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WEEKLY CROP REPORT.

A Bad Week for the Farmer—Rains Have Prevented Work and Damaged the Growing Crop.

The Weekly Crop Bulletin issued yesterday by the Weather Bureau for the week ending Monday, July 22nd, says that the remarks of crop correspondents for the week just past are generally quiet unfavorable, and indicate considerable injury to crops by excessive moisture and only slight improvement in favored localities. The chief objectionable feature was the large amount of rain occurring about the 25th and 18th, though at many points showers fell on every day of the week. Farmers hardly had any opportunity to cultivate crops, which have again become very foul; and besides the washing of the soil by heavy rains, bottom lands have been flooded again, necessitating the general abandonment of lowland crops throughout many counties. The temperature averaged near the normal or slightly below, and there were no extremes; the amount of sunshine was deficient.

General injury has resulted from the abundant rainfall, which entirely prevented plowing and obliged many farmers to lay by crops while very grassy. On uplands and on stiff, impervious clay soils somewhat better conditions prevail, and where cultivated, such crops look well and promise fair yields. The advantages of small farms, which are more easily kept clear, appear under such adverse conditions as have prevailed during the present season. In a few northeastern counties (Hertford, Gates) and generally in the valleys west of the Blue Ridge Mountains the conditions have been favorable, though rain is needed in Swain, Cherokee and adjoining counties. The general condition of cotton is not promising anywhere in the State and the abandonment of grassy fields continues; however, where properly cultivated, cotton is doing fairly well, though generally making too much weed, and not fruiting rapidly; cotton is shedding forms badly in many localities; in some counties on the eastern slope of the Blue Ridge the crop seems to be blooming and forming fruit more freely, but for the State at large the consensus of opinion is that the crop is very inferior.

Much corn on bottom lands was destroyed by freshets, on uplands the crop looks fairly well, though some is turning yellow; the weather has been too wet to finish laying by in good order. Cutting and curing tobacco is progressing slowly, with many good cures reported; it is large enough to cut in central counties, which will be done as soon as the rains cease; some tobacco is poor and has started second growth. Wheat and spring oats in shock have been injured by rains, and much of the crop which was housed while damp has moulded considerably.

Sweet potatoes, peanuts, field peas and rice are still doing well, though the growth of grass and weeds is threatening. Melons and cucumbers are rotting; some watermelons are ripe.

Fruit is also decaying, especially grapes. Hay-making has been interrupted, and many meadows need cutting. Transplanting strawberries is under way.

Millions Lost in Crops.

Chicago, July 23.—From conservative estimates gleaned in all sections of the Western grain belt the following figures can be considered reasonably accurate as showing losses the Western farmers will sustain from the protracted hot weather and drouth:

Kansas.....	\$225,000,000
Missouri.....	100,000,000
Nebraska.....	35,000,000
South Dakota and Minnesota.....	30,000,000
Iowa.....	30,000,000
Illinois.....	30,000,000

The prospects are that these figures will be increased.

GASPING IN THE WEST.

The Frightful Heat Again Beats Down on the Great Corn Belt.

Washington, July 23.—With the exception of scattered thunderstorms, the most important of which, so far as reports to the Weather Bureau show, was at North Platte, Neb., where barely eight one-hundredths of an inch of rain fell, the drouth and intense heat continued to-day throughout the States of the corn belt. The maximum temperature again averaged over 100° in that area, making the thirty-sixth consecutive day on which the thermometer has risen to 90° and higher. Generally speaking, the temperatures in the superheated area are not quite so high as yesterday, but such falls as have occurred have been due entirely to local changes and not to any general differences in atmospheric conditions. The hot weather also continued in the far Northwest, Bismarck, N. D., reporting a temperature of 106°, breaking its record. The area of 100° heat swung as far south as Memphis, which broke its record with a maximum of 104°.

Aside from North Platte a trace of rain was reported at Des Moines and two one-hundredths of an inch at Kansas City. According to present indications there is no prospect of a heavy rain for the next two days at least. Beyond that time the officials will not make any predictions.

BIG CHANGE AT MANILA.

Army to be Reduced to Between 20,000 and 30,000 Men.

