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LAST CROP BULLETIN.

Reports for the Week Ending Monday Shop Little Change.

The last crop bulletin of the year was issued Monday for the week ending Monday, October 2, and reads:

"The week has been characterized by warm days and cool night, the temperature averaging about 4 degrees above the normal; and by the absence of rainfall, the only rain reported being a trace at Asheville. Light frost occurred in Tyrrell county on the morning of the 27th. The weather has been favorable for saving crops, but too dry for plowing and for sowing small grain. All growing crops need rain, and pastures are falling.

"The general condition of the cotton crop remains unchanged; it is opening fast and picking is progressing rapidly, about three-fifths of the crop having been picked; fewer reports of shedding have been received, but the top crop will be very light; in general the crop will be below the average, and in places very light.

"A fair crop of tobacco, of rather inferior quality, has been cut and cured. Early corn is maturing fast, and in some localities is being gathered; late corn needs rain, but has been benefited by the warm weather. A good crop of buckwheat is being harvested, and good crops of Irish potatoes and peanuts are being dug. Sweet potatoes are good; the cabbage crop is a failure; turnips are needing rain badly. Fine crops of hay, fodder, and pea-vine hay have been secured. Sorghum molasses making is under way. Over the greater portion of the state it is too dry for plowing and for sowing small grain, some wheat and oats have been sown in the central and western districts, but are needing rain badly. Apples are falling badly, and will be a light crop.

"Rains reported: Trace at Asheville; other stations none."

Verdict in Dewey Case Affirmed

The one case of State interest, the decision of which was made known in the opinions handed down by the Supreme Court yesterday was that of State vs. Dewey, from Craven, in which the judgment of the lower court was affirmed.

Dewey, who for a long time was a fugitive from the State, was convicted in the Superior Court last spring and sentenced to six years in the penitentiary for wrecking the Merchants and Farmers Bank of New Bern two or three years ago.

His defalcation amounted in the aggregate to more than one hundred thousand dollars.

The opinion is written by the Chief Justice. The grounds of appeal have been heretofore fully reported, at the time of the docketing of the appeal and after the argument in the Supreme Court.—News and Observer, 4th.

Death of Mr. W. F. Pearson.

Dunn, N. C., Oct. 4.—Mr. W. F. Pearson died at his home here last night at 11:30 p. m., after an illness of one week. He was sheriff of Harnett county and was a man of great influence and popularity in the county. He was the brother of Mr. J. S. Pearson of the firm of Edwards and Broughton, of Raleigh, also brother of Mrs. J. H. Campbell, of Buie's Creek. His wife and three children survive him, one son and two daughters. One of the latter, Miss Mary Pearson, is a student in the Baptist Female University at Raleigh. Mr. Pearson's death is a great shock to Dunn and to Harnett county.—News and Observer.

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.

License Taxes.

One man or several men together can start a mercantile business in Smithfield without one cent of license tax. They may do as much as a quarter of a million dollars worth of business each year but no license is required nor any tax as merchants. If a man is willing to collect a little rent for those who have property here and cannot collect the rents themselves he has to pay a license tax of thirty dollars. Is this right?

Every city, town and village needs one or more men to collect rents. Sometimes people invest in property in a town and move away and their property becomes almost worthless unless they can engage with some man to look after it. In other cases people invest in property and have other business so they can not look after the rents themselves. Ladies buy property and cannot look after the rents and want to turn the property over to an agent. So a rent collector is needed. The law makers have virtually declared that the cities only shall have men to collect rents. No man can afford to pay thirty dollars a year license for the privilege of collecting rents unless he lives in a city where there is much business of that kind to do.

People in the country as well as in towns have been persuaded to invest their money in town lots and houses but the law makers have said by high license tax that there shall be no rent collector in any town or village. The man "hunting a needle in a haystack" would not be much worse puzzled than the stranger trying to rent a house in a city where there is no rent collector.

The same is to some extent true in a town or village. I like system everywhere and have found it best to run everything through a channel. If I bring melons, fruit, potatoes or any such things from my farm I sell to the merchants and let them supply the consumers. If a stranger comes to town it is easy for everybody to refer him to the house agent. It is easy for him to go to such a man who is supposed to know more about the houses for rent than anybody else.

