

State News.

The post-office at Thomasville has been advanced from the third to the second class.

The Atlantic Coast Line Railroad will erect a new brick passenger station at Wilson.

The rural delivery carriers of North Carolina held their annual meeting in Winston-Salem Tuesday.

The people of Charlotte Tuesday voted for \$815,000 bond issue for permanent improvements.

The First Presbyterian Church of Concord, erected at a cost of about \$27,000, was dedicated Sunday.

A special term of Buncombe court convened at Asheville Monday with forty liquor cases on the docket.

Mr. George Gurley, of Princeton, Johnston County, was killed some days ago by a stroke of lightning.

State druggists will meet at Morehead City in their thirty-second annual convention July 12, 13, and 14.

The Durham Tobacco Storage Company has let the contract for the rebuilding of the big warehouse which was blown down last May.

Vernon McGlamery, of Stanton, Wilkes County, was kicked by a horse a few days ago and received injuries causing his death.

E. C. McConnell, a policeman of Asheville, was shot and dangerously wounded Monday by John Huff whom he had in custody. The negro made his escape.

Edward Bumgardner, assistant electrician for the Thornton Light and Power Company of Hickory was electrocuted Tuesday night repairing a street lamp.

At Wilmington Saturday afternoon Jim Brown, a negro, killed John Lane, another negro, by slashing his throat. Brown was arrested and placed in jail.

Children under sixteen years of age are not allowed to roam over the streets of Asheville after 9 o'clock at night, unless they are accompanied by their parents or guardians.

Mr. J. S. Pierce, of Henderson, fell dead Saturday at the Poythress coal yard, where he was employed. Mr. Pierce appeared to be in perfect health that morning. He was about forty-five years of age, and leaves a wife and several children.

The headless body of Ayrton Walker, a young negro residing near Emma, Buncombe County, was found Saturday night by a crew of one of the trains between the railroad bridge and the Murphy junction. The body was still warm.

Mrs. W. H. Corbett and Miss Alfred Edwards, of Pitt County, were killed by a stroke of lightning last Thursday afternoon while working in a field. A son of Mrs. Corbett, who was at work near by, was rendered unconscious by the same bolt.

The lifeless body of Isaiah Miller, colored, was found on the railroad track at Asheville Saturday night.

The barn and stables of S. E. Cochran, of Mecklenburg County, were destroyed by fire Saturday. A horse and a mule were also consumed in the flames.

Following injuries sustained by being run over by his own train at Norwood Thursday afternoon, Rudolph Melton, Southern Railway fireman, of Spencer, died at a sanitarium in Salisbury that night. Both legs were cut off by the wheels of a car under which he fell while making a coupling. He leaves a young wife and two small children.

The hot wave had a bad effect on a large portion of Charlotte's population Saturday. During a base-ball game the umpire, named Nugent, made a decision that displeased many of the crowd, and but for the protection of policemen the umpire would have been mobbed. Several wanted him strung up and lynched. The umpire had to be hustled out of town to save his life.

Guilford Lumber Company's Plant Destroyed by Fire.

Greensboro, N. C., July 3.—The Guilford Lumber Company's plant was partially destroyed by fire tonight, entailing a loss of between \$30,000 and \$40,000 in burned machine shop and machinery finished work and rough lumber. There is but small insurance.

Over 300 Dropped From the Federal Pay-Roll.

Washington, D. C., July 1.—Three hundred and fifty-nine men and women were separated from the Government pay-rolls yesterday afternoon. This number of clerks were dropped from the rolls of the Census Bureau of the Department of Commerce and Labor and from the Treasury Department.

Dismissals in the Census Bureau will continue from month to month until June 30, 1912, when the force will be reduced to the normal size.

MILLS CLOSE IN GASTON COUNTY.

Thirty Spinning Mills Have Closed for at Least a Month—Thousands of Employees Thrown Out of Work.

Gastonia, N. C., July 1.—Thirty or more spinning mills in Gaston County will be closed down for the next ten days, or two weeks, and as a consequence many thousands of mill operatives will be idle for that period. This number represents 75 per cent or more of the spinning mills and even larger percentage of spindles in this county. Those mills which use their own yarn in manufacturing cloth will not close down, though it is a fact that a few of the mills included in this number are affected by the shortage of power caused by low water on the Catawba and a consequent shortage in electric power available.

