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DRAINING EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA

A Very Important but far too Neglected Prospect Being Actively Canvassed

INTERESTING BOOK ON FISH LIFE

National Guard Election Called—Characters Granted—Weather Coldest of the Season—Colored Blind School Receives Jamestown Medal.

Special Correspondence.

Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 14.—State Geologist, Joseph Hyde Pratt, was here today and gave some very valuable information as to the preliminary work looking to the drainage of vast areas in Eastern North Carolina. He is now having preliminary surveys made of 45,000 acres of State lands, partly in Pender county, known as the Angola Bay tract, much of this being what is known as Pecoon or weeden swamp lands. He says that the object of the great work which is now to be undertaken beginning with the State lands is to show what can be done and that he believes this type of lands, now worth say \$2 an acre, can quickly and readily be brought up to a value of \$10 and \$12 and that the cost will not exceed \$5 to the acre to effect this.

Nearly twenty years ago Governor Fowl had very much at heart the scheme of developing swamp lands. A road was built by convicts through Angola Bay, to open the territory, but a canal system, with drainage ditches is what is needed most. In the greatest of the ditches boats could be used. There are all sorts of timber, including great quantities of tubo gum, cypress, juniper, etc., and much of the land is very rich and easily handled. Of course this will be a mere beginning since there are vast acres of lowland, privately owned, which will be developed when the success of this official experiment is made clear.

Far too little attention has been paid up to this time to drainage scheme; the amount of land already available having been large, but there is now an awakening and people believe that there will be a large flow of population to this eastern territory, particularly under the influence of such developing lines as the Norfolk and Southern, the Atlantic Coast Line and some other roads, and also of the immigration movement and the test farm and the land organizations like that headed by Hugh MacRae and J. A. Brown and others.

A charter is granted the New Era Construction Company of Washington, which is to build boats, do all kinds of machine work, etc., the capital stock being \$125,000, and George T. Leach and others being stockholders.

The weather this morning was the coldest of the autumn, there being plenty of ice. Sportsmen are very glad to see the cold weather, as it will pull down the leaves and remove much of the foliage which is now quite thick in the woods and thus make the partridge shooting much better.

Today Mr. Andrew King, for many years a traveling man in this State, died at his home here after a long illness.

Upon the recommendation of the commanding officer of the First Regiment, Infantry of the National Guard, an election is ordered at Charlotte, November 26th, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Major Frank R. Kern, who has removed from this State.

State Geologist Pratt has been at Norfolk for some days attending the meeting of the Southern Immigration Association, of which he and J. J. Wolfenden, of New Bern, are members of the executive committee from North Carolina. He today presented to Governor Glenn and other officials copies of the finest work on the fishes of North Carolina ever issued, this being the report of Dr. Hugh M. Smith, deputy of United States Commissioner of Fisheries, it being volume 2 of the reports of the North Carolina Geological and Economic Survey. It is a splendidly illustrated volume of 484 pages, many of the pictures being in color and very life-like. Copies of this book may be had from Dr. Pratt by addressing him at Chapel Hill and sending him 25 cents for postage. True sportsmen, whether they like the inland water or the sea and sounds, will be delighted with the publication, which is full of the most accurate and up-to-date information. In a preface to the book Dr. Pratt says that it gives an account of every fish found in the fresh, brackish or salt waters of this State, and that all local names by which the fish are known are recorded. The chief aim has been to make the book of practical

WAS MRS BRADLEY INSANE

When She Fled the Fatal Bullet Into Senate Bown Last Summer?

LOUISVILLE CITIZEN HAVE TO WALK

Bank of France Refuses to Loan United States Money Directly—Chinese Boxers Attack English Travelers—Suspicion That Barney's Death Was Not Suicide.

Special to The Journal.

Washington, Nov. 15.—The trial of Mrs. Bradley is being rapidly pushed. The prosecution's witnesses have been examined. Mrs. Bradley maintains a quiet demeanor and shows the effect of the strain. Thirty witnesses will be put on the stand in behalf of the defense, twelve of whom will testify to the woman's insanity.

Shanghai, China, Nov. 15.—The passengers of an express train on the English Railroad was attacked by Chinese "Boxers" today and many were injured. Boxers are becoming war-like again.

New York, Nov. 15.—The police have had an investigation into the death of Charles F. Barney, president of the nickelbocker Trust Company, and while there are indications that he shot himself, there is a belief among some that he was murdered. Police are working on a clue.

