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WEEKLY CROP REPORT.

Too Much Rain in Some Sections—
Rust in Johnston—Upland
Corn Looking Well.

The report of the United States Weather Bureau for North Carolina for the past week, ending August 14th, is as follows.

The general dry condition of the weather for the week ending Monday, was broken by general rain throughout the State during the past week. In most sections the rains were excessive, causing the creeks to overflow their banks, and thereby damaging an immense amount of crops in the lowlands. Beaufort and Dare counties in the eastern district, however, report that rain is needed in some sections. There were a great many local showers and crops are reported to be in fine condition in many sections of the eastern district. In the central district, corn and cotton were much damaged in the lowlands, and in fact all crops were injured rather than benefited by the rains of the past week. Heavy winds with hail were reported from many sections in the west and central portions of the State doing a great deal of damage to all crops and fruit.

Cotton has been improved to some extent by the rain, but almost all sections report that it is shedding. The wet weather has caused rank growth. In Johnston county rust on cotton is reported to be the most destructive ever known; no rust reported in the east; a few reports of rust in the west.

In the east tobacco curing is completed, except in Hertford county, and in Nash county it is being marketed. In the central and west portions of the State tobacco is not so far advanced, although some report curing all done. Some tobacco in Johnston county is beginning to fret at the bottom of the plants, and it is thought that it will have to be cut sooner than desired. It is rotting some on sandy land.

In general corn was not injured on the highland, but on the lowlands it was washed out, and in cases turning yellow. In the east a fair crop is expected; upland corn is looking well, but lowland corn is injured to a considerable extent in the central portion, while in the west a fair crop is reported, although some is yellowing on the lowland.

Pulling fodder is quite general throughout the State, but the weather has been unfavorable for saving the crop; rotting is reported in Rockingham county. Peas are a good crop, but shedding is reported. Sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes, turnips, and peanuts are doing fine. Wheat thrashing is still being carried on in some parts of the west. Fruit is generally a failure, but peaches are reported as good in Iradell county.

Rains reported: Raleigh 5.49. Goldsboro 5.50. Greensboro 6.12. New Bern 1.22. Weldon 2.90. Nashville 2.26. Foster 3.75. Angier 6.61. Pomona 6.75. Lexington 3.93. Moncure 4.19.

Fiendish Suffering

is often caused by sores, ulcers and cancers, that eat away your skin. Wm. Bedell, of Flat Rock, Mich., says: "I have used Bucklen's Arnica Salve, for Ulcers, Sores and Cancers. It is the best healing dressing I ever found." Soothes and heals cuts, burns and scalds. 25c at Hood Bros. drug store; guaranteed.

RUST AND SHEDDING.

Rain Also Has an Injurious Effect on Cotton.

Washington, Aug. 15.—The weekly crop report of the Weather Bureau says:

"As in the previous week, the least favorable reports respecting cotton are received from the eastern districts where the prevalence of rust and shedding continues. During the past week a large part of the central and eastern portions of the cotton belt has received from two to six inches of rain, which have been injuri-

ous. In northern Alabama and in portions of Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas, cotton has improved, but in other portions of these States the crop has deteriorated. Oklahoma and Indian Territories, Kansas and Missouri cotton has generally improved, although local complaints of shedding, rust, and insects are received from Arkansas.

"Too much rain and lack of sunshine have proved unfavorable to tobacco in Maryland, Virginia, Kentucky, elsewhere this crop has advanced satisfactory.

KENLY NOTES.

Miss Eva High who has been visiting friends in Selma returned home Sunday.

Quite a number went from here on Hatch Bros. Excursion to Norfolk Tuesday.

The Railroad Company is having the grading done for a new 65 car pass track here.

Miss Cora Sasser, from near Princeton, spent Saturday and Sunday with friends here.

Miss Crama Richardson, from near Sutton, spent Saturday and Sunday with friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Bailey spent some time this week visiting relatives near Sutton.

Miss Helen Pierce left for Four Oaks Sunday, where she goes to take charge of school for a few months.

Dr. R. H. Whitaker, of Raleigh, filled his regular appointment at the Methodist church here Sunday night.

