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STRAWBERRY CROP SLIGHTLY DAMAGED

Frosts Have Not Damaged The Crop More Than 10 Per Cent.

WILL BE LARGER THAN EVER

Coast Line Railway Company and Armour Company say They Will be Prepared to Handle Crop—Shipments Will Commence Soon.

Farmers are now looking forward to the berry season with much interest and there is much concern whether or not the railroads will be able to handle the large crop. The Coast Line people say there is going to be no trouble when shipments begin and the Armour people state that there will be no shortage of cars, as there was last season. Cars are already being placed in the berry belt. The Carolina Fruit and Truckers Journal says:

Telegraphic advices to The Carolina Fruit and Truckers Journal of this city from Chadburn, Grists, Whiteville, Tabor, Ashpole and Cerro Gordo, N. C., Loris, Conway, Marion, Mullins, Florence, Lake City and Charleston, S. C., on the Coast Line; Clarkton, Abbottsburg and Lumberton on the Seaboard Air Line road; Currie, Atkinson, Parkersburg and Fayetteville, on the A. & Y. railroad; Rocky Point, Burgaw, Wallace, Teachey's, Rose Hill, Warsaw, Paison, Mt. Olive, Goldsboro, on the W. & W. railroad; Kinston, LaGrange, New Bern, and Dover, on the A. and N. C. railroad, all announce that the frosts last Sunday, Monday and Tuesday nights did not damage the strawberry crop as a whole exceeding ten per cent. In many places the damage was so slight as to practically amount to nothing, and at only one or two places was it reported as much as ten per cent. A great majority of points reported the damage at five per cent, many others saying it was so slight as to be hardly considered any damage at all.

This will be welcome news to the growers and shippers all over the district and the commission merchants and consumers throughout the country, for North and South Carolina as well as Virginia strawberries are shipped to more than 37 of the 46 states in the union. The cold snap of this week, however, has set the crop back fully a week and shipments will barely begin about April 20th. But from that time you will see the greatest movement of strawberries out of this territory ever recorded in the history of the industry. This information we get from every part of the producing territory, and it comes from men who know whereof they speak and who are familiar with the situation in detail. Commission merchants and dealers may therefore hold themselves in line and readiness for the "bumper" crop when shipments do begin. The fruit will be something fine from all appearances, as the vines never looked more vigorous and healthy.

S. A. L. Offices to Atlanta.

New York, April 5.—At the offices of the Seaboard Air Line today it was said that the question of removing the company's general offices from Portsmouth, Va., was not considered at yesterday's meeting of the directors. It is reported that a proposition has been made to remove the general offices from Portsmouth to another city, and Atlanta, Ga., has been mentioned as the point to which to transfer may be made.

Quits Seaboard.

New York, April 9.—At a meeting of the directors of the Seaboard Air Line Railway held here J. M. Barr resigned as president and general manager of the railway company, to take effect on April 30. Alfred Walter, of Baltimore, was elected as president, to take effect April 30.

Officials Get Busy.

Officials of the Seaboard Air Line Railway are in the city and say they propose staying here until the present congestion of freight is relieved. It is understood that a shifting of trains to be allowed, and a new side track built.

MRS. H. S. McLEAN DEAD.

Other News Notes of Interest From Red Springs.

Red Springs, April 7.—The people of this community were saddened to hear of the death, on last Tuesday, of Mrs. H. S. McLean, which occurred at her home in Raeford. The news of her death was a great shock to her many friends and relatives as she was ill only a few hours. Mrs. McLean was Miss Lizzie McDuffie before marriage. Quite a large crowd from here attended the funeral.

Mrs. F. L. Pearsall has returned from a visit to relatives in Wilmington. She was accompanied by Miss Florence Pearsall who expects to make an indefinite stay here among friends.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. McCallum went to Raeford Thursday to attend the funeral of Mrs. McCallum's sister-in-law, Mrs. Walter Townsend.

Mrs. Wm. Vardell arrived from Fayetteville Wednesday for a short visit to her son, Dr. Vardell. From here she goes to Davidson.

Rev. Mr. Thompson, of Aberdeen, spent last week with his daughter, Mrs. S. E. Mercer, who has been quite ill.

Miss Virginia McCall, of Bennettsville, spent a day in town last week, the guest of Miss Ethel Johnson.

Mrs. Jno. T. McNeill has gone to Fayetteville to enter the St. Luke's Hospital for treatment.

Miss Sallie Sinclair, of Rowland, visited relatives here last week.

Mrs. J. E. Purcell is visiting relatives in Wilson this week.

Mr. J. A. Huggins visited relatives in South Carolina this week.

