

Report of the State Agricultural Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, Raleigh, N. C., Sep. 4, 1878.

CHEMICALS USED IN COMPOSTING.

The shipments of chemicals to our State during the past season, show that our farmers are greatly increasing their use in manuring their fertilizers for various crops.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT AND FERTILIZER CONTROL STATION, AT THE STATE UNIVERSITY, CHAPEL HILL, N. C., Dr. ALBERT R. LEDOUX, Director.

The following regulations of the Board of Agriculture must be noticed by those desiring analyses:

I. Any farmer wishing an analysis of the chemicals used by him in composting, or asking how his fertilizer can secure it, free of charge, by presenting the Express charges on the same to Chapel Hill, and drawing the sample according to printed instructions, which will be furnished on application to the Station.

II. No analysis of commercial fertilizers can be made unless authorized by the Commissioner of Agriculture, and the sample drawn by his agent.

III. No analysis of ores, soils, marls or mineral waters can be made unless authorized by the State Geologist, to whom application must be made.

Circulars containing directions for composting, making vinegar, formulas for tobacco, cotton and other crops; reports upon the commercial value of the fertilizers sold in the State, &c., &c., will be furnished free on application.

Correspondence on any subject relating to the chemistry of agriculture, fertilization and kindred topics will be welcomed and receive prompt attention.

To be assured and protected against imposition in their purchases, our farmers should avail themselves of the services of our Chemist; and send to him for instructions, as to the manner of packing and forwarding the samples.

BOG CHOLERA AND OTHER DISEASES.

The immense losses annually, to our people from the bog cholera among the negroes, and which has thus far baffled all efforts to arrest it, has caused the Government to appoint a committee of gentlemen, with an appropriation of \$10,000, to investigate the causes and character of the disease, and if possible to ascertain a remedy.

Dr. D. E. Salman of Charlotte, N. C., is one of the commission, and I earnestly ask our correspondents and other citizens to communicate to him, their knowledge of any diseases, and their extent among swine. This is a gratuitous effort to secure our people against the heavy losses they sustain annually, if possible. The term of the Commission will expire Oct. 15th, and it is therefore important that early attention be given to the subject.

DEBILITY IN ADULTS IS OFTEN CAUSED BY WORMS.

The change from child to manhood is not sufficient to rid the system of this awful plague. Shiner's Indian Vermifuge will expel them and restore health and a bright complexion.

A lovely landscape all dotted over with unsightly boarders, is not more unpleasant to the sight than is a human face disfigured with Bumps and Pimples, those prime evidences of impurity of the blood.

Dr. Bull's Blood Mixture will remove all such disfigurements promptly.

Among our new advertisements to-day will be found the notice of the qualification of Jas. M. Mullen Esq., as administrator of A. G. McIlwaine. Mr. Mullen also advertises that he will sell privately, at low prices and on easy terms, several very desirable tracts of land.

BATTLEBORO LETTER.

BATTLEBORO, N. C., Sep. 12th 1878. DEAR NEWS: I am glad to see the name of Capt. W. H. Kitchin of your county as a candidate for congressional honors. Being once a citizen of Halifax, I cannot but look with feelings of more than pride and pleasure upon one who so well deserves the name he so justly bears.

As a ready able orator, his equals are rarely to be found; as a lawyer of talent and of great ability, no one who has known him will deny; as a scholar and a reasoner, he is beyond question, and as a clear-headed, common sense, yet deep thinker, but few philosophers exceed him. Should he be successful in getting to the U. S. Congress, all may reasonably expect to hear a good report of his stewardship. And may he get there with all my heart.

We are soon again to have a newspaper here, to be published by J. W. Fortis & Co., what will be its name, I have not learned, if it has really been decided upon. Since the Rocky Mount Mail, as I understand, is to be removed to Goldsboro, it will be a very propitious time for such an enterprise in this county. It is to be hoped they will meet with much success, as I think they will, since we are surrounded by so many intelligent and liberal people, both in Nash and Edgecombe.

