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CROP BULLETIN.

Almost Complete Absence of Rainfall.

CORN CROP BEST FOR YEARS.

Peanuts are Doing Well—Cotton is not Materially Suffering from Drought—Much Damage by Lice—Fruit Prospects Very Poor.

The reports of correspondents for the week ending Monday, July 7, were not so favorable as for the preceding period. The characteristic features were the almost complete absence of rainfall, the intense heat and glaring sunshine during the latter portion of the week. The weekly mean temperature was about 84 degree and the daily means averaged from 8 to 10 degree above the normal; from the 4th to the close of the week maximum temperatures above 100 degree were recorded throughout the central-south portion of the State. Except in the extreme northeast, where showers occurred on the 1st and 5th, there was practically no rainfall anywhere during the entire week. The sunshine was intense, and brisk winds dried out the soil very rapidly. While crops are still generally in good condition, and early in the week made excellent growth, they are now beginning to suffer for lack of moisture, and another week of drought would certainly cause serious deterioration.

Corn continued to maintain its excellent condition, many correspondents remarking, "best for many years," but toward the close began to suffer for lack of moisture, especially early corn, which needs rain to fill out the grain; early planted corn is generally in silk and tassel; laying by corn is approaching completion even in the extreme west; there is considerable complaint of damage by chinch bugs. Cotton is not yet suffering materially from drought, though showers would benefit the crop; it has grown considerably, and appears to be forming squares freely. Complaints of damage by lice are unusually numerous, though some reports indicate that the insects are beginning to disappear. Cutting and curing tobacco has just commenced, with some good results; showers are much needed for the tobacco crop to secure full growth of upper leaves. Stacking winter wheat, oats, and rye is finished; threshing is fully under way; cutting spring oats is well advanced. Sweet potatoes are not doing well, and the crop will be short, chiefly on account of the scarcity of rains. Peanuts are doing well. Rice on the lower Cape Fear is fine, and has received last flow of water. Home grown watermelons are coming into market. General prospects for fruit are disappointing as compared with the favorable outlook earlier in the season; the intense heat of the last few days has caused some premature ripening. Peaches and early apples are in market, both of inferior quality, though peaches are fairly abundant; late apples continue to fall. A good crop of hay was secured in some places, but pastures are now failing.

THE VERY LATEST.

Unique Advertisement of the Hartford Life.

The words Hartford Life contain exactly twelve letters. The numbers on the dial of a watch comprise the same number. A brainy man connected the two facts and as a result of his imagination the above, well known, life insurance Co., has, at much expense, gotten out one of the most most unique advertisements ever seen. It is a nickel plated, stem-winding watch on the dial of which appears the letters H-A-R-T-F-O-R-D L-I-F-E instead of the usual Roman or Arabic figures. Where the make of the watch is usually displayed is neatly printed the name and address of the State manager of the company.

Usually a reporter kills so much time that his conscience—if he has any—will not allow him to look a watch in the face but the TAR HEEL scribe was not backward in accepting the gift of one of these watches from manager Sanderlin. It is really a neat and attractive, as well as a useful reminder of the place where policies are "writ."

TRAMPS IN THE WOODS.

Reporter Found Camp of Hobos in a Thicket Near the Town.

Many tramps have been seen in this vicinity of late and various rumors are afloat as to where they keep themselves when the dusky shades of night have fallen. Now the most natural location for a hobo's camp is in the vicinity of Ward's old brick kiln and thither is where the reporter strolled. It was about seven o'clock and in the fastness of the woods it was growing dark. Entering the strip of woods to the right of the railroad and only a few hundred feet from tracks discovered the smoldering embers of a camp fire. At first nothing else was visible but gradually becoming accustomed to the gloom it was easy to distinguish two ill clad forms stretched upon the ground in sleep. A slight cough aroused the sleepers and setting up right they demanded in surly tones; "wat yer doin' here?" An evasive answer and a kindly assurance of good will solicited a more favorable response from one of the party and in a short while they assumed a more friendly attitude. Answering several inquiries in regard to train schedules and wishing the tramps all well the reporter departed. The next morning the tramps had left and only a few scraps of paper and a soiled rag marked the spot.

CAPTURED BEAR.

Life Saving Crew Feast on Hams of Wandering Bruin.

The other day the crew at Wade's Point Life Saving station captured a big black bear and in addition to having bear steak for several meals they had cart loads of fun in making the capture. Some one saw a dark object swimming in the water. Supposing it to be a dog they launched a boat and put out to save him. Upon nearing the object they perceived it to be a bear. An exciting scene ensued. For over an hour they practiced all possible deceit and trickery in trying to get a rope around bruin's body. Succeeding in this they rowed to the shore and after having an hours sport, with the enraged brute, killed it and preserved the hams.

