, the tobacco farmers of this section are free of such. They are in better condition, financially, than ever, it is said by men in a position to know.

**Verdict For \$20,000 Against A. C. L.**

Goldsboro, Special.—In Superior Court the jury returned a verdict for \$20,000 damages to John E. Walker, of Mount Olive, against the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad for the loss of both arms in an accident occurring in the company's yards at Rocky Mount. The amount sued for was \$50,000. The plaintiff was represented by Aycock & Daniels, W. T. Dortch and J. D. Langston.

**Durham Lady Found Dead in Bed.**

Durham, Special.—Mrs. Cornelia Evans was found dead in bed at the county home. The night watchman built the fires as usual in the morning and one of the inmates reported to him the death of Mrs. Evans. She had been entirely well all day and death was unexpected. She had been in the county home fourteen years and never gave trouble though afflicted with a mental trouble.

**Robbed by Negro Youth.**

Charlotte, Special.—D. M. Beattie, living twelve miles west of the city was knocked down by a fifteen-year-old colored boy, Jim Boulware, near the Battie home, Thursday afternoon and robbed of about twenty-five dollars. The negro was later arrested in Charlotte. He is absolutely indifferent about his apprehension and admits taking the money.

**Looks Like Patricide.**

Kinston, Special.—Thursday morning Abe Mason, a young negro man while in a drunken condition slipped up behind his aged father and struck him a violent blow with a brick. The old man fell unconscious and has not yet recovered sufficiently to give any account of the difficulty. Young Mason was caught by the police.

**Safe Carried Off and Blown Open.**

Burlington, Special.—Thieves entered the store of L. C. Crater, colored, in the suburbs of Burlington last week and removed from the building a small iron safe, taking it to a nearby field, where they knocked out the bottom and escaped with the contents, which, according to Crater's statement, was \$300.

**Found Man's Body.**

Saturday night, while out 'possum hunting near King Creek, Caldwell county, a party of men found the body of a man named Bunk Sanders, who had been missing several days. The deceased had had a slight stroke of paralysis and partially recovered and it is supposed he had another attack while out walking alone in the woods. He was about 45 years old and well to do farmer and a good citizen. The coroner's jury returned a verdict to effect that the deceased came to his death from natural causes.

**Dead Body Found in Yard.**

Durham, Special.—News reached here of the finding of the dead body of Charles Latta in the yard of Stephens Faucette, who lives two miles from Hillsboro, Sunday morning. The man was in Hillsboro Saturday and started home, his body being found next morning. The matter was investigated, but there was no evidence of foul play.

**The Festivities Are Over.**

Greensboro, Special.—The Greensboro centennial and home-coming festivities are over—they closed Friday night; Thus does Greensboro step from one great event to another. The week has been one of gaiety, good cheer and mirth. Saturday was a day of politics. A large crowd gathered here to see the leader of the Republican forces and hear him speak.

For six days—Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday—the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of the historic old town continued. For more than a week the glad hand was extended and the latch string left hanging out, in easy reach of all who would take it. Everywhere and all the while it was "Howdy-do, we're glad to see you. Make yourself at home and stay as long as you like."

The crowds were large, sober and orderly, but spirited and fatally bent on taking chances—chances on the street cars, chances with the fakirs and chances at the race track.

One accident—a fearful one—came to mar the merriment of the occasion. Thomas Dalton, the younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dalton, was dashed headfirst against a stone curb and perhaps fatally injured. Young Dalton, just coming to manhood, was a handsome, vivacious, gallant boy, lovable, promising and the darling of his parents.

Barring this sad accident all went well. Two of the best parades and one of the best fairs ever seen in the State were given during the week. Everything, even the elements, combined to make the days glorious. There were receptions and receptions but it was almost impossible to get about unless you happened to own an automobile or a carriage.

The girls of the Greensboro Female College were at home for several hours in their respective reception rooms and the Merchants and Manufacturers' club played host. It was a gay night socially. The men in silk hats and dress suits and the ladies in evening gowns were fitting about until 1 o'clock. The marshals' ball, in Neese Hall, closed the celebration.

The morning was devoted to the City of Greensboro and the old veterans. Merchants' and manufacturers' floats and Confederate soldiers formed a long and spectacular procession and paraded through the streets.

**Big Shipment of Tobacco From Surry.**

Elkin, Special.—This has been the greatest week for shipping tobacco from this section ever known. Twenty-four solid carloads of leaf tobacco have been shipped from here and points this side of Donnahah to Winston this week. Monday there were ninety-seven tierces weighing upwards of 50,000 pounds packed and shipped from this place. The crop is unusually good this year and the farmers are getting good prices.

