

FINE CROPS SEEM ASSURED THIS YEAR

COMMISSIONER GRAHAM RECEIVING SPLENDID REPORTS FROM OVER THE STATE.

LATE STATE CAPITOL NEWS

Review of the Latest News Gathered Around the State Capitol That Will Be of Interest to Our Readers Over North Carolina.

Raleigh. Commissioner of Agriculture W. A. Graham says that from every section of the state comes report of crop developments that are well-nigh ideal. Reports as to the wheat crop are of the most promising sort, this crop to be practically made within the next two weeks and with little possibility of any material set-back. The oats crop has developed wonderfully and will be one of the finest in the history of the state. Cotton and corn, he says, have developed fine stands and are growing beautifully, although the somewhat unseasonable cold the past few days has retarded the growth of the cotton somewhat.

Altogether, the Commissioner believes that there were never such auspicious crop conditions in North Carolina as at this time. The farmers are, he says, following out more closely than ever the improved methods of cultivation and adopting the most approved methods of farm management with an increased unanimity that is most gratifying.

The fruit crop, the Commissioner says, gives promise of a yield that will be superior in many sections to the fine crop of last season. Indeed, the reports as to the fruit conditions, apples, peaches, pears and all the small fruits, are pointing to very large yields of finely developed fruit, thanks to the increasing practice of the growers of properly spraying and otherwise caring for the fruit in all the stages of its development.

Soil Surveys in North Carolina.

Washington, D. C.—The United States Department of Agriculture will send representatives of the Bureau of Soils to make a complete soil survey of Alleghany and Davidson counties. A similar soil survey is now under way in Anson county. The surveying parties, it is expected, will take several months to complete the examination and mapping of the soils of these counties.

As soon as they have completed their investigations, they will make a large map showing the various kinds of soils and their location by means of colors and shading. This map will also show the location of the principal roads, schools, churches, railroads and watercourses.

Accompanying the map will be a complete report on the nature of the soils, their suitability for growing various crops, and suggestions for their improvement by fertilizers, cover crops and crop rotations. This report and the map will not be ready for circulation for some months after completion of the survey.

Work All Goes For Naught.

P. S. Henry of Asheville, who was commissioned last summer to visit European countries with a view to making special investigations as to European methods in management of public utilities, writes the governor that he is leaving Europe for home and that he regrets to report that all his photographs and reports that he intended to submit to the governor and the people of the state have been confiscated by the various powers owing to the war regulations.

To Inspect Death Registration.

Washington—Director of the Census Samuel L. Rogers has ordered that Clifton C. Jernane, special agent, be sent June 1 to North Carolina to inspect the operation of death registration in that state with a view to the state's admission to the registration area for deaths. Upon its being admitted the Census Bureau will give Federal character to the statistics from that state.

Investigating Home Gardening.

Miss Ethel Gowans of the United States Department of Education is in the state to spend some time investigating the progress of the effort to interest the colored people through the public schools in school and home gardening. She inspected the work in this direction being done in and around Raleigh the past few days and will visit the central points in about every section of the state before she returns to Washington. She is much pleased with the showings made in the reports.

Gets Medal for Oration.

In connection with the A. & M. commencement the medal for the best senior oration was awarded to A. L. Teacher, whose theme was "Community Co-operation." The award was made by State Senator O. Max Gardner, who paid tribute to the powerful combination of "Trained minds, trained hands and trained tongues." The judges for the award were State Senator Cooper of Wilmington, P. S. Boyd of Mooresville and M. L. Reid of Asheville. There were several other orators by graduates.

Women Cannot Be Notaries Public.

A woman cannot be a notary public in North Carolina. This was determined when the supreme court handed down an opinion holding unconstitutional the recent act of the General Assembly allowing the Governor to appoint women as notary public. The opinion in the case was written by Associate Justice Allen, with Justices Hoke and Walker in agreement with him. A dissenting opinion was filed by Chief Justice Walter Clark and concurred in by Justice Brown.

With this, and other opinions, the court adjourned for the summer recess, to meet again on the last Monday in August, 1915. The liquor case of Glenn vs. Southern Express Company involving the constitutionality of the recent act of the Legislature banning liquor in quantities greater than a quart and beer in quantities greater than five gallons, was carried over until the next term under an advisari.