"He is an old fogey. He has plenty of money but will not turn it loose, it does nobody any good. Dwelling houses are needed here, people want to move to our town but can't get houses to live in. He could build them if he would but he holds to his money. A funeral where he lives would do the town good." I have heard such remarks as these about men who have money but I hope they will not be made again. If I had plenty of money with the experience I have I would not put one cent of it in houses unless I could look after them carefully myself or get an agent to do it.

There will be no rent collector in Smithfield after June 1st, 1906. No man competent to do such work would think of paying thirty dollars in advance for license before starting.

J. M. B.

ARCHER LODGE NEWS.

Sorry to relate that Mrs. I. J. Robertson is sick.

Mr. Thad Woodard, of Smithfield, was among us this week.

Carlie Ryals, who is about eight years old, came very near meeting with a horrible death last Sunday morning. He had gone to a bathing pool near his father's home with a number of other boys and while standing on the bank slipped into the pond and sank immediately. Fortunately, another boy some larger than himself was standing near and when he rose to the surface held out a pole which he grasped and thus regained the bank.

Oct. 3. S. L. W.

Two insurance companies, with a capital of \$100,000 each, have been organized in High Point, one to write life, the other fire insurance.

THE FIRST FRUITS.

Men Reeling on the Streets in Wadesboro.

Wadesboro, N. C., Oct. 3.—Licenses were granted yesterday to seven persons to retail liquors in the town of Wadesboro, and as a first day's result several young men, sons of those of our citizens who voted for such advancement, were seen staggering on the streets from the influence and direct effect of the granting of said license. One of them was so unfortunate as to get in the lock up.

A young man by the name of Davis was arrested here today on the strength of a message from Chesterfield, S. C., to the effect that he had stolen a lot of money from his brother who lives there. The officers got between five and six hundred dollars off of his person together with a revolver, when he was arrested, and he is now lodged in jail.—News and Observer.

CLAYTON NOTES.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Parker attended church here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Allen, Jr., of Raleigh, spent Sunday here.

Mr. Butler Austin, of Sanford, spent several days here this week.

Mr. Everett and Miss Lina Kennedy, of Raleigh, spent Sunday here.

Some of our people attended the show at Selma Tuesday. Not much good they say.

Mr. Coy Turnage left Monday to enter the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Carson Durham and child were the guests of Mr. Durham's parents Sunday.

Miss Emma Castleberry and her guest, from Raleigh, spent a day or two here this week.

Mr. A. T. Beddingfield, Miss Janet, and Wingate, are spending this week with relatives in Franklin county.

Miss Vivian Johnson has been employed to teach the winter term of school at Baptist Centre, district No. 3, white.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal O. Ellis are the proud possessors of a fine boy whose arrival dates from Monday, October 2.

Dr. I. W. Johnston left Monday for a professional trip to Rocky Mount and other points along the Coast Line.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Barnes and family left Wednesday for Smithfield where they will make their future home. We regret to lose them.

Mr. J. Daniel Eason has purchased the livery business of Moore and Benson. He will move his family here in a short time.

We are glad to note that Mr. C. B. Turley is again able to resume his duties as mail carrier. Mr. Turley has had quite a time. His eyes have been in pretty bad shape, but he is now very much improved.

A very sad death occurred in our town on last Thursday afternoon when Knox Barnes, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Barnes, was called to his reward. He had suffered intensely for a long time from the after effects of typhoid fever and had frequently expressed a desire to go. We extend our sympathies to the bereaved ones.

The Clayton Baptist church was the scene of a pretty marriage on Thursday evening after prayer meeting, when Mr. W. Henry Pool, Messrs. J. G. Barbour & Sons' popular book-keeper, and Miss Ella Hinton, one of our most popular and highly esteemed young ladies, were made man and wife. The ceremony by Rev. C. W. Blanchard was a very pretty and impressive one. The church was packed with relatives and friends of the bride and groom. Much happiness for them is our wish. Oct. 4. Y. L. R.

Gone to Rest.

The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away; blessed be the name of the Lord, for in Him we find that sweet peace that prepares up to enter that glorious unseen land beyond the surging, rolling waves of death.

