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CROP BULLETIN.

Very Warm, Dry, Sunny Weather.

CROPS MAKING SLOW PROGRESS

Though not by Any Means Beyond Reach of Improvement if Rains Fall Soon. Gardens Injured.

For Week Ending Monday, July 21, 1902.

Very warm, dry, sunny weather prevailed during the greater portion of the past week, and drought appears again to be causing some injury to crops, except at places in the extreme eastern and western portions of the State, where light showers occurred on the 15th. At this, the critical period of the crop season, abundant moisture is indispensable to fill out the grains of corn and to enable cotton to make sufficient size of seed for a full crop. The mean temperature during the week was about 82 degrees, or 5 degrees above the normal; very high temperatures prevailed during the latter portion, when maxima exceeding 100 degree occurred, especially on Saturday, the 19th; these high temperatures were accompanied by rather drying winds, and most crops began to suffer for lack of moisture. The rainfall for the week was very small, and was limited to showers about the 15th at a few places; the deficiency was over 1.25 inches. In some sections wells are getting low and stock has to be watered. Crops have made rather slow growth this week, though not by any means beyond reach of improvement if rains fall soon; lowland crops are fine; the cultivation of the staple crops has been practically completed nearly everywhere.

Upland corn is failing somewhat; a little has fired, and much of it twists during the hottest part of the day; old corn is suffering most and needs moisture to fill out the grain; lowland corn is excellent and has not suffered. Cotton stands the drought well; it looks green and healthy; has made good growth in the south portion, where the weed is of good size and plants are fruiting well; in the north portion and on stiff land the plants are small and are shedding forms considerably; where poorest the crop is blooming to the top. Tobacco also needs rain; plants are ripening rapidly, but are still small; cutting and curing is progressing rapidly and will become general during next week. Most of the minor crops have suffered slightly from drought, especially peanuts, sweet potatoes, and field peas. Many of the latter planted after wheat failed to come up. Gardens have been injured. The Irish potato crop in the west is not giving as large a yield as anticipated. Melons are abundant and of good quality. Fruit is scarce; peaches and apples are inferior, though late peaches are somewhat better than the early crop. Grapes are ripening. Pastures have dried out on account of drought, and the prospects for late hay are poor.

Approaching Nuptials.

The TAR HEEL acknowledges the receipt of the following:

Mrs. J. D. Dinkins requests your presence at the marriage of her daughter, Inez Teresa Angell, to Mr. Fred Hayes Shipp, Wednesday afternoon, August sixth, at five o'clock. 84 Metcalf street, New Bern, North Carolina.

Miss Angell is well and favorably known in this city where she has visited frequently. Mr. Shipp is a native of Elizabeth City and is a son of our worthy citizen Mr. P. S. Shipp. He now resides in Richmond, Va., where he holds a lucrative and responsible position with the Chesapeake Coal Co.

A Gentlemanly Fracas.

"You're an infamous scoundrel." That is what Mr. Willis N. Gregory said to Mr. W. G. Banks. The latter had said a few things himself but at the above assertion, from one so young, he waxed exceedingly wroth and proceeded to do a rough house specialty in the open air. No one knows whether it was a brick or not but suffice it to say Mr. Banks was rendered hors du combat in the second round. Officer Bell then took a hand. To Mr. Banks, Tully said: seven seventy-five. Mr. Gregory was placed under a twenty-five dollar bond. The above occurred on Matthews street Tuesday afternoon.

A Needed Storm.

From all over this section have come repeated complaints of lack of rain. Farms have suffered extensively from drought. The cry for rain has been universal. Monday it came. It was a storm of threatening aspect but it boded good to the soil of several counties. The parched farm lands of this and surrounding counties were subjected to a drenching that made glad the hearts of their owners. Pyrotechnically it was a brilliant success. The threatening rumble of the hidden batteries of the clouds and the vivid flashes of lightning that ever and anon cleft the cloud banked heavens with a zigzag train of fire were aweinspiring to the timid and magnificent to the bold.

HORRIBLE DISCOVERY.

Corpse of Tramp Mutilated by Vultures.