This is for the reason that a similar case is now pending in the United States Supreme Court. The opinion of the court in the notary public case sets at naught the act of the last legislature by which women became entitled to hold the positions of notaries public. It was arrived at in the form of reversing opinion of the decision of Judge Webb in Buncombe county, in which it was held that Mrs. Nolan Knight was entitled to hold the office of notary public to which she had been appointed by Governor Locke Craig, the first and only woman to be appointed under the statute and a consequent dismissal of the quo warranto proceedings brought against her.

By a vote of three to two, the supreme court holds against the place of trust theory. But against this Chief Justice Walter Clark vigorously dissents, asking what section of the constitution is violated by the act.

Other opinions filed by the court were as follows: City of Kings vs. Trust Company, Lenoir, affirmed; Haar vs. Schloss New Hanover, affirmed; Ivey vs. King, Rockingham, petition to rehear dismissed; R. C. & S. Railway vs. Manufacturing Company, Mecklenburg, petition to rehear dismissed; Board of Education vs. Commissioners, Mecklenburg, order of reference made to O. F. Mason; Rousseau vs. Call, Wilkes, no error; State vs. Wainwright, Buncombe, no error; Bickett vs. Knight Buncombe, reversed; Worley vs. Southern Railway Buncombe no error; Bradley vs. Coal & Ice Co., Buncombe, affirmed; State vs. Berry, Burke, reversed; State vs. Tate and Cope, Haywood, no error; Ritter Lumber Company, Swain, no error in either appeal; Bank of Murphy vs. Murphy Furniture Company, Cherokee, no error; Mason vs. Telegraph Company, Cherokee, no error; Buchanan vs. Hedden, Jackson, no error; Spruce Company vs. Hayes, Swain, affirmed; Hyatt vs. Clark, Haywood, affirmed; Miller vs. Smith, Haywood, affirmed; Shepherd vs. Taylor, Mason, no error.

Charge Violations of Labor Law. There have been reported the past few days quite a number of charges of violations of the North Carolina child labor laws in certain cotton mills in different parts of the state. In all cases Commissioner of Labor and Printing M. L. Shipman is forwarding the charges to the authorities in the counties and districts where the violations are alleged to occur in order that there may be strict legal investigation as to the truth or falsity of the charges.

Charters Granted During Past Week.

The Champion Chemical Company, Monford, capital \$50,000 authorized, and \$600 subscribed by W. M. Redwood, Archibald Nichols and others for a drug business. The Carolina Fish & Oil Co., Wilmington, with principal office near St. Phillips, on the Cape Fear River just below Wilmington, capital \$125,000 authorized, and \$100,000 subscribed by J. P. DeVeau, W. A. King, S. B. King, S. A. Guilds of Charleston and J. F. Bussell of Southport.

The Drexel Roller Mills Company.

Drexel, capital \$25,000 authorized and \$1,700 subscribed by S. Hoffman, D. B. Mull and others.

The Crouch Cabinet Company.

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The Southern Provision Company.

Wilmington, capital \$25,000 authorized, and \$6,000 subscribed by R. A. Wright, D. T. Wright and W. H. Aledman for general produce business.

Governor Signs Death Warrants.

Two death warrants were signed by Governor Craig for electrocutions to take place in the state's prison here. The first is for Charles Trull of Mecklenburg county, who is to die July 2 for the murder and robbery of an aged storekeeper in Charlotte from whose person he took nearly \$500. The other death warrant is for Abe Allison, Iredell county, and fixes July 9 as date for his electrocution. He is a negro under sentence for entering the home of a white woman several miles from Statesville.

Back Copies of Labor Report.

Reports of the commissioner of labor and printing for the years 1887, 1890, 1891, 1894, 1899, 1901 and 1905 are out of print and the department will appreciate the return of any, or all, of these volumes by individuals and establishments who have finished with them. Return postage (parcel post) will be refunded. Commissioner Shipman says the department is now unable to comply with frequent requests for complete files of the report from state, city and college libraries, state departments, etc.

Educational Fair Held.