Mrs. R. W. Livermore visited friends in Maxton last week.

Mrs. W. G. Butler is visiting relatives in Wilmington.

BUFFET LUNCHEON

Given by Ladies Aid Society and Much Enjoyed.

The Buffet Luncheon given by the Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church in the Court House Friday evening was a very enjoyable and successful affair. Refreshments were served at tables on the rostrum. In addition to this there was a guessing contest as to the contents of a cake. Mr. J. G. McCormick won the cake for the correct guess. Recitations by Mrs. J. R. Poole and Misses Pauline Osborne, Irene McLeod and Elizabeth Baker were very much enjoyed. About thirty-five dollars for the manse fund was realized from the evening's entertainment.

MAXTON NEWS NOTES.

Mr. Currie Returns From Charlotte—Other Items.

Maxton, April 7.—Dr. D. S. Currie returned from Charlotte Wednesday morning where he graduated at the North Carolina Medical College at that place. He leaves Monday for Davidson to take the quiz course there preparatory to standing the examination before the State Board some time next month.

Cards have been received here this week announcing the marriage of Miss Virginia McCall of Bennettsville, S. C., to M. J. Chesley McCaskill, Jr., of this place on the 18th inst.

Dr. Prince, of Laurinburg, was here Wednesday where he was called in consultation with the local doctors about the condition of Dr. H. W. McNatt who is quite sick.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Livermore, of Red Springs, were in town Wednesday night.

Miss Leila Barnes is the guest of Miss Pearl Morrison at McColl, S. C. this week.

Mr. Oscar Patterson, of Greensboro, was a visitor here Wednesday.

Miss Florence Wooten left Thursday afternoon for Lumberton, where she will visit Miss Annie Neal McLean.

Miss Bessie McNair went to McColl, S. C. Thursday night to visit friends.

Dr. Luther McMillan, of Red Springs was in town Thursday.

Misses Ina and Mary McNair and Mary McEachin of Laurinburg were visitors here last Thursday.

Mrs. Kate Smith and Roy McNair spent Thursday in Laurinburg with their many friends.

With the exception of the Smiths, Joneses, and Browns there are few families as old as the Hills.

DEATH OF CAPT. WILLIS P. MOORE

Funeral Held Sunday Afternoon at Raynham

OLDEST MASON IN THE COUNTY

Passed Away Saturday Morning—Survived by Three Daughters—Buried With Masonic Honors—Large Crowd Attended the Funeral.

Capt. Willis P. Moore, one of the most prominent citizens of the county, died Saturday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Mary Thompson, at Ashpole. He had lived until June he would have been 76 years of age.

The funeral was held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock from Ashpole Methodist church, near Raynham, of which he was a most devoted member. He was buried with Masonic honors, a crowd of about sixty Masons attending the service. Thirty of the number went from St. Alban's Lodge, of which the deceased was the oldest member.

The pall bearers were the following named Masons: Messrs. Frank Gough, C. B. Townsend, C. B. Skipper, S. E. Britt, W. H. Humphrey and E. Fisher.

The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Ashby, of Ashpole, pastor of the church. There was an attendance of friends and relatives estimated at one thousand people. No man in the county had more friends and was better known than he.

The deceased is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Ella Page, Mrs. Mary Thompson and Mrs. Eliza Smith. Captain Moore was a second cousin of Dr. H. T. and Mr. Ira T. Pope.

JEWISH PASSOVER.

Next Monday the memory of all the world will turn to that greatest period of their history, the exodus from Egypt, which will be commemorated by the observance of the holidays known as Passover, or Pasaah, and the Feast of Unleavened Bread, or Hag haMatzoth.

The term Passover is derived from the passing over of the Angel of Death over the houses of the Israelites, when he slew the first born of the Egyptians. The Feast of Unleavened Bread is used because during the eight days observed by the Orthodox Jews and the seven days observed by the reformed Jews no leavened bread is eaten. This commemorates the fact that in the hurried departure from the persecutions of Egypt the children of Israel were forced to carry as a means of sustenance the unbaked dough, which was baked by the heat of the sun in the desert.

The first day of the Passover is the anniversary of the Exodus. The seventh day is the anniversary of the passing through the Red Sea.

The first and second and seventh and 8th days are observed by the Orthodox Jews as holy days. The reformed Jews observe only the first and seventh days as holy days. The intervening days are minor holidays. The holy days are observed by services in the synagogue in the morning and evening and with family services led by the head of the house, after the evening services in the synagogue. A portion of the service in the homes is devoted to recounting the history of the exodus from Egypt. At the morning services at the synagogue Tuesday blessings for the giving of the dew are offered. At the morning services at the synagogue on the seventh day, the anniversary of the passage through the Red sea, the Song of Moses is recited.—Columbia State.

