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CROPS ARE DOING WELL.

Copious Showers—Rainfall too Heavy in Some Eastern Counties—Cotton Opening Rapidly and Picking Begun

The weekly crop bulletin, issued by the Climate and Crop Service of the Weather Bureau for the North Carolina section, says of the week ending Monday:

"The majority of crop correspondents report that very favorable weather conditions prevailed during the past week, and that crops have continued to do well. Copious showers occurred on several dates, which generally sufficed for growing crops. The rainfall was too heavy in some eastern counties, where also, notably in Pitt, Edgecombe and Greene, some minor damage to crops by hail occurred; on the other hand very dry weather continued in several extreme western counties in which crops have not materially improved. The temperature was above normal early in the week, with maxima above 90 degrees on a few days; the nights have been rather cool for August; a marked cool period occurred toward the close of the week. As a rule conditions were very suitable for farm work of all kinds.

"Young corn is now tiling well, and will soon be mature; pulling fodder is general; sorghum is doing well, but the canes are heading low. Cotton is reported as suffering from rust quite extensively, and is also shedding forms, but probably not more than usually occurs at this season. Plants generally are heavily balled, indicating a large crop that will mature early; the top crop is promising in some sections where not so well developed in others. Cotton is now opening rapidly, picking has begun, and some new bales have been marketed. Tobacco in the north-central portion is ripening nicely and continues to cure well, with good color. Frequent showers caused second growth in some places which will give difficulty in curing and cause leaf to be heavy and dark colored. Peanuts, sweet potatoes and field peas are far more promising than expected a few weeks ago. Fall Irish potatoes and turnips are coming up nicely, and late cabbages are heading well.

The Nominee in the Sixth.

The result of the closely contested fight for the nomination for Congress in the Sixth district resulted in the nomination of Hon. Gilbert B. Patterson, of Robeson. He has twice represented Robeson in the Legislature with ability, honesty and acceptability. Mr. Patterson is a graduate of the University, is about thirty-eight years old, has for a long period been a member of the State Democratic Executive Committee, and was a leader in his section in the great campaign that redeemed Robeson county in 1898. Mr. Patterson is a Presbyterian, an honest man, courageous and independent. He is well grounded in the Democratic faith and will truly represent the Democratic sentiment of his district.

Hon. John D. Bellamy, the retiring member of Congress, is one of the first men in the State. He has represented the district with conspicuous ability and had won reputation for wisdom in the national capitol. Few men in so short a service have enjoyed wider popularity or attained greater usefulness.—News and Observer.

Shatters All Records.

Twice in hospital, F. A. Gull-edge, Verbena, Ala., paid a vast sum to doctors to cure a severe case of piles, causing 24 tumors. When all failed, Bucklen's Arnica Salve soon cured him. Subdues Inflammation, conquers Aches, kills Pains. Best salve in the world. 25c at Hood Bros. drug store.

R. D. Dougherty sold with Boyett Bros. at Farmers Warehouse on August 27th, one barn of tobacco for \$195.90. Are not these figures convincing?

E. W. POU IN MAINE.

The Trusts and the Philippine Question Were His Topics. Praise of Oratory and Personality.

Rockland, Maine, Aug. 21.—Hon. Edward W. Pou, member of Congress from the Raleigh, North Carolina, district, spoke at Thomaston last night to a large crowd of Democrats who were delighted with his speech. At its conclusion they all passed forward to shake Mr. Pou by the hand and to congratulate him upon his magnificent speech. Thomaston is the home of Hon. Chas. E. Littlefield, who has been deputed by the President to write an anti-tariff bill. Mr. Pou made a polite thrust at him which was received with great enthusiasm by the Democrats.

The Rockland Daily Star, one of the strongest Republican papers in Maine, gives the following report of Mr. Pou's speech:

"The two topics which were the burden of his address were trusts and the Philippines. Mr. Pou is a typical Southerner with a pleasing and unaffected style of oratory. He used plain language and few gestures and his attractive style and pleasing presence held the audience in closest attention.

"He charged the Republican party with fostering the trusts after creating them by high protection, and referred to President Roosevelt's strenuous attitude against trusts as a huge joke. He said that at Pittsburg the President bitterly denounced trusts and combinations of capital to the people and after his speech he dined with H. C. Frick, of the Steel Trust. The only anti-trust legislation that had been enacted was done by the Democratic party, aided by thirty-three Republicans, in abolishing the differential duty on Cuban sugar. Although the House passed the bill the Republican Senate pigeonholed it and there it sleeps today. He said that Congressman Littlefield was one of the Republicans who, for a time, was a Democrat and remarked that he regretted that Mr. Littlefield didn't stay with the party longer.

