

THE CONVICTS' FOURTH

HOW THE HOLIDAY WAS SPENT ON THE STATE FARMS IN HALIFAX.

GAMES, DINNER AND A CONCERT.

Some Interesting Farm Statistics--Over 200 Tons of Hay Have Already Been Saved and Cabbage are Now Being Shipped--The Corn Crop is Good but Cotton is Small and Late--Crops in Good Condition as to Cultivation--Health of the Convicts Good.

Special to the News and Observer. SCOTLAND NECK, N. C., July 4. Your correspondent spent the 4th of July at the State farm, near Tillery. It was a general holiday for convicts and employees, except the guard.

The farm is simply magnificent. Maj. McIver, the manager, says that four years ago when he first went there it was a wilderness, and was a hopeless looking job; but now it is the finest farm property in all this country.

It being holiday, the convicts were especially jubilant. They spent the forenoon in gaming with marbles and other such sports as they are allowed in the quarters and enclosures.

In the afternoon, after they had enjoyed their holiday dinner, they gave a concert. A good crowd from Scotland Neck and Tillery and the surrounding community had gathered to witness their performance. They improvised a stage alongside one of the buildings inside the enclosure, and the spectators could take in a good view through the wire fence.

Their concert consisted of songs and recitations and music. In one or two acts they appeared as regular negro minstrels. They supplemented nature's blacking with lampblack or soot, and you could easily discern the line where nature stopped and their own work began.

They made music with a banjo, a mouth-harp and some bottles. They had a good day and seemed to enjoy it very much.

Maj. McIver gave your correspondent some interesting statistics about the farm.

There are 7,500 acres in the tract, 1,000 acres cannot be cultivated by reason of marshes and swamps. Of the 6,500 acres in cultivation there are the following proportions: In corn, 2,500 acres; in cotton, 2,000; in wheat, 500; in grasses, clover and field peas, 600; in cane, potatoes, gardens and patch work, 400; in oats, 275; in tobacco, 25; in pasture, 200.

They have already saved 200 tons of hay this season and shipped a considerable quantity of cabbage. The corn crop is good but the cotton is small by reason of the late season. All the crops are in good condition as to cultivation.

There are 250 convicts on the farm and 70 employees. They work 140 head of team, have 30 head of cattle and 650 hogs.

The health of the convicts has gradually improved since the first year until now there are only four or five persons sick in the hospital out of a squad of 250. A physician visits the farm every day and gives them the best medical attention.

They get water from driven wells 25 to 30 feet deep and have good water in most places. They put up two large ice houses of ice last winter and have all the ice water they need. It is to be hoped that the State will make an effort for the overflow wells on the farm, which, if secured, would greatly improve the quality of the water.

Maj. McIver, the general manager, has a wonderful control over the whole force. Indeed he seems to be a wonderful man to manage such a large interest with so little trouble.

THE FOURTH AT ROCKY MOUNT

Bicycle Races, Baseball, Concerts and a German Were the Features. Special to the News and Observer.

ROCKY MOUNT, N. C., July 5. Yesterday's bicycle race on the fair grounds race track here, in which Tarboro and Rocky Mount contested, was won by Mr. Joseph Whitehead, of the Atlantic Coast Line. The prize was a \$100 wheel. Several small games of ball were played during the day. At night the ladies gave a very largely attended and enjoyable concert in aid of the music club. A brilliantly successful german ended the day's festivities.

Late yesterday afternoon Mr. Joel P. Daughtry was quite painfully injured by a wild ball while watching a game in the suburbs.

Mr. Louis Brodie spent yesterday here in the interest of the new male school in Wilson.

Dr. Charles E. Moore, for a long time a resident of this county visited friends here yesterday. Dr. Moore is now a citizen of Wilson.

During this month and August several marriages of prominent young people will take place.

AN EMBEZZLER SUICIDES.

Preferred Death Rather than Face the Charges Against Him.

PORTLAND, Oregon, July 5.—Frank E. Davis, for five years representative of the Fire Insurance Association of Philadelphia, committed suicide by taking poison yesterday. Davis was widely known in the Northwest. He dropped in his office and was removed to the hospital, where he died within ten minutes, and it was reported his death was due to brain paralysis.

At the coroner's investigation it was learned that Davis took poison with suicidal intent. Davis was a defaulter to the company he represented to the amount of several thousand dollars, the exact sum not yet being determined. He was charged by a special inspector of the insurance firm with having embezzled money for the past 3 years, which he partly admitted. He was arrested and begged time till after the 4th to furnish bonds, and rather than to face the charge against him took his life.

A preliminary investigation into his accounts shows Davis has embezzled funds every month, which may aggregate \$5,000.

THE SOUTH DID NOT CUT WAGES

During the Panic as Did the Large Manufacturers of the North and West.

RALEIGH, N. C., July 5. To the Editor of the News and Observer: I noticed in the paper of a day or two ago some comments in regard to the rise in wages in manufacturing districts. It seemed to express surprise that the increased wages were all in Northern and Western manufacturing centres and none in the South.

We wish to state that wages in the iron districts of the South have all been advanced according to the scale, with little advance in the price of pig iron. As far as our information goes, wages of employees in other manufacturing interests in the South were not reduced, as they were in the North one or two years ago. I have heard a great many Southern manufacturers say that they have been paying the same wages right along. Therefore, you readily see that there is no necessity for wages in Southern districts to advance, as the additional wages now being paid in the North are merely putting them back to their regular basis.

Very respectfully yours, WM. E. ASHLEY.

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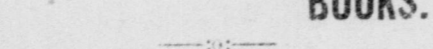
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