Asheville.—The educational fair at which are displayed exhibits of all classes of work done in the public schools of this city, is attracting large crowds of the patrons of the public schools of Asheville. The fair was held in the Soudley building on Haywood street. The displays of classroom exhibits, specimens of the work done by the students in the manual training department, the paintings of the art department and products of the kitchens of the domestic science department were shown too

BLIGHT DESTROYS APPLE ORCHARDS

WILL COST ORCHARDERS IN THIS STATE \$1,000,000 THIS YEAR

HEAVY LOSS TO PEAR TREES

Small Apples and Pears Shriveled And Twigs Wither Where The Insect Has Been

Asheville.—That the blight which has attacked the apple and pear trees of western North Carolina will do damage to the coming year's fruit crop in the sum of at least \$1,000,000 is the conservative estimate of a number of the orchardists who have made a through study of conditions in Buncombe, Haywood and Henderson counties together with a few of the smaller counties. The orchardists of this section of the state have written to the United States Department of Agriculture for information as to the best methods of controlling the disease and have been advised that only through the cutting of the trees by stripping them of the affected limbs can the disease be stopped. This will entail a heavy loss and the orchardists are pessimistic over the outlook.

The county farm demonstrator has made a study of the conditions in Buncombe and has found that practically all of the trees of this county are affected except those on the peaks of mountains which have not yet been reached by the disease. He and the owners of a number of the larger orchards are urging that all of June be spent by the owners of pear and apple trees in the cutting of diseased limbs from trees. The Department of Agriculture recommends that this work be not undertaken until the close of the present month.

The disease is carried from one tree to another by small insects and once it starts only through the cutting of the trees can it be stopped. Blossoms have withered and small fruit has shriveled. Limbs are rotting and the orchards are being destroyed in the spread of the disease. Experts are being summoned to aid in the cutting which will be started the first of June in the hope of saving the trees whose fruit already has perished.

Oppose Common Soda Cups.

Asheville.—After going on record as opposing the use of common drinking cups at soda fountains and recommending the use of individual cups instead, the Southeastern Sanitary Association, in session here selected the following officers who will serve during the coming year: President, Dr. C. W. Coker, Hartsville, S. C.; secretary and treasurer, Dr. Clarence E. Smith, Greenville, S. C.; vice presidents, who also constitute the executive committee, V. V. Kelsey, Erwin, Tenn.; A. V. Woods, Brunswick, Ga.; E. M. Williams, Richmond, Va.; J. A. Hayne, Columbia, S. C.; Henry Hanson, Jacksonville, Fla.

County Superintendents Adjourn.

Wilmington.—The county superintendent of the Southeastern district closed their annual meeting in this city. Supt. J. Y. Joyner and L. C. Brogden and N. C. Newbold of the State Department of Education were in attendance and joined in the discussions. The meeting of the superintendents was held in connection with the big educational rally.

Organizing Cream Routes.

Asheville.—J. A. Arey of the North Carolina Experiment Station, at West Raleigh, has gone to Asheville to work in western North Carolina in the interest of the establishment of cream routes which will be served by local creameries and to advise the dairymen of the western counties of the state of the best methods of conducting their operations.

Another Severe Storm.

Wadesboro.—Another severe storm visited this county and did considerable damage. An angry-looking cloud gathered in the northwest and passed over the town leaving its trail of destruction.

"12,000 Acres Clover, in 1916."

Hendersonville.—Farm Demonstrator E. L. Perkins has adopted as his new slogan, "12,000 acres of clover for Henderson County in 1916." Through Mr. Perkins' efforts last year there was a considerable increase in the clover acreage in this county and he now estimates that there are 6,000 acres in Henderson County under cultivation. He will advise the planting of clover when corn is "laid by," and during next spring. Mr. Perkins has great faith in the soil of Henderson county.

WILLIAM B. WILSON SPEAKS

Secretary of Labor Brings Message of Industrial Peace to A. & M. College at Raleigh

Raleigh.—The events in the commencement program for the A. & M. College culminated in the annual address by Hon. William B. Wilson, Secretary of Labor in the Cabinet of President Wilson. Secretary Wilson was heard by a great crowd of people in addition to the student body of the college. He took occasion to pay highest tribute to his colleagues in the cabinet.

Secretary Wilson declared that at this moment when the whole world is shocked and horrified by the clash of arms in Europe he comes to the A. & M. commencement with a message of



SECRETARY WILLIAM B. WILSON.