"Secretary Shaw declared, the speaker said, that the tariff was not the parent of trusts, but the convention of Iowa Republicans had so declared it in their platform. He referred to the concentration of the country's wealth in the hands of a few, which he declared would not be possible under Democratic rule. The Republican party in Congress was guilty of the grossest extravagance, he said, and that now it was no longer the billion dollar Congress but the billion dollar session.

"He quoted statistics showing that now the expense of the government per capita was \$13.39 as compared with \$7.37 at the close of the Democratic administration.

"The trusts, he said, would raise a great corruption fund for the next campaign in order to continue their friends, the Republicans, in power. The Republican party was guilty of the greatest crime of the age in the taking over of the Philippine Islands in the face of the Declaration of Independence and the Monroe doctrine, and had led the nation into unknown pathways, leading, God only knows where.

"As a Christian nation we have slain 150,000 Filipinos, who were fighting for their independence, and sacrificed 10,000 lives of the boys in blue.

"It will be many years, he said, before the stain of murder will be wiped from the American name. The war cost \$600,000,000 and benefited no one but the trusts and combinations of capital which have new fields of wealth to explore. The American flag should not stay but unless in the cause of justice and humanity." —News and Observer.

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JONES SHOT TO DEATH.

He Creeps From His Lair in the Swamp—His Capture Follows—Ten Men Disguised as Negroes Demand Him.

Kinston, N. C., Aug. 25.—Tom Jones, the rape fiend, paid the penalty of his crime at ten o'clock this morning. He was tied to a log, riddled with bullets and buck shot and left half dead by lynchers, afterward being finished by citizens to put him out of his misery.

Parties from Seven Springs, LaGrange and other places had been scouring the country from the moment of his crime until appraised of his capture. He hid all Sunday on a pocosin in the midst of a dense swamp, eight miles from the scene of his brutal crime. He emerged soon after midnight and went towards Kearsenville, but was met on a bridge by a party from Duplin county, Messrs. J. M. Rich, Frank Simmons and John Marshall. They ordered him to hold his hands up and he submitted without any resistance. They locked him in an outhouse on James Maxwell's farm, and he was then taken to the Smith farm and identified by his victim.

He confessed and gave up a razor stolen from Smith. He was bound and locked in a tobacco barn on the farm of Monroe Rich to await the arrival of the sheriff.

Later, ten men, disguised as negroes, came out of the woods with guns and axes and demanded his person. Officer Walker, who was in charge, resisted and was shot in the neck but not seriously. The men battered down the door, took Jones, placed him on a tram car and ran it down into the woods. There he was bound to a log and then men stood off some distance and fired a volley, mostly of shot, into his body, wounding, but not killing him. The men then withdrew and afterwards some other citizens fired a volley that ended his life.

The body was viewed by many. Buttons and pieces of clothing were cut off as souvenirs and the body was buried by the authorities.

Mrs. Smith will live but is horribly disfigured. Her right hand is cut into strips by the razor Jones stole from her husband, her eye is gouged out, her jawbone smashed and splintered; her face terribly lacerated, her throat and breast discolored from choking and beating.—News and Observer.

CLAYTON NOTES.

Miss Lona Williams and Miss Yarbrough went to Selma Monday.

Mrs. Exum, of Whitakers, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. A. Lindsay.

Misses Emma Durham and Roxie Eason left Monday for Wilson's Mills.

Mrs. J. B. Robertson and Miss Pearl returned last week from an extended stay at Jackson Springs.

Mr. C. T. Young spent Sunday in Raleigh, returning Monday morning.

Mr. J. M. Beaty, of THE HERALD force, was in town Tuesday in the interest of his paper.

John Irving Barnes has secured the position as cotton weigher for Messrs. Horne & Son.

Mr. Herman Medlin has been quite sick but we think he is somewhat improved.

Mr. Arthur Wallace has accepted a position with Clayton Hardware Co.

Miss Daphne Williams returned Tuesday from a visit to relatives in Smithfield.

Mr. I. W. Dodd took two loads of Ellington and Pool and went to Smithfield Tuesday.

Clare and Eloise Williams, of Smithfield, are visiting the family of Mr. D. H. Williams.

"YELIE."

Just received a car of Western new wheat flour by The Austin-Stephenson Company. Try it. Every sack goes with a guarantee.

THE COTTON CROP.

Reports of Deterioration Come Thick and Fast—The Worst From Texas.