One Year's Growth.

The statement of the First National Bank is published in this issue of The Robesonian. It shows that the deposits have increased in one year nearly one hundred thousand dollars. April 6th, 1905, the amount of deposits was \$2,846.37, and April 6th, 1906, it was \$131,762.08. This record has few parallels in the banking institutions of the State.

That man never lived who enjoyed having a waiter stand around and watch him eat.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

List of Deeds Filed With Register Bullock.

The following deeds were filed in the office of the register of deeds during last week:

East Carolina Land and Improvement Co. to J. B. Plummer, 2 lots in Parkton, consideration \$150.

F. J. Davis and wife to Brown-Shaw Lumber Co., timber deed, \$75.

Daniel Ivey to Oliver Faircloth, 20 acres, consideration, \$40.

David Israel and wife to A. E. Israel, 57 acres on Lumber river, consideration \$200.

N. A. McLean and wife to A. W. McLean, undivided half interest in tract of land in Lumberton township, \$2,750.

J. W. Swann and wife to R. M. Edwards' 4 1/2 acres in Lumberton township, \$125.

Martin McKinnon to George Williams; one acre in Red Springs \$750.

Neill J. Revels and Sarah Revels to James C. Paul, one acre in Lumberton, \$20.

William Love to A. Wilson, one lot in Red Springs, consideration \$275.

H. McN. Lyth to Mary McNeill, one acre in Red Springs, \$350.

Neill J. Revels and wife to J. C. Bond, 1 1/2 acres in Lumberton township, \$18.

Minnie McQueen and husband to J. B. Bullock, 70 acres in Alfordville township, consideration \$330.

D. L. Dew and wife to Joseph Walters, 129 acres in St. Paul's township, consideration \$1,000.

A. W. McLean and wife to D. C. McIntyre, one lot in Belvedere, consideration \$425.

W. M. Jones and wife to Archie and Charity Malloy, one lot in Maxton township, consideration \$30.

F. B. Peace to G. W. Byers, one lot in St. Paul's, consideration \$75.

S. P. McNair and wife to McDiarmid-Williams Lumber Co., 130 acres in Howellsville township, consideration \$2,000.

A. L. Broadwell and wife to James T. Barker, 52 acres in Wishart's township, consideration \$800.

BELLAMY NEWS ITEMS.

The L. T. Cottingham Lumber Company's saw mill has shut down this week for repairs.

Mr. I. J. Wilkins is to move to Bladenboro, where he is going into the mercantile business.

Mr. Preston Pate made a flying trip to the Ten-Mile section Sunday to see friends and relatives.

The farmers of this section are very busy at present planting corn and preparing cotton land.

There was quite a large crowd out at Singletary's Cross Roads church Sunday, but got an April fool, for Rev. J. W. Brissin did not fill his regular appointment.

We hear that Mr. Joe Branch, of Howellsville, and Miss Nonia Smith, of R. F. D. 5, were united in matrimony Sunday at 4 p. m., Mr. Troy Phillips officiating.

Messrs. McKee and Walton were in our town Wednesday looking for a location for a new saw mill which the former is going to erect here.

FLORAL COLLEGE ITEMS.

Floral College, April 7.—Mr. Neill Alford spent Monday in Lumberton on business.

Mr. W. L. Hill left last week for Charlotte, where he goes to accept a position as representative of The Presbyterian Standard.

Miss Lou Graham, who has been teaching the Allendale school was forced to close and return home on account of illness.

Miss Etta McKay after an attack of measles was able to resume her studies at the S. P. C. Red Springs, last week Monday.

The school at McGirt's Bridge gave a concert last Friday night consisting of recitations, plays, dialogues, etc., which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The play "Red Riding Hood" especially deserves commendation. The comparative ease with which each pupil performed his part was strikingly illustrated. Dr. H. G. Hill's address on "Education" was concise and to the point. The whole make-up of the entertainment shows much painstaking effort and the pupils and teacher are to be congratulated on their successful ventures. The school will continue for a month on the subscription basis. A. A. M.

Many a man would be glad of an opportunity to decorate the grave of an enemy.

PRESIDENT MOORE TO VISIT COUNTY

Will Make Seven Addresses in Interest of Cotton Association

ACREAGE WILL BE SAME

There Will be Little If any Increase in Acreage This Year in Robeson County—Farmers are Planning For Diversified Crops.

