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CROPS STILL SUFFER.

Cotton Will be Far Short of an Average Crop. Picking is Now General, Corn Good on bottom Lands.

The weekly crop bulletin of the North Carolina section, Climate and Crop Service of the United States Department of Agriculture, says of the week ending Monday, September 8th:

"Frequent showers occurred during the past week, chiefly on the 3rd and 4th, which gave a fairly abundant amount of moisture along the northern tier of counties, but were very irregularly distributed over the central and southern portions of the State. The droughty character of the season has not materially changed, and crops continue to suffer from lack of sufficient moisture over many counties. Where showers occurred late crops were revived to some extent, and field peas, turnips and clover were benefited. The mean temperature was about normal except on the 5th and 6th which were quite cool. Farm work progresses rapidly, but fall plowing is much behind on account of the refractory conditions of the soil. Streams are very low and water for stock is scarce in some places. Cotton has not improved and will be far short of an average crop; the bolls have completed their growth and are opening very fast, some prematurely on account of rust, which is very widespread. Picking cotton is now general and is advancing more rapidly. Late planted cotton is still green and will give a small top crop. Corn is practically made, and is a very good crop on bottom lands, though short on uplands; much corn has already been cut and placed in shocks. Fodder pulling is nearly finished. Making sorghum syrup has begun. Tobacco is all cured except in the larger producing counties in the north from Granville to Surry, where the work is still in progress with good results. Mi or crops are fair to good and can hardly be further influenced by weather conditions. Scuppernong grapes are ripening. Strawberry plants are suffering from the dry weather."

National Bureau's Crop Report.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 9.—The Agricultural Department's weekly summary of crop conditions says:

"Although the week was cool in the central valleys and lake region, with more than the average rainfall in portions of the upper Mississippi valley, maturing crops have made generally favorable, though not rapid advancement. The greater part in Texas, in which State severe drought prevailed at the close of the previous week, has received abundant rainfall, and drought conditions in the middle Atlantic coast districts have also been largely relieved.

"Notwithstanding the prevalence of low temperature throughout the corn belt, and copious rainfall in portions of the upper Mississippi valley, the corn crop has made very satisfactory advancement toward maturity and wholly escaped injury in the states eastward of the Mississippi river from frosts occurring on the 4th and 5th, but slight injury in the states to the westward.

"Texas and a large part of the central and eastern districts of the cotton belt have received abundant rainfall during the week, but it is doubtful whether the beneficial effects of these rains to late cotton will offset the injury done to the open staple. Cotton has opened more rapidly than it could be picked. In portions of the central and eastern districts many fields are already nearly cleaned, and the reports generally indicate that the crop will be gathered much earlier than usual.

"Late tobacco has experienced a general improvement in the Middle Atlantic States and Ohio valley and cutting and housing have progressed under favorable conditions in all tobacco states."

General News Items.

Former Senator William N. Roach, of South Dakota, died in New York Sunday.

Wisconsin Democrats have nominated David S. Rose, of Milwaukee, for Governor.

The Democratic Convention of Colorado has nominated E. C. Stimson for Governor.

While defending his wife Thos. Burke, of Terre Haute, Ind., was fatally cut by a negro Monday.

President John Mitchell says that he knows of no plan that will soon end the anthracite coal strike.

Senator James K. Jones, of Arkansas, says he believes the next House of Representatives will be Democratic.

Franklyn K. Lane, of San Francisco, has been nominated for Governor by the California Democratic convention.

The sum of gold now in the United States Treasury is \$573,936,194, exceeding all records, with one possible exception.

Charles O'Neil, janitor of the New York Fruit Exchange, was fatally shot by his wife Tuesday, who then committed suicide.

The Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company is devising a plan for the establishment of a permanent pension roll for aged employees.

William Johnson, colored, sawed himself out of his cell, knocked the keeper down and escaped from the Annapolis, Md., Jail Sunday.

The voters of Vermont failed to give any of the candidates for Governor a majority, and the Legislature will have to choose the Governor.

Ex-Governor Horace Boies will be the Democratic candidate for Congress in the third Iowa district against Speaker of the House Henderson.

The widow of Bradford B. McGregor, of Mamaroneck, N. Y., who married him two days before his death, will receive a fortune of over \$1,000,000.

Representative Grosvenor, of Ohio, says Mayor Johnson, of Cleveland, will be a strong candidate for the Democratic Presidential nomination in 1904.

President Roosevelt while at Chattanooga Sunday, drove over the battlefields of Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Orchard Knob and Lookout Mountain.

Thwarted in her desire to return to Roumania, the land of her birth and her heart, Mrs. Pearl Heskowitz, of Philadelphia drank carbolic acid and died in agony last Monday.

