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CROP OUTLOOK GOOD.

A Season of Good Weather Brightens Things.

The Rainy Weather Set Things Behind—Crops Have Been Coming Up Slowly and Stands are Rather Poor.

The weekly crop bulletin of the North Carolina section of the Climate and Crop Service for the week ending Monday, May 3rd, 1903, says:

"The most favorable weather since the opening of the crop season prevailed during the week ending May 4th, and the reports of crop correspondents are more encouraging. The cold, rainy conditions characteristic of the season so far ceased with the rain Sunday, April 26th, and since then the weather has been dry and warmer. By Wednesday the soil was in fit condition for plowing except lowlands which are still too wet. The mean temperature averaged 1 degree daily below the normal, and was too low for the best growth at the beginning and end of the week, but the middle of the week was quite warm, and growth of vegetation was stimulated. The nights continue too cool, and some light frosts occurred without injuring crops. The soil is getting into fine condition for plowing in the east, but is rather hard and cloggy in the western portion of the State where light showers on May 3rd will prove decidedly beneficial; the ground is still too cool for the best germination of seeds, and crops are generally coming up slowly and too poor stands. Plowing and planting made rapid progress during the week, but about two weeks more of favorable weather are needed to enable farmers to catch up with their work."

"A large portion of the corn crop was planted, especially on uplands; corn planted early and stands are especially reported poor; cut worms are doing some damage. Planting cotton is also proceeding rapidly, but owing to low temperatures the seeds are sprouting slowly, and stands are poor; early planted cotton rotted in the ground, so that much replanting will be necessary; seeds are scarce in some sections. Transplanting tobacco is still under way and plants that have already been set are doing fairly well; in the counties growing the most tobacco, along the northern border of the State preparations for a large crop are under way, but plants in beds are not so well advanced. While winter wheat and oats have improved considerably in many counties, the damage by rust andessian fly is very apparent and widespread; some fields of wheat have been cut for feed or plowed over for other crops. Spring oats are doing well, and seeding is nearly completed in the west. Prospects for food are good in the eastern portion of the State, fair in the central and poor in the west, where however, there will be some peaches and plenty of apples. Of the truck crops in the east peas, cabbages and Irish potatoes are doing well, but beans, cucumbers and melons are poor. Shipments of peas, cabbages and strawberries continue quite freely. Gardens are improving though much later than usual; tomato plants are doing fairly well. Some crimson clover and rye have been cut for feed, and meadows are generally fine."

A Startling Test.

To save a life, Dr. T. G. Merritt, of No. Mehoopany, Pa., made a startling test resulting in a wonderful cure. He writes, "a patient was attacked with violent hemorrhages, caused by ulceration of the stomach. I had often found Electric Bitters excellent for acute stomach and liver troubles so I prescribed them. The patient gained from the first, and has not had an attack in 14 months." Electric Bitters are positively guaranteed for Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Constipation and Kidney troubles. Try them. Only 50c. at Hood Bros.

POLENTA.

On next Sunday morning the funeral of Mrs. Amos Coats will be preached at Shiloh by the pastor of the church.

Miss Mildred Young, one of our most charming young ladies, after spending a month visiting her sister, Mrs. Jno. O. Ellington, of Smithfield, returned home the latter part of last week.

The cotton crop is nearly all planted; tobacco is being transplanted rapidly, the corn crop, however, will be late this year, the wet spring preventing early planting. Considering the continuous rainy weather are farmers are fairly up with their crop.

Misses Alice and Delphia Bailey, two of Harnett's most fascinating young ladies, spent last week in this section visiting their sister, Mrs. A. M. Barber. They returned home Sunday by way of Fellowship church, two of Polenta's young gallants being their escorts.

The Sunday School Convention at Mt. Zion last Saturday was a success in every particular. The attendance was good, the music fine, the speeches very good. Especially did Rev. Mr. Adams, of Raleigh, and Prof. Williams, of Clayton, deliver addresses on the Sunday School cause of great power. The next convention will be held with Shiloh in October.

Mr. C. H. Johnson received for his 9½ acre tobacco crop last year the rise of fourteen hundred dollars clear of all warehouse charges. He used six hundred pounds of fertilizer per acre. His best tobacco sold for 43 cents, his lowest grade (scrap) for 5½ cents. Mr. Johnson has raised tobacco for several years and has always made a success of it. He does not plant any cotton at all.

