

CAPT. DREYFUS CONVICTED.

Tragic Ending of a Stupendous Farce.

THE FRENCH PEOPLE OUTRAGED

By a Macabre Tragedy on Justice—The Whole Civilized World Condemns the Verdict—May be Released Soon.

The long trial of Captain Alfred Dreyfus, the great persecuted Jew, on the charge of treason, ended at Rennes, France, on Saturday in a way that was not at all unexpected. The military tribunal at whose bar he stood accused, has from the first been deeply prejudiced against him, and has not lost an opportunity to display that bitter prejudice, arrogantly flouting it in the face of an outraged public at all times.

The trial has been a farce from the beginning. Dreyfus has shown the bearing of a man and a soldier throughout the terrible ordeal, and today stands immeasurably above the pliancy who accuse him and the prejudice of judges who condemned him without a scintilla of evidence on which to



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base a conviction. The first act in the great drama that may disintegrate and destroy the republic has been played. The consequences will be revealed fully in France's future.

The following is an account in detail of the conviction:

Rennes, France, By Cable.—The expected has happened. Dreyfus has been condemned but though a majority of those in the court room fully expected the verdict, they were completely surprised when it was given, and the silence which prevailed in the room at the way in which the verdict was pronounced was more impressive than any other manifestation could have been.

As the audience left the court room fully 10 or 15 men were crying openly, and the majority of those present walked quietly down the street for more than a block without speaking a word. It was like a funeral procession.

Meanwhile a tragedy was being enacted in the little room of the court room, where Dreyfus listened to the reading of the verdict. He had been told the result by his lawyers and had wept bitterly, but when in the presence of the officials of the court martial, he showed impassively to the sentence.

His wife, who was waiting in torture and suspense at her house, bore the news bravely, and when visiting her husband in the evening, showed the onlookers who were in the streets no sign of her sufferings as she walked from her carriage to the prison.

Maitre Dreyfus was not present in court but visited his brother after the verdict had been rendered. He found him perfectly calm and without any manifestation of surprise at the finding of the court.

The prisoner simply shrugged his shoulders, uttering an expressive "bah" adding as he embraced his brother as the latter was preparing to leave, "console my wife."

The general belief is that Dreyfus will be pardoned; but this will not satisfy his friends, who vehemently declare that they will continue the battle until the judgment is reversed.

The verdict, they say, is directed more against the Jews than against Dreyfus, and it is allowed to stand will make their existence in France impossible. Maitre Labori and Maitre Demange took the midnight train for Paris. They drove to the station in a closed carriage, escorted by four mounted gendarmes.

The road was practically deserted and no demonstration occurred. Maitre Demange and Maitre Labori will sign an application for a revision of the case, although there is no hope that the verdict will be revised. Both are much worried, though it can hardly be said that they are surprised.

The appearance on the streets when Rennes awoke Saturday morning left no doubts in the minds of any one that the final crisis of the great trial had been reached. Instead of scattered gendarmes guarding the vicinity of the prison and the Lycee, the whole town besieged with soldiers, all the streets near the court were guarded at intervals by double lines of infantry, two companies of infantry sat on the chairs steps adjoining the Lycee, with their arms stacked in front of them, while in the court yard of the prison and at various other points, cavalry could be seen in readiness.

It is reported here that as Dreyfus has been condemned to ten years' detention, and as he has already suffered five years' solitary imprisonment, which counts as double the ordinary detention, he will be released at the end of a fortnight.

Meanwhile, unless the president of the republic pardons him, which many think certain as being the only solution of the present situation, Dreyfus will have to be degraded here again within eight days.

SUFFERING OF INSANE.

Board of Charities to Devise Means of Relief.

It is learned that the jails in the western part of the State hold many insane people who are not able to gain admittance to the Western Hospital for the Insane, at Morganton, because that institution is already crowded to a dangerous extent. Dr. Murphy, the superintendent, in a letter to the members of the Board of Charities, says that so many patients are already being cared for that the danger of accident or of tuberculous infection, a constant menace in such places, is very great.

