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ODD AND INTERESTING HAPPENINGS.

Weekly Crop and Weather Bulletin of The Agricultural Department.

Considerable Rain During the Week, Which Caused Some Slight Damage, But Much General Good—Cotton Yield Good, But Below Average—Gathering Minor Crops Progressing Favorably.

U. S. department of agriculture, climate and crop bulletin of the weather bureau, North Carolina section, for the week ending Monday, September 15.

The amount of precipitation received during the week was considerable, occurred chiefly on the 8th and 9th, and was fairly well distributed. In only a few localities was the rainfall heavy enough to cause slight damage to crops and generally it had a beneficial effect on field peas, late potatoes and turnips, besides placing the soil in excellent condition for plowing. The weather was cool during the entire week, and the mean averaged over 5° below the normal for the season. Light frosts occurred in the mountain region on the 10th and 11th, and probably also on the 14th and 15th without causing any damage. Conditions were favorable for gathering crops and for farm work; fall plowing has begun to make more rapid progress; some winter oats have been sown, making pea-hay is underway.

Much of the early corn crop has been gathered; late corn was a little benefited by rain; it is now generally near maturity; corn on bottom lands and on rich soil is very good. Pulling fodder continues in the west. Old cotton was not helped by rain, but though the rainfall was quite heavy in some counties few reports of damage by staining were received; late planted cotton was benefited as some correspondents report blossoms seen near the top, indicating with delayed frost, the formation of some top crop. Cotton is opening rapidly and picking is advancing as fast as possible; it appears that the bulk of the crop will be out by the middle of October. While below the average, the yield will be a good one, exceeding last year's crop. Tobacco still uncut in north portion is becoming rather coarse. Rice seems to be a very good crop. Gathering minor crops is progressing favorably. Crimean clover is up with good stands; late Irish potatoes look well. Fall apples are short and inferior.

Rains (in inches): Raleigh, 1.80; Wilmington 1.70; Charlotte, 2.00; Asheville, 2.00; Hatteras, 2.10; Goldsboro, 1.02; Greensboro, 0.99; Lumberton, 1.70; Weldon, 1.12; Newbern 3.58; Marion, 1.75; Hatteras, 3.01 and Mocksville, 1.11.

Congressman Fou at New Bern. New Bern Journal. The court house was filled last night by an audience, many ladies being present, to listen to the first speech in this city, of the political campaign in his state. The speaker was the Hon. E. W. Fou, who is well known to many here, and the greeting he received and close attention given to his every sentence, attested the popularity and fame of the young North Carolina Congressman.

Mr. Fou spoke in his customary eloquent and convincing manner, which is so attractive, and which causes his hearers to follow closely his every word. Beginning with the tariff issue, the speaker presented, without any wearisome figures, the facts concerning the tariff, and its fostering and upholding of the trusts, which burden the masses of the people.

The Philippine question, which was vividly portrayed from the pathetic point of view. Closing with North Carolina politics, Mr. Fou stoutly maintained that the democratic party was neither ashamed of its record, nor did it propose to apologize for its administration of the public affairs of this state, which had ever been administered with honesty and the aim of every best interest, especially the maintenance of the supremacy of the white race.

Wayne County's Assault Case. Goldsboro, Sept. 11.—An investigation of the assault case reported from Snake Swamp township of this county reveals the fact that the negro woman is 35 years old while the negro, Frank Vick, who committed the assault is only 19 years old. It is a plain case of brutal depravity. Today the woman is transported to New York. It is probable that when Vick comes to face a jury of 12 men who will pass upon his life, he will be charged with a double capital offense. The negro went to the home of his old woman early in the evening Tuesday, when he began her aged husband was away from home,

and by superior brute force overpowered her. He is now safely lodged in jail here, where he will be apt to remain until the November term of the superior court. Court is in session here this week but the grand jury had adjourned before the negro was captured and the case will go over to the November term.

Not Afraid of Boss Pritchard.