**Sheriff Howard Dead.**

Oxford, Special.—E. K. Howard, sheriff of Granville county, died at his home in Oxford Wednesday night. He was buried at Elmwood cemetery Oxford. He had been in feeble health for several months and his death was not unexpected. He left a widow and six children.

**Mother of Editor Stevens Dies.**

Wilmington, Special.—Mrs. E. L. Stevens, mother of Editor C. E. Stevens, of Newbern, died suddenly at the family home at Southport, aged 74 years. She is survived by her husband, five sons and two daughters.

**North Carolina State Items.**

A charter was issued to the Bonies & Western Railroad Company, principal office Causey, Chatham county, to extend fourteen miles through Chatham and Randolph counties to a point on Deep River. The capital is \$150,000 and the incorporators C. C. Burns, J. H. Dunlap, W. T. Brooks, C. M. Andrews and others.

**Japanese Held Without Bail.**

Charlotte, Special.—Henry Yamaguchi, the Japanese acrobat and manager of Haw Bros, London show who murdered a fellow countryman at Newton, this State, confessed his crime to the authorities, declaring that he killed Kitsuchi because the latter had mistreated two little Japanese girls connected with the show, and for whose safety he was responsible. After shooting his victim five times he beat his head into a jelly with a stone. Following a preliminary hearing Yamaguchi was held without bond for the next term of Catawba superior court.

**Incorporations.**

The Boykin-Townsend Realty Co. of Wilson, with \$2,000 total authorized and \$2,000 subscribed capital stock, was chartered, the incorporators being D. S. Boykin, M. J. Boykin and R. E. Townsend, of Wilson. A charter was issued to the Louisburg Hospital (inc.) of Louisburg, with \$25,000 authorized, and \$5,500 subscribed capital stock. The incorporators are: W. J. Pate, J. F. McNair and K. A. Blue, of Louisburg.

**ROOSEVELT TO GO ABROAD**

The London Times Learns That the President Will Lecture at Oxford and Receive a Degree After His African Trip—Will Also Visit Paris.

London, By Cable.—The Times is informed that President Roosevelt will visit England after his African trip early in 1910. He will deliver the Romanes lecture at Oxford, and, on the occasion of the university commemoration, will receive the honorary degree of D. C. L., which Oxford already has bestowed upon Emperor William.

According to The Times President Roosevelt also will visit Paris and deliver an address at the Sorbonne. Neither the dates nor the subjects of the lectures are yet known.

The Times further states that according to the present plans Mrs. Roosevelt will join the President at Khartoum on the journey northward.

**Alleged Lynchers Dismissed.**

Washington, Special.—On motion of Solicitor General Hoyt the Supreme Court of the United States ordered the discharge from custody of seventeen of the twenty-seven defendants in the proceeding charging Sheriff James F. Shipp, of Hamilton county, Tennessee, and twenty-six others with contempt of the Supreme Court because of the lynching in 1905 of a negro named Ed Johnson after the court had taken cognizance of his case. Most of the dismissals were based on the failure of the testimony to identify the defendants with the crime. Following are the names of those who profit by the court's order: Paul P. L. T. B. Taylor, William Beeler, John Jones, Marion Perkins, C. A. Baker, Claude Powell, Charles J. Powell, A. J. Cartwright, R. F. Cartwright, John Varnell, Joseph Clark, Fred Frauley, Paul or "Sheenie" Warner, Alfred Hammond, William Marquette and George Brown. In the case of Pool it was stated that he had disappeared from Chattanooga immediately after the lynching and had never since been heard of. The court also ordered the publication of the testimony in the case taken by Commissioner Maher.

**Status of Foreign Missions Shown in American Board's Meeting.**

New York, Special.—Reading of reports showing the work done at home and abroad during the year and the appointment of committees and nominations and business, took up the first day of the ninety-ninth annual convention of the American board of commissioners for foreign missions in Brooklyn.

Frank H. Wiggins, treasurer of the board, submitted a report showing the financial condition at the close of the fiscal year. The general maintenance of missions, it appears from the report, involved an expenditure of \$881,254, or \$2,075 more than during the previous year.

The income of the board during the same period was \$837,000. Mr. Wiggins' figures showed that the indebtedness was \$79,891.

