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Soil Survey of Rowan County

Maps Will Show Kind of Soil, Roads, Streams, Public Buildings and Houses.

Washington, March 28.—The soil survey maps of Rowan County will soon be ready for distribution. Senator Overman and Representative Doughton secured the survey and W. E. Hearne, a North Carolina expert in the Department of Agriculture, had charge of the work. Interesting results will be revealed by the report of this county.

The Bureau of Soils of the Department of Agriculture in cooperation with the North Carolina Department of Agriculture worked together on the survey of Rowan County, and the maps and reports are now in the process of engraving and printing.

Senator Overman and Congressman Doughton will have several thousand copies of these publications for free distribution, not only in the county but throughout the State and the United States. Recently the people of the North and Northwest have been looking to North Carolina as a field brimming with opportunities and wonderful possibilities for future development.

An accurate map showing all the roads, both public and private, railroads, streams, towns, school houses, churches, houses, and all prominent and well known places in the county, has been made on the convenient scale of one inch to the mile. Upon this map as a base the various types of soil and the extent of each will be shown in different colors, so that a person can at a glance ascertain what kind of soil there is in any portion of the county without traveling over it.

The report will consist of from 30 to 40 printed pages and will embrace specific data on the county, its location, topographic features, drainage conditions, transportation facilities, markets, climate, agriculture, soils, crops to which the soils are adapted, and the prevailing crops now grown, and in fact everything bearing upon the agricultural development of the region.

The soils of Rowan County have been derived through the process of weathering and decay of the underlying rocks. The different rock formations have given rise to various classes or types of soil; for example, the smooth-textured silty or floury like soils in the eastern and southeastern parts of the county are derived from the fine grained slate rocks; the red clay lands in the central and western portions of the county owe their origin to the disintegration and decomposition of the fine textured granites; the coarser textured surface soils of a gray color, underlain by a red or yellow clay subsoil are the resultant products of the coarse grained granites and gneisses. The strips of alluvial soils developed in the flat bottoms along the streams represent the finer materials which have been washed from the uplands and deposited by the streams during heavy freshets and overflows. These soils are naturally rich and when reclaimed, by canals and lateral ditches, and restored to a position suitable for agriculture utilization will produce large yields of corn and grasses.

Most of the upland soils of the county are strong and inherently productive, and represent some of the best land encountered throughout the Piedmont region of the country. Much of the soil derived from the granites is very high in potash. Some of these soils contain a sufficient amount of potash to produce large yields for 100 years or more without the addition of potash. Of course, for the production of such crops as tobacco and potatoes, which require large amounts of potash, the application of potash to these crops is profitable. Periodically all of the soils are deficient in nitrogen, but this element of plant food can be easily and cheaply secured by the growing of clovers and cowpeas, or by the addition

Fire Monday

Residences of C. T. Tichner is Practically Destroyed.

On Monday morning about 11:50 o'clock the fire department was called from box 26, corner Jackson and Liberty Streets. They immediately rushed to the scene of the fire which was the house occupied by Charlie T. Tichner on the corner of Kerr and Church Streets. The big motor truck arrived on the scene alright but as the Hook and Ladder wagon was crossing Liberty Street an automobile owned and driven by D. L. Brown manager of Brown's Cafe crashed into it and completely overturned it hurrying Mallie West and smashing the front wheel on the car. This delayed the company awhile, as they were at present needing ladders. The Hook and Ladder wagon was driven by Henry Glover who was not hurt. The occupants of the house were not at home but the fire company did fine work and most of the household furniture was saved.

How it clears the throat and head of its mucous ailments. It is this spirit of Newness and vigor from the health-giving Piney Forests brought back by Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. Antiseptic and healing. Buy a bottle today. All druggists, 25c. Electric Bitters a Spring Tonic.

of barnyard manure in liberal quantities. One of the essential needs of the soils is phosphoric acid. This, however is one of the cheapest and most abundant elements of plant food, and can be secured from the United States. It is the intention of Dr. B. W. King to issue a bulletin following the soil survey report and embracing the chemical analysis of the various types of soil, suggesting the proper fertilization for each soil and recommending the proper cultural methods to be practiced. This bulletin will also give the results obtained from the test farms and the test plots carried on in the Piedmont province. On some of the test plots the use of potash in a complete fertilizer has given no increased yield in the crops. It would therefore seem that it would be more profitable to eliminate potash from the fertilizer, and to use the money spent for it in the purchase of phosphoric acid. Large yields of oats add wheat have been obtained from the red lands in the Mill Creek section by the addition of phosphoric acid and barnyard manure.

