

pi and Arkansas announce a deterio ration of 20 per cent. each.

Reports received by Secretary Reid of the South Carolina Farmers' union indicate that the cotton crop in a score of counties of the state will average from 50 to 80 per cent. The general average for the counties is about 75 per cent. A report of all counties and a general average for the state will be announced later. The information is being gathered by the State Farmers' union to prevent the farmers of the state from selling cotton at a price too low.

While three thousand men, women and children stood by, shouting their approval, Peter Carter, a negro, who had previously been baptured by three members of his own race, and idtntified as the man who had attacked Mrs. Minnie Spraggins, wife of a farmer, was burned to death on a brush-pile in the main street of Purcell, Okla. Two deputy sheriffs who attempted to rescue the negro from the crowd were overpowered and locked in the courthouse.

Internal revenue officers in search of illicit distilleries near Winston-Salem, N. C., have discovered that a new weapon is being used to discourage their investigations by two revenue officers, who just missed stepping into a large steep trap presumably set for them by "moonshiners." The officers had destroyed an illicit still recently, and were pursuing their investigations when one of them saw the trap just in time to avoid their being caught.

Representatives of 66,000 farmers of the bright tobacco belt of Virginia and North Carolina, allied with the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative union, in executive session at Greensboro, N. C., entered into an agreement to pool the 1911 tobacco crop until a price of not less than 15 cents per pound is obtained in any section; the "bright" grade of tobacco will be held for 20 cents. Details of the agreement were withheld.

"Hold cotton for 13 cents." is the advice to be formally given to farmers' organizations by a committee consisting of Senator Williams of Mississippi and Senator Owen of Oklahoma and Representaive Burleson of Texas, representing a conference of senators and representatives from several cottongrowing states. A committee will urge the state banking associations to cooperate against "the bearish movement of the speculators."

# General.

Sailing serenely over New York, Harry N. Atwood, the Boston aviator, arrived there in his aeroplane, the first man in history to travel 1,265 miles in a heavier-than-air machine. He not only broke the world's record, covering 1.265 miles in an air line, or perhaps 100 more miles with his detours, but he flew all the way in the same biplane, and with no important mishaps. Atwood's flight is comparable only to that made by fast trains, for he covered the distance from St. Louis to

cessitates the continued presence there by Mayor T. . Murphy and Mr. E. D. of soldiers. Many Jewish families are Broadhurst on behalf of the city and leaving the country.

An answer was filed by Harry K.

Thaw, through his attorney, to the pe-

tition of his wife, Evelyn Nesbit Thaw,

in which Judge L. L. Davis was asked

to appoint a lunacy commission to

take charge of the income of Thaw in

Pennsylvania and provide for the sup-

port of his wife. Thaw's income is

said to be \$60,000 a year. Thaw claims

the verdict of the jury in New York

state was not a finding that he was

An interesting feature of the Do-

minion election campaign was a vig-

Washington.

around the circle, on which Republi-

vetoed the cotton tariff revision bill,

President Taft signed the joint res-

olution for the admission of New Mex-

ico and Arizona into the Union. There

was but one resolution, so the presi-

public at Rochester, N. Y.

respect," said Martin.

insane.

be made.

chamber of commerce. The response was by President Barrett. After this the farmers again went into secret session. Among those who were present and taking part in the discussions, in ad-

dition to President Barrett, are Assistant Secretary Hayes of the United States Department of Agriculture, Mr. Joel B. Forte of Tennessee and President Alexander of the State Farmers' Union. The attendance was large and every county in the bright tobacco belt of the two States was represented.

orous denunciation at Winnipeg, Man-The tobacco district of the states itoba, of the Laurier government by of Virginia and North Caolina, which Joseph Martin, M. P., for London, Engcomprise the northern central counland, former attorney general of Manties of this state and the adjoining itoba, and ex-premier of British Cocounties of southern Virginia, supply lumbia. Martin is strong for reciprocthe world with millions of pounds of ity. "Reciprocity will undoubtedly tobacco of an exclusive grade, being mean more money for Canada, and called by tobacco-growers the "bright more money for Canadians, and would leaf," and a tobacco very necessary to be a good thing for Canada in this manufacturers of the weed.

