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NEW EDITOR FOR FARM PAPER

General Opinion Seems to Prevail That Prohibition Will Rule Supreme

SEABOARD MEN VISIT GLENN

Colored Masonic Lodge Closes Its Annual Session—Report Shows Fine Condition and Growth Encouragement—Governor Glenn's Temperance Campaign.

Raleigh, N. C., December 14.—The Raleigh Progressive Farmer, which is regarded as the leading Weekly Agricultural paper in the south, makes another big hit, by engaging Prof. W. P. Massey, for so many years professor of horticulture and so widely known in North Carolina and former editor of the Practical Farmer, as associate editor of the Progressive Farmer.

The leading officials of the Seaboard Air Line were here today and first paid their respects to Governor Glenn next calling at the office of the corporation commission, where there was a very full discussion of many matters, which are now so largely in the public eye.

There are not a few people who are of the opinion that there will be general prohibition in North Carolina by the first of July 1909; in other words they believe that the legislature at the next regular session will enact a law to drive liquor from the few counties in which its sale is now permitted, either by saloons or dispensaries.

The entire house was most elaborately decorated in Xmas colors. The guests were received in the hall by Mrs. Francis Duff, Miss Sophie Wood, of Edenton, Miss Gifford of Old Point, Va., and Miss Ethel Hughes of New York City.

The bride is a social favorite in eastern North Carolina, one of New Bern's most attractive, cultured and charming young ladies. She is the oldest daughter of Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Hughes, her father being one of the most influential and prominent physicians in the city.

The colored Masonic lodge has ended its annual communication at Durham and those of its members who have returned today. They report 290 subordinate lodges, an increase of 41 this year.

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A BEAUTIFUL WEDDING

Mr. William Dunn, Jr., and Miss Octavia Hughes United in Marriage

A most beautiful wedding was celebrated yesterday afternoon at 5:15 o'clock at the Episcopal Church.

The wedding was one of the leading social events of the season, and the church was crowded with a great company of friends to witness the event.

The interior of the church was transformed into a scene of beauty, with a profusion of palms, ferns, and other potted plants.

The ceremony was impressively performed by Rev. Francis M. Osborne, of Charlotte, N. C., assisted by Rev. Luther G. H. Williams, soft melody coming from the organ as the marriage vows of the couple were taken.

Following the marriage there was a reception held at the handsome home of the bride's parents on Craven street, which was attended by a large number of friends of the young couple.

The young couple left on the 7:15 train for an extended bridal tour in the north; the bride's traveling suit was of dark green broadcloth.

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WEEKLY COTTON LETTER

J. B. Latham's Careful Review of Cotton Conditions and Future Outlook for Trade and Prices

Greensboro, N. C., December 14.—Several things of great importance to the cotton trade have transpired during the past week, and prices have fluctuated wildly, but the net changes are not large, being 30 points net lower.

The government estimate is 11,873,000 bales, which is larger than was generally expected. This estimate for three years past has each year been more than a million bales under the crop, and in no instance has the estimate exceeded the actual crop.

The amount of curtailment cannot be forecast at this time. Farmers holding is a very important factor for consideration. So far, he has proven his inclination, also his ability, because he refuses to sell when the market is not to his liking.

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HANDS OFF SAY ROOSEVELT

President Announces That He Will Assist No Presidential Aspirant

Washington, D. C., December 14.—President Roosevelt announced today that he had no choice as to who should be the nominee of the Republican convention and he will assist no one's candidacy.

BILL AGAINST SPECULATION

Death of Bishop of Delaware—Roosevelt's Declaration Strengthens Bryan's Chances—Cannon Boom Takes A Spurt—Hughes Stronger.

Representative Burleson's (Iowa) bill against the gambling in futures especially cotton futures, was reported favorably and is now ready for discussion.

Wilmington, Delaware, December 14.—Rev. Leighton Coleman, Bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Delaware, died today.

Omaha, December 14.—Mayor James Dahlman, said in an interview today that Roosevelt's refusal to be a candidate has materially strengthened Bryan's chances for the nomination of the Democratic ticket.

CAROLINA'S CHRISTMAS GIFT

The State Remembers Her Defenders in a Substantial Manner.

The State Pension Warrants for Craven county have nearly all been issued and many an old veteran's heart has been made glad by this testimonial of a grateful commonwealth.

It is a matter of regret that the amounts given are so small, but the State, no doubt, gives all it can afford, and while it is sad to reflect that the number of claimants are rapidly growing less, it is some satisfaction to observe that the amount of the warrants grow larger from year to year.

There are now in Craven county, two State pensioners of the first class, two of the second class, three of the third class, and forty-three of the fourth class.

Don't fail to attend the Auction sale of Pianos and Organs, 75 Broad St.

REMEMBER THAT HACKBURN Has another lot of those all Linen initial handkerchiefs. For Ladies and Men. 6 FOR 75c NOTHING BETTER FOR AN XMAS GIFT HACKBURN'S STORES.

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