

State News.

FROM CURRITUCK TO CHEROKEE.

Items of Interest Gleaned From our Correspondents and Exchanges in all Parts of the State.

Littleton Reporter: A canning factory will be in operation here in time to can the surplus tomatoes, etc., of this section this summer.

Greensboro Record: The fruit so far has not been in the least injured and the trees are so full that something will have to be done to relieve them.

Statesville Mascot: From conversing with farmers from different sections of the county we think more corn will be planted than for some years and that the acreage of cotton will be reduced.

President Truman J. Backus, of Packer Institute, Brooklyn, New York, will deliver the commencement address of the Agricultural and Mechanical College Tuesday night, May 27th.

The Charlotte Observer announces the candidacy of Judge W. A. Hoke, of Lincoln, for the United States Senate. He is a judge of the Superior Court of this State and is well known to the residents of every section of North Carolina.

Warrants for twelve rural school libraries were issued in the office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction last week. One each went to Caldwell, Currituck, Johnston, Lincoln and Vance; two to Person and five to Montgomery.

The Republican State Convention will not be held August 21st, by reason of the fact that the date conflicts with that of the State Confederate Veterans' Association. It is likely that the convention will be held one week later, August 28th.

Stanly Enterprise: The little town of Palmerville has virtually sold itself out. The Whitney Reduction Company has purchased almost every foot of land in the place, besides the surrounding property to the north and south for some three miles each way.

Winston Journal: The R. J. Reynolds Co., shipped something over 155,000 pounds of tobacco Friday to F. A. Davis & Son, in Baltimore. This is reported to be the biggest single shipment ever made from here to one firm. The tobacco occupied seven freight cars.

Charlotte Observer: At a meeting of the stockholders of the Norwood Manufacturing Company, of Norwood, last week, it was decided to build a new cotton mill, which will operate weaving machinery exclusively. This will make two textile plants for that hustling town and the seventh one for Stanly County.

Mr. H. C. Brown, the competent clerk of the State Corporation Commission, is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Commissioner to succeed D. H. Abbott, whose term expires this year. Mr. E. C. Beddingfield, of Wake, former member of the commission, is also a candidate for the place, and there may be others—Exchange.

Raleigh Cor. Charlotte Observer: Maj James W. Wilson's open letter to the Democrats of North Carolina regarding the candidacy of Judge Clark for the chief justiceship was read here to-day with marked interest. It was said quite frankly that in all probability ex-Judge James E. Shepherd or Judge Michael Justice would be the nominee.

The Fayetteville Observer says that the truckers expect to ship not less than twenty thousand dollars worth of lettuce from that place alone this season. It is now bringing from \$5 to \$7 per barrel in New York. There is an opening here for good money by many farmers in North Carolina who are advantageously situated.—Exchange.

Mooreville Cor. Charlotte Observer: Inspector Boss, of the Post-office Department, has been in the county several days surveying and making preparations to inaugurate the rural free delivery system in Davie. So far he proposes to establish four routes leading from Mocksville, and expects to place as many more elsewhere in the county.

Greenville special to News and Observer, 24th: After an illness of some time ex-Judge Augustus M. Moore died suddenly at his home in Greenville shortly after ten o'clock this morning. Judge Moore was about 65 years old. He was appointed criminal court judge of the Eastern district to fill the term of

the late Judge Dossey Battle, a position which he resigned about a year ago. He was an able judge, and a well equipped lawyer, enjoying the confidence and esteem of men of both political parties and having a very large circle of friends.

Lenoir Cor. Landmark: We like the rural free delivery. As yet we have but one route. There ought to be others, and no doubt will be soon.—A large number of our people have gone to Oregon, Washington and other Western States. Among those going this week is Dr. J. K. Moose, of Lenoir. Those who went in March write back that they are delighted with their new situation.

Elizabeth City Tar Heel: Hon. T. G. Skinner, ex-Congressman, attorney, railroad official and U. S. Naval Chaplain, was in town this week and paid us a call. We asked Mr. Skinner, if the showing for the new road was good; he said it was. Mr. Skinner is enthusiastic over the new railroad for Elizabeth City and speaks confidently of its success. He goes to Suffolk to-morrow to attend a meeting of the S. & C. R. R. officials.

