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THE PRICE OF COTTON.

There seems to be indication that the cotton crop throughout the entire country will be short. If this be true, it brings up the very interesting question as to whether the price will rise much or remain what it is.

With any great shortage in the crop it would seem a very natural conclusion that prices will be better. It will be helpful to all branches of business to see some pretty sure indications of a rise in the price of cotton; and while THE COMMONWEALTH is no prophet, we are free to say that there is hope for some rise in the price, and our hope is reasonable we think, notwithstanding the possibilities of a panic before us.

MAJ. GUTHRIE'S REMARKS.

That little charge made against Maj. W. A. Guthrie about what he said about the Baptist denomination at a banquet in Chapel Hill last year, has stirred up a little interest after all. It has been stated that Maj. Guthrie charged the Baptist denomination with leading the fight against State aid to the University, and that he spoke of them as "traitors."

Maj. Guthrie denies it, but THE COMMONWEALTH heard an alumnus of the University say last week that Maj. Guthrie's remarks amounted in substance to what has been stated that he said.

The gentleman who talked of the matter to us stated that he nudged his neighbor at the time Maj. Guthrie made the remarks and told him to listen carefully to what the speaker was saying.

WAYSIDE OBSERVATIONS.

Col. W. A. Johnston of Littleton said Monday that one wicked man can rout a hundred good men and two drunkards can put a thousand Christians to flight.

Mr. J. L. Shaw of Littleton says that it is fifteen miles from that town to Warren Plains, and the county road crosses the railroad just twenty-three times between the two towns.

The editor of THE COMMONWEALTH has passed around some during the past two weeks, and from passing observation the crops seem to be cut off almost half by the drought. Cotton has suffered perhaps more than early corn.

Some one was remarking of the extremely hot and dry season at Littleton Monday, when Mr. J. L. Shaw said that he remembered when he could easily wade across Roanoke river. There have been longer and more severe droughts, but seldom have people suffered more for the same length of time.

One of the most delightful hours we spent at Morehead last week was the complimentary sail tendered the Scotland Neck party by Mr. J. A. Vance, who was married here July 30th. Mr. and Mrs. Vance were very clever to the Scotland Neck people and seemed to be enjoying the time taking in the sea breeze.

"What do you think of the political situation?" is heard on every hand. Almost every one can tell you what he thinks, but that does not at all mean that he voices the sentiment of his neighbor who is listening to him. There is as much difference of opinion now about the result of the present political campaign as there was before McKinley and Bryan were nominated.

The presidents and principals of the various schools in the State, male and female, seem to be quite active in their work this summer. Schools have been generally advertised and much personal work has been done. But there is some fear that the partial failure of the crop by reason of the drought, will interfere with the patronage. Many of the best patrons of the different schools are farmers and any failure in the crops affects the schools perhaps as quickly as any other business.

F. P. Hobgood, Jr., has been appointed to a Professorship in the Columbian College, Washington, D. C. At Wake Forest College he led his class and graduated Valedictorian. He was prepared at Horner School, Oxford, N. C.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL CHAUTAUQUA.

A Most Delightful Gathering by the Sea-Shore.

The fourth annual session of the Baptist State Sunday-school Chautauqua was held at Morehead City last week, and it was the pleasure of the editor of THE COMMONWEALTH to attend.

The first two sessions of the Chautauqua were held at Mt. Vernon Springs in Chatham county and the session of 1895 was held at Red Springs in Robeson county.

Hundreds of Sunday-school workers went panting to Morehead to enjoy the sea-breeze and gather new inspiration from others who are engaged in the great Sunday-school work.

Mr. N. B. Broughton of Raleigh is president of the Chautauqua and was promptly on hand. Prof. Reubush, of Hagerstown, Md., was also on hand to direct the music of the Chautauqua.

The exercises were opened Tuesday night. Rev. J. T. Jenkins delivered an address of welcome to the visitors and Sunday-school workers. The welcoming words were in happy vein and Mr. Jenkins turned the city over to the visitors. The welcome was responded to by Rev. J. Q. Adams of Wadesboro.

The response was short but bright and pleasing.

The annual sermon was preached on Sunday by Dr. J. W. Carter, pastor of the first Baptist church of Raleigh. The text was from Luke 1:66: "What manner of child shall this be?" The sermon was a most masterful effort dealing largely with the training of children and the shaping of their character. It was pronounced one of Dr. Carter's ablest efforts, which means to those who know him that it was all that could be wished as a sermon on such an occasion.

The programme for Wednesday was an interesting one. Some of the most interesting parts was the teaching of classes by Capt. N. L. Shaw of Warrington and Prof. W. H. Ragsdale of Greenville.

Prof. Chas. E. Brewer of Wake Forest gave an interesting address at night on "Christ as a Teacher."

Thursday Mr. J. M. Broughton of Raleigh also taught a class before the Chautauqua. Secretary of State Chas. M. Cook delivered a pleasing address on "How the pastor may help the Sunday-school," and Dr. J. A. Mundy of Reidsville also gave an interesting address on "How the Sunday-school may help the pastor."

Dr. C. A. Rominger of Reidsville gave an interesting talk on "What the Superintendent ought to do during the session of school." Mr. J. W. Bailey, editor of the Biblical Recorder, made a strong speech on "The Sunday-school as a field for soul-winning."

Miss Cox of Winterville read a most instructive paper on "The Week-day work of the Teacher."

Miss Farrier of Goldsboro also read an interesting paper.

The class of Orphans from the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville gave a most delightful concert Thursday night.

The writer left Morehead Friday morning and consequently was compelled to miss two of the most important days of the Chautauqua.

It was a most delightful gathering and no doubt all the earnest Sunday school workers who attended went away with new inspirations to the work. We have seldom heard finer music than was rendered by the Chautauqua orchestra. It consisted of about twenty instruments, violins, flutes, cornets, organ and piano, and a large number of fine voices.

We shall be glad of another opportunity to attend the Chautauqua.

HOW IT IS WEST.

Mr. W. F. Burbank, formerly editor of the Winston Sentinel, but now living at Los Angeles, Cal., writes the Sentinel as follows:

"The political outlook is at present very encouraging in California for Bryan. It is quite possible that he will carry this State by 20,000 majority, and the State of Washington by 10,000. The poetry and sentiment of this campaign is for Bryan. You can't get a mass meeting to get enthusiastic over capitalists, and silver has many more friends than gold.

"The Democratic ratification here was a much larger affair than that of the Republicans. The parade was finer and the mass meeting more enthusiastic. At the latter was a former United States Senator and an ex-Mayor, both Republicans, who will vote for Bryan. The largest mine owner and the greatest fruit-grower in California have left the Republican party to vote for Bryan. They are among the thousands of former Republicans who are for free silver.

"Yet four months ago people here expected that McKinley would be nominated and carry California by over 25,000.

"Farmers and the laboring classes are at present disposed to support Bryan. If that should be the case on the third of November the Nebraska Statesman would win by an overwhelming majority."

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Correspondence to THE COMMONWEALTH.
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Mr. Joseph McMahon will return to Baltimore next week.

Miss Kate Carmon left to-day for Norfolk. She has been the guest of Miss Maud Gregory.

Miss Julia Gregory returned Monday. She has been visiting friends in Norfolk.

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