In order to devise means for meeting the situation and to provide if possible for this class of our unfortunate Dr. Charles Duffy, of Newbern, chairman, has called the Board of Charities to meet at Morganton on the 19th of this month.

It is the purpose of the board to make a full investigation of the facts, and to lay the results of the investigation before the public as it finds them. It is hoped by Dr. Murphy that the board will find a way to give the care to the insane that is needed.

Meet on 18th.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the State Prison will meet in Raleigh on the 18th instant, when certain matters of importance are to be considered. Mr. W. C. Newland, a member of the committee, could not be present at this meeting, and so nothing of importance was done. Among the things that the committee took up early in the spring, just after the General Assembly adjourned, was an examination of the accounts of the State prison for the time that it was under Fusion control, and also an investigation of the freezing of convicts on the farm under Sumner's control. Both of these matters were looked into by the committee, but their findings in neither case has been made public, except in a general way.

Big Suit to be Heard.

By far the greatest suit in which the State of North Carolina has ever figured will certainly be heard before Judge Simonton, of the United States Court, Asheville, next week. It involves \$10,000,000, being the additional assessment of the Southern, Seaboard and Coast Line railway systems which the Corporation Commission fixed, and which the railroads are fighting. It was reported that there would be a postponement of the trial, but it is positively announced there will be none. It is learned there are nearly 5,000 affidavits in the case. The railroads have taken them, to prove that other property is not taxed over 60 per cent. of its true value, while the State's affidavits are to show that other property is taxed as fully as railroads.

Suit Against Bernard.

Suit has been brought by S. B. Shepard, of Greenville, against C. M. Bernard, district attorney. The summons was served on Bernard last Friday, citing him to appear at Pitt Superior Court on September 15th. Bernard announced there will be none. It is learned there are nearly 5,000 affidavits in the case. The railroads have taken them, to prove that other property is not taxed over 60 per cent. of its true value, while the State's affidavits are to show that other property is taxed as fully as railroads.

Truckers to Organize.

Mr. J. Bryan Givner, member of the State Board of Agriculture and President of the Washington Farmers' and Truckers' Association, writes to Commissioner Patterson to suggest that a general meeting of the fruit and truck growers of the State be held in Raleigh during fair week to organize a permanent association. He has information, he says, that the largest association of fruit growers, the Eastern Carolina Fruit Growers' Association, shows signs of disintegration and is of the opinion that a larger organization and more cordial co-operation is necessary.

North Carolina Notes.

News was received at Raleigh from Chapel Hill that Miss Davidson, who lives in or near Chapel Hill, had committed suicide. She is a young woman who had been working at Durham and in the absence of her mother she took four ounces of laudanum, from the closet of which she died. It is said that the taking of her young life.

Weekly tells of a new swindle.

The Weekly tells of a new swindle a store there was counting his cash a store there was counting his cash when he found two raised bills. A ten-dollar bill and a one-dollar bill had been cut in two and two ten-dollar bills had been put by pasting one end of the dollar bill onto the end of the ten-dollar bill.

Samuel Cook secretary and treasurer.

Samuel Cook secretary and treasurer of the new cotton mill now being built at Avalon, Rockingham county, was killed last week by jumping from the passenger train near Avalon. The train was moving fast when he was struck, falling from the train and striking his head against a wheel.

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Senator Pritchard is going to Ohio to take part in the campaign. Saturday evening at 6:30 o'clock the boiler room of the Hot Springs Bartyes Company's works was discovered to be on fire, and in a few minutes the entire plant was in a sheet of flames. Within three hours the works were a mass of ruins. The loss as far as can be ascertained is about sixty thousand dollars, with only nominal insurance. Robert Woody, chief engineer, and Superintendent W. P. Perry came near losing their lives in an effort to keep the boilers from exploding.

Volunteers Landed.

San Francisco, Cal., Special.—The United States transport Sheridan was docked Sunday, and the Thirtieth Minnesota and the South Dakota's volunteers were landed. The soldiers were given a fine reception. The streets along the march to the Presidio were thronged with people who cheered the soldiers with flowers. The men will go into camp at the Presidio, and will be mustered out in a few weeks. The general health of the troops is good.

