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COITON DOING WELL.

Improvement in it During the Past Week—Young Corn Greatly Benefited by the Rain—Tobacco as a Whole Will Not be First-Class.

The Weekly Crop Bulletin for North Carolina for the week ending August 5th, says that the reports of crop correspondents for the week just passed again indicate, on the whole, very favorable weather conditions for farm work and the growth of crops, except that in many northern and western counties the need of more rain is beginning to be seriously felt.

The early part of the week was very warm and dry; local showers fell at many places on July 31st and August 1st, which were very beneficial, though the amount of precipitation was generally small, except over a few southeastern counties where over an inch was reported. A period of more moderate temperatures with cooler nights followed. The temperature averaged about 4 degrees daily above the normal, while the rainfall was an inch and a half below. The counties chiefly suffering from a lack of sufficient moisture are those in the northeast portion—Hertford, Northampton and Warren; some in the central district—Guilford, Wake and Alamance, and nearly all the extreme western portion of the State.

Generally fair weather enabled farmers to accomplish a good deal of work, chiefly in cleaning out late crops, sowing peas, haying, and turning stubble land for wheat, which has begun on a small scale.

Some further improvement in crops took place during the week, though the favorable weather condition came too late to prevent a general deficiency in the yield of all crops. Young corn is doing well, though it would be benefited by more rain, which is also essential to the proper maturity of the early crop; young corn on uplands is suffering considerably, and in some places is reported to be firing.

The reports about cotton are very diversified; in some cases well cultivated fields show good weed and plenty of blooms, though the bolls are forming slowly; in others the plants are very small and not fruiting well; slight improvement was noted generally, and reports of shedding are not numerous; laying by cotton is underway.

Priming and curing tobacco is proceeding rapidly, and some new tobacco was placed on the market this week; the largest part of the crop has been secured in the southeast portion of the State; some complaints of firing and damage by flea-bus were received from northwest counties; while some excellent cures of tobacco have been made, the crop as a whole will not be first-class.

Sweet potatoes and peanuts continue to be very promising. Much hay was cut during the week and housed in good condition. Turning stubble land for wheat has begun. The dry weather has prevented turnip seeds from sprouting very rapidly.

Peaches, apples and grapes continue to rot badly; grapes are ripening, but are very inferior in quality; melons also appear to be generally small and poor; shipments of watermelons are increasing.

Emperor William's Mother Dead.

Cronberg, Germany, Aug. 5.—The Dowager Empress Frederick, mother of Kaiser William, sister of King Edward of England, and eldest daughter of Queen Victoria, died at 6:15 p. m. to-day, after a long illness, at her palace at Friedrichshof, so named by her in honor of her dead husband.

The death of the Dowager Empress was somewhat sudden. At 4 o'clock her physicians reported no change in her condition. Emperor William, her Majesty's other children, and the Empress Augusta Victoria, were in the sick room most of the day.

GENERAL NEWS.

Monday night a terrible explosion occurred in a big grocery establishment in Philadelphia. Several people were killed and a large number injured.

Geo. H. Phillips, the young corn king of Chicago, temporarily suspended last week. He claims that his failure was caused by carelessness of bookkeepers, together with too little office force for the amount of business done.

Miss Carry Jones, 20 years of age, daughter of ex-Governor Thomas G. Jones, of Montgomery, Ala., was run over and killed by a street car Monday in front of the executive mansion. The accident was witnessed by the Governor.

Benjamin Pugh, a negro who murdered John Tiegou, a waiter in a restaurant in Brooklyn on August 23rd last year was put to death in the electric chair at Sing Sing, New York, Monday. Three shocks were administered before he was pronounced dead.

Ex-Congressman John A. Davis, of Kansas, died at Topeka Monday, aged 74 years. For many years he was prominent in the labor reform and Populist movements, and represented the fifth Kansas district in congress from 1890 to 1892 as a Populist. He wrote much on economic subjects.

Killed by Lightning.

On last Monday evening while several ladies and gentlemen were stringing tobacco under a large walnut tree on Charlie Toler's farm a bolt of lightning struck the tree, ran down it to near the ground, then sprang off in several directions, killing Mrs. Sanders Toler and her 15-year old daughter Lillian, also stunning her elder daughter to insensibility. The young lady that was shocked so terribly, and was thought would not live is better and is perhaps, out of danger. The following also were slightly shocked: Temporal Sasser, Ransom Sasser, Mrs. Howell and Mrs. Charlie Toler. The dead were buried Tuesday evening at 2 o'clock in one large grave—mother and daughter resting side by side.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Peterson. May the Lord comfort them in this greatest of all bereavements. J. T. E. Princeton, Aug. 8.