On last Sunday morning as the first rays of the autumnal sun tinted the cloudless sky with the golden beams of approaching day our community was electrified as the pensive intelligence was flashed broadcast that Miss Annie Eason was dead. Dead: And at the dawn of a life that promised much usefulness to her self and humanity.

For only a few days had she suffered with that dreaded disease erysipelas which culminated in an inflammation of the throat and other respiratory organs, causing death. She bore her affliction with a patient christian fortitude that showed what her life would have been had not God through his mysterious providence decreed that she should ascend to Him and there praise his holy name.

All that skilled physicians, kind and loving relatives and friends could do was done to alleviate her sufferings but to no avail for death's icy grip had clasped her firmly.

She united with White Oak Baptist church about two years ago and has since been a faithful christian life.

She was born April 13th, 1886, and died October 1st, 1905, making her stay on earth 19 years, 5 months and 17 days.

She leaves a mother, four brothers, four sisters and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her untimely death. The mother has lost a loving and obedient child, the brothers and sisters a true and sincerely affectionate sister, while our community has lost one of its shining stars. Yet we feel assured that in the other world she will brighten its already illumined sphere and give thanks at the throne.

She was interred in the family burial ground Monday afternoon in the presence of many surviving relatives and friends who came to pay their last tribute of respect to their deceased friend.

The pall-bearers were—J. H. Carroll, Geo. Mumford, J. L. Boyett, A. R. Barnes, Martin Connel and J. R. Davis. Weep not kind friends as for those who have no hope, for we are assured that she has reaped the reward of her earthly labors and won a crown in glory. Happy are they that die with God for they are eternally blest.

The writer extends his heartfelt sympathy to the grief-bowed family and relatives; and may they let

Her life remind them
That they may make their lives
sublime,
And departing, leave behind them
Footsteps on the sands of time.
Oct. 3rd. S. L. W.

A Short Cotton Crop.

The cotton crop is going to turn out shorter than present reports indicate. That is the invariable rule in wet years. A prominent cotton farmer in Texas writes to Mr. Wyatt that the crop in that state will not exceed 2,000,000 bales. Last year Texas raised 3,939,286 bales. All reports from Texas indicate that the crop will be short.—News and Observer.

Full of Tragic Meaning.

are these lines from J. H. Simmons, of Casey, Ia. Think what might have resulted from his terrible cough if he had not taken the medicine about which he writes: "I had a fearful cough, that disturbed my night's rest. I tried everything, but nothing would relieve it, until I took Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. Coughs and Colds, which completely cured me." Instantly relieves and permanently cures all throat and lung diseases; prevents grip and pneumonia. At Hood Bros., druggists, guaranteed; 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

CONDITION IS 71.2.

Average of the Cotton Crop on September 25.

Washington, Oct. 3.—The crop estimating board of the bureau of statistics of the department of agriculture finds from the reports of the correspondents and agents of the bureau that the average condition of cotton on September 25 was 71.2, as compared with 71.1 on August 25, 1905, 75.8 on September 25, 1904; 65.1 on September 25, 1903, and a ten-year average of 66.1.

Oscar Rand to be Inter-Class Debater.

MR. EDITOR:

It may be interesting to your readers to know that Mr. O. R. Rand, of Smithfield, was elected by the Philanthropic Literary Society representative from the sophomore class on the inter-class soph-junior debate. Mr. Rand won distinction last year by making the best speech each time he came on debate. At present he is secretary of the Phi. Society and also of the sophomore class.

Last Saturday night the four new men, Messrs. Barber, Baucum, Edwards and Ellington of Johnston county, joined the Phi. Society. It is hoped that these young men will begin earnest society work at once and win honor for Johnston.

Chapel Hill, Oct. 1. U. N. C.

BENSON NEWS.

Mr. A. K. Smith, of Smithfield, was in town last Saturday.

Mr. Geo. Holland has accepted a position with Hood & Benson.

Mr. A. K. Hardee, of Spencer, N. C., is in town with relatives and friends.

Mr. Preston Woodall returned from Baltimore on Wednesday of this week.

Mr. J. C. Stancil returned from an extended trip to Raleigh and other places last Monday.

The A. C. L. Railway Company is having another sidetrack built here, which has long been needed, and will be of great convenience to passing trains.

Benson is gaining quite a reputation as a cotton market, as our buyers have been paying the highest market prices, and until the recent decline, we believe our merchants have bought more cotton than ever before at this season of the year.