Washington, August 26.—The Agricultural Department's weekly summary of crop conditions says:

As a whole the weather conditions east of the Rocky Mountains have not been favorable, being too cool in the northern districts eastward of the Missouri Valley, with too much moisture in portions of the central valleys, while excessively hot in the Southern States, with drought of greater or less severity generally throughout the cotton belt.

Corn is greatly in need of warm dry weather throughout the northern portion of the corn belt where the abnormally cool weather of the past two weeks has greatly retarded its maturity. Over the southern portion of the corn belt an excellent crop of early corn is now practically assured.

A decided deterioration in the condition of cotton is reported generally throughout the central and western portions of the cotton belt, as well as over a large part of the eastern districts. The most favorable reports are from the Carolinas. In North Carolina the condition of the crop continues very promising although the prevalence of rust is widespread.

On stiff soils in South Carolina new growth is blooming and fruiting, but on sandy soils rust, shedding and premature opening are prevalent. Throughout the central and western districts, with the exception of northern Mississippi and portions of Oklahoma and Indian Territory, where the crop is doing well, the reports indicate a decided decline in its condition, rust, shedding and premature opening being general. In Texas the deterioration has been pronounced, and under most favorable future weather conditions a yield in excess of the average is impossible.

The week has been very favorable for cutting and curing tobacco, crop has generally improved, although it will be short in Kentucky and portions of Tennessee, Virginia and Maryland.

BLACK CREEK NEWS.

Mr. William Johnson, who has been spending some time at Seven Springs, returned Saturday.

Elders Jim Johnson and Tom Coats preached at Rehoboth Sunday.

Miss Nellie Barbour and little sisters, of Smithfield, have been visiting in this section for several days.

A Sunday School Convention will be held at Johnson's Chapel next Sunday. Several classes will be represented.

Several of our young people are attending a singing school at St. Marys, taught by Mr. C. A. Barbour, of Troyville, N. C.

Among the visitors in our community the past week were Miss Cora Spence, of Angier and Miss Sallie Ennis, of Buie's Creek.

A series of meetings are being conducted at Johnson's Chapel this week by Rev. Mr. Pope, assisted by Revs. Blalock, Hare and Salmon.

Mr. Jno. Hobbs, one of the oldest and most respected citizens of Elevation township, died Tuesday evening, August 19, of consumption. Early in the spring he was taken with LaGrippe and finally with that much dreaded disease from which he never recovered. He leaves a wife, five children and a host of friends to mourn their loss. His remains were interred at the family burying ground Wednesday evening.

He was not a member of any church, but before dying he professed a hope that all was well. Mr. Hobbs was one of the few who survived the civil war. He was a successful farmer and much respected in this section. His exact age was not known though he was supposed to be eighty-five or ninety years old. Z.

THE GREENSBORO REUNION.

A Johnston County Veteran Writes of the Annual Meeting.

The annual reunion of the North Carolina division of United Confederate Veterans was held in Greensboro August 19th to 21st.

Greensboro is situated in the celebrated piedmont region almost in sight of the tops of the Soratown Mountains on the Virginia line, and at the junction of Southern railroad from Washington, D. C., to Atlanta, Ga., and Goldsboro to Winston, and the Old Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley road from Wilmington to Mount Airy. It is forty miles from the Virginia line on the north; ninety miles to the South Carolina line on the south, two hundred and fifty miles to Manteo in Dare on the Atlantic to the east, and two hundred and seventy-five miles to the Georgia and Tennessee corner in Cherokee county to the west. With a growth of population from 2,100 in 1890 to 12,000 or 13,000 in 1902, her progress has been marvelous and has justly swapped her hamlet for city clothes.

Electric cars and lights, splendid water works, matchless fire department, an elegant United States court house and post office, commodious and up-to-date city hall and library, mammoth hotels and spacious business houses in abundance of every description. One drug store alone five stories high, deals only by wholesale, the proprietor of which is a Johnston county man, Mr. L. Richardson, who informed me that the drugs were purchased in car load lots and that the cost of one car sometimes ran up to six thousand dollars, and he had the goods to prove it.

The celebrated Greensboro Female College as well as the State Normal for white and colored and unexcelled graded schools are there. The manufactures at work, and in course of construction are simply wonderful and almost fabulous. This is the place that has just so royally entertained the Old Soldiers.

In a beautiful grove of four acres centrally located and densely shaded by many and various species of trees, the ground carpeted by a luxurious sward of green grass and clover, was pitched three hundred white tents in regular military camp order, with streets named for our most illustrious North Carolina Generals. These tents were well bedded with nice clean wheat straw, and the thick grass beneath made a couch that you must try to appreciate. These tents are State property, and were kindly loaned by our great Governor, C. B. Aycock, and delivered by the Southern railroad free of charge.

