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RAIN! RAIN! THE CRY IN THE STATE

HOT, DRY WEATHER INJURING CROPS

Light Showers Only in Eastern and Western Extremes.

Upland Corn and Other Crops Suffering Badly, but Cotton Stands Drought Well—Tobacco Ripening Rapidly—General Farm and Crop Notes All Over the State.

The weekly crop bulletin of the North Carolina section of the climate and crop service, United States Department of Agriculture, says for the week ending July 21:

Very warm, dry, sunny weather prevailed during the greater portion of the past week, and drought appears again to be causing some injury to crops, except at places in the extreme eastern and western portions of the state, where light showers occurred on the 15th. At this, the critical period of the crop season, abundant moisture is indispensable to fill out the grains of corn and to enable cotton to make sufficient size of seed for a full crop. The mean temperature during the week was about 82 degrees, or 5 degrees above the normal; very high temperatures prevailed during the latter portion, when maxima exceeding 100 degrees occurred, especially on Saturday, the 19th; these high temperatures were accompanied by rather drying winds, and most crops began to suffer for lack of moisture. The rainfall for the week was rather small, and was limited to showers about the 15th at a few places; the deficiency was over 1.25 inches. In some sections wells are getting low and stock has to be watered. Crops have made rather slow growth this week, though not by any means beyond reach of improvement if rains fall soon; lowland crops are fine; the cultivation of the staple crops has been practically completed nearly everywhere.

Upland corn is falling somewhat; a little has been fired and much of it twisted during the hottest part of the day; old corn is suffering most and needs moisture to fill out the grain, lowland corn is excellent and has not suffered. Cotton stands the drought well; it looks green and healthy; has made good growth in the south portion where the weed is of good size and plants are fruiting well; in the north portion and on the stiff lands the plants are small and are shedding forms considerably; where poorest the crop is blooming to the top. Tobacco also needs rain; plants are ripening rapidly, but are still small; cutting and curing is progressing rapidly and will become general during next week. Most of the minor crops have suffered slightly from drought, especially peanuts, sweet potatoes and field peas, many of the latter planted after wheat failed to come up. Gardens have been injured. The Irish potato crop in the west is not giving as large a yield as anticipated. Melons are abundant and of good quality. Fruit is scarce; peaches and apples are inferior, though late peaches are somewhat better than the early crop. Grapes are ripening. Pastures have dried out on account of drought, and the prospects for late hay poor.

Big Fire at Goldsboro.

Goldsboro, July 23.—Property estimated to be worth about \$20,000 was destroyed by a fire which broke out in Lamb's stables here tonight. Several horses were burned in their stalls.

The flames were discovered about 11 o'clock and spread with alarming rapidity. Dr. Creech's store and dwelling, J. W. Lamb's harness store, Robinson's livery house and Well's warehouse were all blazing fiercely and the situation indeed looked desperate.

The people acted promptly and worked with a will. Though most of the firemen were in Raleigh attending the great tournament, the men who took their places acted with the coolness and efficiency of veterans. As a result of their efforts the fire at 1:30 this morning had been gotten under control.

The Locusts are Coming.

Elizabeth City Tar Heel.—The seven-year locust has made its appearance in the fertile fields of Pasquotank. Only the advance guards have appeared but already one can almost hear the thrumming of an army, exulting in the thumping of its wings and the swarming of its house fly and mosquito. The unwelcome visitor resembles the ordinary locust in color and in noise but any child will tell you that hissing is almost double that of the fellow who comes with us usually. This year army that is now approaching are direct descendants of the locusts of the locust that were sent by the Lord to plague the fearful Pharaoh. A negro preacher says he is identifying

the same insect that accompanied the diet of honey on which the apostles fed while in the wilderness.

SHORT STATE STORIES.

Rocky Mount Spokesman.—Tobacco men here are prophesying that tobacco will sell 25 per cent. higher this year than last.

Smithfield Herald.—One of the most promising tobacco crops we have seen this season is that of Mr. H. H. McGuire near here. He has 15 acres that should net him \$100 per acre.