The body of an unknown man was found last Tuesday in Black Creek just above the Benson bridge about six miles northwest of town. His hands were tied together by a small vine, which suggests that he came to his death by foul play. From the condition of the body he had been dead for several weeks.

The business men of our town are very grateful to our Hon. Board of County Commissioners for their kindness extended, in their liberal appropriation for the repair of the road crossing, Black Creek at the Benson bridge. This place during the winter months in the past has been almost impassable, but now we are glad to say that this piece of road will be well repaired and people living beyond the creek will have no trouble in crossing.

Solon.

Don't Borrow Trouble

It is a bad habit to borrow anything, but the worst thing you can possibly borrow, is trouble. When sick, sore, heavy, weary and worn-out by the pains and poisons of dyspepsia, biliousness, Bright's disease, and similar internal disorders, don't sit down and brood over your symptoms, but fly for relief to Electric Bitters. Here you will find sure and permanent forgetfulness of all your troubles, and your body will not be burdened by a load of debt disease. At Hood Bros. drug store. Price 50c. Guaranteed.

STATE NEWS.

Miss Clyde Brewer, of Nash county, used kerosene oil to kindle the fire. She died after some hours of terrible suffering.

There are now 640 students at the University of North Carolina, or fifty more than were enrolled this time last year. The freshman class numbers nearly 200—the largest freshman class in the history of the University.

Capt. John A. Ramsey, of Salisbury, who fired a salute in Raleigh when President Buchanan visited that city, will fire a salute during President Roosevelt's visit to Raleigh on the 19th. The salute will be from a Confederate cannon by Confederate artillerymen of Ramsey's old battery.

At Garner, Wake county, some time ago, a constable went into the store of a merchant and attempted to arrest him for Sunday-elling. The merchant shot the constable. In Wake Superior Court last week it developed that the constable attempted to make the arrest without a warrant and Judge Justice promptly ordered the merchant discharged.

The grand jury of New Hanover Superior Court last week recommended a severe reprimand for the superintendent of the convict camps, presented Foreman Hocutt, of the convict forces, for brutal treatment of convicts, and recommended the discharge of a guard for drunkenness. Complaints have been made of treatment of convicts and investigation showed there was considerable foundation for the complaint.

Peter Smith, white, 60 years old, was hanged Monday at Marshall, Madison county. His crime was rape and his victim a 16-year-old white girl. Strong efforts were made to have Smith's sentence commuted. The Governor respited him several times and patiently looked into all the arguments in his behalf, but finally decided that Smith was guilty and there was no good reason why he should be saved from the penalty of the law.

In Mecklenburg Superior Court last week Judge Webb sentenced R. S. Gray, Jr., and Cleveland Palmer, clerks in the Gray Drug Company's store, to pay a fine of \$450 each, for violation of Watts law by retailing whiskey. They were also placed under a \$200 bond each to appear at each term of Superior Court for twelve months and show that they were not guilty of any violation of the Watts law. R. S. Gray, Sr., was acquitted in one or two cases and other cases against him were continued.

SELMA NEWS.

Miss Ethel Winston left Wednesday for Washington, D. C.

Robert Millard Nowell returned from Richmond Tuesday night.

The young ladies are sympathizing with Mr. Robert Millard Nowell in the loss of his horse, "Waxy."

Mr. W. H. Wiggs has moved to a new house built on the lots Messrs. Pou & Parker sold last winter.

Mrs. G. A. Tuck, Mrs. T. T. Candler and Mr. M. C. Tuck left Wednesday for Richmond, Va., to visit Mr. R. S. Tuck.

The building committee of the Masonic Temple will meet here next Tuesday October 10, to let the contract for the Temple. The committee consists of Messrs. W. S. Liddell, Grand Master; S. H. Smith, P. G. M.; R. J. Noble, P. G. M.; Jno. C. Drewry, G. S.; and W. C. Elliott, Esq.

We regret to have to announce the death of Mrs. Otis Tucker, which occurred Tuesday night. She was a most excellent young woman and leaves a husband and child, some ten months old, to mourn their irreparable loss. Her remains were taken to Wendell for interment. Her relatives and friends have the sympathy of our people.