

BRIEF NEWS NOTES FOR THE BUSY MAN

MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS OF
THE PAST WEEK TOLD IN
CONDENSED FORM.

WORLD'S NEWS EPITOMIZED

Complete Review of Happenings of
Greatest Interest From All
Parts of World.

Southern.

Though Confederate veterans generally are excluded from government hospitals, President Taft made an exception of Capt. J. W. Myers of Jacksonville, Fla., and ordered that he be admitted to the army and navy general hospital at Hot Springs, Ark. Senator Fletcher informed the president that Captain Myers was crippled with rheumatism and unable to obtain relief anywhere but at Hot Springs, where he had been prevented from going because of the expense.

An order of the interstate commerce commission reducing certain class freight rates from New Orleans to Montgomery, Selma and Mobile, Ala., and to Pensacola, Fla., was annulled by decision of the commerce court. The decision, handed down by Judge Archibald, is certain to add considerable fuel to the controversy already acute between the interstate commerce commission and the commerce court. The court declares that congress never intended to clothe the commission with the wide authority it has assumed.

Details of a double tornado which devastated portions of Lincoln, Jefferson and Arkansas counties in Arkansas, particularly the latter two, place the list of dead at ten, with at least 25 persons seriously injured. In addition, the storms caused property loss that as yet, can only be approximately estimated. Handsome homes, plantation equipment and pumping stations caught in the path of the storm were reduced to wreckage and strewn along in the wake of the storm for miles.

General.

Because the coal miners had been able to gain government recognition of their grievances by threatening the business of the country, the English suffragettes also entered upon a policy of menace to trade. It was a window-breaking expedition solely. Hundreds of windows in London in many of the most famous shops of the world and in several government offices and clubs were wrecked by the suffragettes. One hundred and fifteen women were taken to police stations by police.

Details of the collision between the steamers Mori Maru and Richa Maru, involving the loss of 57 lives, were brought by the steam Awa Maru, which arrived at Vancouver, B. C., from the Orient. The two vessels foundered soon after the collision in the Genkai sea, off Ebohi Light house, Iki province, February 10. The Mori, a collier of 1,788 tons, bound from Moji for Dalm, crashed into the coasting steamer Richa Maru, 178 tons, driving her bow into the latter vessel on the starboard.

The Roosevelt campaign assumed definite form with the appointment of the men who are to assume active management. Senator Dixon of Montana is to be the man at the helm. His official title is chairman of the executive committee. Mr. Dixon's first official act was to give out a statement attacking President Taft. The appointments were announced after conference between Colonel Roosevelt and leading supporters.

A brief outline of the general situation in Mexico is contained in the following telegram from President Madero: "It must be understood by every one I have not the slightest intention of resigning the presidency. The government is organizing many forces of volunteers under experienced military leaders who will take command in the zones of disturbances and make more rapid and effective their pacification."

Americans were not spared in the rioting which has been going on at Kingston, Jamaica, in connection with the street railway trouble, a party of Americans driving in an automobile were attacked by a mob, and one of them was seriously injured. The party included Capt. and Mrs. Fritz du Quesne of New York and Mr. and Mrs. Wortley of Brooklyn. A group of men attacked their automobile with bricks and stones.

The certificate of election of James K. Vardaman as senator from Mississippi was presented to the senate by Senator John Sharp Williams. Mr. Vardaman will take his seat on March 4, 1912.

Ernest Thalman, head of the banking firm of Ladenburg, Thalman & Co., died at his home in New York. State Senator Frank S. Moody announced his candidacy for congress from the Sixth Alabama district against Capt. R. P. Hobson. Colonel Moody was one of the most prominently mentioned candidates for governor in the last campaign.

Upwards of three-quarters of a million of English coal miners laid down their tools last week out on a strike. Meetings were held by the Coal Miners' Federation and the Coal Owners' Association, but they apparently only resulted in a reiteration of the refusal of the participants to budge from their respective positions. Mr. Asquith is said to have given an assurance to the miners' delegates that means would be found to compel the minority of the coal owners to fall in line with the majority on the question of the concession of a minimum wage.

