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## The Cotton Picking Negro.

The cotton field negro about this town is getting many a "free ride" these days. The cotton farmer sends his wagon in the morning and gets a load of the younger negroes for the field. He sends them back home at night. They are kept busy, make good money and are happy. They are in their element and enjoy life, when large numbers of them race and gossip and sing and dip and chew together up and down the cotton rows as they fill their guano sacks with fleecy staple. This is a cotton picker's paradise just now. A few peas, potatoes and a western pressed white meat is the bill of fare. Mighty few clothes are worn—possibly 50 cents to \$1 would buy the whole suit of the average boll snatcher. They make good wages, far out of proportion to what they take for actual living. But there is another side. "Festibles, sarouses and sich like" levy heavy tributes on them. Gaudy jewelry and gimcracks of all kinds take their money. "Easy come, easy go" is their rule.

Why, the average family of four to six good pickers could save enough in cotton season to buy an acre of land and build a cheap cabin. But the word save does not occur in the average negro's vocabulary, unless it is in "big meeting" time when he hollers and shouts, "Bless the Lord I'm saved." When wisely directed the negro rates pretty well in industry. In judicious saving he hasn't learned the A. B. C. To be sure he lives on little, but when prosperity comes he loses his head and his money too. And the negro is at home in the cotton field. He does far better there than trying to readjust himself to the needs and conditions of the North and West.

We take no stock in these colonization theories. They are lo pretty and so thin too. We like to hear the song of the negro laborer as he does his work, contented and easily satisfied in life. And here in the South is his friend. He works side by side with the white man in all the trade. Does he at the North? Nay, verily.

King cotton and the negro go well together in the South. They don't agree much in color, but otherwise they make fine companions until the cotton mill is reached, when the negro bids his friend good-by and leaves him to the care of more experienced fingers. If you want to see the negro in all his glory and happiness just visit a good cotton field here days just before "cirus time" and watch and listen. Its a sight.

## Public Profanity.

The High Point Enterprise congratulates Raleigh on learning through the Times that the municipal authorities are "making war on public profanity," and adds: "It is one of the worst crimes against a municipality for people to stand around on the streets cursing and using indecent language. Sometimes in the heat of passion otherwise good men let slip an oath but it is over with in a minute and he is sorry for it. But the professional—'cussor' is a nuisance to any community and should be made to pay the penalty."

The "war," dear brother, is yet only in its incipency, and to date consists of the fining of one solitary offender. The Times hopes, however, that it will be prosecuted with energy and persistence in the future by the police authorities. The "professional cussor" is more than a nuisance, especially when he forces ladies and children to listen to his infamous language on the public streets. It ought not to be necessary to call upon the patrolmen of any town to "nab" the last one of them and bring them before the mayor for treatment.—Raleigh Times.

The utter hopelessness and emptiness of royalty appear when we realize that the death of Prince Bismarck leaves Germany in the hands of a seven-year-old boy. What an experiment, what a venture for any people to have to make! He may or may not be equal to the task of ruling—nobody can tell. If he shall be a strong and safe ruler, as his father was, it will be fortunate; if not, how shall the people get rid of him?—Raleigh Times.

## Lumber Bridge Locals.

Mr. Evender Conoly got a severe gash out on his leg last week which has proved to be quite painful and has disabled him from work. A circular saw was resting on the platform and leaning against the wall of the depot and as he was passing hastily something struck it and its edge was knocked outward so as to collide with his left leg, making a long wound from near his hip down near his knee joint. He is improving we are glad to say. Meanwhile Mr. W. C. Smith, of Maysville, S. C., is filling his place as agent.

Miss Ada Robeson, of Greensboro, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. L. M. Love.

Miss Nettie Love left last Friday for Boston, Georgia, to resume her school work near there. All were sorry to see her go.

Mr. Gilbert Hughes returned to Georgia and Florida last Thursday. He goes to look out for a location, having sold the one he had several weeks ago.

Mrs. Sallie Joyner returned to Laurinburg last Thursday afternoon.

Miss Lila Love, of Fayetteville, spent last week with Mrs. L. M. Love.

Mr. J. W. Cobb and Misses Pearl and Hazel Cobb went down to Tipton last week on a visit to kindred and friends.

Mrs. Scott Conoly returned from a prolonged visit in Durham last Friday afternoon.

Miss Carrie McEachern returned last week from the Exposition in St. Louis and a visit in Washington city. She reports we learn a delightful and profitable trip.

Miss Pauline Stamps was a visitor in Red Springs last week.

Mr. J. E. Williford has moved into the beautiful cottage of Mr. J. L. Shaw.