Manila, July 22.—Conferences between Adjutant General Henry C. Corbin and General Adna R. Chaffee, recently held here, will probably result in radical reforms in the army of occupation. It is estimated the total cost of maintaining the American army in the Philippines will be reduced by 60 per cent. in the course of one year. The principal change will be the reduction of the present force to between 20,000 and 30,000 men. The abolishment of the present army districts is contemplated and three brigades, with permanent headquarters at Manila, Dagupan and Iloilo or Cebu, will be instituted in their stead. The troops will be concentrated at the three places selected, abandoning all minor posts.

These changes will result in an enormous saving in the transportation of supplies and the paying of rental for barracks for the soldiers. At present in most towns the troops are quartered in churches, convents and other public and private buildings, for the use of which considerable rentals are paid. Where the troops do not occupy public buildings it is believed rental should be paid for the soldiers' quarters if their occupancy is continued, since these regions are pacified and their inhabitants have sworn allegiance to the United States. Generals Corbin and Chaffee have decided upon the construction of barracks at the pumping station—about six miles from Manila and the source of the city's water supply—to accommodate three regiments of infantry, one of cavalry and eight batteries of artillery, as well as a general commissary and quartermaster's storehouse, to cost \$100,000. The erection of this latter building will reduce expenses by \$20,000 a month, the amount of the rentals paid for the commissary and quartermaster's storehouses in Manila alone. An electric railroad, connecting the docks on the Pasig river and the new storehouse, will be constructed.

The piles that annoy you so will be quickly and permanently healed if you use DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. Beware of worthless counterfeits. Hood Bros., Hare & Son, J. R. Ledbetter.

MICRO NOTES.

School begun here Monday morning. A. C. Stencil, who has taught here five terms and made a success each time, is the teacher. We are willing to risk him again.

Willie Philips, the little cripple boy who has been with Mr. W. F. Millard for the past three months, left to-day for Raleigh, where he will work in the cotton mill.

Mr. Z. V. Fitzgerald, of Dunn, was in to see us yesterday. Messrs. Ivey Edgerton and Preston Mazingo report a very pleasant time near Pleasant Hill, last Sunday. Say boys, when are you going again.

One of our boys near Pleasant Plain says his girl kindly left him not long ago at the new church. Mr. Patterson Brown, of near Selma, was one of the many who called in our neighborhood Sunday. Ask him where he eat dinner?

We heard that Mr. Millard Brown went to church at Beulah last Sunday and said that he wished that there would be preaching there every Sunday.

Last Saturday night some thieves broke into the bar-room of Mr. C. A. Fitzgerald and stole 15 or 20 gallons of whiskey and gin. Suspicion rested on Hill Holder and John Williams, two negroes. Holder was arrested, but Williams could not be found. Mr. Fitzgerald has convincing proof that these two negroes are the guilty ones. During the night Holder made his escape, and both are now hiding from the officers of the law.

BILLIE.

EASONS DOTS.

The rain fall has ceased and crops are improving very fast.

Mr. Seth Parrish, of Dunn, opened a private school at Earp's Schoolhouse last Monday, which he will continue on through the winter. We wish him much success.

We are glad to say that a large crowd was present at our singing at Thanksgiving church last Sunday and all enjoyed the singing very much.

Miss Julia Robinson and Mr. Henry Pool, of Clayton, were visiting friends in our section last Sunday.

Mr. Harris Brown (the peddler) is visiting friends in our community this week.

The boys of our section enjoyed a grand fox hunt last week. They caught five foxes and run another for about two hours, but failed to catch him. The brethren are very thankful to the fox hunters, for they have saved them many a good chicken.

Masonic Notice.

Free Masonic Lectures at Hall of Fellowship Lodge, No. 84 A. F. and A. M. at Smithfield, N. C., commencing August 5th at 9 o'clock a. m., 1901. Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Masters Degrees taught, Opening and closing forms practiced, side degrees of "Masters Reliance," "Tall Cedars of Lebanon" and wonderful degree of "Probably" interspersed. All Masons in good standing and members of Fellowship Lodge especially urged to attend. Will begin at the building of King Solomon's Temple and finish with the 9th and last emblem. Will lecture two weeks, day and night if desired.

(Signed) ELIAS ROSE, Lecturer.