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 15.—All the street car employees went on a strike for higher wages. Today 900 motor men and conductors made a demonstration and the police were called out to protect the men at work in the strikers' places.

France Submits Proposals.

Washington, Nov. 14.—F. Jusserand, the French ambassador, today handed to the State Department the counter proposition prepared by his government to the proposal of the United States respecting a tariff arrangement between the two countries upon the expiration of the present arrangement on December 1. The character of the counter proposal has not been made public. In fact it has not been examined by the State Department officials and before any further steps are taken in the negotiations it will refer to the Department of Commerce and Labor experts for examination and opinion.

Last spring before Ambassador Jusserand left Washington for France, Elihu Root, Secretary of State, addressed to him a communication upon the subject of the commercial relations between France and the United States with particular reference to the expiration of the agreement on suggestions for relations after that date. It is supposed that the ambassador took up the matter with his government during the summer with the result that the French Government has submitted to the State Department, what is termed a counter proposition. These two documents will doubtless form the basis of whatever agreement is entered into after the present agreement has lapsed.

Our Flag Fleets Proudly.

The State flag, which has been waiting for some time for a suitable arrangement to be hung on, was yesterday flung to the breeze from the pole which has been placed on the top of the court house. A few men were gathered there and Mr. Carroll, who placed the pole, drew with flag up and soon a breeze wafted and the flag unfurled gracefully in the wind. The flag is a handsome streamer, 3x12 feet, with one wide red stripe and one wide white stripe and a blue block. On the blue field the inscriptions were at the top, "May 20, 1776," date of the Mecklenburg Declaration; below, "April 12, 1776," date of the adoption of the flag. In the center the letters N. C. appear.

Superintendent Ray, of the State School for the white blind and colored deaf mutes and blind, is notified that the colored department has received the gold medal at the Jamestown Exposition for the best work done in that class. The white department also won a gold medal and besides it got a diploma. Superintendent Ray is very proud. The North Carolina institution has come to be one of the number of pupils and ranks next to

GOV JOHNSTON'S PORTRAIT PRESENTED

Portrait of States Most Illustrious Executive Now Adorns the Capitol

INSPECTION OF MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS

Evidence of Glanders in Some Counties—An Absurd Blunder—Working on Double Track Electric Road—No Arrangement Made Yet for A. and N. Water Supply.

Special Correspondence.

Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 15.—This afternoon in the Senate Chamber there was quite a notable ceremony, this being the presentation to the State by the Sons of the Revolution of the only original oil portrait of one of the greatest North Carolinians, Governor Samuel Johnston, whose residence was the famous Hayes estate at Edenton, and who during the Revolution played so great a part in that drama. The portrait has been in the possession of a descendant of Governor Johnston, who thought it well to let it become the property of the State. For some weeks it has been in the home of Col. Charles E. Johnston, a descendant of Governor Johnston. It is a very fine piece of work, life-sized and is a very valuable addition to the State's already fine collection of portraits of its notable men. The speech of presentation was made by F. H. Busbee, Esq., and that of acceptance by Associate Justice W. A. Hoke. Governor Glenn would have made the speech of acceptance but for the fact that he was out of the city. The portrait is to be placed in the executive office. The following members of the Order of the Sons of the Revolution were present: Thomas S. Kennan, the president; F. H. Busbee, D. H. Hill, Marshal DeLancey Haywood, Samuel A. Ashe, B. C. Beckwith, A. B. Andrews, Jr., Herbert W. Jackson, William J. Andrews, W. E. Stone, William P. Little, General Carl A. Woodruff, Mayor James Iredell Johnson, Frank O. Moring, Charles Root, W. B. Shepherd, G. S. Fowell and General Thos. R. Robertson. Messrs. Shepherd and Powell from Edenton and Asheville, respectively, were the only out-of-town members at the ceremony. There was a business meeting of the organization at which officers for the next year were elected, and this evening the annual banquet was served at Glerch's safe. There were not set toasts. Col. Kennan presided.

State Veterinarian Talt Butler has returned from Greenville county where he looked into some cases in glanders in horses. There have been five deaths of these animals there and one is now sick and carefully quarantined.

Some of the State papers have mentioned a story which appeared in a Richmond paper to the effect that the Governor had sent for the members of the Supreme Court and questioned them as to what their decision would be as to the fine against the Southern Railway.

This was not sent out by any Raleigh correspondent, but was a local story and is regarded by newspaper men here as the most delightfully absurd thing of this whole year.

