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LETTER FROM GEORGIA.

Fine Crop Prospects—Fierce Political Contests—Gov. Hoke Smith and His Enemies.

Kingston, Ga. Aug. 7, 1911.

Mr. Editor:—During the past year, 1910, this state was convulsed and shook up by one of the greatest political campaigns known in its history. We all thought during that memorable campaign that when the great contest was fought out, that so far as the political affairs were concerned, we would be in peace and undisturbed; but not so. Since the past year's upheaval United States Senator A. S. Clay died. So there is his successor to be elected by the legislature which is now in session. On the 12th of July the Hon. Hoke Smith was elected to that exalted position. There were great efforts on the part of his enemies to defeat him. There were the combined strength of four candidates arrayed against him, but Mr. Smith was elected on the first joint ballot with 155 votes, 40 more than is necessary to elect. His enemies are all mad as March hens, but it is poor business to be mad about something that cannot be helped. I have never been able to understand why some people should carry so much hatred against Gov. Smith, but all truly great men have at all times in the world's history been hated and abused, slandered and libeled by those who are of less importance. It is no small matter to contend with the public. Hoke Smith ranks among the foremost of American statesmen and it is believed by his many friends that he will prove himself to be the equal of the ablest of his colleagues in that august body in which he is soon to enter.

Gov. Smith is a product of North Carolina and surely every North Carolinian feels proud of him. The Old North State has been productive of many great men who have left their native State to achieve greatness elsewhere. Among them were Andrew Jackson, Thos. Benton, Hugh L. White, William R. King, Hoke Smith, James K. Polk, Andrew Johnson, and many others that might be named. Hoke Smith is the equal of any of these if not their superior.

It is a fact not easy to account for that so many of the great men born in North Carolina drifted off to other States where they gained their distinction. I thought many times what a pity they were not induced to remain in the old home State to add honor upon it.

Hon. Hoke Smith is not the first and only governor that North Carolina ever gave to Georgia. Judging from the history of Georgia, by Evans, North Carolina has given birth to no less than eight Georgia governors. Hoke Smith was born in the town of Newton, N. C. His father was from New Hampshire. He taught school in North Carolina as one of the faculty of the University of Chapel Hill and also taught a high school at Newton. He married a sister of Gen. R. F. Hoke, hence Gov. Smith got his name "Hoke." It has been said that Gen. Robert E. Lee, during the Civil War, suggested to the authorities at Richmond that in case he (Lee) got killed in battle Gen. Hoke ought to be made commander of the Confederate army in Virginia.

The many friends of Governor Smith predict a brilliant career

for him in the Senate, but his enemies are foretelling some terrible disaster to befall him in the near future. Of course each side tell it as they would have it to be.

The farmers in this section are much elated with their prospects of a great harvest the coming fall. The crop prospects are better than have ever been known. Even the oldest inhabitants cannot remember such crops as are now growing, especially cotton. It has been predicted that this State will produce 3,000,000 bales of cotton or more this year, provided we are not visited by some disaster. It is common talk among the farmers to speak of their cotton crops yielding from one to one and a half bales to the acre this year, and in some cases they talk very encouragingly of two bales per acre. Every one fears a fall in price. We are having all the rain that we need. We do not desire better weather conditions.

UNCLE JOE.

Severn News.

Mr. Jeter Woodard of Portsmouth came out Saturday to spend a few days with his mother. Miss Nita Britt left Friday for an extended visit to friends and relatives at Pleasant Hill, Franklin and Portsmouth, Va.

Misses Maggie and Bettie Hines and brother Floyd, of Boykins, Va., were guests in the home of Mr. W. H. Howell and family Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Taylor and little daughter, Isabel, of Norfolk, are spending a few days in the home of his sister, Mrs. W. H. Howell.

Mr. Sam P. Britt spent Sunday in George. We do not know why he went but just "s'posin' case."

Miss Sallie Louise Hoggard is spending a few days in the home of Mr. W. M. Stephenson at Pendleton.

Mr. Harold Begor, of Portsmouth, came out Monday to spend his vacation with his friend Mr. Lokie Futrell.

Mr. W. H. Pruden and daughter, Mrs. J. C. Long and her children Reginald and James Ardel visited relatives near Seaboard a few days the past week.

Misses Ana and Jessis White, with guests, Misses Mary and Henrietta White spent Thursday in Murfreesboro.

Miss Maggie Smith is visiting relatives in the Galatia vicinity.

