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GENERAL NEWS.

A Partial List of the Week's Happenings Throughout the Country.

Plow manufacturers held a meeting in Chicago this week and decided to advance 10 per cent. in the price of plows, the increase in price to go into effect next October.

A train jumped the track at Fairville, N. Y., Thursday night, throwing the passengers into a gravel pit. Two people were killed, and five were sent to the hospital.

Thursday night two more lynchings—John Strength and Martin Miller—were convicted of murder in the second degree in Alabama and sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary.

It is believed that the crisis in the steel strike is fast approaching. Efforts at arbitration are still being made, but it does not seem likely they will succeed. It looks as if the strike will fail.

During last week nine gushers were brought in in the Texas oil fields. During the month nineteen spouting wells were completed. In all 44 gushers have been completed. The daily shipments averaged 85 cars.

The steamer Deutschland arrived in New York Thursday with a new record to her score. This trip was made from Cherbourg mole to the Sandy Hook lightship in five days, twelve hours and twenty-three minutes.

The strike of cotton mill operatives at Columbia, S. C., continues with no sign of weakening on either side. The mills will not employ any union labor. The vacant places in the mills are being rapidly filled by others.

It is now reasonably certain that at least twenty-eight persons perished as a result of the explosion of one of the boilers of the steamer City of Trenton on the Delaware river, above Philadelphia, Wednesday afternoon.

Reports from several counties in south Texas show that heavy rains fell Friday accompanied by high winds, which did considerable damage to cotton bolls. No other damage is reported so far. The rain extended as far north as Corsicana, being the first good down-pour in that section between Houston and that town since last June.

George Howard, a member of a mob which lynched Robert White, a negro, near Watumpka, Ala., some months ago, was on Wednesday convicted of murder and sentenced to life imprisonment. He admitted his part in the lynching and named the other twelve members of the mob. Howard is a prominent farmer. The negro was accused of shooting a white man. The cases against six others accused of being members of this mob are now being tried. All others who are alleged to have been members of the mob have left the country.

Death of a Little Child.

On last Monday, September 2nd, at 12:30 o'clock p. m., our home was again saddened by the entrance of the death angel, who took from us little Amy Enid, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Gilbreath, and transported it to its heavenly home. The body was laid to rest Tuesday afternoon in the Nahunta burying ground.

All that a tender mother, a kind physician and loving hands could do was done for the little sufferer who bore her sufferings with such patience as to leave a lasting impression on all who knew her and make Heaven dearer because she is there.

So, like a lily rare,
So fragile and so fair,
And dearer and purer than earth;
For we heard the angels say,
Let us bear the body away
Where the cold sharp frost never falls.

AUNTIES.

TO MAGISTRATES:—THE HERALD office is the place to buy your blanks of all kinds.

MONTHLY COTTON REPORT.

An Impairment of One Point in Condition in North Carolina.

Washington, Sept. 3rd.—The monthly report of the Statistician of the Department of Agriculture shows the average condition of cotton on the 24th day of August to have been 71.4, as compared with 77.2 on the 25th of the preceding month, 68.2 on September 1st, 1899, and a ten year average of 74.9.

There was an impairment of condition during August amounting to 18 points in Texas, 10 in Oklahoma, 8 in Arkansas, 7 in Alabama, 4 in Virginia, 2 in Louisiana and one point in North Carolina and Florida. Otherwise there was an improvement during the month in Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee, Indiana Territory and Missouri amounting to 3, 5, 3, 1, and 4 points respectively. In Mississippi there was no appreciable change in condition.

A condition below the ten year average is reported in a majority of the States the deficiency being 15 points in Texas and Arkansas, 6 in North Carolina, 3 in Tennessee and Virginia and one in Alabama and Florida. In Oklahoma the condition is ten points below the average of five years, and in Missouri six points below the average of the eight years for which statistics are available. On the other hand, the conditions in Georgia, Mississippi, South Carolina and Louisiana are 4, 13, 5 and 4 points above their respective ten year averages, and in Indian Territory one point above the average for five years.

As compared with September 1st, 1900, conditions at the close of August were less favorable in Texas, Arkansas and Oklahoma to the extent of 21, 4 and 10 points respectively, and were more favorable to the extent of 28 points in Mississippi, 20 in South Carolina, 12 in Georgia, 11 in Alabama and Missouri, 10 in Louisiana, 9 in Tennessee and Virginia, 8 in North Carolina, 7 in Florida and 4 in India Territory.