ADMIRAL DEWEY'S TROPHY.

Sword Voted by Congress to be Presented.

A GRAND GALA OCCASION.

A Tremendous Concourse of People Expected—The President and Cabinet to Participate in the Ceremonies.

The central idea underlying the grand welcome to be given Admiral Dewey in Washington the first week in October is its national character. His arrival at the capital will mark his real home-coming to the American people, where the officials of the government will participate, and the magnificently jeweled sword voted by Congress will be presented. To that end all the arrangements will be of a simple but most dignified character.

The welcome to the hero of Manila at the National Capital will probably occur on Monday, October 2, although the date will depend upon the length of the celebration in New York, which is still unsettled. The principal

features of the reception in Washington, as planned by the citizens, with the co-operation of the President and Cabinet, will be two in number—the presentation of the sword voted by Congress and a night parade. A public reception at the White House will be followed by dinner to the Admiral by President McKinley. The sword will be presented by Secretary Long, at the east front of the capitol, in the presence of Mr. McKinley and all the members of the cabinet, late in the afternoon, while the parade, consisting of organizations of all kinds, will be accompanied by an illumination of the city on a scale of beauty never before witnessed in Washington.

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The different features of the preparations are in the hands of a central body of citizens and eleven committees, embracing in all over a thousand people. Preparations for the celebration have been in hand for over a month.

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and other railroads entering Washington have agreed upon cheap rates for the celebration, and the committee expects that there will be an outpouring of patriotic citizens almost equal to the inauguration of a President.

B. & O.'s New Locomotives.

The Baltimore and Ohio railroad has ordered thirty "three cylinder compound consolidation" freight locomotives from the Baldwin Locomotive Works, for December and January delivery. These machines, when completed, will represent the highest class of heavy freight power, both in pulling capacity and economy in operation ever built in this country. The cylinders are to be 15 inches and 25 inches in diameter, with 30 inch stroke. The total weight of engine, exclusive of tender, is to be 176,000 pounds. The drivers are 64 inches in diameter with a driving wheel base of 15 feet 4 inches, and total wheel base of 23 feet 8 inches. The tenders will have 5,000 gallon water capacity, 8 tons coal capacity and weigh 96,000 pounds. The boilers are to be of the extended wagon top type, 64 inches in diameter at front end, the firebox is to be 41 inches wide and 118 inches long. When these locomotives are completed the Baltimore and Ohio railroad will have 137 freight engines, each exceeding in weight 175,000 pounds.

Sampson Comes Ashore Oct. 3.

Washington, D. C., Special.—The present understanding at the Navy Department is that Admiral Sampson will relinquish his command of the North Atlantic squadron, on October 3rd, immediately following the conclusion of the reception of Admiral Dewey, at the navy yard in Boston. The resignation is caused by the death of Admiral Pickens, who offers one opportunity for suitable shore command for the admiral, if he desires it, after 20 shall have taken a short rest.

Bryan in Nevada.

Carson, Nev., Special.—Friday was a general holiday throughout western Nevada, all business being suspended in honor of the visit of Hon. W. J. Bryan. All the mines were closed down for the day and Virginia City sent 1,000 underground workers to the mass-meeting held here in Capitol Square. Mr. Bryan was brought over from Lake Tahoe in a coach drawn by six horses and escorted by the leading Democrats and electors of Nevada.

Meeting of Seaboard People.

Raleigh, N. C., (Special).—A general meeting of the stockholders of the Raleigh & Gaston Railroad Company was held here Wednesday afternoon in the office of the company. It was decided to accept the amendments to the charter granted by the last Legislature authorizing consolidation of the various branches of the Seaboard Air Line in this State. The consolidation of these roads is preliminary to the formation of the Seaboard Railway Company which will include the Seaboard Air Line system; the Georgia & Alabama Railroad Company and the Florida Central & Peninsular Railroad.