Hickory Mercury: Prof. Whisenhunt has just about completed the work of new districting the county into school districts, which will give 67 districts instead of 82 as heretofore. It will require moving and enlarging several school buildings and in some districts the building of new ones. There is a fund provided for out of the school money for this purpose. This fund can be increased by selling some school houses and by private subscription.

Raleigh Cor. Charlotte Observer: The Roman Catholics will have the new buildings at their orphanage here completed by January 1. They are wonderful workers. They have selected by far the most beautiful and commanding of all the sites near here. The church, of which the corner-stone was laid yesterday, is 40 by 75 feet; the school building 30 by 40 feet and two stories in height, and the priest's house 36 by 44 feet. The entire lower floor of this will be a dining hall.

Raleigh Cor. Charlotte Observer: At a citizens' meeting to-night in the interest of Raleigh & Eastern Railway, from here to Washington, it was stated that it was expected Raleigh would subscribe \$50,000. It was also stated that the cost of the road would approximate \$7,000,000. Twenty-one thousand dollars was subscribed. Another meeting will be held Tuesday evening. It was stated that various places along the proposed line are ready to subscribe.

Goldsboro Cor Post, 26th: On the northbound train on the Atlantic Coast Line to day there were only a very few crates of strawberries. There were several crates of asparagus, which is still holding its own in the northern market, the price being \$2.25 to \$4 in New York yesterday and about the same thing to day. North Carolina strawberries sold yesterday at 25 and 35 cents a quart. The indications are now that the price will remain good through the season.

Col. Olds: It is not yet known whether the Imperial Tobacco Company will do a retail business in this State. Last night this question was asked your correspondent. In reply to Col. John W. Hinsdale, the company's attorney for this State, said he did not know; that his dealings were as an attorney with its attorney at New York, and that all he knew was that it would have buyers on all the leaf tobacco markets and would make things very lively indeed for the American Tobacco Company.

Wilmington Cor. Post: On account of a controversy between two factions on the board of aldermen four members, composing one element, have resigned, leaving six on the board. Four citizens were elected last night to fill vacancies, but each refuses to serve. The board has had so much contention and wrangling during the past year that nobody seems to want to get on it. The situation is becoming grave. There is much talk of citizens coming together for the purpose of naming a new board and adjusting all municipal affairs which have gone wrong in the twelve months just past.

Washington special to News and Observer, 26th: The House Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds reported the appropriation bill for public buildings to day. The following are the North Carolina items in the bill: For a court house

and postoffice at Durham, seventy thousand dollars. For a postoffice at Goldsboro, thirty-five thousand dollars. For increase for custom house and postoffice at Elizabeth City, twenty thousand dollars. The former appropriation is one hundred thousand dollars. Provision was made for a full investigation as to the necessity for appropriation for increased accommodations at Greensboro.

Washington Star: It is a matter of history, never before published, that President McKinley three times offered Mr. Pritchard a place in his official family. The offer one time was made through Representative Brownlow. Senator Pritchard declined then, and would decline now. He wants to return to the Senate from North Carolina, and is making a great fight in that direction. President Roosevelt realizes the situation in North Carolina as to Senator Pritchard's case, and feels so friendly to the latter that he will do what he can to help the cause of his friend. This assistance may not go to the point of a cabinet office, but it will take some other form.

The Davidson College Bulletin says that the scholarship fund of the college, which amounted last year to \$12,000 has been increased by \$8,428 within the past eight months. Mr. P. B. Fetzer, of Concord, gave the money to found a scholarship; and Mrs. J. M. Odell, of Concord, funds a memorial scholarship in memory of her father, the late Washington Allison; and the late Miss Frances Taylor, of Newbern, gave a certain part of her estate, amounting to \$5,428 29, the interest of which will be used as a scholarship fund, yielding \$330 a year. The Twentieth Century educational fund, which Dr. Stagg is raising, will add \$300,000 to Davidson's endowment.—News and Observer.