The State superintendent of public instruction has decided the important question as to who is to build school houses—county boards of education or committees of the county commissioners. The superintendent decides that under section 13, of the new school law, the county boards of education must direct the building of all school houses, and the making of all repairs costing over \$25 and provide for the payment out of the general school fund while repairs up to \$25, including cost of all supplies, must be directed by the school district committees and paid for out of district funds.

POLENTA NEWS.

The picnic that was to have been at Shiloh on the 28th, has been postponed to some future day in order not to come in conflict with the Township Sunday School Convention which takes place at Oakland on that date.

Mr. C. C. Young, of the Leachburg section, is seriously ill with typhoid fever. Hope his illness will be of short duration.

Last week's freshet took away Bank's highland bridge. So far as heard from there has been no further damage to bridges.

We have heard it said that one of our farmers who has sixty acres in corn offers to sell it for sixty bushels. Another who last year made one hundred and twenty-five barrels on twenty or twenty-five acres, says if he gets twenty-five barrels on the same land this year, it will be as much as he expects.

Misses Nellie Johnson and Audrey Booker, who have recently returned from their visit to Smithfield, report having had a delightful time during their stay.

Sunday School Convention and picnic at Oakland Saturday. All invited to come.

Capt. Gren continues on deck and is likely to hold the fort to the end of the season. With so much rain and in such an unequal contest, it is almost impossible for the farmer to conquer him.

So far as the crop outlook is concerned it is decidedly distressing—the worst for many years past.

Miss Bertha Jones returned from a very pleasant visit to friends in Smithfield, Wednesday. Typo.

AROUND SANDERS CHAPEL.

Mrs. Rose Pritchard is visiting friends in Faison.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Godwin gave a delightful ice cream supper to a party of young folks, last Saturday evening. It was much enjoyed by all present.

Miss Nona Powell spent last Sunday at home.

Miss Bettie Lee Sanders left for her home in the Preston section, last Thursday, accompanied by Miss Lillian Holt.

Mr. Will C. Smith spent last Sunday in Pine Level.

Last Friday evening Miss Lillian Holt gave a most enjoyable "Heart Party," complimentary to her friend, Miss Bettie Lee Sanders.

The prize, a silver heart pin, was won by Miss Sanders, and Mr. Robert Sanders carried off the booty prize.

Delightful refreshments were served by misses Holt and Powell, late in the evening, and music added to the pleasure of the occasion.

The Sanders Chapel Reading Club have invited a speaker to be present at their next regular meeting, Saturday, evening July 27th. Those who hear him will feel that their time was well spent.

Mrs. A. A. Peedin, of Smithfield, is spending several days at her father's Mr. H. A. Peterson.

The public school, at Creech's school house, began last Monday morning with Miss Zilla Stevens as teacher.

Our people are to be congratulated upon securing the services of a lady of such fine abilities as Miss Stevens possesses.

Miss Laidie Peterson spent last Sunday in Selma.

Rev. Duncan McLeod delivered an interesting sermon to an attentive audience at Sardis Baptist church last Sunday.

Mr. Ralph Stevens is spending this week with friends and relatives in the neighborhood.

Rev. K. D. Holmes preaches at Sanders Chapel next Sunday morning at eleven o'clock.

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Secretary Long and the officers of the Navy are much exercised over the discovery that a bitter attack on Admiral Schley was inserted in the last edition of Macley's History of the United States Navy, used as text book in the United States Navy Academy at Annapolis. Official approval of the work is disclaimed by authorities.

BENSON BUDGET.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hall are visiting in Cumberland county.

Prof. Turlington and J. M. Beatty, of Smithfield, were in town Wednesday.

Mrs. R. F. Smith is visiting in Polenta section.

Revenue officials found certain irregularities at Royal's distillery near here Tuesday, that may result in its seizure by the government.

W. S. Utley's residence caught on fire Tuesday, and but for the heroic efforts of a Mr. Beacham, traveling salesman, the building with several others might have been destroyed. Our folks are the hardest people in the world to leave in a race for a fire, but Beacham beat 'em.

C. R. L. Matthews, of Rocky Mount, is in town. For a long time he clerked for J. R. Woodall.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Turlington, of Baltimore, are visiting relatives in the community.

Our clever Chief is putting the streets in fine order.

Mrs. Effie Harper and Mrs. J. W. Baucum, of Dunn, visited here Sunday.