Among those who went to Jackson Monday are; Mr. J. B. Stephenson and son, J. B. Jr., Mr. G. W. Pruden and son Stanley, and Messrs. P. M. Fleetwood and P. W. Edwards.

There are other visitors in town, whose names we did not learn else we should be glad to give them.

Miss Bernice Howell who spent a part of her vacation at Chapel Hill summer school, then visiting friends at Roxboro and Wake Forest returned home Thursday.

Severn Baseball team has planned three games for this week. One at Boykins Tuesday, one at Conway Wednesday with the George team, and one with Branchville Thursday. Here's wishing you success, boys!

Revival services begins at the Baptist church here third Sunday. Owing to this the W. M. Society and B. Y. P. U. will meet next Sunday afternoon and night, respectively, instead of third Sunday; preaching will be third Sunday instead of second.

The Sunbeam Band met Sunday afternoon. This band is now composed of little boys and girls under twelve years of age. The larger girls have organized a Y. W. A. which meets fourth Sunday afternoon.

NEW GEOLOGICAL SURVEY MAPS.

Topographic Maps Which Are of Great Interest—Indexes Furnished Free by the Government.

The United States Geological Survey is issuing at frequent intervals topographic sheets resulting from the surveys of last year's field season.

From 25,000 to 30,000 square miles in different parts of the United States are mapped each year by the Federal topographers, under the guiding hand of R. B. Marshall, the survey's chief geographer. This mapping is done on the ground and the field sheet itself shows every physical characteristic of the area surveyed, as well as all works of man. During the following winter season the topographer inks in his map and it is thereupon engraved and printed by the Survey's engraving division. The maps are printed in three colors. The contour lines which show the configuration of the country—the hills, slopes, valleys, and peaks—are printed in brown; the rivers, swamps, lakes, and other water features in blue; and the county lines and other political subdivisions, railroads, wagon roads, houses, and other evidences of civilization are printed in black. During a single day last month, three of these maps were issued which indicate in a measure the widely diverse character of the Geological Survey's topographic work.

The map of the La Salle quadrangle, in Illinois, surveyed by topographers Walker, Evans, and De Puy, includes portions of La Salle, Bureau, and Putnam counties. It is on a scale of mile to the inch, with a 20-foot contour interval. It shows that except along Illinois River and its tributaries the country is comparatively flat to rolling in character.

Contrasted to this is the map of the Hawthorne quadrangle, in Nevada and California, surveyed by topographer C. G. Anderson. This map is on the scale of 4 miles to the inch, with 100-foot contour intervals. It shows a country of bold relief combined with desert flats. A portion of Mono Lake is included in the California part of the quadrangle, its altitude being 6,241 feet, also Walker Lake, Nevada, which is shown to be 4,083 feet above sea level. The map includes portions of the Mono National Forest, and shows many peaks with altitudes ranging from 6,000 to over 11,000 feet. The area is traversed by the Tonopah & Goldfield railroad and other branches of the Southern Pacific system, and to the north are shown trails leading to Rawhide, the famous mining camp.

The third map represents the Columbiana quadrangle in Alabama, surveyed by topographers W. G. Lloyd and F. E. Hale. This area lies in Shelby, Chilton, and Coosa counties and include portions of Coosa River. The map shows the topography to be broken nature, characteristic of southern Appalachian plateau, the elevation of the ridges and hills ranging from 300 to 700 or 800 feet. The survey was made on the scale of mile to the inch, with 50-foot contour interval. Had the Columbiana map been available before the projection of railroads crossing the area, it would have saved much private surveying to determine the most feasible engineering routes.

MAPS SOLD AT COST; INDEXES FREE. These maps are sold by the

Geological Survey at 5 cents each or at a wholesale price of \$3 a hundred, which covers only the cost of paper and printing.

A convenient feature of the Geological Survey topographic maps is the indication on each map whether the maps of adjoining areas on the north, east, south, and west, or at intermediate points of the compass, are available. Thus, the Columbiana quadrangle is joined on the north by the Vandiver, on the northeast by the Talledaga, on the east by the Talledaga, on the southeast by the Wetumpka map, on the south and southwest by the Clanton, on the west by the Montevallo, and on the northwest by the Bessemer special area.

For general information as to the topographic surveys which have been made in any particular region, index maps will be furnished free upon application to the Director of the Survey. About three-eighths of the United States has already been covered by these surveys.

George Hems.

Mr. S. P. Britte of Severn made a pleasant call at Mr. G. H. Parker's last Sunday.

