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THE BLUE NILE.

Mighty River That Helps Feed Egypt's Agriculture.

The advisability of damming up the Blue Nile not far from Khartum in the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan so that the rich triangular region between the two mighty forks of the most historic river in the world may be turned into a granary for all the Sudan is being considered by the British government, newspaper dispatches say.

"The Blue Nile, rising in the highlands of Abyssinia, together with two other affluents from the same source, furnishes the world famous Nile with much of the rich sediment which for centuries has enriched the plains of lower Egypt during the flood season," says a bulletin of the National Geographic society.

"Down through a region little known and almost devoid of inhabitants or any form of civilization, rushing over numerous cataracts and rapids, the Blue Nile cuts its way from its source, the beautiful broad sheet of water known as Lake Tsana. The lake, which in the future may become the reservoir for the irrigation of a vast area, lies 6,000 feet above sea level and about 2,500 feet below the normal level of the plateau in a basin resembling somewhat the crater of a volcano. Near its southeastern corner, through a great fissure in its almost inaccessible rim, the river issues, and circling around the mountains strikes out in an 850 mile course toward the northwest to join the chief branch of the Nile at Khartum of Kitchener fame.

"The vast plains of Sennar or El Gezira on its left bank are among the richest on the continent and it is these that the irrigation projects are to develop. In Sennar, the Dinder, a Blue Nile tributary which also rises in the Abyssinian highlands, adds, during the rainy season, its sediment laden flood to that of the already swollen river, and together at Khartum they discharge over 10,000 cubic meters of water per second, thus outdoing the White Nile itself during that time.

"From July to October this mighty flooding goes on, the waters of the Blue Nile, so-called because of their clarity and blueness at ordinary seasons, mingling their chocolate brown with the greenish-grey color of the White Nile of Father Nilus.

"This great difference in the volume of water from Abyssinia is due to the heavy rain that falls in the mountains of the country not far from its eastern coast. The Nile system in itself may be said to be a simple one, its basic source being that steady flowing river from the tropics which is fed by the great lakes in the eastern and central portion of the continent, augmented at times by a great volume of water from its Abyssinian affluents.

"Since 1902 the inhabitants of Egypt near the mouth of the Nile have had their water supply replenished during the season of low water by the reserve supply stored at the Assouan dam.

"Long stretches of the area north of the Blue Nile are almost entirely uninhabited, one traveler reporting that he traveled 86 miles in Abyssinia and had not seen a dwelling or a sign of civilization. And even when one encounters inhabitants in the country further to the east he finds them unashamed of any crime or vice. They perpetrate their crimes with perfect indifference and recount them with gaiety and laughter as part of the regular conversation during meals.

"Up in the highlands near the river's source despite the burning tropical heat of the day, one is glad to crawl snugly beneath his blanket when night has fallen. The beautiful blue lake encircled with mountains and dotted with islands leaves much for future explorers to do, as few data concerning it have been gathered and few soundings made. The sudden gusts and squalls which rush down the valley across it give a deceptive calm. Hippopotamuses, which the natives hunt for their hides, infest its waters.

URNS TO PEACHES.

York Farmer Puts Out Five Thousand Trees.

With the boll weevil menace prompting hundreds of York county farmers to look around and consider what money crops can be produced in this section besides cotton, there is much interest in the experiment of John Cameron at peach growing on his farm three miles south of York. Mr. Cameron is playing a pioneer role for this section of the State in undertaking to grow peaches on a commercial scale and it is thought that on the outcome of his venture will depend whether or not many other York county farmers will turn to fruit growing as a means of outwitting the boll weevil.

Last fall Mr. Cameron put out 5,000 peach trees, 4,000 of which are the Elberta variety. They were set out on 50 acres of land pronounced by competent judges as well adapted to peaches. No pains were spared in putting them out or in fertilizing and cultivating them to assure the best results. The trees are now looking well and two years hence will bear their first crop. Some of the trees are expected to bear a small quantity of fruit next year, but no yield of consequence can be expected until 1924.

Mr. Cameron also put out several acres in apples and an acre each in cherries and damsons, but he expects to grow these fruits largely for his own use or for sale in small quantities in the surrounding territory. He does not contemplate raising other fruits than peaches on a commercial basis, as he thinks the venture would be very hazardous. He does not think apples can be successfully produced here.

Little Time for Enrollment.

Fort Mill citizens are evidencing little interest in the State and county primary to be held the latter part of August. Up to last night less than 200 of the 800 and more men and women of the community had gone to the trouble to place their names on the Democratic club rolls to qualify for the election. The enrollment books in Fort Mill as elsewhere throughout the State close on July 25, leaving only ten days after today for citizens who wish to have a voice in the selection of State and county officials to put themselves in position to register their choice at the ballot box. A full set of State officers, a county treasurer, county supervisor, county superintendent of education, county auditor, judge of probate, two county commissioners, four members of the General Assembly and a magistrate in each district of the county are to be nominated in the primary.