The averages of condition in the different States are reported as follows:

Virginia 82, North Carolina 82, South Carolina 80, Georgia 81, Florida 78, Alabama 75, Mississippi 88, Louisiana 80, Texas 56, Arkansas 61, Tennessee 73, Missouri 75, Oklahoma 68, Indian Territory 76.

AROUND GLENMORE.

Mr. W. A. Sanders is attending court at Smithfield this week.

Miss Lizzie Sanders visited in the Four Oaks section Sunday.

Miss Alice Radford, of Smithfield, is visiting friends in our community.

Mrs. Geo. W. Parker and children have returned to their home in Smithfield.

Miss Lillie Upchurch returned home Sunday, after an extended visit in Sampson county.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Sanders visited at Mr. O. R. Rand's in the Four Oaks section Sunday.

Mr. Robt. Lee and sister, Miss Annie, of the Gift section, attended services at New Hope Sunday.

Mr. Daniel Graham who has been visiting friends in Sampson county returned home last week.

Mr. Rufus Sanders attended quarterly meeting Sunday at Ebenezer, in the Bentonville section.

Master Junius P. Sanders is visiting his uncle, Robt. Sanders, in the Sanders Chapel neighborhood.

Rev. W. G. Everton, of Newton Grove, will begin a protracted meeting at Antioch Monday night.

Miss Emma Strickland, who has been visiting relatives in the Four Oaks section returned home Sunday.

A. G. S.

STATE NEWS.

Short Items of Interest Clipped and Culled From our State Exchanges.

The Zelmore truck farm, two miles from Fayetteville, made \$2,225 net during the past year.

The first bale of North Carolina cotton was sold at Morven, N. C., Tuesday, August 27, at 9½ cents.

Four cases of smallpox were discovered among negroes at Charlotte Friday. The health authorities took charge of the situation.

A negro woman has been put in Richmond county jail for placing her infant in a well. There was no water in the well, the child was not killed, but died from neglect, says the coroner's jury.

The gain in taxable valuation of property in the State under the new law will perhaps be larger than was generally believed it would be. Some of the estimates are that the increase will amount to \$40,000,000.

It is estimated that the wheat crop in Catawba county this year will amount to 40,000 or 50,000 bushels, about one-twelfth of all the wheat produced in the State. Some farmers made 45 to 50 bushels per acre.

The directors of the Methodist Orphanage at Raleigh last week accepted the design and plan, which is for a brick building of three stories and a basement. Contracts will be let soon. The cost is to be \$25,000.

A young girl, Miss Hazel Armfield, of Greensboro, died in a horrible manner last week. She was visiting relatives at Oak Ridge and took, by mistake, a dose of strychnine that she thought was quinine, and died in convulsions.

President Winston, of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, has made arrangements to accommodate 50 additional students, but says that in spite of this at least 50 will probably have to be turned away during September. The time has come when more dormitory room is a necessity.

The Carthage Blade says that old Pratt, the faithful buggy horse of Rev. W. H. H. Lawhon, died recently at the age of 30 years. Lawhon owned him 21 years and during that time drove 45,000 miles in his travels as minister and pastor of churches in Moore, Richmond, Montgomery and Chatham counties.

Boone Democrat: The condition of the family of Mr. Benjamin Brown, of Deerfield, is distressing. Within the past three months he has buried his wife, sister and grown daughter, and there are now five of his children very low with typhoid fever, two or more of whom, we are told, are not expected to recover.

Washington Progress: From last reports we learn that 329 horses had died in Hyde county up to the middle of last week and the disease had not abated. This is distressing. We still hold to our former views in believing that the cause is largely due to the mosquitoes. In the lower portion of this county, where the mosquitoes were bad, horses are dying and the disease is less where the mosquitoes were fewer. The disease is confined to the mosquito belt almost entirely.

Attention Veterans.

The members of Walter R. Moore Camp United Confederate Veterans are requested to meet for their annual Picnic in the town of Smithfield on Thursday September 12th. at 10 o'clock a. m.

All Veterans and their friends are cordially invited to meet with us.

It is expected that as many as can will bring well filled baskets and haversacks.

By order of
A. HORNE, Col. Com.
E. J. HOLT, Adjutant.

WEEK CROP REPORT.

Cotton Fruiting Poorly and Shedding Badly—Fodder Pulling Well Advanced.

