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WEEKLY CROP REPORT.

Not More Than Ten Per Cent of the Cotton Crop Yet Planted.

PROSPECT FOR TOBACCO GOOD.

The Cold Wet Weather is Doing Great Damage to All Crops. The Colorado Beetle Has Made Its Appearance in Trucking Section of This State.

The Weekly Weather Crop Bulletin for North Carolina, issued by the Weather Bureau at Raleigh for the week ending Monday, April 22nd, says:

Much improvement in crops and considerable progress in farm work occurred during the early portion of the week, a result of the dry, somewhat warmer and more favorable weather conditions which prevailed from the 15th to 18th. During these days the sky was generally clear to partly cloudy, temperature slightly above normal, rising to 74 degrees at Raleigh on the 18, and the soil dried out nicely at least over the eastern part of the State where the rainfall had not been excessive. But the heavy rainfall on Friday and Saturday (19th and 20th) and the subsequent very cold weather has almost obliterated the favorable effect of the preceding few days stopped farm work for some time, and prevented much growth to young vegetation. Conditions were better in the eastern half of the State where the cloudy weather on Saturday and Sunday prevented the threatened frost.

In the mountain region the rain turned to snow Friday night and on Saturday a fall of from 2 to 6 inches of snow occurred over ten or twelve western counties, with temperatures considerably below freezing. The lowest temperature reported was 26 degrees at Asheville. The heaviest snowfall occurred in Madison county and extended across the Blue Ridge into Stokes county on the north and Rutherford on the south. Sunday morning peach trees in full bloom in this section were covered with ice, and great damage to the entire fruit crop in the west is anticipated.

The week on the whole was about 4 degrees below the daily normal in temperature, and was further rendered unfavorable by the heavy rainfall in the west, which has kept water courses full, and placed lowlands in very bad condition.

In the south and east considerable progress was made in planting corn and cotton and in gardening. Corn is coming up poorly, does not look thrifty, and a bad stand is feared.

Not more than 10 per cent of the cotton crop has yet been put in the ground, and the bulk of the crop will be seeded late.

Tobacco plants in beds grew fast during the few days of warm weather, and appear to be abundant.

Gardens are gradually getting into better condition; cabbage and tomatoes have been transplanted, and other vegetables are doing fairly well. Many Irish potatoes are up nicely, but the Colorado beetle has caused the rotting of potatoes and many seeds which can not germinate in the chilled soil, so that considerable replanting will have to be done.

Fruit is safe in the eastern and central portions; strawberry shipments began on a small scale, Friday, 19th. Wheat, rye, and oats are doing well.

Rainfall for the week at selected stations: Goldsboro 0.20 inch, Greensboro 1.12, Lumberton 0.14, Newbern 0.50, Weldon 0.36, Raleigh 0.60, Charlotte 2.80, Marion 4.08.

Those famous little pills, DeWitt's Little Early Risers will remove all impurities from your system, cleanse your bowels, make them regular. Hood Bros., Hare & Son, J. R. Ledbetter.

GREAT DAMAGE DONE.

Rain and Snow Storms in Pennsylvania and West Virginia Very Destructive.

A dispatch from Pittsburg, Pa., of the 21st, says:

Pittsburg and Allegheny are slowly emerging from the murky flood. At 8 p. m. the rivers were receding nearly a foot an hour. The highest point reached at Davis Island dam was 25.8 feet at 3 a. m., which means 28 feet at the junction of the Allegheny and Monongahela rivers. The water remained stationary until about 3 p. m., when it began to fall. Conservative estimates of the total damage in this district is between \$200,000 and \$3,000,000. Fifty thousand workers are suffering from enforced idleness. While there have been greater floods at this point, there was never one that caused so much financial loss and discomfort. This was due to the denser population caused by the recent rapid growth of the two cities and to the fact that all the manufacturing plants on the river banks were in active operation, most of them working night and day, until the rising water put out the fires and drove the workers to higher ground.

Snow continued to fall all day Sunday throughout the greater part of eastern Tennessee. On the mountains, where it had not melted, the snow is reported to have reached a depth of nearly two feet. The rivers were out of bounds and the Tennessee at one point is 15 feet and rising rapidly.

A dispatch from Erie, Pa., says: The snow storm of Friday night and Saturday, and the sleet storm of Saturday night, was the worst known here in 60 years and surpasses the famous blizzard of March, 1888. There is 12 inches of snow on the level and during Saturday nearly every trolley car line in the city was knocked out.

