

PRESENT PRICES AND PROSPECTS IN REGARD TO THE POTATO CROP

APPARENTLY A BIG CROP WHICH WILL BE MARKETED ABOUT THE FIRST OF JUNE—COMMISSION MEN THINK PRICE ON WHOLE WILL BE GOOD ALL DURING THE SEASON.

The absorbing theme of the Advance's farmer readers these days is the prospects for the Irish potato crop.

Thousands upon thousands of barrels of potatoes are in the soil of this section, rapidly maturing for the Northern markets. The cost of producing these potatoes is heavy and the farmers have large sums of money invested. So it is most natural that they should be greatly interested in the prospects for prices in the Northern markets.

The Advance has sought information in regard to the outlook high and low. It has interviewed the commission merchants, read many letters from the northern commission men and talked with dozens of potato growers from several counties. What the Advance predicts, is just opinion, and must not be considered as absolutely reliable. Everybody is hopeful but no one is sure. What the potato market will be, is very uncertain. Every farmer will have to use his best judgement, and if he hits the market, he is lucky and if he misses it, he has just missed it, that is all. The man who writes these paragraphs is an old potato grower, and he would not dare to try to advise the farmers with any degree of certainty.

Georgia, Florida and South Carolina have about cleaned up their potato crop. The market opened with fancy prices, which dropped but climbed again to \$4.00 and \$7.00 per barrel. Reports from the southeastern part of the State give good prospects for heavy yield. Throughout this section, the prospects are exceedingly bright for an excellent yield. Very likely some of the most forward truckers will dig some next week, but the digging will not become general till the first of June. Tyrrell and Washington will begin to move the crop next week and by the first of June the digging will be general should the prices hold up. Some few potatoes have already been dug in these counties, also a number of barrels have been received from Mann's Harbor.

Information from Virginia states that crop conditions in Va. are fine, especially the Western Branch section and that Norfolk and Western Branch will begin to move their crops by the 5th of June. Eastern Shore prospects are fine for a big yield too.

Reliable commission merchants in New York advance the opinion that prices will be satisfactory, throughout the season though there will be gluts and slumps in the market at times. Foreign importation will be limited this year, as there is not much demand for foreign products. The west is very clear of old stock and will handle a considerable quantity of the new crop.

Potatoes were quoted yesterday in New York at \$7.50 per barrel.

CHILDREN'S DAY AT FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Children's day exercises at the First Methodist church will take place at the regular morning service next Sunday, May 26th. A good program has been prepared and everybody is invited to be present. RSTucs taonl etalon taoin e toainoin

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION MEETS NEXT SATURDAY

The Democratic County Convention will be held in the Court House tomorrow (Saturday) at 2:30 o'clock for the purpose of electing delegates to the State, Congressional, Judicial and Senatorial Conventions which will be held in the near future.

IN POLICE COURT

On Tuesday of last week, W. L. Cohoon attacked E. F. Aydtlett near the foot of the court house stairs, apparently without provocation. The case came up before Judge Sawyer last Saturday.

On trial it developed that there had been estrangement between Mr. Cohoon and Mr. Aydtlett for some time. This reached a culmination at the time of the Federal Court here, when Mr. Aydtlett having treated Mr. Cohoon with what the latter regarded as professional discourtesy Mr. Cohoon left his office to get satisfaction. He encountered Mr. Aydtlett in the Federal Court building, and with abusive language threatened violence when a better opportunity should present itself. For the next few days Mr. Aydtlett was on guard. Meantime, however, Mr. Cohoon was persecuted by Mr. Flora to let the matter drop, provided Mr. Aydtlett should give Mr. Cohoon no further offense. On the day of the difficulty Mr. Aydtlett passed Mr. Cohoon in the court house corridor. Mr. Cohoon's testimony (neither corroborated nor refuted) was that Mr. Aydtlett brushed him contemptuously in passing and that the expression on his face was insulting. He therefore waited for Mr. Aydtlett's return, and when the latter came within reach struck him, without a word. Mr. Cohoon claimed that his attack was no surprise in that his attitude was warning sufficient as to what he intended to do. The two men were separated with some difficulty by J. P. Thompson and Roscoe W. Turner. At the time of the trial Mr. Aydtlett's face still bore marks of the encounter. Judge Sawyer fined Mr. Cohoon ten dollars.