SWEPT BY FIRE

Town of Clinton Nearly Destroyed.

A DISASTROUS HOLOCAUST.

A Cigarette Stump, Presumably, the Origin of Destructive Blaze—Loss Estimated at One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars.

Goldsboro, N. C., July 7.—The pretty town of Clinton yesterday was swept by fire. Three squares south of the court house, went up in smoke, the victim of the cruel fire-tongue. Unfortunately the town has no fire department and her people, heroic at all times, were powerless to check the progress of the fire. The fire originated in a negro restaurant and soon spread to adjoining buildings. An eye witness describing the ferociousness of the fire says: "Once the flame fastened itself to adjoining property the fire waxed hotter, and as it was emboldened by the progress gained, it leaped and plunged like an enraged bull wiping out everything in its path. Commodious business houses succumbed as quickly as the cozy office or the dwelling house. The heat was so intense and augmented by that of the fire, little could be accomplished in the saving of personal property. The loss aggregates one hundred and fifty thousand dollars or more with an insurance of possibly not more than thirty thousand dollars.

Pretty soon after the fire was discovered the Goldsboro fire department was telegraphed for. The department, prompt always, soon had loaded one fire engine and one hook and ladder truck, and the brave fire laddies were ready for the journey to Clinton. Capt. Batu, chief of the department directed affairs and 'tis said the hook and ladder truck was aboard the cars in five minutes after the telegraphic request for aid was received. There was some delay incident to "firing up" of locomotives and then the mile a minute run to the conflagration was on. Alas! even with the dispatch, the demon fire, had done its work ere the department reached Clinton, and the Goldsboro fire laddies were truly sorry they could not reach Clinton on time to render aid.

Auto Scares a Horse.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. Walter Brothers, the milk-man, left his horse and buggy standing in front of McCabe & Grices store. The horse went to sleep. Along came an automobile and he woke up. Never having seen an article of that kind he decided to vacate. Making a dive into Poindexter street he made a bee line for the Citizen's Bank, landing into a telegraph pole. That section of the city immediately suffered a lacteal cataclysm. Bottles of milk were hurled to the four points of the compass and when they hit on the rocks the smash could be heard blocks away.

POOL ROOM RAIDED.

Chief of Police Made Raid on Well Known Parlor.

No little excitement was created last Friday when a report was circulated to the effect that chief Dawson had raided C. R. Grandy's billiard parlor and ordered a number of minors before the bar of justice. Many months ago the city fathers passed an ordinance prohibiting minors frequenting billiard and pool parlors. In some manner the ordinance seemed to have been forgotten for of late young men under age have expressed no hesitation whatever in entering the numerous parlors in town.

Friday morning Mayor Wilson ordered Chief Dawson to enter C. R. Grandy's place and put under arrest every minor who happened to be there regardless of size and ugliness. As a result three well known young men were ordered to the halls of justice and separated from the proverbial one and costs. Mr. Grandy was also placed under arrest for allowing them to frequent his establishment. He took an appeal on the grounds that his pool and billiard tables were only run in connection with his cigar stand and sporting goods depot.

As a rule the pool rooms here are conducted in an orderly manner and frequented by gentlemanly people but even this didn't count with Hissonner.

DIRECTORS STILL ALIVE.

Question of Quarters may be Definitely Settled Within a Week.

It is probable that the community has wondered just what had become of the Young Men's Christian Association movement since very little has been said about it in the papers of late. It is a fact however that the movement is alive and awake. When the association was organized in May a Board of directors was elected composed of some of the best business men in the city. This Board has held frequent meetings and made every effort to select quarters for the Association which would be attractive and adequate to meet the needs of a well equipped work. A special committee has been negotiating with several parties relative to the erection of a suitable building. This has taken time and caused some delay. State Secretary Knebel is now in the city conferring with the directors. Important matters are pending and it is expected that the question of quarters will be definitely settled within the next week. It might be well to state that the necessary funds for the maintenance and equipment of the Association is subscribed and all that remains now is to secure commodious quarters.

State Secretary Knebel said today: "I have never come in contact with a more intelligent and substantial Board of Directors than that of the Elizabeth City Young Men's Christian Association, they have gotten a vision of an aggressive well crowded work for young men and boys which I am sure will mean great things for the future of this organization and the community as well. I might also say that at the proper time a General Secretary will be called and the man in view is one of the best trained, level headed Secretaries in this part of the country."