BAD DAY FOR WRECK.

Wednesday Almost a Record Breaker in Point of Railway Disasters.

Roanoke, Va., Special.—One of the most serious accidents in the history of the Norfolk and Western occurred Wednesday morning, near Narrows, a tation on the Radford division. Two coaches of an east bound train jumped the track and rolled down a 30-foot embankment. Two persons were killed and 23 more or less injured. The dead are: A. B. Luck, contractor, of Roanoke; an infant, name unknown, from Bluefield, W. Va.

All the injured will recover. Their wounds are mostly cuts and bruises. They are unable to be moved and some of them were brought to Roanoke and received medical attention. It is said the spreading of a rail caused the accident. A wrecking train with physicians from Roanoke was sent to the scene of the wreck at once. Traffic was delayed only a few hours on account of the wreck.

Connellsville, Pa., Special.—Probably 50 persons were injured in a rear end collision on the Baltimore and Ohio Wednesday night at Connellsville station. The presence of mind of Engineer Haggarty saved the lives of many of the injured continued on their journey and their names could not be learned. First section of train No. 5, and a special of eight Wagner cars, ran into the rear end of the Cumberland accommodation. Both trains were west bound. Engineer Murray, of the emigrant train lost control of his engine, the air brake refused to work, and crashed into the rear end of the accommodation, which was standing in front of the station and was crowded with passengers.

Engineer Haggarty, who was cutting his engine, threw the throttle wide open, seeing the runaway train coming. The accommodation train lurched forward, but not quick enough to escape a collision. The crash was terrific. Two coaches of the accommodation were wrecked, the rear end of the last one being crushed as though it had been an egg shell. None of the passengers on the through train were severely injured.

Meadville, Pa., Special.—An open switch caused a wreck on the Erie railroad at Miller's station a short distance above this city Wednesday, in which three Meadville men were killed. A tramp was also killed and another injured. A west bound freight train had taken the siding to allow No. 5, the vestibuled limited New York-Chicago express to pass. The switch was left open and the passenger train ran into the rear end of the freight at the rate of 60 miles an hour, plunging through freight cars.

Williamson, W. Va., Special.—Seven persons were killed by a freight train wreck Wednesday, in Dingens tunnel, on the Norfolk and Western railroad. The dead are: Frank Archer, brakeman; Charles Booth, brakeman; names unknown.

Dewey Thinks We Will Win '99.

Gibraltar, by Cable.—Admiral Dewey has expressed a favorable opinion as to the outcome of the war in the Philippine Islands, saying that he hoped the next dry season would see the insurrection quelled. The admiral said that he did not expect to go on sea voyages again except in the event of war, and that he will probably retire under the regulations.

The Southern Boys Another Road.

Knoxville, Tenn., Special.—Advices received here from New York state that the Southern Railway has bought the Knoxville and Bristol railroad.

Twenty-Two Convicted.

Darien, Ga., Special.—The riot trials were concluded Tuesday, with the conviction of four and the acquittal of two of the accused. The convictions aggregated 22, and the acquittals about half as many. Sentence was passed on those convicted. Six received the maximum penalty of \$1,000, or one year on the chain-gang, and 16 were fined \$250 or 12 months in the chain-gang.

Brief Mention.

The United States Company, a consolidation of the Oswego Starch Factory, the American Glucose Company, of Buffalo, the Argo Manufacturing Company, of Nebraska City, Neb., and the Sioux City (Iowa) Starch Works, has been organized.

The navy department has not the slightest apprehension as to the safety of the training ship Monongehela which is said to be over at Annapolis. Stories of probable disaster to the vessel have vexed the navy department with friends of the cadets aboard, but answers are returned in each case that the department entertains no apprehension on her account.

Big Trading Company Organized.

Norfolk, Va., Special.—The Eastern & Southern Trading Company was chartered here Wednesday with a minimum capital of \$500,000 and a maximum of \$1,000,000 to carry on a general importing and exporting trade between the United States and foreign countries. Hippolyte L. Hardie of New York is president; Chas. S. Knight and Chas. R. Hebard both of New York secretary and treasurer in the order named.