Greensboro, N. C.—Late Saturday County Coroner Turner received a message to come Brown Summit, a station near Reidsville, and bring a pine coffin with him. He went and found that an Italian tramp had died in a clump of bushes 100 yards from any residence and fifty yards from the road. He was lying under a large oak, with a root for a pillow. Vultures had mutilated the body. He probably died Wednesday night, as he was seen walking towards Greensboro Wednesday evening.

No post mortem was held, as the doctor says he evidently died from heart disease. There were no means of identification whatever. The only articles found in his ragged clothing were a stub of a pencil, a piece of tobacco and a small quantity of snuff. There were no signs of foul play whatever, and the poor wayfarer was given a decent burial by neighbors.

The Public School committee of Elizabeth City Township will receive applications from teachers of both races until August the 11th 12 m.

WESLEY WILLIAMS, Sec'y.
Elizabeth City, N. C.

Behold the Conquering Heroes Come.

That's What the Band Will Play When the Firemen Disembark To-morrow.

Inez, "The Pet," A Winner.

In Two Spirited Contests at the Raleigh Tournament Our Fire Fighters Demonstrated Their Efficiency and a First and Second Prize are Theirs.

A telegram from T. C. Bland the secretary of the Elizabeth City Fire Co. No. 1. confirms the long distance bulletin that the above company had won two prizes in the steaming contests at the firemen's tournament held in Raleigh July 22, 23 and 24th.

Pitted against five of the best companies in the State our boys won the first prize in the quick steaming contest—time 3-48 1-5.

With the same companies to compete with, our boys carried off the second prize in the long distance contest, throwing a stream of water a distance of 213 feet.

This is the first tournament in which the fire fighters of Elizabeth City have participated. They acquitted themselves in an admirable manner.

Upon their return to-morrow they will be given such a demonstration as was never before witnessed in this city.

Congressman Small Will Speak To-night.

It was stated in these columns, last week, that Congressman Jno. H. Small would meet the Chamber of Commerce and citizens of this city Wednesday evening July 23rd, 1902. The purpose of the meeting was the selection of site for the public building.

Owing to a hitch in his program Mr. Small informs us that he could not be with us until tonight. He will arrive here from Manteo to-day and the citizens are requested to meet him to-night without fail.

A MEETING WAS HELD.

Wednesday night but unknown to but few of the truly patriotic people of the city. No bell was rung, no notice given. The Tully Wilson and "Mac" Sawyer faction again availed themselves of the opportunity to ride rough shod over the rights of an unsuspecting municipality.

Assembling their crowd in the upper chambers of the court house and with only a few oil lamps to dispel the gloom they quickly, silently and almost secretly drew up a set of resolutions indorsing the Matthews street site. Only a bare handful of people were present—mostly willing tools.

The meeting was to be a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce with Congressman Small. Mr. Small's inability to attend cancelled the meeting. But these few men together with a few unsophisticated residents, who are as easily led by the nose as asses are, carried everything their way.

Yesterday the secretary of the treasury was forwarded the resolutions, supposed to represent the verdict of the people.

We defy such action and though these resolutions bear the legend, "We the citizens of Elizabeth City, in mass meeting assembled," we will, for the sake of correcting false impressions, say that this meeting was not a meeting of the representative people. The citizens of Elizabeth City will meet at the Court House to-night. Men who seek only the promotion of the public welfare will be present and the question as to site will be settled for once and for all.

Tully and Mac and their supporters and tools may come but the people—the true people—will decide this important question.

The Knitting Mill.

The stockholders of the Elizabeth City knitting mill, being so employed by the directors, have conveyed the mill property to the Elizabeth City Hosiery Co., a new corporation made up of old stockholders of the mill, for \$32,010, this including a mortgage of \$25,000 now a burden on the mill and a floating debt of \$7,000. The stockholders of the new company will put \$10,000 more capital into the enterprise and hope to make a success of it. During the first year the mill lost heavily. Last year under the careful management of Mr. P. H. Williams it was able to balance its books at the end of the year without loss. This year it is believed that, with the additional working capital, a substantial dividend will be declared. Mr. Williams will continue in charge with Mr. R. B. Martin as Secretary and Treasurer.

TO UNVEIL MONUMENT.

Tyrell's Tribute to Confederate Dead.