The wheat crop will not turn out much this year. Too wet for it.

FOUR OAKS NOTES.

The brick store of J. W. Sanders will soon be completed.

Mr. Percy Barbour, of Polenta, spent Sunday in this section.

Mrs. J. E. Lassiter, of Goldsboro, spent a short while here Sunday.

Four more rural mail routes will start out from here in the near future.

Miss Mollie Lassiter, of Spilona, spent several days with friends here last week.

Several of our young people will attend commencement at Benson this week.

The Four Oaks band gave a musical here Friday night which was enjoyed by all who were present.

Several of the young people of this place went to Holt's pond fishing Friday, they report a pleasant time.

Mr. J. R. Barbour, of Burlington Institute, spent Friday and Saturday in this section, returning to Smithfield Sunday.

PINE LEVEL DOTS.

Robert Ray and family were in town Sunday.

Mr. H. D. Hood, of Selma, was in town Monday.

Mr. Orie Jones, of Goldsboro, was in town Monday.

W. N. Gulley has been very sick. Glad to see him out again.

Several of our young people attended services at Parish Chapel last Sunday.

Our town voted on dispensary last Monday and got dispensary by a large majority.

We are having fine weather now and farmers are very busy trying to catch up with their work.

J. L. Gurley and family, of Selma, spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Gurley.

Little Minnie Cotton, of Goldsboro, is spending a few days with her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Gerald.

Y. Y.

STATE NEWS.

A stock company has been organized at Asheville to exhibit the petrified man found in Henderson county.

Rev. Dr. Theodore Brattoa, of St. Mary's School, Raleigh, was last week elected bishop of the diocese of Mississippi. He has not decided whether he will accept.

John R. Smith, who won fame in the fusion days as superintendent of the State prison, was married in Wayne county last week to Mrs. Z. Ophelia Crawford. Smith is 65 years old and his bride 61.

The Ossipec cotton mills, at Elon College, voluntarily changed its schedule of hours from 66 hours to 60 hours per week, the wages paid employees to remain unchanged under the schedule for shorter hours work.

The second annual debate between the University of North Carolina and Johns Hopkins University was held in Gerrard Hall, at Chapel Hill, Saturday evening and resulted in a glorious victory for the boys of the Old North State.

Two prisoners escaped from the convict force at Reidsville in a very mysterious manner Tuesday. It seems that an umbrella repairer visited the camp, and while there the convicts stole two of his files, which they used and succeeded in liberating themselves.

The jailer of Cumberland county, who was indicted last week for keeping the prison filthy and serving a poor quality of food to the prisoners, was tried immediately after the indictment was found and acquitted. The sheriff was also indicted but the case against him was not pressed.

Messrs. Womack, Gulley and Rodman, the Code commissioners, met in Raleigh Friday and organized by electing Judge Womack chairman. Their salaries, at the rate of \$1,500 a year, began on that day. They are allowed \$1,500 for clerical assistance but will not select a clerk for some time.

It is found from the collector of internal revenue's books at Raleigh that there is a big increase in distilling now. The increase this month over April last year is nearly 30 per cent. and the alleged cause is that the distillers are making all the liquor they can before the Watts bill goes into effect two months hence.

The supreme court of the State has set May 27th as the date for the hearing of the appeal in the case of Jim Wilcox, convicted of the killing of Nellie Cropsey, at Elizabeth City, N. C. This is the second time there has been an appeal in this celebrated case; in the first verdict the sentence having been hanging and the second imprisonment for 30 years.

There will be a convention of the North Carolina Farmers' Protective Association at Raleigh in the buildings of the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, July 29, 30 and 31. Rooms and board will be supplied at the college at a cost not exceeding fifty cents a day. Special rates will be granted on all the railroads.

Mrs. Rebekah Morrison died at St. Luke's Home for aged women, at Raleigh Tuesday morning, aged 98 years. For many years she had charge of the kitchen at the Oxford Orphan Asylum. Since she became an invalid the Masons have supported her and paid her board at St. Luke's Home. She was always known at Oxford as "Aunt Beckie" and was loved by all the children there.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

CLAYTON.

Capt. Young was here Saturday.

Mr. L. F. Austin was here Saturday.

Mr. I. W. Dodd is expected to return Sunday.

Mr. Ashley Horne went to Raleigh Monday.

The Clayton team will play Wendell Friday.

