

Weather: Fair Tonight and Colder

## PROTECTION OF FORESTS FROM STOCK IS URGED

(By Joseph Hyde Pratt, State Geologist.)

Of equal importance with the protection of the forests of Eastern North Carolina is their protection from loose hogs. The longleaf pine has furnished nearly all the naval stores of the country and has given to North Carolina its name of the "Tartan State." Yet the supply has been practically exhausted in this State and reproduction of it has been prevented by hogs devouring the mast and rooting out the young trees. There are many areas in this State which were once covered with longleaf pine and which are better adapted to growing forests of this tree than to any other purpose, yet they are now supporting only a growth of worthless scrub oak, because hogs have prevented the reproduction of the pine. Hundreds of thousands of acres in this region are now practically unproductive, and will continue to be so until they are protected from hogs.

**Open Range a Survival.**  
The present condition of free range which still remains over so much of Eastern North Carolina is a survival of the time when the State owned most of the woodland, when timber was worth little or nothing, and young growth was looked upon as worse than useless, when settlers were scarce and only an occasional patch of land was cultivated.

Conditions have now entirely changed. The land is practically all in the hands of private owners; what timber there is left is worth 10 times as much as twenty-five years ago, and landowners are most anxious to secure a second growth of pine on their forest land; good farms are everywhere throughout the region and the chief drawback the farmer has to contend with is the burdensome expense of fencing against other people's stock, where suitable material for posts or rails is often hard to procure.

**Free Range No Benefit to Live Stock Industry.**  
It is a serious mistake to suppose that the live stock industry is important in the free range counties. It may have been at one time, but it certainly is not now.

**Value of Hogs:** The last official figures issued by the State Tax Commission (Report for 1912) show that in the coastal plain region (the eastern half of the State) there are in the stock law counties an average of 31 hogs per square mile and in those counties that are partly or entirely open range there are 37 to the square mile, a difference of less than one hog to the hundred acres. But the hogs in the open range counties are worth only \$1.33 per head or a total of \$41 per square mile, while those in the stock law counties are assessed at \$2.31 per head or over \$76 per square mile.

Even in the mountain counties the same startling values of hogs show up in the assessment. There are about the same number of hogs per square mile in open range counties, these partly stock law, and those wholly stock law; but the value of the hogs in the former is \$2 per head, in the second \$3 per head and in the full stock law counties they have an average of \$4 each. There is evidently more money in hogs in the counties protected by the stock law.

**Value of Cattle:** Though there is a slightly greater number of cattle per square mile listed in the free range counties of Eastern North Carolina than in the stock law territory, yet the value of these cattle shows conclusively that the stock law is a benefit also to the cattle industry. In the open range counties the value of cattle averages \$92 per square mile. In those counties that are mostly open range \$104 per square mile; in those in which stock law territory occupies the larger part, the value rises to \$196 per square mile; while in full stock law counties it rises to \$108 per square mile. The difference in value of these cattle is open more striking. In the free range counties the average value of the cattle is \$8 per head, in those with some stock law \$10, in those with a large proportion of closed territory cattle are worth about \$11.50 per head, while in the stock law counties their value rises to \$15 per head, twice as much as in the open range counties.

**Texas Fever.**  
The health as well as the value of the stock is seriously menaced by the open range system. Texas fever, which is carried by the cattle tick, cannot be stamped out of a district until the cattle are fenced. The present quarantine line in Eastern North Carolina leaves no free range territory above that line, while there are only six stock law counties below it, and these have all had free range in them until recent years. Whether one is above or below this line means a profit or loss of one-half a cent per pound in the selling value of all cattle; and the removal of the quarantine depends primarily on the elimination of the open range.

**Present Remedy Inadequate.**  
It is said that the present local option stock law is a remedy that the people have in their own hands, and that if they want protection from loose stock they can vote the stock law on their own district. This, however, becomes increasingly difficult to do because of the great expense of building long lines of fence where timber is scarce and high in price, to keep out stock from surrounding districts. No one wants to vote a tax on themselves, especially when it is for the purpose of controlling other people's stock.

**Duty of the State.**  
The principle of the present stock law is wrong. It is the duty of the State to protect a man in the free and legitimate use of his property, unless he becomes a nuisance. The State should therefore protect these large areas of timber and cut-over lands from the loose hog, by requiring every man to take care of his own stock.

If it is thought that this will work a hardship on any region, let it be allowable for those districts which show by a vote that they want their stock to run at large, to fence their own district, and thus prevent their stock trespassing on those who wish their open forest land to be protected.