Huntington, W. Va., dispatch, 21st: At 6 o'clock this evening the rain and snow which had been falling for 78 hours ceased. The Ohio has passed the danger line of 50 feet, and still slowly rising with the Guyandotte, Big Sandy, Tug and Twelve Pole also rising rapidly at all points. Fully ten feet more water is expected here. The Kanawha river is still rising. Great damage has resulted throughout the southern and central portions of the State. There is much suffering among people compelled to seek quarters in the hills.

The Flood Hollow Dam, in Middlefield, Mass., gave way about 6 p. m. Sunday night, letting loose the water in the big reservoir, which rushed with terrific force into the west branch of the Westfield river, sweeping everything before it and submerging the greater part of that city. No lives were lost as people who were below the dam had been warned.

To the Boys.

Boys, don't start out thinking that your first object in life should be to be an Alexander, a Maynard, or a J. Gould, but be a man. First of all, make something of yourself and then you can more easily make something of the things with which you have to deal. If you are poor, don't let your circumstances make you but you make your circumstances. The world needs you, not for the mere sake of having you, but it needs you as men, model men.

A. R. FLOWERS.

Minister Wu Ting Fang, Chinese minister at Washington, is preparing a memorial to his government, urging that his country fall in line with western progress and bring about reforms in economics, finance and governmental control.

Don't try to be exclusive. The most exclusive people in the world are in jail.

GENERAL NEWS.

A Partial List of the Week's Happenings Throughout the Country.

Graduates of the Upper Sandusky, Ohio, High School have threatened to strike if they are required to prepare essays and orations.

Western Reserve Academy students at Hudson, Ohio, quarantined on account of smallpox, have broken the cordon by terrifying the guards with guns, and departed for their homes.

Dr. Gustave A. Taschereau and Miss M. M. O'Ryan, of Quebec, were united in marriage in a convent at Bedford Park, N. Y., last week, the first ceremony of its kind ever performed in the United States.

Figures received at the State Department in Washington compiled by J. W. Stevenson, director of the Chinese inland mission, show that the total number of foreign missionaries killed in China during the recent disturbances, including the children, was 186. Of these 28 adults and eight children were Americans.

Swollen rivers, which threatened tremendous floods in the Ohio River Valley, are subsiding. In Pittsburg 50,000 men have been made idle and property loss of \$3,000,000 inflicted by the water. Much damage is reported from Cleveland, Cincinnati and other Ohio points, New York, West Virginia and Kentucky.

A party of herders reached Knoxville, Tenn., Monday, from the Smoky Mountains, having been driven out by the heavy snow. They report that 400 head of cattle were in danger of freezing when they left. According to their story, the snow was from four to six feet deep when they started from the mountains.

Nine members of Company D, Forty-seventh Infantry, which body is soon to be mustered out of the service at Manila, have organized a baseball team, and propose to tour the United States immediately after their arrival at San Francisco. Sergeant C. F. Dunkle is the manager of the club, and Private Vallance is the captain.

State Railroad Commissioner Osborn, of Michigan, has ordered the Grand Rapids & Indiana, and the Muskegon, Grand Rapids & Indiana roads to reduce their passenger rates to 2½ cents per mile. The earnings of these roads last year, amounted to \$2,000 per mile, which, under the laws of Michigan, brings them under the 2½ cent classification.

Harry Cook, an insurance agent at Baltimore, was granted an absolute divorce last week. The Cooks lived in New York, but Mr. Cook got a better job in Pittsburg, Pa., and his wife left him, refusing to live in the latter city. She would not live in Pittsburg because the city was slow, smoky and dirty. Now she is free to live where she pleases.

It has been held by a jury in Iowa that under certain circumstances a bank cashier must make good money taken by robbers. In March, 1900, a bank in Northwood was entered by burglars who rifled the safe. O. F. Ulland, owner of the bank, brought suit against Burr Payne, his cashier, for \$2,500, claiming that Payne left the burglar-proof safe unlocked and that he had kept more money there than he was supposed to. The jury awarded Mr. Ulland \$825.00.

A memorial fountain in honor of Nathan Hale presented to the city of Norwalk, Conn., by the Norwalk Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, was unveiled with appropriate ceremonies on Friday last. Addresses were delivered by Dr. Edward Everett Hale, of Boston, who is a grand-nephew of Nathan Hale; Rev. C. M. Selleck, of Norwalk; Parkes Cadman, pastor of the Central Congregational Church, Brooklyn, and others. The memorial fountain cost \$950, a part of which was contributed by the school children of Norwalk.

