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ODD AND INTERESTING HAPPENINGS.

Weekly Crop Report of the State Department is Favorable.

The rains have been quite general and have revived drooping crops. Which are said to be in fine condition—Cotton good and rice disappearing—Tobacco doing well—Short State Stories.

The State Agricultural Department's bulletin for the week ending Monday, July 14, is encouraging. It follows:

The weather during the forepart of the week continued hot and dry. Light to heavy local showers fell throughout the state on the 10th, 11th, and 12th, accompanied by much cooler weather. Clear, warmer weather prevailed during the remainder of the week. These showers partially relieved the drought and greatly benefited all vegetation. Corn had begun to show signs of deterioration from the effects of the dry spell, but was relieved considerably in localities through the much needed rains. The crop is reported as being in very fine condition, with bright prospects for a very large yield. It is mostly all laid by. Cotton is generally in good condition, making a good growth and blooming well. The crop continues to be infested by lice in many sections, though some correspondents report that the insects are beginning to disappear. Tobacco has improved considerably since the rains, and is generally doing well. Curing has begun, but is not yet under general headway. Wheat threshing is nearing completion; light yields are generally reported. Oat cutting is about completed and threshing is in progress; indications point to a light yield. Potatoes, both Irish and sweet, are generally in poor condition. Peasants are doing well. Grapes are doing well, but generally the prospects for fruit are not very encouraging. Pastures have been revived by the rains and are now in good condition.

Rains reported for the week (in inches): Goldsboro 2.85, Greensboro 1.18, Lumberton 1.43, New Bern 1.20, Weldon 0.23, Raleigh 1.41, Wilmington 1.40, Charlotte 2.40.

SHORT STATE STORIES.

Washington Progress: Our bankers made money this year. Money in some sections of the country is plentiful, we are told.

Franklin Times: The wheat crop in this section was not so good as we have seen it, but from the present outlook the corn, tobacco and cotton crops are very promising.

It is said that it is quite probable the legislature will be asked to enact two new laws—one regulating child labor in factories, the other applying the fellow servant law, now in force as to railroads, to factories.

An Aaron, Wayne county, correspondent of The Progressive Farmer writes: "Crops are looking ominous through this section. Cotton looks fairly well. Tobacco did not get a good stand on account of dry weather, but is growing fast now. We have had a fine hail through here, doing some damage."

Durham Herald: Abe Fowler, colored, was killed on the water works yesterday afternoon by the ditch caving in on him. He was killed outright—being dead long before he could be removed from the ditch. Two or three other workmen were hurt at the same time, one of them, Jim Jackson, being now in a very precarious condition and his recovery extremely doubtful. The others were only slightly hurt.

Benderson Gold Leaf: There is general complaint among the farmers on account of cotton lice. Some say they are worse this year than they ever knew them to be before. Considerable damage has been done by these pests.

TO FIGHT TOBACCO COMBINE.

Negotiations for the formation of a \$100,000,000 company.

New York, July 15.—Following a favorable outcome of conferences now being held in London between representatives of Imperial Tobacco company of Great Britain and Wm. H. Butler, president of the Universal Tobacco company of America, the American Tobacco company may soon be confronted by a \$100,000,000 competitor. According to private cable dispatches plans for the consolidation of the two companies to wage war against the American company have reached a promising stage.

In any event, it is announced, the Imperial Tobacco company intends commencing operations in this country within a short time, manufacturing a full line for the tobacco trade. Its policy is the acquisition from large independent factories of the best selling brands of tobacco, snuff, cigarettes and cheroots and cigars.

The Imperial company has a fixed charge of \$1,600,000 a year, and having shown to their subscribers an annual earning power for five years previous to the amalgamation of \$5,800,000 leaving \$4,200,000 a year for dividends. George P. Butler, who is a stockholder in Universal company, and brother to its president, said:

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A Southerner in New York Describes an Incident Which Proves that Northerners Are Fully as Quick to Resort to Impertinence as the Southerner is to Punish Crime—All for Lack of Understanding.

New York, July 15th. (Special Correspondence).—At the present time, a sentimental sympathy is being expressed by the northern press in behalf of the southern negro. He is pitied for his color, his lack of brains and treatment he receives at the hands of southern white men.

It is the universal idea in the north that the negro is abused in the south and that southerners have not overcome their prejudices or reflections of slavery days; that they try to keep the negro in subjection and quite where he belongs—from their view-point.

This is a one sided view, however. Persons who have lived in the south know that much has been done, and continually is being done for their betterment in matter of education and that for instance, hundreds of opportunities are being thrown open to the colored race to raise it to a pedestal of ordinary usefulness and enlightenment. As long as the world revolves the negro's innate characteristics will remain, and the benevolent may labor and toil in endeavor to lift him up, with little to reward them for such burdensome efforts.

The usual exception, which proves the rule is, however, in evidence here as in all other things, and there are many colored persons who are a credit to themselves and a shining example for the great majority of the shiftless race.

The negro residing in the north is an entirely different creature from the one who causes so much trouble in the south, and for this reason the people residing in this section cannot understand the necessity for the frequent whippings and lynchings reported in considerable detail by northern newspapers. They condemn the southerner for taking the law in their own hands when a wife, mother or sister is assaulted. Lynching is considered almost beyond the pale of civilization. The people in this section have no experience of the kind and believe most cases are exaggerated, or acted upon too hastily. They are essentially a law-abiding people and believe the law should be allowed to take its course.

In the north the negro must be careful of his behavior at all times, and performs the duties assigned him (principally of the lower order) in a satisfactory and becoming manner, and it will take more than charitable offerings and individual efforts to lift them out of the unhappy rut. It would be a pity to abandon all the good earnest efforts to elevate the negro, but there seems to be little satisfaction in such work that one laboring in their cause often surrenders the task with a sigh of disappointment, while the negro plays his banjo, or sleeps, without understanding, appreciating or caring how many would-be philanthropists fall by the way-side.

I call to mind a little incident in one of the elevated railroad trains of Brooklyn last night. I was going home at quite a late hour and the train was full of theatre people. New Yorkers travel a great deal in the night time, and it is not unusual to see the public conveyances crowded in the "wee small hours," but I am leaving my particular train of thought—On this night as the train stopped at one of the stations, a white man rather under the influence of drink, boarded the car, seated himself in a corner and almost immediately fell asleep. We all know a man in this condition does foolish things and this man was no exception to the general rule. Luckily he swung his hands to and fro and unconsciously performed other silly antics which amused the crowd and brought life to the lonely hour.

A negro sitting opposite the man was specially amused with his actions, and thinking to make sport for the crowd, arose from his seat, crossed to the other side of the car and began to tease him. (They have no Jim Crow laws in the north you know.) A well dressed, personable citizen sat nearby watching the disturbance, and said nothing at first, apparently not interested; but as the negro became more enthusiastic in his efforts to annoy the unfortunate man the witnessing citizen, who by this time was tired of seeing the fun, called to the negro to stop annoying the man, saying:

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