Maxton Scottish Chief.—The crops, despite the drought a few days ago, are doing fairly well. Corn has possibly suffered most from cut worm, poor stand and drought, but taking everything in consideration, the outlook is decidedly encouraging.

Statesville Landmark.—Mr. W. F. Monday showed the Landmark yesterday the largest tomato of the season. It weighed two pounds and nine ounces. It was of the Ponderosa variety.

Twenty counties are using convict labor on the roads, thirteen are using improved machinery, four have recently abandoned entirely the old labor system and now work the roads by taxation. These four are Forsyth, Edgecombe, Gaston and Lenoir. Eighteen are using partly the labor and partly the taxation system, while 52 use the old labor system.

Insurance Commissioner Young says that both life and fire companies are making money in this state. He says the new law against incendiarism is working admirably; that under it a dozen persons have been convicted and sent to prison, while two rewards are now outstanding. He has two detectives in the field. He is securing more and better examinations of premises to prevent fires.

Tarboro Southerner.—The hot winds which prevailed for a few days are reported to have damaged cotton quite much. A few farmers report the shedding of leaves. In 1884 it is said that no rain fell from July 4th till November, yet there was a large cotton crop made. It is probable that the first half of that year was not as dry as has been the first six months of this.

The M. P. Jordan company, of Greenville, Pitt county, was incorporated Monday to deal in leaf tobacco. The capital stock is \$30,000. The incorporators are M. P. Jordan and R. L. Debrill, of Danville, Va., and F. L. Walker, of Greenville.

Tarboro, July 21.—Willie Smith, colored, with a wounded ankle and foot has been placed in jail for entering the dwelling of A. T. Daughtridge, of Rocky Mount, and stealing some rings of Mrs. Daughtridge. Smith gave a posse a lively chase, and it was necessary to shoot in order to capture him; W. T. Turner hit him in the ankle as he climbed a fence.

Democratic County Convention.

At a meeting of the County Democratic executive committee it was unanimously agreed that the primaries for the township should be held on Saturday August 9th and the county convention to be held on Saturday, August 16th. Therefore the chairman of each township and voting precinct will please give notice throughout their respective townships calling upon all white voters to assemble themselves at their usual places of voting and elect delegates to the county convention who will nominate a member of the Legislature, Clerk Superior Court, Sheriff and other county officers. Said county convention will be held in court house Kinston, Saturday, August 16th at 12 o'clock. J. W. GRAINGER, Chairman Committee.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

ALL THE COUNTY HERE TOMORROW

Kinston Should Do Itself Proud and Make a Big Success.

The Features Will be Interesting Exercises, Fine Addresses and Splendid Vocal Music by a Composite Choir—The Beautiful Baptist Church Will be Crowded—Program for Tomorrow.

The county Sunday school convention will meet here tomorrow at the Baptist church. Delegates from most every Sunday school in the county are expected to attend. It is hoped that Kinston people will attend these meetings in large numbers for they will be interesting as well as instructive.

The following is a program for tomorrow:

Morning Session.

9:30—Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. N. E. Coltrane.

9:45—Song service.

10:00—Address of welcome by Dr. H. D. Harpe, sr.

10:10—Response by H. E. Dillon of LaGrange.

10:30—Receiving reports and enrollment of delegates.

11:00—Address, "The Sunday School Association, Its Aims and Purposes," Prof. Geo. H. Crowell of High Point, president of the State Sunday School association.

Afternoon Session.

2:00—Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. E. D. Brown.

2:10—Song service.

2:30—Chalk talk to children, by Mr. J. J. Rogers.

3:00—A paper, "The Women in our Sunday School Work," by Mrs. R. H. Lewis.

A paper, "The Infant Class," by Mrs. J. W. Goodson.

3:20—Discussion, "The Sunday School as a Business Investment," by J. W. Daly and Prof. A. J. Barwick.

Evening Session.

8:00—Lecture, "An Evening at our Door," by Mr. N. B. Broughton, of Raleigh.

Special music has been arranged for all the services. A picked choir from all the churches of the town has been gotten together and will give some of the best music that has been heard in Kinston for a long time. Tomorrow night especially at the lecture by Prof. Crowell, of High Point, several anthems and solos will be sung by Kinston's best trained voices. Everyone is not merely invited but given a special invitation to attend all of these services.