> Two Companies Were Chartered. The Guilford Poultry Association

President Taft has selected some of Greensboro was chartered with \$2,of the subjects on which he will speak 000 capital authorized and \$200 subon his Western trip that will begin scribed by W. R. Golden, W. M. Montnext month. He told callers that the gomery, F. H. Nicholson and Thomas tariff, peace and arbitration, currency J. Shaw for the purpose of holding reform, reciprocity and conservation, poultry fairs at Greensboro and proprobably, would form a nucleus for his moting the raising of thoroughbred speechmaking. He will make adpoultry in that section of the state. dresses on many other subjects, but Another charter is for the Crystal Ice the topics named would make a sort & Ice Cream Co., Lexington, capital of "big five" around which speeches \$50,000 authorized and \$15,000 subthat he deemed less important might scribed by H. E. Cartlend, E. B. Craven and others for operating ice fac-

On the eve of his forty-day swing tory and other purposes. Franklin County Superior Court.

can leaders expect him to define the Franklin Superior Court convened issues for the campaign of 1912, Preswith Judge C. M. Cooke presiding. In ident Taft announced himself unalterably opposed to the "nostrums" of rethe judge's charge to the grand jury form, which, he declared, "demahe dwelt earnestly on the great impor gogues" and "theoretical extremists" tance of their work, that the petit jury have advanced for the solution of the and the court could not commence problem of concentrated wealth in this | business, without their having investicountry. The president spoke to the gated cases for trial. He said he veterans of the Grand Army of the Re | would not call their attention to their known duty in murder, burglary, arson and other cases, but wished to empha-The first session of the Sixty-second size the violations of the law vs. boys, congress ended, and immediately the cigarette smoking, which is now alarmexodus of members began. President ingly done, with terrible results, also Taft joined with several hundred tired the violation of the law vs. the carrylegislators in the hegira, and official Washington was comparatively desert. ing of pistols and other weapons, and ed. Every outgoing train bore sena- gambling in cotton futures, prominent tors and representatives on their whites playing poker as well as nehomeward journey after being togeth. groes on river banks and in vacant er 121 days and setting the liveliest houses, playing craps. He stated that pace of any legislative session in he had heard of the violation of the years. The adjournment was feature prohibition law here with impunity

less, despite the strenuous activity and reminded them that they were not that had gone before. The president judges of the law, and whether they were opposed or not, all violators ought to be punished. Farmers' Union of Wilson County.

The Farmers' Educational Co-operative Union for Wilson county met in dent used three pens in order that some of the relic hunters might be sat. the courthouse in Wilson and found isfied. "Well, it's done," the president that out of eighteen lodges, seventeen are represented. The attendance

A close tab is going to be kept on every slaughtered animal brought to

have.

ascertain just how much fresh meat | Old North State. consumed in the city comes direct from the country.

Mrs. Noel Brought Back For Trial. Deputy Sheriff Sink arrived with Mrs. Charles Noel in custody, the woman made no effort to resist extradition and apparently came willlingly. She was arraigned before Judge Daniels and a spirited scrap ensued between General Walser, the woman's attorney and Captain Wade Phillips, representing the state. General Walser asked for a continuance on the grounds that he did not believe that the woman could get a fair trial in Davidson county at this time. The words of Judge Daniels in passing sentence on Charles Noel, convicted of the crime for which the woman is to stand trial, said General Walser, had also created a profound impression on the people of Davidson county, and the,

people are thoroughly aroused and indignant. He said that he did not believe that a jury could be found in the county who could give the woman a fair trial. Attorney Phillips for the state, took a different view of the matter and asserted that there would be no trouble in finding twelve fair minded men in the county. After some more talk it was finally agreed that the State Fair. Major Graham, comthe case should be removed to Rowan county for trial.

