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## A FAVORABLE WEEK.

### Much Improvement in Condition of Late Crops.

### Practically About 3-4 of Open Crop Picked—Warm Weather Has Caused Rapid Opening of Remaining Bolls.

The weekly crop bulletin of the North Carolina section of the Climate and Crop Service, United States Department of Agriculture, says for the week ending Monday, September 29th:

"The past week has been a decidedly favorable one in almost every respect; outdoor work was advanced rapidly early in the week, and beneficial rains the latter portion caused much improvement in the condition of late crops. The temperature was continually above normal during the week, the mean averaging nearly 7 degrees daily in excess; the last few days especially were very warm. Fine rains occurred on the 25th and 26th, which appear to have been nearly general over the State, but were heaviest in the central-east portion. The rainfall was very beneficial to turnips, late Irish potatoes and pastures, and was generally sufficient to place soil in good condition for plowing, though for the latter purpose more rain would not be harmful.

"Picking cotton has progressed quite rapidly under favorable conditions; practically about three-fourths of the open cotton has been picked out; the warm weather has caused very rapid opening of the remaining bolls, and a few correspondents state that the cotton just opening falls out badly. In some localities the yield of cotton is better than anticipated, but as a whole, previous reports of a short crop seem amply justified. Gathering old corn is underway; late bottom land corn is about mature, and will give a fine yield. Fodder has all been placed in shock. The cutting of tobacco in northern counties, where much remains in the field, is being pushed, and the crop continues to cure well. Turnips are doing nicely. The crop of peas is short, but a fine yield of hay is being cut and under favorable conditions. Rice is about all cut on the lower Cape Fear River and is an exceptionally fine crop. Fall plowing, and sowing winter wheat and oats are underway; some oats have come up nicely.

"N. B.—As the crops are now practically beyond the influence of weather conditions, the issue of the Weekly Crop Bulletin will cease with this number."

## RAINS ROTTING COTTON.

### Picking is Well Advanced and Nearing Completion in Some Districts.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 30.—The Weather Bureau's weekly summary of crop conditions says:

"Reports of injury from rain to open cotton are very general throughout the belt, with the exception of the Carolinas and portions of Texas, and sprouting and rotting in bolls are largely reported, especially in the central districts. Picking, though much interrupted, is well advanced and is nearing completion in some districts. Late cotton in central and northern Texas is making rapid growth, but will not mature unless frosts are unusually late and under these conditions a light top crop may also be gathered in Alabama. A fine crop of sea island cotton is promised in South Carolina.

"Late tobacco has been materially improved. Cloudy and rainy weather, which has been very general throughout the week has been very unfavorable for curing."

Twenty-six persons were killed and a score or more injured as the result of an accident to an express train from Lille to Paris last week.

## CYCLONE IN SICILY.

### A Cyclone, Followed by a Tidal Wave Destroys Much Property and Many Lives.

For 24 hours before the cyclone burst over the island, a violent storm raged on the eastern coast of Sicily. The path of the cyclone was 124 miles long, and everything in the line of the storm was destroyed. The sea swept inland for several kilometers, doing enormous damage, while there were violent submarine agitations between Sicily and the mainland. Along the railroad from Catania to Palermo, the force of the cyclone was such that rails were torn up and hurled to a great distance. It is reported from Modica (32 miles southwest from Syracuse), that a hundred bodies have already been found, but that the number of dead bodies swept away by the torrent is unknown.

The newspaper *Fracassia* expresses the belief that some 400 people have been killed. The torrent destroyed everything on the ground floors in the houses of the lower portions of Modica. Bridges and roads have disappeared, and damage amounting to many million lire has been done. (A lire is worth about 20 cents.) The survivors of the catastrophe have taken refuge in the hills. A relief committee and search parties have been organized at Modica. The disaster is supposed to have been due to a marine waterspout. The German steamer *Caprera* was wrecked at Catania after a terrible struggle with the waves.

Syracuse, Sicily, Dispatch 28.—A fresh storm burst out over the district of Santa Maria today and many houses were destroyed. The stormy weather continues generally throughout Sicily. It is now believed that 200 persons perished at Modica during the tornado. In one instance a family of ten persons were drowned in bed. The village of Sortino has been practically destroyed and 43 persons were drowned. The water rose in the church to a height of 12 feet. Many children lost their lives. There had been some disgraceful scenes of pillage from the ruins and from bodies which show the necessity of more troops to keep order. The total damage as the result of the cyclone is expected to amount to over \$2,500,000.