Thinking them non-union men pickets attacked Frank Portay and Sistine Van Costello, strikers, at Snyder'sville, Pa., Monday. Van Costello was killed and Portay badly injured.

The Ohio Democratic convention last week nominated the ticket chosen by Mayor Tom L. Johnson, and adopted a platform denouncing trusts and declaring allegiance to the Kansas City platform.

News has just been received from Tiflis, Trans-Caucasia, Russia, of a landslide which occurred August 17, in the vicinity of Mount Kasbek and which resulted in the destruction of some 200 villages and the loss of nearly 700 lives. Seismic disturbances seem to have started a glacier, which swept down a valley and destroyed everything in its path.

A battle was fought in Indian Territory Saturday between Rev. W. F. Whaley and his two sons, Alf and Ernest, on one side and J. H. and J. A. Richardson and their brother-in-law, Mr. Wattenberger, on the other. In the fight Minister Whaley was killed, his son had both arms torn to pieces, and J. A. Richardson received a severe flesh wound in the thigh. Trouble has existed between the two families for some months and culminated when the parties met on the highway yesterday.

SUNK BY GERMAN GUNS.

Haitian Revolutionary Gunboat Crete-a-Pierrot Riddled.

Cape Haitien, Sept. 7.—The gunboat Crete-a-Pierrot, which was in the service of the Firminist revolutionary party, has been sunk at the entrance of the harbor of Gonaives by the German gunboat Panther. The crew of the Crete-a-Pierrot left her before she went down.

The Crete-a-Pierrot was a gunboat of Haitian Navy.

Recently her commander, Admiral Killick, espoused the revolutionary cause.

He undertook to blockade Cape Haitien. Last week he seized arms and ammunition on board the German merchant steamer Markomania.

The German gunboat Panther was ordered by the Berlin Government to capture the Crete-a-Pierrot. The Panther's commander demanded the rebel vessel's surrender, and the crew, in abandoning the Crete-a-Pierrot, set her on fire. The German ship's guns then sank her.

AROUND SANDERS CHAPEL.

We are glad that the accident to the President was no worse, and mighty glad that it did not occur in the south. We are near the mountain "Erymanthus of Arcadia" and the boars are not all killed. We hanker for the killer to come. Free range dont-know.

If the "Julia Fuller" and crew had been in the recent naval maneuvers on the eastern coast, she'd er landed. Searchlights, slamming boards, bustin bladders and balloons, would have made a "Sleigh-loop" and the coast would have been their's. What's the quarter the crew came from?

We hear the gin whistle and click of the mower, smell the new hay and listen to the rumbling of the tobacco wagons, see-saw, Magra daw, Selma, Smithfield, here we go. Some sticking to old friends, some helping our sister "infant industry." Competition is right. Selma is wakin the snakes while the folks lick lasses. Smithfield bearing on the bit.

The green pea and sweet potato banner is still unfurled to the breeze, and the young turkey crop is putting on Thanksgiving motions.

Scuppernongs, melons, canteloupes, apples and pears are abundant and filling many aching voids.

We are cleaning and deepening wells, and still the "water cure" is unexplained. Mr. W. A. Smith (no kin to Roaring Jake) deepened his old well and dug a new one twenty-five feet deep and only got chicken water. His neighbors are doing the Rebekah at the well act for him and camels. "Beer Sheba," Genesis 21-24.

Rev. Mr. Hall preached at Sardis Baptist church last Sunday. He expects to begin a protracted meeting Monday night, the 15th inst.

Mrs. Rosa Prichard has returned to her school at Gastonia. Hope the up-country air and good water will reinvigorate her.

Mrs. W. H. Whitley, who has been suffering with acute sore throat, is convalescent, and now the nash moves right along.

Master Daniel Powell's hash mill got out of gear last week, and his mammy gave him some "knock out drops," which sorter complicated matters, but now he lines up to the scuffle in the kitchen morning, noon and night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Gerald, of Pine Level, spent Sunday on the river road meridian. He is an original Democratic package.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Peedin and trio of children, of Bowdy Swamp, broke bread, cut melons and gnawed apples with the families of Messrs. H. W. Lynch and Joel Pittman, Saturday and Sunday.

We are picking cotton, grading tobacco, stripping cane and rushing round generally.

The persimmons and muscadines are ripening and old Brer Possum will soon have his tail in a split stick.

A RECORD BREAKER.

Last Friday the Biggest Day in the History of the Smithfield Tobacco Market.

Last Friday was a record breaker on the Smithfield tobacco market. The floors of all three of the large warehouses here were full to overflowing and a second sale had to be had. More money was turned loose here that day than ever before in the history of the town. The lowest estimates of the quantity of tobacco sold here was 125,000 pounds. The prices were very high and the farmers were well pleased.

