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WEATHER
Partly cloudy today and Wednesday; local showers in western portion.

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NEW ERA DAWNS FOR THE PEOPLE OF SAN DOMINGO

Political and Financial Conditions Show Improvement in All Directions.

OF REVOLUTIONARY TENDENCIES IN SIGHT

United States Receiver of Customs for the Island Republic Forwards Interesting Report Giving Facts and Figures as to Affairs and Prospects.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 3.—Important information concerning the political and financial conditions in the dominican Republic is contained in a letter, under date June 25, which has been received by Mr. Clarence R. Edwards, chief of the bureau of insular affairs, of the war department, from W. E. Pulliam, United States receiver of customs of Santo Domingo.

The belief is expressed in the letter, with the inauguration of President Reyes, the dominican Republic will enter upon a new era and that the last days of the republic will have been inaugurated effectively.

An immense improvement is shown in the financial condition of the republic. Income for the present fiscal year, which began on the 1st of July, is estimated at \$3,948,300, the largest in the history of the republic. Receiver Pulliam says that, "after deducting \$1,200,000 to be paid in monthly installments toward the interest account and the portion of the new dominican bond, the remainder available for Government expenditures will exceed the federal income of but four years ago."

Political conditions in the island, Receiver Pulliam says, are good. Ramon Caeceres, who is just

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HUGE CROPS PREDICTED INSURING PROSPERITY IN INDUSTRIES OF COUNTRY

Publishers of Agricultural Papers Furnish First Accurate Report of Conditions in the United States.

Eye-Opener to the Manufacturers and Business Men Who Seek Information Upon Which to Base Operations.

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 3.—Nature and the American farmer are after another record. Crops this year throughout the country are bigger and better than ever. Even the backward spring and floods in some districts seem to have caused no far-reaching damage.

The first accurate and comprehensive report on the agricultural situation is supplied through Lord & Thomas, who have just had an exhaustive outline of crop conditions from practically every publisher of farm papers in the United States, for the benefit of manufacturers who look for reliable information on the country's condition in advance of the actual measuring of crops after harvest is fully completed.

Reports from many states are genuine eye-openers, showing prosperity in fact, unusually abundant wealth—where the average individual would hardly have expected it, and the total crop showing is so decidedly favorable that, while only a few of the earlier products have been harvested, one would have to be decidedly pessimistic to see anything but the most encouraging conditions in every locality.

Not forgetting that the basis of wealth and the real determining factor of business are the amount and value of the land products, it is easy to conclude that anything other than a thoroughly comfortable business situation will be entirely the result of the public mind.

Era of Prosperity Promised.

These are some of the excerpts made from the letters received by Lord & Thomas:

Authorities in Kansas agree that the state has before it the biggest crop of

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HEAVY CROPS EXPECTED

Report from all parts of the country indicate heavy crops this year. Spring and winter wheat better than in 1907.

Largest corn crop harvested is expected.

Cotton crop greater than last year.

Potato crops in all states are large.

Apples, peaches and grapes indicate 25 to 100 per cent. larger yield.

YOUNG WOMAN IS FATALLY SHOT BY A JILTED LOVER

Miss Mary Ball, of Wilkes County, Will Probably Die of Injuries.

D. F. THARPE WHO DID SHOOTING IS IN JAIL

Young Woman, While Returning From Church, is Shot by Man She Refused to Marry—Her Condition Critical Yesterday Evening.

Winston-Salem, N. C., Aug. 3. Miss Mary Ball, one of the most popular young women of Wilkes county, was shot and, it is thought, fatally wounded at Dimite, that county, Sunday night about nine o'clock while returning from church. The man who fired the shot is D. F. Tharpe, whose proffered attentions to Miss Ball had been declined. A telegram this evening says her condition is critical, and death is expected.

From the accounts that reached here it seems that Tharpe has frequently tried to persuade Miss Ball to marry him and that she has repeatedly refused to do so. Last night Miss Ball's brother, having heard that Tharpe had made a threat that he would kill Miss Ball unless she married him during the night, went with his sister to church to protect her. They attended services at Macedonia and returned home safely until the young lady put her foot on the top step of her landing house, when Tharpe shot her, the bullet taking effect about an inch above her heart. Tharpe then fired again, but Miss Ball managed to knock his revolver before falling to the ground. Her brother then caught Tharpe and prevented further firing.