DR. BLADES AND FAMILY LEAVES FOR EUROPE MONDAY

Dr. L. S. Blades and family will leave Monday for an extended tour in Europe where they will spend the greater part of the summer seeing the sights of the Orient.

Dr. Blades, who is one of our leading agriculturalists, will pay special attention to the study of farming as it is done in Europe.

PEA MARKET

The pea crop is practically over for this year. Possibly three or four hundred baskets more will be shipped.

The market quotations yesterday were:

Telephone peas, \$1.75 to \$2.00 per basket; small peas, \$1.00 to \$1.25.

MORE BUILDING FOR BLACKWELL CHURCH

The building committee of Blackwell Memorial church held a meeting Wednesday night and decided upon four new rooms for the Sunday school. These rooms will be 10x24 feet with a basement 42x24 under these rooms for storage.

The continual growth of this Sunday School necessitated the additional building to accommodate the classes.

FOR COUNTY TREASURER

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County Treasurer subject to the Democratic Primary.

I will appreciate all work and votes.

Respectfully,

R. C. ABBOTT.

may 24th

ANNOUNCEMENT

I take this method of announcing myself as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Pasquotank county, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary.

W. T. CULPEPPER.

may 24 th

GRADED SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

CITY GRADED SCHOOL CLOSING WITH EXERCISES OF AN UNUSUALLY ATTRACTIVE NATURE—DR. E. W. SYKES OF WAKE FOREST TO DELIVER THE ADDRESS—EXERCISES OCCUR

The Commencement exercises of the City Graded School will be held in the Auditorium of the High School building on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week.

These exercises, judging from the program, will be of an unusually attractive nature, and there should be a big crowd on hand to enjoy each event.

An admission fee of fifteen cents will be charged on Tuesday and Wednesday nights, and reserved seats in the balcony will be on sale at Seelig's. There will be no admission fee on Thursday night, and the auditorium on this occasion should be full. Dr. Sykes is an interesting and popular speaker, as well as a thoughtful student. His address will be helpful and inspiring.

The program is as follows: TUESDAY NIGHT, MAY 28th—Operetta and drills by Grammar and Primary Schools.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT, May, 29th.—Play—Merchant of Venice. Up-to-date, by Senior Class.

THURSDAY, May 30th.—Annual address by E. W. Sykes of Wake Forest College, Unveiling of Historical Tablet, Presentation of Diplomas.

TYRRELL COUNTY PEOPLE WANT WADDY'S TRAIN

Tyrrell and Washington County People are desirous that the Norfolk Southern railroad shall give them better passenger service. They claim that the service now being given is inadequate and inconvenient and that a very much better service can be given with little cost to the railroad company.

The present passenger service consists of a mixed train operated between Mackeys Ferry and Columbia, morning and afternoon. Although the slowest kind of a schedule imaginable is often made much to the discomfort and disadvantage of the traveling public, yet the worst feature of it is the connections.

The people on the other side of the sound want the local, (Capt. Waddy's) train, operated from Norfolk to Columbia daily, thereby rendering quick service on a convenient schedule. They claim that the freight and passenger traffic is sufficient to maintain the schedule. One gentleman stated this week to a representative of the Advance that there are more freight and passengers on the Columbia branch than there are on the Belhaven branch which maintains a very convenient all passenger train.

REMARKABLE CASE OF LONGEVITY

A correspondent from Gates county relates a remarkable case of longevity.

An old Negro named Bennett Ballard, is reported to be 112 years old. It is not known positively as to the correctness of these figures, but it is known to be a fact that he is very old, the oldest man in Eastern North Carolina.

The most remarkable thing about this old darky, is his activity. He can get about like a man not more than fifty years old.— can mount his mule with the agility of a youth, ride at a good pace, and dismount at a little or no inconvenience.

Last year he raised two bales of cotton, 35 bags of peanuts, and 20 barrels of corn all by himself.

As evidence by his extreme old age he has over a hundred grandchildren.

ANNOUNCEMENT

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the State Legislature from Pasquotank county, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary.