Rialto Cor. Post: It has been rumored for several days that Ex-Congressman Jno. W. Atwater would run as an Independent Democrat for Congress. I saw him to-day and asked for a statement, and he very frankly said yes. He said that a very large number of prominent and active working Democrats from all over the district had been urging him to pursue this course ever since he was sidetracked and run over at the last Congressional convention by the lawyer ring. That the farmers were insisting on a representative, and that the old soldiers were demanding one of their old comrades for Congress, and that the whole district was dissatisfied at the treatment that he received in the convention.

The election law, section 13, requires "every sheriff and tax collector, between the 1st and 10th days of May, 1902, and biennially thereafter, to certify under oath a true and correct list of all persons who have paid their poll tax for the previous year on or before the 1st day of May, to the clerk of the Superior Court, who shall, within ten days, record the same in a book to be provided for the purpose, keeping each township separate, and certify a copy thereof to the chairman of the board of elections for such county." If one is liable to poll tax and his name does not appear in the list certified by the clerk, then he cannot vote. Neither can such persons participate in primaries, for one who cannot vote has no right to participate in the selection of men to be voted for.—Statesville Lanmark.

Dr. Campbell, of Asheville, has presented the public high school an herbarium of 160 specimens.—Plants have been adopted for the Fuller Memorial Hall at the Agricultural and Mechanical College; it will cost \$16,000.—Shaw University has received a donation of \$15,000 for a steam-heating plant.—Sanford will build a new public schoolhouse.—The Students' Building will be erected at the State Normal and Industrial College next summer; \$10,000 has been subscribed by the students and their friends.—Concord will build a \$20,000 house this summer.—The Presbyterians have already raised nearly one third of the \$300,000 twentieth century education fund.—Mr. B. N. Duke has endowed the chairs of political economy, German, the Romance languages, and applied mathematics at Trinity College. The endowment is equivalent to \$100,000.—The Thomasville Orphanage receives \$1,000 from the estate of Philip Johnson, of Wake Forest.—The Normal and Industrial College has received two handsome pictures from Miss Helen Gould.—Atlantic Educational Journal.

General News.

WHAT THE DISPATCHES TELL.

The Facts Boiled Down and Presented in Convenient Form for Busy Readers.

Americans repulsed Moros in two fights in Mindanao last week.

Queen Wilhelmina, who has typhoid fever, is reported better.

The whole western part of Guatemala was desolated by the recent earthquake.

Dispatches say that the noted preacher, Dr. T. De Witt Talmage, left an estate worth \$300,000.

General Uribe Uribe, the Colombian revolutionary leader, has been overwhelmingly defeated.

During the three months ended September 30, 1901, 725 persons were killed and 2,622 injured in train accidents in the United States.

Sir Michael Hicks-Beach said in the House of Commons last week that nothing could be more premature than the rumors in London about probable peace in South Africa.

The Supreme Court has granted leave to the State of Washington to file an original bill for an injunction against the Great Northern Pacific merger.

The court-martial to try General Jacob H. Smith at Manila has been dissolved and reconvened, so as to put it under the direct supervision of President Roosevelt.

Frank R. Stockton, the well known novelist and writer, died in Washington City Sunday morning of hemorrhage of the brain. Mr. Stockton was a native of Philadelphia but his home was in Charlestown, W. Va. He was 68 years old.

J. P. Morgan, who is now abroad, has practically consummated a plan to combine all the leading trans-Atlantic steamship lines. London dispatches announcing the combination were confirmed Saturday at the Morgan banking house in New York.

A New York dispatch says: Bryan sent a letter to the Tammany men of thirty fifth assembly district this evening telling them that free silver must not be forgotten and that he hopes nothing will tire them in their devotion to the principles of the Kansas City platform.

Washington Cor. Post: Ex-Senator Butler, who is in Washington, is taking but little interest in politics just now. He is chairman of the Populist national executive committee, but, to use the slang of the day, he says "there is nothing doing" with the party that he represents.