Miss Ball is a daughter of J. A. Ball, an old Confederate veteran, and one of Surry county's most respected citizens. Tharpe is the son of Henry Tharpe, of Wilkesboro, and has always borne a good reputation heretofore, with the exception of getting drunk occasionally. All the parties concerned among the first people of Wilkes county, Tharpe, it is understood, will plead insanity. The affair created intense excitement throughout the county, and feeling was high against the perpetrator of the crime.

From last reports Miss Ball's life is despaired of by the physicians. It was stated this morning that her life was hanging by a bare thread. Tharpe was arrested and placed in custody, and his preliminary hearing set for this morning before Magistrates Edwards and Llewellyn, but the result of the trial will be postponed until the extent of the young lady's injuries can be ascertained.

Tharpe is represented by J. F. Hendren, of Elkin. He is in jail at Wilkesboro.

He Is Accused by the Tar Victim



HENRY COLE, Charged With Beating and Tarring F. E. Bliss, Jr., as Sketched at the Hearing Last Week.

TO BE TRIED FOR CRIME HE DID 24 YEARS AGO

Dr. James D. Puryear, for a Long Time in the Asylum, Is Arraigned.

SOLICITOR JONES FULLER IN COURT FOR FIRST TIME

Twenty-Four Years Ago Dr. Puryear Killed Negro—Thought to Be Insane and Placed in Asylum, But Later Escapes.

Oxford, N. C., Aug. 3.—Granville county Superior Court convened this morning at eleven o'clock with Judge E. B. Jones presiding, and Solicitor Jones Fuller acting as prosecuting attorney for the state, this being the first appearance of Solicitor Jones Fuller in the Granville court. Some little interest is manifested as to his procedure of business, though apparently everything is running smoothly.

A case that comes up at this term, and of which considerable speculation surrounds as to its termination, is the alleged conviction of a murder of a negro in the northern part of the county twenty-four years ago by Dr. James D. Puryear. At the time of the crime the alleged perpetrator, Dr. Puryear, was considered by the court of unsound mind and lodged in the insane asylum at Raleigh. After a period of time he was either released or makes his escape from the home of the insane, and after years of wanderings in the mountains of Western North Carolina, for some reason or other, returns to his native county near the place where the crime was committed, although he remained unmolested for a period of years.

Through some hard feelings that are

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HE HAS HIS TROUBLES MAKING SPEECHES TO THE TALKING MACHINE

Mrs. Taft Hears Him Rehearsing and Gets a Laugh Out of the Effort.

EARNs FROM RIVAL RYAN

Hot Springs, Va., Aug. 3.—Candidate Taft has consented to make several speeches into talking machines for production. As the process of making a phonograph record is somewhat different from making a campaign speech on the back of a parlor platform or on a front porch, Mr. Taft today found Mrs. Taft laughing at him as he was doing a bit of rehearsing for the record.

Several experimental talks were made and reproduced with varying degrees of success. The speeches which a single record will hold, average about three hundred words in length. The topics to be discussed for repetition in this way were not as yet decided upon. As a sample of what the machine can do, a candidate was treated to the reproduction of a record made by W. J. Ryan.

Mr. Taft today fixed August 21 as the date for the rally of Virginia Republicans here. He will make a political address from the porch of the club house adjacent to the hotel. The dates were fixed after an interview with chairman Slemm.

With the homestead comfortably filled with the legal fraternity of Virginia and their families, and with a

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WITNESS IN THE GOULD CASE



MISS BESSIE DE VOIE, An Actress, Who Will Be Called Upon To Testify in Behalf of Mrs. Ben Teal.

COMMISSION RENDERS IMPORTANT DECISION ON RATES UPON FRUIT

Some of Them Are Declared to Be Reasonable, Others Ordered Modified.

REDUCES CRATES PER CAR

Washington, D. C., Aug. 3.—In an opinion rendered by Commissioner Prouty, the interstate commerce commission today found the all rail rate on oranges and pineapples from points in Florida to the Florida base points are not unreasonable, but the carload rates on such articles from the base points to the northeastern cities are unreasonable. Certain maximum rates were established and ordered to be put in force by September 15 next. The rail-water rates on their commodities between such points were not found unreasonable, and the commission decided to establish carload rates by rail and water.