Arrangements for sending a party of textile strikers of Lawrence, Mass., including children, to Washington, to appear before a congressional committee, as suggested by Congressman Victor Berger, were completed. More than fifty men, women and children, representing each of the eighteen nationalities among the strikers, will make the trip. The children selected are themselves mill workers on strike. In some instances they bear scars from injuries sustained while at work.

Secretary of State P. C. Knox made in Panama the first of his public addresses on his trip to the capitals of Central America and northern South America and the West Indies. Mr. Knox said the president believed the early completion of the canal should mark the beginning of closer relations between the United States and all Latin-America; that the purpose of the United States towards all the American republics was to live in amity and essential harmony.

The taking of Juarez lacks the importance that the same occurrence had when Madero wrested it from Diaz' troops last May in the opinion of the Mexican administration officials. Then it was the crowning event of a long series of operations.

Washington.

The Democratic caucus ratified the sugar bill and the income tax or excise bill presented by Democratic Leader Underwood with the endorsement of the ways and means committee. Both bills will now be presented to the house. The excise tax so-called by the ways and means committee, is in effect an income tax. The bill is so drawn that it is expected to comply with the Supreme court's decision against the constitutionality of an income tax. Its effect would be to tax every person who earns more than \$5,000 a year, or in excess of \$5,000 at the rate of one per cent. The estimate of Chairman Underwood and members of the ways and means committee, is that the proposed excise tax would bring in a revenue of between \$50,000,000 and \$60,000,000 a year.

The senate adopted a resolution called on President Taft to submit to it all the correspondence with Colombia dealing with the acquisition of the Panama canal zone by the United States. The resolution was offered by Senator Hitchcock, who urged its adoption in a speech in which he charged former President Roosevelt with participation in a conspiracy to foment the revolution by which Panama was lost to Colombia and the canal zone became the property of this country.

Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, pure food champion, is seriously considering resigning his position as chief of the bureau of chemistry in the department of agriculture. Admitting this in an interview, Doctor Wiley said in a while he had not yet determined to offer his resignation, it seemed that he could not be successful in his efforts to secure harmony as long as there were "incongruous elements" in the department.

President Taft will soon start a vigorous speech-making campaign to explain his position on current questions and further his candidacy for renomination. Before the Republican national convention meets in June, he will spend many days on the road, and is expected to deliver scores of speeches. He will travel as far west as Chicago, as far north as New Hampshire and south at least as far as Georgia.

Pledges of support from nine Republican governors were given out from headquarters of President Taft. The executives in favor of the president's renomination were Eberhart, Minnesota; Carroll, Iowa; Hay of Washington; Goldsborough, Maryland; Tener, Pennsylvania; Hooper, Tennessee; Spry, Utah; Pennewill, Delaware, and Pothier, Rhode Island.

Senator Bacon of Georgia, one of the Democratic leaders in the senate, declared in favor of postponing the Democratic convention in Baltimore, which has been called for June 25, until a later date, because, as now arranged, it would be held only a week after the Republican convention in Chicago. Norman E. Mack, chairman of the Democratic national committee, when his attention was called to Senator Bacon's declaration in favor of a later date for the Democratic national convention, said he was not in favor of postponement.

Senator Gardner of Maine introduced a bill under which the government would take over the properties of the express companies and operate them as a part of the postal service, extending to the rural delivery. The measure indicated the probable cost of taking over the properties as follows: Real Property \$14,930,169, equipment \$7,381,405, materials and supplies \$138,210, advance payments on contracts \$5,836,666 and franchises and good will, etc., \$10,877,369, a total of \$39,163,819.

RAILWAY BUILDING IN THIS STATE

PREPARATIONS GOING FORWARD
AT A GOOD PACE ALL ALONG
LINES OF SURVEY.

MUCH ENTHUSIASM SHOWN

The Territory That Will Be Benefited
By the Construction of the New
Goldsboro, Seven Springs and
Swansboro Railroad Line.