A large force is at work double-tracking the electric railway on Fayetteville street, and everything is being pushed in endeavor to push the new lines by the end of the year. Work has not yet begun on the Martin street line, which is to go by the Soldiers' Home, but this will go as soon as the Fayetteville street work is finished.

As yet arrangements have not been made for a water supply for West Raleigh and the Agricultural and Mechanical College. To supply the college will cost about \$6,000 for the laying of mains, etc. The main does not now extend quite as far as St. Mary's School, though there is a water service to that school and some distance beyond it to smaller pipes.

Dr. F. L. Stevens, of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, is now making an investigation of ptomaine and other poisons in milk and milk products, this work being done under a money allowance made by the United States Agricultural Department through this State's agricultural experiment station, the object being to study the sources of poisons in milk and the organisms which carry these poisons. Dr. Stevens wished the aid of the physicians in this State in two ways: First, to notify him of any cases of poisoning from milk, and if possible to furnish him material from the poisoning of food and he also wishes to visit the premises to make local tests; second, he desires the physicians to furnish him for record purposes all the facts obtainable in such cases in the past.

Oklahoma Joins the Union. Special to The Journal.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 16.—President Roosevelt signed the proclamation making Oklahoma a State at 12:15 o'clock this morning. The news was received in the new State with every expression of joy. A general celebration has been in progress throughout the State the past week.

New Spelling Adopted. New York, Nov. 15.—Professor Brander Matthews, of Columbia University, has won another victory in his efforts for reform in spelling. The trustees and the University Press have voted to adopt a standard which will bring into official use at Columbia, at least, 225 of the 750 changed spellings proposed by him as chairman of the spelling board.

AGITATION FOR BELGIUM BLOCKS

Revival at Baptist Church Closes With Great Success Over 25 Conversions

ESCAPED CONVICT RECAPTURED

Probability of Raleigh Day at Exposition Being Called Off—Governor Glenn Was Much in Demand During His Visit in Baltimore.

Special Correspondence.

Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 16.—Since the work of laying the double track on Fayetteville street for the street railway has gotten under way in connection with the general scheme for extending the system more than five miles into several important sections of the city, a considerable agitation has started against putting down the Belgium block again and for the substitution of vitrified brick or other less noisy paving. The matter will probably be settled Monday night when the aldermen will be in session for the purpose of perfecting the details for the election on prohibition or dispensary, which has been called for December 26th.

The revival services conducted the past two weeks at the First Baptist church, in which Pastor W. C. Tyree was assisted by Rev. H. Lunsford, of Asheville, closed last night with interest at a high point, there having been four professions after the closing sermon. The meetings have resulted in twenty-five professions at the church, and the morning services that were conducted in the chapel of the Baptist University for Women resulted in professions being made by practically every young lady who was not already a church member. A very successful revival is in progress at West Raleigh church by Rev. P. G. Elson.

Henry Johnson, the negro who was serving seven years in the penitentiary from Sampson county and managed to escape early in the week, was recaptured at Enfield yesterday and has been returned to the prison authorities.

It looks now like the plans that were afoot for having a Raleigh day at the Jamestown Exposition late in the present month, will not materialize. In fact Mayor James I. Johnson has about decided to call off the movement in that direction owing to the lateness of the season and the probability that real cold weather will have come upon this section in that time.

Speaking of his visit to Baltimore, Governor Glenn says he had strenuous as well as a delightful time, having delivered three addresses and attended a reception given in his honor by the North Carolina Society, of which John Wilbur Jenkins, formerly of Raleigh is now the president. His principal address was before the annual convention of the Christian Endeavor Society. And the other two were before the young ladies of the Baltimore Normal College and the Baltimore Business College. He was delighted to find former North Carolinians at the head of both these institutions. He declares that one of the most gratifying conditions that he finds in all his travels out of the State is that so many North Carolinians are in the forefront of progress and public service in the States of their adoption.

The Governor found twenty invitations to speak in the executive office awaiting him on his return to Raleigh. Unfortunately he finds it necessary to decline all of them save one, and he is still uncertain as to whether even this one can be accepted. He intends to spend all of next week in Raleigh.

Notice comes from Superintendent R. B. White, of the Franklin county public schools, to the State Department of Education that a tax for improvement of schools has just been voted in Pine Ridge district.

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COTTON AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

J. E. Latham's Weekly Report Gives a Very Good Outline

CANNOT SEE HIGHER PRICE FOR COTTON

The Quantity Not Quality of Money All Important Factor—Banks Too Close With Credits Harmful and Frightened Depositor Hiding His Money.

Special to The Journal.

