

HERE'S TWO COUNTIES THAT OFFER UNTOLD ADVANTAGES TO ALL

Craven and Pamlico Are the El Dorado of Eastern North Carolina, Fertile Soil Makes Them Paradise For the Agriculturist

Thirty miles below New Bern, right on the banks of the majestic Neuse, and within all most a gun shot of Pamlico-Sound lies Oriental, famous all over the eastern section of the Old North State as well as in other sections, as one of the most fertile spots in the South, a section which has proven itself to be almost as fertile as the far famed valley of the Nile.

The Town. Oriental, in itself is a town of goodly proportion, but in speaking of it, one includes the whole section lying for miles around. Just when Oriental first came into being, no one seems to know. Fifteen years or more ago the writer paid his first visit to that wonder-spot. At that time the old steamer Neuse and the Osegoe furnished the only means of reaching the town except via the country road leading down from New Bern, and the semi-weekly trips of the boats west of great interest to the citizens.

The Old Landmarks. Then there were but few signs of habitation there. Old man Lou Midgott, better known all over the county as "Uncle Lou" and Aunt Beeky, his estimable wife, conducted the one and only hold in the place and around this had sprung into being a church, a few stores and a few houses, and there the citizens lived, prospered and were happy. However, they did not know of the vast wealth which lay at their door.

Time Goes By. Time passed by, probably five years sped into the dim past, and the town began to grow by leaps and bounds as did the country side around and soon it was a prosperous village and the hum of machinery was heard on every hand. While being an excellent place for the lumbering business Oriental's future lay in farming and finally the efforts of the major portion of the inhabitants of the outlying section turned that way and to-day some of the finest farms in the State are to be found within half a mile of the town.

Realizing the advantages that the Oriental section offered, progressive men a few years ago built from New Bern to that town a railroad and this opened that section to the world, and gave them an outlet to the market places of the State and nation. Then it was that farming began in real earnestness. Truck farms sprang into being on every side, and it seemed that everything that was planted thrived in the rich soil and like Jack's famous bean stalk grew overnight into plants of marvellous size.

The fame of the section was broadcast over the whole country. The Norfolk Southern Railway Company who never lose an opportunity of doing good work along this line, have given that section great publicity and even at present are planning to take there a party of home-seekers who are looking for a fertile soil which can be made doubly productive by the use of scientific methods.

Anything Will Grow. Anything that is planted in that wonderful country will grow. Cotton, corn, potatoes, tobacco and in fact any plant life thrives on the rich black loam and produces crops that cannot be surpassed. This sort of condition exists all over Pamlico county. On up the line from Oriental, past Ashwood, on to Stonewall and Bayboro, the county seat, up through the Alliance section and on to Olympia the same sort of rich soil is to be found, and the farmers there have only to till the land a little in the spring to pluck from it at harvest time the bounty of its richness.

Oriental individually and Pamlico county as a whole, is a wonderful section, and one to which the seeker after wealth from agricultural pursuits, could not find surpassed if he were to travel across this broad continent, and to visit there and see the vast possibilities lying at hand is all that one desires to convince them that this section is the El Dorado of Eastern North Carolina.

In Craven County. We had at first intended to tell only of Oriental and of Pamlico county but these two names, coupled with that of vast agricultural riches are to the writer synonymous with Craven county and what it has to offer in this line, Craven, is assumed to Pamlico and the same condition

which prevails in the latter will be found in the former and in a way, Craven has gone her sister county several better by adopting more progressive and scientific methods of farming, and of being more ideally situated in this county will be found some of the largest as well as the finest farms in the State. In the past years cotton has been the chief crop grown here, but last year the agriculturists turned to tobacco, and finding that this thrived here, hundreds of acres are this year being planted in the weed and the cotton acreage has been considerably cut down.

Truck farms are seen on every hand in Craven and the owners of these make money "hand over fist" by getting their produce on the markets at just the proper time, and of meeting the public demand to a nicety. Craven has one drawback, and that is that while its population is large, it has not enough people and there are too many large farms which should be cut up into smaller ones.

Along this line, the Chamber of Commerce, through the aid of the papers of the State, is doing a good work. Northern and Western farmers who are seeking a location are being invited here and the glad hand of welcome is extended to each and everyone who will come and make their home within the borders of the county and help to glean from the soil the golden fortune which lies therein.

PUNCHES.

(By Billy Sunday) All sins have blue eyes and dimples when they are young. Brains can beat muscle with its right hand tied behind its back and it can do it every day in the week.