**Declines Call to Washington.**

Washington, Special.—Giving as a controlling reason that his work in Boston, Mass., is unfinished, Rev. Dr. Alexander Mann, rector of Trinity Episcopal church, of that city, has declined the position of bishop of Washington to succeed the late Rt. Rev. Henry Y. Satterlee. Dr. Mann's declination was communicated in a letter received from him. Another convention will be called to fill the vacancy.

**Gets Life Sentence for Killing Woman.**

Opelika, Ala., Special.—The jury in the trial of Ulland Cluyppeper, charged with the murder of Mary Edwin Hader, who was shot and killed near Phenix City several weeks ago, by a bullet believed to have been intended for her father, returned a verdict of guilty. Cluyppeper was sentenced to life imprisonment.

**Wed at 102; Died at 110.**

Seneca Falls, N. Y., Special.—Mrs. Charlotte Decker is dead here. She was 110 years old. Her father, Godfrey Reals, was a volunteer in the Colonial army and served until the colonies were free. She remembered the year 1813, when no grain could be raised and it was sold for \$5 a bushel. In June 1900, Mrs. Brainard was married to Samuel Decker, her third husband, the other two being dead. He was then 62 and Mrs. Decker 102. She had but one child, which died in infancy.

**Bids for Savannah City Bonds Opened.**

Savannah, Ga., Special.—Bids were opened for \$2,010,000 of city of Savannah bonds, bearing interest at 4-1/2 per cent and maturing in 1950. Thirty-four bidders subscribed for \$27,269,000 worth of bonds. The award of the issues will be made this week. The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York will probably get \$1,000,000 of the bonds.

**DEMOCRATIC FUNDS**

Committee Publishes Amount of Money Received

**ALSO DISBURSEMENTS TO DATE**

Official Exhibit of Funds Collected by the Democratic National Campaign Committee.

New York, Special.—The Democratic national committee through Treasurer Herman Ridder gave out an extended statement of the contributions to the Democratic national campaign fund up to and including October 9th, showing sums of and over \$100. The statement also shows receipts and disbursements as follows:

Received from contributors of \$100 and over, \$90,712.23.  
Received from contributors under \$100, \$115,355.22.  
Amount left over from Denver convention fund, \$42,500.00.  
Total, \$248,567.55.  
Amount disbursed, \$225,962.38.  
Balance on hand, \$22,605.17.

The statement which is signed by National Chairman Mack and Treasurer Ridder says that 343 subscribers gave \$100 or more, and the smaller sums were from 25 cents up. It adds:

"The number of contributors to the national campaign fund is estimated at about 50,000 people and about \$100,000 of the whole amount contributed came from the Democratic newspapers throughout the United States.

**The Congressional Fund.**

Chicago, Special.—The Democratic congressional campaign committee made public the list of contributions of \$100 or over. They aggregate \$1,744, while smaller contributions bring the total up to approximately \$20,000.

James Lloyd, chairman of the congressional committee, states that in order to complete the work the committee is in urgent need of at least \$15,000. The announcement continues:

"The Democratic national congressional committee received prior to the Denver convention in contributions of \$100 and over, the sum of \$3,500. It has received in the above amount and over in addition to the above report on account of the action of the Denver convention in regard to the publicity of campaign funds, the following amounts:

"Congressman R. C. Davey, Louisiana, \$100; D. E. Finley, South Carolina, \$100; E. W. Saunders, Virginia, \$100; Morris Sheppard, Texas, \$170; Jack Beall, Texas, \$100; J. G. McMenry, Pennsylvania, \$100; C. H. Weisse, Wisconsin, \$110; J. R. Russell, Missouri, \$218; Thomas Heckner, Missouri, \$100; John M. Goode, Texas, \$100; D. W. Hamilton, Iowa, \$100; Champ Clark, Missouri, \$220; G. M. Hitchcock, Nebraska, \$100; C. V. Fornes, New York, \$100; T. D. Niehols, Pennsylvania, \$100; Henry T. Rainey, Illinois, \$100; Francis B. Harrison, New York, \$200; Lincoln Dixon, Indiana, \$100; D. L. D. Granger, Rhode Island, \$100; H. D. Flood, Virginia, \$100; Rufus Hardy, Texas, \$100; United States Senator W. J. Stone, Missouri, \$100; Herma H. Ridd, New York, \$250; W. G. Conrad, Montana, \$250; and Democratic national committee, \$3,000. There has been \$3,059 additional received from individuals and committees for frankable literature.

