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WEEKLY CROP REPORT.

Farm Work Progressed Nicely During the Past Week.

Weather Favorable and Crops in Pretty Good Condition—Hail in Some Counties—Tobacco Doing Well.

The Weekly Crop Bulletin for week ending Monday, June 12, 1905, says: During the week ending Monday, June 12th, the weather on the whole was very favorable for agricultural interests, except that the latter part of the week was too cool for the rapid growth of crops. Although some local storms occurred on Wednesday, 7th, with hail and high winds, which damaged crops in a few counties, namely, Nash, Alamance, Vance, Franklin and Warren, there was a general absence of precipitation during the week over most of the State, giving farmers an excellent and much needed opportunity to cultivate crops and kill grass and weeds. In most of the north-eastern and western counties, where the rainfall has not been excessive, the soil has become rather dry, and upland crops are beginning to need light rains.

The mean temperature for the week averaged about 74 degrees, or nearly 2 degrees daily above the normal. On the 5th, 6th and 7th the temperature was quite high, maxima above 90 degrees being generally recorded; this was the most favorable period of week during which crops made rapid growth; the latter portion was, however, cool enough to check growth, the temperature at night falling quite low.

There was abundant sunshine everywhere during the week. The weather was especially favorable for farm work which was pushed vigorously; farmers have generally succeeded in subduing grass and weeds, and most crops are now clean, well cultivated and in a good condition. Harvesting operations and making hay progressed favorably. Material improvement in crops took place during the early portion of the week.

Though some fields are still grassy and not chopped to stands, the larger portion of the cotton crop has been placed in an excellent state of cultivation, but the crop is only doing fairly well as regards growth; the plants are mostly late, small, and not very healthy in color; continuous warmth is needed for best development; lice have appeared on cotton in many counties.

Corn is in good condition in the West, where it is being worked the third time; in many central and eastern counties, where the stands were injured by worms, the crop has not grown very rapidly, though it is improving; in the southern portion of the State laying by corn has commenced, with some of it in silk and tassel. Planting corn on lowlands is being rapidly advanced.

Tobacco is reported to be in good condition though growing slowly. Cutting wheat continued during the week, and reports generally indicate, a smaller yield than was expected; winter oats, rye and spring oats are more promising. Field peas are being planted in most counties. Peanuts look well, but poor stands are reported in some northeastern counties, where the weather has been very dry and rain is needed. Gardens continue to do well. Irish potatoes seem to be yielding well in many counties, and good stands of sweet potatoes have generally been secured. Melons are poor. A fairly large crop of peaches is promised, but apples have largely fallen from the trees and a poor crop is indicated.

Rains reported: Goldsboro, trace; New Bern, 0.28; Weldon, 0.06; Wilmington, 0.10; Hatteras, 0.20; Nashville, 0.86; Greensboro, 0.22; Raleigh, 0.36; Marion, trace; Settle, 0.09; Charlotte, Asheville and many other points reported no precipitation.

BENSON NEWS.

Dr. J. C. Johnson is spending this week in Four Oaks where he is doing professional work.

A much needed shower fell last Monday night which greatly refreshed the growing crops in this section.

Miss Eva Parrish left last Tuesday for Clayton where she will spend several days with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Fulton Hall, of Goldsboro, arrived in town on Tuesday evening of this week to visit Mr. Hall's parents.

Miss Lettie Ryals, after visiting Miss Leola Smith for several days, returned homelast Sunday accompanied by Miss Leola who is spending this week with relatives in town.

The revival at the Baptist church closed on Tuesday night of this week with eleven accessions to the church. The ordinance of baptism was administered by Rev. D. F. Putnam on Wednesday morning at Mr. J. D. Parrish's pond near town.

SOLON.

One of The Commencement Sundays.

Last Sunday was a rare June day. It was filled to overflowing with privileges for the editor. To feel the rush of the breeze on the hilltops, to catch the odor of grape blooms in the low moist places where the cat-bird builds her nest, to brush the foliage of cherry trees filled with their glistening fruit, to see the plumed pines waving their greeting to cloudlets sailing like white winged argosies through a cerulean sea, to drink nature's brimming goblet—all to the accompaniment of notes floating from the soul of a little wide-eyed exultant boy of thirteen summers, who, like his father, had long heard the call of field and forest—all this fell to our lot Sunday as behind an ambitious horse he travelled the fifteen miles between Raleigh and Clayton to preach at the latter place to the graduating class of Clayton High School.