Greensboro, N. C., Nov. 16.—Foreign gold continues to arrive, and the national banks have increased their circulation. Confidence and stability are gradually taking the place of doubt and panic.

The financial situation in New York, and other important money centers, shows marked improvement. During this panic there is no distrust of the quality of the money, the quantity alone produces alarm. In some sections cotton cannot be marketed because the banks cannot, or will not, furnish the currency, and exchange, both foreign and domestic, is difficult to negotiate.

It is a time when every one should be careful, and the banks that get too tight, with their credits are likely to do as much harm, as the frightened depositor that withdraws in haste, and hides his savings in a bureau drawer.

The cotton market during the week has been dull, but prices are thirty points under a week ago. Receipts continue small. The farmer talks 15 cents and sells sparingly. The spinner talks about the commercial depression, and threatens to curtail production, because new business that is offering is not profitable.

The size of the crop, even if small, seems less important than the extent of the business reaction.

I note an increasing disposition to construct warehouses and hold cotton, whether this is wise or not, the future must disclose. I do not see my way clear to believe in higher prices.

Engine Running Against Time.

New York, Nov. 16.—In a continuation of the Pennsylvania's speed trials at Clayton, N. J. yesterday, what is said to be the fastest mile ever made by a locomotive on a track containing curves was made by steam locomotive No. 606. It travelled a mile at the rate of 91.6 miles an hour.

This is 2.2 miles better than the mark made by the same locomotive on the specially built track on Wednesday. This track, which is seven miles long and extends from Clayton to Frankfortville, contains two sharp curves.

So far the steam engines have beaten the big electric locomotives in every test. When one of the new electric flyers was tried out yesterday, it made 72 miles an hour on the first trip and only 70 on the second.

A portion of the specially built track has been laid with steel ties, and after the locomotive tests have been completed an examination will be made to determine which kind of ties bore the heavy tests to the best advantage.

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NORTH CAROLINA DAY SIXTIETH CONGRESS WILL BE BUSY

Program for the Sixth Annual Observance Made by Supt Joyner

MANY SICK AT SOLDIERS HOME

Policies of Republican Party Mapped Out—Republican Policies in a Chaotic Condition—Democrats Are Also Broken Up—Washington Filling Up With Congressmen.

Special Correspondence.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 18.—Congressmen and other winter visitors are putting in their annual appearance in this city, and national politics and the financial panic is the general topic of conversation. The meeting of Congress always brings to Washington a horde of people loaded with personal and patriotic schemes to present to the national legislature. It is certainly amusing to note the number of designs on the national treasury, but as all the surplus cash has been loaned to the national banks, from which it cannot be recalled without inviting further financial disaster, the necessity of keeping appropriations within the limit of the government income, will compel even the most extravagant Republican statesman to be in a measure economical. The estimates of the heads of departments, however, all call for increased appropriations. The Secretary of the Navy wants more ships and larger navy yards; the Secretary of War insists that millions are needed to complete the coast defenses, especially those in our insular possessions; the Secretary of Commerce and Labor asserts that an increased number of immigrant inspectors are necessary; the Secretary of Agriculture declared that he cannot enforce the pure food law without more food inspectors and chemical laboratories; the Secretary of the Interior must have more patent examiners and land inspectors; the Attorney General more special attorneys to investigate the doings of undesirable citizens; so that if possible a malefactor of great wealth may be jailed as the crowning glory of the Roosevelt administration. Increased pay for the soldiers and sailors and the civil service employees averaging 30 per cent. will add to the appropriation many millions, if full justice is done to these public servants.

The policy of the Republican leadership in Congress is to enact as little legislation as possible, pass the appropriation bills and adjourn in time to take a hand in the Republican national convention, but as every Congressman will have at least one speech, and most of them many more on the asset currency bill, the Philippine tariff bill, the German tariff agreement, the improvement of the Mississippi and its tributaries, the amendment of the Sherman anti-trust law, the over capitalization of railroads, the parcels post bill, the federal corporation bill, and any other legislation they think will specially interest their constituents, it will require many months to exhaust this stream of eloquence.

The Republican politics are in a chaotic condition and will probably remain so until the meeting of the national convention, for it seems impossible for our Republican brethren to settle on who shall be their candidate for President until noses are counted. The President refuses to give any sign of a change from his original determination of refusing to be a candidate for a third term, but the Roosevelt boomers refuse to take him at his word, which leads to demoralization in the camps of the other candidates. From what I can see the President is playing a deep game of allowing delegates to be tied up for him and when the time arrives will use those delegates for the man of his choice. Talt, if possible, but quite probably Cortelyou. I do not expect to see Mr. Roosevelt accept a third term nomination, although it is possible it may be offered to him.

