

**Local Thunderstorm:**

One afternoon a short time ago a thunderstorm with quite a heavy down-pour of rain occurred over a certain portion of a county out west. The shower had not been forecast by the Weather Bureau, and a few days later a letter of complaint was received, the writer stating that the storm had ruined a considerable acreage of cut alfalfa that had been allowed to lie out and cure, as the weather forecast had said nothing about showers.

Be that as it may, the science and art of weather forecasting never have and never will be reduced to the basis of absolute certainty. The very operation of the natural laws of the universe preclude this, and with no type of weather is this impossibility to exact forecasting more in evidence than in the case of thunderstorms.

The forecasting of general thunderstorms over large areas is not so difficult, as these generally occur when, after a heated period, a large area of high barometric pressure with a pronounced fall in temperature follows the heated period, bringing with it thunderstorms and later a cool and clear period of at least several days' duration.

But there are other thunderstorms, occurring during during the period of abnormal heat, that are caused by excessive air convection—that is, by the upward movement of air masses that are unduly heated by contact with the heated earth. These are carried up to such an elevation that they become cooled by expansion to an extent that lowers the temperature of the warm air masses below the temperature of condensation, and rain therefore occurs.

These "heat" thunderstorms are frequently very local in character, as certain portions of the earth's surface become hotter than others, and consequently a "heat" thunderstorm often occurs in one locality, whereas a few miles, or even a shorter distance away there will be none at all. It is not an infrequent occurrence to have a severe thunderstorm over one portion of a large city while over other portions there will be none. It should also be added that these "heat" thunderstorms are usually followed by a quick return to the same heated conditions that preceded them, indicating a merely temporary disturbed condition of the atmosphere without prospect of permanent relief until the appearance of such a cool, high-pressure area as has been mentioned above.

**The Clerk Guaranteed It.**

"A customer came into my store the other day and said to one of my clerks, 'have you anything to cure diarrhoea?' and my clerk went and got him a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and said to him, 'if this does not cure you, I will not charge you a cent for it. So he took it home and came back in a day or two and said he was cured,' writes J. H. Berry & Co., Salt Creek, Va. For sale by Grimes Drug Co. & Lutz Drug Co.

The Raleigh News and Observer complains of the Bell telephone service in Raleigh. "The service," says the News and Observer, "has become poorer and poorer during the past few months and, unless there is considerable improvement within a short time, relief will be asked through official channels." Possibly the Bell is getting ready to raise rates in Raleigh, Landmark.

Any skin itches is a temper tester. The more you scratch the worse it itches. Doan's Ointment is for piles, eczema—any skin itching. 50c. at all drug stores.

Hickman, Ky.—Bert Wallas was killed, Walter Allison is dying and three others, one a woman, wounded in an election fight here.

Recommends Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. "I never hesitate to recommend Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy," writes Sol Williams, merchant, Jesse, Tenn. "I sell more of it than any other preparations of like character. I used it myself and found it gave me more relief than anything else I have ever tried for the same purpose." For sale by Grimes Drug Co. & Lutz's Drug Co.

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Sufferers Find Swift Relief by Use of Remarkable Treatment.

Stomach sufferers in the Southeast and, in fact, all over the country have found remarkable and efficient results from the use of Mayr's Wonderful Remedy. Many have taken this remedy and tell today of the benefits they receive. Its effects come quickly—the first dose convinces. Here is what two Carolina folks have written: "W. R. DANENPORT, Parker, N. C. 'For years I have suffered from a disease which puzzled doctors. I heard of your remedy and one bottle gave me relief. Your full treatment has cured me.'"

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Doan's Regulents are recommended by many who say they operate easily, without griping and bad after effects. 25c at all drug stores.