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THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

The South.

Three miners were killed in an explosion in Hill and Mines, in West Virginia Saturday.

J. F. Burley, a cabin passenger on the Lampasas from Key West to New York, has been removed to Swinburn Island Hospital for observation, it being feared that he has yellow fever.

The fever has been declared epidemic at Key West. The type of disease seems to be very mild. Owing to strict quarantine very little fear is felt at Jacksonville and other Southern ports.

Colonel Davidson, ex-Congressman from the Eleventh Kentucky district, is in a critical condition from paralysis.

Mayor R. E. Boyle, of Atlanta, Tex., is charged with murder, for shooting his brother-in-law, Albert Gubberson, on the street.

Three hundred miners of the Soddy Coal Company, at Soddy, Tenn., who demanded 10 per cent. increase in wages, have compromised on a five per cent. advance.

For the third time within a few months the toll gate on the Etna and Clear Creek pike, in Shelby County, Ky., was Saturday night destroyed by dynamite.

Former Senator J. C. S. Blackburn has been downed and will have to go to Vermont and rest. He has eaten scarcely anything for a week and his condition is serious. He is not able to help in Goebel's campaign.

E. D. Free, who was appointed Treasurer of Barwell county, South Carolina, has been elected to the office of former Treasurer, reports to the Governor that he finds a shortage in his father's accounts of \$7,700. The shortage, he says, was over \$16,000, but he was unable to find the money to reduce it. The son tells the Governor that his father left him property enough to wipe out the shortage and to help in Goebel's campaign.

Dallas, Texas, arrangements are rapidly being completed for a Democratic national carnival which will take place October 2 and 3, concluding on the night of the 3d with a "dollar dinner," covers for from 1,500 to 2,000 being arranged for. The "dollar dinner" will take place at the New Auditorium, at the State Fair Grounds. William J. Bryan will speak at the Fair Grounds October 2 and 3. Other speakers who have been invited to make addresses include all the prominent silver leaders in the country.

The North.

Haber J. Grant has been convicted of polygamy in Salt Lake City and fined \$100.

At the meeting of the American bar association at Buffalo, N. Y., Senator William Lindsay, of Kentucky, delivered the address. His subject was "The Wm. R. Kennedy, a justice of the High Court of Justice of England, delivered an address on "State Punishment of Crime."

James B. Eustis, former Ambassador to France, is dangerously ill with pneumonia at Newport.

Preparations are being made for the great conference on trusts to take place in Chicago September 13th to 16th.

The first meeting of the New England Bineet League was held at Portland, Me., Sunday. Judge Tarvin, of Kentucky, Congressman Lentz, of Ohio, Governor Altgeld and Senator Tillman spoke and were cheered.

The vanguard of the Grand Army of the Republic reached Philadelphia Sunday, and the thirty-third national encampment opened Monday. Admiral Sampson with the North Atlantic squadron arrived off the city Sunday. The grand parade of the day, the naval parade is scheduled for Friday.

New York firemen will be allowed time off duty for three meals a day, instead of two, as heretofore.

The American Tobacco Company will hereafter buy leaf direct from Wisconsin farmers and will erect a big depot in Madison for sorting and storing its purchases.

It is stated that Hon. William J. Bryan will stump Ohio with John R. McLean.

A carpenter, named Vandiver, at Salt Lake, Utah, gave his children, a boy and a girl, a dose of morphine, shot the girl, killing her, shot the boy, probably fatally, and killed himself.

Tuesday was the hottest in Chicago since the establishment of the weather bureau there, in 1871. At 3 p. m., the government thermometer registered 98 degrees. Two deaths and nine cases of prostration were reported. The hottest weather known since the records of the Weather Bureau began was reported from Illinois, Indiana, Iowa and Nebraska.

Foreign.

A destructive cyclone has been raging in the Azores.

The news from the Transval indicates that a rupture is imminent.

The Morgan City is reported beached near Nagasaki, Japan. No one hurt.