Robbers get \$280,000 in Purest Gold.

Vallejo, Cal., August 6.—Gold bricks weighing 1200 pounds and worth \$280,000 were stolen during the night from the Selby Smelting Works at Vallejo, this being the greatest haul of precious metal known in the annals of crime.

The robbers evidently had been working on the job for two or three months. They had dug a tunnel through the loose sand from the shore of Francisco Bay to the smelting house, beginning with a shaft about three feet deep. Thence they worked underneath the vault, and striking upwards bored a hole in the strong room floor. Through that hole they took the gold bricks and carried them to a bank near the mouth of the tunnel east of the works, where they were evidently placed in a boat. In their hurry the robbers left \$110,000 worth of gold in the vault, and they also left on shore two bricks worth \$50,000. Had they taken all they saw they would have added \$160,000.

It is decided that the voters of Mecklenburg county shall vote in September on the issue of \$200,000 of "good-road" bonds.

What a Tale it Tells.

If that mirror of yours shows a wretched, sallow complexion, a jaundiced look, moth patches and blotches on the skin, it's liver trouble; but Dr. King's New Life Pills regulate the liver, purify the blood, give clear skin, rosy cheeks, rich complexion. Only 25c at Hood Bros. drug store.

GENERAL STRIKE ORDERED.

The Great Battle Between the Amalgamated Association and the United States Steel Trust About to Begin—100,000 Men Ordered Out.

The following special from Pittsburgh, Pa., appeared in Wednesday's Philadelphia Record:

President Shaffer, of the Amalgamated Association, burned his bridges behind him this afternoon. He sent a communication to the union men employed by the Federal Steel Company and the National Tube Company, ordering them to strike after the last turn on Saturday night, August 10. The strike order is as follows:

"Brethren—The officials of the United States Steel Trust have refused to recognize as union men those who are now striking for the right to organize. The Executive Board has authorized me to issue a call upon all Amalgamated and other union men in name and heart to join in the movement to fight labor's rights.

"We must fight or give up forever our personal liberties. You will be told that you have signed contracts; but you never agreed to surrender those contracts to the United States Steel Combine. Its officers think you are sold to them, just as the mills were, contracts and all.

"Remember, before you agreed to any contract you took an obligation to the Amalgamated Association. It now calls on you to help in this hour of need.

"Unless the trouble is settled on or before Saturday, August 10, 1901, the mills will close when the last turn is made on that day.

"Brethren—This is the call to preserve our organization. We trust you and need you. Come and help us, and may right come to a just cause. Fraternally yours, T. J. SHAFFER.

Amalgamated Association officials claim that the men ordered out for August 10 will very generally obey the order. An official of the Steel Trust today admitted that all the Federal Steel men except those at the Loraine plant would go out, and that all those of the National Steel Company except those at Mingo Junction and New Castle would go out. No one could tell, he said, how the men of the National Tube Company would act.

Estimating conservatively, the Amalgamated Association directly should have about 100,000 men on strike next Monday morning, counting those now out and those expected to go out on Saturday night.

The number of men to be affected by sympathetic strike cannot even be guessed at. The Steel Trust employs 400,000 men alone, and most of these will be affected, for they cannot work when the skilled Amalgamated men are not at work. If the American Federation of Labor takes a hand and Shaffer succeeds in organizing the American Bridge Company men, and gets a grip on the Carnegie Company, all the men who handle structural steel may go out.

LEACHBURG ITEMS.

The rains this week are very refreshing to the growing crops. Miss Vessie Coats, of Spilona, is on a visit in this section.

Mrs. M. H. Holland and three children, of Sanford, are visiting relatives and friends in Leachburg.

Misses Ethel Lyon, of Raleigh, and Minnie Hollingsworth, of Fayetteville, who were visiting in this section recently, returned to their homes last week.

Misses Martha Barnes and Bessie Coats spent last Saturday night and Sunday in the Penny section.

The farmers have about decided to let General Green go his route and let Jack Frost subdue him. SOL.

Stops the Cough and Works off the Cold
Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets cure a cold in one day. No Cure, No Pay. Price 25 cents

STATE NEWS.

Short Items of Interest Culled From our State Exchanges.

The L. A. Vaughn knitting mill is the name of a new industry established in Winston.

A hosiery mill is to be built at Chapel Hill. The promoters are W. R. Loyd, T. J. Hogan and others.

Two small boys killed themselves with pistols in Fayetteville last week. One was a white boy, the other was a negro.