Dunlap for Circuit Judge.

Meeting in York last Thursday, the York County Bar association, in the following resolutions, indorsed Walter Dunlap, Esq., for the vacancy on the circuit bench created by the recent death of Judge Moore of Lancaster:

"Resolved, That the members of the York County Bar association unanimously indorse Walter M. Dunlap, Esq., of Rock Hill for the position of judge of the Sixth circuit to fill the vacancy of the late Judge Ernest Moore.

"Resolved, That the members of the bar present to the Legislature the name of Walter M. Dunlap, Esq., as a man fitted for the high and honorable position of the judge of this circuit, as a worthy successor of Judges Witherspoon, Gage and Moore, and that we give him our unqualified indorsement as a man of fine ability, unblemished character, and one in every way fitted for the high office for which we have indorsed him."

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"The mystery which has always hung to the Dark Continent still encompasses much of this virtually unknown regions, but its promise is great when man learns to harness the power it possesses, to give water to its thirsty and dry sections and wrest from it the wealth of its natural gifts."

GO TO ENCAMPMENT.

Fort Mill Companies Leave Sunday for Camp Jackson.

The 19 officers and men who compose the membership of the Tom Hall Guards (Company K, 118th infantry, N. G. S. C.) and the commanding officer and 16 members of the Fort Mill section of headquarters company, Third battalion, 118th infantry, are expected to entrain in Fort Mill Sunday morning at 8 o'clock for Camp Jackson, Columbia, to take part in the annual encampment of the regiment. At Rock Hill the special train on which the militiamen will leave Fort Mill will pick up the Frank Roach Guards and the section of the headquarters company located in that city. The encampment will continue through Saturday, July 29, and the following day the various companies of the regiment will return home.

Frederick Nims, Jr., captain of the Tom Hall Guards, will act as major of the Third battalion during the encampment, owing to the absence of Maj. Jas. C. Dozier, who is with the State campaign party as a candidate for secretary of state. The command of the Fort Mill company will therefore devolve upon F. M. Maek, first lieutenant. W. H. Nims, first lieutenant, is commanding officer of the headquarters company.

Both Capt. Nims and Lieut. Nims have ordered the men of their respective commands to report at their armories Saturday evening to be in readiness to load early Sunday morning the equipment the companies will take to Camp Jackson.

A complete roster of the officers and men of the Tom Hall Guards follows:

Officers—Frederick Nims, Jr., captain; F. M. Maek, first lieutenant; R. F. Grier, Jr., second lieutenant.

Sergeants—R. M. Bennett A. O. Jones, Jr., G. S. Lemmonds, Yancey Potts, J. J. Adkins, W. B. Ardery, Jr., C. C. Garrison, J. L. Honeycutt, J. L. Blackwelder.

Corporals—E. E. Broom, Stanhope Ligon, J. L. Pettus, E. B. Honeycutt, W. B. Patterson, Hope Harris, Ira Wilson, A. R. Honeycutt, R. C. Wright.

Cooks—Earl Bailes, L. C. Harris. Mechanic—Mason M. Morrow. Bugler—Thomas Hucks.

Privates—G. W. Ashley, L. B. Broadnax, Leroy Cook, A. L. Cunnup, John L. Gordon, R. E. Hammonds, Jesse G. Harris, H. P. Jones, Marion A. Mills, A. M. Patterson, H. L. Patterson, D. N. Pettus, E. P. Pettus, H. E. Ross, L. M. Robinson, A. T. Smith, M. H. Smith, W. C. Whitesides.

Privates—G. W. Ashley, L. B. Barber, Roy O. Bass, T. B. Black, J. G. Bouknight, C. M. Bradford, R. H. Broom, H. S. Collins, J. M. Cook, H. H. Craig, J. M. Crenshaw, J. C. Cunnup, Bud Dulin, G. R. Erwin, H. C. Faris, T. M. Faris, E. M. Fite, Claude Gordon, Robert Gordon, H. J. Gross, Oscar B. Hood, Charlie Huddleston, Fravor O. Kimbrell, Wm. B. Kimbrell, S. S. Kitchin, J. W. P. Morrow, Clarence Merritt, J. B. McGuirt, Luther E. Patterson, J. D. Pettus, J. E. Phillips, Gladys E. Riteh, Ernest Stamper, J. W. Steadman, J. D. Vaughan, Jr., Wm. G. Walker.

The following members of the Fort Mill section of the headquarters company are expected to attend the encampment:

First Lieutenant—W. H. Nims. Sergeants—Douglas H. Nims, Thomas A. Ferguson.