Mr. Hurbert Griffin, of Raleigh, spent Sunday here.

Mr. D. W. Barbour went to Raleigh Monday.

Mr. M. G. Gulley went to Smithfield Monday.

Rev. C. W. Blanchard preached two able sermons Sunday.

Mr. T. A. Griffin spent several days with parents recently.

Mr. D. T. Barnes, of near Raleigh, spent Saturday and Sunday here.

Mr. Nick Allen, of Auburn, was a visitor here Saturday and Sunday.

A good many of our people attended the Carnival at Raleigh this week.

Mr. R. H. Fussell has moved to the house recently occupied by Mr. Jesse Hilliard.

The Clayton Banking Co's directors held their regular meeting Saturday p. m.

Dr. Holland and Misses Mary Myatt and Nellie Morgan of Smithfield spent Sunday here.

The directors of The Clayton Cotton Mill held their regular monthly meeting Saturday a. m.

Our town alderman have had the pumps taken out of the town wells and buckets put in instead.

Mr. Moncure a prominent traveling salesman, spent Sunday with Mrs. C. W. Carter, his sister in law.

Mr. Mallie Gower is opening a first class barber shop in Mr. D. O. McCullers little store house on main street.

The town election has passed with following result. For Mayor, Mr. E. L. Hinton 52 votes. For Commissioners, Mr. C. W. Horne 53 votes, Dr. J. A. Griffin 50 votes, Mr. C. M. Thomas 52 votes.

"YELIR."

ARCHER DOTS.

Mr. V. R. Turley began to weed corn last week.

The crews are feasting on the corn which is just coming up.

Our Sunday School continues to improve. It now numbers 105.

Wish it would rain a little now so we could finish setting tobacco plants.

Misses Lillie Barnes and Kittie Gulley, of Clayton, visited Miss Lessie Barnes last week.

The Masons who attended the fish fry at the traps Saturday say they found fish in abundance.

Misses Ellie Whitley, Hattie Wall and Almata Boyett came home from Wendell to spend Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Pattie Richardson, Mamie Baker and Alma Boykin, all of Wake county, spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in this neighborhood.

We were glad to see Dr. Blake Baker and Miss Maude Robertson, of Wendell, at White Oak Sunday. The young folks say they expect to pay the visit of the Wendell folks back by attending their commencement Friday night.

B. X.

EVERY CHURCH or institution supported by voluntary contribution will be given a liberal quality of the Longman & Martinez Pure Paints whenever they paint.

Note: Have done so for twenty-seven years. Sales: Tens of millions of gallons; painted nearly two million houses under guarantee to repaint if not satisfactory: The paint wears for periods up to eighteen years. Linseed Oil must be added to the paint, (done in two minutes). Actual cost then about \$1.25 a gallon. Samples free. Sold by our Agents. W. M. SANDERS, Smithfield, N. C.

General News Items.

Snowstorms and excessive cold in the northwest have caused heavy loss in fruit and early vegetables.

Paul du Chaillu, the noted traveler and African explorer, died at St. Petersburg last week aged sixty-seven years.

Stuart Robson the veteran comedian, died in New York at age of sixty-seven years after a stage career of fifty-one years.

Nine men were killed and twenty-one hurt by blowing up of Crescent Powder Company's plant near Hollidaysburg, Pa., a few days ago.

The Rev. Paul L. Johnston has been dismissed by Columbus, O., Lutheran church because of declaration that he had received new Bible revelations.

Joseph J. Landger, American consul at Solingen, Germany, was given three days' prison sentence and \$7.50 fine for refusal to testify in local suit.

Prof. Stephen M. Babcock of University of Wisconsin has evolved an atomic theory which, if accepted, will prove an explanation of the law of gravitation.

Ten Polish excursionists from Toledo, O., were killed by fast Grand Trunk train at Detroit, Mich., while crossing tracks; thirty others seriously injured.

Alexander Smith Cochrane, of New York, who has just inherited \$14,000,000 and an industry employing 4,800 men, is young, retiring and a student of sociology.

One million dollars damage was caused by Pennsylvania forest fires near Bradford; Watonsville reported destroyed and several lives lost; oil wells in danger.

Two thousand men and women rioted in Slavonic Roman Catholic church at Joliet, Ill., over factional troubles; police were called and disturbers beaten with clubs.