H. E. C. BRYANT.

Romanists Don't Answer

Here are Twenty Questions Purely Patriotic and Non-Political. Remain Unanswered!

Here is the cream of the whole controversy between patriotic American and the Romish political machine and devotees of the foreign world-ruler, the Pope. They are purely political and in no wise suggest interference with any kind of true religion. They were asked by a leading mason of Louisville, Kentucky, of one "Col." P. H. Callahan, of the same city chairman of the Knights of Columbus fifty-thousand-dollar committee appointed to investigate the waver of "bigotry" which periodically pass over the United States.

1. Are you acquainted with the text or general tenor of the various encyclicals of the late Pope Leo XIII and his predecessors against Freemasonry and if so, do you agree with their view and feel bound to carry out their commands?

2. Are you acquainted with any directions to Roman Catholics, emanating from the Vatican at Rome, to become active in politics, so that constitutions and legislation and governments may be changed to conform to the 'principles' of the church, and if so, what are the 'principles' referred to?

3. As a Roman Catholic and a Knight of Columbus, are you a believer in the freedom of all men to worship God according to the dictates of their own conscience, under all circumstances and at all times? Does the order you represent so believe?

4. Do you and the order you represent believe in the separation of church and state?

5. Do you and the order you represent believe in free public schools, supported by the state and free from the control of any church or religious organization, including your own?

6. Should your religious superiors require you, as a matter of religion, to cast your vote in school elections against those who adhere to above opinions (see No. 5), would you feel yourself bound to do so on grounds of religion and obedience to religious authority?

7. Should your own church become dominant in America and recognized as the religion of state, would you accord freedom of opinion, of speech, of press and of worship to other denominations even when some activity opposed the Roman Catholic church?

8. If you answer that you would please state what you would do in event the Vatican or the

pope commanded that such tolerance be not granted.

9. Would you and your order protest against a union of church and state in this country, or take advice measures to prevent such a union?

10. Are you acquainted with the papal declaration to the effect that Freemasons are the leaders of all the enemies of the church, and must therefore be stamped out, and if so, do you adhere to this declaration and order?

11. Are you acquainted with Cardinal O'Connell's declaration that Freemasonry is the cause of the present bloodshed in Mexico, and that secret aid is being given from this country by American Freemasons, and if so, do you believe it?

12. How do you account for the fact that Roman Catholics distrust Freemasons?

13. What are the teachings of your church and your order with regard to Freemasonry, and how far are you obliged by your religion to believe and act upon such teachings?

14. Should your priest or other religious superiors order or suggest a business boycott against a Freemason, would you hold yourself bound to observe same as a matter of conscience or religion?

15. When such advice are given Catholics, are they generally observed?

16. If such orders are given with reference to political discrimination against Freemasons, do you hold yourself bound to observe same as a matter of religion?

17. Is there anything in the oaths or rituals of the Knights of Columbus requiring them to vote against Freemasons or discriminate against them in anyway?

18. Was there anything in the oaths or rituals of the Knights of Columbus, prior to 1912, or ever to your knowledge, requiring them to vote against Freemasons or discriminate against them in anyway?

19. Do you think there is any persecution of Catholics in this country, and if so, by whom and upon what grounds do you think it is being carried on?

20. If it be true that a large percentage of your fellow citizens fear the alleged intention of the Vatican to make the Roman Catholic church dominant in the political affairs of this country; to suppress Freemasonry and secret orders generally; to control the press; abridge freedom of speech; prevent religious toleration of other sects or churches or creeds, and control the public school system or destroy it, would your order be willing, in order to dissipate such ideas, to declare openly, without reserve or equivocation, on your honor as American citizens, that if such should be the intentions or purposes of the Vatican or the pope, or any part of the clergy or laity of your church, you would resist the execution of such designs to the uttermost and join your fellow citizens in repudiating such attempts?

Murder Sunday Night

Lucinda Price Instantly Killed by South Carolina Negro, Who Made His Get Away.