A State-wide stock law is in force in Virginia to the north of us and in South Carolina to the south of us, and it certainly should be in force here in North Carolina. The farmers are demanding it as a measure of justice as well as of progress and the wood and owners are demanding it because it is the only measure that can save the longleaf pine forests of Eastern North Carolina from extinction.

**RECORDER'S COURT NEWS.**  
Before the Recorder this morning Geo. Dowdy, colored, was fined \$3 and costs for trespass.  
Yesterday afternoon, Alex Walker, colored, was sentenced to 30 days on the roads for disorderly conduct.  
The deputy sheriff today took West Cognell, colored, to the chain gang, he having received 60 days for disorderly conduct.  
The proper papers have been received for removing Jess Whitley, white, of Pantego, and Sam Graddy, colored, of Washington, to the State insane institution. Both these men are confined at present in the county jail for safe-keeping.  
Miss Minnie Leary is visiting at the home of Mr. C. B. Bell.

**NEW ADVERTISEMENTS IN TODAY'S NEWS**  
J. L. O'Quinn.  
Lyric.  
Wm. Bragaw & Co.  
Mrs. Summers.  
Chichester Pills.  
Patina Cigarettes.  
Postum Cereal Co.

## THROWING ANOTHER FIT.



—Macauley in New York World.

## CONVENTION OF LAYMEN TODAY AT NEW BERN

New Bern, Feb. 6.—The opening session of the New Bern Convention of the Laymen's Missionary Movement commenced this morning at 10 o'clock at Centenary Methodist church. The array of speakers is one of the best ever offered at a Laymen's Convention in North Carolina, embracing one or two men of international reputation, all of them being men of extraordinary distinction as earnest Christian workers and apostles of the larger and more effective Christian life of the laymen of the several churches. The program follows:

**Thursday, Feb. 6.**  
10 a. m.—Pastors' Conference. Address by W. E. Doughty, of New York, educational secretary of the Laymen's Movement of the United States and Canada; Rev. E. C. Cronk, of Columbia, S. C., General Secretary of the Laymen's Missionary Movement of the Lutheran Synod, South.

2:30 p. m.—Address by Rev. E. C. Cronk on "The Call of Real Leadership." Address on "Prescribing for Laymen," by Livious Lankford, M. D., Norfolk, head of the Baptist Laymen's Movement in Virginia. Address by Col. Elijah W. Halford, of Washington, D. C., on "Men and Missions."

7:30 p. m.—Mass-meeting address by Bishop Robert Strango of Wilmington, N. C., on "The Duty, Op-

portunity and Privilege of Missions." Address by W. E. Doughty on "The Challenge of a Great Task." Address by Rev. E. K. McLarty.

**Friday, Feb. 7.**  
9:30 a. m.—Address by Bishop Robert Strango on "The Spiritual Emphasis in Missions." Address by Rev. E. C. Cronk on "The Missionary Committee, Its Organization and Work." Address by W. E. Doughty on "How to Get and keep the Church Intelligent About Missions."

2:30 p. m.—Address by J. Campbell White of New York, general secretary of the United States and Canada, on "Solving the Problem of Church and Missionary Finance." Addresses by L. B. Padgett and S. M. Brinson, on "What Can We Do in This City and County to Enlist All the Churches in a Worthy Missionary Policy."

4 p. m.—Denominational conferences led by convention speakers.  
7 p. m.—Convention Supper. Fifteen minute addresses by Rev. R. W. Patton of Atlanta, and W. E. Doughty of New York. Closing address by J. Campbell White of New York on "The Decisive Decade of Christian History."

The program will be interspersed by lively singing from four hundred song books especially arranged for the laymen's meetings. There will also be devotional periods during the convention led by visiting ministers and laymen.

## BABY CAUGHT WRECKING TRAINS

Richmond, Va., Feb. 5.—Caught placing spikes on the rails of the R. E. and P. last night, Bernard Shaw, aged 5, confessed to the detectives that he had made four attempts to wreck trains, endangering many lives, just "to see the engines topple over while going fast."

Two weeks ago he wrecked a shifting engine, the engineer and fireman having narrow escapes from death. His attempts were made on Belvidere street, where the road passes through the city. The youngster was given into the custody of his parents who were warned to keep him away from the railroad tracks.

## MRS. TAFT INTRODUCES NEW DANCE

Washington, D. C., Feb. 6.—One step is now the "regular" dance. At the army and navy reception at the White House Tuesday night the dance was introduced to Washington society by Mrs. Taft and Lieut. Commander Timmons, the naval aide to the President. The reception was the biggest during the Taft administration. More than two thousand attended.

Mrs. G. A. Spencer and Mrs. Walton Waters left yesterday for New Bern to visit Mrs. J. M. Spencer for a few days; from there they will go to Wilmington for a short stay with relatives; and from there to Savannah, Ga., and Jacksonville, Fla., being away altogether for several weeks.

