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## GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

### Items of Interest Garnered From Our Exchanges.

### WHAT THE WORLD IS DOING.

**Hickory, June 26.**—The latest freak of lightning, which is always pranking, is amateur photography. A few days ago lightning struck the house of a Mr. Smith, living near Mr. Geo. B. Hiss Rhodess. Almost at the same time it struck a tree in the yard, and, going into the house, it struck Mr. Smith, stunning him. An elegant picture of the house was made both on the back of the tree and on the skin of Mr. Smith's back.

**Winston-Salem, June 25.**—The Winston-Salem board of trade is going to make a newspaper publicity campaign soon, and plans now under advisement are with a view to starting it in August, taking space in about fifty newspapers in leading Southern and Central western States. Fifty cuts showing business sections of the City, with captions, "Winston-Salem, the City of opportunities," will be widely used.

**Raleigh, N. C., June 27.**—An electric current of 2,300 volts flashed through the body of Vernon Bynum, lineman, at 8 o'clock this morning as he worked at stringing city fire alarm wires, and killed him almost instantly. He was on the cross-arms of a tall pole at the southwest corner of Capital Square, adjusting a tie line over when his side came in contact with the power wires of the Carolina Light and power Co. He was seen to make spasmodic convulsions, which showed him to be in the grip of the deadly current. It required half an hour to adjust ladders and rope and tackle with which to disengage the body, and lower it to the ground, where physicians waited. Artificial respiration and every other means available known to the medical profession was applied without avail. Mr. Vernon came from Wilson, where his parents live, a week ago. He is unmarried and is 30 year old. He had seven years experience as a lineman.

**Wilmington, June 28.**—Prominent lawyers from every section of the State are gathering at Wrightsville Beach for the 12th annual meeting of the North Carolina Bar Association which convenes in the assembly hall of the Seashore Hotel this evening at 8:30 o'clock, being called to order by Hon. E. W. Timberlake of Wake Forest. Chairman of the executive committee. Many of the lawyers are accompanied by members of their families and the total number of guests for the convention will probably reach 400. The legal lights of the State are anticipating a most pleasant and profitable meeting. After the meeting is called to order to-night the visitors will be formally welcomed to the city and the beach by Hon. Herbert McClammy, Esq., a leading member of the local bar and a prominent candidate for Congress in this, the sixth district. The response will be made by Hon. Locke Craig, of Asheville, than whom there is no more widely known and prominent lawyer in the state. This will be followed by the annual address of the president, Col. John W. Hinsdale, of Raleigh, and reports of standing committees. Hon. N. A. McLean, of Maxton, will address the convention Wednesday morning, followed by the report on the memorial committee, and in the evening the feature will be an address by Hon. James Byrne, of New York City, a lawyer of prominence in the metropolis. Thursday morning the visitors will be taken for a trip down the Cape Fear river and in the evening an address will be delivered by W. H. Pace, Esq., of Raleigh. This will be the concluding feature of the convention. A local committee, composed of Thos. W. Davis, Esq., chairman, Thos. D. Meares, Jr., Esq., and Robt. R. Ruck, Esq., have made elaborate preparations for the entertainment of the visiting lawyers.

**Essen, June 27.**—A cave was discovered at Beswige, Westphalia, today in which were found the remains of several people and a number of interesting relics dating back to about 400 B. C.

**Pittsburg, Pa., June 27.**—After lying in a semi-conscious condition since the evening of June 7, when he was injured in a boxing bout at Negley's Run, Ernest Campbell, aged 22, is dead at the home of his parents. Lewis Sand and Alph Hawley are under ar-

rest as participants in the bout. Cleveland, O., June 26.—Instae over Jeffries-Johnson fight, Kate Blanche, a well-known character actress, was committed to the State asylum at Newburg today. Since her arrival in Cleveland last Thursday Miss Blanche has been sending telegrams continuously to James Gleason and Tex Rickard, the fight promoters, begging them to take her to the contest. Her actions finally became so peculiar that her relatives were appealed to and after a medical examination she was adjudged insane and committed to the asylum.

**Washington, June 26.**—The enumeration of the Indian population will be feature of the thirtieth decennial census of the United States. It is calculated by officials of the census bureau that ten years hence all the red men will have become citizens and consequently this is the last time the census will be taken showing their tribal relations.