The Weekly Crop Bulletin, issued by the Weather Bureau at Raleigh says that while on the whole the weather for the week ending Monday, September 2nd, was an improvement on that of the week prior, yet it cannot be said to be as satisfactory to the farmers as could be desired. In the eastern portion of the State conditions improved, but in the western there were excessively heavy rains, which washed lands badly and injured crops on the lowlands. More sunshine is needed in all sections. The temperature has averaged two degrees daily above normal. Cotton has not materially improved. In some places the growth is good, but it is fruiting badly and is shedding. In many places the bolls are rotting for want of sunshine.

The condition of corn has improved, especially on uplands and on red soils. On bottom lands the condition is not so good, owing to heavy rains. The fields are very grassy. Late corn is doing well except in the western portion of the State, where it has had too much rain.

The cutting and curing of tobacco is being pushed, the color being good. Fodder pulling is well advanced, except in the western portion, where the work has been retarded by rain; on uplands the work is being pushed, but on lowlands the crop is yet too green; there has been too much rain for saving the fall crop.

Farmers are breaking land for sowing. Wheat not threshed is being injured in the shock. Oats are good, but not plentiful; some has been damaged in the shock; some sowing has been accomplished. Much hay has been cut, but some sunshine is needed for the work. Early sowed turnips are coming up to a good stand. Field peas are doing finely. Gardens have improved, but are very grassy. Cabbages are rotting. Potatoes are very promising. Very little improvement in fruit is noted. Rice is heading nicely.

AROUND SANDERS CHAPEL.

Mr. J. E. Sanders is at home for a few days.

Mr. James Carr, of Mt. Olive, is in the neighborhood.

Mr. Will C. Smith left for Guilford College Monday morning.

Mrs. James Woodall has returned from a visit to Raleigh.

Mr. J. C. Whitley has accepted a position with Mr. R. O. Cotter in Smithfield.

Mrs. Thomas Faison and children, of Duplin, are visiting relatives in the neighborhood.

Miss Clara Smith left for Smithfield Tuesday, where she will attend school at Turlington Institute.

We were much pleased to have Mr. Ed. Gurley out at Sunday School last Sunday. Mr. Gurley is an earnest Sunday School worker, and we hope he will come often while he is in Johnston.

A number of our young people were present at a delightful social gathering at the home of Mr. C. C. Lynch's last Thursday evening given complimentary to Miss Winnie Holland, of Little Rock, Arkansas. Quiet games were participated in and music by the band added to the pleasure of the occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Lynch entertained in a delightful manner.

A small child was asked the other day who were the survivors from the flood. "Noah, Shem and Ham," she said. "Yes," replied the mother, "and who else?" The child paused for a moment in thought. Then a brilliant idea struck her, "and," she added, "Joan of Arc."—Ex.

You can get your tobacco well graded for 10c per hundred at Skinner & Ingale's and it will pay you well to have it graded.

SELMA NEWS NOTES.

Graded Schools Open Well.—An Encounter With a Crazy Woman.—Other Items of Interest.

(Regular Correspondence.)

Wm. Richardson, Jr., returned to the A. & M. College Tuesday.

Miss Lizzie Whitley, of Wendell, is visiting her cousin, Raiford P. Whitley.

Miss Mattie Ellington, of Manchester, Va., is visiting Miss Fannie Jackson.

Mr. Willie Horton, of Wendell, has accepted a position with P. A. Richardson.

Messrs. F. M. Hood & Co. have moved into the store under the Masonic Lodge.

Mr. R. B. M. Robertson, of Clayton, spent Tuesday night with Mr. W. H. Hare.

Miss Rosa B. Richardson will begin her class in elocution about the middle of September.

Robert Millard Nowell went on the excursion to Wrightsville last Monday. He says he had a big time.

Mr. M. F. Hatcher, a rising young attorney of Dunn, is visiting his cousin, Dr. J. W. Hatcher.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hare left Thursday morning to visit relatives near Stancill's Chapel in Oneals township.

M. C. Winston & Co. bought the first bale of cotton from Joseph Crocker Wednesday. They gave 8½ cents for it.

Mr. James Parrish, of Wendell, has opened a barber shop here and is prepared to "do up" a fellow in fine shape.

Mr. George W. Bennett, of Goldsboro, spent a few days in our town this week visiting his sister, Mrs. J. H. Jackson.

Mr. James Jeffreys, of Wilders, and Mr. Stephen H. Bagley, of Beulah, have moved their families here to get the benefit of the graded schools.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Winston returned from Baltimore Wednesday night. While North they visited the great Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo. Mr. Winston, while in Baltimore bought a large stock of general merchandise, which is now arriving.