The unfavorable condition of the yarn market is given as the real cause for this shut-down. One of the best posted manufacturers in this section stated to-day that he would not be surprised if the larger part of the spinning mills in Gaston and this immediate section should find it necessary to remain idle for a month or more.

A Bogus Promoter.

Fayetteville, N. C., July 3.—Several weeks ago W. E. Housel, from New York, came here and opened offices for the North Carolina Orchards Company. After a little while Mr. Housel left town, presumably to go after his wife who was at his New York home. Days elapsed and he has not returned. The stationery of the company names Mr. John O. Ellington of the Fourth National Bank of this city as the treasurer. To-day Mr. Ellington made the following statement to The Observer correspondent:

"No such company ever existed except in the vivid imagination of W. E. Housel, simply and purely a promoter. No money has ever been subscribed to the enterprise here because Housel never put up any himself. I have never qualified as treasurer for that reason."

The report here is that a deal has been made whereby the land that the company proposed to develop has been included in a deal by which Congressman Kent, a wealthy Californian, acquires 40,000 acres. Mr. Housel has left these parts and it is not known where he is.

Severe Storm in Surry County—Struck by Lightning.

Elkin, N. C., July 3.—An electrical storm of terrific violence swept over this section this afternoon, striking several persons and doing much damage to property. Telephone information from Roaring Gap states that little Miss Dewitt Chatham, daughter of Mr. H. G. Chatham, of Elkin, was struck. She was unconscious for an hour, but is fortunately not seriously injured. The same bolt severely shocked Mrs. Chatham and Miss Louise Roth.

In Yadkin County, two miles away, Robert Meyers was struck by lightning and is reported to be in a critical condition.

Lightning struck the Baptist church and tore up the roof and also the barn of Mr. Roth, near town, destroying the barn. A freakish bolt struck the gun of a guard doing utility work on the railroad, ran down the barrel and burned the man's arm severely, doing no serious injury.

Reports of damage to property and live stock are coming in from all over the county. The storm was accompanied by a heavy downpour of rain, which washed out streets and roads, but proved a blessing in disguise to the farmers.

Detailed reports state that Mrs. Chatham, her daughter and Miss Roth were sitting by an open window, when the bolt entered, centering upon Miss Chatham, rendering all senseless. There was no damage to the hotel.

Family Poisoned by Food From Galvanized Bucket.

Thomasville, N. C., July 1.—Mr. Alfred S. Miller and family, living a few miles south of town, were poisoned by food which had been put into a galvanized bucket and hung in the well over-night. The food had been prepared for a wheat-threshing force the day before (Tuesday) and on Wednesday for breakfast the family ate of it heartily and soon had to call a physician. By heroic efforts the physician saved the family.

Southern Commercial Congress Will Have Permanent Exhibit of Southern Products.

Washington, D. C., July 1.—The Southern Commercial Congress announces the opening in Washington, October 1st, of a permanent exhibit of Southern products, manufactures and resources. A floor space of 5,500 square feet in one large room will be used in the new Southern building. It will be made one of the points of interest to be seen by all visitors in Washington.

DEATH IN ROARING FIRE

may not result from the work of fire-bugs, but often severe burns are caused that make a quick need for Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the quickest, surest cure for burns, wounds, bruises, boils, sores. It subdues inflammation. It kills pain. It soothes and heals. Drives off skin eruption, ulcers or piles. Only 25 cents at all druggists.

General News.

Staunton, Va., has adopted the commission form of government.

Eleven persons were drowned near Boston Sunday while in bathing.

The committee which has been investigating the bribery charges against Senator Lorimer has adjourned until the 13th.

Eight lives were lost in the collapse of one of the main buildings of the new \$400,000 waterworks at Buffalo, N. Y., Friday.

Secretary of the Navy Stimson sails to-day for the Canal Zone to inspect the work on the Panama Canal and surrounding conditions.

Commander Alfred A. Pratt, United States Navy, died at the Mare Island Hospital yesterday just three days after retirement.

Concord, New Hampshire, right in the heart of New England's summer resorts, was the hottest place on the map yesterday morning.