For this reason it has peculiar interest and extreme precautions, it is said, were taken to obtain an accurate count on all the information possible in regard to their condition. When the census office placed its enumerators in the field among the Indians, it stationed twenty special agents in the Indian country who were versed in the affairs of the red men to oversee the work of the enumerators. The returns are being closely scrutinized by these agents and it is believed that an especially accurate record will be obtained. The census office formulated special inquiries to be directed to the Indians with a view to securing all the information possible relative to their condition. The responses to the schedule of questions will show that each Indian's tribal relations, proportion of Indian and blood, number of times married; whether now living in polygamy; whether wives are sisters; education; whether he has received his allotment; and whether living in civilized or aboriginal dwelling.

**Chicago, June 25.**—Mrs. Mary A. Lavender, who sued the Rev. E. D. Crawford, pastor of the Woodlawn M. E. church, for \$50,000, charging slander was awarded \$4,000 by a jury which returned its verdict in Judge Mangan's court today. Mrs. Lavender charged that Dr. Crawford had accused her to various persons as having been unduly intimate with John D. Leek, former pastor of the Woodlawn church, later at the head of the Western avenue M. E. church, but at present a business man. Dr. Crawford alleged that Mrs. Lavender had confessed her alleged sin to him; and his talk concerning the case was due to a desire to preserve the honor of the church. Dr. Leek, on the witness stand, declared he had sought conferences with Dr. Crawford and Bishop McDowell at the time of the scandal, or shortly before, and quit the ministry not with reference to Mrs. Lavender, as Dr. Crawford said, but because he thought he might be accused of a technical misappropriation of church funds. He said that the church was behind in his salary and that he borrowed money from another fund to pay household expenses. Mrs. Lavender was warmly congratulated by a large number of church women who were in court.

**Washington, June 25.**—Evident easiness exists among members of congress today over the fact that President Taft has not signed either the rivers and harbors or public buildings bills carrying together \$74,000,000. Unless the president signs the rivers and harbors bill it becomes a law to-day without his signature. The president is known to be decidedly against some of its provisions.

**Richmond, Va., June 27.**—A third drowning in this neighborhood yesterday was that of Lonnie Lyon, 16 years old, lost his life while bathing with two other boys near Swift Creek Mills, in Chesterfield county, and near Richmond. The boy was an orphan and lived with his uncle, H. Lyon, of Chester. His body was found and will be taken to Roseboro, N. C., for burial by the side of his parents.

**Roxboro, June 23.**—When Sam Burton, a farmer living near Roxboro, together with his four-year-old boy, were leaving the field on a horse yesterday afternoon after the day's work, rain overtook them on the way home and they stopped under a poplar tree to protect themselves. A bolt of lightning struck the tree, killing both man and beast. The little boy escaped injury. When found, the horse was on one side of the tree and the man on the other side. The little boy was found lying on his father's breast.

## THE COTTON REPORT.

### Crop Condition Is Better Than In Most Counties.

### OUR STATE'S CROP CONDITION

The New York Journal of Commerce with its usual accuracy sums up the crop condition in North Carolina since the recent rains—Iredell has cause to be thankful as her general condition is decidedly better than the crop status in most counties. The Journal says:

**NORTH CAROLINA.**  
Ten days of continuous and excessive rains have caused considerable deterioration. The crop is generally three weeks late and very grassy. Lice have appeared and continuous fair weather is badly needed to allow farmers to clear the fields. In many localities the plant is weak and stands are poor. Since the middle of the month, however, weather has been fair and warm and, although the plant is small, it is growing well and many sections report good stands and a healthy plant. Percentage condition last month was 81.7; a year ago at this time 77.8.

**Lileadon, Alexander Co.**—Crop clean and weather good and hot. Stony Point, Alexander Co.—Very small and bad stand; at least two weeks late; too much rain.

**Pantego, Beaufort Co.**—Cool weather, and very heavy rains have seriously injured cotton since last report. Washington, Beaufort Co.—Plant small and weak; grassy in many places owing to excessive rains for about ten days prior to 17th inst.; rain and cool nights caused deterioration.

**Bosts Mills, Cabarrus Co.**—Cotton is two weeks late; too cold in early spring; there is a fairly good stand and for the last week cotton has been growing very well. Bellcross, Camden Co.—Has been too wet for the past 10 or 15 days; large per cent of the cotton is dead; the little that is left is about 15 days late.

