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EXPLANATORY.

(Editorial Correspondence.)

On Board Seaboard Train between Hamlett and Charlotte, June 27.—It never rains but it pours. Things have a perverse way of happening all at once. When the management of The Robesonian first decided to run an excursion to Wrightsville Beach it was the intention to run it some time between the 1st and 15th of July, so that it would not interfere with our taking in the Press Convention at Lenoir this week. We proposed and the Seaboard powers disposed: they shoved the date June 29 at us and it was up to us to take that date or refuse it without any assurance that another date could be gotten; so there was only one thing to do if we were to run the excursion. Later we decided that the Press Convention was too important to miss, so this morning we "hit the train," as the drummers say, and started for Lenoir, a day late. This leaves Mr. Bethune, business manager, with the bag to hold, and with the excursion on his hands. Besides having a multitude of details in connection with the excursion to interfere with work on the paper until Thursday morning, he will have to go on the excursion; so the business of getting out Thursday's paper will devolve upon Foreman Porter and his assistants. And they'll do it. We know they will. That's why we were willing to leave it with them. A more capable and faithful set of compositors never braced up to a case.

The foregoing just by way of explanation or parenthesis or whatever you please.

The Pullman car the Seaboard has recently put on between Wilmington and Charlotte is certainly a great relief. From Lumberton to Charlotte is the toughest trip at all on a stuffy day coach, but on a Pullman or chair car it is possible to make the trip in comparative comfort.

J. A. S.

Senate Rejects Root Amendment

Washington, June 26.—The Canadian reciprocity bill emerged from its first ordeal in the Senate tonight unscathed. The Root amendment, proposing a modification of the woodpulp and printpaper section of the agreement, was defeated after seven hours of debate, by an overwhelming vote. The friends of the amendment were so satisfied of its defeat that a roll call on the vote was not demanded.

This leaves the reciprocity measure open to the general fight that is to follow for amendment of important provisions of the Payne-Aldrich tariff law. Senator LaFollette announced in a speech opposing the Root amendment that he would give to the Senate a chance to pass on general tariff amendments for free paper, free lumber and lumber products, and for reductions in many other schedules. Senator Clapp also announced his intention of offering a free paper amendment later; and other Senators gave evidence of their purpose to force from now on consideration of tariff revision on the widest plane.

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CLARKTON NEWS NOTES.

Had Fine Rain and Some Bad Wind—Mrs. Owens Dead—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Clarkton, June 27.—We had a fine rain Saturday afternoon, which was needed very much. Had severe wind through here too, about three miles south of here they had a severe hail storm.

Mr. W. W. Morton made a very helpful and interesting talk at the Scotch school house last Sunday afternoon. His subject was "flowers."

Mrs. S. W. Owens died yesterday afternoon. She was buried this morning at the Clarkton Presbyterian church. Mrs. Owens had not been sick but two weeks. She leaves a husband and six small children, besides a host of friends and relatives to mourn her loss.

Sorry to hear of the death of Mr. W. W. Ward, of Howellsville. Mr. Ward has many relatives and friends here.

There was a singing at Mr. J. W. Wards' last Sunday night, but the weather was so unfavorable there were not many present. There will be one at Mr. D. G. McKee's next Sunday night.

Mr. Charlie Gooden returned to Georgia Thursday after spending some time with relatives here.

Messrs. D. M. and D. D. McKee of Elizabethtown visited here Sunday.

Mr. W. J. Gooden spent several days last week at Abbottsburg.

Mrs. E. A. Clark and daughter Dora, of Wallace, are visiting relatives here.

OUT PURVIS WAY.

A Marriage—Movements of the People.

Purvis June 26.—Several from here went to Dillon, S. C., last Monday to attend the horse race and hear the address of W. J. Bryan.

Mr. Barney Stubbs went to Charleston, S. C., Wednesday. He was accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Wm. Stubbs, who went to have her eyes treated.

Little Miss Nellie Stubbs is visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Frank Henderson, of Rowland, and Miss Mary McLean, of Alfordville, were among those that attended preaching at Purvis Sunday from a distance.

Miss Mae McCall left Saturday for a visit to relatives at McCall, S. C.

Mr. Sam Bridgers will leave tonight for Darlington, S. C., to attend the marriage of his brother Mr. Venton Bridgers to Miss Lillian Laurence on Wednesday.

Mr. Leslie Norment, of Jacksonville, Fla., is here for a few days on business.

Miss Pearl Adams is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Lacey Price, of McDonald.—Mr. John Medlin, of Maxton, is in this community today.—Mrs. Barney Stubbs has gone to Parkton today to see her nephew, Mr. J. A. Stubbs, who is very sick with fever.—Miss Frankie McLean, of Alfordville, spent a few days last week with her sister Mrs. Robert Bridges.

The Nation's Garden Spot.

Charlotte Chronicle.

