

COTTON GOOD AVERAGE IN NORTH CAROLINA-- PICKING IS BACKWARD

The following story on cotton crop conditions in North Carolina is taken from the Journal of Commerce of New York:

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Dry weather caused shedding, but condition is quite up to the average percentage for this time of year and prospects appear about the same as a year ago. Picking is, however, considerably behind last year, when at this time it was 23 per cent gathered.

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Morrisville.—The crop has deteriorated considerably since July 1, caused by excessive rain and followed by long drouth; no picking done yet, unless possibly in the more southern part.

New London.—Crop has improved in last 29 days a good deal, and present weather is just ideal for cotton.

Stubs.—No picking as yet to amount to anything; the late rains have improved condition.

Lilly.—Very little cotton picked, but picking will soon be general; we are having it very dry and too cold for cotton; top crop will be no good.

Kittrell.—Cotton crop very poor; will not be over two-thirds of a crop.

Weldon.—We have hardly begun picking.

Macon.—Just commenced picking.

Weldon.—Picking just begun; crop spotted; some very good, others very poor; selling as fast as ready for the market.

Scotland Neck.—No top crop; 12 to 14 days late; drouth causing premature opening; also shedding small bolls.

New London.—Improved at least 5 per cent since last report.

Red Springs.—Some top crop; good bottom and middle; opening fast; marketing fast; none held back; weather very favorable; no insects; rust and shedding light; prospects very good in this section; Carolina's prospects good.

Benson.—Cotton is opening very fast and is being marketed as fast as picked; no top crop and much shedding; some deterioration since last report, caused by extreme heat and drouth.

Mount Pleasant.—Opening about as usual; marketed slow; 10 days late; farmers holding; no insects; weather conditions fine; very little rust; with late frost many young bolls on top of cotton will mature and add to crop.

Kinston.—Weather favorable; seed cotton yielding larger percentage of lint than usual; this state in better condition than generally reported.

Tarboro.—Weather ideal for maturing crop; yield is better than expected; while some crops are poor others are fine; looks like nearly a normal crop.

Washington.—Weather too dry at present for free development of growing crop.

Clayton.—Crop is spotted; sandy lands poor; clay lands better.

Farmville.—Cotton suffered from the hot, dry weather in August and first of September, causing the young bolls to dry up and fall off.

Troy.—Top crop is short as result of six weeks dry weather; opening fast; marketed fast as ginned; no rust nor shedding; weather dry.

Enfield.—Crop two weeks late.

Dudley.—The cotton crop is very short and is about all open and no top crop on account of rust.

Kinston.—No top crop on account of dry August; in many places leaves are all gone; opening fast; marketed fast; crop early; nothing held back.

Stantonsburg.—Cotton being ginned and sold as fast as picked.

Old Hundred.—The dry weather ruined crop in this section.

Lumberton.—Very little August crop made.

Allenton.—Cotton is not opening as it should.

Rosindale.—Corn is shortest in 20 years; dry weather has cut it 25 per cent.

Raeford.—Not opening as fast as desired.

Louisburg.—Some portions of the county, where the lands are red, will gin two-thirds of a crop, but in the sandy portions not over one-half.

Raleigh.—Crop damaged by dry weather from August 20 to September 10; farmers say 25 per cent; we are satisfied this is an exaggeration.

Newell.—Forty days ago we had the promise of 80 per cent of a crop, but the dry, windy weather caused all of the August forms to drop; no top crop.

Lexington.—Very little cotton picked and none marketed.

Brodie.—No top crop; commencing to open fast; bolls very small; weather very dry for past month; all shed except grown bolls.

Pittsboro.—Cotton is 3 or 4 weeks late.

Hamilton.—No improvement; dry weather causes top crop to be short.

Boston.—Cotton short; all busy; sold as fast as picked.

Dunn.—Weather has been favorable past 10 days and crop is being gathered fast.

Rocky Mount.—A little late in opening; poor crop on light land; stiff and late and will be affected by early or late frost.

