

THE DROUGHT IS MUCH INTENSIFIED

Rainless Over Gulf and South Atlantic States.

WISCONSIN IS DELUGED

HOT AND DRY IN EAST OREGON AND WASHINGTON.

FAVORABLE CONDITIONS ELSEWHERE

Upland Corn in this State Damaged Beyond Recovery. In Southern States Generally, Save Texas, it is Suffering from Drought.

Washington, July 18.—The following is the Weather Bureau's Weekly summary of crop conditions:

The absence of rain over a large part of the Gulf and South Atlantic States has intensified the previously reported drought condition in that section, more particularly over the interior portion of the Central and East Gulf States, Middle Tennessee and the Western portion of the Carolinas, while excessive and continuous rains over Central Wisconsin have proved unfavorable. The Eastern portions of Oregon and Washington have experienced high temperatures, with drying winds, which have proved detrimental to the grain crops of those States. Over a large part of Texas, including the greater part of the inundated region of the Brazos Basin there has been an almost total absence of rain. The Brazos bottom lands, however, are not dry enough for cultivation. In the Central valleys, New England, Middle Atlantic States, generally, throughout the Central and Southern plateau regions and California, the weather conditions of the week have been favorable for the growth and development of crops and for general farming operations.

In the South Atlantic, Central and Eastern Gulf States, including Central Tennessee, Southern Missouri, and portions of Kentucky and Virginia corn is suffering from drought and has failed rapidly during the week in Georgia and the Carolinas, upland corn in North Carolina being damaged beyond recovery. In Texas a heavy crop is assured in the northern part of the State, and the late planted in the southern portion is better than was expected. In the Middle Atlantic States, and generally in the great corn States of the Central valleys, the week has been very favorable to corn, which is now tasseling as far north as southern Michigan. The crop has made excellent growth under the most favorable temperature conditions in all Northern districts from the Missouri valley eastward to the Atlantic coast.

Winter wheat harvest continues where unfinished, in the more Northern sections to the east of the Rocky Mountains, rains of the past week having delayed harvesting in portions of Wisconsin and Michigan; harvesting has begun in Unadilla county, Oregon. The harvesting of spring wheat has begun in Iowa, where it will be general in about ten days. The reports respecting spring wheat from the Dakotas are generally favorable, and while most of the crop in Minnesota continues promising, rust and lodging are increasing.

On harvest is well advanced in the Central valleys and Middle Atlantic States, and in the more Northern sections, the general condition of the crop is promising. Some lodging, however, is reported from Wisconsin.

The general condition of cotton in the Eastern portions of the cotton belt is less favorable than in the preceding week, due principally to the prevalence of drought conditions, and in part to the ravages of insects. The crop in these districts is, however, well-cultivated, a considerable portion having been laid by. In Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas, except in the recently flooded region, and portions of Mississippi, cotton has done well, and its condition is generally improved. In Texas, the crop is growing nicely, and, as a rule, is fruiting heavily. In Southwest Texas early cotton is opening and some has been picked.

Owing to continuation of drought in Tennessee, the outlook for the short acreage of tobacco in that State is very unpromising. In Kentucky, the crop, previously reported as in an unfavorable condition, has been greatly improved by recent rains. Cutting and curing continue in the Carolinas under very favorable weather conditions. In Ohio, the crop is uneven, but in Indiana, and in the Middle Atlantic States and New England States tobacco is in excellent condition, a considerable acreage in Virginia being in "top."

Some plowing for fall seeding has been done in Kansas.

BUFFALO TO BE A TRANSPORT.

Washington, July 18.—The Board of Naval Chiefs decided at their meeting today to completely refit the cruiser Buffalo as a naval transport, at a cost of about \$70,000. This ship was bought of the Brazilian Government at the time of the war, and was commonly known as a dynamite cruiser. She has not proved all that was expected however, and it seemed desirable to transform her into a transport for the Philippine service. The board also finally confirmed the plans for the six protected cruisers, and new circulars will be issued to them including the feature of a two-inch protective deck.

THREE MILLION ON BOARD.

Victoria, B. C., July 18.—The steamer Garonne passed up the straits about noon, took a pilot and continued to Vancouver. The purser says there are 600 passengers on board and three million dollars.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL CHAUTAUQUA.

Eastern Carolina Baptists Open it Under Happiest Auspices.

Scotland Nec. N. C., July 18.—(Special.)—The Eastern Carolina Baptist Sunday School Chautauqua was begun tonight. The exercises were opened by a few organized choir under the direction of Prof. Beasley, of Virginia.