## Pou in Charlotte.

Charlotte, N. C., Sept. 30.—Special.—"People ask me who is going to run against me in the Fourth District," said Congressman E. W. Pou in a speech here tonight. I don't know whether anybody is going to run against me or not. Ask Senator Pritchard; he knows."

Mr. Pou got up from a sick bed to speak tonight before the Democrats of this city. He spoke in the court house, discussing national and state issues. An able argument was produced to meet the claim that the cotton mill men of North Carolina should vote the Republican ticket. The speaker also handled ably the tariff question, admitting that in his belief the Democratic party or any other party could not constitutionally dissolve the trusts, but that discrimination on the part of trusts against the American nation could be stopped. The argument was closely followed by those present.

## Goes Like Hot Cakes.

"The fastest selling article I have in my store," writes druggist C. T. Smith, of Davis, Ky., "is Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, because it always cures. In my six years of sales it has never failed. I have known it to save sufferers from Throat and Lung diseases, who could get no help from the doctors or any other remedy." Mothers rely on it, best physicians prescribe, and Hood Bros. guarantee satisfaction or refund price. Trial bottles free. Regular sizes, 50c and \$1.

## STATE NEWS.

An effort is being made to establish a \$50,000 furniture factory at Asheville.

The Boone Democrat says "the crop of acorns in Watauga is said to be the heaviest in many years."

The Democrats of Alleghany county have nominated ex-Lieut. Governor Daughton for the Legislature.

The Agricultural Department has selected a tract of 218 acres three miles from Statesville for the third State experiment farm.

Mr. W. K. A. Williams, clerk of the Superior Court of Franklin county and Democratic nominee for re-election, died last week of typhoid fever.

Mansel Robertson will spend twenty years in the penitentiary for the murder of Loomis Davis in Mark's Creek township, Wake county, three weeks ago.

A citizens' convention has nominated a county and legislative ticket in Robeson county. The nominees for the House and Senate are independent Democrats.

The Democrats of Granville county have nominated ex-Judge A. W. Graham for the Legislature and John T. Britt, editor of the *Oxford Ledger*, for clerk of the Superior Court.

Wayne county Democrats have nominated A. Uzzell and H. B. Parker, Jr., for the House and D. J. Aaron for the Senate. A resolution favoring an amendment to the constitution so as to divide school money among the races according to the taxes paid by each, was adopted with enthusiasm.

A well digger Thursday found a suspicious-looking chunk of metal on the farm of Mrs. Harrison Fields, three miles north of Greensboro, and taking it to the city had a chemist to examine it, who pronounced it a nugget of pure gold, 18 karats fine. The lump is about the size of one's thumb and the gold runs entirely through it.

Rev. G. T. Adams, a Methodist minister of Raleigh, has been conducting a crusade against selling on Sunday—especially against the selling of soft drinks and tobacco, the sale of which is confined largely to drug stores. As a result the board of aldermen of Raleigh will be asked to pass an ordinance prohibiting all Sunday sales.

The Ryder Wagon Works, with a capital of \$25,000, are to be located at Thomasville. The concern will have a capacity of 8,000 wagons per year. Capt. W. B. Ryder, formerly of the Southern Railway, is president of the company and the main office will be in Charlotte. A number of Charlotte people are interested in the concern.

Lorenzo Morris, the young man charged with murdering Mrs. Mahaley White last July in Wake county, was sentenced to the penitentiary for 30 years last week in Wake Superior Court. Solicitor Jones said he found Morris was not bright and the State was willing to accept a verdict of the second degree. Mr. S. G. Ryan, for the defendant, entered a plea of guilty and Judge Timberlake gave Morris 30 years.

The Fourth District Republican convention which met last week in Raleigh, nominated no candidate for Congress against Hon. E. W. Pou, but left the naming of a candidate to the executive committee, composed of Messrs. C. T. Bailey, Wake; H. B. Pearce, Johnston; J. J. Sharp, Nash; W. W. Green, Franklin; J. A. Giles, Chatham. It is said that the executive committee will not endorse J. W. Atwater, but will name some Republican about two weeks before the election to be voted for.

Senator W. A. Clark, of Montana, has purchased the *Helena Independent* and that paper will hereafter be known as his personal organ.

