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## WEEKLY CROP REPORT.

### Crops Need Warm Dry Weather—Favorable Conditions Required to Make Average Cotton Crop.

The government weekly crop bulletin for North Carolina for the week ending Monday, July 31, says:

The characteristic feature of the weather during the past week was the relatively low temperature that prevailed. While the mean of the week for the state at large was only slightly below the normal, the night temperatures were generally below 70 degrees and the maxima below 90 degrees, except at a few places on Sunday, July 30th. As the weather was also quite cloudy during the most of the week, the conditions were very pleasant for outdoor work, but the absence of sunshine, and excessive moisture in places caused further rank growth of vegetation and delayed the formation of fruit, which it is feared will make crops, especially cotton, rather late.

The rainfall was irregularly distributed and generally small in amount; over most of the interior of the state the first part of the week was dry and favorable, with good showers on Friday, but in some northeastern counties, chiefly Beaufort, Halifax and Nash, and in several west of the Blue Ridge the rains, though small in amount, were too frequent for best results. In most counties, however, the week was fairly favorable both for work and for the growth of crops.

Laying by crops is practically completed, and the chief work on hand is cutting and curing tobacco, plowing for wheat, seeding turnips and making late hay. More sunshine and a period of dry weather would be beneficial.

Cotton has overgrown its normal size in most counties, and in the central-eastern portion of the state the plants are not very full of blooms and fruit; there is considerable damage by rust, but less report of shedding, although where the crop is suffering from excessive moisture both bolls and leaves are falling, and on light lands plants are turning yellow. In the west in spite of rapid growth cotton seems to be blooming freely and fruiting well. Very favorable conditions from now on will be needed to make an average crop of cotton. Early upland corn is about made; fodder is ripening, and pulling has begun in a few counties; young corn appears to be earing and filling nicely, in places from 1 to 4 stalks to the stalk are reported; much bottom land corn is still badly in the grass.

Tobacco is doing fairly well as a rule and is curing nicely, but it is over ripe in some places, and on thin land the cures are light on account of damage by too much moisture.

Peanuts, field peas, sweet potatoes and rice have progressed nicely. Thrashing wheat and other grains is about over, and in many instances the yield has turned out somewhat better than expected.

Sowing turnip seed and late hay making are under way. The fruit crop in the west will be short and inferior; apples are very scabby; grapes are ripening; the moist, cloudy weather continues to favor the spread of fungus diseases causing decay. Transplanting strawberry plants has made good progress.

Rains reported: Goldsboro 0.12, Lumberton 0.34, New Bern 2.64, Weldon 0.10, Greensboro 0.20, Raleigh 0.62, Asheville 1.00, Charlotte 1.00, Hatteras 2.00, Angier 1.31, Pomona 0.25, Lexington 1.02, Moncure 0.32, Hendersonville 1.80, Nashville 1.17.

### Polar Variety.

Rodrick—I see Peary is going after the pole in a ship called Roosevelt.

Van Albert—Yes, I guess he thinks that will be a good name to put the bears to flight.—Detroit Tribune.

## STATE NEWS ITEMS.

Scotland Neck had a \$10,000 fire Tuesday night.

Grading has begun at High Point and Winston and steel rails for the road are being delivered.

Professors Whitehead and Payne of the University of North Carolina, have accepted Professorships in the University of Virginia.

The contract has been let for a new hotel building in Charlotte to be known as the Highlands. The building will have 140 rooms and will cost about \$200,000.

Eleven negro prisoners under sentence to the chaingang for various terms, escaped from jail at Lumberton Monday night. They used a saw which they had secured by some unknown means.

Prof. R. E. Sentelle, principal of Wakefield High School, and representative from Wake county in the last General Assembly, has been chosen superintendent of Elizabeth City Public Schools.

A steel bridge to cost \$200,000 will be erected across Newport river, connecting the towns of Morehead City and Beaufort. The bridge will be about two and a half miles long. Work on the structure will be commenced at once.

It is probable that the installation of Dr. W. L. Potestas as President of Wake Forest College will take place during the session of the Baptist State Convention in Raleigh in December. If so, the convention could go out to Wake Forest for a day.

The mayor and citizens of Asheville have opened the doors of their healthful mountain city to the people of New Orleans and other yellow fever infected districts. Many refugees have accepted the invitation and are pouring into Asheville daily.

Bob Berry, a furniture factory worker at High Point, tried to commit suicide Wednesday by slashing his throat, but he is expected to recover. Strict adherence to the "Burning Bush" religious faith and corn liquor is believed to have unsettled his mind, if he had any.