The commission held that the rates on oranges from the Florida base points to territory north of the Ohio river ought not to be higher on an average than from California to said destination points, but said that the establishment of a blanket rate to that territory is not justified.

The present rail and water rates on vegetables from Florida base points to the northeastern cities were found to be excessive and lower maximum rates were established and ordered to be put in force. Whether lower carload rates should be established upon vegetables to eastern markets was left unsettled. The present any-quity all-rail rates upon vegetables are reasonable, excepting to Boston and the vegetables rates from Florida to points north of the Ohio river were found reasonable.

The commission decided that the minimum carloads that were established for the transportation of strawberries from Starke and Lawley, Florida, to New York City, and to other through points at present taking the New York rate, should be reduced from 200 crates per car to 175 crates per car, and the rate should not exceed \$1.80 per crate, including refrigeration.

The refrigeration charges on fruits and vegetables from Florida to Northeastern markets were not to be excessive. This decision was rendered in the case of the Florida Fruit and Vegetables Shippers Protective Association against the Atlantic Coast Line.

Clyde Liner Chippewa Floated.

New York, Aug. 3.—The Clyde steamer Chippewa, Captain Macbeth, which went ashore on Montauk Point, June 24, while on a voyage from Jacksonville and Charleston to Boston, has been floated by wreckers and was brought to New York today for repairs.

DUNCAN AND HITCHCOCK MAKE PLANS FOR STRONG CAMPAIGN IN THE SOUTH

Organization Will Be Perfected in Every One of the Southern States and Strong Inroads Will Be Made in Democratic Representation in the House.

New York, Aug. 1.—Eastern headquarters of the Republican national committee in the Metropolitan Life building tower were formally opened at noon today by Frank H. Hitchcock, the manager for Taft and Sherman. Mr. Hitchcock continued to hold his political conferences at the Manhattan hotel, however, as the office rooms will not be equipped fully before next week.

Among those who conferred with Chairman Frank H. Hitchcock, of the Republican committee today were E. C. Duncan, a member of the national committee from North Carolina. Mr. Duncan, who is the southern member of the executive committee, discussed with Mr. Hitchcock plans for waging

vigorous campaigns in several states in the south. At some early day Mr. Hitchcock will call a conference of southern Republican leaders. The gathering of this character is expected to embrace the New England states also.

The New England conference probably will be held in Boston some time next week. In having the conference in Boston Mr. Hitchcock is following out the policy established at the conferences in Colorado Springs and Chicago, of having the meetings at a point near the center of the region represented by the leaders called together. The southern conference will not be held until after September 1, and it will be at Atlanta or some city in Tennessee, possibly Nashville.

It was announced today that an organization would be effected in every one of the southern states, and although no predictions were made that the Republicans would capture the electoral votes of any of those states, it was said that inroads would be made in the Democratic representation in the House from the south. Mr. Duncan is strongly of the opinion that a number of congressional districts which are now Democratic can be turned to the Republican column. To a large degree he will have charge of the work in that territory.

Representative McKinley, of Illinois, the new chairman of the Republican congressional committee, will come to New York sometime next week to talk with Mr. Hitchcock about the cooperation that will be arranged between the congressional and national Republican committees.

Fred Upham, of Chicago, assistant treasurer of the national committee, who will have his office at the Chicago headquarters, arrived here today to talk with Mr. Hitchcock and will remain here until Monday in order to consult with Mr. Sheldon, the treasurer.

WASHINGTON'S DISTRICT ATTORNEY WILL PROBE THE TARRING INCIDENT

Rigid Investigation Into All Phases of the Affair to Be Conducted.

BLISS IS KEEPING SILENT

Washington, D. C., August 3.—Because of the air of mystery which surrounds the beating and tarring of F. E. Bliss, Jr., at 1317 Kenyon street, the district attorney's office will make a rigid investigation. District Attorney Given says he intends to question women friends of Mrs. Marthinson, whose husband and two friends set upon the young contractor in the basement of the Marthinson home.

In the meantime Bliss maintains a discreet silence. He declares that he feels no apprehension as to the outcome of the case, as "the half has not yet been told."

Inquiries have failed to locate Mrs. Charles Marthinson at 1317 Kenyon street, northwest. Her husband will make no statements in addition to those already made public.