MIND DOESN'T NEED REST.

A Change of Mental Food is What is Required, Says Arp.

THE BARTOW PHILOSOPHER

Tells How He Secures Mental Rest While He Grows Weary With Study—His Reminiscences.

The mind doesn't need rest, for it will not rest, but it needs a change of mental food. We cannot at will stop thinking, but we can give our thoughts a more pleasing direction and that is rest. And so, when I get tired and perplexed reading and ruminating about the war and the negroes and political corruption, I take a day off and commune with nature and her wonderful works, which are ever before us and around us. It is even a rest to hear it thunder and to watch the gathering of the clouds and welcome the big drops of rain that fall upon the steps. When the lightning is flashing and the thunder-stroke comes quick and sharp and near, we retire from the veranda, and for a little while humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God, and that is rest. Then let us not worry and perplex ourselves all of our waking hours about things which are afar off, but take shelter and comfort at home. Let us change the diet and it will rest us mentally and physically. My good father was a philosopher and would say to me, "now, my son, I want you to hoe these potatoes and when you get tired you can weed the onions for a rest." Professor Mitchell, the great astronomer, told me that when he was tired of his work, he would go to a horse, but they could not talk. Then he offered to sell Kit to Stegall for \$75, but he wouldn't give it. Not very long after that Jeff comes to town and a Tennessee horse trader got hold of him and gave him an old chunk of a horse for his mule. Kit was put under the shears forthwith. She was clipped and rubbed and washed and groomed and in a few days was transformed into a very respectable looking animal. Stegall wanted a male about that time and the Tennessee trader sold Kit to him for \$100, but he did not know it was Kit. Next day Jim Jeff had business over at Stegall's and Stegall took him down to the barn to show him what a fine mule he had bought. As soon as Kit spied her old master she nickered and trotted up to him and put her head affectionately upon his shoulder just as she used to do, and Jeff kneeled her on the nose, and said: "Kit, why Kit, is this you? Bless your old soul, I ought to have sold you old Stegall, I will give you \$75 for her just because she loves me so." Mules are curious creatures, but they fill a larger part of our lives than we give them credit for. The mule and the negro are a happy combination and when the negro is depressed the mule will go, too. I reckon. My neighbor, Morrie, has a very fine mule and about six months ago this mule tried to pick his teeth with his hind foot, and got the shoe fastened in his mouth on a broken tooth. Mr. Morris worked an hour to unloose it, and then called in the neighbors and they worked with ropes and levers, but couldn't. All of a sudden, while Morris was standing by thinking what to do next, the tooth broke with a report like a pistol, and the mule's foot flew back against Morris' shinbone and broke it all to pieces. He was down in bed for three months and goes on crutches now. Such is a mule. He has no pride of ancestry, but he lives long and happy. Bill Arp in Atlantic Constitution.

THE DUCHE MISTERY.

A Syndicate will Prosecute the Claim to the Dukedom of Portland.

The Fall Mail Gazette says a syndicate in London has subscribed \$500,000 to prosecute the claim to the Dukedom of Portland, and that arrangements have been concluded for the subscription of another \$500,000. The Duke vault in Highgate Cemetery, London, contains, as alleged, the remains of Thomas C. Druce, who, it is asserted by the syndicate, was the father of Mrs. Anna Maria Druce, the fifth Duke of Portland.

The faculty of the Diocese of London, in compliance with an order of the High Court of Appeal, on November 25, 1898, granted Mrs. Anna Maria Druce, the fifth Duke of Portland, the right to inspect the coffin containing the remains of Druce or a man buried as the latter.

When the decision was rendered by Chancellor Tristram, at the Consistory of the Court of St. Paul's, fifteen days were granted for an appeal, notification of which was given in open court, on February 17 last. The Queen's Bench Division of the High Court of Justice granted a rule to prohibit the order of the Consistory of the Court of St. Paul's being carried into effect without the sanction of the Home Secretary.

Mrs. Druce claims that her father-in-law's death and burial under the name of Druce were deceptions, and that he died later in a lunatic asylum under the name of Dr. Harrier.