The choir is composed as follows:

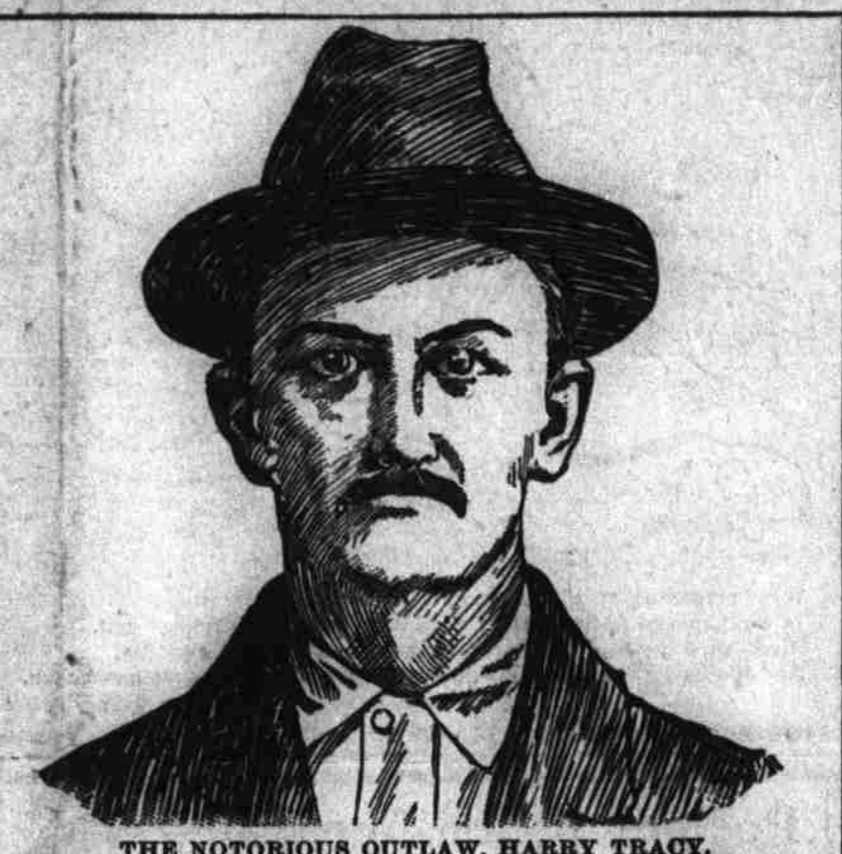
Soprano: Mrs. G. D. Hawks, Mrs. Mollie Brown, Mrs. J. H. Parham, Mrs. O. T. Boney, Mrs. Kleber Denmark, Mrs. J. J. Rogers, W. D. LaRoue and M. C. Holland.

Alto: Mrs. J. J. Bizzell and Miss Ines Wooten.

Tenor: Rev. E. D. Brown, Messrs. J. J. Bizzell, C. E. Lincoln, W. E. Perry and J. Hyman Newberry.

Bass: Messrs. J. H. Matthews, W. O. Wooten, J. T. Britt, J. A. McDaniel and W. E. Parrott.

Several more who have attended the choir practices but whose names were unobtainable are expected to sing with the choir.



THE NOTORIOUS OUTLAW, HARRY TRACY. Harry Tracy, the convict who after escaping from the penitentiary at Salem, Ore., killed and wounded a number of men attempting to recapture him, is a veteran in crime, although his "professional" career may be said to have begun only in 1897, when he murdered a deputy sheriff. Tracy appears to set as little store upon his own life as upon the lives of others, and his recent adventures in dodging and sometimes defying large posies of the law's officers would make the most entrancing reading for lovers of the lurid dime novel.

FIREMEN'S CONVENTION.

It is Proving a Great Success at the Capital City.

Raleigh is reveling in the State Firemen's convention and tournament. There was a grand parade this morning in which companies with apparatus participated from Greensboro, Salisbury, Concord, Monroe, Rocky Mount, Southern Pines, Durham, Spencer, Elizabeth City, Goldsboro, Salem, Tarboro, New Bern, Charlotte and Raleigh. The governor and other dignitaries, including Kinston's mayor, rode in carriages. This afternoon the tournament is in progress.