**Pittsboro, Chatham Co.**—Too much wet weather; grass is very bad and plant small; weather is now warm; plants have improved in past two days. Goldston, Chatham Co.—Cotton is very small and has been worked but little; we have had lots of rain last two weeks and farmers are behind with their work; they are at work now.

**Earl, Cleveland Co.**—Cotton is small and bad stand. Riverdale, Craven Co.—Dry, cool weather damaged cotton; it is now warm and rainy; cotton improving. Linden, Cumberland Co.—Poor stand and small weed.

**Tarboro, Edgecombe Co.**—Plant is small but healthy; imperfect stands; two to three weeks late; cultivation backward from continued rains, causing loss to 7 to 10 days' field work; with about 10 days of favorable weather conditions this setback may be recovered.

**Louisburg, Franklin Co.**—Since last report we have had 12 consecutive days of the most disastrous rains we have ever known. Cherryville, Gaston Co.—Plant small, but now growing rapidly; apparently 2 to 3 weeks late. Greensboro, Guilford Co.—Plant small; 3 weeks late; too much rain.

**Enfield, Halifax Co.**—Plant very small and in bad condition on account of very heavy rains and from 2 to 3 weeks late; fields in poor state of cultivation and grassy.

**Halifax, Halifax Co.**—Too much rain; otherwise crop in good condition. Weldon, Halifax Co.—The heavy rains for last two weeks and no work at all have injured crop very much; it is two weeks late and small.

**Dunn, Harnett Co.**—Have had

entirely too much rain last two weeks up to last two or three days, causing grass and "scalded" crops. Elmwood, Iredell Co.—Great deal yet to be put out and plant very small and at least 30 days late; too much rain and getting grassy. Kinston, Lenoir Co.—Cold, dry weather, followed by two weeks of almost unprecedented wet weather, has badly injured the cotton prospects.

**Everetts, Martin Co.**—Heavy rains during past ten days made all crops look like a total failure; since rains ceased cotton is starting to gain. Matthews, Mecklenburg Co.—Crop about 10 days late; rather too much rain; but favorable warm weather like we are having now will bring crop up to standard.

**Derita, Mecklenburg Co.**—Too much rain in this vicinity; cotton hasn't grown any for two weeks. Davidson, Mecklenburg Co.—Plant small but well cultivated; has been too cool; now warm and good season for growth; some fields damaged by lice; stands fairly good.

**Troy, Montgomery Co.**—Two weeks of continuous rains and cool nights caused plant to be weak, poor cultivation from same cause; crop 10 to 15 days late; some deterioration from insects or other causes.

**Rock Mount, Nash Co.**—Cotton small and late; bad stand; seriously injured by recent heavy rains. Nashville, Nash Co.—Too much rain; can't plow for two weeks; plant very small and yellow; getting to be very grassy; too cool for cotton; grass many lice; had rain for 15 days in succession up to the 20 inst.; ground entirely too wet to plow and grass about to take everything; poorest outlook in years.

**Wilmington, New Hanover Co.**—Plant small but healthy; good stand; fields rather grassy after good rains; temperature now good. Good stand; plant small for this late.

**Jacksonville, Onslow Co.**—Fairly in season; heavy rains recently have materially set crops back; with good season from now on will make fairly good. Bethel, Pitt Co.—Cotton damaged by recent heavy rains; weather good now and crop coming out considerably.

**Grifton, Pitt Co.**—The recent rains, which lasted for 14 days, have caused the crops to become very grassy; the bottoms were drowned and the higher ground was badly washed; should the rains continue a good portion of the crop must be abandoned.

**Lumberton, Robeson Co.**—Had too much rain; crop backward; some grass; showing effect of rain; plant improved since last report. Buies, Robeson Co.—Plant small; too much rain; crop grassy stand imperfect.

**Rowland, Robeson Co.**—Plant small; usually blossoms by this time; not even formed; too much rain last three weeks. Red Spring, Robeson Co.—Plant small but strong; stand fair to good, cultivation and condition fair; some grass and weeds rainfall and temperature favorable; some lice reported; crops growing fast at present; two weeks late.

**Cromartie, Robeson Co.**—Poor stand and perhaps two weeks late too much rain. Elrod, Robeson Co.—Cotton is two weeks later than last year and does not have a healthy appearance; complaint of lice; there has been too much rain and not enough sunshine.