Raleigh.—A special from Goldsboro states that the preparations for the building of the Goldsboro, Seven Springs and Swansboro Railroad are going forward at a good pace and all along the line of survey, which is nearing completion, unbounded enthusiasm is manifested of this new line of road, which will open up a large and rich section of country, and that means much for the prosperity, not only of Goldsboro and Wayne county, but of Richlands, Jacksonville, Swansboro and Onslow county. The unusually severe weather for this climate has delayed the work of survey somewhat, but the management of the road is very well pleased with the progress made and are making preparations for the beginning of construction work at an early date.

Mr. W. A. Robertson, general manager, with offices of the road in this city, reports that in the work of securing the right of way he finds enthusiastic support and co-operation all along the line and throughout the territory to be traversed.

He left for Richlands, where he will meet Mr. T. H. Pritchard, of Swansboro, president of the road. They are to decide on the station site and attend to matters of the right of way through Richlands.

Mr. Roberts has received a letter from Mr. N. P. Young, engineer in charge of surveying corps, in which Mr. Young says he expects to complete the survey in Richlands in another week, having already moved camp to that place.

Train of Freight Cars Derailed.

The Atlantic Coast Line freight train Wilmington was derailed about fifty yards north of Upper Little river bridge, 7 miles east of Sanford. The train consisted of twelve freight cars, caboose and engine. A car near the engine was first to leave the track and by the time the bridge was reached it was well off the ties. The engine crossed safely but the ten front cars piled into the river or were thrown down a fifteen-foot embankment on either side. The steel bridge, which was about one hundred feet long, was completely wrecked and it will take probably several days to replace it.

Man Killed by a Charged Wire.

Without a moment's warning, Capt. Matt R. Denmark, son of Chief of Police Denmark, of Goldsboro, was instantly killed while attending to his duties as yardmaster of the Atlantic Coast Line at that point. He was 23 years old. Young Denmark was engaged to be married at an early date. He was superintending the shifting of a boxcar loaded with coal into the coal and wood yard of Mr. W. H. Griffin, adjoining the Atlantic Coast Line yards, and was standing on top of the car when it passed under an electric wire leading into the office of Mr. Griffin.

Committee Holds First Meeting.

The committee appointed by Col. Ashley Horne to select the design and superintendent of the erection of the monument to the North Carolina Vets. of the Confederacy, which he is to present to the state, held its first meeting in the office of the secretary of state. The members of the committee selected by Mr. Horne are: Col. J. A. Long, of Roxboro; Maj. H. A. Long, of Pittsboro; Col. W. H. S. Burdette, of Weldon; Col. W. B. Grimes, of Raleigh; Mrs. F. M. Williams, of Newton, and Mr. R. D. W. Connor, of Raleigh.

Bids For Steel Bridge Rejected.

The committee from the Rowan and Davie boards of county commissioners, together with Civil Engineer C. M. Miller, met in Register of Deeds E. H. Miller's office in the court house at Salisbury to open and consider bids for the construction of a steel bridge over the Yadkin River at South River to connect the two counties. A number of representatives of bridge building companies met with them. All bids were finally rejected and the committee will hold another meeting to further discuss the matter.

Judge Cook Shaved The Verdict.

Holding that the \$2,500 damage verdict in the trip-hammer case was excessive Judge Cook in superior court at Greensboro shaved the amount down to \$1,000—and he said, looking toward the counsel for the plaintiff, "If you are not satisfied with that I will fix a price on the entire property and see if this matter can't be settled in some manner." It is understood that the outcome will be the offer to Mr. Moorehead to accept \$1,000 from the Macine Co. and continue the ownership of his property.

THE CENTRAL WAREHOUSE

President Alexander in Durham For
Conference on Subject—Durham
Fair Chance to Get It.

Durham.—A committee from the Commercial Club has been appointed to meet Dr. H. Q. Alexander, president of the State Farmers' Union for a conference in regard to locating the central warehouse in Durham. Dr. Alexander arrived here and the meeting was held in the rooms of the club.