## Why They Came.

The Virginia and North Carolina Chemical Company are building a plant at Selma, North Carolina, which will cost three hundred thousand dollars. They have bought land and are now building their tenant and other necessary outbuildings. Why did these people select Selma as the place for the erection of their plant? You say they had good shipping facilities. True, but other places had as good, and some even better. True, land was cheap, but that cuts but a little figure. Why did they go there? you ask. We answer, they found men who were liberal toward them. Men who wanted to see their town build up; men who were not prejudiced, and who wanted to fight them simply because they were a corporation.—Raleigh Times.

## Warefare Under Water.

The great battle-ship and armored cruiser will not in the days to come be anything as formidable as they now are when the submarine torpedo-boat has attained the importance which it now promises. In fact, it would seem to be a safe assumption that within the next ten years most of the sea fighting will be done by boats operated under rather than above the water. Submarine craft appears to be what the nations will use in the not remote future.—Omaha Bee.

## Dun's Review of Cotton.

Dun's review of trade for Saturday says of the cotton crop prospects: "Notwithstanding poor prospects for top cotton in Texas, the general tenor of dispatches is hopeful regarding the total yield, and there is little alarm on account of frost, owing to early maturity. Most sections report that bolls are opening rapidly and it is difficult to secure labor to pick cotton as it ripens. Some reports suggest that the receipts are immediately purchased for foreign spinners."

There is no victory possible without humility and magnanimity, and no magnanimity or humility possible without an ideal; and there is not one who has not heard the call in his own heart to put aside all evil habits, and to live a brave, simple, truth life.—Thomas Hughes.

Being all fashioned of the same dust, let us be merciful as well as just.—Longfellow.

## RAFT SWAMP.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Miss Mattie Purcell is extremely ill with fever, we regret to learn. Messrs. I. E. Turner and E. L. Odom returned Friday from the St. Louis exposition.

We are sorry to note that Mrs. F. Davis' condition has not at all improved.

Messrs. F. H. Well, W. G. Nance, and Will Lewis of Back Swamp were here Sunday.

We regret to note that the condition of Mr. Owen Odom has grown worse since last report.

Rev. T. J. Baker filed his appointment here Saturday and Sunday. In conference Saturday the church tendered him a call for another year's pastorate, the acceptance of which he announced from the pulpit Sunday.

To the great surprise of his many relatives in this community Mr. Archie M. Davis, brother of the late James Davis, arrived from Alabama Saturday. He had been away from this section 37 years, and only a few of the aged citizens of the community and his own near relatives remembered him or knew that he was still living. He is about 75 years of age.

J. A. P.

Lowe, N. C., Oct. 3, 1904.

## More Good Advice to Negroes.

Yesterday we printed a letter of President J. B. Dudley, of the A. and M. College for the negro race, giving good advice to the negro race. His views are those entertained by the best element of the race. The Tarboro Southerner, reporting the sermon of Presiding Elder Lawrence, at the African Methodist Zion Church Quarterly Conference in session in Tarboro, quotes that colored divine as saying:

"He urged temperance, the cultivation of a sentiment for it, to pray and labor for it, as well as for temperance legislation. On the State of the country, he laid particular stress on the outrages committed by human brutes of his race and condemned them in scathing terms. Each and every member, and as for that all good citizens of the race should help to bring such to justice. His race could not afford to condone crime merely because committed by a negro. Crime wherever found should be punished and the self-respecting negro should give his full aid in bringing the perpetrator to justice."

Such weighty admonitions from representative colored teachers and preachers is sure to have a good effect upon the race, and be of value to the whole South.—News and Observer.

## Hope in God.

Your troubles only come from yourself; you make them for yourself for listening to yourself. It is a reflection and sensitiveness of self love that you nourish in your heart, when you are melted to pity for yourself. Instead of faithfully bearing your own cross, and fulfilling your duties by helping others to bear theirs and reform the persons whom God has given into your charge, you shut yourself up in yourself, and occupy yourself with nothing, but your own discouragement. Hope in God; He will sustain you, and will make you useful to your neighbor provided you do not doubt of his help, and do not spare yourself in this work.—Dacordaire.

I shall never be so far alone but He will inspire me with His Spirit and help me in ways I have not known.—Edward Everett Hale.

Whether you should hitch your wagon to a star or a steer depends upon the driver. We have seen men who could not manage a yearling trying to direct a constellation.

## Other Local Items.

Rev. Mr. Johnson, of Louisville, Penn., who is visiting his cousin, Mrs. Dr. H. T. Pope and Miss Clara Johnson, conducted services in the Methodist church Sunday evening. The congregation were much pleased with his discourse, during which he held their undivided attention.

The material has been hauled for the erection of the residence of Mr. D. W. Millaps on the gulley lot facing Mrs. Caroline Jones'. Work was begun yesterday morning.

