

Cleanings from Weather Crop Bulletin.

FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 2ND.

During the week ending Oct. 1st, the temperature ranged 88 and 48 degrees, the former was recorded on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1st, and the latter at Loper, Dickens Co., and at Reid, Greenville Co., on the 25th and 26th respectively. The first of the week was much colder than usual while the latter portion was very warm.

The two last days were the only ones comparatively clear. The sunshine averaged about 30% of the possible.

Rain began on the 25th, in portions of the State, was general and heavy on the 25-27th, ended gradually on the 28th, and there were light scattered showers, with generally clearing weather on the 29th.

The beginning and ending of the rainy weather marked the duration of a West Indian Hurricane whose center skirted the South Carolina coast on the 26-27th, with gales over the entire State but most severe along the coast and second tier of counties, where the rainfall was extraordinarily heavy, ranging from 8 inches at Pinopolis to lesser amounts toward the interior, and about an inch in the northwest counties.

The aggregate damage from this storm is, however, much less than that caused by the historic storm of August, 1893. This year's storm was less severe, the tides were not as high, and, owing to having occurred later in the season, a smaller percentage of the crops remained in the fields unharmed.

The following rainfall measurements, made during the storm, will illustrate the gradual decrease from the coast towards the northwestern counties:—(in inches and hundredths) Pinopolis: 8.00; Charleston: 7.45; Georgetown: 6.95; Triana: 6.47; Beaufort: 6.16; Conway: 5.08; Cheraw: 4.98; Society Hill: 4.93; Barnwell Co.: 4.62; Port Royal: 4.27; Effingham: 4.02; Trenton: 3.49; Chesterfield: 4.00; Blackville: 3.70; Tiller's Ferry: 3.02; Statesburg: 2.85; Lexington: 2.50; Aiken: 2.29; Longshore: 2.12; Loper: 1.85; Little Mountain: 1.45; Winnsboro: 1.70; Columbia: 1.18; Greenville: 1.09; Waits: 0.84; Ella: 0.75.

The force of the wind did not decrease to the same extent as did the rainfall, from the coast towards the northwestern counties, and consequently the damage to the crops was more general over the entire State. The percentage of damage to cotton in the fields is variously estimated from 5 to 20 per cent, an average of all the estimates making somewhat under 10 per cent.

Green bolts were broken off very freely. Many, if not the greater portion, of the bolts were more or less stained, and where the stalk remains green the damp, cloudy weather caused an increase in rust and boll worms which late in the week again appeared in injurious numbers in some counties. Picking was greatly retarded by the unfavorable weather, but will be pushed rapidly from now on, as the weather permits, as the bolts are opening very fast some, it is thought, prematurely.

Sea Island Cotton suffered more from the storm than the short staple varieties. The rain was beneficial to the north central and western counties for late root crops, such as turnips and late sweet potatoes, and also for gardens, and I kept grass green and growing for pasturage.

Some oats being sown, but oats seeding has not become general yet it is generally too wet to prepare the ground.

Truck farmers suffered severely from the heavy rains along the coast as the wet soil interferes with the cultivation and marketing of fall crops.

To the request made for estimates of the percentage of cotton ungathered on Oct. 1st, replies were received from all but six counties and therefore would have little effect on the percentage for the State. A very good indication of the accuracy of the different reports is that in counties from which two, or more, reports were received they did not differ more than 10 per cent, and that can readily be ascribed to varying conditions according to locality.

The estimates by regions and expressed in averages, is as follows: Alpine region 85 per cent ungathered; Piedmont 61; Red Hill and Upper Pine Belt 42; Lower Pine and Coast regions 30. By assigning to each region the value in proportion to its cotton acreage the average percentage of ungathered cotton for the State, on October 1st, is 51 per cent.

Counties grouped according to percentages, the results are as follows: Above 80 per cent. Laurens, Oconee, Pickens.

Between 70 and 80 per cent. Anderson, Greenville, Spartanburg.

Between 60 and 70 per cent. Fairfield, Richland, York, Abbeville, Union.