Hoke Smith was inaugurated Governor of Georgia Friday. He is also a candidate for the United States, which contest will come off in a few weeks.

Both Houses of Congress adjourned last Saturday to meet again yesterday, so the politicians could go home to make Fourth of July speeches.

Dr. John W. Abercrombie, President of the University of Alabama, has been removed by the trustees of the University. No reasons were given for the removal.

The price of corn in Kansas and Illinois has advanced materially during the past few days. On account of the hot dry weather the dealers fear a short crop this year.

From this on all the railroad must report to the Inter-State Commerce Commission by telegraph, "any collision, derailment, or other accident," resulting in the death of one or more persons.

Five persons were killed and two injured in a grade crossing accident at Ozone Park, near New York City, Sunday. The victims were in a horse-drawn vehicle which was struck by a Long Island train.

Mrs. Maud McCrary, of Los Angeles, Cal., killed her three small children and then hanged herself Friday while visiting friends at Lockney, Texas. The excessive heat had unbalanced her mind.

In Louisiana a married woman's property is subject to her husband's debts. Only a few days ago an automobile belonging to a married woman in that State was sold to satisfy a claim against her husband.

Robt. M. Goode and his wife, who lived near Petersburg, Va., lost their minds a few days ago at the same time and were arrested while trying to tie their children to the railroad track.—Statesville Landmark.

Capt. Eugene F. Ware, a Kansas poet and lawyer, known also as "Iron-quill," seventy years old, died Saturday night of heart disease at Cascade, a mountain retreat in Colorado. He was Federal Pension Commissioner under President Roosevelt.

Congressman "Private" John Allen, of Mississippi, has brought suit against three newspapers in his State for libel. They charged that the Congressman broke into a building and stole a jug of whiskey some years ago.

A Michigan girl has written the Postmaster-General at Washington for a reward because she was born on the Fourth of July. Of course it was very patriotic in the girl to be born on that day, but the Government gives no reward.

W. S. Williams, an employe of the mint at San Francisco, was wheeling a truck in the vaults of the mint when sacks containing \$9,000,000 in gold toppled over on him and buried him, injuring him so that he may not recover.—Statesville Landmark.

The general board of the navy has submitted to the Secretary of the Navy at Washington its proposed building program for the navy for the fiscal year of 1913 in which it recommends the construction of four first-class battleships, sixteen or eighteen destroyers, a repair ship, a hospital ship and a number of colliers, gunboats and transports. The program contemplates the expenditure of \$100,000,000.

Pope Versus Devil.

District Attorney Jerome was shafting Archbishop Farley the other day in his free and easy manner. "Suppose," he asked at last, "that the Pope and the devil were to litigate a cause, which do you suppose would win?"

"The devil," said the Archbishop, "with a malicious twinkle in his eye. "He would have all the lawyers on his side."

MANY DIE FROM HEAT.

There Were 123 Deaths Due to Excessive Heat Reported in One Day.

Washington, D. C., July 3.—With reports of 104 degrees of temperature from four widely separated cities, together with a score more cities broiling in temperatures of 100 degrees and over (there is no hope of relief discovered).

Heat is taking heavy toll of death, the suffering is increased by the drouth which is practically unbroken except in the southeastern and Gulf States, where the temperature is moderate. At the Weather Bureau here the mercury reached the 99 mark at 2 o'clock; two hours later the thermometer at the street level showed a temperature of 107. Two fatalities occurred here to-day and nineteen persons who were overcome by the heat are being treated at the hospitals, while others are being given private attention.

Louisville, Ky., St. Joseph, Mo., Davenport, Ia., Yuma Ariz., are the four cities in which the 104 mark was reached. The Boston record of 102 was the highest in its history. Albany, N. Y., Fresno, Cal., Columbus, Ohio, and Parkersburg, W. Va., had the same.

So far 123 deaths as a result of the heat to-day are reported. They are as follows: Boston, 3; Chicago, 48; Louisville, 2; Newark, N. J., 8; New York, 20; Washington, 2; Oklahoma City, 1; Cincinnati, 4; Pittsburg, 6; Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania, 20; Baltimore, 4; Toledo, O., 5.