Messrs. O. J. Peterson and H. B. Worth spent Sunday in Wilmington.

Rev. Mr. Paris preached an eloquent and highly interesting sermon to the members of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, at the Methodist church Sunday morning. The Order was well represented.

Messrs. Fuller Bros. have received a carload of fine horses and mules.

Miss Anna Bethune was kept from her duties as saleslady for Mr. W. J. Provatt, on account of sickness for a few days last week.

Mr. W. S. Wishart has accepted a situation as foreman at the Robesonian office. Just twenty years ago and fifteen days ago he left this position to accept other work. We are glad to report that he has returned to his old situation and

## The Wheat and Corn Crop.

While the country has been brought face to face with a short crop of wheat this year, the people have been comforting themselves with the prospect of a great corn crop. The government estimate of the wheat crop early in the season was 637,000,000 bushels. This estimate was reduced after harvest to 510,000,000 and some think that revised estimate is still too high. The government estimate of the corn crop this year is 2,530,000,000 bushels. Mr. James J. Hill and others who have sources of accurate information say that the crop will fall 500,000,000 bushels below the government estimate. If this estimate is correct, then the country will be short of the two great cereals, the main dependence of our people, and the corn crop will be smaller than it has been for many years. An abundant corn crop goes a great way in making up for a shortage of wheat, but when there is even a partial failure of both crops the same year it is something of a calamity. The price of flour is higher than for a long time past and it is a considerable burden upon a workingman to have to pay \$7 or \$8 for what he got at \$5 last year. The farmer is being congratulated at receiving such large prices for his wheat. But really he is getting no more money for his crop this year at a dollar or more per bushel than he got last year at 80 cents, because he has fewer bushels to sell.—Baltimore Sun.

## About 20 Per Cent.

Hon. J. A. Brown in a letter to the editor of the Whiteville News says that from present indications he would say that the approximate increase in acreage of strawberries and vegetables for the coming season will probably be about 20 per cent. He says further that this early it is almost impossible to speak positively what the increase will be, owing to the fact that this season's settings is not complete. Increase in acreage in other vegetables can't be foretold as an early estimate made now might materially change in the early spring.

Baptist churches at Hinson's X Roads near Fair Bluff and Mt. Olive and Pleasant View in Horry county, S. C., were completely destroyed by the recent storm.—Whiteville News.

Mr. C. E. Eenteenman formerly post-office inspector on duty in this territory, with headquarters at Greensboro, and later with headquarters in Asheville, has been assigned to duty in New York city. Mr. Eenteenman married Miss Della Stakebather, of Iredell county.

Boone Democrat 22nd: Frost last Friday morning did considerable damage in some parts of the county, especially on the bottoms of New River. Much of the buckwheat is not worth harvesting and late corn is badly damaged.

## Democratic Speaking.

The following gentlemen will address the people at the times and places given below.

Hon. F. M. Simmons, United States Senator and Chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee will address the people on the issues of the day at Lumberton, N. C., Friday October 7th, at 11 o'clock a. m. Let all the people attend and hear an able presentation of the issues.

Col. N. A. McLean, Kingdale, Bratts Township, Tuesday, Oct. 4th; Sterling Township, Old Mill Wednesday, Oct. 5th.

Hon. G. B. Patterson, Democratic Candidate for Congress, Sixth District, and Honorable H. L. G. Owen, Democratic Candidate for E. Senator, for the Sixth District, at Rogers Store, White House, Thursday Oct. 6th; A. Springs, Oct. 7th; Friday; Saturday Oct. 8th, at Rowland, at 2 p. m. Hon. H. L. G. Owen, Democratic Candidate for E. Senator, at Red Springs, Oct. 10th; St. Pauls, Tuesday, October 11th.

Hon. A. L. Shaw, Democratic Candidate for State Senator, and Hon. E. J. Britt and G. C. Fisher, Democratic Nominees for House of Representatives, together with other candidates for the various other County officers, as follows: Back Swamp, Monday, Oct. 10; Aikensville, Tuesday, Oct. 11; Thompsons, (Rowland) Wednesday, Oct. 12.

Thompsons, (Rayuham) Thursday, Oct. 13.

Raft Swamp, Friday, Oct. 14.

Saddle Tree, Monday, Oct. 17.

St. Pauls, Tuesday, Oct. 18.

Lumber Bridge, Wednesday, Oct. 19.

Blue Springs, (McBryde's Store) Thursday, Oct. 20.

Red Springs, Friday, Oct. 21.

Burnt Swamp (Bue) Saturday, Oct. 22.

Howellsville, Monday, Oct. 24.

Wisharts, Tuesday, Oct. 25.

Maxton, Wednesday, Oct. 26.