**English Balloon May Be Winner.**

Berlin, By Cable.—Seventeen of the balloons which competed in the international race have landed. Four are still missing and it is feared have been driven seaward. The English Banshee landed farthest from Berlin going approximately three hundred miles. She will be the winner unless one of the missing balloons has gone a further distance.

**Gets 20 Years For Murder.**

Reading, Pa., Special.—Abraham Rosenthal, of Philadelphia, who was convicted a month ago of the murder of Lewis B. Clawson, a wealthy shirt manufacturer, was denied a new trial in court and sentenced to 20 years imprisonment. He appeared as if stunned for a time, but quickly recovered his composure. Clawson, who was Rosenthal's brother-in-law, was murdered in his office last February. Rosenthal fled and was captured in Oklahoma. Rosenthal is about 30 years old.

**The Perils of Aeronauts.**

Berlin, By Cable.—A report received from Helligoland says the balloon Castilla, one of the competitors in the international race fell into the North sea near that city and both aeronauts were rescued with difficulty. Four other balloons are still missing and little doubt remains that they have fallen either into the North Sea or the Baltic, and that the aeronauts are drowned.

**TAFT IN THE SOUTH**

Republican Nominee Makes a Number of Speeches

**MEETS A CORDIAL RECEPTION**

Hon. William H. Taft Makes Political Campaign in North Carolina and Virginia—Greeted by Enthusiastic Crowds at Statesville, Salisbury, Lexington, High Point and Reidsville, Ending Southern Tour at Richmond.

Greensboro, N. C., Special.—Hon. William Howard Taft, Republican candidate for President, closed his tour of North Carolina here Saturday. He was cordially received at all points where he spoke and his speeches were attentively listened to by Republicans and Democrats.

First Stop at Statesville. Mr. Taft was up bright and early Saturday morning. His first speech was made at Statesville at 7:30 o'clock. Several hundred people heard him there. Being presented by Mr. J. Elwood Cox, he said:

"Ladies and Gentlemen: I am glad to come into the State of North Carolina this beautiful October morning and to receive this cordial reception. Complaint is very often heard on the part of your people that North Carolina is not given her part in the administration of the government. She is not. She has able men, but as long as you are going to vote for the Democratic ticket and the Republican party is in power, I don't see how these gentlemen who do the voting can expect to share in the power. In other words, let them vote as they think and then we will wipe out sectional lines. It is a great pleasure for me to come here because I think I am the first Republican candidate for President that ever came into North Carolina on a campaign for the presidency, and I am here for the purpose of testifying to the South my interest in that section, my earnest desire to unite it with the North, and my hope that the Republican party will be built up in North Carolina, so that it may well have its full representation in the executive councils of the nation. I thank you for your kindness in coming here and I appreciate your Southern courtesy."

At Salisbury and Greensboro Mr. Taft said in part:

"It is a great pleasure to come into North Carolina. I have studied the statistics of North Carolina and her marvelous growth with intense interest. I know a good many of your North Carolinians, and every time a man from North Carolina came into my office in Washington when I was Secretary of War, he had not been there more than five minutes before he put his hand in his pocket, pulled out a paper and began to read and what he read was the statistics of the growth of business of North Carolina, so that it impressed itself upon me. For instance, your factory products in 1900 were \$55,000,000. In five years they had increased, in 1905, to \$152,000,000. In 1905 you had employed 36,000 persons in your cotton mills. Your cotton manufactures had increased from \$9,000,000 in 1890 to \$28,000,000 in 1900, to \$47,000,000 in 1905; also that you are second in rank of manufacture of tobacco; you are third in the rank of manufacturers of lumber and timber products. You make in one of your cities in this State nearly as much as they make in Grand Rapids, Mich., in furniture. I am giving you these figures merely to point out that unless we continue to have a protective tariff, most of these industries will be destroyed and the wealth that you have accumulated has been accumulated by reason of the policy insisted upon by the Republican party in respect to the tariff. And yet how many electoral votes have you cast in North Carolina for the Republican party? Somebody may have a better memory than I have, but I don't recall a single one. I ask you, my friends, whether there is any reason under the existing circumstances why, if you believe in Republican policies, you ought not to vote the Republican ticket? You have a State ticket and a congressional ticket that is unexceptional. I am not going to speak about the national ticket because I have a personal relation to it. But the national ticket is a Republican ticket and pledged to carry out Republican policies. I submit to those who have stood in the Democratic party in North Carolina that there is absolutely no reason now why if they favor Republican policies in the nation they should not vote as they think. Now it is a great pleasure and honor to me to be the first Republican candidate for the presidency who has come to North Carolina in a campaign for that great office. I have come here because I deeply sympathize with the South. I am anxious that it should take its place at the council board of the nation. I am anxious that you should exercise the influence through your able and great men, of whom you have many, in the same way that Ohio and Indiana and New York and Massachusetts do. But, my dear friends, if you are going simply from historic tradition to keep voting the Democratic ticket because you think that your fathers voted that way, then you are bound to stay on the outside and look in at others enjoying the power in the executive councils of the nation. It is not possible otherwise.

