## FIFTY-FOUR FEET OF WATER II THE CAPE FEAR, AND RISING.

WEATHER MAN SAYS IT WILL GO TO 58 FEET AND MAYBE MORE.

All the River Valley Flooded and Great Damage Done.

From Wednesday's Dally.

At 3:30 o'clock this afternoon the here until it can be ascertained if it guage in the Cape Fear river showed that the water was 54 feet high, and bridge on the main line of the Cape at that hour rising at the rate of 8 Fear, two miles from this city, is plied inches an hour. The water is now high with logs and trash, and its safewithin 6 feet of the Clarendon bridge ty is by no means assured. and if it continues at the present rate All trains on the Raleigh & South through this afternoon and to-night. port were annulled vesterday, and the bridge will be flooded for the first time in history and probably washed remain so. away.

remains, unable to proceed across on

which were placed on it to aid in re-

North-bound passenger train No. St

a quarter million pounds.

The great Prohibition freshet, when At 4 o'clock, passenger train No 80 was still held here, with little pros the water rose to 58 feet 8 inches, on pects of getting away soon. The track Friday, May 24, 1901, and to within two feet of the Clarendon bridge, holds beyond the steel bridge is flooded for a great distance, and no trains from the record at present.

the north will be able to reach here Large quantities of driftwood are still coming down the river and as this afternoon or to-night, and all trains from the south are, of course heavy rains are continuing above here, it is not at all improbable that the likewise blocked. freshet now on will be a record break CREEKS BACKED UP IN THE CITY.

All the Cape Fear River Valley from here to While Oak, in Bladen county, (and beyond) is flooded, and thous ands of acres of cotton and corn are under water.

Conservative estimates place the average damage so far to crops throughout the county at 30 per cent. Every creek and stream in the county is enormously swollen, and hundreds of small bridges have been washed away. Cross Creek is rapidly backing up from the Cape Fear and the water has already covered Hawley's bridge and the Cool Spring street bridge where the water is up Judge Sutton' yard.

The following telegram was received this afternoon from the Governmen Weather Bureau in Raleigh Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 26th, '08.

Frank Glover. Favetteville, N. C .:

The Cape Fear River will rise to fifty-eight feet. The rain will continue to-night and probably tomorrow

The T shaped bridge over Big Rock fish, near Ardlussa was floating a 1:30, with the water still rising and every indication that the bridge will be swept away.

The dam at Hope Mills No. 3 was swept away about noon and grave fears are felt for the two dams of Hope Mills No. 1 and No. 2 below it. The S. A. L. bridge over the Wa-

teree was washed away this morning. carrying all the Postal Cable wires GREAT DISASTER WROUGHT BY and the railroad wires with It. The Western Union wires are all under the Cape Fear river south of Godwin Prominent farmers from all parts

of the county, who are in town to-daattending court, say that the present rainfall is far in excess of anything they remember, and that the damage to crops, land, etc., in this county enormous.

iguous to them, have had to move out | ed by water, and fally one hundred branch of the A. C. L. alone are run families forced to leave them and seek their homes. Mr. Duncan's family, ing on schedule time The train from Wilmington reach who resides on Mason street, was one higher ground.

ed the steel bridge, which spands the of the last to give up, but finally they In the districts outside of Favettriver in Campbellton, and there it too were forced to leave, and when this ville, great numbers of people have had decision was reached this morning to ahandon their houses, but, as communication is cut off with them, reaccount of the great train of coal cars, they found that the only way they could get away was by boat. So a ports are very meagre. Some estimates place the loss by the

and says that of his six hundred and

alone escaped the flood; and that

though his house stands on high

ground, it was surrounded by water.

He got his eleven mules to safety, by

placing a negro on each one, and with

he calls his gambling lands, that is he

expects them to be destroyed by a big

freshet; the next tier, only a great

freshet like that of 1901 could reach

and the last tier, he termed his Govern

ment Bond land, which no known or

prospective freshet could reach. The

phenomenal happened, however, and

the Bond land met the same fate as

worse, he just says it can't be helped.

It will be several days before the

city will be able to resume its normal

and it will be late into next week ho-

fore that road can resume business

of the A. C. L. though not washed

away, is badly damaged, and it will

take some time to repair it. Meantime

the trains have been transferring at that

point. The Bennettsville and Sanford

trains alone are running on schedule

time. Many people, on their way to

Fayetteville, are hung up at various

places, while hundreds of others, en-

route here, have had to turn back.

THE PEOPLE RESPONDING.