## TOBACCO WAR IS OVER.

### AMERICAN-IMPERIAL COMBINE.

### Each is Left in Control of its Own Home Trade.

London, Sept. 27.—The tobacco war has been ended by the amalgamation of the American and British interests. The papers were finally signed today. The new tobacco company will be registered in London on Monday. An official statement was given out, the text of which follows:

"The business of Ogdens, limited, has been transferred to the Imperial Tobacco Company and the export business of the Imperial, Ogdens and the American Tobacco Company and its allies, have been amalgamated and a joint company is in course of formation, the name of British-American Tobacco Company, Limited. The result is, that the Imperial Company will, as agreed between the hitherto competing parties, be left in possession of the trade of the United Kingdom, while the American company is not to be disturbed in the United States or Cuba, and the British-American company will compete for the trade of the other parts of the world.

"The Imperial company will pay for the good will of Ogdens' business in ordinary shares, ranking with the similar shares of the original vendors behind the 5% per cent. preference shares of that company and will pay for the tangible assets of Ogdens in cash.

"The transfer of Ogdens English business will take effect September 30 and from that day it will be in the hands of the Imperial Company.

"It is believed this combination is the first attempt to unite any great international industry and its progress will be watched with interest everywhere.

Referring to the termination of the conflict, an official of the American Company said to a representative of the American Press:

"Regarding the details, you can say that the capital of the British-American company will be \$30,000,000. Mr. Duke will be president. While it is convenient to register it as an English company and have its headquarters in London, we have named twelve directors and the Imperial company's interests have named six. Their respective financial interests are two-thirds American and one-third English. There is nothing to prevent transferring the headquarters to America if it ever proves more convenient to operate there, but at present the business can best be carried on in London.

"We have named three directors for the board of the Imperial Company, which will hereafter confine itself to the United Kingdom, while the British-American Company goes in for the world trade, outside of the United States, Cuba and the United Kingdom.

## Public Speaking.

On Friday night, October 10, 1902:

At Woodard's school house—W. S. Stevens and F. H. Brooks. At school house near Munroe Pittman's—John A. Narron, Jas. A. Wellons.

At Wilson's Mills—J. W. Stephenson and S. T. Honeycutt.

On Saturday, October 11, at 3 o'clock p. m.:

At Benson—Hon. E. W. Pou, H. L. Godwin and J. T. Ellington.

At Four Oaks—Joseph Wood, W. S. Stevens and F. H. Brooks.

At Boon Hill—E. S. Abell, N. W. Smith and S. T. Honeycutt.

The excitement incident to traveling and change of food and water often brings on diarrhoea, and for this reason no one should leave home without a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. For sale by Hood Bros., Smithfield; Cavanaugh & Benson, Benson; Hare & Son, Selma.

## REGISTRATION OF ILLITERATES.

### How it is Provided For in the New Election Law.

The last Legislature passed an act (chapter 550) providing for the permanent registration of illiterate voters under the "grandfather clause" of the suffrage amendment. This registration will begin next Thursday (the 2d of October) and close on the 25th of October.

By this act any person who cannot read and write may register if he or any ancestor was a voter on the 1st of January, 1867, or at any time prior to that date. The names of these voters will be kept on a separate list from other voters, which list the registrar must return to the clerk of the Superior Court, who must make an alphabetical list by townships and record the same in a book provided for that purpose. The clerk must also send a copy of such list to the Secretary of State, who must record the same in a book provided for that purpose.

In this manner the names of all such voters will be permanently preserved and they will always be entitled to vote. The registrar must also give every such voter a certificate showing that he is a duly registered voter and the clerk must certify under his official seal to the genuineness of such certificate, and any person having such a certificate, and moving to another county, can register and vote in any county in the State, notwithstanding his inability to read and write. If a voter loses his certificate he can get another which can be used in place of the lost one.

The Legislature has thus provided the way by which illiterate white men shall always be entitled to vote, as was promised during the last campaign. And, strange to say, Republicans in the Legislature voted against this act which provides for this permanent registration.—*Chatham Record*.

## Over 11,500 Confederate Pensioners

State Auditor Dixon has now nearly completed the pension roll and he finds that the number will be about 11,600.

Last year there were on the pension roll 9,000 names and 300 of these have died, leaving 8,700.

There were 3,500 new applicants for pensions and at least 600 of these were rejected, leaving 2,900.