Between 50 and 60 per cent. Beaufort, Berkeley, Florence, Williamsburg, Lancaster, Sumter.

C. H., last week where one of his aunts was sick and she died while he was there.

Mrs. Sallie Walker and her daughter, Miss Minnie, of Sunny Side, was in Jonesville last week. Miss Minnie was on her way to Columbia to resume her duties as one of the teachers in the Female College.

Miss Amandaville Goudelock, of Gowdeysville, was also in our town last week on business.

All the sick people in our country are better.

Mr. J. W. Crawford is building a large barn and stable on Judge Wallace's place, about a mile from town.

J. L. McWhirter & Co. have about completed their large new store.

Our little school is moving along very nice they are coming in from the country occasionally, yet there is room for a few more.

Prof. Aycock has built a new room to his dwelling and has filled it with boarders assistant teachers and pupils to his school.

TELEPHONE.

Cross Keys.

SEPT. 29th.—Mr. Editor:—Perhaps a line from this place may interest some of your many readers.

The farmers are busy gathering their cotton, the low prices seem to sadden every heart, and the question is, Will we be able to meet the current expenses of this year? Surely this dark cloud will pass, ere long, and we may yet be a happy and prosperous people.

We have heard the cry of hard times all our lives, but it seems to me that no time has ever been so bleak as this "Hard Times" as that which presents itself to the agricultural interest of our State and not only to the agricultural wants but to those in every avocation of life.

We trust that the day is not far distant when a benediction will be restored, and peace and prosperity be felt and realized in every home in our dear old State.

The health of our community is so greatly good at this time. Our physician, Dr. Y. L. Poole has been busy all the time, yet he has no patients critically ill. One of our oldest and much respected citizens, Mr. Hiram Wilburn has been very sick, but is reported better.

I have been thinking to see few (comparatively speaking) old people we have among us, we have only about three of the old landmarks yet with us, how strange, how sad the fact that most people die young. I spent awhile with "Uncle Hiram" (as we call him) a few evenings ago. He seems to retain his mental faculties to a remarkable degree, he gave us a description of the old Stage Coach and its signal, how the horn sounded, and where they changed horses, at the old bird Murphy Mill, this is now called Cedar Bluff, of his meeting the immortal Sir, in an inspiration to talk to one who has fought this battle of life, and fought a good fight and has nearly finished his course, and has kept the faith. This is a strange life we are intrusted with.

Our community was shocked, with the sad intelligence of the death of one so young, so pure so lovely in the person of Miss Eva Gregory (Mrs. Blansengane) who not quite one year ago left us a happy bride to live in the city of Greenville. How true it is in the midst of life we are in death. May God bless the aged father and relatives in this dark hour. And in a short time the news came of the death of another, a man perhaps better known in this community than any other, who for twenty years ministered to the sick and dying as few men ever did, or could. This was Dr. James T. Layton. He came among us I think in 1874, quite a young man. He has finished his work, and it can be truthfully said that he was fully done. No man was ever more concerned or more attentive to his patients. Finally he lost his health and moved with his little family to Spartanburg, S. C., where he died. He leaves a wife and four little children to mourn his loss. May He who promised to be a husband to the widow and a father to the fatherless look with pity on those left behind. THOMAS H. GORR.

Etta Jane.

Oct. 1.—Mr. Sam Smith and Miss Rachel Peeler were married yesterday by J. L. Strain, N. P.

A new departure from our regular newspaper work may be of some interest to our Bible readers. This is a reproduction of a mathematical review of scripture reading, and we hope the next week's issue of this paper will contain answers from some of our readers. Here it is: Multiply the number of gospels by the age Jesus was when he conversed with the learned men in the temple, divide by the number of his temptations in the wilderness, multiply by the age of Jesus when he began his ministry; divide by the number of miles between Jerusalem and Bethlehem; add the hour at which John's disciples first went to see Jesus; add the hour at which Jesus sat by Jacob's well and conversed with the Samaritan woman; multiply by the number of John's disciples who first went to talk with Jesus, to this add the number of the Apostles, and the result will be the number of cities in Galilee with more than 15,000 inhabitants at the time of Christ, according to Josephus' account.