**China Grove, Rowan Co.**—Best stand in ten years; plant small but healthy. Woodleaf, Rowan Co.—Cotton small owing to late cool spring; good stand; dry up to June 1 and farmers kept ground well worked; up to two weeks ago not much rain; plenty of rain now; no insects and cotton growing well

## RECORD OF CONGRESS.

### Canon Declares Congress Has Done Good Work.

### GOOD LEGISLATIVE WORK

Washington, June 26.—Speaker Cannon tonight summarized the work of Congress in a statement he gave to the press. The Speaker paid most attention to the legislative work accomplished, referring only incidentally to the fight which had been made on the rules of the House. "The result of the rules," he said, "and resulted in little advantage."

The Speaker declared that the Congress just closed had done more and better work than any Congress of which he had been a member during his thirty-five years of service in the House. After recounting the legislation enacted, the Speaker said: "The work of Congress has been greater than any other with which I have been identified as a member and it has been constructive legislation in the face of destructive tactics and efforts to create factional strife. These efforts I regret to say, have received more attention in the public press than the real work of legislation and having given so much space to these revolutionary efforts at the expense of the record of work, it is not surprising that some of the editors should suddenly discover in these last days that the Republican Congress has enacted laws to carry out the pledges of the Republican platform and then joining at the conclusion that this work has been done in haste before adjournment instead of being the painstaking effort of seven months by the committees and the members of Congress."

There have been, however, more than 6,000 of the 27,000 bills considered and reported from committees and about 300 public laws enacted in this session, as against 400 public laws for the entire Sixtieth Congress. "I can commend the entire membership of the House for industry and intelligence in their legislative work for this session," he said.

Continuing the Speaker said: "I revised the tariff. This Congress has not only revised the tariff, without disturbing business, but it has enacted important legislation amending the interstate commerce law, making that law more effective, giving the Interstate Commerce Commission greater power and creating a court of commerce and this without seriously affecting the business of the railroads or checking their increase of wages of their employees. This seems to me to meet the definition of good legislation. It has now, but some grassy. Hasty, Scotland Co.—Cotton thin; stand, very grassy; land wet; 10 days late. New London, Stanly Co.—All though the crop is about three weeks late, it has improved very much in last two weeks and is doing finely. Raleigh, Wake Co.—Continuous rains are doing damage; cotton late and unusually small; have had a few days of sunshine, but indications for rain to-day. Raleigh, Wake Co.—Plant small; too wet first week, crop showing some grass and need of cultivation; fully two weeks late. McCullers, Wake Co.—There is about five per cent more plant of this year than last, but is poor stand and late. Morrisville, Wake Co.—We have had rather cool season for cotton and two weeks of rain; the crop is late and rather small, but generally a good stand, and it yet has a good color and is now growing.

**Wake Forest, Wake Co.**—Crop three weeks late; rains recently have been excessive heavy and frequently making grassy condition imminent where the crop is already grassy and yielding to insects and cotton growing well

tion of citizenship in legislation. "This Congress has also enacted a postal savings bank law, which is entirely new legislation, making a new trial in law making in this country. The Speaker then declared other legislation which had been enacted during the session. "The appropriations," he said, "have been large but not nearly as large as demanded by the people who were agitating over the development of various departments of the government. The democrats have talked about economy but they have helped enlarge every appropriation and there bills introduced by Democrats and not acted upon which would call for \$500,000,000 additional expenditure. So I take it, their talk of economy is pickwickian. As I said in the beginning, the work of this Congress has been greater than any other with which I have been identified as a member and it has been constructive legislation in the face of destructive tactics and efforts to create factional strife. These efforts I regret to say, have received more attention in the public press than the real work of legislation and having given so much space to these revolutionary efforts at the expense of the record of work, it is not surprising that some of the editors should suddenly discover in these last days that the Republican Congress has enacted laws to carry out the pledges of the Republican platform and then joining at the conclusion that this work has been done in haste before adjournment instead of being the painstaking effort of seven months by the committees and the members of Congress."