President Mulford opened the Chautauqua by reading appropriate Scripture and with prayer. He then in well chosen words introduced Claude Kitchen who delivered the address of welcome responded to by Rev. W. H. Johnson. Scotland Neck, regardless of denomination, has thrown wide open its homes to all visitors. Rev. Mr. Reddick was elected secretary. Upon the invitation of the president appropriate remarks were made by Rev. B. W. Spillman, Z. T. Broughton and others.

The Chautauqua bids fair to be the largest attended and most successful held in Eastern Carolina. Already as many as 150 delegates are here. Large crowds are expected Thursday and Friday. The session was closed tonight with a few remarks by the president in which he emphasized the thought that the meeting was for the purpose of getting the best methods of Sunday School work and was open to all denominations. An interesting programme has been prepared for three sessions a day embracing song service and appropriate speeches on the work in hand by competent and able speakers and essayists.

SHADE ON WOX OUT.

Detroit, Mich., July 18.—Shade On, a little 5-year-old bay horse from Nebraska, won first money today in the \$5,000 stakes.

The Nebraska horse was not heavily played by the crowd, with the exception of the Western contingent, who had banked on him against the field. Shade On did not equal his record of 2:10 made last week at Peoria, but he showed good staying qualities through four exciting heats.

During the scoring for the first heat, Coney, the favorite, reared and collided with Fire Gilt, a secondary favorite, overturning both sulkies, but the horses and drivers escaped injury. Shade On's best heat was 2:11½.

WILL INCREASE ITS STOCK.

Columbus, Ga., July 18.—The directors of the Eagle and Phoenix Cotton Mills, one of the largest in Georgia, today decided to increase the capital stock from \$600,000 to \$750,000. The present stockholders will be allotted twenty-five per cent. of their present holdings, thus being given the first opportunity to buy the new stock. The mills will purchase three hundred new looms.

A LIEUTENANT APPOINTED.

Washington, July 18.—The President today appointed Walton W. Clarke, Private Company F, First Georgia, to be Second Lieutenant in the Volunteer Army.

POSTMASTER APPOINTED.

Washington, July 18.—The President today appointed Joshua E. Wilson, postmaster at Florence, S. C.

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KENNA PITCHES GREAT BALL.

Tarboro, N. C., July 18.—(Special.)—Kenna today pitched the greatest game of ball ever seen here. His support was good. He made four hits out of five times up. Score:

R. H. E.
Tarboro 7 13 3
Wilson 0 3 7
Batteries: Kenna and Luskey; Pearson and Brake.

NATIONAL LEAGUE GAMES.

Philadelphia, Pa., July 18.—The Phillies' winning streak was broken today by Louisville, who defeated the Quakers without much effort. The home team could do nothing with the visitors' pitchers, while the Colonels touched up Frazer when hits meant runs. Attendance 5,036. Score: R. H. E.
Philadelphia 10 2 0 0 1 0 0 4 10
Louisville 2 2 0 0 0 1 2 0 11 3
Batteries: Frazer and McFarland; Cunningham, Wood and Zimmer. Umpires, Manassau and Smith. Time 2:30.

Baltimore, Md., July 18.—Corcoran assaulted McGraw at the beginning of the ninth inning today, and a free-for-all fight resulted. Bleacher spectators crowded upon the field and a riot would have resulted, but for prompt action of the police. Both players were fined and retired from the game. Neither Hill nor Breitenstein were very effective, and both were rather wild. Attendance 1,414. Score: R. H. E.
Baltimore 2 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 15 10 2
Cincinnati 1 0 0 1 0 0 3 0 2 7 12 1
Batteries: Hill and Robinson; Breitenstein and Wood. Umpires, Lynch and Connolly. Time 2:25.

Washington, July 18.—Washington and Cleveland split even today. In the first game, the Senators gained a lead, but the Wanderers won out by a batting rally in the seventh inning.

The second game went to Washington mainly because of Cleveland's errors. Attendance 3,500. Score:

First Game. R. H. E.
Washington 2 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 0 4 6 2
Cleveland 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 5 11 2
Batteries: Dineen and Kittredge; Knepper and Schreckengost. Time 1:30.
Second Game. R. H. E.
Washington 2 3 0 0 5 0 0 1 11 8 4
Cleveland 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 3 4 10 4
Batteries: Mercer and Duncan; Bates, McAllister and Schreckengost. Umpires, Gaffney and Latham. Time 1:50.