This makes a total of 11,600. Of this number nearly 5,000 are widows who married prior to April 1, 1861.

The amount for pensions is \$200,000 and with 11,600 pensioners divided into four classes they will not receive much per capita.—*Raleigh Times*.

## Has Held Same Office For 50 Years.

John Laws, the veteran register of deeds of Orange county, was in the city yesterday on business and shaking hands with his friends. Mr. Laws has perhaps held office longer than any other man in this section of the country. He has been in office continually for fifty years. In conversation with the reporter yesterday Mr. Laws says that he will be re-elected again this year by a majority of some four or five hundred.—*Durham Herald*.

## Stricken With Paralysis.

Henderson Grimett, of this place, was stricken with partial paralysis and completely lost the use of one arm and side. After being treated by an eminent physician for quite a while without relief, my wife recommended Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and after using two bottles of it he is almost entirely cured.—Geo. R. McDonald, Man, Logan county, W. Va. Several other very remarkable cures of partial paralysis have been effected by the use of this liniment. It is most widely known, however, as a cure for rheumatism, sprains and bruises. Sold by Hood Bros., Smithfield; Cavanaugh & Benson, Benson; Hare & Son, Selma.

## General News.

The Democratic convention of New York unseated Devery and nominated the State ticket with Bird S. Coler for Governor.

President Roosevelt has chosen Charlemagne Tower, ambassador to Russia, to succeed Mr. White as ambassador to Germany.

Early Sunday morning William Godeau, who lived ten miles west of Mobile, Ala., was called out of his house by a disturbance in his yard. Two shots were heard and Godeau was found dead with two bullet holes in his head. It is not known who killed him.

President Roosevelt has signed the order providing for the taking of a census of the Philippines in accordance with the terms of the Philippine act passed at the last session of Congress, and upon the certificate of the Philippine commission that the insurrection has been suppressed.

Prompted by jealousy, Joseph Emers, a young man from Vicksburg, Miss., at Memphis, Tenn., Sunday afternoon, shot and seriously wounded Rosa Rododofsk, a young lady who had recently refused his attentions. Emers then turned the revolver upon himself, inflicting a wound from which he cannot recover.

Another operation was performed Sunday on the abscess on the left leg of President Roosevelt. In the former operation a simple needle was used to relieve the trouble, but Sunday the surgeons with a knife made an incision into the small cavity, exposing the bone, which was found to be slightly affected. The President's case has been progressing satisfactorily, but it is believed by the physicians that the further operation made will hasten his complete recovery.

Tom Clark, alias Will Gibson, a young colored man, was burned at the stake at Corinth, Miss., Sunday. On August 19th last Mrs. Carrie Whitfield, wife of a prominent citizen, was found in her home dead. She had been criminally assaulted and murdered, her head almost severed from her body. Search was begun and continued for the murderer. Clark's wife betrayed him and he was arrested Saturday. He confessed the crime and also told of numerous other crimes that he had committed. Sunday afternoon at 3:30 the negro was publicly burned in the presence of 5,000 persons. He admitted that he deserved his fate and no attempt was made to stay the proceedings.

## County Canvass.

The county campaign will begin on Friday, October 17, 1902. A challenge is made to the opposite side for a joint campaign. The speaking will begin at 10 o'clock each day as follows:

- Clayton Friday October 17.
- Cleveland Saturday Oct. 18.
- Pleasant Grove Monday October 20.
- Elevation Tuesday Oct. 21.
- Banner Wednesday Oct. 22.
- Meadow Thursday Oct. 23.
- Ingramsville Friday Oct. 24.
- Ingrams (Four Oaks) Saturday October 25.
- Boon Hill Monday Oct. 27.
- Beulah (Kenly) Tuesday Oct. 28.
- Oneals Wednesday Oct. 29.
- Wilders Thursday Oct. 30.
- Wilson's Mills Friday Oct. 31.
- Selma Saturday Nov. 1.
- Smithfield Monday Nov. 3.

W. W. COLE,  
Chairman.

T. J. LASSITER,  
Secretary.

## America's Famous Beauties.

Look with horror on Skin Eruptions, Blotches, Sores, Pimples. They don't have them, nor will any one, who uses Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It glorifies the face. Eczema or Salt Rheum vanish before it. It cures sore lips, chapped hands, chilblains. Infallible for Piles. 25c at Hood Bos. drug stores.

Call for prices on meat at Boyett Bros. & Godwin's.