(Special to the TAR HEEL.)
Columbia, N. C., July 24, 02.—There will be unveiled at Columbia, Tyrell County, on August 7th, 1902, a handsome Confederate Monument. The monument is white bronze with appropriate inscriptions and has on it a medallion of the peerless R. E. Lee. It will measure 23 feet high, and reflects much credit on the patriotic citizens who have contributed by their efforts and money to its erection. Everybody is invited to attend the unveiling exercises.

We learn that there will be a large attendance from Elizabeth City and vicinity and an excursion will be run to accommodate those who wish to attend.

Hon. T. G. Skinner will deliver an address upon the occasion.

The steamer Alma will run an excursion from here to Columbia on the above date.

A SAD DEATH.

Child Died While Papa Was Away.

Morris T. the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Stokes, died shortly after 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. The little one has been in ill health all its life. Often have the fond parents feared the visit of death's angel but each time the little one seemed to gain a new lease on life and its recovery was oft looked forward to.

Mr. Stokes, who is the Chief of the fire department, was in Raleigh when the little one breathed its last. He was wired for and arrived here yesterday morning. This morning the remains of the little one will be entered to rest in the family plot in the country.

Towe-Davis.

A special from Winfall yesterday, says:—Mr. Jos. Towe, a prominent farmer and stock raiser of this county and Miss Mary Davis, a charming and popular young lady of this city were married at the home of the brides parents by Rev. Jackson yesterday afternoon.

At Home.

One of the swellest functions of the midsummer social season was the "At Home" Tuesday night given by Miss Mary McMullan, at her home on Pennsylvania Ave., in honor of Misses Margaret and Frank Hanes, of Winston-Salem. Music for the occasion was furnished by the E. City orchestra.

THE ROANOKE SHOW

State Literary and Historical Society

ON ROANOKE ISLAND JULY 24TH

Great North Carolinians Determine, Scope, Time and Place of the Coming Exposition.

Manteo, N. C., July 24.—

(Staff Correspondence.)

This has indeed been a red letter day for historic Roanoke Island. The stalwart men and fair women of this delightful county met to celebrate the deeds of the rude forefathers who, three hundred and thirty eight years ago, made the first attempt to establish religious and civil liberty in the new world. This was only a preliminary celebration to determine upon the scope, time and place of a future celebration which shall be of national importance and significance.

It is proposed to engage in a patriotic undertaking of celebrating on Roanoke Island the landing and settlement of Sir Walter Raleigh's colonies being the first English settlement in America, and the birth of Virginia Dare, the first Anglo-American.

The Celebration Committee met at 9 a. m., Hon. W. D. Pruden, presided over the meeting and W. J. Peel served as secretary instead of A. J. Field who could not be present, H. T. G. canleaf acted as recording secretary.

At this meeting the following Committee was appointed to draft a charter for the Roanoke Island celebration committee.

E. F. AYDLETT, Chm.
C. F. WARREN,
H. S. WARD.

This committee will make a formal report at the business meeting in the morning. The charter is broad in its scope and will be published in the TAR HEEL.

The morning hours of the session were consumed in speech making.

The address of welcome by C. R. Pugh of Manteo and the response by Hon. W. D. Pruden of Edenton were highly applauded.

Gen. Julius S. Car, delivered an "Address on Sir Walter Raleigh."

At 11:30 a. m., Prof. Chas. G. Evans presented Congressman Small. Mid thrilling applause he delivered in part, the speech that made him famous in the closing days of congress.

Justice Walter Clark was next presented by Rev. Chas. R. Taylor. "What the Celebration Means," was the subject of his address. It touched upon the early history of the State and in conclusion was a comparison of the transportation of Raleigh's time and transportation of today.

Most of the afternoon was spent in visiting Fort Raleigh and other places of interest.

"Raleigh's Charter—The Dawn of Civil Liberty" by H. S. Ward, of Plymouth, "The Nations part in the Celebration" by Senator F. M. Simmons and "Roanoke Island a Centre of Historical Interest" by Hon. Charles F. Warren, of Washington, N. C., were the addresses delivered at last night's session.

Up to this writing it has not been fully decided when the exposition will be held. It is thought that the year will be 1904 instead of 1903. A hotel to accommodate 600 visitors will be built; an auditorium and big exposition hall together with various museums, theatres etc. will have to be built. Again there are many mid way attractions to provide. The exposition will be open to visitors at least six months.