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Freshet Causes Much Damage at Riverside, N. C.

[Too late for last issue.]
Editor Democrat: Last Saturday, July 15, the heavy down-pour of rain, added to the flush waters caused by the heavy rains just one week before, swelled New River out of its banks over the bottom lands from hill to hill. The damage to lands, crops and buildings cannot be estimated. The V. C. Railway was greatly damaged, a number of washouts are reported along the line, which will take 30 days or more to repair the road so trains can pass.

Rich river bottoms which a week ago were green with growing crops, or dotted with shocks of small grain, are now, in many places, covered with sand and rocks, with all kinds of crops completely destroyed.

The greatest damage reported so far, is at Riverside Station, as Rev. Asa Brown lost his large barn; George Greer his dwelling and contents; J. S. Brown's ware house and barn were carried away, and his storehouse was lifted from its foundation and turned around, but was not seriously damaged. Much lumber and tan bark at Riverside was swept away.

Mr. A. G. Miller's store, located at the McGuire old stand, was greatly damaged, as he was forced to carry out a great part of his goods through the driving rain to a place of safety, and just after dark Saturday night, the store house, in which the post office was located, was lifted from its pillars, and carried about thirty yards, drifting against some trees turning around and lodging against the corner of his dwelling house, completely blocking the public road from Elkland to Riverside.

Mr. G. H. McGuire, living just across the river, lost his wood house and lots of wood, besides being forced to carry his things out of his house to higher ground.

Near the mouth of Grassy Creek, the river swept off Bob Phillips' dwelling house, with a part of its furnishings. It is reported that the big mills located near Bowie, on the V. C. railroad, owned by Mr. L. S. Vannoy and Calvin Payne, was destroyed by the rushing waters of a large creek on which the mills were located. This occurrence is heard with profound regret on the part of Mr. Payne, as he had traded his farm to Mr. Vannoy for half interest in the mills, having a family to support, and his property gone. Mr. Payne is a splendid citizen, and should have the sympathy of all.

Mr. Editor, I might give other particulars concerning the devastation wrought by the terrible flood, but for fear of making my article too long, I will close by quoting Gov. Bob Taylor's beautiful tribute to the power of God, which follows:

"I saw the awful majesty and might of Jehovah, flying on the wings of the tempest, planting His footsteps on the trackless deep, veiled in darkness and in clouds. God is everywhere and in everything. His mystery is in every bud and blossom, and leaf and tree; in every rock and hill and vale and mountain; in every stream and rivulet and river. The rustle of His wing in every zephyr, its might in every tempest. He dwells in the dark pavilions of every storm cloud. The lightning is His messenger and the thunder His voice. His awful tread is in every earthquake and on every angry ocean; and the heavens above us team with His myriads of shining witnesses; the universe of solar systems, whose wheeling orbs course

Rural Credit Bill Signed by President.

Washington, July 17.—The rural credits bill, which created twelve land loan banks under the direction of a Federal board, became a law today, when President Wilson placed his signature to the measure, in the presence of Senators, Representatives and officers of farmers' organizations. When the nation's executive had placed his name to the bill, those present gave him a generous applause.

Just before signing the measure the President made a short address expressing the benefit he believes farms and the investment community will enjoy under its operation.

"On occasions of this sort," said the President, "there are so many things to say that one would despair of saying them briefly and adequately, but I can not go through the simple ceremony of signing this bill without expressing the feeling that I have in signing it. It is a feeling of profound satisfaction not only of real gratitude that we have completed this piece of legislation which I hope will be immensely beneficial to the farmers of the country.

"The farmers it seems to me have occupied hitherto a singular position of disadvantage. They have not had the same freedom to get credit on their real estate that others have had who were in manufacturing and commercial enterprises, and while they have sustained our life, they did not in the same degree with some others share in the benefits of that life.

"Therefore, this bill along with the very liberal provisions of the Federal reserve act, puts them upon an equality with all others who have general genuine assets and makes the great credit of the country available to them. One cannot but feel that this is delayed justice to them, and cannot but feel that it is a very gratifying thing to play any part in doing this action of justice. I look forward to the benefits of this bill not with extravagant expectations, but with confident assurance that it will be of very wide reaching benefits; and, incidentally, it will be of advantage to the investment community for I can imagine no more satisfactory and solid investment this system will afford those who have money to use.

"I sign the bill, therefore, with real emotion and am very glad indeed to be honored by your presence, and supported by your feelings. I have no doubt in what I have said regarding it."

The President used two pens in signing the bill and gave one of them to Senator Fletcher, of Florida, who asked permission to present it to the Southern Commercial Congress.

Secretary McAdoo conferred with the President on the selection of the members of the new farm loan board, who will be appointed in the near future.

Many Women Need Help.

Women are as much inclined to kidney trouble as are men, but too often make the mistake of thinking that a certain amount of pain and torture is their lot and cannot be avoided. Foley Kidney Pills give quick relief from backache pains in sides and muscles, stiff, sore, aching joints, and bladder ailments. M. B. Blackburn.

the crystal paths of space, proclaims through the dread halls of eternity the glory, and power, and dominion of the All-wise, Omnipotent and Eternal God."
Z. T. WATSON.
McGuire, N. C.