Gen. Matt. W. Ransom has consented to deliver an address at the Confederate veteran's reunion at Wrightsville.

The Lambeth Chair Factory at Thomasville was burned Sunday afternoon. The loss was between \$6,000 and \$10,000.

The Duke factory, at Durham, made one shipment last week of thirteen million cigarettes. They were sent to Japan and South Africa.

Sunday morning about five miles from Wilson Henry Langley shot and killed Reuben White, both colored. The quarrel arose over a dog.

Paul Giles, of Glen Alpine, Burke county, was killed last Tuesday night. He lay down on the railroad track and was struck by a passing train.

Gov Aycock has telegraphed that he does not intend to interfere further with Louis Council, the Fayetteville negro. He will be hanged on Aug. 12th.

The number of mosquitoes in the eastern part of the State this year is said to be the greatest ever known. There are not a few in the central portion. The enormous rainfall is the cause.

The contract for the Carnegie Library building at Charlotte, has been awarded to Wheeler, Michael & Co., architects, of Charlotte. The building will be one story and will cost about \$20,000.

The Alpha Cotton Mill, at Charlotte, is being more than doubled in capacity. It is the first of the mills built there. There will be 20,000 spindles, and it will be one of the largest mills in that live town.

The Kinston Specialty Company is a new concern that will manufacture augur and hatchet handles, toys and other novelties. It will utilize the small ends of the timber that cannot be used by the furniture factories.

Ben Snipes, a negro, was killed by a train near Hillsboro Monday. He and his wife were walking on the track on either side, and as the train approached at full speed he attempted to cross, but was struck and instantly killed.

Mrs. Ephraim Overcash died at her home in China Grove, Rowan county, Thursday. Mr. Overcash was in feeble health but was going to attend the funeral Saturday when he died. They were both buried together, aged 70 and 65 respectively.

Will Isenhour and Fred Prim, of Mountain Island, quarreled while in bathing over five cents' worth of tobacco. Isenhour was armed with a shoe and Prim with a stick and they finally engaged in a battle with the result that Isenhour lies at the point of death from a blow on the head. Both were boys.

Chief of Police Jones, of Shelby, was shot and instantly killed early Sunday morning by a negro named Jim Lowry. At about 1 o'clock Sunday morning Jones went to a building where the negro was, with a warrant for his arrest, charging him with selling whiskey without license. The negro ran firing at Jones twice with above results. Several hundred people have been scouring the country for the murderer and if taken he will hardly ever reach jail. The Mayor of Shelby has offered \$200 reward for his capture and the Governor has also offered a reward of \$200.

CLAYTON NOTES.

Mrs. J. E. B. Davis, of Fair Bluff, is visiting Joe Hinnant.

Mrs. Ed. V. Denton who came down Wednesday, spending the night with her brother, Mr. L. D. Debnam, left Thursday morning for Rocky Mount accompanied by Mr. Debnam's little daughter, Camille.

Prof. J. R. Williams, of Chapel Hill, is spending the holidays with us.

Mr. L. D. Debnam spent Sunday in Selma visiting friends.

Miss Blanche Barnes who has spent the past two weeks with friends in Sanford, returned Saturday.

Miss Nellie Morgan is in town the guest of Mrs. John Robertson.

Miss Swannanoa Horne returned Monday from an extended visit with Mrs. C. H. Belvin at Raleigh, N. C.

Mr. J. Deb Adams is erecting a nice little store on Main street near Hamilton's shop.

Miss Mamie Ellis, of Smithfield, is visiting Misses Nita and Atrice Ellis.

Mr. W. A. Barnes' little son Foster, had the misfortune of breaking his arm last week.

While trying to stop a box car on Horne & Son's siding Monday, Mr. John S. Barnes was violently jerked against the car, receiving several ugly wounds on his face. He was able to resume his labors Wednesday.

Mr. George W. Ellis has recently reshingled his front porch.

Mr. Charles Horne has a new dog. Its name is "True Boy."

Mrs. Mary A. Creech, an aged and respected resident of this town, died at her home Friday night, August 2. She had been in ill health for a long time.

The directors of Clayton school met at Clayton Academy Tuesday for the purpose of adopting plans for the erection of a new school building.

We fear we shall lose our railroad agent here. It is rumored he will take a special course to prepare himself for a trained nurse.

On account of the rainy weather the protracted meetings were not largely attended till Monday night. Since we have had large crowds and excellent sermons. RAY.

FOUR OAKS ITEMS.

Mr. Charles A. Creech, who has been visiting his parents, returned to Burgaw Sunday.