The congregation which filled the large auditorium to overflowing was enough in itself to inspire any one to do his best. Grasping the hand of old and new acquaintances lent charm to the social feature. The hours spent under the roof of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. McCullers, whose reputation for hospitable kindness is securely fixed in all that section, were among the most pleasant features of the day.

Clayton has cause to feel proud of her school. The building is large and commodious. Last session there were over three hundred pupils in attendance. Prof. D. L. Ellis, one of the best graded school teachers in the State, had charge last year. He was assisted by five teachers. No manufacturing industry that might be established in Clayton would bring more to this town than is being brought by this successful enterprising school.—Raleigh Christian Advocate.

Not Enough on Hand.

The game of baseball that was expected to be played between the "Fitzgerald school boys," and the Bagley team last Saturday afternoon was not played on account of there not being enough players there on either side.

J. H. F.

Huge Task.

It was a huge task, to undertake the cure of such a bad case of kidney disease, as that of U. F. Collier, of Cherokee, Ia., but Electric Bitters did it. He writes: "My kidneys were so far gone, I could not sit on a chair without a cushion; and suffered from dreadful backache, headache, and depression. In Electric Bitters, however, I found a cure, and by them was restored to perfect health. I recommend this great tonic medicine to all with weak kidneys, liver or stomach. Guaranteed by Hood Bros. drug-gist; price 50c."

POLENTA NEWS.

Mr. E. R. Johnson Dead—Crops Improving—Local Items.

Preaching at Elizabeth next Sunday by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Fisher.

It is conceded that Mr. Z. T. Jones has the finest field of cotton in the neighborhood.

Mr. J. H. Woodall, of Wilson, came up to his old home Monday evening for a short vacation.

The wife of Mr. Ruffin Barbour is slowly recovering from a critical illness. At one time her life was despaired of.

Sorry to chronicle the sickness of Mr. Z. T. Jones. For the past several days he has been confined to his bed with something like rheumatism. He is somewhat better, though still confined to his bed.

Messrs. J. W. Myatt, W. D. Tomlinson and C. M. Austin left for Louisville, Kentucky, Monday. They will be gone about ten days and will doubtless take in other cities in the west during their stay.

After spending a month or more on the road selling fruit trees, Messrs. Jno. Hardee, Harvey Woodall and Sam Coats, are spending a few days at their homes. Each one of them reports good sales, and will be off again in a few days.

The crops have improved some—cotton looks greener and is regaining some of the loss it sustained during the rainy season. It is impossible, however, to make more than an average of a half crop. Corn still looks yellow, but is somewhat improved. Tobacco has improved wonderfully. Other crops doing fairly well.

The sermon at Shiloh Sunday morning last by the pastor, Rev. B. Townsend, was one of great power. His theme was, "The Great Salvation," and eloquently did he handle the subject to the delight of all present. A series of meetings will begin at this church Saturday evening before the second Sunday in July, and the pastor requests a full attendance of the membership at the first meeting. Hopes are entertained for a gracious revival. Rev. Mr. Townsend will have some one to help him in the meeting.

It is our painful duty to chronicle the death of our esteemed citizen and neighbor, Mr. E. R. Johnson, which sad event occurred Sunday night at 1 o'clock, after an illness of only a few days, though he had been in declining health for the past six months. Thursday of last week he was stricken down with hemorrhage and gradually grew worse until the end came, and relieved him of his suffering. At the time of his death Mr. Johnson was in his 67th year, having been born in the year 1838. At the outbreak of the civil war he was among the first to go into active service, and served bravely and gallantly through the struggle, being wounded severely in the last battle he took part in, from the effect of which the doctors told us he died. He was an acting sergeant at the close of the war. Having lived in this community during his entire life, he is known to have been a true man in every sense of the word—an indulgent loving father, a devoted husband, a kind and considerate neighbor, an all round citizen—a man of the strictest integrity and honor. Behind to mourn his demise Mr. Johnson leaves a wife, three daughters, two sons and four sisters. To these the deepest sympathy of the entire community is extended.

TYPO.

A Bad Scare.

Some day you will get a bad scare, when you feel a pain in your bowels, and fear appendicitis. Safety lies in Dr. King's New Life Pills, a sure cure, for all bowel and stomach disease, such as headache, biliousness, costiveness, etc. Guaranteed at Hood Bros. drugstore, only 25c. Try them.

CLAYTON NOTES.

Mrs. C. W. Horne is visiting in Raleigh this week.

Mr. R. R. Gulley is spending a few days in Goldsboro this week on business.

Several of our townsmen went to Buffalo creek seining Tuesday. They report a fine time and plenty of fish.