Without a word of discussion of the merits of the measure, the Senate last week passed the River and Harbor Bill, carrying in appropriations about \$70,000,000. So thoroughly had the bill been considered by the Commerce Committee that every Senator was content that it should pass as reported from the committee.

Capt. Charles E. Clark, the gallant commander of the battleship Oregon during the Spanish War, has declined the appointment on the special embassy to represent the United States government at the coronation of King Edward VII, and the President has appointed Rear Admiral Watson, president of the naval examining board, to serve in his stead.

Brigadier General Frederick Funston of Kansas, who is known throughout the world as the man who captured Aguinaldo, the Filipino leader, has been officially reprimanded by the President for saying in a speech that Senator Hoar was "afflicted with an overheated conscience." The General also ordered to cease further public discussion of the Philippine question.

It is difficult to conceive of greater barbarity than that described last week by a witness before the Philippine committee of the Senate as having been visited upon a Filipino through the administration of the so called water cure by the order of a captain of United States soldiers. It was cruel in the extreme and is doubtless a type of other cases which have from time to time been referred to but not described with the close detail which marked this description. The proceeding was a disgrace to the name of the United States, and it is well that it has been decided to summon to Washington all those whose names have been associated with participation in similar occurrences. What must the semi-civilized people of the Philippines think of the people who propose to benevolently assimilate them and who go about it in this way?—Charlotte Observer.

CONFEDERATE VETERANS' REUNION.

Will Meet Next Year in New Orleans—Old Officers Re-elected.

DALLAS, TEXAS, April 23.—The Confederate Veterans assembled in reunion here today and transacted important business with a rush. Gen. Gordon, Lee and Cabell were re-elected and Gen. C. I. Walker elected to succeed the late Gen. Wade Hampton as commander of the Army of Northern Virginia. New Orleans was selected as the place for the next reunion. Gen. Gordon was given no chance to retire. A voice from the back of the hall cried:

"The only way you can get away from the office, General, is by dying." So for another year Gen. Gordon will be commander-in-chief, Gen. Stephen D. Lee, commander of the Army of Tennessee Department, and Gen. W. L. ("Old Tige") Cabell, commander of the Army of the Trans-Mississippi Department. The election was unanimous by a standing vote. Glowing tributes were paid to the officers and half the audience was in tears when the meeting adjourned.

GEN. MILES NOT TO BE RETIRED UNTIL ROOT RETURNS.

Washington special to Philadelphia Record: The order for the retirement of Lieutenant General Miles will not be issued this month. The announcement was made to day by Secretary Root before leaving for a two weeks' trip to Cuba that General Miles would not be retired during his absence and that no time had been designated when he would be relieved of his present duties.

At headquarters of the army General Miles continues to perform his duties, apparently undisturbed by reports of his forthcoming retirement. If he is to be retired, he says, he does not expect to hear of it positively until the order is sent to him by the President.

THE RESIGNATION OF MR. EVANS.

The report has been so persistently circulated that Mr. Evans wished to retire from the position of Commissioner of Pensions, and that, upon retirement, the President would appoint him to some other position, that some apprehension was aroused lest the country should lose his services at a critical point. That apprehension has been justified by the formal announcement Mr. Evans has tendered his resignation to the President. No man can be an efficient Commissioner of Pensions without making stubborn fight against tricksters, schemers, and corrupt influences of many sorts. It is greatly to the credit of Mr. Evans that he has so discharged the functions of his office that he has incurred the deadly hatred of a certain group of Grand Army men who misrepresent that organization, and of a large group of pension attorneys of whose morals and professional methods the less said the better for them. There is probably no subject with which American public men have had to deal during the last few years which requires so much patience and courage as the pension business. The attempt to administer the Pension Office on business lines, with strict regard to law, has always furnished material for insincere and demagogic denunciations of the Administration and the Commissioner by a group of men whose only conception of patriotism is the opportunities it affords for living off the Government. The country has been, and will be, in accordance with the spirit of the American people, thoroughly generous in its treatment of its soldiers, but the administration ought to be inflexible in protecting the Treasury from schemers who take base advantage of the public generosity. Mr. Evans has fought a brave fight, and fought it with success. He has done his duty so faithfully that, from the very beginning, a persistent attempt has been made to remove him from office. President McKinley resolutely supported him; there cannot be a question but that Mr. Roosevelt has supported him in the same spirit; for Mr. Roosevelt has been a soldier; and in the exact degree in which a man loves real service to the country will he hate and loathe all attempts to get the rewards of service without rendering it. The country can ill spare Mr. Evans' services, and will count on the appointment of a man to succeed him who will be hated in the same fashion by all those who regard the pension as a source of indiscriminate bounty.—New York Outlook.

