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CARRY SOUTH TRADE NORTH

New Waterway Will Help Baltimore

SHORT CUT TO CHESAPEAKE.

Mr. Furst, President of the Dredging Company Speak Encouragingly of the Effect the New Route Will Have on His and Other Cities.

The Baltimore Sun, of yesterday, contained the following, About the Inland Waterway to be opened up from Beaufort, N. C., to Norfolk, Va.:

Mr. Frank A. Furst, president of the Maryland Dredging Company, said yesterday that he expected to begin the work of dredging Pamlico Sound about the middle of September. He will use two, and probably three, dredges in the work, with an unlimited number of tugs and scows to carry off the excavations as they are made.

Mr. Joseph C. Coburn will have charge of the work for the Maryland Dredging Company, with which he has been connected for some time.

Mr. Furst was particularly gratified at having secured this contract. Apart from the profit which his company will derive, he says this is but the beginning of a gigantic scheme on the part of the government for opening up an inland water way from the North Carolina coast to Norfolk, from which point vessels can continue on the inland course up the Chesapeake Bay to this city. This, he believes, will result in an increased trade for Baltimore in the products of that section, consisting of lumber, cotton, tar, turpentine and several other commodities for which Baltimore furnishes an active market. In return the local merchants will be given cheap transportation for general merchandise for distribution to the south by way of this inland course. Bid \$37,000 for the work.

The Baltimore company bid \$37,000 for the dredging of the 50 miles from Beaufort Inlet to Pamlico Sound. The next lowest bidder was only \$8,000 above this figure. This close competition Mr. Furst regards as another victory for his company and refers to it with some satisfaction in discussing the situation.

He says that the completion of the whole of the scheme contemplated by the government involves an outlay of about \$4,000,000. His company will probably bid on the other divisions as the contracts are called for. Its success with this first division will, he thinks, be of great benefit to the Maryland Dredging Company, first by having its equipment on the ground and readily available for future use, and because the working force will obtain practical knowledge of dredging to be done and the difficulties likely to be encountered.

Mr. Furst Receives Offers. As soon as it was known that the Maryland company had obtained the contract letters from that section began pouring in on Mr. Furst. Some of these were seeking to furnish supplies and others from banking institutions offering financial assistance. The last is wholly unnecessary as the company has ample local banking accommodations and credit.

One letter, more or less social in character, came from the Beaufort chamber of commerce. This body offered its services in any way possible for the convenience of the successful contractor, and extended the use of its rooms for business, until permanent quarters in the vicinity of the work could be established.

To this letter Mr. Furst replied as follows:

Your kind favor received. We fully appreciate the hospitable spirit that inspired your friendly lines. In the event of our making Beaufort our headquarters we will gladly avail ourselves of your kind invitation to visit you, and shall freely consult with you upon all matters concerning our mutual welfare.

This work is being done under an

act of congress, approved in 1907, by which \$550,000 was appropriated. This division about to be begun covers about 50 miles. On this distance a minimum depth of 10 feet is to be secured by dredging Adams and Core creeks, and by digging a canal to connect the heads of these creeks.

The length of the division, three miles, upon which actual improvement will be required, is about 14 miles. About five miles of this will be through dry land, requiring the excavation of about 1,800,000 cubic yards of material. Division B is through the creek portions, and offers only the usual dredging proposition of soft mud and sand.

CATHOLIC SOCIETIES MEET.

Stress Laid on Organization's Campaign Against Willfrey. By Wire to The Sun.

Boston, Mass., 12.—The seventh national convention of the American Federation of Catholic societies began its sessions today in Symphony Hall. In his report, President Feeney called attention to the work of the organization the past year in getting congress to pass a bill for compensation for damages sustained by church property in the Philippines, and in pushing charges against Judge Willfrey of the United States court, in China, on complaint of Roman Catholics in Shanghai.

The work of the federation in fighting socialism and immortality was also emphasized. The doubling of the membership of the federation within the year was reported by National Secretary Matre.

STATE CONVENTION

Farmers Meet at A. & M. College at Raleigh

Best Speakers on Agricultural Subjects Will Deliver Addresses—Will Be Special Meetings For Ladies.