Just to show to the public what the Smithfield tobacco market is doing we publish a few sales taken from hundreds of others just as good.

AT THE BANNER.

Some of the sales made at the Banner: J. B. Edwards, 128 lbs. at 20 cents; 40 at 29%; 103 at 13%. S. W. Lassiter, 28 lbs. at 20 cents; 9 at 24%; 101 at 16%; 121 at 14%; 48 at 12%.

B. F. Langdon sold one load for \$208.35 clear check, average about 15% cents.

Albert Johnson, 44 lbs. at 40 cents; 75 at 33; 36 at 24; 47 at 15.

B. T. Pollard, 80 lbs. at 28 cents; 40 at 20; 225 at 21; 123 at 18%.

H. H. Penny, 192 lbs. at 15 cents; 60 at 15%; 24 at 30; 11 at 37%; 80 at 23; 126 at 12%.

AT THE FARMERS.

These are samples of what the Farmers is doing:

R. E. Massengill, 30 lbs. at 11% cents; 46 at 15%; 36 at 20; 14 at 27%.

J. T. Barham, 108 lbs. at 15 cents; 8 at 17%; 160 at 27%; 104 at 32.

M. F. Caudill & Green, 68 lbs. at 33 cents; 50 at 26%; 74 at 20%; 142 at 20; 90 at 15; 120 at 12%.

J. R. Durham, 44 lbs. at 19% cents; 56 at 20; 48 at 22; 12 at 30.

E. C. Clifton, 32 lbs. at 10% cents; 88 at 12%; 86 at 17%; 136 at 19%; 46 at 29; 30 at 29%; 28 at 40.

J. E. Creech, 78 lbs. at 11 cents; 182 at 11%; 72 at 18; 132 at 22; 96 at 29%; 7 at 39.

AT THE RIVERSIDE.

The Riverside made sales as follows:

R. D. Thompson, 44 lbs. at 22% cents; 160 at 17; 32 at 26%; 264 at 29; 30 at 40.

W. H. Oliver sold 774 lbs. for \$163.42.

L. R. Moore, 146 lbs. at 12 cents; 206 at 19%; 48 at 35; 16 at 42; 4 at 50.

Florence Creech, 26 lbs. at 29 cents; 72 at 18%; 32 at 15%; 104 at 16%; 122 at 12%.

J. B. Summerlin sold 507 lbs. for \$51.99.

David Lee sold 332 lbs. for \$51.99.

J. R. Wallace, 124 lbs. at 10 cents; 106 at 12; 54 at 18%; 11 at 24.

CLAYTON NOTES.

Mrs. L. D. Debnam spent Sunday with her parents.

Mr. Ashley Horne went to Raleigh Monday.

Messrs. W. E. Stallings and W. A. Barnes have returned from Baltimore.

Mrs. Geo. L. Walker, of Savannah, Ga., who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Ashley Horne, left Tuesday for a visit to her sister in Raleigh.

Rev. G. W. Fisher is conducting a series of meetings at the M. E. church.

Mrs. C. W. Horne returned from Green Briar White Sulphur Springs last Friday.

Miss Retta Johnson, of Scotland Neck, has arrived to take charge of the music department of Clayton School.

Frank Williams, a colored man, was found dead in his room Wednesday morning.

Miss Blanche Barnes left Thursday to attend school at Durham. Little William Elmon, the 13 months old child of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. King died last Thursday. The little one had been sick since May, and all that skillful nurses and physicians could do was

done to no avail. We extend to the bereaved ones our heartfelt sympathy.

The little child of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Thomas continues very sick.

Barnes & Co. are opening up their new goods.

Much cotton is being sold on our streets and is bringing New York prices.

Mr. Hardie Pool continues sick. We hope for him a speedy recovery.

A number of our sports left on the excursion Wednesday morning.

Nine additions were made to the convict force last week by Judge Timberlake. "YELIR."

ARCHER LODGE DOTS.

Mr. J. I. Barnes, an energetic young business chap of Clayton, spent Sunday in our midst.

There is to be a meeting at White Oak Baptist church next Sunday at 10 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of organizing a Sabbath School. Public cordially invited.

It is with sincere regret that we announce the death of Mr. Hardy Whitley, which occurred at his home Sunday, August 31.

The base ball game at Roger's X Roads, Nash Co., last Saturday evening between the White Archer club and Lees Chapel resulted in 11 to 13 in favor of Lees Chapel.

Why does "Babe" look so downcast? We wish he would announce his intentions.

The time is not far off when our public schools will open for their winter season, and we would like to impress upon the minds of their parents the importance of the regular attendance of their children. Some people seem to think if their children miss one third of the time, so they miss only a day or two at the time they are all right any way. But such ideas are incorrect. Regular attendance is essential to success. Parents send your children to school, prepare them for the active pursuits of life, then when they have to meet the world alone they can meet it bravely.