The business session of the association yesterday was interesting and instructive. Mr. Leach of Raleigh in his address of welcome, referred to the fact that a few years ago there was no organized fire department in the state, and pointed to the present splendid organization as the result of the work of the State Firemen's association. He expressed the hope that there would be soon, instead of 50 or 55 fire companies, 150 companies, that every hamlet would have an organization. He dwelt upon the noble, self-sacrificing work of the volunteer fireman in glowing, eloquent terms, and was frequently interrupted by applause from the convention.

Among the speakers was Mayor Webb, of whom the News and Observer says: "Mayor and Chief of Fire department, George B. Webb of Kinston, made a very witty speech, telling several apt anecdotes that quite brought down the house."

The afternoon session was largely routine and the feature of the night session, was the speech of Mayor A. H. Boyden of Salisbury, and the address of Insurance Commissioner James R. Young.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Jas. D. McNeill, of Fayetteville; First Vice-President, W. S. Orr, of Charlotte; Second Vice-President, A. H. Boyden, of Salisbury; Secretary, W. C. Von Glahn, of Wilmington; Treasurer, T. A. Green, of New Bern; Statistician, L. J. Taylor, of New Bern. Durham was selected for the next meeting of the association.

A resolution was adopted thanking the Raleigh fire Department and the committees in charge of the tournament for the splendid reception and treatment accorded the delegates.

GRIFTON. July 21.

We regret to chronicle the death of Miss Susie Dunn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Dunn. She succumbed after about ten days illness of typhoid fever. She was about 18 years of age and just blooming into womanhood. The bereaved family has the sympathy of the community.

Burned Milk.

Nothing is more disagreeable than burned milk. To prevent this first rinse the milk saucerpan with plenty of cold water and then rub the interior of the vessel with a little fresh butter. This will form an excellent protection for the milk. It must be noted that a milk saucerpan once burned should never be used for its original purpose again.

Prussian Forests and Fruits.

Of the 56,351,083 acres of land in Prussia 23 per cent is occupied by forests and orchards.

A Scotch Tree of Liberty.

There still flourishes at Dundee, Scotland, a tree which was dedicated as a "tree of liberty" more than a century ago during the ferment caused by the French revolution.

Purely Personal Items About People Who Come and Go

Mr. J. J. Rogers returned from Trenton this morning.

Mr. Thos. L. Willingham went to Wilson this morning.

Miss Sallie Moye, of LaGrange, is visiting at Mr. J. J. Bizzell's.

Mr. S. A. Quinley returned from Morehead City this morning.

Mr. J. P. Haekitt went to Goldsboro this morning to visit a week.

Miss Blies Perry went to Greenville this morning to visit several days.

Mrs. Lizzie Jones, of Dover, came up to Kinston on the morning train.

Col. and Mrs. W. A. Bobbitt returned this morning from Morehead City.

Mr. A. D. Ward came yesterday and returned this morning to New Bern.

Misses Vivian Bizzell and Nina Brown returned from visiting at Beaufort last night.

Mrs. J. A. Pridden and children left this morning to spend several weeks near Asheville.

Mr. W. B. Pridden went to Greenville this morning. He will probably return this evening.

Mr. Adolph Einstein returned from spending a few days at Morehead City this morning.

Mr. R. B. West went to Morehead City yesterday to join the orchestra at the Atlantic hotel.

Messrs. Clarence Bond and Horace Jones went to Morehead City yesterday to spend several days.

Miss Pattie Skinner came yesterday from Morehead City and returned this morning to Greenville.

Mrs. D. P. Kennedy, who had been visiting her brother, Mr. Henry Gray, returned this morning to Core Creek.

Mr. Elliot Smith returned yesterday from Scotland Neck, accompanied by Miss Hildah Steptoe, who will visit his sister, Miss Eva Smith.

Mr. J. S. Tunstall, of Greenville, came yesterday, spent last night with his brother, Mr. K. H. Tunstall and went to New Bern this morning.

DIXONVILLE. July 21.