On one side and to one corner of this grove the commissariat was arranged. Huge cauldrons for cooking, tent and boxes for storage of the enormous quantities of provisions consisting of beef, mutton, chickens, fruits and vegetables in abundance of every description. They had coffee to burn. Sixteen hundred feet of tables; enough to feed one thousand at a time, set with wooden dishes, tin cups, glass sugar dishes, spoons and napkins, centered with banks of fruit and grapes, looked like and was good enough for a Methodist picnic.

About 2,700 old soldiers registered, received a badge and certificate entitling them to the courtesies of the city, including rations and lodgings at the camp. The committee was doubtless imposed upon by enterlopers, but there was no friction. Everything was enjoyed by citizen and veteran alike. The local soldier boys who did such efficient camp guard duty will always be pleasantly remembered. They did not "bayonet" a single old veteran, but were princes of politeness.

The Old Vets had a big singing and hand shaking and slapping frolic. I reckon it was a sanctification meeting. They made

"The Old Ship of Zion," "Old Time Religion" and "When The Roll is called up Yonder" ring, seconded by the thousands of birds (Martins) that gathered in the grove to roost. They were all in a mighty good humor. Good feeding always does that. Well, we re-elected the old officers save General Hall, one of the Brigade Commanders, P. C. Cartlers, of Statesville, in his stead.

We had splendid speeches by Gen. Carr, C. B. Watson, P. B. Means and Solicitor General Crump, of Georgia.

The next meeting will most likely be held at Durham, and if so will have to do some "Nancy Hanking" to neck up to Greensboro.

To bear the name Greensboro, is to recall pleasant associations and recollections. May her future be onward and upward and her gates never grate on the hinges is the wish of your departed old guests, one of whom is, C. S. POWELL.

August 23, 1902.

MASSEY CHAPEL NEWS.

Pulling fodder and picking cotton is the problem of the day through this section.

Miss Hettie Raiford and Miss Ada Whitley was visiting Miss Ophelia Woodard Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. Silas Hines, of Wayne county, was visiting in our section Saturday night.

Misses Mittie and Mary Creech visited Miss Gussie Thompson Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Hubert Raiford was visiting Mr. Ernest Woodard Saturday night and Sunday.

Miss Alice Wiggs visited Miss Zilpha Brady Saturday night and Sunday.

Messrs. Jacob Braswell and Sidney Thompson was visiting their lady friends near Smithfield Sunday night.

Miss Alice Creech was visiting Miss Mary Thompson Saturday night and Sunday.

"J."

AROUND SANDERS CHAPEL.

This week we have killed one owl, barned tobacco tips and are house cleaning for the big meetings soon to begin. The Leige Lord "doesn't" make a track on the wet floor and in looking around here is what I saw in a box 16x24 inches $\frac{3}{4}$ full of dirt. (Pansies had been growing in it.) Viz.: 1 pair No. 3 shoes, (1 $\frac{1}{2}$ nail keg containing a draw-knife, chisel, saw set, wire stretcher, fence staples, cut and wire nails, pump plunger, saw file, bridle-bit and sundries,) 1 pipe wrench, 2 plow wrenches, $\frac{1}{2}$ of a grind stone, 1 walkingstick, 1 lantern, 1 polkadot handkerchief, 1 sofa pillow, 1 milk cooler, 1 flower pot, 1 claw hammer, 1 slate, 1 tin cup, 1 bucket hoop, 1 doll leg, 1 pair rubber overshoes, 1 broken lamp chimney, 1 loggerhead, 1 can top, 1 dry cucumber, 1 fishline, 1 rubber ball, 1 string of buttons, 1 something wrapped in paper, 1 broken fork, 1 bean shooter staff, 1 rusty key, 2 goose quills, 1 gourd neck, 6 peach seed, 1 ball tobacco twine, 1 worm cup and about this time I was asked if I was busy and walked off. We surrender to the biggest convention ever held in Smithfield on the 28th. X.

Just Look At Her.

"For years I suffered much untold misery from Bronchitis," writes J. H. Johnston, of Broughton, Ga., "that often I was unable to work. Then, when everything else failed, I was wholly cured by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. My wife suffered intensely from Asthma, till it cured her, and all our experience goes to show it is the best Croup medicine in the world." A trial will convince you it's unrivaled for Throat and Lung diseases. Guaranteed bottles 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at Hood Bros.

Sold at Farmers Warehouse on 22nd for J. L. Boyett one lot 14, one 24 $\frac{1}{2}$, one 29, making an average of \$18.60.