A man with good gray matter under his hat can learn more by stubbing his toe in the dark than a fool can learn by going to college.

The right kind of a man never loses more than one finger by fooling with a buzz-saw.

Alm high. It won't be any harder on your gun to knock the feathers out of an eagle than to splinter a barn door. The young man who is willing to go through life sawing on the second handle will never lead the band.

An earnest man will get there with the goods while his half-hearted brother is putting on his mittens.

When the devil wants to run his claws clear through a man and clinch them on the other side, he makes him believe that fooling with booze won't hurt him.

The devil hates a happy home as bad as a saloonkeeper hates a prohibition preacher.

Every man would like to build a beautiful house. Why not go at it and build a beautiful character?

The man is headed straight for the pit who is living as the devil wants him to, whether he is a gambler or a pillar in the church.

Nothing so blocks a man's way toward destruction as the love of wife and child.

Nobody spends much time in looking at wax figures in the store windows, but a live man there who is doing something always draws a crowd.

We should look up for help and down to help.

The higher you lift a little man, the more he shrinks.

The man who has no God never has very much else.

The man who aims at nothing generally hits it.

The man who can't learn anything from a mistake couldn't learn anything in college.

The woman who marries a man to reform him has more faith in human nature than St. Paul had.

To know some people is a standing invitation to be good.

When a man says, "I will," something may be done; but when a woman says, "I will," something has got to be done.

Misses Gladys Standford, Annie Wells and May Fant, of Morehead City, returned home last night after a short visit to New Bern.

OYSTERS FULLY AS SAFE AS MILK, EXPERTS ASSERT

Specialists Recite the Safeguards in the Producing Waters

INTERESTING STORY

Growth of The Bivalve Is Most Interesting One Indeed

Washington, May 8.—"Oysters now being shipped from Northern oyster beds in interstate commerce are safer than ever before, according to the bacteriological specialists of the Department of Agriculture," it is stated at the Office of Information of the department.

"Oysters, as these specialists express it, are fully as safe a food as is milk. This condition has been brought about through the sanitary surveys of oyster beds conducted co-operatively by the Public Health Service and the Department of Agriculture, by the hearty co-operation of the State health authorities with the Federal authorities, and finally by a realization on the part of the oyster men that they themselves, in the interests of their industry, must prevent the taking of oysters from suspected or polluted beds.

"As a result of the survey of oyster beds by the Federal authorities in co-operation with State authorities, every oyster bed polluted by sewage or other causes from Virginia to Massachusetts, the Northern oyster-producing region, has been closed, and many beds placed under such restrictions as to the making and handling of oysters, so as to make it practically impossible for oysters to be taken and shipped. All the oyster beds in the State mentioned have been so chartered that when certain beds are closed, owing to pollution or other causes, it is easy to establish from these maps the definite area covered by these beds.

State Co-operating. "In certain cases these restrictions have compelled the transplanting of oysters for a time long enough to make them absolutely free from any danger of pollution, or have limited the taking of oysters to the seasons when the beds are in absolutely clean condition. In this work all the States concerned have co-operated most actively, and what is regarded as of great importance by the Federal authorities, the oyster men themselves are seeing to it that no oysters from the prohibited sources enter the local markets or are shipped inland.

"The Federal co-operative surveys have embraced all the oyster beds in New York, Connecticut, Virginia and Maryland. These surveys, made mainly on Government laboratory boats, consisted in taking oysters from the beds and making careful bacteriological examinations of them, which would accurately determine whether or not the waters in which the oysters were growing were contaminated in any way by sewage or other dangerous elements. These bacteriological examinations were supplemented by float tests made by the State authorities. The float test consists in starting a float at a source of sewage or other pollution and tracing its course to see whether it is carried from the sewers to the neighborhood of oyster beds.

"While outbreaks of typhoid fever which have come from local milk supplies or water supplies or other sources are frequently blamed by local health authorities who wish to escape responsibility on oysters which come from outside sources, it is recognized that the oyster can under exceptional conditions convey typhoid bacteria.

"The only conditions, however, under which an oyster can become a typhoid carrier is when it has become infected by typhoid bacteria taken from water that is polluted by sewage, or when, after being opened, it is washed in polluted water or allowed to come in contact with infected surroundings. The sanitary surveys of the Federal Government and the States have eliminated from the oyster industry all beds in the regions named which are polluted in any way or which are subject to pollution at certain seasons. The only oysters being shipped from this region, therefore, are from beds where there is not even a likelihood of the food becoming infected.