Last Sunday night about 8:00 o'clock Lucinda Price, colored, was shot and instantly killed by Jim Cooper, alias Dock Cooper, at her home at 280 South Orange Street. From what can be learned, Cooper and the Price woman had once been married and had separated about two years ago. Cooper had been trying to get the woman to come back to him for some time but she had told him often times to stay away from her. He, however, paid no attention and continued to plead. On Sunday night, it is said, he went to her house on Orange Street and asked her if she had decided to live with him, she told him she had not and ordered him from the house. He left telling her he would fix her. He went to the home of Sam Massey, another negro and stole a single barreled shot gun and going back to the home of the woman, he emptied the entire load in her left chest, killing her instantly. Sheriff Krider and Chief of Police Miller were on the scene in about seven minutes, but the murderer had already fled. After an all night search the sheriff and his gang returned, none the better for their search. Jim Cooper is from South Carolina and has been employed for some time by E. K. James on Fulton Street, he is about 30 years of age. The woman also was from South Carolina and was about 32 years of age. The sheriff still has his eyes open for a clue and will do all in his power to arrest the murderer and place him safely behind the bars.

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Latest War News

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The Russians have pushed their way well through the Carpathians toward the plains of Northern Hungary in the vicinity of Bartfield capturing an Austrian position five miles south of Taraf.

Brownsville, Texas, March 28.—Failing in their attempt yesterday to dislodge the Carranza garrison by rifle and machine gun fire, Villa forces besieging Matamoros virtually ceased their attacks today, awaiting, it was announced, the arrival of artillery. In the event of an artillery duel, Brownsville, directly across the Rio Grande from Matamoros, would be endangered and tonight one of the gravest of border crisis was feared. The likelihood of shells falling in Brownsville was demonstrated by the rifle bullets which dropped here yesterday, during the first Villa on Matamoros trenches, a costly failure of Villa forces in which their losses were officially given as 100 killed and 40 wounded. This attack was a headstrong dash of 2,000 mounted riflemen. The Carranza losses were 10 killed and 45 injured. Two persons were struck by bullets in Brownsville. Neither was seriously injured.

London, March 28.—Violent battles for possession of the Carpathian passes continue. The Russians who recently regained possession of Dukla Pass, are pushing their way toward Bartfield on one side and Svidnik on the other where, if they achieve their object, they will take possession of the heads of the railroads running southward into Hungary.

The Triple Entente armies are still arrayed at various places in heavy battles against the troops of the Teutonic Allies. Official reports show that severe engagements are waging in northern France, northern Poland, in the Carpathian region and in the vicinity of the Black Sea in the Caucasus.

Pekin, March 28.—President Yuan Shi Kai yesterday again conferred with members of his entourage regarding the question of rejecting or accepting the Japanese demands, which, according to Chinese officials, the Japanese again are pressing firmly.

Negotiations have reached a stage which the Chinese consider perilous. The conference between the Japanese Minister and the Chinese officials yesterday again discussed, but failed to agree on the question of Japanese immigration in Manchuria and the so called "Hanyeping" demands; name-

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Early Morning Wreck

Passenger Train No. 8 and Freight No. 73 Collide Near Concord. One Slightly Hurt.

On Tuesday morning shortly after 4 o'clock there was a head-on collision near Concord, between northbound passenger train No. 8 and southbound freight train No. 73. Three cars on the freight were ditched and the engine, and two cars of the passenger, (with engineer Clarke at the throttle) were knocked clear of the track. From what can be learned the man was slightly injured, but not seriously. None of the train crew were injured. There was a delay in the morning passenger trains on account of the wreck; but the wrecking crew did quick work and the trains were soon on their way.

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Pallaria and His Great Band to Be Here Chautauqua Week



In response to overwhelming demand the fifth day of the Redpath Chautauqua week this year will be Band Day. Francesco Pallaria and his great band will render two programs—one in the afternoon and one in the evening. Francesco Pallaria began his musical career in Italy, the land of the natural born musician. At the age of nine years he was attending the Milan Conservatory. At nineteen he graduated and soon after became soloist on the baritone horn in one of the bands of Naples. Still a little later he became director of a band in Philadelphia, Italy. He has played in nearly all the large cities of the United States.