The central warehouse will be a distributing place for fertilizer, farming utensils, machinery and other articles for the use of the farmers. This warehouse will be under the direct control of the state farmers' union and the articles will be sold to the farmers for the very lowest price, the middlemen's profits being eliminated.

A number of other towns in the state are making a bid for the warehouse, Durham being the last in the race for the million dollar building. Dr. Alexander is favorably impressed with the easy accessibility of Durham to other parts of the state, especially the farming sections, and it is hoped that the club will be able to have this warehouse located in Durham.

The Farmers' Course Closes.

The special short course for the farmers of this county which has been in progress for three days at Statesville closed with a general question box. Mr. T. B. Parker, the state director of farmers' institutes, answering numerous questions upon the several subjects which have been under discussion. At the same time Mrs. W. N. Hutt was delivering a lecture to about thirty women in another portion of the court house. The course has been very successful, Mr. Parker in closing expressing his gratification at the large attendance and the keen interest shown. Although the roads are fearfully cut up as a result of heavy rains during the past few weeks and also that the first day was a very rainy one, the court room has had a good sized crowd in it listening to the discussions.

North Carolina New Enterprises.

The Racket Store Company, of Dunn, with two thousand dollars of stock paid in by Ellis Goldstein, J. C. Bell and A. D. Wilson, all residents of Dunn. The company propose to conduct a racket store for the sale of dry goods and notions. Boykin Drug Company, of Bailey. The authorized capital stock is \$5,000 with \$1,300 paid in by R. H. Patterson, W. M. Boykin and J. H. Liles. A general retail drug business will be conducted. The Rolin Manufacturing, of Lincolnton, which proposes to operate mills for the manufacture of cotton and woolen goods. The incorporators are J. A. Anthony, L. N. Rudisill, R. Costner and others, who have subscribed for \$12,000 of the stock. The authorized capital stock is \$50,000.

Two Were Killed in Train Wreck.

Two are dead and four more or less injured as a result of a collision on the Kingston Carolina Railroad which occurred one mile beyond Pink Hill, Engine No. 4 of the Rutledge Lumber Company was coming up the track in the woods to Pink Hill and ran head-on into a string of box cars attached to engine No. 98, which was backing at about 20 miles an hour towards Howard's siding, two miles beyond Pink Hill. The dead and injured were all on engine No. 4 and were employees of the Rutledge Lumber Company. The dead are: B. F. Harper, fireman of No. 4 of Pink Hill; C. P. Morton, section master of Newport.

Good Roads Campaign Is On.

Newton township's good road campaign is on in full blast. March 9 the voters will say whether they want to issue \$50,000 of bonds to build sand-clay or gravel roads in the township. It is estimated that this sum of money will make permanent all the leading roads as far as the township lines. Various committees are hard at work sending out literature and speaking have been arranged for every part of the township. There is great opposition to the bond issue but daily, as the proposition is unfolded, opponents come out in favor of the bonds; and advocates of the issue are optimistic.

Does Not Favor No-Fence Law.

Governor Kitchin says reports of his address welcoming the State Forestry Association to Raleigh made it appear that he declared for state-wide no-fence law and that while he did say that there is imperative necessity in taking the hogs out of the long-leaf pine woods and other kinds of forests that the hogs hinder from reproduction he does not favor a State law putting on every locality a rigid no-fence law. He believes this is necessarily a local question for all sections of North Carolina.

Meat Market Issue Dead.

By a vote of 653 to 73, a clear majority of 590, Greensboro voters defeated the Socialist proposal to have the city establish, maintain and operate a municipal meat market, at which all meats, game, etc., was to be sold to the people at actual cost to the city. The voting was light and when the factory vote had practically been registered it was realized that the issue was dead; that Socialism and Socialistic fancies could not so easily gain a foothold in Greensboro.

THE COMPETITION

SERIES OF CONTESTS BETWEEN
STUDENTS OF 21 COUNTIES
AT FAYETTEVILLE.