**Excursions via Seaboard Air Line. To Atlantic City, N. J. Baltimore Md. Washington D. C. Richmond Va. August 17, 1915.**

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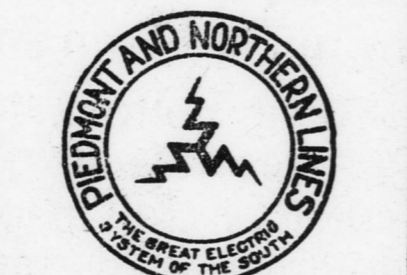
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**Trials and Tribulations.**

Illustrating the trials and tribulations of the poor fellow who owns an automobile, a man told an Enterprise reporter the other night that a machine stopped on him and he cranked several million times and couldn't budge the car; and sent for help and the help cranked to no purpose, and finally they sent for a sharp that knows all about automobiles, and he cranked without avail; and then primed the engine and it ran fine as long as the priming lasted, and then stopped. This gave them the one or clue, however, and they found a thread, from a bunch of waste, tightly packed in the carburetor and after tearing that to pieces and taking the thread out, the car ran as nicely as you please. Such is the life on wheels revolved by gas.—Newton Enterprise.

**Despondency Due to Indigestion.**

"About three months ago when I was suffering from indigestion which caused headache and dizzy spells and made me feel tired and despondent, I began taking Chamberlain's Tablets," writes Mrs. Geo. Hon. Macedonia, N. Y. "This medicine proved to be the very thing I needed, as one day's treatment relieved me greatly. I used two bottles of Chamberlain's Tablets and they rid me of this trouble." For sale by Grimes Drug Co. & Lutz Drug Co.

**Use German Prisoners in Harvesting Crops.**

The experimental use of German prisoners-of-war as harvesters has begun in the province of Orleans. It may solve the question of harvest without the return of the soldiers at the front.

Two hundred Germans who were captured at Carey and sent to the prison camp at Issoudun were transferred to Malesherbes and there in groups of 20 sent to the different communes that have applied to the military authorities for farm help. Each detachment is placed under the supervision of the mayor of the commune citing for the military authorities, and is subject to the same discipline as in camp.

The men are to be paid at the rate of about ten dollars per month, in addition to their board and lodging, directly by those who employ them.

Thus far the experiment has developed no difficulties and if it continues to prove successful, other convoys of 200 each will be sent to other farming centers.

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**Red Devil Lye EATS UP FILTH**



**Make Your Out-Door Sanitary**

The odors arising from privies are sickening and unbearable, particularly in summer. They are also the breeding place for flies and other vermin. Flies carry disease germs direct from such places to the baby's milk, the meat, vegetables, pies and other foodstuffs. Typhoid fever is invariably transmitted from germs that originate in out-houses and such breeding places, and these germs are usually carried to the house and kitchen by flies that take an air route.

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Chester...Lv.	12 05pm	7 43am	.....
Yorkville.....	1 55	8 29	.....
Gastonia.....	4 00	9 24	.....
Lincolnton.....	5 30	10 15	.....
Newton.....	6 15	10 55	.....
Hickory.....Ar.	7 05	12 05pm	1 00pm
Lenoir.....Lv.	8 20	1 08	2 04
Mortimer.....	.....	2 00	.....
Edgemont...Ar.	.....	3 17	.....

Southbound	No. 7 Mixed Ex Sun.	No. 9 Pass. Ex Sun.	No. 5 Pass. Sunday Only
Edgemont...Lv.	.....	10 00am	.....
Mortimer.....	.....	10 08	.....
Lenoir.....Ar.	.....	11 20	.....
Lenoir...Lv.	6 00am	1 35pm	8 15am
Hickory.....	7 15	2 35	9 12
Newton.....	8 00	3 05	.....
Lincolnton.....	8 55	3 43	.....
Gastonia...Lv.	11 00	5 00	.....
Yorkville.....	12 25pm	5 47	.....
Chester.....Ar.	2 15	6 35	.....

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**NOTICE**

On the first Saturday in September, being the 4th day, the personal property of Dr. J. T. Johnson, deceased, will be sold by outcry to the highest bidder. Property consists of household and kitchen furniture, buggy, books, etc. The place of sale will be near the business place of J. S. Setzer & Son; the terms of sale, Cash; time of opening sale, 10 o'clock, A. M. This Aug. 7, 1915. P. A. HOYLE, Executor. 10-17-24-31.

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