A little disturbance took place with some of the colored brethren a few nights since in their church here, when several exchanges of fists were passed without, however much blood being spilt. This was while the service of prayer was going on. The two belligerent brethren were arrested, and the aggressive party caused a sign (not to the tune of "Good will to all men"), but to the amount of \$25 and -cost.

W. T. Bryan, Esq. Nash, showed a sweet potato a few days since, of this year's production, weighing five pounds and three-quarters. It was of the Bahama variety. W. H. can beat it for this season of the year! Mr. B. has always borne the name of a hard working, industrious and successful farmer.

Rev. Mr. F. D. Swindell, of the M. E. church, announced his purpose of commencing a protracted meeting here next month. He will probably be assisted by other divines.

The continuous rains of the last few weeks have caused our farmers to complain of losing feller, while much injury is being done to cotton.

Our merchants, many of them, have just returned from the Northern markets, and say they bought more heavily than they ever did before.

Mr. N. G. Warren, an old citizen, died in this place last Friday morning at the age of 83. His remains were carried to Wilmington for interment.

The Editor of this paper is in no way responsible for the views or statements of Correspondents. No communications of an anonymous character will be published; the real name of the writer must accompany all communications. Any one who may feel aggrieved at statements made by correspondents can obtain the same on application to the Editor.

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ROANOKE AND TAR RIVER AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.—Our thanks are due, and hereby tendered, for an invitation to attend the ninth annual exhibition of the Roanoke and Tar River Agricultural Society, which occurs at Weldon, October 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, and November 1st, P. E. Smith, Esq., is the president, and L. M. Long, secretary.—Raleigh Observer.

A PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED.—A certain town employs an agent to sell liquor. They furnish him cash \$32.17 They "in liquor" 54.54 He pays for liquor 59.01 He "in clerk hire" 35.00 His sales amount to 102.97 He returns to the town cash 31.37 How now stands the account between him and the town?

The Weldon String Band met for the first time in a long while, in Literary Hall last Saturday night and delighted our citizens with some real sweet music. They play several new sentimental pieces, and our word for it they can make the hair stand straight on your head. All of these young gentlemen composing this band possess fine musical talent, and as we have a military company now we should have a brass band. Who says lets get it up?

Raleigh News: Dr. H. E. T. Manning, one of the editors of the Maryland Medical Journal, of Baltimore, has kindly tendered his services to the Howard Association, at Yorkburg, for the treatment of the yellow fever sufferers. Dr. Manning is a native of Halifax county, and is well and favorably known in North Carolina. This is truly a noble act on a kind-hearted physician.

This is not the first noble act of Dr. Manning's. While he edited this paper he made a tender of his services to the suffering people of Charleston who were terribly stricken with small pox.

We learn from a friend that there was an exciting chase at Jackson yesterday. It appears that one Moses Bell having been convicted of stealing a lot of Geon's, was being carried from the Court House to the jail when it occurred to him to attempt his escape and no doubt he would have succeeded but for the large number who joined in the pursuit, for he was in charge of the clever Deputy Sheriff who is not built for running foot races over hurdles.

GENE NORTH.—Mr. Samuel Pope, lately the popular and efficient clerk of L. Levy, of Enfield, N. C., passed through our town on Tuesday last en route for the north where he will purchase a large stock of goods for the house of Branch & Pope, a new concern just beginning business at Parker's new and commodious store on the corner. Will be open by the 20th when they will be glad to wait upon their friends. This firm shipped on Friday a bale of new cotton, being the first in the county of the growing crop.

LETTERS remaining in the Weldon Post Office for the week ending September 14th 1878: Thomas Ashford, Miss Lily Smith, Mrs. Callina Day, Mrs. M. G. Walker, Miss Harris, James E. Williams, Miss Martha Harris, Joseph Loran, Hal. Reid, Donald Ross, Miss Marina Rogers, Miss Lavonia Smith.