TO TAKE PLACE ON APRIL 21

After Adjournment of Superintendents
Principals Held Interesting Session
—44 High Schools in the 21 Counties
Composing Southeastern District.

Fayetteville.—A series of contests in declamation, recitation, spelling and athletic sports will be held in Fayetteville by high schools of the 21 counties of the southeastern section of North Carolina, on April 12th. So it was decided by the high school principals in session here.

After the superintendents of education adjourned the principals assembled and held a session which was of great interest. The meeting was conducted by Superintendent N. W. Walker, of the secondary schools of the University. "How Ought the Efficiency of the High Schools be Increased?" and "What Can a Good Daily Program do for High School Standards of Work?" were discussed.

At the night session Dr. H. W. Chase, professor of the Philosophy of Education at the University, addressed the high school men on "Formal Discipline." Dr. L. R. Wilson, librarian of the University, spoke on "How May the Use of the Library be Put to the Best Use of the High School?"

There are 44 high schools in the 21 counties composing the southeastern district, and 25 principals were present at this meeting. They are a fine looking, intelligent and well equipped body of young men. Both the superintendents of education and the high school principals expressed themselves as much pleased with Fayetteville, declaring they had a delightful time and a helpful convention. Fayetteville will be glad to welcome them again next year.

Received Certificates of Merit.

Washington.—County Superintendent W. L. Vaughan has received certificates of merit for three boys who were members of the Beaufort county corn club during the past year. The winners are: Jasper W. Leggett, yield 77.8 bushels; Roscoe Radcliff, yield 91 bushels, and Murray Midgett, yield 84.9 bushels. These certificates bear the great seal of the state of North Carolina and are signed by the governor, state superintendent of public instruction, commissioner of agriculture, county superintendent of schools, Special Agent United States Department of Agriculture, I. O. Schaub and the secretary of state. They are awarded to all boys of the corn club who do the work in regular manner and make a yield of over seventy-five bushels.

Taylorsville Wants College Too.

Taylorsville.—There was a meeting of the citizens of the town at the court house for the purpose of ascertaining what could be done in the way of an inducement for the trustees of Rutherford College, in case it is moved to have it located here. Mr. A. C. Payne, president and J. P. Babbington acted as secretary. The meeting was well attended and much interest manifested. Committees were appointed consisting of representative men from different sections of the county to solicit subscriptions and frame a proposition to be presented to the trustees.

Appoint Director of Agriculture.

Concord.—Messrs. C. R. Hudson and E. S. Millsaps of the Department of Agriculture, Washington, have appointed Mr. George W. Cress, director of agriculture for this county. This office was created here by the board of commissioners accepting the proposition of the Department of Agriculture. The duty of the director of agriculture in advancing agricultural work in the county will be similar to those of superintendent of county schools—an instructor. A number of demonstration farms will be established.

Charged With Illicit Distilling.

Salisbury.—Berry Basinger, of Providence township, Rowan county, and his father-in-law, Moses Reid, of Davidson county, have been arrested on the charge of illicit distilling. Basinger was tried on this charge several months ago and acquitted on account of lack of evidence. A still alleged to be his had been destroyed by Sheriff McKenzie and deputies. Deputy Marshal Grant took up the case and having secured additional evidence has arrested both Basinger and his father-in-law.

Farmers' Institute at Weaverville.

Asheville.—The short course farmers' institute for this county was held at Weaverville Thursday, Friday and Saturday, there was two sessions each day, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Thursday was devoted to the discussion of general farm work; Friday to the dairy and seed corn contest, in which prizes were offered for the best displays. There were special meetings Thursday and Friday for the women. Representatives of the state department of agriculture were present.

LAND OF THE LONG LEAF PINE

A Column of Short Paragraphs That
Were Collected With Very Much
Care by the Editor.

Raleigh.—There are twenty-six appeals from the first judicial district awaiting argument when the Supreme Court convenes for the spring term.

Williamston.—Work on the township roads, for which \$40,000 was voted, has been impeded greatly by the extremely bad weather and heavy snows which have fallen since the beginning of the year.