Democratic politics are also in a chaotic condition, for there is not a single declared candidate for the nomination for President. The banquet here to Mr. Bryan on next Saturday evening may result in his declaring he will accept the nomination, but some of his friends say he would prefer to wait and see who will probably be the Republican standard bearer before deciding to allow his name to be presented to the Democratic national convention. There is no doubt that a majority of Democrats are for Mr. Bryan, but the question is will all the Democrats of the doubtful States give him hearty support and thereby carry enough of the doubtful States to win the election with the independent vote that is also necessary? The result of the late election in Indiana and Michigan is the worst case not

SOME IMPORTANT QUESTIONS WILL BE DISCUSSED BY THAT BODY

Appropriations Galore

Slow Movement of Cotton Cause of Much Surprise—T. K. Bruner Improving Slowly—Needs at Soldiers' Home—Information Wanted.

Special Correspondence.

Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 15.—Surprise is expressed here that so much cotton is coming into Wilmington as none is brought into this market. The holding of cotton was never so close as it is at present in this section of North Carolina.

Your correspondent had the pleasure of spending half an hour at the bedside of T. K. Bruner, of the State Board of Agriculture, who has been sick so long. Mr. Bruner is yet very sick but his improvement continues. It will be quite a while before he is on his feet however. He has been very much concerned about his sickness, fearing it would hamper the immigration work, in which he was so deeply interested.

The sixth observance of "North Carolina Day" in the schools of the State falls on Friday, December 20th, and a very attractive program of exercises has been issued from the office of the State Superintendent, forming a pamphlet of 43 pages, the work of fourteen North Carolinians. These pamphlets are very valuable, as they contain historical sketches very carefully prepared. The contributors this year are J. Y. Joyner, Chas. H. Mebane, Frank Nash, E. C. Brooks, M. C. E. Noble, W. C. Allen, Joseph M. Morehead, Mary Augusta Bernard, E. W. Sykes, R. D. W. Connor and Charles Lee Raper. One of the features of the pamphlet this year is the settlement of the State by the Scotch-Irish, whose descendants form so strong and valuable a part of the population and who have always been prominent in the history of the State since they came across the ocean, their main settlement being in ten counties.

Very often the joke goes around about what the Governor of this State said to the Governor of South Carolina, to the effect that it was a long time between drinks. But this is taken seriously by not a few people, and so here comes to your correspondent from a widely known literary man of Indianapolis the question, in all gravity, of the origin of this expression. He speaks of it as an ancient saying. Your correspondent is not very happy to have the literary rights of the State give their versions of the origin of this phrase and these replies shall be sent to the distinguished gentleman who makes the inquiry.

At the Soldiers' Home, of course, the funds are always limited and some needs cannot be filled. One of these is a piano, and it has been suggested that somewhere in this State there be a person who would be willing to make a gift of this instrument. With this at the Home a great many amusements could be provided for the veterans which they cannot now have. They are extremely fond of music, and it is hoped that this request which comes from them, will meet with a prompt response from some person in the State.

General rains are falling in the State and are needed in some sections. It appears that a large crop of small grain is being lost in this season. The pea crop is not a large one, as a general thing because the weather has been too dry.

Your correspondent was at the Soldiers' Home yesterday afternoon and visited the hospital in which there were thirty sick. Superintendent Brooks is able to be out. A doctor made an X-Ray examination of his shoulder which was injured some time ago by a fall to see whether there was a break of the bone. At the recent State convention of the Daughters of the Confederacy of North Carolina that order provided a trained nurse for the Soldiers' Home and she is doing excellently well. She is Miss Caterbridge and she comes from Beaufort, West Indies. The new dining room, kitchen and nurse's apartments which form an annex to the hospital at the Home have been completed and all are very convenient.

Two freight cars in the yards of the Seaboard Air Line here were burned last night. Fires have been very frequent during the present year in Raleigh and the property loss by these is very small indeed.

It is reported that the State Board of Agriculture has been organized and that the members are as follows: T. K. Bruner, Chairman; J. Y. Joyner, Secretary; Chas. H. Mebane, Treasurer; Frank Nash, E. C. Brooks, M. C. E. Noble, W. C. Allen, Joseph M. Morehead, Mary Augusta Bernard, E. W. Sykes, R. D. W. Connor and Charles Lee Raper.

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