

# STATE NEWS

## FROM CURRITUCK TO CHEROKEE.

### Items of Interest Gleaned from Our Correspondents and Exchanges.

Eleven prisoners broke jail at Lumberton last week.

The government crop bulletin states that cotton in North Carolina is of too rank growth.

E. F. Young, former president of the failed Merchants and Farmers' Bank at Dunn, N. C., was arrested last week on the charge of forgery.

The tobacco season for sales on the market opened in Raleigh. Tuesday and the sales here amounted to about 30,000 pounds. Prices, 5 to 10 3/4c.

The Merchants' Journal of Raleigh is to be enlarged. It is one of the best trade papers in the country and ought to be read by every Southern merchant.

At Lillington Thursday Harnett County celebrated its fiftieth anniversary, nearly 5,000 people attending, hundreds being from Raleigh and Cumberland.

A New York court last week declined to allow Mrs. Alice Webb Duke alimony and counsel fees in her suit for divorce from Brodie L. Duke, of Durham.

The date of President Roosevelt's visit to Raleigh is fixed for October 19th. He will arrive at 11:30 and will go at once to the State Fair grounds and deliver an address.

Prof. W. A. Withers, of the A. & M. College, Raleigh, has been appointed State Statistical Agent of the Department of Agriculture for North Carolina. Professor Withers held this position for several years, until about two years ago.

The latest rumor on the Republican daily newspaper situation is that Blackburn's daily Tar Heel will be published in Durham instead of Greensboro, and another rumor is that the paper will be a weekly instead of a daily, but both these rumors lack confirmation.

Mrs. Thomas Dixon, Jr., writes a Raleigh correspondent from the Players' Club, 16 Gramercy Park, New York City, that his play, which is a combination of two of his most popular novels, and which is to be called "The Clansman," will have its initial performance at Norfolk, September 21-23. He says: "I am hoping for a big success. The company is now being engaged."

Some time ago the plant of the Standard Oil Co., in Raleigh was burned and the night watchman murdered, the purpose of the crime being robbery. Several days ago Frank Moore, a young white man, was arrested, charged with the crime. It is said he has made a confession implicating Earl Jones, also white, and Burke Burch and George Williams, colored. All the parties are under arrest except the last named.

Statesville Landmark: High Point furniture factories have appealed to the Railroad Commission to force the Southern Railway to furnish sufficient cars to ship their products. Last week 300 cars were asked for and less than 25 were furnished. Southern Railway officials are making promises and say they are doing their best, but the famine is unrelieved. The truth is the North Carolina railroads are not keeping up with the development of the State, and shipments of all kinds are delayed in consequence.

Wilmington dispatch 4th:By direction of the Board of Health, the Mayor issue a proclamation to-day, declaring a rigid quarantine against New Orleans, and all other places in the State of Louisiana or any other State where yellow fever now prevails or may hereafter prevail or be suspected of prevailing. Officers have been sent to Florence, S. C., Goldsboro, Fayetteville and Hamlet, N. C., to enforce the quarantine. No persons or baggage from the infected district will be permitted to enter the city until after detention of fifteen days or less as circumstances may dictate.

### Last Week's North Carolina Crop Bulletin.

Cotton has overgrown its normal size in most counties, and in the central-eastern portion the plants are not very full of blooms and fruit; there is considerable damage by rust, but less report of shedding, although where the crop is suffering from excessive moisture both bolls and leaves are falling, and on light lands plants are turning yellow. In the west in spite of rapid growth cotton seems to be blooming freely and fruiting well. Very favorable conditions from now on will be needed to make an average crop of cotton. Early upland corn is about made; fodder is ripening, and pulling has begun in a few counties; young corn appears to be earing and filling nicely, in places from 1 to 4 silks to the stalk are reported; much bottom land corn is still badly in the grass. Tobacco is doing fairly well as a rule and is curing nicely, but it is over ripe in some places, and on thin land the cures are light on account of damage by too much moisture. Peanuts, field peas, sweet potatoes and rice have progressed

nicely. Thrashing wheat and other grains is about over, and in many instances the yield has turned out somewhat better than expected. Sowing turnip seed and late hay making are under way. The fruit crop in the west will be short and inferior; apples are very scabby; grapes are ripening; the moist, cloudy weather continues to favor the spread of fungus diseases causing decay. Transplanting strawberry plants has made good progress.

The New York Journal of Commerce has published its August crop report, consolidating the returns of 1,325 special correspondents bearing an average date of July 24th. It shows a condition of 75.4 against 81.2 for June, a decline of 5.8 points. This condition compares with 84 for the corresponding time last year, 77 in 1903, 80 in 1902. Deterioration is shown in all States except North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia.



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