#### Halifax Court is in Session.

Halifax Superior Court is in session with Judge M. H. Justice, of Lincolnton, presiding. The state docket contained 66 cases when court opened, the most important being the state against S. M. Dickens, Chief of Police, and Lonnie Dick, is, his brother. The charge is that on or about March 25th, the Dickens brothers assaulted old man Jones and that on account of injuries inflicted Jones died. The Dickens brothers stoutly maintain that they are innocent of the charge. They are represented by Corporation Commissioner E. L. Travis, State Senator A. P. Kitchin and Elliott Clark. The prosecuting attorney, Hon. John H. Kerr, will be assisted by W. E. Daniel and George C. Green.

### Shelby School Closes Session.

A session of summer school, embracing two weeks, has just closed at Shelby, Cleveland county. Among the instructors were Prof. M. C. S. Noble, Chapel Hill, N. C.; Miss Anna Wetmore, Duke, N. C., and Prof. Carmichael, Durham, N. C. During the session Prof. J. A. Bivens, of Raleigh, was present and added much interest to the cause of popular education

Have Appealed to Commissioner. North Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture W. A. Graham has been appealed to by a number of the commissioners of cotton-growing states, being:

National Weather Bureau. These efforts were ably supported by Congressman R. L. Doughton, who is ever the city from the country in order to alert in furthering the interests of the

> In order to look into the possibility of undertaking these investigations. the U.S. Weather Bureau detailed Prof. H. J. Cox, special expert, to cooperate with Mr. Denson and Mr. Hutt in making a preliminary survey of the general topography of Western Carolina in relation to fruit growing. These gentlemen spent most of the month of July in making this survey and in selecting location for observing stations where this work could be most advantageously carried on.

On his return to Washington Prof. Cox reported mot favorably on the opportunities of Western Carolina for fruit growing and recommended that the work be undertaken.

Owing to the great expense of equip-Townsend, killed in an affray, and who ping a number of stations it looked as adjourned until a missing witness though these very valuable investigations could not be gotten under way.

## Fair Premiums That Are Offered.

the missing witness. The jury render-Raleigh .- The work for the eradicaed a verdict that Jim Townsend came agriculture is paying this year \$150 in to his death from a wound inflicted premiums for each of about twenty by a knife in the hands of Adam county and district fairs that are to Smith. be held during the fall in every sec-

tion of the state. Also there are very Henry, who was shot in the left breast, considerable cash premiums offered by the ball lodging in his back, in Wilkes the state department for exhibitors in county, during a raid on moonshiners, is able to leave his hotel. The ball missioner of agriculture, is deeply inwill not be removed unless it gives terested in bringing about a uniform Henry trouble. Four arrests have system of making the awards, or rathbeen been made and while officers

er of judging the exhibits in competition for the premiums. It is to this end that he has called a conference of the secretaries of all the county and district fairs to be held in this city. It is a notable fact that in investigating the premium systems in many of the fairs of other states it is found that the state fairs offer far through a representative of Uncle greater premiums than North Carolina.

that they were charged with violation of a Federal statute in dispensing alco-Hookworm Disease Hard Fought. hol in quantities not in conformity Raleigh .- The wor kfor the eradicawith the rules of the department. The tion of the hookworm disease goes fordruggists were in each case required ward apace in North Carolina and Dr. to pay a penalty and take out whiskey John A. Ferrill, secretary for the license for one year. Hookworm Commission for North Winston-Salem. - Internal revenue Carolina, gave out the information that Pitt county had made an appropriaofficers in search of illicit distilleries tion for the free dispensary for the have discovered that a new weapon is being used to discourage their investihookworm cure. Pitt is the twelfth county to act and its appropriation is

gations. It was admitted by two revenue officers that they had just missed \$50 a week for six weeks. Such work stepping into a large steel trap preagainst the hookworm disease ha salsumably set for them by "moonshinready been done in Robeson, Sampson, ers" in Iredell county. The officers Columbus and Halifax. Work is now had destroyed an illicit still recently going on in Wayne, Onslow, Coumberand were pursuing their inevstigations land and Northampton, and work is in the same neighborhood when one arranged for in Brunswick, Pender, of them happened to see the trap just Craven and Pitt. The fact of local apin time to avoid their being caught in propriations shows the deep interest being taken in the work.