Her son, to whom she says the title of Duke of Portland is due, is in Australia, employed as a servant.

A recent estimate of the cost roll of the Portland estate placed it at \$2,000,000 a year. It is claimed that Druce suffered remorse and abject fear, and that by adopting the name of Thomas C. Druce he transferred to himself an immense property from himself as Duke of Portland and estates.

After realizing the risk of exposure from his double existence, he decided to end his life as Druce, and caused a coffin to be buried with his supposed remains.

It was announced last December that Mrs. Druce would carry the case to the House of Lords, and in order to obtain the necessary expenses was about to issue \$500,000 of "Druce-Portland bonds," the holders of which she claimed, would receive \$25 for every \$5 within twelve months after her son succeeded to the dukedom and estates. She declared that \$55,000 of these bonds had already been taken up.

Some day there will be no international boundary line between Canada and the United States. In the hearts of the people of both countries there is none now.

Self a Million Miles Short.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—Commissioner of Agriculture O. B. Stevens, who returned to Atlanta after an inspection of the crops throughout middle and southern Georgia, states that cotton will be at least half a million bales short, and that in order to realize 75 per cent. of the crop of 1899, conditions will have to remain favorable for some time to come.

Many a woman speaks of her emotional temperament, but others call it temper.

STATE SQUIBS.

Rutherford county has the oldest person in the United States and no doubt the oldest in the world. Her name is Mrs. Nancy Hallford, and she lives two miles from Ellerbe. She is 118 years old and until five years ago she could walk the distance to Ellerbe with all ease. She now uses a rolling chair. Rev. Dr. C. Lee, who died last summer, looked up her age three years ago and she was 115 then. He was about 85 when he died, and often said he could remember well when he was a small boy she nursed him, and that then she had several grown children. This is a true story, well known to the people of Rutherford county. She is bright, cheerful and talkative, and is now enjoying good health, and can be seen at any time at Mrs. William Swartz.

Last week Mr. Baillie McKean, who lives at the Sam Christian gold mine in Montgomery county, saw the head of a big rattlesnake appearing on the side of his chicken coop. He quickly got a hoe and dug up the snake, which was with one eye covered the head from the body. Strangely to tell, the head of the snake bit a pig nearby and the animal died in about five minutes. The snake was one of the largest ever killed in that section and had fifteen rattles. This is a true bill.—Concord Standard.

Mr. D. B. Coltrane, who is president of the cotton mill at Norwood, informs the Concord Standard that the capacity of the mill is being increased. An addition of 100 feet by 70 feet has been added to the building, a monitor placed on the top, and an up-to-date ginney added near the cotton mill. The number of spinning and twisting spindles will be increased from 7,672 to 11,028, and wet and dry twist turns will be made hereafter. Fifteen more tenement houses have been added also.

There will be commenced soon the building of a railroad from Mount Airy to the mills of Kessler & Kay, Dan River, in Virginia. The road will run through the county of Surry, North Carolina and Patrick, Virginia, and will traverse a region noted for its farming lands and mineral resources. The new road will be called the "Mt. Airy and Eastern."

Much interest is felt in the revival of the enterprise to build a railroad from Southport to Wilmington. One of the aims is to make Southport a great coal station for steamships, as a railroad will place that port in direct communication with the coal fields of Virginia and sooner or later, with the coal and iron region of Tennessee, when General Hoke's railroad scheme is completed.

Three babies, two girls and one boy, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Sam G. Duke, Saturday. Up to Saturday his family consisted of seven children, all boys. The three last children make ten children for Mr. and Mrs. Duke, eight boys and two girls. The mother and three babies were doing well at last accounts.—Statesville Landmark.

The Rockingham (Richmond county) Anglo-Saxon says the drought which has prevailed in that section for a month, together with occasional high winds, has cut the cotton crop at least one-third short. The Wakeboro Messenger says that the crop in Anson will be from 25 to 50 per cent. below the average.

There is a man in Rutherford jail who is the father of three