MINUS MOSQUITO'S

Manteo Culex Conspicuous for its Absence.

VISITORS NEED HAVE NO FEAR.

A Communication From Manteo Gives Firm Assurance That Visitors to Dare County Will not be Molested by Dreaded Pest.

Mr. Editor:—Having read an article some years ago written by a tourist in which he gave his experience as to the little pest known as the mosquito, and stating that nowhere on the coast had he found its absence so complete as on the North end of Roanoke Island, I take this opportunity of quoting from an article as there is a committee of people from various sections of the state to meet on Roanoke Island July 24th, 1902, for the purpose of devising means etc., to at some future date, commemorate the landing of Sir. Walter Raleigh's Colony on this historic Island. Now it well known, and no one disputes it as the birth place of Virginia Dare, the first white child born of English parentage on the continent of America, and where the first christian right of baptism took place, making it the very cradle of the Anglo-Saxon Race in this country.

Worshipping as they did in the primeval forest with the howling savage around, it was the fountain head from which sprang the guarantee that every man could worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience, and none dare to molest or make him afraid. The section of Roanoke Island where Fort Raleigh is situated is high sandy land, four miles from any marsh or swamp, with a natural drainage to the sounds on either side, where no stagnant ponds nor pools exist. I do not wish to pose as an entomologist, but think it safe to state that nowhere on the Atlantic Coast, from New Jersey to Florida, is the mosquito more conspicuous for its absence than in this section of North Carolina. Then all who wish to avail themselves of an opportunity to visit the Island on this memorable occasion and get the cool sea breeze in the morning and its gentle zephyrs at night, need not feel any apprehension of the little insect known to be so familiar as to claim cousin with all.

AUG. H. ETHERIDGE.
Manteo, N. C., July 8th, 1902.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Summary of Business Transacted by July Session.

The County Commissioners met here Monday and transacted business the gist of which is given below.

The committee, appointed to look after the fence around the "Stock Law Territory" in Nixonton Township, reported, that the fence had not been completed as required.

It was ordered, That the people in said Stock Law Territory be given 15 more days from this meeting to complete said fence and if

not completed within that time, the gates placed across the public road to be opened. On motion, the same committee was continued.

It was ordered, That Joshua S. Lister be allowed to peddle books in Pasquotank county without license.

W. L. Cohoon appeared before the Board, representing the Chamber of Commerce, and asked that the Court House yard be made a public Park.

On motion, It is ordered, That no action be taken on this petition.

The Citizens' Bank was relieved of \$27 tax of 1901 on building.

It was ordered, That John Charles be placed on county pension list at \$1.00 per month.

It was ordered, That S. J. Harris be allowed to purchase 300 feet of slabs for Jones' Mill Bridges.

W. L. Cohoon, representing the Riverside Land Company, appeared before the Board and asked that the county furnish enough shells to shell the River Road through the Riverside Land Company's property.

On motion, It is ordered, That the Board take no action, at present, on this petition.

On motion, It is ordered, That the Riverside Land Company be allowed to straighten the River Road through its property, provided, that it costs the county nothing.

On motion, It is ordered, That the clerk of the board advertise the meeting of the board of equalization on Monday, July 14, 1902, in the Economist and at the Court House door and other public places in the county.

The pension applications of William W. Botts, Noah Jones and Charles H. Armstrong were approved and signed by the board.

Dr. J. E. Wood, Health Officer, reported very little sickness at the home for the month of June. There are 30 inmates as follows: White males, 8; white females, 6; colored males, 7; colored females, 9; total, 30. Four prisoners in the jail, 2 white males; 1 colored male and one colored female.

The list takers returned their tax lists and, on motion, It is ordered by the board, That the list takers receive the same pay for their services as last year, viz: \$25 each for the Townships in the county and \$75 each for the two list takers for Elizabeth City Township.

Total amount bills allowed \$630.70.

Ordered, That the committee appointed to look after the fence around the Stock Law Territory in Nixonton Township, take the bills, this day presented to the board, for labor and material furnished on said fence, ascertain the amount of the tax levied for building said fence and have the Clerk of the board to issue a County order for the amount of said taxes to be paid on said bills as far as it may extend.

The committee made their report, which is filed, and ordered the Clerk to issue a County order in the sum of one hundred dollars, to C. W. Hollowell and A. C. Hathaway, to be applied as far as it may extend to the payment of the bills due for labor and material furnished in building said stock law fence.

Wanted to buy a large pair of mules.

EVOLD HEIGHTS Co.
at Broom Factory.