Mr. J. L. Coson of Swan Quarter, is visiting friends here.

Misses Emma and Sallie Palmer of Hookerton, spent the evening here yesterday.

Mrs. Sutton of Kinston is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Dixon.

Several young people from here attended church at Ormondsville Sunday.

A party of young people had quite a pleasant excursion on the new railroad from Ayden via Dixonville (A. L. C. line).

The public is cordially invited to attend the picnic at Union Chapel Friday July 25th.

Little Willie Bosley the seven-year-old blind son of H. J. Bosley, while playing with his young sister, was badly cut on the back of the left hand by an accidental strike of a case knife.

Those who went on the excursion from Kinston to Norfolk from here report a very pleasant trip.

You Know What you are Taking

When you take Green's Tonic Call Tonic because the formula is plainly printed on every bottle showing that it is simply one and one-half cents worth. Be sure, No. 749, 22.

TIMELY TOPICS TERSELY TREATED.

Short Local Stories, Editorial Notes.

Some women are not as beautiful as they are painted.

Keep in mind that great game of ball tomorrow afternoon.

Will somebody rise and explain what connection there is between a lawn festival and a thunder shower? We never have the one without the other. We are badly in need of rain. Better get up another lawn festival.

A good macadam road from Kinston to the county line towards Duplin and Onslow counties would be of untold advantage to Kinston and to the farmers over a wide territory. Talk about it. Write about it. Let's have it. It will make a good stand towards making Kinston the Charlotte of the east. Good roads have built up Charlotte from a small place to the most progressive and prosperous city of North Carolina.

THOSE WOUNDS THAT WILL NOT HEAL.

In every heart there are secret wounds. The face does not reveal; That rankle, ever, night and day— Those wounds that will not heal.

Some cold neglect from those we love, Who scorn the pain we feel, Ofs leave the heart oppressed and sore With wounds that will not heal.

When from dear lips we oft have pressed Tell words that pierce like steel, They read the heart with gaping wounds Which time may never heal.

Some buried hope, some confined form, The elude of earth conceal, May doom the heart forever to bleed From wounds that will not heal.

Oh, and the tears that flow unseen, That pillow moist conceal; That flow from wounds so deep, so sore, No balm but Heaven may heal. —ROANOK NEWS.

Not a whisper has yet been heard as to what the business men of Kinston think of the recent proposition for a Farmers Day, or several of them in a row. The proper time to hold it will be early in the tobacco season, and therefore there is but a short time to prepare.

Kinston has earned a reputation for push and enterprise and should live up to it. The business men could not do a better thing for themselves and the town than to take up this suggestion and push the enterprise to a successful issue.

It will require but little effort and little outlay and the results would amply reward both. Many of the best farmers within a day's drive would be attracted here and the trade on that particular occasion would be enormous, and the merchants could see to it that the treatment accorded would insure future visits and more trade.

Should such a gathering be accomplished Timely Topics would lead the way to get the farmers organized into a series of clubs which would hold regular meetings and discuss all sorts of topics of interest to the farmer.

The need and the value of such an organization was illustrated in The Free Press office Tuesday. One farmer brought in some beautiful specimens of onions and met another farmer, whereupon the two discussed the methods of cultivation. Farmer No. 1, told how he produced such fine specimens, which was new to Farmer No. 2, and he in turn told No. 1 how to prevent the onions from decaying, and so both learned valuable points and both will be more successful onion raisers than ever before.

Timely Topics is thoroughly alive to the wonderful agricultural possibilities of this section of the state and is anxious to help the farmers develop them to the farthest limit. To that end it will continue to labor to establish a farmers' organization which will be a sort of clearing house for ideas.

It is wonderful how we all go on from year to year overlooking little features of our daily calling, whatever it may be, that if put to use would greatly facilitate our work or increase its output and profit. As in the case of the two farmers mentioned, one knows that, and it is conversation and discussion that brings them together and develops oftentimes a great and beneficial improvement.

The farmers need a Farmers Institute and Kinston should be its headquarters. It would mean much to the farmer and so the merchant. It can easily be brought about and established by the means suggested in these remarks.

Shall Kinston take it up and make the most of it?