The sixth annual State Farmers' Convention will be held at the A. & M. College, Raleigh, August 25th, 26th, 27th, 1908. A splendid three days' meeting for the study of agriculture and the discussion of all questions of direct and specific interest to farmers. A stock breeders' and dairymen's meetings, August 28th.

Programs are being made for the study of the following subjects: Cotton culture, tobacco culture, corn and small grains, horticulture, forage crops, general live stock husbandry, dairying, etc. Also special meetings for the women from the farm homes and lectures and addresses of general interest to all.

Speakers have been secured from the United States Department of Agriculture and from neighboring States, who will be assisted by the leading agricultural workers of our own State. All should plan to go and make this the greatest meeting of farmers ever held in the State. Arrangements have been made with the railroads for reduced rates, lodging will be free, and meals can be obtained at cost. Communications addressed to Tate Butler, Secretary, Raleigh, N.C., will furnish any information desired to those who wish to inquire into particulars.

Some of the best speakers on agricultural subjects in the United States will deliver addresses at this meeting. Dr. S. A. Knapp, who has developed the farm demonstration work to its present extent and usefulness for the Southern educational board and the United States department of agriculture, and who is one of the strongest speakers on agricultural development in the whole country, will deliver an address on Tuesday evening, August 25th. Prof. W. J. Spillman, chief of the division of farm management of the United States Department of Agriculture, will deliver an address on agricultural education on Wednesday evening, August 26th.

The morning and afternoon sessions will be devoted to the study of agricultural problems, and in addition to strong speakers from this State, Dr. A. M. Soule, President Georgia Agricultural College, will assist in the program for Wednesday, August 26th. There will be special meetings for

CAPITAL CITY NEWS BUDGET

News of Interest From Raleigh

WILL MOVE MASONIC LIBRARY.

Charter for Ginning Company Issued—Insurance Collections Almost Double—Fifteen Counties Fall to Send in List of Pensioners.

Special to The Sun.

Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 12.—Within the next week the library of the North Carolina Grand Lodge of Masons here will be moved into the splendid new \$125,000 fire proof Masonic Temple along with the great number of paintings of past grand masters now in the hall the grand lodge and the local Blue lodges have occupied for many years past, exposed to the danger of destruction by fire. It will be a couple of months or longer before the Blue lodge hall in the temple is ready for occupancy, and still longer before the grand lodge quarters are completed. The finishing work on the store rooms and the offices for rental are being rushed and tenants are moving in every day.

A charter is issued for the Bessemer City Ginning Company, capital \$25,000 by Lee Payne, I. A. White, W. L. Armand and others.

The July collections for the state department of insurance amounted to \$44,813, which is about double the receipts for any month previous to the creation of the insurance department. Commissioner Young says there is a steady increase in the state's income from insurance taxation.

There are fifteen counties, including Wake, Durham, Alamance, Lenoir and others of the larger counties, says State Auditor B. F. Dixon, the authorities of which have not yet sent in the revised lists of confederate pensioners for the pensions for the ensuing year. Final notice is being sent to these counties that unless these statements are sent in at once the veterans in those counties will be debarred from participation of the pension distribution, the blame for such loss to veterans resting entirely with the tardy county officials.

Deputy Sheriff S. F. Terry came from Rockingham county today to deliver to the penitentiary two convicts. Sam Wilson, colored, will serve fifteen years for attempt at criminal assault, Mary Kates, white, will serve three years for killing her infant child.

Internal Revenue Collector Wheeler Martin of the Eastern Carolina district has issued commissions to Jno. I. Mazingo, Goldsboro; Chas. A. Banks, Elizabeth City and Bennett E. Cox, of Star as special deputies in their respective sections to look after apple brandy distilleries of which there are far more in the state than ever before, owing it is believed to the fact that this is the last chance to operate before prohibition goes into effect January 1st.

PAYNE NOT FOR GOVERNOR.

Ways and Means Chairman Wants to Help Revise Tariff.

Auburn, N. Y., Aug. 12.—Representative Sereho E. Payne, chairman of the house committee on ways and means, denies that he is a candidate for governor of New York State. He said yesterday: "I am not and shall not be a candidate for governor. My present ambition is to be re-elected to congress and help revise the tariff."

the women on all three days for which an excellent program has been prepared.