Franklin Times: On Monday when the county board of election met there was quite a lively "tilt" between P. A. Reavis, Pritchard's appointee as chairman of the republican county executive committee, and James I. Moore, who claims to be the "legal" chairman, by virtue of having been duly and regularly elected by the republican county executive committee. Reavis insisted that as the state convention had recognized his delegates and ignored Moore's, that ought to settle it, but Moore said that had nothing to do with it. Reavis was a usurper and was acting without authority. It made no difference if Pritchard's convention did ignore his (Moore's) delegates; it was another case of "one man power" which he did not propose to stand, nor would he be bound by anything the Greensboro convention said or did.

Prosperity Everywhere. Wilmington Messenger: All the drummers arriving in Wilmington yesterday report a great wave of prosperity among the people in the country. They have raised big crops and have plenty of money. The tobacco crop has not only been large but is of superior quality and good prices have prevailed. With their tobacco crop many farmers have paid their accounts for farming expenses and have their cotton, peanuts, corn, etc., as a surplus. One of our merchants said yesterday that numbers of his creditors have already settled their accounts, whereas they are not due till October 1st to the 15th. We hear of one negro farmer who with four acres of tobacco has paid up his indebtedness for two years, has \$150 left and has all of his other crops as a surplus.

Independent Ticket at Durham. Durham Special to Charlotte Observer: There is an independent move on to nominate a county and legislative ticket. A call for an independent mass meeting was issued Saturday afternoon signed by forty people. The mass meeting will be held on next Saturday. As announced in the circular it is stated that the object of the mass meeting is to nominate county officers and candidates for the legislature. In connection with this it is learned that an independent ticket composed of democrats and republicans, will be put in the field. The main object is said to be to get a man to defeat Mr. Jones Fuller, democratic candidate for the legislature, and elect a Pritchard man. A strong effort will also be made to defeat Kitchin.

Tragic Shooting. Elizabeth City Tar Heel: News reached this city of the tragic shooting of Mr. W. D. McCoy, a well-known white man of Beaufort county. Mr. McCoy, it is claimed, circulated a report damaging to the character of a young woman of his neighborhood. The report reached the ears of the girl's father and shortly afterwards, when McCoy called at the house on some matter of business, the father demanded an explanation. Warm words followed and the old man reached for his shotgun. Before McCoy could make his escape the angry father discharged both barrels of the firearm at him, inflicting serious injuries in his back and right arm.

Mulletts are Scarce. Arlington Star: This is the month of the "September mullet," but fishermen say their success in hauling for the favorite "salt fish" this season has been very limited in fact the catch up to the present time has been comparatively none. The demand for mullets, however, as is usually the case when none is to be had, is very strong, the prices are good. There is no last season's on hand and packers, who have secured the few that have reached the market the past week have been able to dispose of them easily at \$5 per 100 pounds. Last year about this time they were as good as sold at as low as \$4 per hundred.

FREE TO OUR READERS. Botanic Blood Bitters for the Blood.

If you suffer from dizziness, vertigo, scrofula, blood poison, cancer, eating sore, itching skin, pimples, boils, bone pains, swellings, rheumatism, catarrh, or any blood or skin disease, we advise you to take Botanic Blood Bitters (B. B. B.). Specially recommended for old, obstinate, deep-seated cases, cures where all else fails, breaks every cure, makes the blood pure and rich, gives the skin the pink glow of health. Druggists \$1 per bottle. Sample bottles sent free by writing to Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass. Be careful to get the genuine and true medical advice sent in sealed letter. Medicine sent at once, prepaid.

NOW PREPARE FOR GALA WEEK

SPLENDID LIST OF ATTRACTIONS

Everybody Within 100 Miles Should Be Here Sept. 29 to Oct. 4.

The Gay Paper is Up On Walls and Boards And in Windows and Gives an Idea of The Splendors and Wonders to be Exhibited Here—Queen Street to be Transformed Into a Grand Midway.