The people of this city are respond-

ng nobly to the appeal for relief of

the flood sufferers. Nearly one thous

and dollars have been subscribed :

last night and subscribed \$100. D:

McKenna, of Reidsville, wired to-day

to draw on him for \$100 if necessary

nance Committee has not yet taken

any action as to Dr. McKenna's gener-

ous offer; but, in response to Dr

drew on him for half the amount ten-

batteau was sent to their redief, and sisting the force of the great flood the grand-mother and the children ta- flood in this county as high as a quar-This train of steel cars, all loaded with coal, is estimated to weigh three and ken away first. When all were on ter of a million dollars, and we do not dry land, one of the children discoverbelieve that figure will miss the mark far. Mr. R. B. Evans returned from

ed that the billy goat and cat had been arrived here at one o'clock, and is held left behind, so the boat returned, and his farms near Sherwood last night, they too were rescued. is safe to proceed. The new steel In this neighborhood the Masonic fifty acres under cultivation, one acre Lodge and Maj. B. R. Huske's reallence are also surrounded by water. On Green street the water is almost up to St. John's church, and the only means of reaching the northern part of the city, unless one goes way up himself at the head of the procession around the foot of Haymount, is by on another, swam them a distance of

costs. At Eccles' bridge, which spans half a mile to the sand hills. His plan-Cross Creek at the Merchants Mill, a tation is in three tiers, the lowlands regular ferry has been established. Near this point the residences of Mayor Bullard, Dr. Marsh and Mr. L. C. Wooten are entirely flooded, the wat er being several feet deep above the first floor. The residences of Mr. J. A. Colvin and Mr. J. H. Pearce, just above these, are also surrounded by water, while the lots in the rear of all the houses on the east side of Green. are covered many feet deep. The cemetery and all the houses in the rear of Many Houses Surrounded by Water

Green street are also flooded. On Russell street, the water has come up as high as ex-Mayor Cook's The waters of both Cross and Bloup residence, and from there down boats reeks are backed way up into their espective parts of the city, especiall are also plying. Cross Creek, and many houses ar-So Fayetteville is a veritable Venice

o-day. Mayor Bullard's house can only be A lady who lives on Green street

reached by a batteau, Dr. Marsh's rewas down on Person street yesterday idence stands like an island partly sub evening viewing the great flood with perged in an inland sea. The flood a baby in her arms. A friend met her has driven both families from their and said; "What in the world did nomes, and many other houses are in you bring your baby along for. She the same predicament. The water is replied, laughingly: "Because I was gradually creeping up on Judge Sut- afraid I might find my house surrounded by water when I returned." Lithigh hill on the banks of Cross Creek, the did she think that what she jok ingly said would come true a few hours

afterwards. Now her house is surrounded by six feet of water. The extent of the damage in Fay etteville is great, but throughout this ection it is enormous. Mr. R. B Evans had a narrow escape with his family, but managed to reach this city at noon by driving many miles out of his way. He is one of the worst suff

erers, with five or six hundred acres of cotton and corn, a few days ago in

> and acres under water and a big loss. the farmers along the Cape Fear who Dr. F. S. Clark, who is out of the city have lost all, or a great portion of their wired to draw on him for \$50. The Fi-TUDE

from Friday's Daily. Populist Freshet, 1895-57

Having qualified as admi-te estate of the late Irvi baugh, deceased, late of Cumberland county, N. C., this is to notify all per-sons having claims against the said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned, on or before August 11, 1909, or this notice will be plead in bar of

recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immed diate payment. J. T. GIBBS, Agust 11, 1908.

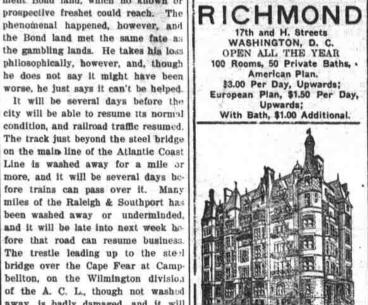
ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

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Having qualified as administrato pon the estate of Peter M. Smith, de sased, late of Cumberland county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the said estate, to ex-hibit them to the undersigned, duly verified, on or before the 17th day of August, 1909, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said en tate must make immediate payment. This 17th day of August, 1908. C. J. SMITH, Administrator, Fayetteville, N. C., R

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F. D. No. 2. H. S. Averitt, Attorney,



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# COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF VALU-Under and by virtue of the power and authority in me vested by a de cree of the Superior Court of Cumber land County in a special proceeding entitled W. D. Autry and W. H. Ray, versus M. N. Bule and wife, M. E. Bule, I will, as commissioner appointed in said decree, expose for sale at public auction at the East end of the Court House in Cumberland County, in the City of Fayetteville, N. C., at 12 o'clock M., on Monday, 31st day of August, 1998, the following described tract of land In Seventy-First Township, County of Cumberland and State of North Carolina, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a stake in D. Mc. Ray's line at Ann C. Ray's corner, East of Deep Creek, and runs as D.