Mr. A. R. Ellington has moved his family to Manchester, Va. He has a position as engineer on the Southern which forces him to live there. We regret to give him and his excellent family up, and the best wishes of our town goes with them to their new home.

The trains are crowded daily with young folks going to the colleges. The Southern had one of their big passenger engines on the train Wednesday to move the train, it being so heavily loaded. It seems that the people are determined to educate their children.

Our little folks are delighted with the graded schools. The teachers are grading the pupils closely and everything will soon be moving smoothly. We have several pay pupils—some of them from a distance. The teachers seem determined to make the school a success.

Mr. W. H. Etheredge has taken Mr. Jos. L. Hatcher as a partner in his business. Mr. Hatcher has been for the last year with W. G. Yelvington, of Smithfield, and has made many friends all over the county. He will bring a good trade with him to his new business. The name of the new firm is Etheredge & Hatcher.

A gloom was cast over our town when the sad news came that Miss Zelda, the only daughter of Hon. and Mrs. Claude W. Smith was dead. Truly death loves a shining mark. Mr. and Mrs. Smith lived here a few years ago and Miss Zelda endeared herself to our people by her sweet, gentle manners. Oh, how sad to have to give up one so young. The heart-broken parents have the sympathy of our people.

Mr. John W. Blackman ginned the first bale of cotton at his gin Wednesday. He has had the gin thoroughly overhauled, put in first-class condition and is now ready to gin all cotton brought to him.

The new school book law may be all right; we don't say it is not, but it is not working well here. The book concerns should be forced to put the books on sale at convenient points, especially where there are large schools, even if it is within five miles of some other place. The parents of the children attending our graded schools are put to a great deal of trouble to get books for them. Our local dealers cannot get some of the books and we are forced to Goldsboro, Raleigh and Smithfield for them.

Our schools opened here Monday with one hundred and forty-eight white and one hundred and thirty-one colored children which necessitates the purchase of at least one thousand new books. So any one can see to what trouble we are put, as we have to send off for at least half of our books. We hope our excellent county superintendent will call State Superintendent Toon's attention to it and try to remedy the matter, as we hear that some of the book concerns want contracts signed that are unreasonable.

Mrs. Y. D. Vinson had a terrible experience with a crazy woman last Tuesday. It had been reported that Mrs. Peedin, a crazy woman, who has been from the asylum about ten months, had said that she was going to take Mrs. Vinson's and Mrs. Hare's babies. But no one paid attention to it. So Tuesday Mrs. Peedin appeared at Mrs. Vinson's door while she was sewing on the machine, walked right past her, saying, "I am going to get that baby." Mrs. Vinson jumped after her and caught her as she was going in the door of her bed room, where the baby was sleeping in the cradle. Mrs. Peedin made fight at her but Mrs. Vinson threw her to the floor as she tried to catch her hand to pull her out. Mrs. Peedin kicked her in the side and Mrs. Vinson, catching her by the foot, pulled her out of the back door and locked it. Mrs. Peedin kicked and knocked on the door but could not break it open. She then ran around the house to the front door, which Mrs. Eason locked just as she got to it. She then tried to get in at an open window on the piazza but Mrs. Eason met her and knocked her out as she was getting in, her head striking the floor, giving Mrs. Eason time to close the blinds. Mrs. Peedin cursed a good deal and then left, going towards the Academy, saying she would come again. Something ought to be done with Mrs. Peedin at once. She should be in the asylum. Mrs. Vinson's face was scratched and her right arm pinched and bruised in the fight. The baby slept peacefully through it all.

Death of a Child.

The Angel Reaper visited the home of brother and sister J. B. Mazingo of this town, Friday morning, August 23rd, and took from their arms their infant daughter, little Floy Inez, who dwelled with them eleven months and twelve days.

She was a sweet little bud, and it was hard to give her up, but she fell asleep in the arms of Him who said, "Suffer little children to come unto me."

Little Floy has gone to bloom in the beautiful garden of God, an angel swelling the infant choir around his throne. Gone to be with those in heaven and welcome mamma, papa, little brother and sisters when God shall call them home.

"Asleep in Jesus! blessed sleep,
From which none ever wake to weep;
A calm and undisturbed repose,
Unbroken by the last of foes."

A loving aunt,
BETTIE LEE.

Follow the rush to the Riverside and you will be well pleased with your sales.