The divorce evil in North Carolina is growing, or rather has done so up to the present time, since now there is a new law. The clerk of the court of Wake county says that on the county docket there are about 25 divorce suits at present. He says the average for the past seven years has at least been 25 cases, but that the rush is not so great since the new law went into effect. He has been in office several years.

A most horrible and shocking accident occurred at Davis' Shore, about ten miles east of Beaufort, Friday afternoon, when Sutton Davis, a 16-year-old lad, while wading and playing in the water, was suddenly attacked and eaten by a very large shark. Sutton was in the water about waist deep when suddenly a shark approached him, threw him in the air and caught him as he struck the water, pulled him under and disappeared in deep water with the boy. Thorough search has been made, but no particle of the body has been found.

### Public is Aroused.

The public is aroused to a knowledge of the curative merits of thao great medicinal tonic, Electric Bitters, for sick stomach, liver and kidneys. Mary H. Walters, of 546 St. Clair Ave., Columbus, O., writes: "For several months, I was given up to die. I had fever and ague, my nerves were wrecked; I could not sleep, and my stomach was so weak, from useless doctors' drugs, that I could not eat. Soon after beginning to take Electric Bitters, I obtained relief, and in a short time I was entirely cured." Guaranteed at Hood Bros. drug store; price 50c.

After you are married, young lady, it is just as well to remember that cooking is a greater art than thumping a piano.

## BIG TOBACCO OPENING.

### About Seventy-five Thousand lbs. of Golden Weed Sold here Friday at Satisfactory Prices.

Last Friday marked the opening of the Smithfield tobacco season for this year. Both tobacco warehouses—the Banner and the Farmers—were well prepared for a good opening, but the large quantities of tobacco brought was quite a surprise to even the managers. Both houses were well filled, the total number of pounds offered for sale being between 72,000 and 75,000.

The prices ranged from \$5.00 to \$12.50 per hundred for common lugs, with scrap bringing from \$1.50 to \$4.00. The farmers,—and there were many of them present—seemed well pleased at the prices their weed brought.

The opening has been pronounced the most successful since our market first opened just seven years ago. With well lighted houses, well equipped in every respect; with plenty of prize house room to store all tobacco brought here, with a large corps of buyers with good orders; and the warehouses under the management of our own people who have been here since the market first opened and built it up to its present high standing, the Smithfield market promises to add to the splendid reputation that seven years of honest and fair dealing has given it.

The outlook is promising and encouraging for a splendid season with fair prices.

### Suit Against the Equitable.

The Attorney General of the State of New York has brought suit against the 49 old directors of the Equitable Life Assurance Society. The Baltimore Sun gives the following summary of the bill of complaint:

Negligent, improper and improvident performance of duty. Acquisition by the directors, in violation of their duty, of money belonging to the society. Leasing of premises at inadequate rentals. Deals disadvantageous to the society in acquiring control of other corporations.

Excessive and unwarranted loans to agents. Payment of excessive pensions. Making of loans without warrant or on insufficient security to trust and improvement companies. Keeping large sums of money on deposit in banks at insufficient rates of interest.

Making a deal with the American Loan and Deposit Company to the detriment of the society. Making false statements regarding the surplus and withholding part of it from the policy holders.

### Value of Common Carriers.

Raleigh, N. C., July 31—The corporation commission has completed its assessment of common carriers. The valuation put upon railways is:

Atlantic Coast Line \$24,454,014; Seaboard Air Line 12,500,000; Southern for owned lines \$14,735,255, and for leased lines \$11,575,339; miscellaneous lines \$6,208,731, increase \$92,361; for all railways \$69,573,334, against only \$12,360,000 in 1891 when the corporation commission took charge.

The assessment of other companies is:

Western Union Telegraph Company, \$947,000; Postal Telegraph Company, \$67,791; Pullman cars \$176,906; Southern Express, \$402,109; Steamboats \$141,600; refrigerator cars \$103,189; water works \$405,614; electric light \$756,814; telephone \$824,512; street railways \$1,599,190; Grand total \$75,372,344.

The value of the street railways is as follows: Wilmington \$325,000; Asheville \$300,000; Charlotte \$250,000; Winston-Salem \$250,000; Durham 225,000; Greensboro \$160,000; Raleigh \$40,000.

## GENERAL NEWS.

Admiral Rojstvensky is able to sit up in a chair.