Mr. Chas. Turley has been sick for a few days. Mr. A. V. Gulley has been taking his place on the R. F. D. Route.

Miss Annie Dodd, of Spring Hope, left for her home this morning after spending several days with relatives here.

Mr. Lonnie Holland and Miss Nellie Pool spent several days in Four Oaks this week visiting Mr. Holland's mother and sister.

We are sorry to note the death of Mr. Rufus Harrison, of near Clayton. Mr. Harrison was one of Johnston County's best citizens.

Miss Willie Creech, of Selma, left here for home this morning carrying with her one of our girls, Miss Pauline Hales, to spend a while.

Calm usually comes after a tempest and quiet times and the blues after a concert. Our city seems almost depopulated since the school closed.

The remains of Hon. Joseph Ellington, of Raleigh, will be brought here for burial this afternoon. Mr. Ellington was raised in Clayton and leaves many friends and relatives to mourn his death.

The Clayton Baraca class elected new officers last Sunday. M. H. Jones, President; Arthur Wallace, Vice President; J. C. Ellis, Secretary and Treasurer; Willie Jones, Press Reporter; C. W. Carter, Teacher.

June 14th.

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SELMA NEWS.

Mr. R. B. Whitley spent Wednesday at his farm near Wendell.

Miss Mattie Lumsden, of Raleigh, is visiting Miss Jessica Womack.

Mr. R. M. Nowell went to Raleigh Sunday morning to see his brother who is quite sick at the hospital.

Mr. J. A. Noel, of Richmond, Va., was here last week and from his looks things must be going his way.

Miss Maggie Call who has been attending school at the State Normal is on a visit to her brother, W. H. Call, Esq.

Well, everybody went to Thomasville on the excursion today; it would just be impossible for us to name them. The train left promptly on the minute with one of the Southern's best engines, so the excursionists should have a quick trip.

Mr. T. L. Huggins, of Kinston, has moved here and opened a family grocery store on the corner of Railroad and Railroad streets where he will be pleased to have every one call and make his acquaintance and buy groceries. His family reside on Noble street.

Messrs. Robert P. Noble and Wm. Richardson, Jr., left New Port News last Monday on a cattle ship for Liverpool from which place they will visit some points of interest in Scotland, England, France, Germany, Belgium and Italy. They will also visit Mount Vesuvius and will be away about eight weeks.

June 15.

SENEK.

Rev. B. G. Early's Appointments.

First Sunday—Liveoak at 11 o'clock and Saturday before at 3 o'clock.

Second Sunday—Oliver's Grove at 11 o'clock and Saturday before at 11 o'clock.

Third Sunday—Pine Level morning and night.

Fourth Sunday—Sardis at 11 o'clock and at the school house near Mr. Elias Rose's at 4 o'clock.

SENATOR ELLINGTON DEAD.

A Native of Johnston County and a Brother of Sheriff Ellington.

Hon. Joseph C. Ellington, a prominent citizen of Raleigh, well known throughout the State, died at his residence, corner of Newbern Avenue and Bloodworth streets, at 6 o'clock last evening after a stubborn illness.

Mr. Ellington was sixty-three years old and it will be remembered that he had a severe attack of pneumonia in February last, during the session of the General Assembly, of which he was a member, being the Senator from Wake county. While he had been ill his death came suddenly.

There will be a short funeral service conducted by Rev. W. C. Tyree, pastor of the First Baptist church, and Rev. R. T. Vaun, president of the Baptist University for Women, from the residence at 3:30 this afternoon, after which the body will be taken to Clayton on the 4:36 p. m. train for interment in the family burying ground.

Mr. Ellington was a son of Rev. Jno. F. Ellington, who was a prominent and greatly beloved minister of Clayton. Sheriff J. T. Ellington, of Johnston county, is his brother and Mrs. J. B. Robertson, of Clayton is his sister.

Mr. Ellington was a member of the Baptist church, and in it was held in high esteem. By occupation he was a surveyor and a civil engineer. From 1893 to 1897 he was the State Librarian, and has been supervisor of roads for Wake county. In 1904 he was elected as a Democrat to the State Senate from Wake county, and while a member of that body was taken ill with pneumonia, from the effects of which he never fully recovered. In the legislature he took a prominent part in measures relating to the Confederate veterans, for he had been one, and his interest in them never abated.