President Chas. C. Moore, of the State Cotton Growers Association in Robeson county during the month under the auspices of the County Cotton Growers Association. It is hoped that there will be large attendance at all of these meetings. The work of the Association must be carried forward with unabated zeal if its mission is accomplished. The schedule for President Moore follows: Raeford, April 17th, 2 p. m.; Red Springs, April 17th, 8 p. m.; Lumber Bridge, April 18th, 11 a. m.; St. Pauls, April 18th, 2 p. m.; Rowland, April 18th, 8 p. m.; Ashpole, April 19th, 11 a. m.; Maxton, April 19th, 8:30 p. m.

The addresses will no doubt be interesting. President Moore is greatly interested in the work of the association, and more than this, he is a most interesting speaker. Vice President McKinnon, of the State Association, and President R. W. Livermore, of the county association, will accompany Mr. Moore on his tour over the county.

Reports from a number of the townships show that the acreage this year will be about the same as last year. In fact the reports show that there will not be a variation of more than two or three per cent from the acreage last year. This shows all too well that the planters are determined to keep down the acreage.

It is necessary to keep down the acreage, if the prices are maintained. Every farmer should do his part by not planting more cotton this year than he did last.

The work of the Cotton Growers Association has just commenced. It can be made a power if the men who compose it will stand together.

ASHPOLE NEWS ITEMS.

Ashpole, Apr. 9.—Cards of invitation are out for the marriage of Mr. Rouse, one of our most prominent young business men, and Miss Eva Ashley, the lovely young daughter of the late A. P. Ashley.

The ceremony will take place on the eighteenth of the month in the Baptist church.

We know of no Ashpole people who had to attend court last week except Dr. McPhaul who was a witness in the celebrated Southern Saw Mills case.

Mr. I. T. Brown and wife and little daughter, of Philadelphus, were welcome visitors in town over Sunday the guests of relatives.

Dr. A. G. Floyd and son of Fair Bluff were here last Thursday. Dr. Floyd being called here by the illness of his mother.

Work is being pushed rapidly on the two stores of Mr. Frank Pitman on Main Street. The walls will soon be up.

Mr. Jack Carter, of Maxton, spent a day in town last week on his way home from Wilmington.

Miss Emeline Carpenter visited Miss Mamie McDaniel last week and took in the millinery opening.

Messrs. Will Carlyle and Bill Bryant, of Lumberton, were here a short while on Thursday.

Miss Agnes Ashley went to Lumberton last Wednesday on a shopping tour.

Dr. and Mrs. F. H. Pitman spent last Wednesday in Lumberton.

Death of Preston Vann, Jr.

Preston, the little son of Prof. and Mrs. P. S. Vann, died Saturday noon at their home at Robeson Institute, after an illness of several weeks. The funeral was held from the Institute Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, the Rev. C. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist Church, conducting the service. The interment was at the cemetery just east of town.

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SUPERIOR COURT ADJOURNS.

Verdict In Favor of Defendant In Case Against Billy Barfield.

The case of Powell against Barfield, claim and delivery proceedings, consumed the greater part of the time in Robeson Superior Court, since Thursday. It resulted in a verdict in favor of the defendant. This case is the outgrowth of the case tried before Justice Ira B. Townsend several weeks ago, in which Mr. Powell charged Mr. Barfield with the larceny of a bale of cotton from his farm, several miles from town. After the hearing, Justice Townsend dismissed the case.

The case was called for trial Thursday and a large number of witnesses were examined for both the plaintiff and defendant. The evidence of the one side was almost exactly the opposite of the other. Every inch of ground was closely contested, the plaintiff endeavoring to establish his charge that defendant had stolen the cotton, and defendant endeavoring to prove his assertion that he produced it himself.

The attorneys were: Messrs. David J. Lewis, of Whiteville; Wishart & Shaw and E. M. Britt, for the plaintiff; and Messrs. J. G. McCormick, S. McIntyre and W. H. Kinlaw, for the defendant.

Several strong and able speeches were made to the jury. When the verdict was returned, counsel for the plaintiff made a motion for a new trial. This motion being overruled, notice of appeal was given.

Saturday evening a number of judgments were signed, and the cases not tried were continued to next term.

Not the Singer But the Song.

Thirty men, red-eyed and disheveled, lined up before a judge of the San Francisco police court. It was the regular morning company of drunks and disorderlies. Some were old and hardened; others hung their heads in shame. Just as the momentary disorder attending the bringing of the prisoners quieted down a strange thing happened. A strong, clear voice from below began singing: "Last night I lay sleeping, There came a dream so fair, Last night? It had been for them all a nightmare a drunken stupor. The song was such a contrast to the horrible fact that none could avoid the sudden shock at the thought the song suggested.