Preparations for Kinston's great fall festival and the beginning of a new business era are now going on with a rush. Everybody is admiring the beautiful and highly colored lithographs and posters and anticipating the pleasures of a week of fun and wonder.

Manager Layton has been delayed in getting here until the last of the week, but his representative, Mr. Vert Hose, is on the ground and is doing some tall hustling to make Kinston's festival a big success, as this is the starting point for eastern North Carolina, New Bern, Rocky Mount, Goldsboro and Wilmington to follow in order. It is painful to observe that thus far the business men of those towns are displaying more interest in the great event than is shown in Kinston. They have subscribed freely to a carnival fund, and are organizing civic and floral parades, voting contests for Queen of the Carnival, and other special events, while stores and houses are to be elaborately decorated and illuminated. It is hoped that Kinston business men will catch the carnival spirit during the week preceding it. The more features there are the greater the interest and the larger the attendance.

A big surprise is in store for Kinston. People generally do not appreciate the grandeur of the enterprise. A bit of the world's fair will be dropped on Queen street for a week, which will be the grand midway, sparkling and roaring with life and gaiety. The shows and booths will be placed along the sides of the streets, and the middle will be kept open for the grand promenade and drive way. If the stores along that section will decorate their fronts with flags and bunting, the scene will be one to think and talk about all winter.

Free performances will be given every afternoon, and a small admission will be charged to the main shows. Following is a list of the principal attractions:

The Great Halle—King of all slack wire performers.
The Red Dome—The most beautiful exhibition ever placed under canvass.
Old Plantation—Presenting the south before the war.
Bosco—Eats live snakes.
Lunette—The flying lady, who floats and flies through the air like a bird.
Flying trapeze artists.
Streets of Cairo—Showing many interesting scenes of life in the Orient.
Carrusel—The great attraction for the children, and older folks as well.
Trained animal show.
The Electric Theater—Presenting many wonderful novelties, and moving pictures of great events.
Big war show.
Hi Ki—The wonderful Japanese juggler.

Electric Palace, with its wonderful and startling illusions, including the burial of "She."
Bohemian Glass Blowers. This will be one of the greatest attractions and every visitor will receive a beautiful present.
Band concerts every afternoon and evening.

After reading this list and imagining the immense crowds that will throng the city day and night one can form some faint idea of what carnival week is to be here.

Every farmer within 50 miles will be here at least one day in the week and it is hoped that merchants will offer such tempting arrays of goods and prices as will not only make it a record-breaking week for trade but will insure a continuance of trade for years to come of many who have heretofore gone elsewhere. It is the merchants' opportunity—it is Kinston's opportunity. Kinston gets this big attraction free while other towns are putting up \$1,000 guarantees.

Special trains will run at night so as to allow people along the road opportunity to spend the evening here. The beautiful printing and 10,000 copies of the official program will be scattered all over this part of the state, and carried on in every tobacco wagon next week to every settlement and every farm in five counties. The tobacco warehouse will give sleeping accommodations to all their patrons new and old and so doubt the tobacco market that week will smash all records, as many

THE WEE LITTLES IN EGYPT.



FIND THE DONKEY BOY'S MASTER.

farmers will be attracted here for the first time, and many of our old friends will bring in their best loads that week.

The eating problem is the most serious one. A great many people will come with the shows and thousands of visitors will want refreshments. All who are engaged in that line should prepare for such a rush as they never saw. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday are expected to be the big days.

"The Fruit of His Folly."

A thrilling drama in five acts, by Arthur Lewis Tubbs, the author of "The Finger of Scorn," "The Heart of a Hero," etc., will be rendered by local talent at the opera house in Kinston Monday evening September 22nd at 8:30. Admission 35 cents. Reserved seats 50 cents. The best local talent has been secured, and Kinston has talent equal to or above the average professional. No pains have been spared and a pleasant evening is promised to all who attend. One half the proceeds go to the Kinston library and one half to the Kinston Christian parsonage. For casts of characters etc., see large posters in the show windows in town.