On Thursday evening, August 27th, and Friday forenoon, August 28th, the State Dairymen's Association will hold its annual meeting, for which an attractive program has been prepared.

On Thursday night, August 27th, or Friday forenoon, August 28th, a State Live Stock Breeders Association will be organized.

SWAMP LAND RECLAMATION

Convention Meets in New Bern Sept. 9-10

LEGISLATION TO BE SUGGESTED.

Called By State Geologist—Delegates From Eastern Counties—Congressman Small, Thomas and Godwin to Attend—Considerable Interest.

The Raleigh News and Observer this morning has the following concerning the drainage convention to be held in this city September 9th and 10th.

State Geologist Joseph Hyde Pratt, of Chapel Hill, acting under authority and instructions of the State Geological Board, has called a drainage convention for North Carolina, to be held at New Bern September 9th and 10th. In order to discuss more thoroughly the question of drainage the geological board at its June meeting authorized the state geologist to call a meeting to be held in Eastern North Carolina of delegates from various counties in the East to consider the drainage problems of the state and to suggest legislation that would make the solving of these problems possible. Delegates have been appointed from nearly all the counties in Eastern North Carolina, also prominent engineers throughout the state.

These men represent not only eastern but also central and western North Carolina, where the drainage problems are somewhat different from those in the eastern swamp lands, but yet at the same time are as important to their respective sections of the state.

Congressmen Small, Thomas and Godwin of the First, Third and Sixth districts respectively, are heartily in accord with what is being done in regard to drainage in the state and are expected to be in attendance at the convention. Mr. Small has had Mr. Wright of the U. S. Bureau of Agriculture give a great many addresses in his district on the question of drainage which have aroused considerable interest in this important work. Mr. Godwin has also most thoroughly identified himself with the reclamation of swamp lands in North Carolina and in March, 1906, made a speech on the floor of the house of representatives favoring federal aid to states in the reclamation of their swamp lands.

Many of the states have already taken up the question of drainage and have passed satisfactory laws which are resulting in the reclamation of large areas of otherwise valueless lands, and this has meant a considerable increase in the revenue of the state. It is the great desire of the state geologist that the result of the convention will be the passage of adequate laws at the general assembly of 1909 which will permit of the drainage of the vast swamp areas and bring them into cultivation and thus be the means of adding considerable revenue to the state from a source which is now yielding practically nothing.

Although the question of drainage comes home more forcibly to the people of Eastern North Carolina on account of the very large area of swamp lands in that section, it is a question of importance to all the people of the state, inasmuch as it means the reclamation not only of swamp lands, but also of "over flow" lands. There are approximately 3,750 square miles of swamp lands in North Carolina besides thousands of acres of "over flow" lands, many of which are susceptible to reclamation, if properly drained. In many instances, no engineering difficulty has stood in the way of draining a particular piece of land, but absence of adequate laws. There is no general drainage law in North Carolina, although several counties and townships have had laws passed relating to drainage of areas within their borders. Thus it has happened quite frequently that a scheme

for draining certain areas has had to be abandoned because, in order to carry out successfully the plan of drainage, it would be necessary to go beyond the boundary line of the township or county and in this adjacent territory there were no laws relating to drainage. If these large areas in the state are to be successfully drained, it will be necessary to have some general legislation passed covering the whole state with certain supplementary laws to govern certain local conditions. There is no doubt but that the federal government is beginning to take a most decided interest in the reclamation of swamp lands and when congress passes laws permitting federal aid to states in the reclamation of swamp land, it is those states that have practical drainage laws that will undoubtedly be the first to obtain cooperative aid from the federal government.

When it is considered that the area of swamp lands in North Carolina is nearly as great as that of the Kingdom of Saxony, which has nearly 5,000,000 people, it will be seen that the state has the opportunity of developing an area which is capable of supporting a population that is larger than the present population of the whole state. Although some of the swamp areas do not contain land that is very well adapted to agricultural purposes, still there are vast areas which, if drained, would be capable of growing a vast variety of products. They would not be far from railroads, so that the products of the farms could be easily marketed.

QUIET PORTSMOUTH

Militia Guard City all Night but are Dismissed Today

Negro Not Thought to Have Left City But Every Train is Being Closely Watched.

By Wire to The Sun.