Henderson .- The Chamber of Com-Two New Enterprises For the State. merce has succeeded in locating a large planing mill and lumber plant Raleigh .-- Certificates of incorporation were filed with the secertary of | here. The new plant will have the castate by two new enterprises, these pacity of about ten carloads of dressed

mad. With the exception of three per-Asheville.—As a result of the grand jury's investigation into liquor selling sons all of the dead are local people. in Asheville at the regular April term a large number of indictments against | Volunteer firemen, several policemen Asheville men have been returned by and a few level-headed citizens unthe present grand jury. While the tangled the human mass. The unhurt names of those indicted are not made and those slightly injured were pulled public it is said that there are no from the top of the pile. As they fewer than 35 and that the list ingained the street, they ran screaming cludes some prominent Asheville men. like maniacs to all parts of the small town. Next came the more seriouly Gaston .- The question of establishing a farm-life school in this county is injured, and these were sent home or not a matter of politics. It is simply taken to nearby houses, while a few a matter of taking a forward step in the way of better and more practical education for our boys and girls. Gas-

Fayetteville .- The coroner's jury,

who sat on the case of the negro Jim

could be had, resumed its hearing on

the arrival of the Bennettsville freight

train, which brought in Clay Johnson,

Winston-Salem. - Revenue Officer

illicit plant of 140 gallons capacity.

pany, A. Bradley and T. H. Stroud,

were surprised when they learned

Sam's internal revenue department

not do so in this.

were rushed, unconscious, to the hospitals. Then the rescuers came to the slient forms of those who had reached the ton has been taking the lead in many matters relating to the betterment of fatal stairway first. One after another, the victims, many of them conditions among the people generally, women and small children, were carand there is no reason why it should ried to the sidewalk. All had suffo-

> cated and the faces showed terror. Coroner James Hefran has begun a rigid investigation. He arrived at the scene early and within a short time had selected a jury.

It was all over within a short time.

The moving picture machine operator was about to conclude the first performance when a film parted. Some of the audience already had commenced to leave the building, and other persons were on the stairway coming up.

Many Persons Hurt in Wreck.

Middletown, Conn. - Sixty persons were injured, eight of them seriously. when an express train on the Valley division of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad was wrecked by spreading of the rails. The train runs to various resorts and returns at were out looking for others implicated night. The train consisted of the enin the shooting, they destroyed an gine, two baggage and eight passenger coaches. The engine was thrown on Burlington.-Three drug firms of its side into a sand bank; the two Burlington, the Burlington Drug Combaggage cars went down a 35-foot embankment and the first passenger coach ran into the tender of the engine and was badly splintered. It was in this car that most of the injured were found. The engineer was caught in the cab of his engine and had to be chopped out but escaped with a dislocated hip and bruises.

> Designated More Postal Banks. Washington. - Postmaster General Hitchcock designated fifty more postoffices of the first-class as postal saving depositories, among them were: Montgomery, Ala.; Texarkana, Ark .: Athens, Ga.; Paducah, Ky.; Shreveport, La.; Jackson, Miss.; Greensboro, N. C.; Greenville, S. C.; Bristol, Tenn.; Austin, Tex., and Petersburg. Va. The receipts in the postal savings offices at New York, Chicago, St. Louis and Boston, which opened for business on the 1st of August, it was announced at the department, amounted to a quarter of a million dollars at the end of the first three weeks.

Mutilated Body is Found. Knoxville, Tenn.-The vicinity Etowah is greatly excited over the discovery of the mutilfated body of J. lumber a day, and will employ a good L Miller, aged 65, a well-to-do farm-