Mr. C. W. Edgerton and daughters, Misses Maud and Leone, who have been spending a few days at Guilford College returned home Tuesday.

Miss Ross Darden, accompanied by Miss Crama Richardson and Miss Eva High, left Sunday to spend a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Darden, near Godwin's.

The Kenly Council of Jr. O. U. A. M. will celebrate their first anniversary of the institution of their council Tuesday, September 5th. There will be public exercises at 3:30 p. m., addresses will be made by prominent Juniors, among whom Mr. Z. P. Smith, of Raleigh, the State Councilor of Jr. O. U. A. M., is expected to be the leading speaker, also music will be furnished by members of the order here. The public is cordially invited to attend. At night there will be a regular meeting of the council and addresses will be made to the members of the order and by visiting brethren, after which refreshments will be served to the members and their families and visiting brethren.

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REX.

An Immense Tomato Vine.

George L. Tonnoffski, deputy clerk of the United States court here, says he has a tomato vine in his yard eight feet high, six feet in diameter and 22 feet long, from which he has gathered 7,222 tomatoes, and he expects to gather as many more before frost. The vine extends 22 feet on the grounds.—Raleigh Correspondence.

Complimentary Hay Ride.

Smithfield, N. C., Aug. 16.—One of the most enjoyable occasions of the season was a hay ride last night, given in honor of Misses Maude and Helen Pittman, of Goldsboro, who are the guests of Misses Ina and Katie Woodall, of Smithfield. Those present were: Miss Maud Pittman with Dr. Rose; Miss Helen Pittman with Mr. Sidney Edwards; Miss Ina Woodall with Mr. Oscar Aycock; Miss Bet Cobb with Mr. James Abell; Miss Nell Morgan with Will Hood; Miss Rena Bingham with Tom Daniels; Miss Bert Stevens with Walter Jordan; Miss Marie Abell with Harry Stevens; Miss Creasy Morgan with Charlie Sanders; Miss Katie Woodall with Jim Cobb.—News and Observer.

EVENTS AT PORTSMOUTH.

A Brief Summary of What the Russian and Japanese Peace Envoys are Doing.

(Baltimore Sun.)

Thursday, August 10th.—Japan submitted her terms to Russia, but their nature is not disclosed.

It is said, however, they require a cession of territory and an indemnity, the Eastern Chinese Railway possibly serving as the latter.

Russia probably will object to both cession and indemnity, but, according to a Japanese, she will be forced to grant both.

It is thought Japan's aim is to make her mistress of the Far East.

According to St. Petersburg advices, M. Witte is willing to concede the surrender of the Eastern Chinese Railway between Harbin and Port Arthur and to satisfy the financial demands of Japan, if reasonable, provided Russia be permitted to retain Sakhalin Island.

Friday, August 11th.—M. Witte's reply to the Japanese peace terms will acquiesce in several of them, but stoutly resist the payment of an indemnity and the cession of territory.

The demand that Sakhalin Island be handed over will be combatted as this insular possession is a vantage point commercially and politically to Russia.

It is understood M. Witte's reply is so drafted as to open for discussion points upon which he disagrees with the Japanese.

A delicate situation has grown out of the limitations of the respective envoys, M. Witte having full power to negotiate a treaty and Baron Komura being obliged to refer any agreement to the Mikado for ratification. M. Witte threatens to take the same privilege.

Saturday, August 12.—M. Witte, for Russia, replied to the Japanese terms, requesting a speedy response. The Japanese answered and in the afternoon a discussion was begun.

The 12 sections of the proposed terms are to be taken up serially, the first, the independence of Korea, it is believed, having been discussed yesterday.

It is believed that, while Russia still vigorously opposes paying an indemnity and ceding the Island of Sakhalin, a compromise is possible.

The conference will be resumed this afternoon.

It is stated that Great Britain, as Japan's ally, has exerted upon her pressure to do everything in keeping with her national honor and foreign and domestic policy to make peace possible, either in her original demands or during the conference.

Both the Russian and the Japanese envoys complain that the accommodations for them here are entirely at variance with those to which they are accustomed.

Sunday, August 13th.—In deference to the wishes of the Russian peace envoys the session which was to have been held yesterday afternoon was omitted.