SCRAPS OF SCIENCE.

With the aid of a microscope 212,507 stars were counted on photographs taken at Greenwich observatory last year.

New explosives are constantly being invented, the names of some of the latest being albonite, cheddite, dabmentite, kynite No. 2 and virite.

During the year 1901 thirty-six asteroids were discovered, all but one of them at Heidelberg, by photography. This brings the whole number charted up to 475.

The varying color of a vacuum tube containing krypton—seen by some as lilac and by others as green—is explained by Professor W. Ramsay to depend on the size of the yellow spot of the retina.

STATE LINES.

New York pays her supreme court judges \$17,500 per annum, which is a higher salary than any other state gives.—New York News.

It turns out that Iowa beats all the states in the number of rural free delivery routes it has corralled. Iowa takes a back seat for none.—Omaha Bee.

Back in New Hampshire the grasshoppers are biting the girls. Who would have dreamed that the pretty Yankee maidens were so green as that?—Denver Post.

A Morning.

The glad, mad wind went singing by,
The white clouds drove athwart the blue,
Bold beauty of the morning sky,
And all the world was sun and dew,
And sweet, cold air, with sudden glints of gold,
Like spotted stars glowing in the cedars' hold.

I laughed for very joy of life,
Oh, thrilling veins, oh, happy heart,
Of this glad world with beauty rife,
Exult that we, too, are a part!
Rejoice, rejoice, that miracle of birth
Gave us this golden heritage of earth.

Oh, bold, blue sky, oh, keen, glad wind,
I wonder me if this may be,
That some day, leaving life behind,
Our eyes shall view new land, new sun,
So exquisite that lo, with thrilling breath,
We shall laugh loud for very joy of death!

—Thaddeus Garrison to Bookman.

He who binds to himself a joy
Does the winged life destroy,
But he who kisses the joy as it flies
Lives in eternity's sunrise.
—William Blake.

De Wet to His Men.

An Englishwoman who was present when De Wet addressed the men and women in a concentration camp after the signing of peace sends a summary of his remarks. The speech is a remarkable and strong mixture, displaying at once De Wet's natural chagrin and his determination grimly to abide by the promise he has given. He said: "Of course you will all like to ask me the question, 'Have we lost?' In a word, I must say, 'Yes.' Our flag is fallen. It is dead and buried, never to rise again, and we are now under a new government, which we have to serve, not as well as we served our own, but a great deal better. Hunger," he went on, "compelled me to give in, but I stood till the rifle was taken out of my hand. I could point my finger to a good many cowards here who were going to shoot the English in this way and that way, but who never fired a shot and simply surrendered. I indeed thought more of you would remain loyal, as some of us did and were true to the last. But, as it is, if ever I hear of anything wrong among you—that is, disloyal to the new government—I, Christian De Wet, will be the first to arrest you and have you well punished."—Manchester Guardian.

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JAIL DELIVERY AT TRENTON

A Murderer and Three Others Dig Their Way Out at Night.

All the prisoners in the Jones county jail at Trenton, four in number, escaped last night and up to last accounts no trace of any of them had been found.

One of them was Cyrus Dixon, under sentence of death for the murder of W. A. Webb early last winter. He is about five feet, nine inches in height, weighs 140 pounds, full face, light complexion, black hair, dark eyes and wears a No. 7 shoe. Dixon was found guilty of murder, but secured an appeal and was awaiting a new trial. The crime of which he was found guilty was committed early last winter. Webb was comparatively a newcomer to Jones county from Penn. sylvania. He married a woman with whom Dixon had kept company and engendered the latter's enmity. One night Webb staggered into his home, exclaiming "Cyrus Dixon did it," and expired from a gunshot wound in his back. Strong corroborative evidence was discovered and Dixon was speedily convicted.

The prisoners were allowed in the corridor of the jail and discovered that some of the iron bars had been badly eaten by rust, where there had been a leak, and they were easily broken open. Then the men obtained a crowbar and picked a hole through the cement and brick work.

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