Mr. Ellington is survived by his wife, six daughters: Mrs. E. L. Hinton, of Clayton, Mrs. J. M. Turley, of Clayton, Mrs. W. J. Young, of Raleigh, Misses Bernice Ellington, Placide Ellington and Lalla Ellington, of Raleigh, and two sons, Mr. Bayard H. Ellington, of Richmond, and Mr. J. C. Ellington, of Raleigh.

Joseph Crittenden Ellington was born in Johnston county, September 17th, 1843, and was educated at Clayton Academy and Wake Forest College. He was married November 15th, 1864, to Miss Elizabeth Tomlinson, daughter of Mr. B. H. Tomlinson, of Johnston county.

He volunteered in the Confederate Army at the age of eighteen in Company C, 50th N. C. Regiment, and was commissioned lieutenant before he was nineteen years of age. He served during the entire four years of the war and surrendered with Johnson at Greensboro. He was one of seven members from Johnston county who refused to surrender and who made their way home through the lines. Mr. Ellington was the first of the seven to die. The others are ex-Gov. Renfrow, now of Oklahoma; C. S. Powell, A. L. Parker, J. B. Kennedy, W. M. Tomlinson and Sheriff J. T. Ellington.—News and Observer 14th.

Dying of Famine

is, in its torments, like dying of consumption. The progress of consumption, from the beginning to the very end, is a long torture, both to victim and friends. "When I had consumption in its first stage," writes Wm. Myers, of Cearfoss, Md., "after trying different medicines and a good doctor, in vain, I at last took Dr. King's New Discovery, which quickly and perfectly cured me. Prompt relief and sure cure for coughs, colds, sore throat, bronchitis, etc. Positively prevents pneumonia. Guaranteed at Hood Bros. drug store, price 50c and \$1.00 a bottle. Trial bottle free.

THIS YEAR'S COTTON CROP.

Manager of Farmers' Union Says It Will Be 8,000,000 Bales.

Dallas, Texas, June 14.—John T. Garner, business agent and manager of the Cotton Department of the Farmers' Union, has issued a cotton report, showing reduction of cotton as per sworn statements from union and non-union farmers through the Southern cotton belt.

He says about January 1st, 150,000 cotton coupons were sent out to members of the union on which coupons the farmers were each to state what their cotton acreage was last year, and write a pledge that it would not exceed a given number of blank acres this year. He adds:

"I have had every coupon tabulated and the full report shows a reduction in cotton acreage of 30 1/3 per cent. The late cold wet weather has caused a still greater reduction in acreage, then the web, or as some call it, the 'careless worm' is stripping the foliage off thousands of acres all over Texas, most of which will have to be planted over even at this late date.

"At the present outlook this year's crop will not exceed 8,000,000 bales."

KENLY NOTES.

Mr. W. R. Perkins, of Pikeville, spent Wednesday night with his son, D. T. Perkins.

Mr. J. H. Kirby made a business trip to Clayton Monday, returning Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Benton, of Norfolk, Va., spent some time here this week as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Z. V. Snipes.

Mr. John Oates, of Fayetteville, will deliver a temperance lecture in the Academy Friday night, June 16th. He is one of the best temperance lecturers in North Carolina.

Rev. R. W. Horrell, of Selma, preached here in the Academy Sunday. He preached a very good sermon, one of the best temperance sermons we have had the pleasure to hear.

Mr. C. W. Edgerton, accompanied by his brother, Dr. H. K. Edgerton, of Lebanon, Tenn. left Friday to spend a few days visiting friends and relatives in Kinston and Morehead City.

The Methodist Sunday school will observe Children's Day, Sunday, June 18th. They have prepared a good programme. The exercises will begin at 9:00 a. m. The public is invited to attend.

REX.

ARCHER DOTS.

Miss Ruth Chamblee, of Nash county, visited friends here last week.

Messrs. G. N. & H. H. Hinton, of Smithfield, visited the former's brother, Mr. W. T. Hinton, last week.

We are sorry to note the illness of Mr. J. Sidie Eason. We trust he may soon regain his health.

The game of baseball last Saturday between Barnes X Roads and Emit on the latter's ground resulted in a victory for Emit, the score being 9 to 0.

The Children's Day Exercises at White Oak last Sunday were opened with song and prayer by Rev. A. A. Pippin, after which the program was carried out faithfully, the children all acquitting themselves with credit. Rev. A. A. Pippin, pastor of the church, then delivered one of his most impressive lectures, his subject being "Our Day."

June 12. S. L. W.

Every bottle warranted, but not one returned, is the report regarding Dr. Seth Arnold's Balsam (the best Summer Remedy) from a large number of Druggists in the South. This Balsam is warranted to you by Hood Bros.