DIVORCE GRANTED TO MRS. L. E. ROGERS

New York, May 7.—An echo of the Lorys Elton Rogers—Ida Sutfin Walters love tragedy, in which the mother poisoned her two babies who had no name, was heard in Supreme Court today when Mrs. Carolina Oldidge Rogers was awarded a divorce. She was Lorys Elton Rogers' legal wife and named the lawyer's "love wife" as correspondent. She asked no alimony.

PRaise DANIELS FOR HIS DEFENSE OF THE U. S. NAVY

Army and Navy Register Lauds North Carolina Man

HE'S TRUE BLUE

Expresses Satisfaction Over His Reply to His Critics

Washington, May 8.—The current issue of the Army and Navy Register, devoted exclusively to the military branches of the Government, carries an editorial praising the manner in which Secretary Daniels has defended his administration against the criticism heaped upon him during the last few months.

The editorial caused comment in the Navy Department today because the publication was formerly one of the Secretary's most consistent critics. Inasmuch as the Register is accepted as voicing the opinions of naval officers in Washington, the editorial was interpreted to mean that the feeling which was aroused in some quarters as a result of his famous anti-rum order is rapidly passing and that the general tendency to criticize Mr. Daniels is giving way to a desire to improve the naval organization by supporting the administration. The editorial says:

"With a swiftness of response and reversal of position almost acrobatic, most of the newspapers that have been vilifying the Secretary of the Navy for a wide range of incompetence, inaction and maladministration are now found praising him for the 'splendid showing' he has made for the navy in making it, in his own defense, in a letter which was auspiciously extracted from him by the president of Williams College.

Change of Attitude. "The particularly vicious editorial opinions that have indignant Representative Gardner in holding Mr. Daniels responsible for the loss of the submarine F-4 at Honolulu, and as one personally and directly and solely to blame for our failure to have an efficient fleet or anything else in a naval way permitting us to adequately meet any sort of enemy, no matter how insignificant—newspapers, that have been boisterous in their assaults upon Mr. Daniels are now found expressing a degree of satisfaction, so far as the showing goes, and willing to entertain a kind of faith in fitness with a conviction, which is proper, that much remains to be done.

"There is no occasion to quarrel with any reputable newspaper that argues in favor of a larger army and navy and in behalf of increased appropriations for the military-naval establishments. That to no thing and something which, conducted with dignity, vigor and accuracy, may help the service by creating a wholesome and influential public sentiment, operating in due time upon Congress for legislation that is really helpful to the system of national defense.

"But there is no benefit to be derived from such 'knocking' as has been done by Mr. Gardner in his highly sensational and irresponsible speeches and by the newspapers that are quick to see the startling features of that gentleman's exaggerations and epithets and to make use of them in the advertisement of himself mainly.

Rejoinder to Critics. "Despite the suspicion of legitimate pre-arrangement from which President Garfield's inquiry and Secretary Daniels' reply are inseparable, there will be appreciation of an opportunity and a duty of which effective and convincing advantage has now been taken. There will be a division of the uses which Mr. Daniels' letter has served.

"It is, in truth, a rejoinder to his critics and, as well, a defense to the navy, the fitness of which has been assailed by those who have been too anxious in maligning the head of the Navy Department to remember that they were also injuring the service, or were willing to do so if injury were possible, by such personalities.

"There are some things in Mr. Daniels' letter which might very well be questioned, such as his claim of an unprecedented record in the matter of recruiting, but it is not worth while making too fine an analysis of the document which has fully served the purpose of its author and should promote a saner discussion of the navy needs, along with the army budget, both of which may be best brought to a state of relief by publicity that is not abominable in its tirade of individuals and ignorant and wicked in its reckless assertion of service worthlessness."

Mrs. T. D. Hewitt left last night for Newport where she will spend a short time visiting relatives.

FEW RAISE HANDS AT SUNDAY'S CALL FOR SAVED SOULS

Nine Thousand People Indicate That They Are Sinners

FEW ASK PRAYER

Famous Evangelist Continues to Thrill His Hearers

New York, May 8.—Nine thousand men and women in the Paterson Tabernacle indicated by their lack of response last night that they did not believe that they were saved, while but a few hundred gave witness to their preparedness by raising their hands when Billy Sunday asked:

"How many can honestly say from your heart that if you knew you were to die tonight you would be saved Raise your hands."

Billy scanned the sea of sober faces and added:

"Thousands did not lift their hands. Still, I believe they are honest."

For the first time, Billy asked his auditors to name those whom they would like to see saved.

"My friend," a minister called.

"My boys," said a mother.