Mrs. Martha Shoulers and daughter, Miss Eula, of Scotland Neck are spending the week at Mr. G. H. Parker's.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Outland, Mrs. G. H. Parker and son Henry attended the funeral of Mr. J. T. Holloman of Aulander Monday. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to his loving wife in the loss of her companion.

Mr. J. K. Vinson of Menola spent last Thursday night in the home of Mr. J. J. Futrell.

Misses Bessie and Lottie Futrell spent Saturday night and Sunday in Rich Square the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Futrell.

Misses Mayme Lassiter, Mabel and Mary Ella Parker and Mr. Elwood Parker left last Saturday for Halifax county to spend several days visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse W. Peele left last week for Perquimans county to visit Mrs. Peele's father, who is quite feeble.

Mr. Henry Northcott left Friday for Center Hill to visit friends for several days.

The election which was held here last Saturday to vote in the graded school resulted in a great victory for the school. The vote being 37 for the school and 14 against. Prospects are good now for a fine school.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Vick spent last Friday at Branchville, the guests of Elias Vick.

Mr. Walter Lane of Richmond spent last week here visiting his cousin, Mr. Mahlon Rose.

Mrs. Nannie Watson and children of Norfolk spent last week here visiting her father, Mr. W. J. Joyner.

Our worthy agent, Mr. Geo. H. Parker, who has so faithfully served the company as agent since the construction of the R. & T. Railroad more than 20 years ago, has tendered his resignation as agent to the Superintendent of the Company. Mr. Parker has many friends who regret that he has resigned this position, and as yet his resignation has not been accepted. We are unable to say who his successor will be, but can only hope it will be some one who will fill the place as successfully as he has done.

Miss Sarah Peele is spending several days near Rich Square in the home of Mr. T. C. Peele.

Last Friday morning's number of our young people started off on a most enjoyable trip in the direction of the State Farm, but were unable to make the trip on account of the heavy rain. They returned all feeling down-hearted by missing the fun they had anticipated.

A GOOD SHOWING.

Northampton Makes Increase of Over a Million Dollars in Property Valuation.

The returns of the tax assessors for Northampton County make a good showing for the county, the increase in property valuation being over a million dollars, not including the public service corporations which shows an increase of over a quarter of a million dollars over last assessment.

The following is a statement of the assessment this year and in 1910:

TOWNSHIP	1910	1911
Gaston	431,974	549,477
Jackson	411,503	438,604
Kirby	975,685	1,200,793
Oconeechee	462,887	507,642
P. Hill	124,361	155,863
Rich Sq.	1,036,107	1,199,619
Roanoke	547,245	717,961
Seaboard	493,709	551,787
Wiccacanoe	650,596	818,879

The increase by townships is as follows:

Gaston	117,503
Jackson	27,109
Kirby	225,108
Oconeechee	44,755
Pleasant Hill	31,507
Rich Square	163,512
Roanoke	170,716
Seaboard	58,078
Wiccacanoe	168,283
Total increase	\$1,006,558

The valuation of property in one of the special tax school districts—Rich Square—is greater than it is in the whole of either of five of the townships of the county, being \$556,370 of which \$64,646 is owned by colored, and \$491,724 is owned by white citizens.

When the board equalization met only one complaint of over valuation of property was made and that was adjusted to the entire satisfaction of the owner by making a reduction of \$150.

East Carolina Teachers Training School.

On July 28th the East Carolina Teachers Training School closed its second school year. During this year five hundred and twenty-eight students were enrolled. This in face of the fact that the dormitories will accommodate only about two hundred students.

During the summer term three hundred and one students were enrolled. This term of 8 weeks was a most successful one. In addition to the regular class room work, a series of public lectures on educational subjects was delivered. Among those who delivered addresses were the following: Dr. L. G. Gibbs, Dr. Geo. D. Strayer, Teachers College, Columbia University, Mr. I. O. Schaub, West Raleigh, Dr. Jno. R. Ferrell, Raleigh, Dr. Chas. O. H. Laughinghouse, Col. Jno. L. Cunningham, Durham, Mr. Harold Barnes, Philadelphia, Miss Edith Royster, Assistant Superintendent of Wake County Schools, Raleigh, and Gov. Thos. J. Jarvis.

The student body of the summer term was composed of teachers and supervising officials.

It is the aim of the summer term of the Training School to offer to the teachers of North Carolina a course of instruction that will enable those attending the school to become more efficient. To do this it was necessary to offer a variety of courses. There were forty-six different combinations offered. These courses were such that any public school teacher having recognized his needs could take just the line of work which would supply that need and thus add to his efficiency. As far as it was practicable, the books adopted by the State were used as textbooks.