PREACHER MADE CHARGES. Said that Whiskey Was Being Sold With the Knowledge of Policemen. New Bern, N. C., June 27.—Last Sunday night, Rev. A. C. Schuler, pastor of the Tabernacle church in this city, made an assertion from his pulpit that he had positive proof that there were a number of men in New Bern who were engaged in the sale of whiskey and that there were men on the city police force who were in league with the men who were engaged in this illicit business and that he stood ready to tell their names at any time. Friday night Mr. W. D. McIver, the city attorney, had one of the local magistrates to issue summons for Rev. Mr. Schuler, compelling him to appear before him and divulge the names of those who were engaged in the sale of whiskey and to also tell the names of the officers who were in league with them. The hearing was set for 11 o'clock Saturday and promptly at that time Mr. Schuler in company with his attorney made his appearance at the magistrate's office. At 11:30 the prosecuting attorney who had the warrant, or rather served, had failed to make his appearance and the hearing was begun without him. Schuler first read out the names of four men to whom government license had been issued. "The mere fact," he said, "that these men had license to sell whiskey was prima facie evidence that they were selling it, and although they had never bought any from them, he was sure it could be done by other people." The magistrate then asked him to tell what he knew in regard to one of the policemen being connected with this set of men. Schuler then told of a conversation he heard a few days previous in which one of the policemen had been known to receive money from the sale of whiskey that had been stolen. At this juncture he stopped and asked the magistrate if he should tell the name of the officer. The magistrate told him that he could do as he chose in the matter, and there the case ended. The courtroom was packed with spectators and each one spoke their disapproval of the entire proceedings and declared that the public was not getting a square deal. The magistrate then referred the case to the police commission and at their next meeting it will be thoroughly investigated.

corn production of the south and to give this subject due attention. He spoke of the 256 bushels raised on an acre of ground at Bennettsville, S. C., several years ago, the 236 bushels grown on a single acre at Garner, N. C., and the prizes awarded to southern boys by the department of agriculture last year. South Carolina, 152 bushels an acre; Mississippi, 177 bushels; North Carolina, 135 bushels; and Virginia, 120 bushels on single acre patches.

Mr. Ransdell was asked if he meant shelled corn and answered yes. He took occasion to compare the climate, soil, and healthfulness of the south with those of other sections, entirely to the advantage of the south. Mr. Cox of Indiana, made another friendly interruption to say that some Illinois farmers had sold their lands for \$125 to \$200 an acre and gone to Arkansas and Louisiana, where they bought equally good or better lands for \$15 to \$25 an acre, raising just as good crops on them as on their former farms. Of course Mr. Ransdell thanked for the reminder and was able to confirm the truth of the report made by the Illinois farmers that have put the bidding to the test of eating.

Mr. Ransdell's speech was timely. How much it was needed was best shown by the questions and remarks interlarded by Representative Focht, of Pennsylvania. Mr. Focht asked if he included in the invitation to good people. Mr. Ransdell of course assured him that they were.

"What you know them to vote?" asked the Pennsylvania.

"Indeed we will," answered Mr. Ransdell.

"I never saw the record of a republican was allowed to vote (in the south), persisted Mr. Focht. Whereupon Mr. Ransdell gently invited him to inspect the congressional register showing three republican representatives from North Carolina, two from Tennessee, three from Kentucky, five from West Virginia, three from Maryland, one from Virginia, and three from Oklahoma.

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## A GARDEN OF EDEN.

### The South Has Grazing Land Your Hound.

### FABULOUS CORN GROWTH

Mr. Ransdell, of Louisiana had the closest attention of the house when he rose a week ago and extended a cordial invitation to all the good people of the north who were living in the north in over-crowded cities and who are now crossing the border into Canada at the rate of more than 500,000 a week to come south. Mr. Ransdell presented a most interesting facts which were new to some of the representatives but some of the colleagues from the north showed both knowledge and common sense in their remarks. Representative Ransdell's effort to lead the American citizens under the stars and stripes to the south and in Illinois dairymen had to feed their cattle half the year and in the south compared with this, Mr. Ransdell was of course, and to supply that in the same northern part of Louisiana, and in the same climate throughout the south cattle do not have to have any shelter for more than thirty days in the year and that in parts of the south it is possible to plant alfalfa, Bermuda, clover, sorghum, cowpeas, and other varieties of grasses and leguminous, to have ample grazing every month in the year.

Mr. Ransdell's plain, unvarnished story of the improved corn production of the south had a great effect on the attention of the house. He spoke of the 256 bushels raised on an acre of ground at Bennettsville, S. C., several years ago, the 236 bushels grown on a single acre at Garner, N. C., and the prizes awarded to southern boys by the department of agriculture last year. South Carolina, 152 bushels an acre; Mississippi, 177 bushels; North Carolina, 135 bushels; and Virginia, 120 bushels on single acre patches.

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