

OF LOCAL INTEREST

HEAVY PRECIPITATION.

Rain, which commenced at 7:30 p. m., Thursday and continued throughout today, had registered a precipitation of 2.30 inches at 6 a. m. The downpour has been one of the heaviest of the year.

LAST CONDUCTORS' EXCURSION

Conductors of the Norfolk Southern Railroad will run their last excursion of the year from Beaufort, Oriental, Goldsboro, Kinston, Farmville and Washington to Norfolk on the morning of next Tuesday. The train will leave Norfolk on the return Thursday afternoon, October 1.

BUYS FIRST BALE OF COTTON.

The Chamber of Commerce gives the credit for the first purchase of a bale of cotton by a local man under the buy-a-bale plan to Charles A. Waters, who Thursday bought a bale at 10 cents a pound. Seventy-odd others in Kinston are pledged to the Chamber to purchase a bale of the "distressed" crop.

EUGENE ROBINSON TO LOCATE IN NEW BERN

Eugene Robinson, a musician well known in local band and orchestra circles, now residing at Waynesboro, N. C., has been engaged to instruct the People's Concert Band of New Bern. Robinson was at one time, several years ago, a solo cornetist with the Second Infantry Band in Kinston.

"TWIN" FOUNTAINS.

A drinking fountain has been placed by the direction of the water commissioner on the south side of Gordon street, near Queen. The new fountain is a twin to the Jim-Crow fountain, located on the north side of the street directly opposite it, and is supplied from the same pipe. It has a single spout, with a sanitary bulb, and is intended to be used by both races.

VETERAN GOES TO SOLDIERS' HOME.

George W. Hunter, an eccentric New Bernian, passed through the city Thursday en route to Johnson City, Tenn., where he is to enter the National Home for Disabled Soldiers. Hunter was a member of Company K, First North Carolina Infantry, during the Spanish-American war, and since then has served an enlistment in the militia coast artillery.

POLLARD'S CASE UP TUESDAY.

The case of Sam Pollard, a Farmville druggist, for the murder of Chief of Police Smith in that town early in the year, will come up in the Supreme Court at Raleigh Tuesday. Pollard shot the officer because he insisted in frequenting his drug store in what he thought was a attempt to discover if he was selling whisky. He was sentenced to five years for manslaughter in Superior Court, and appealed.

ALBERT H. ROUSE DEAD.

Albert H. Rouse, a prosperous planter of Trent township, died at his home Wednesday night of ptomaine poisoning. He was forty-three years of age, and is survived by a wife and seven children. He was a consistent member of the Baptist church, and held membership in the Woodmen of the World. He was a public-spirited citizen and instrumental in school and roads improvements in his section.

NORFOLK SOUTHERN AUDITOR QUILTS.

The local office of the Norfolk Southern Railroad has learned that W. L. Bird has tendered his resignation as auditor of the system. He will be succeeded by L. A. Farquhar, at present the special accountant of the Union Pacific in the office of the vice-president and comptroller in New York. Mr. Farquhar is a Texan, 35 years of age, and has worked at different points in Texas until taking his present position. Bird has been the Norfolk Southern's auditor for nine years.

REV. KEY ON THE EUROPEAN WAR.

Rev. W. S. Key of Watha, pastor of the Union church at Pink Hill, will deliver a sermon in the church Sunday at 11 a. m. on "The Twentieth Century War and Its Subsequent Effects." Rev. Mr. Key, who is connected with the Carolina Industrial school at Watha, has been through several wars in the past forty or fifty years, as special correspondent for London newspapers, and is easily one of the best-posted men on European history in America. The school of which he is principal will open for the fall and winter sessions next Tuesday, with several free scholarships to be given to ambitious young people, who are invited to correspond with Mr. Key.

SHERIFF TAYLOR WAS EYED WITH "SUSPICION"

Illinoisans Thought He Should Have Long Beard, Coat and Slouch Hat to Be Southern Official.

The chief of police of Peoria, Ill., regarded Sheriff Taylor of Lenoir county, with suspicion when the Tar Heel officer went into police headquarters in the Illinois city early in the week with a request that John Allen, the colored express office robber, arrested for the local authorities there, be delivered up to him.

"You've got no goatee or beard," said the boss cop.

The sheriff showed his credentials and got his man, and a ride around town with the chief, the Peoria sheriff and police reporters besides. The Peoria officers and newspaper men discussed with the Carolinian his face until that not so bad looking portion of his anatomy tinged with a blush of embarrassment. All agreed that he was the first Southern sheriff they had ever seen without a long coat, slouch hat and profusion of whiskers. The newspapers made much of the fact, and on every side the oddity from "down home" was required to explain that he was a representative of the new South.

Sheriff Taylor on the return rode with sheriffs from Virginia and New Mexico, the three meeting accidentally, all the way from Indianapolis to Cincinnati. "North Carolina is a dry state," said the Tarheel. "Virginia isn't," remarked the Virginian, whereupon the sheriff from North Carolina winked at the sheriff from New Mexico. Incidentally, Sheriff Taylor remarks that Peoria isn't dry.

FERTILIZER PEOPLE CAN'T FOLLOW GRAHAM PLAN.

Raleigh, Sept. 24.—Maj. W. A. Graham, commissioner of agriculture, who recently undertook to help the cotton situation by getting fertilizer companies to agree to take cotton at 10 cents in payment of fertilizer bills, receives answers from the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company and the Royster Company, declaring it impossible to do as he requests.

The Virginia-Carolina Company writes its utter impossibility to entertain the idea. "If 99 per cent. of our total amount sold on credit last year is collected," it writes, "the profits will net us less than 80 cents a ton, though we did more than a million-ton business. Suppose we take cotton at \$50 a bale and had to market this cotton at \$40 a bale, it would entail a loss, as you will see, of \$10 a bale." Declaring that it costs \$5 a ton to collect fertilizer and the sale price is \$20 a ton, two tons of guano would amount to one bale of cotton.

"If we did all of our business along this line, on the amount of goods sold last year, we should lose \$3,000,000 as against a net profit of \$800,000," the writer says.

The Virginia-Carolina Company then suggests that each cotton grower pay a liberal per cent. of his debt, and the company will carry him with cotton as collateral.

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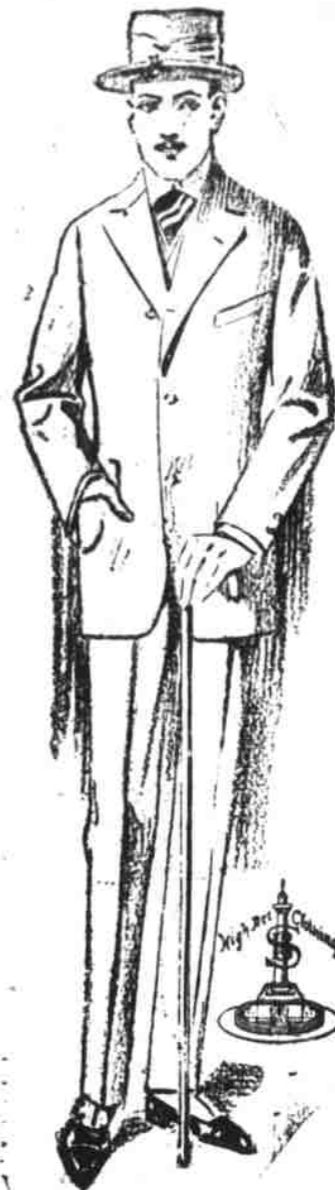
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