Miss Lula Johnson, who is on a visit to relatives in the Gift section, was in town Monday.

Mrs. Honeycutt, of Raleigh, is visiting her father, Mr. D. W. Adams.

Mr. B. B. Adams left Tuesday on a visit to his sister, Mrs. Walden, of Georgia.

On Friday night, August 2nd, the young people of our midst enjoyed a watermelon party at the residence of Mr. R. S. Wellons, given in honor of Misses Sater and Eakins of Raleigh, who are visiting them. Music was furnished by the Four Oaks orchestra, which added very much to the occasion.

Miss Clyde Bandy, after an extended visit to her sister, Mrs. B. B. Adams, returned to her home in Durham Friday.

The farmers of our section have completed their crops and most of them are enjoying a few days of rest.

We have been informed that in the near future we are to have another postmaster, which meets the approval of all. We hope we can have better post office service during the remainder of Mr. McKinley's reign than we have had for the past few years.

Mr. D. H. Sanders was up in the Spilona section Sunday.

We learn that our clever young townsman, Mr. C. H. Wellons, will leave us on the 19th inst. for Maxton, N. C., where he goes to enter the employ of a dry goods company.

Mrs. S. H. Allport, Johnston, Pa., says: "Our little girl almost strangled to death with croup. The doctors said she couldn't live but she was instantly relieved by One Minute Cough Cure. Hare & Son, Hood Bros., J. R. Ledbetter.

AROUND SANDERS CHAPEL.

After an extended visit to friends and relatives in Durham and Wilson's Mills, Miss Lizzie Whitley returned to her home last Sunday.

Miss Maude Powell began her school at Bizzell's school house last Monday. Miss Powell did very successful work at this same school last winter, and the people are fortunate to get her back again.

Several of our farmers have sold some of their tobacco and are much pleased at the prices.

Mrs. Karl Muggie and two children, Carlotta and Ludolph, of Wilmington, are the guests of Mrs. Aden Powell.

Mr. John Smith, from the Spilona section, spent last Sunday in the neighborhood.

Miss Sid Godwin, of Clayton, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. M. E. Godwin.

Messrs. Herman and John Whitley, Hugh and Loyd Strickland, attended the picnic at Pisgah last Saturday.

Misses Bertha Yelvington and Bettie Kirkman attended Sunday School at Sanders Chapel last Sunday.

Mr. Branton Huggins, of Goldsboro, is visiting Mr. Thomas J. Holt.

Miss Clyda Smith spent last Sunday in the Spina section. W.

AROUND GLENMORE.

Mrs. Sam Stevens, of Goldsboro, returned home Monday, after spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. Martha E. Sanders.

Mr. G. B. Strickland is visiting at his home.

Mr. Robt. Allen, of the Four Oaks section, visited his uncle, Mr. R. H. Allen, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Jernigan, of Sampson county, visited their father, Mr. Jno. Upchurch, Sunday.

Miss Lula Johnson, of Buie's Creek, is visiting friends here.

Mr. Charles Bradshaw left for Wilmington last week, after spending several weeks with his sister, Mrs. W. B. Strickland.

A number of our young people attended services at Piney Grove last Thursday night.

Rev. C. A. Jackson failed to fill his appointment at New Hope Sunday.

Mrs. E. P. Sanders and children are visiting her father, Dr. E. D. Snead, at Hope Mills.

Mr. W. A. Sanders spent Tuesday night in the Sanders Chapel neighborhood.

Mrs. J. D. T. Wellons and Jno. Stanley, of Four Oaks, made a pleasant call in our community last week.

Mrs. T. D. Snead is very ill. Her many friends wish her a speedy recovery. A. G. S.

ATFA NOTES.

Curing tobacco is the order of the day now.

Mr. and Mrs. John Talton, of the Smithfield section, were in our section Sunday.

The singing, under the management of Mr. Ruffin Johnson, is quite a success.

Mr. Charlie Stephenson is attending school in the Lauer section.

Mr. S. D. Coats, of Wake county, spent last Sunday in our section.

The wedding cards that were spoken of passing through our section some time past came to hand Wednesday. We will say more about it next week.

We are glad to learn that Miss Telitha Stephenson, who has been quite ill, is improving.

Miss Mattie Jones, of Culley's Mills, spent last Sunday with her sister, Mrs. E. S. Coats.

Mr. and Mrs. James Creech, of the Benson section, spent last Saturday and Sunday in our section. Spear.

Prof. John J. Blair, superintendent of the Wilmington graded schools, has gone to Europe. He will visit most of the principal cities on the continent before he returns in the fall.