Country Experiences Another Hot Day—No Relief in Sight.

Washington, D. C., July 4.—As if to protest upon behalf of "Young America" against the wave of "safety and sanity" making for greater physical comfort, which has characterized the celebration of the National birthday, the elements to-day held in the greater portion of the country in the grip of the most acute heat wave of the year. Of the 84 observation stations of the Weather Bureau in this country, 22 recorded official maximum temperatures of 100 degrees or more, while a considerable majority showed over 90 degrees.

The greatest heat area was in the Middle and Central Western States. The South was relatively cool, and except that most of the territory along the borders of the north-most of the great lakes were also cool, it would almost have seemed as if the points of the compass had reversed themselves for the day. The Pacific Coast was also a notable exception, that part of the country enjoying pleasant weather.

The greatest heat recorded was 104 degrees in the weather observatories which in numerous instances meant a temperature of almost 110 degrees at street level. Eight cities, Albany, Boston, Charles City, Des Moines, Kansas City, Omaha, Sioux City and Indianapolis, had a maximum of 104 degrees.

Fatalities resulting from the heat were numerous, especially in the large cities, and the gayety of the Nation's natal day was decidedly sobered by the rigors of the atmosphere.

In the great farming sections of the West crops suffered damage. Continued drouth in Kansas together with the stifling heat which has recently prevailed, has worked greater damage to all of the grain crops, the oats crop being reported as virtually ruined. Hay crops, likewise, are almost a total loss, while the fruit crop will not average more than half its usual yield.

Hundreds of deaths are reported from the cities and the number of heat prostrations will run well into the thousands.

Twenty-Six Deaths From Heat in New York Yesterday.

New York, July 4.—The cumulative effects of three days of the hottest weather this city has experienced in years manifested itself to-day in a list of twenty-six deaths attributed to the heat. Prostrations were counted by the score and fourteen drownings were reported.

Federal Treasury Shows a Good Surplus.

Washington, D. C., July 2.—Official figures subject to revision, indicate that the Federal Treasury to-day for the fiscal year 1911, which closed Friday, will show an ordinary surplus of \$45,681,620 and an excess of \$31,305,923 over all disbursements, including Panama Canal and public debt transactions.

Total receipts for the year were far greater than the official estimates and will pass the \$700,000,000 mark. The unexpected increase is due to the fact the \$27,500,000 was paid in on the corporation tax, about \$8,000,000 more than officials expected at this time.

Democrats Having a Hot Time in Alabama.

Ruston, La., July 4.—What gives promise of being the warmest political campaign experienced in Louisiana in a decade, with the gubernatorial seats the principal plums at stake, opened here to-day. Special trains brought more than 3,000 people from all parts of the State and in the midst of the speech-making an old-time Fourth of July barbecue was served.

There are six candidates in the race for the Democratic nomination for the United States Senate.

GOVERNMENT SAYS BIG CROP.

North Carolina Department of Agriculture Says it Will Be Largest in History of the Country.

Washington, D. C., July 3.—Official estimates of the crop of 1911 indicate that it will be the largest in the history of the country, approximately, according to the present figures, 14,425,000 bales of 500 pounds each, exceeding by almost a million bales the record crop of 1904.

Dr. N. A. Murray, acting chief of the crop reporting board of the Department of Agriculture, to-day made the following statement subsequent to the issuance of the cotton crop report:

"The report shows the condition of the crop to be higher than on any corresponding date in the last ten years. A month ago the general condition was 85 per cent above the ten-year average. To-day it is 10.3 per cent above the ten-year average.

"The acreage of cotton this year is about 35,000,000. All owing for the average amount of abandonment—about 1,000,000 acres—the indications are that approximately 34,000,000 acres of cotton will be harvested.

"The condition indicates a probable yield of 202.8 pounds per acre, which on 34,000,000 acres would mean 6,895,000,000 pounds, or about 14,425,000 bales.

"This calculation allows for average depreciation. The critical period in cotton growth is in August and September, so that any estimate at this time must be taken with some allowance.

"The largest previous production of cotton in this country was in 1904 when it aggregated 13,679,954 bales of 500 pounds each."