D. C. PERRY.

NEWS FROM TYRRELL COUNTY

SUNDAY SUIT COST NEGRO HIS LIBERTY—BURGLARY BY NEGROES — POTATO PROSPECTS GOOD—SCHOOLS CLOSE

Columbia, N. C., May 21st. For the sake of a new suit of clothes for Sunday, a negro murderer took chances in the open and got nabbed by the sheriff.

Last week a negro named W. E. Swain got in a row with Joe Brickhouse, another negro in Gum Neck. He shot at Brickhouse and the bullet passed through his hand, and struck another negro named Jones in the stomach, killing him instantly.

Swain took to the woods as soon as he committed the crime and it was several days before the officers could locate him. Last Saturday Mr. A. L. Walker, the express agent at Columbia received a phone message from Swain at Skinnerville, inquiring for an express package. Mr. Walker informed him that the package was in the express office. At the same time Mr. Walker notified Sheriff Cahoon that Swain was coming for his package. The negro was evidently expecting that the officers were on the lookout for him, so he sent his mother for the package. Sheriff Cahoon trailed the negro woman and located Swain. He was arrested as he was in the act of trying on his new suit.

Two negroes named Midgette and Lathan broke into the office of the Browning Mfg. Co. last Saturday afternoon and stole over \$50.00 in cash, out of the cashier's desk.

Last Saturday was pay day for the employees of the company, and the cashier had made out the pay envelopes and had arranged them for distribution. These two negroes prised open a window and grabbed as many envelopes as they could.

Both of the negroes had been employees of the company but did not work last week, so they did not have anything coming to them. Yet they seemed to be pretty flushed with the coin and they spent it freely. This led to their undoing. They were arrested and part of the money recovered.

The annual session of the Columbia Graded Schools closed last Friday afternoon. The past year has been a very successful one. There has been an enrollment of 135 pupils. The pupils have been noted for prompt attendance and good progress in their studies.

Prof. L. W. Hall, the superintendent of the school retires with this session to the regret of the patrons and friends of the school.

The commencement exercises were held last Monday night. A large audience was present and enjoyed the exercises very much.

The exercises were concluded by singing America by the entire audience.

The potato crop is looking fine and the prospects are bright for a big yield this year. The truckers will begin to dig next Monday and a large part of the crop will be moved next week, if the weather and prices are good.

PERFORMED OPERATION TO REMOVE PUS.

The many friends of the family will be pleased to learn that the condition of the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Mann is improving. Drs. O. McMullan and C. B. Williams performed an operation upon him Wednesday, in which a considerable growth of pus was removed from his side. They operated without any anaesthetic, and the little fellow bore the pain very bravely.

Mrs. Charles Barnard of Moyock spent some time here this week visiting her sister, Mrs. Bailey in Ehringhaus street.

TWENTY NINTH EPISCOPAL COUNCIL WAS CONVENED LAST SATURDAY

BELVIDERE NOTES

Belvidere, N. C., May, 21st. (Special Correspondence.)

Messrs. Erwin Ward, Edgar and Herbert Lane, returned home last week from Wake Forest College, where they have been attending school.

Misses Emma, Clara and Margaret White spent Friday in Elizabethtown. Mr. William Welch of Tyrner visited friends in Belvidere Sunday.

After spending a few days very pleasantly with his sister, Mrs. Josiah White, Mr. Charles Brown returned to Philadelphia Saturday. Miss Zalia Lane returned home Wednesday from Chowan College.

Dr. Josiah Nicholson made a business trip to Hertford Friday afternoon.

Misses Carrie, Cally, and Clemma Ward of Ryland were the guests of Misses Viola and Leona Ward Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Elihu White and daughter, Miss Clara, made a short trip to Hertford Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Ward and little daughter spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Jack Hunter, near Hertford, who has been very ill.

Mr. Henry White and wife and Mr. Henry Harney and wife and little son Murray of High Point, N. C., visited Mr. White's father, Mr. Rufus White and other relatives a few days last week.

Messrs. W. H. Lamb and Norman Hollowell made a business trip to Hertford Wednesday.

Mrs. Bert Onley, and daughters, Misses Nell and Alpine Onley spent Wednesday in Elizabeth City shopping.

The Friends Quarterly Meeting will be held Saturday and Sunday the 25th and 26th at Piney Woods church.