New York in an actual hying time of 28 hours and 31 minutes. The Marquis of Queensberry, who landed in New York several days ago to "make his fortune" in America, has gone to work as a special sporting writer for a Chicago daily newspa- per. The members of the Federation of Railway Employees of the Illinois Central voted to strike. Ex-President Roosevelt in a letter to the editor of the Pittsburg Leader says: "I must ask not only you, but every friend I have to see to it that no movement whatever is made to bring me forward for the nomination of 1912." The national monetary commission will close its work on March 31 next. The senate accepted the house amend- ments to the senate measure and the bill was then ready for the president's signature.	esolution provides that Arizona shall limnate the judiciary recall clause in ts constitution. Some 880 initial "doses" of typhoid accine have been distributed to physi- ians throughout South Carolina, by he state health department since the istribution was commenced about two reeks ago. Senator LaFollette electrified the enate with a vitriolic attack on Wall treet. Addressing his colleagues in he upper chamber on conditions in laska, he charged that a conspiracy being hatched in Wall street among he money kings for the "upbuilding f a monopoly equal, if not greater, han that in the anthracite coal fields f Pennsylvania. Senator LaFollette id not mince words nor was he back- rard in his allegations. He declared he gigantic powers in Wall street	fest. In the absence of President C. E. Bream, the meeting was presided over by Vice-President W. H. Lamm. Mr. L. E. Robbins, who is largely responsible for the organization in Wilson county, and who has devoted much time to the work, was on hand as secretary and treaurer. An interesting Case Being Tried. An interesting criminal case is be- ing tried in Superior court. It is the case of state vs. George Cathey. The defendant is charged with violating the "search and seizure" law by hav- ing on hand for sale, it is alleged, more than two gallons of whiskey. When the officer's made the raid on liquors alleged to belong to Mr. Cathey they confiscated about 25 barrels. The whiskey is now being held by the city. Mr. Cathey has never laid claim to the	ers to look into the status of the cot- ton crop and form some estimate of the prospective yield and the average quality. The appeal comes to him because he is vice president of the As- sociation of Commissioners and Agri- cultural Workers of the Cotton Grow- ing states. Advisory Committee is Named. Together with eight other North Car- olinians, Mr. W. S. Lee has been ap- pointed by Governor Kitchin to mem- bership on an advisory committee with which officers of the National Irrigation Congress can co-operate in making the coming congress in Chica- go, November 5, of benefit to North Carolina. The other committeemen are Messrs, J. J. Furlong, Frank He- witt, A. B. Lukens, S. S. Mann, O. L. Clark, J. A. Wellons, R. P. Richard- son, R. F. Richardson and W. D.	druggists; authorized capital \$5,000; subscribed \$5,000, by A. B. Reese, Mamie W. Reese and O. T. Alexander. The Savodine Company, of New Bern; to manufacture Savodine and to do general drug business; authorized capital, \$25,000; subscribed, \$2,000, by Dr. Leinster Duffy, E. H. Gorham and B. M. Duffy. Plans For State Building. Raleigh.—The plans in detail for the new state administration building that is to be erected at a cost of \$250,000 on the south side of Capital Square, are to be ready early in September and then as little time is to be lost as possible in the procurement of bids and awarding the contract for the erection of the building. It is expect- ed that the clearing away of the old buildings and the excavations for the splendid fire-proof structure that is to go up will require the greater part of	High Point.—As a sample of the watermelon growth in this community it may be stated that some of the far- mers, among whom is J. A. Frazier, bring in the city some specimens weighing from 60 to 75 pounds each and selling for 75 cents to a dollar. They are luscious and the quantity is far above the average this year. North Wilkesboro.—Superior court for Wilkes county adjourned, this be- ing a two weeks' session with Judge J. Crawford Biggs presiding. This was Judge Biggs' first court in this county and he made a good impression on the people. There were no cases tried of any general interest. Raleigh.—Among the improvements in sight for Raleigh is a new ice fac- tory, to be erected by Powell & Powell on West Hargett street, in time to be- gin business next spring. This new plant will be of brick ad will have a 25-ton daily capacity and will employ or be to the court	er who resided within 2 miles of that place. Miller's son Roscoe, Thomas Senter and G. W. Rose and wife, the last two tenants on one of Miller's arms, are under arrest charged with the murder and have been spirited away to the jail at Athens on account of the high feeling against them at Etowah. Officers claim that one of the quarter has confessed. Macher Long Distance Swin. New YorkElaine Golding, a Bath Beach girl, swam from the Battery in New York to Coney Island, 15 miles. Miss Golding is 20 years old and weighs 190 pounds. She has won many championships at short and middle distances, but this was her first effort at such a long distance. Her time, one minute more than 4 hours, is regarded as very exceptional as a heavy rain fell all the time and the sea was very choppy. It was thought she would not be able to make it.
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