Street-car builders of the country have combined, with a capital of \$45,500,000.

The foreign commerce of the United States the past year amounted to \$1,517,462,833.

The yellow fever continues to spread in New Orleans. Up to Wednesday night there had been 378 cases and 79 deaths.

Forecast for frost in Minnesota and rumors of a famine in Russian set up the price of wheat in the Chicago grain market Monday.

It is believed in Washington that Secretary of Agriculture Wilson will eventually resign and that his successor will be Representative Wadsworth of New York.

United States Senator John H. Mitchell has been sentenced to six months in jail and a fine of \$1,000 for accepting pay for his services in connection with the Oregon land frauds.

The Dutch expedition set against the rebellious native state of Boni, in the Island of Celebes, one of the Sunda Islands, in the East Indies, inflicted severe punishment on the natives, 260 of whom were killed.

On account of the murder of the two Carter children near Valdosta, Ga., J. G. Rawlings, three sons and a negro will be hanged, and another Rawlings boy and a negro preacher will go to the penitentiary for life.

Secretary Wilson, of the Agricultural Department, visited President Roosevelt at Oyster Bay Monday. Afterward he stated that the statistics bureau will be reorganized with four members, two of which will be from the South.

### A Successful Operation.

Selma, N. C., Aug. 2.—Little Gracy, the niece of our townsman, Mr. C. Talton, returned from Washington a few days ago where she underwent an operation for deformed ankle, it having been in this condition from her birth. Recently when Dr. Wade H. Atkinson was visiting in Selma he chanced to see the little girl's condition, and at once suggested that she be taken to Washington City for an operation. Her uncle, Mr. Talton, being ever mindful of the interest of his people, at once complied with the suggestion and took her to Washington and put her under the care of Dr. Atkinson. At the earliest possible time the operation was successfully performed, resulting in the complete restoration of the deformity. The result has been both surprising and pleasing to the little girl's friends and relatives.

Dr. Atkinson is a Selma boy, who has for many years been a very successful practicing physician at the National Capital.

### Compliment Gone Wrong.

Huggins had just been introduced to a bride of six weeks at a social gathering and after a remark about the weather he said, gallantly:

"And have I really the pleasure of meeting the beautiful Mrs. Smythe, whose praises are being sounded by everybody?"

"Oh, no, Mr. Huggins," the lady replied. "The beautiful Mrs. Smythe to whom you refer is the wife of my husband's cousin."

"Ah, I see," rejoined Huggins. "I thought there must be a mistake somewhere."—Detroit Tribune.

### Peculiar Disappearance.

J. D. Runyan, of Buttermilk, O., had the peculiar disappearance of his painful symptoms, of indigestion and biliousness, to Dr. King's New Life Pills. He says: "They are a perfect remedy, for dizziness, sour stomach, headache, constipation, etc." Guaranteed at Hood Bros. drug store, price 25c.

## RECEPTION AT FOUR OAKS.

### By Capital Club in Honor of Mr. J. A. Raffield, of the Atlantic Coast Line.

Four Oaks, N. C., August 1.—One of the most enjoyable occasions of the season was the reception by the Capital Club, Monday night, July 31, 1905, in honor of Mr. J. A. Raffield, the clever railroad agent who is soon to leave to accept a more lucrative position in the offices of the company at Rocky Mount. Mr. Raffield, by his straightforward business principles and honest judgment in matters pertaining to his position, has won many friends, who regret to see him leave, but who wish him every success in his new home.

The reception was held at the "Club House," which was tastefully decorated for the occasion, music being rendered by the Four Oaks string band, under the direction of Mr. J. R. Ballance, our clever druggist, who proved himself quite equal to the occasion. The "menu" was selected with care and was in every way perfect. Mr. C. W. Bandy acted as "grand toastmaster," assisted by Mr. Jesse B. Adams, and Mr. Geo. W. Salmon at the different tables, nearly fifty guests being present. Mr. Bandy made a beautiful speech in behalf of the "club," Mr. G. K. Massengill responding on the part of the business men of the town and Dr. J. H. Stanley representing the professional interests. Speeches were also made by J. W. Hollowell, W. R. Keen, C. H. Williams, Hugh B. Adams, T. M. Masseggill and several others, all bearing upon the usefulness of Mr. Raffield as a citizen.

After the supper (which was served in courses) was over by motion of Mr. Bandy a vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Ballance and a committee appointed to draft suitable resolutions expressing our regrets at losing such an estimable gentleman as Mr. Raffield.