Then there came a succession of responses from every section of the big gospel shed. When Billy asked those who did not care to name those whom they desired to see redeemed to stand, the audience rose as one.

City Officials Attend. Twenty-five City Hall officials and politicians were present, but none of his 414 trail hitters were from that delegation. City Clerk Thompson Standeven, Comptroller James Curran, Postmaster Thomas O'Neil, Building Inspector John Quigley, Tax Receiver Eugene Wickham, St. Superintendent James Taylor and Assessors John Colfer, Maurice Angland and Timothy Delaney were in the group.

"Rodey," introducing the delegation, hoped that they were not the city officials who had invited him in to a downtown cafe for a drink the other day.

"There are many here tonight," said Billy, preaching from the text "Is it well with thee?" "Whose names in an obituary notice to-morrow morning would cause no one to guess twice to tell where they are going. They are too much wrapped up in politics and business."

He has a good word for the old curfew laws and said he hoped to see them enacted and enforced in Paterson.

Children learn more devilment between 7 and 10 at night than all the Sunday and public school teachers can make up," he shouted. "A woman said to me: 'Must I keep them in from morning to night?' 'No, from night until morning,'" I said.

Replies to Professors. Billy paid his compliments to his critics in the universities while telling yesterday afternoon how the Apostle Paul had caused the cobra, god of the inhabitants on whose island he was shipwrecked, to swell up and die.

"You see, God can use even a snake to preach His Gospel. He doesn't have to have a college professor. No sir."

The afternoon collection of \$215 was divided between the Paterson Rescue Mission and the Florence Crittenton Home, while the evening collection of \$542.10 went to the Florence Crittenton Home and the Paterson Orthopedic Association.

Firemen Give Scarf to "Ma." "Ma" Sunday was presented with a gray auto scarf, knitted by fifteen firemen at the Central Fire Headquarters. It was given in anticipation of the talked-of trip of Billy and "Ma" to the Panama-Pacific Fair. Billy says he may go, but isn't sure.

To-morrow he will preach on the text, "If Christ Came to Paterson." On Friday his subject will be "Amusements." He announced that his friend and co-laborer, John Callahan of New York, would conduct his overflow meetings on Sunday.

Billy replied yesterday to the attack of the Rev. Dan F. Bradley of Cleveland, Ohio, who had told the Chamber of Commerce of that city that Sunday was out to make money and not to save souls, and that he was a cruds as a ditch digger.

"I would no more expect Dan Bradley to be in favor of my coming to Cleveland than the Anheuser-Busch brewery would be in favor of my coming to St. Louis," he said.

GOVERNOR CRAIG GRANTS PARDON TO PETER SWINK

Prisoner A Burke County Man Charged With Manslaughter

SELF DEFENSE PLEA

Another Pardon Was Also Granted Yesterday—New Charters

Raleigh, May 7.—Governor Craig today pardoned Peter Swink, a Burke county man charged with the crime of manslaughter and serving three years for killing Plato Sain. Phoebe Avery of Morganton brought the papers including a strong appeal for clemency by Judge James L. Webb and Solicitor Newland. Governor Craig pardoned Swink upon Judge Webb's statement of the case though unable to repress the feeling of mystery that attended the conviction of the prisoner.

Self Defense. Judge Webb's letter recites a case of self defense. It said that the evidence "tended to show that Sain and one Hoyle, both drinking, went to the home of the prisoner one night, called him into the yard and at the point of a pistol forced him to accompany them to the home of a woman in the neighborhood. After they had remained there sometime, the prisoner started to leave to go home when deceased, who was a very large man and had the reputation of being a dangerous one when drinking, came on the prisoner, who was a very small man, with an open razor and pistol, when prisoner picked up a rock and knocked deceased in the head, inflicting a wound from which the later died.

Jury Deliberated. "The jury deliberated a long while before they returned a verdict of manslaughter and recommended the mercy of the court. I sentenced the prisoner to a term of three years in the State's prison. The jury say they thought the court would imprison defendant for about one year. I feel now that this prisoner has been sufficiently punished; having served eighteen months of his sentence, and I now make the request that you do pardon him on condition of good behavior, and this request is made for the reason that I feel his punishment has been sufficient."

Solicitor Newland writes in almost the identical language of the letter signed by the Judge. Governor Craig issued the pardon immediately. There is no condition to it. The jury's conviction is partly accounted for by the frequent association of the dead man and the prisoner, their theory being that though a slip of a man, the prisoner was not actually afraid of his occasional pal and that neither the knife nor the razor spelled fear to him.