The condition of the cotton crop June 25th was 88.2 per cent of a normal, compared with 87.8 per cent on May 25, 1911; 80.7 per cent on June 25, 1910, 74.6 per cent in 1909 and 80 per cent, the average condition on June 25th during the past ten years, according to the Department of Agriculture's estimate announced at noon to-day.

Aviator Flies From Boston to Atlantic City in Five Hours.

Atlantic City, N. J., July 4.—A thrill was given thousands of holiday visitors here this afternoon when N. Atwood, the aviator, after fighting heavy winds throughout his first flight from New York, terminated the third leg of his proposed journey from Boston to Washington by landing in his biplane on the beach front.

During the flight Atwood made three landings for gasoline. Once near Ashbury Park, the second at Tuckerton, N. J., and the third at Venice Park, near this city. Mr. Atwood said that judging from the amount of gasoline he had used he must have traveled at least 250 miles. He was in the air more than five hours. The distance along the coast is about 115 miles.

Moving Soldiers From Texas.

Washington, D. C., July 1.—Major General Leonard Wood announced at the White House, after a conference with President Taft, that he had been authorized to order the withdrawal of four regiments from the maneuver division at San Antonio, Texas. No cavalry will be moved at this time, and General Wood said he would select the organizations to return to their posts at once.

WORK BROUGHT EXHAUSTION.

Adel, Ga.—"For three years," writes Mrs. C. J. Rentz, "I suffered with female troubles. When I would lie down, I could hardly breathe. I could not do any work without being exhausted. I took Cardui according to directions, and now I can do all my work, and do not suffer at all. Cardui has brought health and happiness to thousands of weak women. It acts on the cause of women's backaches, headaches, nervousness, dragging sensations, weakness and misery. It relieves. It cures. Try it."

Farm Topics

Every tiller of the soil should see to it that every particle of home products is utilized to the best advantage and the residue returned to the soil.

To Raise Young Turkeys.

A poultry raiser in giving his experience in raising young turkeys says: "It is very essential to keep them off the grass in the morning while the dew is on. After they are allowed to range feed them a little each evening to bring them home. Always have a pile of air-slaked lime and grit where they can get it and see how eagerly they will go after it on coming home. If any of them droop look for lice in the quill feathers of the wing and along the back. I use a good fresh insect powder to dust them when they are a week old and once a week after that until eight weeks old. If the trouble is not due to lice it is probably caused by something they have eaten, and for this I give one-half teaspoonful of salts dry."

The Benefit of Wood Ashes.

I had one-eighth of an acre on a gravelly soil, which bore only June grass, very small and thin at that,

says a writer in an exchange. I put on three barrels of wood ashes and clover started well. The next year I put on more ashes and had a better crop of clover. I put the ashes directly on the turf. A man says he has a farm of some fifty acres adjoining a mine, and as the old saying is "clover not raise beans." He would not raise one cow and a horse the first year, but he made what manure he could and put on about four barrels of ash to the acre. He followed this for six years' stay he bought about \$25 worth of manure. The last two years he cut a heavy hay crop, kept four cows and two horses, raised 100 bushels of oats, considerable corn and potatoes for his own use and some to sell. He paid \$800 and sold for \$1,200.

The agricultural statistics for North Carolina did not happen to mention it, so we mention it here. North Carolina produces more corn per acre than any other State—Charlotte Observer.

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9:15 p. m.—Daily—"Night Express," Pullman Sleeping Car for Norfolk.

6:15 a. m.—Daily for Wilson, Washington and Norfolk. Parlor Car service between Raleigh and Norfolk.

6:15 a. m.—Daily, except Sunday, for New Bern via Chocowinity. Parlor Car service.

3:00 p. m.—Daily, except Sunday, for Washington.

Trains Arrive Raleigh

7:20 a. m.—Daily—11:30 a. m. daily except Sunday and 8:15 p. m. daily.

Trains Leave Goldsboro

10:15 p. m.—Daily—"Night Express"—Pullman Sleeping Car for Norfolk via New Bern.

7:15 a. m.—Daily for Beaufort and Norfolk. Parlor Car between Washington and Norfolk.

3:20 p. m.—Daily for New Bern, Oriental and Beaufort, Parlor Car Service.

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