

# Fisherman and Farmer.

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## STATE NEWS.

At a primary held Friday, Tarboro voted in favor of the dispensary system.

The experiment farm near Raleigh has a contract to grow 15,000 roses for a Philadelphia florist.

The Asheboro Courier says that Randolph county last year raised about 400,000 bushels of wheat.

—Newton Enterprise: The Blue Ridge is covered with snow and can be plainly seen from Newton.

The Maxton cotton mill has been sold at auction to Mr. H. C. McNeil for \$6,000.50. It runs 1,000 spindles.

Henry S. Walter, a prominent farmer of Granville county, was held up near Durham Friday by negroes and robbed of \$250.

Scotland county farmers claim that, in proportion to acreage, they raise more cotton than any other county in the United States.

At China Grove, near Charlotte, robbers entered the post-office, pried the safe open, and escaped \$300.00 in money and \$200.00 in stamps.

Jno. Lakey, aged 40 years, was shot and killed at a distillery in Yadkin county last Friday by James Hammond, a young man, who made his escape.

The Cliffside cotton mills, of Rutherfordton, has been chartered with a capital stock of \$80,000 which may be increased to \$400,000.

—Gastonia Gazette: Belmont is to have a 5,000 spindle cotton mill capitalized at \$100,000. The money is all within reach, and the site has been purchased.

—High Point Enterprise: Last Sunday night Mrs. Ausband accidentally broke a lamp chimney at her home. This was the first accident of the kind at her home in 35 years.

Miss Estelle Edwards, of Goldsboro, has composed an inspiring "March" and two steps, to which she has given the name "The Pan-American" and dedicated it to Governor Aycock.

Col. S. H. Fishplate, of Wilmington, who has recently returned from Washington, says he is satisfied that the seating of Senator Simmons will not be opposed by either Pritchard or Butler.

The late Capt. Kitchen is said to have received the largest single fee ever paid to a North Carolina lawyer. In the settlement of an estate in California he received a fee of \$20,000 in gold.—News and Observer.

The proposition to issue \$100,000 in bonds for macadamizing the country roads is sweeping the country with a whoop. Every body is signing the petitions. The idea is to get roads at once and let them pay for themselves.—Newton Enterprise.

The Corporation Commission has granted a petition from citizens of Tyrrell and Washington counties asking that be required to provide separate accommodations for the races on its boats plying on the sounds and streams of the section.

## The State's Oyster Laws.

The following is the report of J. W. Denmark, who for five years has been chief clerk in the State Treasury:

"The oyster laws of N. C. should be of interest to every citizen, because the oyster beds and the oysters growing on them are public property. For the five years, 1890 to 1894, inclusive, the total income into the Treasury from the execution of oyster laws was only \$1,769.49, while the expenditures from the State Treasury on same account were \$20,179.05, showing a loss to the State of \$18,409.56 in the five years under the laws of 1895. Theophilus White was put in charge of the execution of the oyster laws. Since May, 1895, he has turned into the Treasury \$34,377.20 at a total expense of \$27,628.01, more than \$10,000 of this expense being chargeable to account of steamer Lillie. With all this he has turned into the Treasury, as will be seen, \$6,739.19, or more than 1,000 per year more than has gone out on his expense account. The beds have been developed and the quality and quantity of the oysters greatly improved.

## SOUTH MILLS.

Mr. George Ditten and Miss Elizabeth Koesber, both of Newport News, Va., were united in marriage last Wednesday night at the residence of Mr. W. S. Bartlett at South Mills by W. H. Abbott, J. P.

Mr. Leony Turner and Miss Harriett Felton were united in marriage last Sunday at the bride's residence by W. R. Dozier, J. P.

The Post Office has been moved on the west side of the canal in Jacobs' store where it formerly was.

Mr. W. R. Dozier has moved in the house formerly occupied by Dr. J. H. Pool, and family.

Mrs. J. L. Lister left on St. R. Newton Monday for a visit in Virginia to relatives and friends.

We hear the whistles of many boats since the Deep Creek locks have been finished. But not so many are passing as will when the bar is dug out of Turner's cut which will be finished in a few days now.

Mrs. William Eason has returned from a visit to relatives and friends at Deep Creek, Va. A FRIEND.

Representative Small has obtained an appropriation in the Sundry Civil Bill of very great interest to the fishing interests of North Carolina. It is \$3,480 for the maintenance of the Eden ton fish culture station. This station will ultimately be made one of the most important on the South Atlantic Coast. It deserves the encouragement and good will of all the people of Eastern North Carolina.

There has been quite an exodus of negroes from this county during the past three or four weeks to the States of Georgia, Florida and Alabama to work turpentine. This means fewer hands on the farms.—Sanford Express.

## THE COTTON MILL AS A PROMOTER OF POPULATION.

During the past few days The Observer has printed some interesting information about North Carolina towns and counties from the reports of the recent census. There has been an increase in the population of all the counties in the State except ten since 1890. In some instances the increase has been remarkably large, and is worth noting that in each county that in each county that shows a marked increase, there has been a development of the cotton milling industry in the past ten years. Gaston, Cabarrus, Stanly, Durham, Mecklenburg, Guilford and Rutherford are notable instances. The power of cotton mills to build up communities is evidenced in a most convincing way by the census reports. What the cotton mill has done for Albemarle may be taken as an instance. In 1890 that place had a population of only 248. This had increased in 1900 to 1,382. Concord, which is officially recorded as a city, increased in ten years from 4,339 to 7,910, and Greensboro from 3,317 to 10,035. Henrietta, not in existence in 1890, now has a population of 1,250. Gastonia sprang from 1,033 to 4,610; Graham from 991 to 2,052; Norwood from 150 to 663; Bessemer City from 0 to 1,100; China Grove from 174 to 887, etc. These are only a few instances the list could be considerably extended. A number of the smaller towns show losses, but there are no cotton mills near them. In the matter of holding their own, it is a tie between Harrellsville and Holly Springs. Each had one more inhabitant in 1900 than it had in 1890. Another tie is between Rolesville and Woodland, each with a gain of 5, while Ringwood and Magnolia tie on 6.

## MUMFORD AND ROSEDALE

Rev. W. E. Howcutt delivered a fine sermon Sunday afternoon at the M. E. Church.

There is quite a number still on the sick list.

Mrs. Maggie Bullock, from near Portsmouth, Va., is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. S. Moigan.

Mr. Joe Hewitt, of Berkley, Va., is here visiting his parents.

Mr. John Eddy, of Portsmouth, Va., spent last week here with his mother.

Messrs. Richard Hewitt and Webb Davis, of South Mills spent Sunday in this community.

We are glad to see Mr. Nix Williams out again, after being confined to his room several weeks with a broken limb. RUBY.

An appropriation in the sundry civil bill of great importance to navigation is that of thirty thousand dollars for the rebuilding of the light house at Northwest Point, Royal Shoal, Pamlico Sound. This light house was so seriously damaged in the Anasut, storm of 1899 that it was declared unsafe and has since been out of use.

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