That is what The Wilmington Star very properly terms the trucking region of the eastern section of this State. In proof, as one instance, it says: "On account of the scarcity of pocket change, we regret to state that \$25,000 is about all that State Senator W. S. Cobb, of Lumber Bridge, will get for his Irish potato crop this season. Owing to the dry weather he will ship only 5,000 barrels, which is a short crop. However, the price is \$5 a barrel compared with \$2.50 last year, which will make his crop bring him as much as 10,000 barrels last year." It is true, as The Star says, that when eastern North Carolina farmers and truckers get out and tickle the earth and begin to gather in more than a million dollars worth of strawberries, and many millions worth of early truck, potatoes, peanuts, tobacco, cotton, corn and other wearisome freight, it makes trouble for the railroads. The railroads are compelled to run out more locomotives, put on more trains, employ more men and get a move on them, so they can take all these North Carolina money crops to about 30,000,000 hungry Northerners and Canadians, who depend on the happy and thrifty North Carolina growers for the good things of this life.

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How to Suppress Housefly.

That the housefly nuisance in any community can be largely suppressed by united effort on the part of those who are interested can not be denied by any one who understands the situation.

The fly is not only disagreeable but is a menace to health. Typhoid fever and cholera infantum, and probably other intestinal diseases are often carried to victims by flies.

Steps should be taken in every community to commence a vigorous fight against this pest and it seems advisable to let every one become well informed about the breeding places of flies, and the methods of preventing them. Poisoning and trapping the flies is also of great importance.

LIFE HISTORY AND BREEDING PLACES OF HOUSEFLIES.

Flies originate largely from the horse, cow and mule stables. Cow manure will breed flies in great numbers, in spite of many reports to the contrary. In and around such places the flies lay their eggs. Fully ninety-five per cent of all the flies develop in the stable manure. Garbage piles, heaps of decaying vegetable matter, and any accumulation of filth may breed flies.

The eggs hatch in less than twenty-four hours into small, white, wriggling maggots.

The maggot stage of the flies lasts only five days in warm weather. Full grown maggots are about one-third inch long, with body pointed at the head end.

The full grown maggot changes to a reddish-brown pupa stage, about one-fifth inch long, which lives about five days, and then transforms to the adult winged fly.

A generation of houseflies, from egg to adult stage, may develop in ten or eleven days. This shows that if the stable manure is hauled out once a week, flies will not have time to mature.

Fully fifteen generations of houseflies mature during the summer.

Each female fly will lay about one hundred and twenty eggs, and this fact serves to account for the great numbers of flies where the breeding places are not done away with in a community.

Flies do not usually travel over a few hundred yards from their breeding places, so that it is entirely practicable, by united effort on the part of those who are interested, to do away with most of the houseflies in any community.

POISONING FLIES WITH FORMALIN

There are several more or less successful fly poisons, such as Seibert's Poison Fly Paper, but the writer has had best success with Formalin. This costs only fifty cents a pint, and is used by placing one tablespoonful in a half pint cup of one-half each of milk and water. This should be exposed in plates, and it is well to put a piece of bread in the middle of the mixture to furnish more surface on which the flies can light and feed.

This formalin solution seems to attract the flies and kills them quickly. The writer recently poisoned over forty thousand (about 4 quarts of flies) in less than twenty-four hours in a calf barn where the flies were very numerous. In this manner thousands of flies are killed before they have deposited eggs.

When attempting to poison flies around dwelling houses it is best to expose the formalin poison mixture outside as well as inside the houses. Use it on the front and back porches where the flies are waiting to enter whenever the doors are opened.

We can never succeed in permanently lessening the fly nuisance by simply poisoning or trapping the flies, but when we attempt to prevent the breeding places, the work of poisoning the adult flies will be of great assistance.

Every citizen who is interested in the health and welfare of his family should determine where the flies are breeding and should not be suspicious of his neighbor's premises until he has made a careful search for the breeding places of flies on his own place.

R. I. Smith, Entomologist.

After an illness of several weeks with typhoid fever, Mr. Alfred Settle Dockery, of Rockingham, died Tuesday afternoon. He was a son of Col. Henry C. Dockery, of Rockingham, and is survived by a wife and one child.

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The pear shares the medicinal qualities just recited, and in addition, is somewhat more easily digested by weak stomachs than is the apple. The quince is only used in the form of preserves, as a rule. It is said that owing to its excessive astringency when raw, it is employed by the peasantry of Europe to stop hemorrhages by placing slices of it on wounds.

The curative powers of the grape are established facts, as the history of the "cures" in which the vine plays the chief part, testifies.

Rhubarb, owing to the large proportion of oxalic acid that it contains, is a capital anti-scurbutic. In the case of minor forms of scurvy, it acts as a curative. The young plant, when stewed and eaten at breakfast, is of great assistance to the constipated. Its laxative qualities in general are well known.

Bananas should be used with caution by the constipated.

The fig possesses laxative powers of a high order. This is also true of dates and tamarinds.

Peaches, apricots and nectarines have marked laxative effects.

The plum, greengage, damson, and so forth, all have medicinal qualities.

Blackberries, raspberries, huckleberries and most other berries act as blood purifiers and laxatives.—From Physical Culture for July.

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