Industrial peace. He said the economic loss in wages, profit and production of material available for use in the United States alone, growing out of industrial disputes, amounts to hundreds of millions of dollars annually, a tremendous loss never regained. He likened strikes between labor and capital to wars between nations, bringing suffering, privation and loss to the whole people. He pled for arbitration of differences between labor and capital that would prevent strikes altogether.

Sampson "Blues" on Market.

Warsaw.—The first crate of huckleberries was loaded at Warsaw several days ago. It came from the Clinch branch and was shipped by J. C. Peterson to a commission house in New York. Reports from the surrounding country indicate that there will be a heavy crop of "hucks" again this year. This fact is of interest to farmers of Duplin and Sampson counties because it tends to diversify the cotton crop and increase the hay crop.

Prominent Citizen Drowns Himself.

Wilmington.—Former Mayor John J. Fowler, who was also at different times city clerk and treasurer, chief of police, alderman, county coroner and magistrate, committed suicide one night recently by drowning in Greenfield Lake in the southern part of the city. He was well known throughout this section and popular

NORTH CAROLINA MARKET.

Prices of Cotton, Corn, Oats, Peas, Butter, Eggs, Etc., on North Carolina Markets During Past Week.

Asheville—Corn, 94-96c; oats, 65c; soy beans, \$1.75; peas, \$1.60; sweet potatoes, \$1.25; Western creamery butter, 21c; N. C. creamery butter, 30c; eggs, 15c; Durham—Cotton, 9c; corn, 92c; oats, 68c; soy beans, \$1.75; peas, \$1.85; sweet potatoes, \$1.50; N. C. creamery butter, 32c; eggs, 15c; Durham—Cotton, 9c; corn, 91c; oats, 69c; soy beans, \$1.60; peas, \$1.85; sweet potatoes, \$1.50; N. C. creamery butter, 32c; eggs, 15c; Elmora—Cotton, 8 3/4c; corn, 91c; oats, 73c; peas, \$2.15; sweet potatoes, \$1.25; N. C. creamery butter, 32c; eggs, 15c; Fayetteville—Cotton, 8c; corn, 90-95c; oats, 65c; peas, \$2; Western creamery butter, 30c; eggs, 17c; do; Hamlet—Cotton, 8 1/2c; corn, 91c; oats, 75c; peas, \$2; sweet potatoes, \$1.25; Western creamery butter, 30c; N. C. creamery butter, 32c; eggs, 20c; do; Hendersonville—Corn, 90c; oats, 65c; N. C. creamery butter, 32c; eggs, 15c; do; Lenoir—Corn, 91c; sweet potatoes, \$1; N. C. creamery butter, 30c; eggs, 15-17c; do; Marion—Cotton, 8 1/4c; corn, \$1.02; peas, \$2.25; sweet potatoes, 85c; N. C. creamery butter, 35c; eggs, 25c; do; Monroe—Cotton, 9.15c; corn, 91c; oats, 65c; peas, \$2; sweet potatoes, \$1.50; N. C. creamery butter, 30c; eggs, 15c; do; Raleigh—Cotton, 8 3/4c; corn, 92 1/2c; oats, 67 1/2c; soy beans, \$1.75; peas, \$2; sweet potatoes, \$1.75; N. C. creamery butter, 32c; eggs, 15c; do; Salisbury—Cotton, 8c; corn, 91 1/2-92 1/2c; oats, 71c; peas, \$1.85; Western creamery butter, 35c; eggs, 15c; do; Scotland—Cotton, 8 1/2c; corn, 90c-91c; oats, 70c; soy beans, \$1.65; peas, \$2; N. C. creamery butter, 30c; eggs, 15c; do; Shelby—Cotton, 9c; corn, 91c; oats, 68c; soy beans, \$1.85; peas, \$1.85; sweet potatoes, \$1; N. C. creamery butter, 32c; eggs, 15c; do; Wadesboro—Cotton, 8 3/4c; corn, 90-92c; oats, 65c; peas, \$2.25; N. C. creamery butter, 31c; eggs, 15-20c; do; Wilson—Cotton, 8 1/2c; corn, 90-90c; soy beans, \$1.65; peas, \$1.85; N. C. creamery butter, 31c; eggs, 15c; do; Winston-Salem—Corn, 91c; oats, 68c; soy beans, \$1.85; peas, \$1.75; do; Norfolk, Va.—Cotton, 9-9.15c; 7 1/2-7 3/4c (delivered in Raleigh 89 1/2-90 1/2c); No. 2 Yellow corn, 76-74 1/2c (delivered in Raleigh 90 1/2-92c); but. 30-27 1/2c (creamery); eggs, 17-18 1/2c (first); do, extra; New York—Butter, 27 1/2-28c (creamery); eggs, 21 1/2-22 1/2c (extra); do, fancy creamery; eggs, 15-16c (Western).