## MILLIONAIRE WILL TAKE STAND

Aiken, S. C., Feb. 5.—Frederick O. Beach will take the stand in his own defense when his trial on the charge of assaulting his wife is resumed here tomorrow. This was the plan outlined by the defense at the close of court today.

It is also proposed to have Mrs. Beach follow the accused New York-er as a witness. Since the assault upon her was committed in the yard of the Beach cottage here on the night of February 26 last, the story told by Beach and his wife has never varied. Both have maintained that Mrs. Beach was attacked by an unknown negro when she left the house to give her dogs an airing.

The introduction of Beach's jeweled pen-knife upon which one of the state's witnesses claimed to have found traces of blood corpuscles, was held by the prosecution until the last. It had been anticipated by the defense and they were prepared to meet expert testimony with expert testimony, even to the extent of presenting a witness who had examined the knife and had testified as he swore, to find any blood cells.

## DEBATING ON PRIMARY LAW

Raleigh, Feb. 6.—Having been in session three hours the House adjourned at 11 o'clock last night until today, without having taken action on the Justice State-wide primary bill.

## DEATH OF REV. W. W. ROSE OF FRANKLINTON

The many friends in the city of Rev. W. W. Rose of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, will be saddened by the news of his death at his home in Franklinton, N. C. He died yesterday afternoon from diabetes, after an illness of two and a half days. He had been a member of the Methodist Conference 28 years, and was serving his fourth year on the Franklinton circuit. During his long and fruitful ministry he had held many prominent and responsible positions.

The funeral takes place Monday at 4 o'clock.

Rev. R. H. Broom left this morning for New Bern to attend the laymen's convention.

## MADE MANIAC BY PICTURE SHOWS

New York, Feb. 6.—Keepers in the Passaic County, N. J., jail at Paterson were startled yesterday by shrieks from a padded cell occupied by Mrs. Albert Santanz, five feet two inches tall and of frail build.

The woman had torn the pads from her cell and the clothes from her body. She was beating the door with her fists. Keeper Quinlan and three others entered the cell, hoping to quiet the woman. The second the door opened she hurled herself against the four. She seemed to have the strength of a dozen women and the keepers were thrown aside. Quinlan caught her by the neck, but she broke his hold and bit his left hand. Quinlan was powerless to beat the woman off and she held to his hand, her teeth penetrating to the bone, until her jaws were pried apart.

Escaping from the cell, she dashed through the corridors, shouting. Until she had become breathless with running. The keepers were unable to control her. Then they placed her in a straitjacket and carried her back to the wrecked cell.

Until 2 o'clock last Sunday morning Mrs. Santanz was a kind, gentle woman. Saturday night she and her husband went to a moving picture show. For a month Mrs. Santanz has been developing a craze for moving pictures. There was hardly a day she did not go to one of the shows.

After the show Saturday night she and her husband retired. About 2 o'clock next morning she sprang from bed and with a scream dashed from the house, No. 488 Main street, and in her night garments raced for Police Headquarters, where she told a rambling tale. She was locked up and for a few hours appeared calm.

The violent mania began Sunday before noon and increased as time wore on. Monday morning she was placed in the padded cell. So violent was she it was next to impossible to feed her. She broke the spoons with her teeth.

Santanz told the police last night he could not account for his wife's sudden insanity, unless it was caused by the moving pictures she saw.

"The craze got an entire hold on her," he said. "She began to seek the most sensational pictures that came to a person and never was happy outside the theatres."

**COLD IN MIDDLE WEST.**  
Chicago, Feb. 6.—With the thermometer near the zero mark over the Middle West, there is little comfort in Forecaster Cox's prediction that the cold wave will last for at least two more days. One person has been frozen to death here and there is much suffering. At Duluth, Minn., the temperature is twenty-four below zero; at Devils Lake, N. D., 34 below.

## LAST DANCE OF HALCYON CLUB BEFORE EASTER

The Halcyon Club gave a dance Tuesday evening in the Elks Home, this being the last affair given by this old and historical organization before the grand Easter German after Lent. The following couples were on the floor:

Miss Katie Bragaw with Mr. E. H. Harding; Miss Bess Conoley with Mr. J. H. Bonner; Miss Olive Burbank with Mr. Herbert Bonner; Miss Olive Burbank with Mr. Herbert Bonner; Miss Caddie Fowle with Robert Small; Miss Elizabeth Carrow with Mr. Sam Williams; Miss Mary Clyde Hassell with Mr. D. M. Carter, Jr.; Miss-Fan Lamb Houghton with Dr. Rhodes of Williamston; Miss Isabel Carter with Mr. William Knight; Miss Minnie Nicholson with Mr. Sam Grice; Miss Mary Hill with Mr. William Blount; Miss Rebecca Simmons with Mr. Herman Carrow; Miss Mary Lillian Ellsworth with Mr. Curtis Ellsworth; Miss Cheson of Roper with Mr. W. E. F. Patrick; Miss Leary of Elizabeth City with Mr. N. H. Moore; Mrs. John Gorham with Mr. John Gorham; Mrs. Caleb Bell with Mr. Caleb Bell; Mrs. Rob McArthur with Mr. Charles L. Morton; Mrs. Claud Carrow with Mr. Claud Carrow; stags, Dr. A. C. Hoyt, Mr. J. T. Taylor, Mr. J. M. Hodges, Mr. D. T. Fowle, Mr. F. S. Worthy; chaperones, Mrs. J. B. Moore; Mrs. A. M. Dumas; Mrs. J. B. Fowle.

## Y. W. C. A. MEETING IN GREENVILLE

Greenville, Feb. 6.—The student council of the Young Women's Christian Association for Eastern North Carolina held its annual meeting at the East Carolina Teachers Training School from January 31st to February 4th.

The council was in charge of Miss Anna D. Casler of Charlotte, who is territorial secretary for this division, and Misses Porter and Powell, traveling student secretaries. There were present delegates from Meredith College of Raleigh, Elon College of Elon and Peace Institute of Raleigh.

The young women and the students and members of the Training School Association met together to discuss among themselves the needs of their association, and, guided by the secretaries, were able to make plans for the meeting of these needs.

Not all the time was given up to work and study, and the Training School girls took advantage of this by giving their guests an afternoon reception, teas, oyster roasts and evening socials.

At the closing of the council on Monday afternoon a demonstration of the organization of the girl's camp movement was made by the Training School students, under the supervision of Miss Porter. In a few days it is hoped that this movement will have been organized and put in working order.

Misses Porter and Powell, travel-

## CAPT. STUDDERT TO PRACTICE LAW

Mrs. George J. Studdert, of this city, received a telegram this morning from her husband, Captain Geo. J. Studdert, stating that he had successfully passed the examination before the Supreme Court admitting him to practice law in this State. Since but few of his many friends knew that Captain Studdert was contemplating entering the profession, the news will come as a pleasant surprise.

Captain Studdert is now serving a term in the State Senate from this district, and has already fully demonstrated his aptitude for legal questions.

## MR. KESSINGER'S DEATH SHOCKS THE CITY

The entire city was shocked to hear of the death yesterday of Mr. John R. Kessinger at Roper, his old home. For sometime past Mr. Kessinger had been ill with Bright's Disease; two months ago he was compelled to retire from the cares of business, and only recently he went to his old home at Roper.

He was born in Pennsylvania, but adopted Roper as his home in early life. He was a prominent lumber man of this section, having been connected with the Moore Lumber Co., and the Georgia Carolina Lumber Co., representing the latter concern in Norfolk until two months ago, when he came back to Washington, where he had lived some years. As his disease advanced, however, he felt a desire to be in Roper, his old home, and his last days were spent at that place. He was forty-two years of age at the time of his death. He leaves a widow and four children, two girls and two boys. His daughter, Esther, was summoned home yesterday by telegram from the State Normal School at Greensboro, but arrived too late to be at the bedside of her dying father.

He was a member of the Washington Lodge of Elks and was a Mason. Crepe bangles today upon the door of the Elks Home, and in the club rooms an atmosphere of hushed sadness is apparent.

The family have gone to Roper. It is not yet decided whether the interment will be at Norfolk, Va., or at Millinburg, Pa.

Miss Lotta Bishop, of Pantego, is visiting Miss Mabel Ricks, on East Second street.

ing secretaries of the South Atlantic territory of the Y. W. C. A., are remaining in Greenville for a few days to do city association work.

## COTTON MARKET.

List Cotton, 12c.  
Seed Cotton, 1-2c.  
Cotton Seed, \$26.00.

### Your Appearance Speaks For Itself.

It is the duty of every one to look their very best. Putting the best foot forward is not only pleasing, but it is good business.

Your income and its amount has a great deal to do with the way you can dress, but not everything. Almost as much depends on how you spend your money. If you buy as the impulse strikes you it is a certainty that you will not always get full value. Your buying should be done with forethought. You can gain full knowledge of when, where, and what to buy in a few moments' time each day.

It takes no longer than that to go through the advertisements of the merchants of this city, the best of whom advertise in The Daily News. Read these advertisements closely and constantly each day, then you can be sure of getting the best that money can buy at the lowest price for which it can be sold.