Kenly.—The hot, dry weather is forcing the cotton open before pods mature.

Medora.—I am straining a point to say 75; the drouth is bad on late cotton and causing premature opening of early.

Esletown.—The prospects for a top crop are poor; opening slowly; no cotton ginned or sold; most farmers will sell when baled; some rust, and shedding very much, owing to dry weather; only 54 points rain this month up to date.

Whitakers.—The cotton crop seems to fluctuate rapidly each week.

Laurinburg.—Some think it has deteriorated much since last report; opening very fast in the past week; early frost will cut off all top crop; marketed as fast as gathered; weather good and picking being rushed.

Derita.—Crop slow opening; top crop growing some.

Annetta.—Very little picked and very dry.

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Unique Hiding Place For Blind Tiger

Special to The News.

Statesville, N. C., Sept. 23.—As the result of a search for an alleged retailer, Sheriff J. M. Deaton and Deputy J. A. Brown and J. W. Ward found a rather unique sleeping room under a haystack and a barrel of liquor in New Hope township yesterday morning. The officers have a number of capias for Parks Williams, a young white man of New Hope, who is charged with retailing, and yesterday morning before daylight the sheriff and deputies went to the home of Williams' father in hopes of finding Williams there. After searching the dwelling without locating Parks, the officers were searching outhouses when they noticed Felix Williams, the 17-year-old brother of Parks, making his way down a path leading from the house.

Sheriff Deaton quickly overtook Felix and when he placed his hands on the latter the latter yelled and cursed loud enough to wake up everybody in the neighborhood. Thinking the boy's yells were for a purpose, as soon as it was light enough the officers searched about a number of hay stacks in a meadow a short distance away and discovered that a large hole had been dug under one of the stacks. Entering the hole the officers were surprised to find a lot of bed clothing a lantern and matches and a barrel of liquor. The bed clothing was warm and it was realized at once that the haystack cave was the sleeping quarters of the alleged retailer and that he had been aroused by the yells of his brother and thus made his escape.

While the officers failed to find Parks they seized the barrel of blockade liquor and brought it to Statesville to be turned over to the revenue folks.

On returning to their teams, which had been left near the house, the officers found that Felix Williams and a younger brother had used an axe and a knife on the rubber tire of a wheel of Sheriff Deaton's buggy and Felix was placed under arrest and brought to town. He was taken before Justice Turner late yesterday afternoon, charged with the destruction of personal property, and the case was continued until October 9th. He gave bond for his appearance on that date.

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SALE OF REAL ESTATE FOR THE Non-Payment of City Taxes

Pursuant to a resolution passed by the Board of Aldermen in regular session held on the 6th day of September, 1903, I will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the court house door of Mecklenburg county, on the 13th day of October, 1903, at 12 o'clock M., the following described real estate for the non-payment of city taxes for the years 1902 and 1903:

Table listing real estate for sale. Columns include names, addresses, and values. Examples: J. W. McCoy, 1 lot, Middle street, 8.00; E. H. Gough, 1 lot, Fairview, 12.00; Lerooy Gray, 1 lot, 408 S. Alexander St., 6.80.

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Table listing real estate for sale by colored individuals. Columns include names, addresses, and values. Examples: Henry Adams, 1 lot, South Middle St., 1.00; Harriet Ballard, 1 lot, Biddleville, .75; E. Barber, 1 lot, 311 E. Vance St., 4.50.

WHITES, 1908.

Table listing real estate for sale by whites. Columns include names, addresses, and values. Examples: J. R. Anderson, 1 lot, 1011 N. Church street, 9.90; A. A. Anthony, 1 lot, 706 E. Ninth street, 16.22; D. T. Ashcraft, 1 lot, 405 N. McDowell street, 6.00.

Table continuing real estate listings. Columns include names, addresses, and values. Examples: E. H. Gough, 1 lot, Fairview, 12.00; Lerooy Gray, 1 lot, 408 S. Alexander St., 6.80; Chas. W. Grier, 1 lot, 719 E. 1st St., 1.00.

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