Persons calling for the above letters will please say advertised, if not called for in 30 days will be sent to the dead letter office. J. M. FOOTER, P. M.

It is very gratifying to see what interest is taken in our approaching Fair in every direction. It is certainly being more talked of, than ever before, and exhibitors are coming from several new localities. But at this, we are not surprised, as our Agricultural Society is in, perhaps, a better financial condition than any in the South. It owes not a dollar, and has money to pay down for every premium awarded. It deserves the patronage of our Virginia friends as well as of those within our own borders.

It is earnestly requested that the members of the Military Company, have their uniforms made at once. The cloth is here and paid for, and the trimmings will only cost a very small amount. We would like to have about ten more good men. There is sufficient cloth on hand to uniform them. We hope during the next week all those who have not done so, will have their uniforms made as it will be better for the boys to get a little used to them before the Fair, otherwise they may strut themselves to death.

DISTRESSING ACCIDENT.—On yesterday morning (Friday) Mr. Fred R. Simmons one of the noblest christian gentlemen we ever knew was accidentally drowned during an attack of epilepsy, while bathing in his room. An appropriate obituary will appear next week. His friends and thousands will mourn this unhappy misfortune and his untimely death.—Panola Star.

Mr. Simmons was a son of Mr. J. Fred Simmons formerly of this place, and grand son of our venerable and esteemed friend Capt. James Simmons, also nephew to Mr. F. S. Hartney, Elizabeth City, N. C. Jesse Lee, Garysburg, N. C. William Martin, Elizabeth City, N. C. E. J. Peebles, Jackson, N. C. A. C. Zwickler, Weldon, N. C. W. A. Reese, Hicksford, Va. W. S. Faison, Margaretsville, N. C. Mason Romaine, Petersburg, Va. P. F. Percud, Jr., Raleigh, N. C. W. L. Long, Weldon, N. C. A. J. Barton, Weldon, N. C. Arnold Burden, Goldsboro, N. C. John Blount, Washington, N. C. Samuel H. Webb, Hillsboro, N. C. John Hughes, Newbern, N. C. James Kenan, Kenansville, N. C. W. A. Davis, Oxford, N. C. H. C. Jones, Forrestville, N. C. Dr. H. H. Harris, Pittsburg, Pa. John A. Cutts, Tarboro, N. C. J. C. Powell, Tarboro, N. C.

By the order of the Board of Commissioners for the Fall Term Superior Court to wit: 1 Archie Holt, Geo M Semore, 19 2 Alicia Wills, R H Daniel, 20 3 Wiley Wills, Henry Johnson, 21 4 Enoch Gaskins, Benton Brantly, 22 5 J T Cole, Ambrose Green, 23 6 Bradford Averet, Sam Smith, 24 7 R C Rogers, J E Anderson, 25 8 W B Stamer, W Reid, 26 9 J T Gough, A White, 27 10 H B Morecock, Jordan Lawrence, 28 11 E B Hanton, A M Inge, 29 12 J R Ramey, R C Callum, 30 13 Jerry Draughn, T H Christie, 31 14 Virgil Deberry, Robert Thornton, 32 15 J R Bowman, B C Dunn, 33 16 David Conligan, Jod Jones, 34 17 Haly Jones, David Jones, 35 18 Richard Brinkley, Neptune Anthony, 36

SECOND WEEK. 1 Howell Pritchett, Robert Swaine, 10 2 H C Whitehead, Oscar Anthony, 11 3 Henry Parr, B F Crowell, 12 4 Sandy Fenner, Nol Lockaday, 13 5 Isaac Johnston, Daniel Kimball, 14 6 Edward Wills, Robert Ferrall, 15 7 John Briggs, J T Powers, 16 8 Hilliard Lawrence, W H Smith, 17 9 J L D-Bueck, Simon Long, 18 R. M. LEWIS, Clerk.

Special Locals. In time of peace prepare for war, While all is quiet don't forget to insure your property with R. P. Butler, General Insurance Agent.

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