MOST REMARKABLE WEATHER.

That is the Way the Weather Man Characterizes the Recent Storm.

News and Observer, 24.

Yesterday's weather conditions struck Forecaster von Herrmann all in a heap.

Mr. von Herrmann is the man appointed by the government to dispense weather in this part of the country, and Monday afternoon he printed on his bulletin in big black letters:

FOR TUESDAY: FAIR WEATHER.

Though there were no indications of fair weather when the bulletin was issued, every lover of baseball hoped the prediction would somehow turn out to be true. But it didn't. The rain was steadily peppering down when it was made, and never at any time, night or day, did the prospect brighten. Yesterday morning the whole atmosphere seemed to be saturated with water. The downpour was steady and disheartening, even to the most optimistic of baseball "rooters."

Finally the News and Observer man reluctantly consented to be one of a hundred brave but outraged citizens to wait on Mr. von Herrmann and demand an explanation, and this is what he said:

"In all my experience this is the most remarkable storm I have ever known. Certainly nothing like it has occurred, during the nearly fifteen years in which a record of the weather here has been kept.

"As everybody knows, and all the weather bureau records will show, every storm that ever came from the west, as soon as it struck the Atlantic coast developed in violence and passed rapidly up the coast. But this one didn't do that and right there's where it got the drop, not only on me, but on the whole weather service of this country.

"Instead of going up the coast it turned northward by way of Cincinnati, as I stated yesterday. That was a surprise to us, but we counted on no further fantastic tricks from it. But this morning we awoke to find the most remarkable thing of all had happened. The storm had curved back down the Mississippi valley through west Tennessee and north Alabama and was howling again almost at our doors. To be exact, the storm is now central at a point between Charlotte and Wilmington, where it is crossing the path by which it first came here from the west. To do this it had made a complete circle passing through North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio, Tennessee, North Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina and back into North Carolina.

"It is the most remarkable storm freak ever known. The storm started in southern Arizona on April 15th; it was in Texas on the 16th and 17th, Alabama on the 18th, South Carolina 19th, North Carolina and Virginia 20th, Ohio and Tennessee 21st, back in Alabama 22nd and South and North Carolina 23rd. Surely today it will pass up the coast, and make way for the warm wave that is behind it is the western and central part of the country. The weather continues fair and warm in the Mississippi valley and over the plateau region. Maximum temperatures above 80 degrees were reported in Texas Monday and the appearance of a low barometer over Montana indicates the approach of much warmer weather in the immediate future."

Job Couldn't Have Stood It.

If he'd had Itching Piles. They're terribly annoying; but Bucklen's Arnica Salve will cure the worst case of piles on earth. It has cured thousands. For Injuries, Pains or Bodily Eruptions it's the best salve in the world. Price 25c a box. Cure guaranteed by Hood Bros.

The 3d annual session of the North Carolina Conference of the Woman's Missionary Society will meet at Wilson May 10th to 15th.

STATE NEWS.

Short Items of Interest Culled From our State Exchanges.

The wheat crop of this State is reported to be exceptionally fine.

University of Virginia defeated N. C. University playing baseball Saturday, 9 to 2.

A separate reading room for negroes has been fitted up at the State Library in Raleigh.

The Grand Lodge of Knights of Pythias held its annual meeting in Greensboro this week.

A very good site for the new public library which Mr. Carnegie gives Charlotte has been bought for \$7,500.

The baby born at Raleigh, said to be the smallest ever born in the world, weighing 14½ ounces, died Saturday.

Thomas Dixon, Jr., one of the country's greatest orators will deliver his lecture on "New America" at the Academy of Music in Raleigh next Tuesday night.

The State commissioner of immigration says that during the past four years 10,000 persons from other States have settled in North Carolina, very few of these being foreigners.

Hon. Henry Watterson, the brilliant lecturer and great editor of Louisville, Ky., delivered his famous Lincoln lecture in the hall of the Olivia Raney Library at Raleigh, Monday night.

Gus. Reese was run over and killed by a passenger train near Fletcher, Henderson county, Saturday afternoon. He was about 20 years old and it is thought that he was intoxicated when run over.