Mr. E. B. Darden of Norfolk, Va., made a business trip to Belvidere Monday afternoon.

MR. KNOWLES WILL ATTEND LECTURE

Mr. W. P. Knowles will go to Norfolk Monday to attend an illustrated lecture to be given under the auspices of the Norfolk Society of Architects in the banquet hall of the Monticello hotel Monday night.

This lecture will deal with low pressure heating boilers, their ratings and liability. It will be delivered by Henry R. Dillon of the American Radiator Company. The lecture will be of much interest to all who are engaged in the heating business, and Mr. Knowles attends the lecture to inform himself upon radiators that his increased knowledge may benefit Elizabeth City people.

LOSES VALUABLE BLOODHOUND

Mr. J. W. Shores the man hunter, had the misfortune to befall him yesterday morning to lose one of his most valuable blood hounds. The dog was stricken in a most unaccountable way. Mr. Shores turned him out of his kennel and the dog lay down by the side of the dog house when Mr. Shores returned with the dog's breakfast a few minutes later he found him dead.

He will purchase another dog to take the place of this one at once, and he is now looking for a good blood hound.

GOES TO NAGS HEAD

The steamer Guide owned and operated by Messrs. Daniels and Foreman is now plying daily between Elizabeth City and Nags Head and will maintain this schedule during the summer.

Mrs. H. W. Elliot spent some time in Edenton this week visiting her daughter.

HELD SESSION IN EDENTON THIS WEEK—EXCELLENT SERMONS AND DISCUSSIONS HEARD — HARMONY AND GOOD WILL PREVAILED — EDENTON SHOWED GUESTS ABUNDANT HOSPITALITY.

The 29th Council of Eastern Carolina met in Edenton for organization Saturday night last at 9 o'clock, the Rt. Rev. Robert Strange, D. D., presiding.

This diocese was set apart from North Carolina and embraces Wilmington, Fayetteville, Goldsboro, Greenville, Murfreesboro, Gatesville, and all points east of these to the seashore.

It is a small diocese and is largely Missionary, but it is growing and doing much in the extension of the Master's kingdom.

In their entertainment of our people the good people of Edenton excelled themselves. All homes were thrown open and the very genius of hospitality took possession of the guests. Tables were spread sufficiently large for picnics and all guests were at home in any place.

The garden party given on Dr. Dillard's lawn Tuesday afternoon was like a dream, while people of the town regardless of denomination refreshed themselves and regaled themselves in a most delightful manner. They ate, promenaded, registered and greatly enjoyed the sweet music discoursed by a string band hidden from view on the Dillard study porch. Automobiles were kept busy taking guests back and forth from their homes and driving into the country.

Sunday was an ideal day and Council Sunday in Edenton will long be remembered by the delegates as a precious one in God's sight.

Old St. Paul's church was filled to overflowing and the Council sermon by Rev. J. G. Griffith, of Kinston, was uplifting and inspiring. The beautiful music and reverent service made one feel as if we were in a sacred presence as indeed we were.

Sunday at 5 p. m. four tablets were unveiled in the church; viz: To Col. Thos. Nash, Parson Pettigrew, the Rev. Clement Hall and the Rev. Daniel Earl. The bishops made able and suitable addresses referring to each of these distinguished personages, greatly pleasing the large congregation present. These exercises were followed by an address to the High School and graduating class of Edenton. The subject was Visions and Purpose. The speaker dwelt upon, insight, foresight in treating of Visions and Seers, ranging in their places the philosopher, prophet and a divine Providence. Then he treated Purpose as the aim to realize the vision—to put through what one begins.

The business sessions were remarkable for harmony and general good will. While our Budget system did not work quite so well this year (owing no doubt to the severe winter,) still our work for general missions went beyond any previous record.

Altogether the work of the year was satisfactory and the many gains made were gratifying. The gathering of women delegates this year was notable and no little enthusiasm prevailed by reason of their meetings. They met in a separate body, about one hundred in number and many a poor parson will rejoice this year because of their generous gifts and their splendid backing. Their Bishops' fund this year amounted to \$275.00. They raised in the meeting, money for a horse and buggy and presented it to a deacon for this work. The last of the year's work for the many small churches, parish houses and many other objects is too long to mention.

The Council adjourned to meet next year in Goldsboro.