Corporal—Wm. D. Rogers. Private (First Class)—Wm. A. Parks.

Privates—Theodore P. Brown, Olin L. Deese, W. F. Hammonds, Thomas F. Harris, Clyde H. Merritt, H. D. Potts, Fred M. Windell, Henry S. Elms, John B. Pressley, Charlie A. Leaser, Henry H. Doster, Charlie W. Moser.

Joe M. Bennett and Miss Rosa Hollifield, daughter of Mrs. Lela Hollifield of Fort Mill, were married Saturday afternoon in York by J. L. Houston, judge of probate. They were accompanied to York by a number of friends and all returned to Fort Mill shortly after the ceremony.

BLOW FOR BONUS.

Defeat of McCumber Against Measure for Soldiers.

The recent defeat of Senator McCumber in the North Dakota primaries is expected to exercise a decisive influence over the soldier bonus measure in the senate of the United States.

One of the effects of the North Dakota contest has been to provide agitation for the removal of the bonus irritant from the congressional situation. There is said to have been a tremendous change of sentiment in both houses of Congress regarding the proposed law.

Greater significance is attached to the defeat of Senator McCumber in this respect than to any previous bonus event. The North Dakota senator was the most active champion of the bonus measure in either house of Congress, and there is much less talk now among senators who were most enthusiastic for immediate action on the bonus bill than there was before the North Dakota primary. Out of such discussion as concerns it, there appears to be crystallizing a movement to dump the present bill and adopt another for the ex-service men.

Every attack on the bill has resulted in modification of its original provisions. The cash payment for all bonus beneficiaries was dropped in the house of representatives. Changes made by Senator McCumber and his associates in the senate have further stripped the measure of most of the provisions demanded by the American Legion.

Bank for Pineville.

The Merchants and Farmers bank is a new institution for Pineville, N. C., which will open its doors for business on September 1, with W. B. Meacham of Fort Mill as president and L. L. Downs of Pineville as cashier. The bank will be a State institution, with a capital stock of \$15,000, all of which has been subscribed. Application will be made next week to the corporation commission of North Carolina for a charter. The bank will own and occupy the building formerly occupied by the Loan and Savings bank of Pineville, which was put out of business about a year ago as a result of speculations of the cashier, according to the reports published at the time. Mr. Downs, who is to be the cashier of the bank, is now postmaster of Pineville, but expects to resign that office within the next few weeks.

Carhartt No. 2 Running.

Business men and others of Fort Mill learned with interest a few days ago that Carhartt mill No. 2, at Carhartt, three miles south of Fort Mill, had resumed operations, after being closed down for many months. The mill is not yet running at capacity, but will be in operation on full time, with every wheel turning, as soon as operatives can be secured, it is stated. Already several families have moved into the village and have gone to work in the mill. The resumption of work at the mill means a considerable volume of trade for the merchants of Fort Mill, as many of the operatives come here to buy their supplies.

Sentenced to Roads.

After pleading guilty in the court of general sessions at York Monday to the charge of larceny and receiving stolen goods, Geo. Burrage and Horace Chapman, white boys of Fort Mill, were given five months each on the county chain gang by Judge McGowan. Burrage and Chapman were sent to jail several weeks ago to await trial for the alleged theft of electrical supplies from the Fort Mill Manufacturing company.

Sent to Chain Gang.

Tried Tuesday afternoon before a jury in Magistrate J. B. Haile's court and convicted on the charge of violating a labor contract, James Culp, negro, was fined \$25 or 30 days on the chain gang. He is serving the days. The prosecuting witness was W. F. Windle.

TRANSFERRED TO FILBERT.

State Candidates Not to Speak at York Court House.

The State campaign meeting for York county scheduled to be held at the court house in York on August 2 will be held at Filbert and the visit of the campaign party to that village will coincide with the annual political picnic held there. To comply with the rules of the party, however, the meeting will be called to order in the court house by J. A. Marion, county chairman, and then immediately transferred to Pursley's grove at Filbert, where the candidates will speak.

This procedure was suggested by Edgar A. Brown of Barnwell, chairman of the State executive committee, who was asked to change the place of meeting by the York county member of that body, Dr. I. J. Campbell of Clover. Mr. Brown said that as the campaign schedule had been fixed by a committee he did not have authority to make the change, but thought the arrangement outlined would meet the requirements of the occasion.

The attendance at the Filbert picnic usually runs between 2,000 and 3,000 and this year the crowd will likely be still larger, due to the drawing power of the State campaigners.

Swearingen on Defensive.

The third week of the campaign for State officers came to a close in Orangeburg Saturday without anything sensational having occurred in the race for governor, further than the charges made by John T. Duncan against all the other candidates for the office.