Delphise Camille Bosseau, a Montreal millionaire, was forced to give up \$13,000 to badger game workers after being gagged for twenty-five hours and threatened with death.

Forest fires in Adirondacks north of Utica, N. Y., damaged uncut timber, camps and villages \$1,000,000; Hurd saw-mill largest in United States, destroyed; loss of life unknown.

Mrs. William Thaw, mother of the countess of Yarmouth, recently married in Pittsburg, says daughter's fortune has been greatly overestimated and does not exceed half a million.

Grover Cleveland in a Princeton, N. J., interview practically intimated that his candidacy for president is in his friends' hands; he declared himself gratified over his reception at St. Louis.

Japanese foreign office at Yokohama makes public a report that Russia has evacuated Mukden province in Manchuria; St. Petersburg officials deny submitting reported treaty to China for signature.

Explorer Du Chaillu, who died a bachelor, had twenty-two thousand wives offered to him during his fifty years of hunting and adventure in Africa. His life seems to have been a reasonably definite reply to "the lady or the tiger" query.—Indianapolis Sentinel.

Between Friends.

Myer—Yes, I had a pretty close call during my recent illness. At one time I thought of ordering a pair of wings.

Gyer—Why didn't you? Wasn't the asbestos factory running?—Chicago News.

The most troublesome factors in raising children are Coughs, Colds, Croup and Whooping Cough. Anways Croup syrup is the only safe and certain cure for these ills. Thousands testify to this and they will so tell you. Try it and help baby to pull through the spring months. 25c.

BENSON.

A nice coat of paint greatly helps a scorched building.

J. H. Wheeler will erect another dwelling at once near the academy.

J. R. Woodall and I. B. Hudson returned from Rocky Mount Tuesday.

The election here was the quietest ever known. There was but one ticket.

The bell at the Baptist church has parted in twain and goes on the retired list.

Miss Sallie Whittenton, of Harnett, is visiting her brother, J. W. Whittenton.

A. L. Barefoot has bought D. J. Hill's burnt lot and will be among the first to build.

Holmes, Cavanaugh & Co. have bought out J. E. Gregory and will occupy the same store.

A runaway horse played havoc with two buggies Saturday and endangered the lives of several citizens who thought they had the right of way.

We don't know just how Raleigh's Carnival compares this week with Benson's school entertainment, but we are not more than 30 miles behind her.

Already seven brick buildings are assured and will be built as soon as material can be had. There seems to be great demand and great scarcity of brick.

Simon Honeycutt was summoned to the funeral of his father, Haywood Honeycutt, Tuesday, who is supposed to have drowned, or dropped dead into the pond.

Rev. N. H. Gibbs will preach no less than five funerals at Beulah Baptist church next Sunday. The deceased were all members of the same family, that of J. W. Hayes, of McKoy, Sampson county.

Job's comforters have already been to Benson in force and numbers, and their gratuitous suggestions, if taken seriously, would arouse the righteous indignation of our people. Suffice it to say that when the town gets ready to break up housekeeping her members will know where to go.

EARPSBORO.

Mr. Elias Barnes, of Kenly, passed through our section last week.

Mr. John Hales and wife, of Clayton, visited relatives near here Sunday.

Mr. Carl Hales and sister, Miss Donia, made a trip to Spring Hope last week.

Messrs. J. P. Brown and Herbert Hales, of Spring Hope, were in our midst Sunday.

Miss Henry Tisdale, of Wakefield, visited Mrs. F. G. Fuller Saturday and Sunday.

We are sorry to report that Mr. Stephen Driver, who lives near here, is quite sick with pneumonia.

Mrs. I. B. Richardson and little son, Luther, returned to their home near here Tuesday after a short visit to relatives in Corinth section.

Mrs. S. V. Wilder died at her home near here Saturday, May 2nd. She was buried at Watkins' Chapel Sunday. The funeral was preached by Rev. Worley Creech. A very large crowd was present to pay their last tribute of respect to the deceased. She was indeed a good woman, and will be missed throughout the community.

"JUMBO."

Made Young Again.

"One of Dr. King's New Life Pills each night for two weeks has put me in my 'teens' again" writes D. H. Turner of Dempseytown, Pa. They're the best in the world for Liver, Stomach and Bowels. Purely vegetable. Never gripe. Only 35c. at Hood Bros. Drug Store.

A package containing \$10,000 was stolen by two masked robbers from United States express agent at Britt, Ia., while waiting transfer.