**human nature and party politics are such as to make that necessary, and I appreciate the homogeneity of the Southern people. I know their family tradition. I know their conservatism, and their adherence to something just out of respect to their ancestors; but on the other hand they are enterprising, progressive, courageous people in everything but politics, and I think it is time that they began in politics to show the same enterprise that they do in manufacturing furniture and in reaching out to develop the enormous wealth of North Carolina.**

**Southern Aeronaut Falls With Machine, But Escapes Injury.**

Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.—In an attempt at flight in an aeroplane Friday, G. M. Mallory, of this city, the inventor, fell fifty feet with his machine, but escaped with a few slight bruises. Mallory's aeroplane was partially wrecked. The inventor announced that he would rebuild his machine and try it again. This is the first attempt at aerial flight in the South.

**The Power of a Rockefeller.**

Utica, N. Y., Special.—The Postmaster General has just issued an order putting out of existence the Derrington postoffice and turning the business of the office over to the postmaster at Bay Pond, seven miles distant. This is an office on the private property of William Rockefeller, who objected to having people cross his grounds to get to the office. The people are very indignant at the closing of their office at the behest of Rockefeller and are getting up petitions of protest.

**Reforms in Cotton Futures.**

New Orleans La., Special.—With instructions to make reforms in the cotton futures contract of the New Orleans cotton exchange, a committee was appointed by members of the exchange. The committee will confer with farmers, brokers and cotton spinners throughout the South and will also investigate the action of directors of the exchange in eliminating stained cotton below middling as tenderable grades on future contracts.

**NOTES FROM ACROSS SEAS.**

China is buying lumber from British Columbia.

New Zealand is a good market for timber and lumber.

Chile should be avoided by emigrants, warns the British Consul-General.

Japan has arranged to build in her own yards two battleships of 23,000 tons each.

Brazil is borrowing \$10,000,000 in Paris for railway purposes at five per cent interest and a face discount of 6 1/2 per cent.

Oil discoveries in Orange River Colony, South Africa, seem important. A broad oil belt stretches across the colony.

Newfoundland's fishery outlook this season is unfavorable. A number of schooners have returned because of poor fishings.

Italy during the next sixteen years will spend \$107,000,000 to construct 992 miles of new roads as well as to improve existing roads.

There is a great demand in China for lead. It is used in several Chinese manufactures, but chiefly for making tea chests for export.

Great Britain exports over \$35,000,000 worth of eggs a year from Russia, Denmark, Germany, Belgium, Canada, and the United States.

The railways of Great Britain have \$6,300,277,368 paid up capital. Their net earnings in 1907 amounted to \$218,879,821 out of \$531,454,975 gross earnings.

New Zealand's postal money order, postal savings and telegraph business is increasing fast; 6,750,000 more letters in 1907 than in 1906; parcels post increased by 1,250,000; \$13,040,000 deposits in postal savings banks in three months; money orders increased by \$10,000; 1,786,000 telegrams sent in three months, an increase of 15,000.

**Tricks of the Paris Beggar.**

This city is the happy hunting ground of the beggar, and especially at the New Year. He stops you at every corner of the street; he tries to hand you out of your carriage the moment you stop before shop or restaurant. It is partly the influence of the season, but it is an evil that is at ways with us more or less. Some have quite ingenious tricks to tempt the pity of the passer by.

One lady, who is well known, declares every evening at the Gare St. Lazare to any sympathetic looking stranger that she is a governess, and has lost her purse, and would the kind gentleman lend her thirty centimes. "And be pleased to give me your card," she adds, "so that I may return the money." The ruse generally succeeds, but the mendicant has never been known to take the coin, except at the close of a profitable evening, when she has probably victimized a dozen good natured persons.

Another woman who pleases her admirers by industry in the Place de la Concorde, addresses herself exclusively to her own sex. As a result, she obtains as much as five or ten francs from blindly matrons who are touched by her story.