The Church and the Liquor Traffic

By Rev. JAMES M. GRAY, D. D., Dean of Moody Bible Institute of Chicago

TEXT—Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth his bottle to him, that maketh him drunken also.—Habakkuk 2:15.

A demand is frequently made on the preacher to speak on the relation of the church to the liquor traffic, but the relation of the church is determined by the relation of the individual Christian. What is that relation? Let me ask myself the question, and seek to answer it.

My relation to the liquor traffic is that of a total abstainer from all intoxicating drink as a beverage. And why is it so?

For reasons of a personal character.

A Personal Testimony.

1. I believe alcohol would injure me physically. I have tried to make myself intelligent on the subject, and have read good authorities on both sides of the case. While there is a difference of opinion among wise men as to whether alcohol may not sometimes be given medicinally with beneficial results, there seems to be unanimity that its use in any other way is only harmful. As a man I may be indifferent to my physical condition in some respects, and be willing to pay the cost of certain indulgences; but as a Christian I am not at liberty to do this, for if I am to glorify God in my body, that body must be at its best always.

2. But what injures me physically, will sooner or later injure me morally as well. Indeed the effects of alcohol in this sphere are seen and admitted more readily than in the other, and yet they are only the outgrowth of the other. When man's physical and mental powers are weakened his moral strength is easily assailed, and hence blasphemy, ingratitude, anger, murder, licentiousness, dishonesty, and the whole brood of villainy and iniquity that makes the civilized earth a continual groan. My self-respect, to name no higher motive for the moment, will not permit me to deliberately contribute to this misery and woe.

3. It is the injury to me spiritually though, that has the strongest power in withholding the cup from my lips. I know that I am an immortal being, and that I must give account to him who shall judge the quick and the dead. And I know that there is for me a future of eternal blessedness or sorrow, and sorrow not only for what I have lost, but for what I must experience in retribution for my sins. I am afraid of hell, and I am not afraid to say that I am afraid of hell. The drunkard shall not inherit the kingdom of heaven, and I want to inherit it, and I will not be such a fool, God helping me, as to sell that birthright for a drink of beer or a glass of toddy.

My Duty to My Neighbor.

But all this is merely personal, it is my duty to myself; but my obligation is broader, and I have a duty to my neighbor too.

1. There is the duty of my example. The apostle Paul by inspiration of the Holy Spirit brings this out very clearly in Chapter 8 of First Corinthians. I may feel that personally I am at liberty to do as I please in a matter of this kind, I may "drink it or let it alone," but not if somebody else will be caused to stumble because I do not let it alone. I may thus cause him to perish for whom Christ died, and it will be difficult under such circumstances to give an account of my stewardship with joy.

2. There is the duty of my vote. What right have I as a Christian citizen to cast my ballot for a traffic that damns men's souls? There was a time in my experience when I was not so keen upon this point. I felt I had done my whole duty when I preached the Gospel and showed men how they might be saved from sin through faith in Jesus Christ. I still believe this paramount, and nothing must be permitted to stand in its way, but I have not done all when I have done that. There is the dram shop on the corner, a snare set by the devil for my neighbor's feet. As a Christian citizen, I have the privilege and responsibility of saying whether I would have it there or not, and I can preach the Gospel with more consistency and power when by my ballot I answer no.

This brings me to the text. Who is giving his neighbor drink? Who is putting the bottle to his lips? Who is making him drunk? Is it straining the situation to say that the state does this when it legalizes the sale of intoxicating drink and profits by it? But what is the state in a democracy, except the aggregation of the individuals who compose it? And who are these individuals in great proportion, save those who profess to know God and Jesus Christ his Son, and obey his commandments? O church members, let us throw off our lethargy and indifference, and in the light of the second great table of the law, clear our skirts of our brothers' blood!

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