"I stood in old Jerusalem, Beside the temple there." The song went on. The judge had paused. He made a quiet inquiry. A former member of a famous opera company, known all over the country, was waiting trial for forgery. It was he who was singing in his cell.

Meantime the song went on. Every man in the line showed emotion. One boy at the end of the line, after desperate effort at self-control, leaned against the wall, busied his face in his folded arms and sobbed, "O mother, mother!"

The sobs cutting the weary hearts of the men who heard, and the song, still welling its way through the court room blended in the hush. At length one man protested:

"Judge," said he, "have we got to submit to this? We're here to take our punishment, but this—" He, too, began to sob.

It was impossible to proceed with the business of the court, yet the judge gave no order to stop the song. The police sergeant, after a surprised effort to keep the men in line, stepped back and waited with the rest. The song moved to its climax: "Jerusalem, Jerusalem! Sing, for the night is o'er! Hosanna in the highest, hosanna for evermore!"

In the ecstasy of melody the last words rang out, and then there was a silence.

The judge looked into the faces of the men before him. There was not one who was not touched by the song; not one in whom some better impulse was not stirred. He did not call the cases singly—a kind word of advice, and he dismissed them all. No man was fined or sentenced to the work house that morning. The song had done more good than punishment could have accomplished.—California Christian Advocate.

The Poor Orphan.

He's never known a mother's care, He's had no one to love him, No shelter from the stormy air, No pa to push and shove him, No lolly g and old family tree To make his heart throbs quicken— Oh, pity, pity such as he! The incubator chicken!

HOWARD BEGINS LIFE SENTENCE

Convicted of Murder of Governor William Goebel, of Kentucky

DRAMATIC SCENE AT GATES

Governor's Brother Sees man Safely Behind Bars—Prisoner was Handcuffed—Saw Him Change Clothes at the Prison—Smile Changes to Frown.

Frankfort, Ky., April 9.—The brother of the late Gov. William Goebel, who has been most persistent for six years past in bringing his murderer to justice, today followed Jim Howard, the man who has been three times convicted of having fired the fatal shot from ambush, within the gates of the State penitentiary here, where Howard took up service of the life sentence imposed upon him by a Franklin county jury for that crime. Mrs. Howard, the wife of the condemned man, was also of the party.

A dramatic scene was presented at the gates of the prison as she departed from him, and later, as Arthur Goebel sat and watched the transforming of Howard from citizen into convict. The ordeal was a most trying one for the noted prisoner, and he showed it only in silence, and the absence of the smile which he wore when first he reached Frankfort to-day and was presented in the Circuit Court room for the formal giving of the commitment papers by Judge Stout to the county Sheriff.

Howard was met upon his arrival at the railroad station here by about 500 persons. They flocked around the Sheriff's party, accompanying it to the courthouse, and half the number followed to the gates of the prison, which were closed to keep back the crowd. The prisoner was handcuffed en route from the station to the courthouse, but was not manacled as he was later taken to the prison. The smile which he has worn throughout all of his trials, except when upon examination, did not desert him as he walked through the streets of the city, nor until he had parted from his wife at the prison door, and had entered the inner portals of the institution. In its place then came the strained, hard, look which witnesses swore was upon his face immediately after the shooting of Goebel, and which came upon it when prosecuting lawyers were addressing the jury before whose members he was being tried for his life.

PLANS FOR THE EXPOSITION.

Affair Will Rank Among the Most Interesting Industrial Exhibits.

Much interest has already been manifested by manufacturers and dealers in cigars and tobacco, and by growers of leaf tobacco, in the United States, Cuba and Porto Rico, in the Tobacco Trades Exposition to be held in Madison Square Garden, New York, next September.

One of the strongest features of the Exposition, and one which will be decidedly educational, is a progressive display of tobacco from the several tobacco growing districts of the United States and the islands, showing the weed in various stages of cultivation, and also how it is housed and cured before reaching the hands of the packers and manufacturers.

The Exposition Company will award, through a jury, medals of gold, silver and bronze for the best showing of tobacco in this exhibit; also for the relative merits of the several kinds of cured leaf.

Applications are already at hand for entrance in this branch of the Exposition from Cuba and Porto Rico, and these contestants will show how the leaf is handled in the tropics, together with dwelling of the natives, and the present day cigar factories.

No effort will be spared by the Exposition Company to make this an epoch-making affair. All convenience will be provided exhibitors and the general visiting public. Provision has also been made for the designing and building of the booths, which work is in charge of M. Bloom, a New York architect.

He is a mean man who refuses to give praise where it is due.