New York, July 18.—The Pittsburghs made a show of the leaders today, batting and running bases at will. The Brooklyn were kept busy in the field and made a record in total assists for a game, having no less than twenty-five. Their errors were numerous. Chesbro pitched a fast game and received excellent support. Attendance 2,300. Score:

R. H. E.
Brooklyn 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 2 5 7
Pittsburg 0 0 1 2 2 3 0 0 0 8 10 2
Batteries: McJannet and McGuire; Chesbro and Bowerman. Umpires, Swartwood and Hunt. Time 2:02.

New York, July 18.—The Chicagoans opened here today with a victory. It was not an easy win, though, as the locals found Griffith's curves in the last few innings and made a bold bid for victory. Attendance 1,000. Score:

R. H. E.
New York 2 0 0 0 0 2 0 2 0 12 2
Chicago 1 0 4 0 1 0 0 0 1 7 12 1
Batteries: Meekin and Warner; Griffith and Donahue. Umpires, O'Day and McGaff. Time 2:10.

Boston, Mass., July 18.—St. Louis had little difficulty in winning today, through the support the home team gave Killen. The visitors played a fast game from the start and batted Killen at opportune times. Attendance 3,000. Score:

R. H. E.
Boston 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 3 8 3
St. Louis 1 0 0 3 0 0 3 0 2 9 11 2
Batteries: Killen and Clark; Powell

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Allentown 1, Richmond 11.
Second game.
Allentown 5, Richmond 2.

BRYAN GOES TO CHICAGO TODAY

Lincoln, Neb., July 18.—W. J. Bryan said tonight that he would start for Chicago tomorrow to attend the meeting of the Democratic National committee. He declined to say whether he would accept the invitation to speak at the Auditorium meeting Thursday night.

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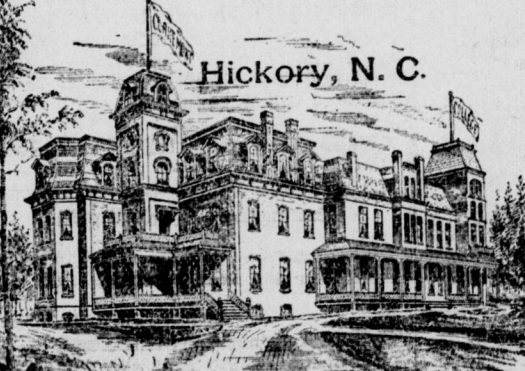
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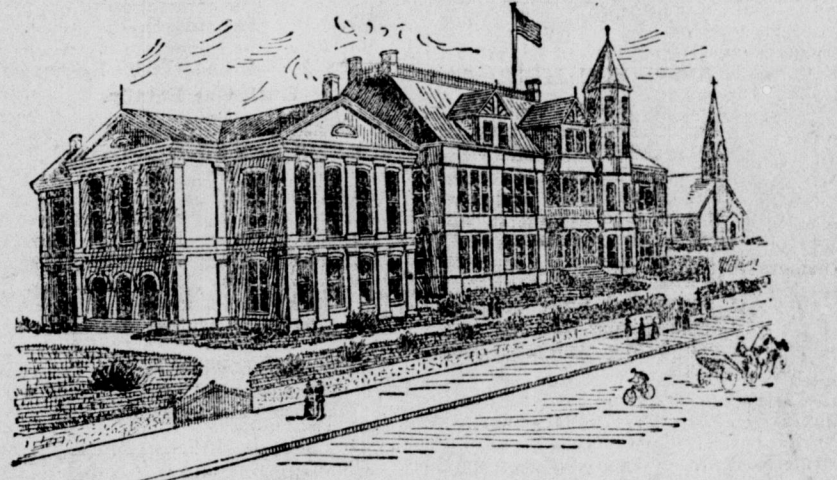


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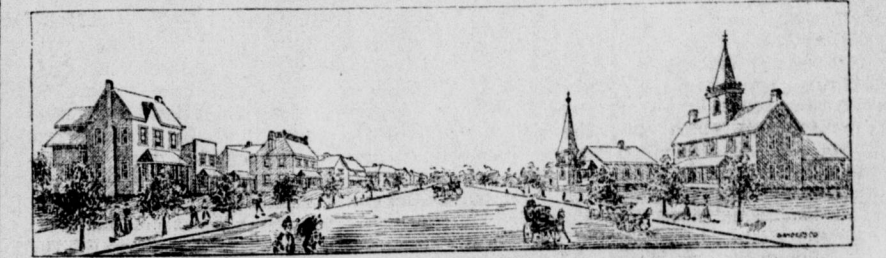
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