COTTON YARN SPINNERS TO FORM A TRUST.

Over a Hundred Mill Owners Meet in Charlotte to Consider the Proposition—A \$60,000,000 Company—Those Present Take Contracts Home to Advise With Stockholders.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., April 24.—Over one hundred mill men from six States, representing 700,000 yarn spindles, met in Charlotte yesterday to hear the details of the proposition of F. L. Underwood, of No. 31 Nassau street, New York, who wishes to combine 80 per cent. or more of the Southern yarn mills in a \$60,000,000 trust. Just before the adjournment the mill men unanimously voted for a resolution declaring the wisdom of an amalgamation of their interests, and a great majority of the spinners voted to recommend that the proposal of Mr. Underwood be favorably considered by the stockholders of the Southern yarn mills. Mr. Underwood says he is delighted with the reception accorded him by the mill men, and he is confident that the big merger will be effected. At a meeting in the afternoon, Mr. Underwood repeated his proposition, which is, in effect, that he will agree to pay to all of the yarn mill owners a price to be agreed upon by a committee to be selected by the mill owners with his approval, but it is stipulated that such price shall not be in excess of 220 per cent. of the fair cash cost of replacing the property; payment to be made in one-half preferred and one-half common stock. He informed the spinners that he and his associates were prepared to effect the combination and were prepared to put up \$5,500,000 as working capital within ten days if need be.

Contracts which were submitted to the spinners state that the delivery of the mills must be made on or before January, 1903. The mill men will take these contracts home and announce their decision after a consultation with the directors and stockholders of their various companies.

Despite their vote, a number of mill men questioned the success of Mr. Underwood's plan. They maintain that it is a new thing and too big to be digested or sanctioned within a twelve month. Yet all the spinners agree in saying that the yarn mills have been steadily losing money since December, 1901, and that if a consolidation of some kind is not effected, then many Southern yarn mills will be forced to close down or be ruined.

"The yarn men may or may not accept Underwood's plan," said Dr. J. H. McAden, President of the Southern Cotton Spinners' Association, "but a trust or merger is necessary for their economic salvation."

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY TESTS AT ROANOKE ISLAND.

Said to be a Better System Than Marconi's—A Station at Hatteras.

NORFOLK, VA., April 25.—General A. W. Greely, chief of the United States Signal Service, passed through Norfolk yesterday en route to Washington. Greely has been on the coast witnessing the experiments in wireless telegraphy being conducted between Cape Henry and Roanoke Island, sixty miles distant, by the experts in telegraphy of the United States Weather Bureau.

The results of these experiments are said to have been eminently satisfactory to General Greely, who thinks that the corps acting under Prof. Willis L. Moore, chief of the Weather Bureau, have developed for the Government, which obtains the benefit of their discoveries free, a system of transmitting messages without wire superior to the Marconi system. General Greely is enthusiastic over the results achieved by Professors Fessenden and Thieszen and their associates, who have been for many months working arduously for the success they have obtained.

ROOSEVELT WILL NOT DISCRIMINATE.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—Representative Meyer and Rainsdell, of Louisiana, saw the President yesterday in behalf of some Confederate veterans employed in the Census Office. These men have passed the age limit beyond which employes will not be retained in the permanent census bureau, although an exception has been made in the case of Union veterans. The President indicated to them that he had no discrimination to make as between the two and that he would take the matter up with Director Merriam.