Smiths (Wakulla) Thursday, Oct. 27.

Other appointments will be announced later. Where no time is specified as to the hour of speaking, the hour will be 11 o'clock a. m., unless the Township Executive Committee or the candidate shall decide otherwise.

J. G. McCormick.

Chairman, County Executive Committee

Five Persons are Bitten by Mad Cat.

Dr. J. Allison Hodges will today begin to apply the Pasteur treatment at the Hygiea Hospital, in this city, to Mr. J. L. Baldwin and four members of his family from Mangum, N. C., who have recently been bitten by animals that died of hydrophobia.

Three negroes were also bitten, but none of them have developed the dread disease, though the white persons come here to take the treatment, as a precaution.

The case is quite an interesting one, though the full details could not be secured last night.

A dog in the town was suffering from hydrophobia, and before he could be killed he bit a cat. All these were either killed or died, but not until they had bitten all the persons mentioned above. The family physician of the North Carolina people accompanied them here, and will be with them during their treatment. Dr. Hodges will have them in direct charge.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

## Collision on Coast Line.

The Atlantic Coast Line's Florida limited today collided with a local passenger train out of Charleston, five miles from the city. The fireman who was killed, was Sam Harris, colored. A flagman was seriously hurt. Passengers were shaken up, but none were injured. The Florida limited was closely followed by a local passenger train to Augusta. In making up a berth the porter of the limited pulled the bell cord, and the train was stopped. The train followed into the... limited, damaging the private car, in which were Superintendent Ben... The engine of the local train and the mail car were damaged.

## The Fireflies.

In a narrow garden  
In a sleepy town,  
Where the trees o'emble  
And the leaves trail'd with

Sat a mariner,  
Old, and dim of eye,  
While the twilight folded  
Path and rose and sky

Still, he sat a-dreaming  
Of the distant sea;  
Of the proud masts taller  
Than his greatest tree

Still, he sat a longing  
For the old delight  
Of the soaring canvass  
Down he tropic night;

Of the purple islands  
Of the awaying spars  
Market against the heavens  
By the pilot stars

In the quiet garden  
Where he took his rest,  
Came the old adventure  
Crying at his breast.

And he saw, thus nodding  
On the garden seat,  
Lights of many a foreign  
port—

Lights of church and street;  
Masthead of steamer,  
Starboard light of bark;  
Lamps of seaside windows  
Gleaming in the dark

Still he sat a nodding,  
Dreaming of the sea—  
Still the garden fireflies  
Glistened in the trees

—Youth's Companion.

## Resolutions of Respect.

Whereas, The great and Supreme Ruler of the universe has, in His infinite wisdom, removed from among us, our worthy and beloved Superintendent, Neil Townsend; and whereas the long and faithful service he has given this Sunday School as Superintendent and teacher, makes it eminently fitting that we record our appreciation of him, therefore,

Resolved 1st, That the wisdom and ability which he has exercised in the discharge of his duties as Superintendent by service, contribution and council, will be held in grateful remembrance.

Resolved 2nd, That the removal of such a life from our midst leaves a vacancy that will be deeply realized by all the members of this school, and will prove a serious loss to the community and the public.

Resolved 3rd, That with deep sympathy with the bereaved relatives of the deceased, we express our hope that even so great a loss to us all may be overruled for good by Him who doeth all things well.

Resolved 4th, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the records of this Sunday School, and a copy printed in The Biblical Recorder, North Carolina Baptist, Charity and Children, Robesonian and Argus, and a copy furnished the bereaved family.

BACK SWAMP SUNDAY SCHOOL,  
J. K. Nance, Chm. Com.  
Sept. 25, 1904.

## Baker-Williams.

On Sept. 23th, Miss Bettie Baker of Rowland, and Mr. W. J. Williams were united in marriage at the home of Mr. W. H. Graham, where ideas four miles this side of Rowland. Esquire Graham, who is a justice of the peace, performed the ceremony. We are informed that it was a "Gretna Green" affair.

## Now a Grandfather.

There was great rejoicing at the Leavitt residence at Newport, R. I., this morning. Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Leavitt were notified of the arrival of a grand-daughter, the offspring of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Leavitt, at New Orleans. The mother, formerly Miss Ruth Baird Eryan, is doing well. This is William Jennings Bryan's first and only grand child.

There are two boys in a neighborhood between Goldsboro and Princeton that are a puzzle to the people living in the community. They came there about two or three months ago and have been living with Roger Pearce and Dave Ingram. The boys are about twelve or fourteen years old and they claim to have come from an orphan asylum in Raleigh. They have told different people different stories as to where they came from. It is thought that they have run away from home or from some orphan institution and the people with whom they are living are simply taking care of them for what they can get out of them.

"Self searching will cure self seeking."