Thus far what many consider the most interesting development of the campaign has occurred in the race for superintendent of education, in which J. H. Hope of Union apparently has put John E. Swearingen on the defensive with the charge that the recent useless adoption of text books by the State board of education, of which Swearingen is a member, will cost the patrons of the public schools more than a quarter of a million dollars.

Swearingen is trying to sidestep the charge by saying that the State board is responsible and by asserting that the State does not need a former book agent, referring to Hope, in the office of superintendent of education. Hope replies that Swearingen will be glad to get a job as book agent after the primary election in August.

Another for Fort Mill.

The Fort Mill ball team won its eighth victory of the season Saturday afternoon when it defeated Waxhaw on the local grounds, 6 to 2. Up to the eighth inning the game was tied in a knot, each team having scored twice. Then the home boys got a man on and Andral Ferguson hit for three bases, scoring a runner ahead of him and later scoring himself, thanks to more hitting, which produced in all four runs for the locals. Waxhaw had already shot her bolt and was unable to add anything to the 2 runs she had accumulated. Both the pitchers, Andral Ferguson for Fort Mill, and Tyesinger of Waxhaw, had a good afternoon, except the eighth inning for the latter, Fort Mill's next game will be with Clover in Fort Mill Saturday afternoon.

Officers for Junior Order.

Fort Mill council, Junior O. U. A. M., recently elected the following officers to serve for the ensuing six months' term: S. H. Sutton, counselor; T. W. Massey, vice counselor; T. A. Mills, recording secretary; J. D. Vaughn, assistant recording secretary; T. E. Lytle, treasurer; C. D. Hope, financial secretary; E. E. Broom, conductor; Henry Riteh warden; H. C. Burrage, inside sentinel; John O'Kelly, outside sentinel; the Rev. J. W. H. Dyches, chaplain; S. H. Sutton and T. A. Mills, representatives to the State council.

Not much can be done with the man who mistakes his prejudices for his convictions.

TIME TO FIGHT WEEVIL.

Abbeville Paper Says Early Action Is Necessary.

The boll weevil is commencing his work in the cotton fields in earnest, says the Abbeville Press and Banner. The time has come for the farmer to fight if he would make a crop of cotton. All advisers agree that the rapid cultivation of the crop at this season is one of the surest ways of getting results. The cotton should be plowed once each week, at least, and preferably twice each week. This not only hastens the crop to maturity, but numerous boll weevils are knocked from the stalks, covered up and killed, while the punctured squares, the breeding places of the young weevils, are covered up and destroyed.

Now is the time to apply poison. It should be applied freely and frequently. The department of agriculture recommends that three applications be made, one every four days. In that way you strike at the old weevil on the stalk and in turn at the new weevils as they hatch from the punctured squares. You may not get every weevil, but following this plan, the weevils are not allowed to remain in sufficient numbers to do much harm, at least that is the claim.

But whatever is to be done must be done this month and the next. The farmer who is idle, who is not wide awake to the situation, and who does not utilize every human means of fighting the pest, will not grow cotton this year.

Judge McGowan Thoughtful.

That Special Judge Frank P. McGowan of Laurens, who is presiding over the present term of the court of general sessions for York county is a humane and thoughtful judge is evidenced by a little incident that occurred in the court room Monday morning, says the Yorkville Enquirer.

Two young white men, George Burrage and Horace Chapman, aged 18 and 21, respectively, textile workers of Fort Mill, pleaded guilty to the theft of electrical supplies from the Fort Mill Manufacturing company.

"You boys have been engaged in cotton mill work all your lives, haven't you?" inquired Judge McGowan.

"Yes, sir," replied the two boys.

"Thought so," said the judge. Then he wanted to know if Supervisor Brown was in the court room. When told that the supervisor was not present, the judge said:

"I want the order to get to Supervisor Brown that he is not to work these two boys in the hot sun from morning until night. They have been accustomed to working inside a building and are not used to work in the hot sun. If required to work on the roads from morning until night it might mean the death of them, since they are not used to such exposure."

Mrs. Hudgins Freed.

A verdict of not guilty was directed by Judge McGowan yesterday afternoon in the case of the State against Mrs. Effie Hudgins, charged in the court at York with the murder of her husband, Albert Zimmerman, indicted with Mrs. Hudgins, for the same offense, had not been completed when the court adjourned for the day.

James S. Glascock Dead.

James S. Glascock, announcement of whose serious illness appeared in The Times of last week, died at his home in the Neely's Creek section of the county last Thursday. Mr. Glascock had been critically ill for several weeks. He was about 63 years old and had lived in York county practically all his life. Mr. Glascock was one of the most prominent citizens of the eastern section of the county and had represented the county in the house of representatives. He was a well-to-do farmer and a member of the A. E. P. church.