But the question "Is Mrs. Marthinson the real woman in the case?" is receiving attention in police circles. It is rumored that Bliss, who declares he has a sensation to spring at the trial and who says he was engaged to the woman he went to call upon that night, did not go to see Mrs. Marthinson. The woman is now said to have been a ward of one of the men in the case.

DROWNING ACCIDENT VICTIMS BODIES ARE RECOVERED

Chautauque, N. Y., Aug. 3.—The bodies of Miss Elsie Green, of Savannah, Ga., and Porter B. Parish, of Memphis, Tenn., who were drowned while boating on Lake Chautauque Saturday night, were recovered today.

DURHAM RECTOR ON HIS WAY BACK FROM EUROPE

Will Fill His Pulpit Next Sunday Morning—New Pastor for the Bull City.

Durham, N. C., Aug. 3.—A postal card was received here today from the Rev. S. S. Bost, rector of St. Philip's church, who was then on the St. Lawrence river when the card was written, being on his way home from Europe. He went to London with the North Carolina party of clergymen to attend the Lambert and Pan-Anglican congress. After the church meeting he went on a trip over several countries and returned by way of Montreal. His postal was written the latter part of last week and he is expected to land at Montreal on Saturday. He will come direct to the state, spending a part of the week in the western portion, and he will then return here, preaching his first sermon next Sunday morning.

The Sunday schools in West Durham held exercises yesterday for the first time in several weeks. The schools were closed upon the advice of the health officer, Dr. N. M. Johnson, who advised the closing of these schools on account of the prevalence of diphtheria. While there were a large number of cases in that section only one case resulted fatally.

Newspaper For Durham.

Next Saturday a new paper will issue in Durham. This will be weekly

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MAN SERIOUSLY HURT IN SUNDAY DIFFICULTY

Lenoir, N. C., Aug. 3.—Sunday afternoon at Warrior, a few miles north of Lenoir, a man by the name of Waddell shot and wounded another man by the name of Harvey Austin. Waddell, it is reported, had been drinking all day and shot at another man during the day, and Austin attempted to quiet him. This infuriated Waddell, and later he went to Austin's house and called him out and told him he was going to shoot him and reached for his pistol, whereupon the latter took hold of the weapon. In the scuffle that followed, Austin was shot through the leg. Waddell fled and has not been caught. Austin's wound is not considered dangerous, and at this time he is resting very comfortably.

FORTY FAMILIES DRIVEN FROM HOME BY FRESHET

CROPS DAMAGED AND RIVER REPORTED STILL RISING—DAMAGE \$100,000.

Wilmington, N. C., Aug. 3.—Within a radius of five miles at the confluence of the northeast, Shelter river and Shaken creek, is miles east of Burgaw, N. C., in a fine farming settlement known as Holly Shelter, between thirty and forty families have been driven from their homes and thousands of dollars damage to crops and live stock is reported to have been wrought by high water, consequent upon freshets in those streams. The water is still rising and suffering is said to be in sight unless present conditions abate. Estimates of the damage are as high as \$100,000. All previous records of freshets have been broken.

Officers of Regiment Deny Charges Made by Greensboro Paper

Will Get Affidavits From Chaplain and Officers to Prove Falsity.

MAY MAKE PAPER RETRACT

Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 3.—An editorial statement in the North Carolina Christian Advocate, of Greensboro, to the effect that an "eye-witness" informs the editor that the first regiment encampment at Morehead two weeks ago was "one grand debacle," including the trip home, has stirred the resentment of the staff officers and men, and Col. J. T. Gardner, of Shelby, who was in charge, is with the cooperation of the staff officers, seeking to force a retraction on the part of the Advocate as well as to ascertain the identity of the "eye-witness."

In concluding the attack on the encampment, the editorial said: "Now is it not time for the people to have something to say about the spending of their good money one year for nothing but affording an opportunity for an annual consumption of booze on the part of these military companies? So far as drill practice is concerned, the whole thing is a picturesque farce."

One movement for refuting what the officers pronounce a slander on the officers and men of the regiment is the securing of statements from prominent men denying the charges. The chaplain of the company, the Rev. Mr. Miller, is said to have given a statement denying the charges from an intimate knowledge of the camp life. Another statement exonerating the men is understood to be from the Rev. Harris Malinckrodt, rector of St. Peter's Episcopal church, Charlotte.