Mr. Doughton Enthusiastic Over the Good Roads Bill Recently Passed.

Congressman Doughton was interviewed some days ago by newspaper men in Washington upon the merits of the Good Roads Bill recently signed by the President, and gave out the following, which makes interesting reading, Mr. Doughton being a member of the House Committee on Good Roads:

"This bill is both educational and constructive. The national funds contributed to the States can be only spent on roads that are well designed and well built, and also roads where, after their construction, arrangements are made by which they will be maintained. It gives to the State highway officials of each State all the scientific knowledge and practical skill of the Bureau of Roads of the United States and the Department of Agriculture. In this way, the best and most enlightened thought of the nation, and the judgement and experience of the most expert officials of the country on the subject of road building will be vitalized and made manifest. Our people need education and information as to the best method of constructing and keeping up roads, as badly as they need money with which to do the work, and by this law; the knowledge and financial strength necessary are combined. It is a straight business law. One third of the amount of the Federal appropriation will be apportioned among the States in proportion to their population; one-third in proportion to their area, and another third in proportion to their mileage of rural free delivery and star routes. This method of distributing the amount is acknowledged to be the best yet devised.

"This law is bound to become a powerful agent in lifting the country people out of the mud, and giving farmers access to the markets; encouraging young people to remain in rural communities, and bettering in a large measure the social life of all rural communities.

"This legislation has been demanded by all parts of the country for many years, and I am happy to say that this Congress has responded to that just and insisted demand."

"It required a long, hard, uphill road," said he, "to get this legislation. It was very difficult to convince Congress of the justice and necessity of Federal aid for the construction of rural highways. However, I feel that the enactment of the present law, which has been signed by President this week, marks the beginning of a permanent policy of Federal aid to road construction and road up-keep in the rural communities throughout the country. This bill carries an appropriation of \$75,000,000 by the Federal government, to be expended during a period of five years. First year, \$5,000,000; second year, \$10,000,000; third year, \$15,000,000; fourth year, \$20,000,000; and the fifth year, \$25,000,000—making a total of \$75,000,000.

"Before this fund can be available to any State, it must appropriate an equal amount, which amount will doubtless be supplemented by the counties and local communities of the State, and will make an aggregate amount sufficient to revolutionize road building in North Carolina. Coming at a time when our people are wide-awake to the necessity of road improvement, it will in my judgement, prove of incalculable benefit to the State, far ahead of anything that we have ever had of this kind.

Porto Rico has just had the most profitable tourist season it has ever experienced.

How to Feel Good Tomorrow.

Indigestion quickly develops sick headache, biliousness, bloating, sour stomach, gas on stomach, bad breath or some of the other conditions caused by clogged or irregular bowels. If you have any of these symptoms, take a Foley Cathartic Tablet this evening and you will feel better in the morning. M. B. Blackburn.

The average annual death rate a generation ago was 31 to 1,000 living; now it is about 14.

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RAILROAD WAGES

Shall they be determined by Industrial Warfare or Federal Inquiry?

To the American Public:

Do you believe in arbitration or industrial warfare?

The train employes on all the railroads are voting whether they will give their leaders authority to tie up the commerce of the country to enforce their demands for a 100 million dollar wage increase.

The railroads are in the public service—your service. This army of employes is in the public service—your service.

You pay for rail transportation 3 billion dollars a year, and 44 cents out of every dollar from you goes to the employes.

On all the Southern railroads in 1915, seventy-five per cent of the train employes earned these wages (lowest, highest and average of all) as shown by the payrolls—

	Passenger		Freight		Yard	
	Range	Average	Range	Average	Range	Average
Engineers	\$1972 3810	\$2306	\$1455 3505	\$1916	\$1156 2424	\$1566
Conductors	1552 2696	1847	1353 2358	1580	1055 1749	1245
Firemen	943 1652	1209	649 1638	979	406 1302	777
Brakemen	957 1736	1109	755 1854	958	754 1405	990

The average yearly wage payments to all Southern train employes (including those who worked only part of the year) as shown by the 1915 payrolls were—

	Passenger	Freight	Yard
Engineers	\$2144	\$1712	\$1313
Conductors	1723	1488	1157
Firemen	1096	865	688
Brakemen	1013	845	868

A 100 million dollar wage increase for men in freight and yard service (less than one-fifth of all employes) is equal to a 5 per cent advance in all freight rates.

The managers of the railroads, as trustees for the public, have no right to place this burden on the cost of transportation to you without a clear mandate from a public tribunal speaking for you.

The railroads have proposed the settlement of this controversy either under the existing national arbitration law, or by reference to the Interstate Commerce Commission. This offer has been refused by the employes' representatives.

Shall a nation-wide strike or an investigation under the Government determine this issue?

- National Conference Committee of the Railways**
- ELISHA LEE, Chairman.
 - P. R. ALBRIGHT, Gen'l Manager, Atlantic Coast Line Railroad.
 - L. W. BALDWIN, Gen'l Manager, Central of Georgia Railway.
 - C. L. BARDI, Gen'l Manager, New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad.
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