### Government Cotton Report 74.9.

New York, August 3.—The government crop report at noon today shows 74.9 somewhat better than when last issued. The market showed little change standing at one o'clock at 10.65 for July, 10.75 for October and 10.92 for December.

### ARCHER DOTS.

Mr. Joe Hinnant spent last week at home.

Mr. Robt. A. Wall secretary and treasurer of the Clayton Oil Mill Co., was in our midst last week.

Miss Mamie Batton, of Selma, is visiting the family of her brother, Mr. A. L. Batton, this week.

Quite a number of our farmers went to the opening sale at Smithfield Friday and came back well pleased.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Wilder, of near Raleigh, are the guests of Mrs. Wilder's mother, Mrs. Jane Boyett.

Mr. Matt R. Wall returned to school at Raleigh Sunday after spending two weeks with his parents.

Mr. Brannon, the photographer of Clayton, has been here for the past week and has been doing a good business.

Miss Ellie Whitley returned last week to her home in Clayton after spending some time with Miss Hattie Wall.

Several professions have been made as a result of the revival at White Oak, and many more are expected by the last of the meeting.

Buffalo and Barnes X Roads crossed bats Saturday afternoon. Scored, Barnes X Roads 14, Buffalo 5. The most interesting features of the game were Barnes' pitching, Fowler's cat-bing and the skillful manner in which J. C. Boyett got the balls and returned to the first base. S. L. W.

## KENLY NOTES.

Mrs. H. F. Edgerton went to Smithfield Tuesday.

Miss Fannie Freeman, of near Taylor, spent Wednesday with friends here.

Miss Lillian Deans, of Henderson, spent last Wednesday at Mr. J. G. High's.

Miss Maggie Whitley, of Selma, after spending a few days here, returned home Friday.

Several from here attended the Vocal Union Sunday at Mt. Carmel church near Pikeville.

Miss Eva High went to Selma today (Wednesday) to spend a few days with friends.

Mrs. J. T. Edgerton who has been visiting friends near Lumber Bridge returned home Wednesday.

Miss Lillian High, of Louisburg, who has been visiting her cousin, Miss Eva High, returned home Tuesday.

Miss Ora Hooks who has been visiting friends near Pembroke and in Four Oaks returned home Wednesday.

Mrs. J. W. Darden who has been spending some time with relatives near Godwin and in Smithfield returned home last Wednesday.

Miss Mitt Benson, of Florence, S. C., is spending some time here as the guest of Miss Irma Ayers, at the home of the latter's sister, Mrs. R. T. Renfrow.

Mr. J. W. Darden opened up his large new store this week. He has a large and nice stock of dry goods, notions, shoes, furniture and buggies, all new goods.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. High left today for Norfolk, Va., to attend the Virginia State Fair and visit other places of interest around Norfolk. They will be gone several days.

The dispensary here was voted out June 26th by a good majority and it will therefore permanently close the 26th of August. Johnston county will then be a dry county, every town in the county having by that date closed its whiskey shops.

Our town has been without a regular policeman for several weeks. Mr. J. T. Jones, the police for the past two years, having resigned. The Board of Town Commissioners met Saturday morning and employed Mr. Eugene Mason, of Black Creek, who was present and was immediately sworn in.

The young people here had a very pleasant time last Friday night at the charming home of Mr. C. W. Edgerton, the occasion being a birthday party given his daughter, Miss Maude. The house and yard was beautifully lighted by a great number of beautiful Japanese lanterns. After playing several very interesting games all were invited out on the lawn where a number of tables were arranged and ice cream and cake and watermelons were served. Every one seemed to thoroughly enjoy the evening. The following out of town guests were present: Mr. J. B. Barnes and Mr. Wainwright, of Wilson; Mr. Jesse and Mr. Hugh Adams, of Four Oaks; Miss Irma Ayers, of Nichols, S. C., and Miss Mit Benson, of Florence, S. C., and Miss Lillian High, of Louisburg. Miss Edgerton was the recipient of many beautiful presents.

Aug. 2nd. REX.

### A Touching Story

is the saving from death, of the baby girl of Geo. A. Eyer, Cumberland, Md. He writes: "At the age of 11 months, our little girl was in declining health, with serious Throat trouble, and two physicians gave her up. We were almost in despair, when we resolved to try Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. The first bottle gave relief; after taking four bottles she was cured, and is now in perfect health." Never fails to relieve and cure a cough or cold. At Hood Bros. drug store; 50c and \$1.00 guaranteed. Trial bottle free.