Send them to school and when they become men and women they will rise up and call you blessed. They will praise and honor your names when you have gone on to meet the One Supreme, when otherwise they would look back on their youth with regret at its being missent.

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SELMA NEWS.

Mrs. Martha McDade, of Wake county, is visiting Mr. Rufus Batton, her nephew.

Mr. H. F. Peedin went to Goldsboro Monday.

Messrs. R. E. Richardson and John H. Parker went to Norfolk on the excursion Wednesday.

Mrs. H. L. Watson, of Raleigh, is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. J. Noble.

Robert P. and A. M. Noble, Jr., returned to Chapel Hill Monday.

Mr. E. S. Abell was in town Wednesday.

Misses Lillie Pair and Sadie Richardson passed here Tuesday on their way to Peace Institute.

Mr. Luther Richardson and Battle Hocutt were here Monday on their way to Chapel Hill.

Mrs. R. B. Whitley has returned from Wilders.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Debnam spent Sunday in Clayton.

Mr. W. N. Faulkner sold in Selma the tobacco on twenty-five (25) acres for three thousand (\$3,000) dollars and Mr. John W. Mazingo sold his crop from twelve acres for fifteen hundred dollars in Selma.

Mr. William Henry Call and Miss Fannie Littlepage Jackson were married by Rev. K. D. Holmes at the residence of the bride's parents, at Selma, on Wednesday, in the presence of a few of the friends of the contracting parties. The bride is one of our most popular young ladies and the groom a popular and handsome young man, and book-keeper of the Selma Oil Mills.

They left on the Southern for Asheville, where they will spend their honeymoon. They have the best wishes of all our people.

ROOSEVELT IN NORTH CAROLINA

Passes Rapidly Through the State Making Speeches—Enthusiastically Received.

Asheville, N. C., Sept. 9.—President Roosevelt, who arrived here this morning on his southern tour, made his principal speech of the day in Court House Square.

Asheville extended a warm greeting to the President. Fully 10,000 persons occupied the Courthouse Square, where he addressed them from an improvised stand. His special train arrived here at 9.30 a. m. The night had been passed at Hot Springs and the run to Asheville was uneventful. A short stop was made at Marshall, the home of Senator Jeter C. Pritchard, where a large number of persons had assembled. The President thanked them for their greeting.

At Asheville he was met by a reception committee, of which Charles McNamee was chairman. Mayor Miller and Congressman Moody were among those who greeted him, the members of the committee being introduced to the President in his car by Senator Pritchard. Carriages were in waiting and under the escort of the Zeb Vance Company of Confederate Veterans, carrying battle flags; two companies of State militia and the First Regiment Band the party started for Courthouse Square.

At Battery Park school children were assembled on the lawn and sang "America" as the party passed. The President stood in his carriage bareheaded. The city was elaborately decorated and hundreds of people had come in from the country to greet him.

The President was also given three hearty cheers as he finished his speech. Carriages then were entered and the party was driven to Biltmore, the home of George W. Vanderbilt. More than an hour was spent in inspecting the grounds. While in one of the summerhouses the President shook hands with a number of Confederate veterans.

Salisbury, N. C., Sept. 9.—President Roosevelt arrived here at 6.30 p. m. on the way to Washington and was welcomed by a large crowd. He made a short speech.

The run from Asheville through the mountains was greatly enjoyed by the President, who praised the scenery and the engineering skill displayed in building the road. A short stop was made at Old Fort, and there the President found a large number of country people waiting to greet him. He said:

"I have time only to say a word of thanks and of greeting to you. It has been a great pleasure to come through North Carolina and to meet your people. I count myself lucky in having gotten here. A good American is a good American anywhere you find him. You do not find any better than in North Carolina. [Applause.] The man who is a decent citizen, a good husband, a good father, behaves well with his neighbor and does his duty for the State is a decent citizen, North or South, East or West. And if he does not behave himself, then he is a poor citizen, North or South, East or West. There is no royal road to good citizenship. The qualities that made a man a good citizen a hundred years ago will make him a good citizen a hundred years hence." [Applause.]

At Connelly Springs the President also made a short address, thanking the people for their greeting. One of the largest crowds encountered on the run from Asheville was at Hickory. The President was introduced by Senator Pritchard, who accompanied him from Asheville, and the short speech he made to the people was enthusiastically received.

Greensboro, N. C., Sept. 9.—President Roosevelt was given an enthusiastic reception here tonight. Fully 6,000 persons were at the station when the train arrived. They cheered the President when he appeared on the platform of his car and also at the conclusion of his brief address.