The communion meeting at Salem will embrace next Saturday and Sabbath (Oct. 6th and 7th). Pleading will begin on Saturday at 11 a. m. The Lord's Supper will be celebrated on Sabbath. Rev. Thomas H. Law, D. D., will assist the pastor, Rev. C. E. Robertson. The Sunday school exercise will begin at 10 o'clock, A. M., on Sabbath.

In behalf of the church and Sunday school, your correspondent extends a cordial invitation to the public and especially to the church-going people to attend these meetings.

Mrs. Jeff Blackwell is very sick at this time. Dr. B. D. Bates is treating her case. Her recovery is doubtful. Her mother, Mrs. W. H. King, of Cedar Grove, is at her bedside.

Last Friday "uncle" Jas. A. Donald, and Mr. S. F. Bates came near getting in serious trouble, if not losing their team in the river at Howell's Ferry. The difficulty came about in this way: They had gone to the Hickory Grove Mill with a load of wheat.

Feeling as they drove their team to the flat, the mule to which the chain was fastened to hold the flat to the bank broke as the forewheels of the wagon struck the end of the flat, this pushed the flat off from the bank and the wagon dropped into the river.

The mules were unhitched as quick as possible, and saved from being pulled backward off the flat. Fortunately the water in the river wasn't deep, or serious consequences might have grown out of the dilemma. The timely arrival of help enabled them to save their load, team and wagon.

The Salem choir are respectively requested to meet at the church next Saturday evening at 7 o'clock for practice for the meeting on Sabbath. A full turnout is earnestly desired.

A first-class teacher can get a good day school by applying with good references, to the patrons of Etta Jane school house. Applications of both gentlemen and ladies will be considered.

Mrs. Cox always winds up her Sabbath's day's work with a catechetical teaching of her household. Each member, including "the Stranger within her gates," is expected to take part in answering the questions in the Shorter Catechism. Next to the Bible, The Westminster confessions of faith is the "man of her council."

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Oct. 1.—Last week was one of cloudiness, wind, rain and heavy fog with us, and I believe it was the general case. Some were quick to say that it was the equinoctial gales, and I

have not consulted the Almanac to see whether it was the gales of the Equinox, but we had the gales, all the same, and it is thought it did considerable damage to crops. Much cotton was scattered over the ground, your correspondent was down and fodder torn into shreds. These seemed to be turned upside down, and I heard one man say that some potato vines were blown down. Many plans frustrated, it left things in a bad fix. The only good we can see that it did, was to give some a chance to do something that they did not have the time to do, and so it done some good, as "it is an ill wind that blows nobody good."

Farmers were thrown considerably back in gathering cotton, however, and many think that no matter how soon they gather what is now in the field, it will ever after this be "storm cotton" when the time to sell comes. I do not know that merchants here are preparing for the fall trade, whether they are expecting a bonanza or not, but one thing they do know, that low prices for cotton rates, and without better prices there cannot be a big trade. Farmers have been very patient, but they are getting tired of "waiting in patience," for better times, better prices for produce. They can't see where "overproduction" comes in, when factories have to run on double time to fill orders. I believe "O d Agri" has a hump in his back that anger is improving, as anger improves the curve in a cat's back.

Cotton seed are being sold very near as fast as the lint is taken off, but I have not enquired the price.

Mr. W. T. Jones has done a good business ginning so far, as when it is too wet to pick, hauling is done, and he does a good business every year.

Mr. C. P. Sims will soon have his gin running, as the house is nearly completed, and then, judging from what one can hear, there will be some "competition" ginning.

Mr. A. Mitchell has now the full control of Mr. S. M. Gilmore's cane mill, and is now making fine sorghum molasses, as it is possible for a man to make out of sorghum cane.

Mr. Ell Stokes left on the excursion to Charleston on the 29th, to resume his studies in the citadel. E. W. J.

"I would rather trust that medicine than any doctor I know of." Says Mrs. Hattie Mason, of "Storm Cotton," in speaking of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. For sale by B. F. POSEY Druggist.

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