Ray's line North 28 West 12 chains and 70 links to a stake and pointers in the fork of Richard Branch; thence South 38 1-2 West 78 chains and 40 links to a stake and pointers in the old line, D. J. Ray's corner of 50 acres; thence as the old line South 27 1-2 East 9 chains to N. C. Ray's corner; thence as her line North 61 1-2 East 78 chains and 40 links to the beginning, containing 85 acres. See deed from D. McN. Ray and others, to M. N. Buie, recorded in Book R. No. 5, page 295 in the office of the Register of Deeds of Cumber

land County. Terms of sale: Cash. Time of sale: Monday, August 31st 1908, at 12 o'clock M. Place of sale: East end of the Court House in the city of Fayetteville. V. C. BULLARD, Con missioner

State of North Carolina, Cumberland County-No. 2908. Simon Geddie enters and claims acres of land in Flea Hill township joining the lands of Simon Geddle and N. T. Allen on the South and West and Beasley land on the North and East. Entered 18th day of August, 1908. W. M. WALKER. Register of Deeds, and Ex. O. Entry Taker.

BIDS WANTED.

Bids are wanted for construction o six inch terra cotta drain to run from the cellars of Court House and jail to a point about 1100 feet down Russell street on North side of A. C. L. R. A. to tap the present county sanitary sewer. Profile of drain can be seen at the office of Register of Deeds. Bids for same may be left with Register of Deeds until 1st Monday in September. H. LUTTERLOH, Chairman Board County Commission

ers. By W. M. Walker, Clerk of Board.

#### Administatrix Notice.

Having qualified as Administratrix of W. A. Gainey, deceased, late of Cumberland County, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased, to exhibit them to the undersigned. duly verified, on or before the first day of August, 1909, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their re covery.

All persons indebted to said estate must make immediate payment. This 1st day of August, 1908. MRS. ATTELIA C. GAINEY, Administratriz

H. S AVERITT, Attorney. KENNEDY'S LAXATIVE



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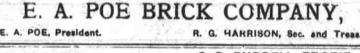
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splendid condition, now entirely cov ered by water, and a total loss. Mr. J. B. Hair, lower down the river, is ready to the Relief Fund by individ also urobably the largest loser in the uals. Lodge No. 1081, B. P. O. E. met county, with growing crops on a thous-It would take columns to enumerate

The Cape Fear now presents a grand and awe inspiring sight sight, and thousands of people have gathered as Clark's kind telegram, the Committee hear as they can to view it.

ton's residence, which stands on a and has already passed the big oak tree on his lawn. Only two bridges, out of the large number that cross these creeks, are now passible. Eccles' bridge on Green

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waste deep in water.

street, and the railroad bridge on Russell street. The dam at the Merchants Mill is completely covered, and the

waters backed over Eccles' Park, and as far up and beyond Mason street. as far up and beyond Mason street and arround the Masonic Lodge

> The old knitting mill building or lool Spring street is about to be swamped by the flood, the water being way up above the second story

# FLOOD.

THE CAPE FEAR HAS RISEN TO SEVENTY FEET, AND IS STILL RISING

inches of the tracks on the steel bridge of the Atlantic Coast Line, a few hundred vards below. This bridge is weighted down with a string of heavily loaded steel coal cars, and is like ly to remain in tact. The Clarendon bridge, too, is holding its own surprisingly well, with little indications of its giving away, though, if the water rises a few feet more, it may be flooded and. swept away.

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The river is almost over the enormously high banks in Campbellton. while, where it can find an outlet, such as the creeks that enter it in Campbellton, and the Clarendon bridge, it has spread out far to the eastward covering miles of land, and surrounding many houses. From Cedar Creek to Dawson's Landing, a distance of 15 miles, the waters have spread out to the eastward, a distance of a mile or more

mation at present, but it is enormous.

At 4 o'clock the Cape Fear is still rising at the rate of 3 inches an hour.

Hope Mills No. 2 Flooded.

At Hope Mills No. 2, on Big Rockfish, the water is backed over the four feet deep in the weave and quill coma. It will be a week or more after the water subsides, before the machinery can be adjusted, and the factory started up again.

All the wooden bridges in the coun ty have been either swept away or are ting, but the steel bridges over Lock's Creek and Little River are still ding. The steel bridges in Harnett county at Lillington and Duke are reported as swept away.

Traine on Railroads Practically at

ad traffic over all lines run ing into this city is practically at a tandatill, or where an altempt is beande to run the trains are greatly