Dr. Arnold Frank, a veterinary surgeon of Durham, has been engaged by agents of England to go with a transport load of mules from New Orleans to South Africa. He will return in about two months.

The Democrats of Goldsboro have nominated Mr. George E. Hood for Mayor of that city. Mr. Hood is one of the leading young Democrats of Wayne and ably represented his county in the recent Legislature.

Richard H. Battle, Esq., of Raleigh, will deliver the annual address before the University law school of Chapel Hill, May 7th. His subject will be "Lawyers I Have Met and Lessons to be Derived from their Lives."

The bridge over the Catawba river near Charlotte was swept away Saturday. The people in charge of it permitted logs and driftwood to collect and break the steel piers. It was recently finished and was of steel, the length being 350 feet.

The debate between speakers from N. C. University and Vanderbilt University, Friday night was won by the N. C. University. The subject of the debate was, "Resolved, That combination of capital, commonly known as trusts, are a social and economic advantage." The University had the affirmative side of the question.

At the office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction it is learned that during the past 20 years this State has expended \$7,210,964 for white and \$4,091,139 for negro public schools. It also spent \$3,823,564 for general expenses for both races, of which the white got the benefit of 56 and the negroes of 44 percent. The total expended was \$15,225,000. The negroes pay 5 percent of the taxes.

Mrs. Sarah Bean, who lives near Lenoir, will soon be 107 years old. She was never sick a day in her life until about two weeks ago when she lost her eyesight. She is cutting her third set of teeth. She never wore spectacles. She has living 78 children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren. Since her birth she has lived where she now is. She went away from home once in her life, 75 years ago.

The Educational Conference at Winston.

What has most impressed me in this Conference are two facts: That the educational problem is in its essential elements the same in the North and the South, and that the earnestness of purpose to solve it, by providing adequate, practical education for all the people, not greater in one section than in another. The problem is the same, whether it is presented by the deserted hill-sides of New England, with populations relapsing into something like barbarism, or by the mountain region of the South, where the railroad, the newspaper and the school house have never gone, or by the Canadian-French immigrants who crowd in New England factory towns, or by the Italians, Poles and Hungarians who swarm in the tenement house districts of the seaboard and lake cities, or by the negro population who gather in conditions which permit idleness and vice in Southern towns and cities. And the remedy is everywhere the same—a true estimate of the value of man and therefore of the value of education, and a true understanding of the meaning of education, including not only the informing of the intellect, but the training of the development of the conscience, that the law of life may be both intelligently understood and loyally obeyed. In this lies the seed of the salvation of the country from the feuds which threaten it, and of its power to deal successfully with its problems both at home and abroad.—Lyman Abbott, in News and Observer.

Railroad Wreck Near Shelby.

A terrible wreck occurred Saturday morning at 8 o'clock, at Buffalo bridge, ten miles from Shelby, this State, on the South Carolina and Georgia Railroad. The bridge gave way, plunging the engine and several coal and box cars to the stream beneath. Before the train attempted to cross the bridge, Bagman Will Sullivan insisted that he would not risk his life and walked over. Engineer Metcalf got down from his engine, went under the trestle, examined it and told his conductor it was unsafe, that if they attempted to cross they would lose the train and possibly their lives. The conductor gave him orders to go ahead, which he did, pulling the throttle wide open. The passenger car attached to the rear was cut loose by the conductor just in time to save the lives of the passengers. The trestle is 60 feet high and 400 feet long. The passenger train from Marion, loaded with passengers, escaped the wreck only twelve minutes. It was flagged by an old colored woman who had seen the wreck. Had the wreck not occurred there would have been a collision between the freight and passenger trains. Metcalf was a married man, 32 years old, with a family. The latest news from the wreck Saturday night was that A. Rhynes' body had been found a half mile down the river in a mangled condition. The body of Metcalf has not been recovered.—Ex.

Priest Insisting on Matrimony.

Trenton, N. J., April 22.—Rev. Thaddeus Hogan, of St. John's Catholic Church, is anxious to have all members of his church married. At early mass yesterday he desired all young single men to remain in their seats after mass. Then he insisted on them marrying early in life. He said that a man earning \$10 a week and upward could support a wife.

A few weeks ago Father Hogan preached a similar sermon to the single women of his parish. He urged both sexes to promote the cause of matrimony and said that after a reasonable time had elapsed he would compel each single man and woman to rent a whole pew in his church as a license fee.

A number of engagements have been announced.