Both Russians and Japanese attended services and spent the rest of the day in various ways.

It was learned that Japan's demand for "preponderating influence" in Korea formed the subject for the long discussion on Saturday.

The statement is made on what is represented as reliable authority that the first request for secrecy at the sessions emanated from Count Cassini, the Japanese regarding the request as in accordance with established diplomatic usage.

Monday, August 14th.—The Russo-Japanese peace envoys discussed the first three articles of the peace treaty and all were agreed upon, the first, relating to the future of Korea, being somewhat modified in its language.

The second article is believed to relate to Russia's evacuation of Manchuria.

The crucial test of the treaty may be deferred several days.

In St. Petersburg official and public opinions is that Russia is not a crushed power, and unless Japan lessens her demands, particularly as to the indemnity and cession of territory, it would be better for the war to continue.

Japanese papers generally expect Russia to refuse to accept the proposed terms.

It is stated that Korean merchants are complaining that they are being greatly embarrassed by the Japanese financial reforms.

ELEVATION ITEMS.

Miss Neva Ennis, of Duke, spent last week at Mr. W. C. Benson's.

Miss Eula Stephenson, of near Angier, spent last week at Mr. B. R. Byrd's.

The school at Elevation, taught by Mr. Clarence Johnson, will close next Friday, the 18th.

Misses Vessie and Alma Coates, of Smithfield, visited friends and relations in this section last week.

Rev. Mr. Page closed a revival over at Mr. W. L. Barber's Monday night, with several professions of faith.

Messrs. G. W. Johnson, L. E. Stancil and Jephtha Benson attended the Farmers' meeting at Smithfield last Friday.

We are pained to note the serious illness of Mr. Matt Johnston, over in the Ezra section. He has typhoid fever. We hope for his speedy recovery.

Owing to the recent rains, which for the last two weeks have been daily, crops in this section will be much shorter than for several years previous. We predict that good fodder will bring fancy prices, as there is so much rain that real good fodder is going to be very scarce.

Aug. 16

Re Porter.

BENSON NEWS.

Miss Lettie Peacock, of Dunn, spent Sunday with Mrs. James H. Rose.

A large number of our people took in the Norfolk excursion last Tuesday.

Mr. Bradley Johnson, of Emporia, Va., is visiting relatives and friends in town.

Miss Nellie Parrish returned from an extended stay at Seven Springs last Monday.

The Benson Graded School is making rapid strides, the enrollment having reached 143.

Misses Neoma Vincent and Lillian Duncan, of Clayton, are visiting Mrs. J. H. Duncan.

The continued rains of late have greatly retarded the harvesting of fodder in this section.

Miss Nellie Chesnut, of Magnolia, and Miss Daisy Ellis, of Smithfield, are visiting Mrs. W. T. Peacock.

Mr. G. M. Beasley, of Dillon, S. C., is spending this week with relatives and friends in and around town.

Mr. R. E. Smith, book keeper for the Farmers Warehouse, spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents in lower Johnston.

The little infant of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. McLamb died last Sunday evening. We extend our sincere sympathy to the bereaved parents.

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Solon.

Public is Aroused.

The public is aroused to a knowledge of the curative merits of the 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.

GENERAL NEWS.

Some of the Events That Are Taking Place All Over the World.

A daily average of 200 burglaries are reported in Paris.

American surgeons in Manila say they have found a cure for leprosy.

China's boycott of American goods is forcing a financial crisis in Shanghai.

In a wreck on the Nickel Plate railroad Sunday 12 persons were killed and some 20 injured.

Rear-Admiral Andrew E. K. Benham, retired, a member of the Schley court of inquiry, is dead.

In the Norwegian referendum only 161 votes were cast in favor of continuing the union with Sweden.

The money in the Treasury vaults is being counted as a result of the change in treasurers, which occurred July 1.

A history of former Banker Frank G. Bigelow's peculations shows that he embezzled \$1,553,233 in 11 months.

A negro barely escaped lynching in Lancashire, England, Saturday for assaulting and murdering an aged woman.

President Roosevelt is authorized by the statement that Congress will probably not be called together in extra session.