Portsmouth, Va., Aug. 12.—After a night of excitement, Portsmouth is quiet this morning and the troops after an all night duty have been dismissed. Marsh in the city limits was guarded all night thinking the negro James Strong, was in hiding there, but careful search this morning failed to locate him. It is not thought he has left the city, however, and every train is being watched.

POLICIES TO BE OBSERVED.

By Management of A. & M. College—Displays Much Interest.

Special to The Sun.

Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 12.—In a statement as to the policies to be observed in the management of the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts made by Dr. D. H. Hill in assuming the presidency of the institution he declares that he is especially anxious to bring about the establishment of one agricultural high school in each congressional district and to have the first principals of agriculture taught in all the rural public schools of the state. The policy of the college will be to hasten the day in this state when necessity for special preparation by young men for farming will be just as essential as for the law, medicine or other professions if any degree of success is to be attained. He hopes to have the agricultural department of the college greatly enlarged within the next few years.

MR. BRYAN NOTIFIED

Mr. Clayton Made Notification Speech To The Nominee

By Wire to The Sun.

Fairview, Aug. 12.—In the presence of an immense crowd Mr. Bryan was formally notified today of the Democratic nomination, the consideration of the party politics were forgotten in the demonstration given the standard bearer. Mr. Clayton made the notification speech, the secretary read the formal notification and was followed by Mr. Bryan. (His speech in full appears in this issue.)

HOLD FIRST CONVENTION

Honor of First Meeting Falls to Carteret

ALL COUNTIES TO BE REPRESENTED

Hon. Chas. L. Abernathy Will Make Address of Welcome—Railroads and Hotel to Make Special Rates—Fishing and Sailing a Feature.

The first convention of the county commissioners of North Carolina will be held at Morehead City, August 19th. Every county in North Carolina will be represented, and it is hoped by a full delegation. The program has not been given out, but it was learned this morning that Hon. Chas. L. Abernathy, of Beaufort, would deliver the address of welcome. Mr. Abernathy is the present solicitor for this district, and words are useless to further introduce him for such an occasion.

The week for which this convention was called is the only week that could be secured at the Atlantic Hotel, the other dates being engaged for other conventions.

In this State there are ninety-eight counties and 495 county commissioners. Ample preparation will be made to accommodate these delegates and it is hoped that none will drop back for fear that there will not be room.

State officials and citizens throughout the State interested in the advancement of county government methods are deeply interested in the approaching convention, which promises to attain quite a success both in attendance and in excellence of program. Every member of a board of county commissioners in the State is a delegate to the convention, and special effort is being made to have every county represented. This is the first movement in this direction for North Carolina, and results will be watched with interest and it is desired that every member of the various county boards attend, and that each county have something to say that will be beneficial and helpful to the convention.

The first steps to assure a full representation to this convention is the securing of low rates on the railroads, the Norfolk and Southern having taken the lead in this respect, which can be seen in the following dispatch received this morning:

Norfolk, Va., Aug. 12.—Parties desiring to attend the convention of county commissioners at Morehead City can purchase round trip summer tourist tickets from all important points on the Norfolk and Southern Railway.—R. E. L. Bunch.

The Atlantic Hotel has agreed to give reduced rates to the county commissioners, and their families at two dollars per day, the reduced rates will be in force for any who may attend from August 17th to the 22nd, and all county commissioners who attend, are considered regular delegates. Morehead City, being a summer resort, reduced rates round trip tickets from all the principal railroad stations in North Carolina, are on sale to Morehead City, and return.

Prominent among the counties who advocate this convention are Foy'syth, Guilford, New Hanover, Nash, Wayne, Pitt, Edgecomb, Madison, Hertford, Orange, Warren, Bertie, Northampton, Craven, and others. As the legislature is to convene in January, it is believed that a State Convention of county commissioners will be of great benefit, not only to the counties, but the State at large.

The benefits derived by such a gathering is incalculable, because of the conditions existing in the counties are not alike, and in convention they can discuss these conditions, thereby enabling the Eastern counties to keep in touch with the work of the Western counties, and the West with the East. Some of the principal subjects to be discussed are Public Road Working of Convicts; Steel Bridge Construction; County Home; County Prisons; Tax Valuations and Equalizing property assessments, methods of keeping county accounts, etc., and a permanent organization.