Another Pardon. Governor Craig also pardoned Paul Jacobs, of Wake county, today, the sentence being six months for assault with a deadly weapon.

New Charters. The Secretary of State today chartered the Womens Aid Society, of Rocky Mount, P. E. Davis, E. A. Battle and a dozen more being incorporators. There is no capital stock.

The Boddie and Yarboro Drug Company, of Nashville, with \$1,500 of its \$10,000 capital paid in, was chartered today. J. B. Doddie, J. E. Yarboro and others subscribe the stock.

The Purity Coffee company of Winston-Salem, begins its \$50,000 business with \$5,000 paid in. J. D. Long, A. E. Holton, S. F. Vance, W. A. Lemly and others are the stock subscribers.

IRISH DON'T LIKE IT. Don't Think Well of England's "Dry" Bill.

London, May 8.—The determined opposition of the Irish Nationalists and the Independent Irish Nationalists, who joined forces today to oppose the new liquor taxes of David Lloyd-George, Chancellor of the Exchequer, forced the Government to postpone until next week the second reading of the bill embodying the Chancellor's plan.

Both Premier Asquith and Mr. Lloyd-George pleaded the necessity of expeditious action, but the Irish members insisted that the bill should not be carried further until they were assured that the Government had decided to abandon the super taxes.

Mr. Lloyd-George announced that his negotiations with the liquor interests were making good progress, and that he hoped an arrangement satisfactory to all parties would be reached within twenty-four hours.

Mrs. J. H. Monk and daughter, Miss Catherine, arrived in the city last evening and are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Bishop.

German Sinks Big Steamer

Send the Cunard Liner To the Bottom Off the Irish Coast --- Every Passenger, Am ong Whom Were Many Americans, Was Saved

Liverpool, May 7.—(10 p. m.)—The Cunard line manager gives out a statement to-night that not a single passenger on board of the Lusitania sank today by the Germans, was lost. It was at first feared that many had been drowned.

Liverpool, May 7.—The Cunard line manager here says the Lusitania was sunk by a submarine at 2:33 o'clock (London time) this afternoon, eight miles south by west of Old Head of Kinsale.

MUCH EXCITEMENT. London, May 7.—The big Cunard is one of the largest ships in the world, and holds the transatlantic record, made on her maiden voyage and never equalled.

There is much excitement in the office here, where the officials are bending every effort to get the particulars of the reported attack. Whether the giant steamer was best by men-of-war or a submarine is not known.

HEAVY PASSENGER LIST. Liverpool, May 7.—The Lusitania had a heavy passenger list of Americans principally. She was torpedoed and sunk on the Irish coast. There was a decided list to the steamer when she went down. Landsend and Queenstown stations picked up wireless messages that the ship was torpedoed at 2:33 this afternoon.

EVERY PASSENGER SAVED. London, May 7.—It is reported that the Lusitania's passengers were saved.

ATTACKED BY SUBMARINE. New York, May 7.—The second report reaching here says the Lusitania was attacked by a submarine which laid in wait for her off the Irish coast.

TURKISH VICTORY IN DARDANELLES

Constantinople, May 8.—The Turkish War Office gave out the following statement Saturday:

"An attempt of the enemy to land troops near Kaba Tepeh, south of Avi Burnu, yesterday morning failed. The night before last our troops attacked Sedd-ul-Bahr, in spite of a bombardment by the enemy's fleet, and drove them out of their trenches, capturing three machine guns.

"Yesterday the Russian fleet unsuccessfully bombarded the undefended village of Igneaden."

Despite the decision of the Turkish Government to refuse all correspondents access to the Dardanelles region exception was made in the case of two Germans and the Associated Press correspondent. The party arrived on the night of May 11, while the Town of Dardanelles, after thirty hours, was still ablaze. The scene was one of desolation, with crumpled walls and houses.

Maidos also was burned, and yesterday the Town of Gallipoli was set ablaze by indirect fire from the Gulf of Saros, with lightning shells dropped by captive balloons and aeroplanes.

Incessant and heavy fighting on the Gallipoli Peninsula has continued from the first landing of the allied forces, but details of the new campaign cannot be told for military reasons.

The straits themselves, so far as is known, have not been seriously attacked since the reopening of the operations, but yesterday seven ships were seen and heard of Sedd-ul-Bahr, firing intermittently.

HAVE NOT YET ABANDONED HOPE

Berlin, May 7.—German officials today still refuse to abandon hope for a peaceful settlement of the Austro-Italian crisis. Not an attempt is made to disguise the substance of the situation. German emissaries on both fronts it is believed, will help the situation as to holding Italy off.