Asheville.—Mr. Richmond Pearson, Dr. A. T. Pritchard and Mr. F. S. Kennet go to Marshall to organize a Roosevelt club for that county on the lines of the one that was formed here some weeks ago.

Salisbury.—Salisbury is preparing to entertain 700 or 800 visitors when the state Baraca-Philathea union meets here April 13-15. The program committee is arranging a program of which every item will be a feature.

Charlotte.—A merchants and manufacturers' exposition for Charlotte is the latest undertaking of the Greater Charlotte Club. This was decided at a meeting of the executive committee several days ago. The dates selected were May 20-25.

Asheville.—Those who have lately traveled over that part of the Burnsville road, which has been undergoing improvements declare that on that stretch can be seen the sand-clay in the actual process of formation.

Raleigh.—Governor Kitchin ordered three special terms of superior court for Mecklenburg county for civil cases. Judge Lyon will hold one the week beginning April 15; Judge Foushee will hold one week beginning May 6 and Judge Cline will hold one week beginning May 27.

Greensboro.—In superior court the grand jury returned a true bill against Mr. Frank Wineskie of High Point charging him with the embezzlement of \$30,000 from the Standard Mirror Company. It is understood that the prosecution will be vigorously pushed although Mr. Wineskie and his friends do not seem to have any fears relative to the outcome of the case.

Charlotte.—The settled determination of the ministers of the city and county to lay hold of the prohibition question and stress it just as long and as patiently and as persistently as it is necessary to make prohibition effective in Charlotte, was the keynote of an epochal meeting of the Charlotte Ministerial Association which was held at the Y. M. C. A.

Greensboro.—It is learned here that the circuit court of appeals has granted a new trial to Sidna Allen, the Virginian, who was convicted in United States court here several years ago and sentenced to 5 years in the Federal prison for offering a \$20 counterfeit bill at Winston-Salem. Allen was alleged by government detectives to have been a notorious and dangerous counterfeiter.

Raleigh.—A meeting of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers was held in Raleigh to consider the bill now pending in Congress known as the Employe's Compensation Act. The engineers in North Carolina are bitterly opposed to the passage of this bill and think that it denies them the protection to which they are entitled in case of accident by the negligence of railroads.

Asheville.—The Republicans of this section are very sanguine over their prospects since their favorite has come out again and said that he will accept the nomination for the presidency if it is offered to him. They have believed all the while that he would, they say, but this definite assurance was all that they needed to put all possible vim into their efforts in his behalf.

Brevard.—A petition is being circulated in Brevard for signatures asking the Southern railway to build a new passenger station where Main street crosses the railroad tracks, about one-fourth of a mile from the present station site. If this proposed station is built, it will be of great value to the town, as it would bring the station nearer the center of the town and would eliminate the steep grade on Caldwell street.

Raleigh.—At Lumberton postoffice inspectors arrested B. F. Stephenson, bookkeeper of the Lumberton postoffice for the last five years, on the charge of being \$400 short in his accounts. He was committed to jail in default of \$700 bond. He protests his innocence.

Lumberton.—Sanford Prevatt, the young white man who attacked and severely cut his cousin near here came in and surrendered to the sheriff. He gave \$500 bond for his appearance at court and was released. The wounded man is in the hospital doing as well as could be expected.

Raleigh.—Adjutant-General Leinster issued commissions to Dr. S. Robert Horton, of this city, and Dr. B. F. Heston, of Asheville, as first and second lieutenants of the Dental Corps, North Carolina National Guard; also to Frank Walker, of Mount Airy, as second lieutenant of company.

Hickory.—Large quantities of cotton and peanuts have been brought here during the past week or ten days, and it is said that there is much of last year's crop yet remaining in the hands of the producers, and a good bit of cotton yet in the fields to be picked.

EXPLAINS COTTON CULTURE

Co-operate With Farmers in Growing
Cotton in Boll Weevil Infected
Territory Along Road.