John Johnson, an aged and respected citizen, of Meadow Township, father of our esteemed townsman J. B. Johnson, died Monday of dropsy. Miss Bettie Lee, a member of his family, aged 18, died the day before of fever—two corpses in the house at one time. Two other members of the family who are sick, are reported to be doing fairly well.

Most of the sanctified brethren are at Falcon attending a ten days meeting there.

Certain shipments of goods received here have provoked the inquiry, "are we consumers or wholesalers?" Last week it was a car load of bar-room supplies and this week it is a car load of bread.

Mr. John W. Allen feels aggrieved at what we said last week about Ben Allen who sold the mortgaged bicycle, and says that Ben did not sell the wheel but only pawned it, intending to redeem it when he got back home. As will be remembered he went off to enlist in the army.

SELMA NEWS.

Mr. Robert Millard Nowell attended the ice cream party at Wilson's Mills Monday evening. He says he had a splendid time.

Miss Annie Foy, of New Bern, N. C., who has been visiting Miss Julia Fuller Etheridge, left for Raleigh Wednesday.

Miss Eliza Williams, of Fayetteville, is visiting Miss Eudora Vick.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. W. Winston, of Oxford, who have been visiting relatives here, left for home Wednesday.

Miss Gertrude Landis, of Raleigh and Miss Julia Winston, of Oxford, who have been visiting Miss Annie Noble left for Raleigh Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Bessie Hatcher, the youngest daughter of Mr. Hardie Hatcher, died here Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Hatcher have been sorely afflicted as this makes the fourth child they have lost in a year. We hope that He who tempers the wind to the shorn lamb will heal the broken hearts and show them that while His ways are mysterious that He does all things well.

Mr. Solomon Person, of Fremont, is visiting his brother, Dr. Person. We hope the sporting editor will tell us when to laugh, for he said last week "He laughs best who laughs last." Say, can we laugh now? To those of our Smithfield friends to whom it was "genuine pleasure" to see us laugh when our baseball team beat their's as it was such an unusual occurrence we hope they had some "genuine pleasure" last Tuesday when our team again beat theirs 13 to 7, and if they had been over here Wednesday they could have had some more "genuine pleasure" when our "junior" club defeated the Smithfield juniors 17 to 6. Say, can we laugh now? SENEX.

Mr. Jennett Married.

The many friends of Mr. Norman E. Jennett, whose cartoons in the News and Observer made him well known all over North Carolina, will send him greetings in his marriage to Miss Mary H. Macginnis, of New York. They were married on the 9th day of July by Rev. Edward R. Stone, and are living at 27 Pierrepoint street, Brooklyn. Mr. Jennett has a good position on the Brooklyn Eagle. He is a gentleman of the talent and industry that will win success.—News and Observer.

"I am indebted to One Minute Cough Cure for my present good health and my life. I was treated in vain by doctors for lung trouble following la grippe. I took One Minute Cough Cure and recovered my health."—r. E. H. Wise, Madison, Ga. J. R. Ledbetter, Hare & Son, Hood Bros.

NOTICE.

This is to inform the people of Johnston county that the law requires all persons who own Bank stock in the county, to list the same with the Register of Deeds for taxation for county and school purposes.

Now, Therefore, all persons will take notice that persons owning Bank Stock in the county will be required to furnish me a statement by Aug. 15, 1901 of the amount owned by each person in said county. Fail not as it is necessary for me to have amount of same. This July 25, 1901. J. W. STEPHENSON, Register of Deeds.

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TESTIMONIALS.

Ex President of State University: Elon College has sprung up as if by magic with lar e equipment, faithful and zealous teachers, extensive patronage, wise and active management, a practical and blessed institution of culture and refinement.

President Tulane University: Your students show thorough, scholarly training, imbued with the spirit of scholarship and correct methods of work.

University of Virginia: Your men work well. Department excellent.

Johns Hopkins: Wins a very high opinion from teachers—industrious and painstaking and very satisfactory progress.

Rev. W. W. STALEY, A. M., D. D., Address: President.

Dr. J. U. NEWMAN, Chairman.

NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the Johnston County Branch of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Association of North Carolina, will be held in the Court House on Monday, August 5th, 1901, at 12:30 p. m. sharp. Every member of the Association earnestly solicited to attend.

This July 15, 1901.

CHAS. F. KIRBY, President.
By J. C. BINGHAM, Sec.-Treas.

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