Experts of manufactured articles from the United States in the last fiscal year amounted to \$543,620,297, the largest on record.

According to a bulletin of the Census Bureau the commercial value of the railroad property in the United States is \$11,244,852,000.

Department figures show that nearly 3,000,000 more bales of cotton were available during the present season than in the same period of 1904.

The government crop report issued last week indicates that the present condition of corn, wheat, tobacco and rice is about the average for ten years.

United States Senator Boies Penrose is said to be slated for retirement and, according to report, Henry C. Frick has been decided on as his successor.

There were 32 new typhoid fever cases reported in Washington City Monday. This brings the total number of cases now under treatment up to 234.

John Hyde, former statistician of the Agricultural Department, has written to Secretary Wilson that he will return to the United States as soon as his health permits.

Tom Williams, a mulatto, who attempted to assault a young white girl, was burned to death in the public square at Sulphur Springs, Texas, Thursday of last week.

Read Admiral Charles E. Clark, one of the naval heroes of the Spanish war, became sixty two years of age last week, and for that reason was transferred to the retired list in the navy.

Chairman Shonts, of the Panama Canal Commission, is back from the Isthmus and states that provision for the housing and supplying of the workmen must precede the actual digging of the waterway.

The festivities in honor of the visit of the French fleet to England concluded Saturday afternoon with a luncheon in the House of Commons, the feature being toasts that indicate strong relations between Great Britain and France.

The Norwegian people, in a referendum taken Sunday pronounced in favor of the dissolution of the union with Sweden with remarkable, though not unexpected unanimity. Of 450,000 voters 320,000 cast ballots. The weather was good, and there were scenes of the greatest enthusiasm everywhere.

The battleship Kansas, the largest warship built in the East, was launched at the yard of New York Shipbuilding Company, at Camden, N. J., Saturday christened by Miss Anna Hoch, daughter of Governor Hoch.

President Harvey Jordan has asked Col. E. S. Peters vice president of the Southern Cotton Association for Peters' resignation in view of his bearish utterances on the cotton situation and conduct at Washington in connection with the Holmes investigation. The executive committee favor Jordan's action.

Miss Evelyn Pierrepont Wilking, of Chicago, and Mr. Harris Lindsley, of New York City, who were engaged to be married, were both killed Monday afternoon when their automobile car was struck by a passenger train at Pike's Crossing on the Rutland railroad near Bennington, Vermont. They were to have been married next week.

A Cleveland, O., dispatch says: Creditors of Mrs. Cassie L. Charwick will receive a total dividend of about seven mills on the dollar when the matter is finally settled, according to referee in bankruptcy Remington. The assets will amount to \$25,000, it is expected, against which are claims for attorneys fees and court costs amounting to \$10,300, leaving about \$14,000 with which to meet \$2,000,000 of indebtedness.

STATE NEWS ITEMS.

The Rev. Egbert Watson Smith, of Greensboro, has been called to the pastorate of the Second Presbyterian church of Louisville, Ky.

The number of convicts now in the penitentiary is only 107, of which 17 are women, seven of the latter being white. The total number of state convicts is only 700.

The Southern Vehicle Association met in annual session at High Point last week. A proposition for support for the Southern Vehicle Journal, soon to be launched, was adopted. Among the matters discussed were "encouragement of industries for manufacturing of vehicle parts in the South" and "prices, trade conditions and credits."

North Carolina contributes \$5,000,000 to the Federal government in internal revenue collections, which is a gain of a third of a million dollars during the past year. These facts are obtained from the preliminary report of the commissioner of the internal revenue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1905. The total collections for the past year were \$4,994,968, as compared with \$4,667,182 the year previous. For the first time in many years the collection in the fourth district (Duncan's) exceeded those of the western district. Duncan's collections are \$2,549,155, showing a gain of \$292,378, while Harkins' are \$2,445,813, showing a gain of only \$35,408.

Train Killed Horse and Mule.

Last Saturday Mr. Major Smith, Sr., who lives in Selma, had a horse and mule killed by a freight train. They got out of his lot and went to the railroad and when the train came along they ran down the road instead of running away. They were badly broken up.

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.