At the New Year the usual crop of beggars is so immensely increased that one supposes that the comparatively well off must descend into the street to try their luck. No doubt it is a "meter" that has its fascination, especially if it be but temporary. Paris correspondence Pall Mall Gazette.

**DROPS INTO OCEAN**

American Balloon With Two Aeronauts Falls

**RESCUED BY GERMAN STEAMER**

Balloon St. Louis, Collapses and Falls Into North Sea. Thirty Miles from Land—Enclosed in the Folds of the Balloon, Two Men are Rescued With Great Difficulty.

Berlin, By Cable.—The St. Louis, one of the three American balloons to start in the international race, fell into the North Sea Tuesday night, between Helligoland and Wilhelmshaven, thirty miles from the shore. The St. Louis was piloted by E. H. Arnold, who, with his assistant, H. J. Hewitt, was rescued by a German steamship passing at the time.

Arnold and Hewitt were enveloped in the folds of the balloon when rescued. They would have been forced under water in a short time. The rescue was effected with the greatest difficulty.

The aeronauts did not know that they were over sea until they heard the sound of the waves, the waters being obscured by a thick fog that hung at a low level. A rapid fall in temperature caused a shrinkage of the balloon envelope and it began gradually to descend. Alarmed, the aeronauts began throwing out everything in the balloon to lighten it, but continued to sink and finally struck the water with a splash. The men telegraphed the race committee that they were safe and uninjured.

This is the second sensational accident of American entrants. Shortly after the start Augustus Post and A. H. Forbes fell four thousand feet, having a miraculous escape from death.

**CROP CONDITIONS.**

Washington, Special.—The corn crop condition on October 1st was 77.8 per cent, spring wheat quality 83.1 per cent, total production of spring wheat was indicated as 233,090,000 bushels, combined production spring and winter wheat indicated as about 650,030,000 bushels of 89.4 per cent quality and the oat crop quality was 81.3 per cent, the production being 789,161,000 bushels with yield per acre averaging 24.9 bushels according to the Department of Agriculture crop report issued Wednesday.

The corn condition is against a ten-year average on October 1st of 79.7. The average yield of spring wheat is against a six-year average of 85.9. The final estimate of average yield of oats per acre is against a ten-year average of 29.8 and quality 86.1 for ten years.

The decline in condition of corn during September was about two per cent, as compared with an average decline the past ten years of 1.6 per cent. In Southern corn States the condition on October 1st and ten-year average, respectively, of the corn follows:

Texas 83 and 73; Georgia 84 and 82; Kentucky 75 and 81; Tennessee 82 and 80; Alabama 83 and 80; North Carolina 82 and 82; Arkansas 79 and 77; Mississippi 81 and 78.

**Opening of State Fair.**

Raleigh, N. C., Special.—The forty-eighth North Carolina State fair opened at noon Tuesday with an address by State Auditor B. F. Dixon. The crowds were unusually large for the opening day, and he exhibits and special features were of an exceptionally high order. Dr. Dixon's address was characteristically pleasing and appropriate. He termed the fair one of the greatest educational institutions of the State, which was an object lesson of industrial progress in line with the great work done at the Agricultural and Mechanical College and the State Normal and Industrial College, at Greensboro.

**Virginia's First Electrotonic.**

Richmond, Va., Special.—The electro chair was the substitute hanging at the execution Tuesday of Henry Smith, a negro rapist, who was electrocuted at 7:30 Tuesday morning. The law forbids the publication of details. The prisoner died in thirty seconds. He was convicted of an un-speakable crime.

**Hunters Find Man's Dead Body.**

Lenoir, N. C., Special.—While out 'possum hunting in King's Creek township, this county, a party of men and boys came up on the dead body of a man Saturday night, which proved to be that of one Bunk Sanders, who lived in the neighborhood. For several days the man had been missing, but no one thought he had died. He was a pretty well-to-do farmer, a good citizen, and for many years had been a magistrate in that community. The deceased was about 45 years of age. The coroner's jury returned a verdict to effect that he died from natural causes.

**Southern Railway Locomotive Explodes.**

Danville, Va., Special.—A report received late Tuesday night from Mayo, a watering station about twenty-five miles from Danville, says that a local freight engine on the Southern Railway exploded killing the engineer and injuring the fireman and several of the crew. A special train carrying surgeons left the city for the scene and the injured will be brought to this city.