Washington.—President Finley, of the Southern Railway Company, speaking of the first year's work of the Cotton Culture Department maintained by the Southern Railway, the Mobile & Ohio Railroad, the Alabama Great Southern Railroad, and the Georgia Southern & Florida Railway, said:

"The primary purpose of the organization of the Cotton Culture Department by the railway companies which contribute to its support was to co-operate with farmers along the lines of those companies in the territory along the advance of the Mexican cotton boll weevil for the adoption of those cultural methods recommended by the late Dr. S. A. Knapp, of the United States Agricultural Department, for growing cotton under boll weevil conditions. Dr. Knapp also advised that it would be advantageous to adopt those methods independently of the presence of the weevil. The results of the first year's work of our Cotton Culture Department have demonstrated the soundness of his advice in all respects.

"In a circular, under date of February 12, 1912, prepared by Dr. W. D. Hunter, the boll weevil expert of the Bureau of Entomology, and issued by Dr. L. O. Howard, Chief of that Bureau, with the approval of the Secretary of Agriculture, it is pointed out that the weevils were less numerous in 1911, owing to adverse weather conditions, and that the insect was exterminated in an area covering about 23,000 square miles in the northwest portion of Texas and the western portion of Oklahoma, where conditions were particularly unfavorable. Dr. Hunter shows that, notwithstanding these conditions, the insect continued to spread to the northward and eastward in Arkansas, Mississippi and Alabama. He says that the reduction in numbers in 1911 was due to a combination of climatic influences which can only be expected to recur at infrequent intervals, and that, with the return of favorable seasons, the weevil will again multiply. He urges, therefore, that it is necessary for planters to continue their fight against the weevil according to the methods that have been recommended by the Agricultural Department. These are the methods advised by the Southern Railway Cotton Culture Department.

"It should be borne in mind that the cultural methods recommended by the late Dr. Knapp and advised by our Cotton Culture Department involve intensive farming. This is important not only as to cotton, but also as to other crops, and we are urging farmers to produce all of the grains, fruits, vegetables, meats, dairy products, and poultry used on the farm so that they may not have to sell cotton regardless of market conditions in order to buy these things, but may be able to market their crop when there is an economic demand for it. It will thus be seen that the agents of the Cotton Culture Department are giving advice as to farm operations generally. Their success in this is shown by the records made in 30 fields of corn grown in accordance with their advice. The average yield obtained under improved cultural methods was 47 1-2 bushels per acre, as compared with an estimated average of 14 bushels per acre on similar lands in the same general localities. The best corn yield reported by our Cotton Culture Department was 82 bushels per acre on a field of 65 acres.

"I desire again to call attention to the fact that the services of the field agents of this Department are given free of charge to all farmers along the lines of the participating companies. Farmers residing along the lines of these companies in localities where a field agent has not yet been stationed may obtain literature descriptive of the methods recommended by addressing Mr. T. O. Plunkett, General Agent, Chattanooga, Tenn."

Favors Postponement of Convention.

Washington.—Senator Bacon of Georgia, one of the Democratic leaders of the Senate, declared himself in favor of postponing the Democratic convention in Baltimore, which has been called for June 25, until a later date because as now arranged it would be held only a week after the Republican convention in Chicago.

Fifteenth Conference of Education.

Nashville, Tenn.—The Southern's methods of agriculture, his wives methods of home making, the health and sanitary conditions under which they live, the rural church they go to in its relations to civil and economic life, the schools and colleges their children attend; in short, all the educational problems of the South, and all its problems of daily living, especially of daily living in the country, are to be taken up at the Fifteenth Conference for Education in the South, which meets in Nashville.

Woodrow Wilson Is Only Chance.

Washington.—That Roosevelt it pitted against either Clark or Underwood, would have an easy chance to sweep the country, and that G. Woodrow Wilson is the only Democratic candidate who would have a fighting chance if nominated to carry Maine are two sharp expressions taken from an interview with United States Senator Obadiah Gardner of Maine, in which he gives his reasons for believing the New Jersey executive the most available man in the party, and pledges his support to him.