

Leaves from Spring Branch.

To the Editor of the Dispatch:
Rain! rain! all day long and from week in to week out.

The health of our community is excellent now. No sickness is reported from any of the homes.

Early peaches are ripe, and oh! how good they smell!

One of the heaviest rains and hail falls that we have ever witnessed visited this section recently. Some say that fully 10 or 12 inches of rain fell. The heaviest and most severe part of the hail storm passed about Mr. C. R. Rish's, destroying crops in its path and doing considerable damage. The reports which come from there say that the hail was so large that six or seven pieces would have filled a half bushel measure. The cloud from which the hail and rain fell came from the south-west.

Messrs. Willie Shumpert and Boyd Berry cut a bee tree last week which contained about a fifteen foot hollow and about a half bushel of bees.

Mr. Cleve Smith, from the upper part of Black creek section spent Sunday and a part of Sunday night with Billy Blue. Come, again, Cleve, I always enjoy your company. We think that unless all signs fail the Spring Bell and the Black creek Cerfow will chime in unison.

Some of our farmers have cut their wheat, while others have not done so yet. Pea planting has started. Corn is looking very well.

There is a young boy who roams the woods day after day, destroying bird nests and killing partridges. Mr. Editor, please give him fair warning with the law prohibiting the killing of partridges and robbing bird nests. He is young and to warn him now in time may save him and his father much trouble and expense.

The friends of Mr. George Wingard will doubtless be pleased to learn that he is doing well in Georgia.

There will be a picnic at one of neighbor's on the 4th of July. Come one, come all.

Rev. M. J. Klyzer will preach at Florence hereafter on the third Saturday night instead of Saturday afternoon.

May all live long and happy lives and with an abundance of success for the Editor, I am,

Billy Blue.

June 6th, 1903.

His Last Hope Realized.

From the Sentinel, Gebo, Mont.

In the first opening of Oklahoma to settlers in 1889, the editor of this paper was among the many seekers after fortune who made the big race one fine day in April. During his traveling about and afterwards his camping upon his claim, he encountered much bad water, which, together with the severe heat, gave him a very severe diarrhoea which it seemed almost impossible to check, and along in June the case became so bad he expected to die. One day one of his neighbors brought him one small bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy as a last hope. A big dose was given him while he was rolling about on the ground in great agony, and in a few minutes the dose was repeated. The good effect of the medicine was soon noticed and within an hour the patient was taking his first sound sleep for a fortnight. That one little bottle worked a complete cure, and he cannot help but feel grateful. The season for bowel disorders being at hand suggests this item. For sale by The Kaufmann Drug Co.

Must Serve His Sentence.

Raleigh, N. C., June 10.—James Wilcox, the murderer of Nellie Cropsey of Elizabeth City, will have to serve his sentence of thirty years in the State prison here. He was tried twice. The first time he was convicted of murder in the first degree and sentenced to be hanged. He was given a new trial by the Supreme court because the spectators at the trial made a demonstration when Wilcox's lawyer arose to speak. In the second trial he was tried in a different county and convicted of murder in the second degree and sentenced to serve 30 years in the peni-

tentiary. From this judgment Wilcox appealed. The judgment of the supreme court today affirmed the judgment of the lower court in an opinion embracing thirty typewritten pages.

The defendant's attorney urged that Wilcox should have been given a new trial because most of the evidence was sufficient to have been submitted to the jury; second, that the suicide theory was as reasonable as any other theory. The court went into detail in the consideration of the several points. In reviewing the arguments of the defendant's counsel that the deceased had the opportunity, the motive and the time to drown herself. The opinion says: "The line of argument has been strongly pressed by the defendant's able and zealous counsel. To the adoption of this view there are several serious difficulties. There can be no doubt that the deceased was greatly grieved and distressed by the conduct of the defendant, but her affections were trifled with. Her conduct showed her to be a young woman of deep and strong feeling.

"The testimony shows that the condition of the river near to the front of the Cropsey residence with its receding shores is such as to make it necessary for her, if drowned there, to go out 75 feet from the shore before reaching water four feet deep.

"The testimony in respect to the river all conflicts with the theory that she could have drowned herself in the water."

In conclusion, the opinion says: "We think that, in this case, measured by the standards ascribed by law, the evidence was properly submitted to the jury, and we cannot say they have reached an incorrect conclusion."

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Sowing Peas.

A farmer made inquiry about sowing peas on stubble. He said that one hand and two horses with a cut-away harrow could go over more ground by double harrowing than two horses and two men with plows. That depends on the land. If the stubble is thick and rank the cut-away will not do best work. If one only had the time this busy month the best plan is to sow a bushel or more of peas to the acre, plow in with narrow half shovels and then run the cutaway, or a good smoothing harrow, over the land. Bear in mind that peas sown on land are worth \$6 an acre to the soil, besides the hay and mature peas saved. Another farmer says he finds it more satisfactory to plant the stubble in peas by running rows 26 to 30 inches apart and cultivating twice. He does not plant in hills, but strews them along at the rate of half a bushel to the acre. He thinks the cultivation increases the quantity of hay.

Startling Evidence.

Fresh testimony in great quantity is constantly coming in, declaring Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption Coughs and Colds to be unequalled. A recent expression from T. J. McFarland Bentorville, Va. serves as example. He writes: "I had Bronchitis for three years and doctored all the time without being benefited. Then I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery, and a few bottles wholly cured me." Equally effective in curing all Lung and Throat troubles, Consumption, Pneumonia and Grip. Guaranteed by The Kaufmann Drug Co., druggist. Trial bottles free, regular sizes 50c, and \$1.00.

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Thoughts for Farmers.

If there is a mouth in the year when the lively farmer wants to be two men at the same time and able to do double work, this is the one. Especially is the demand strong on his muscles this year. The dry May set him back in preparing and planting. Everything is now rushing him. The breaking of hard land and planting corn, cultivation of the crops, harvest, setting out sweet potatoes, sowing and planting peas, looking after the garden, all come up for immediate attention. If the hands have to be hired do that at once. A good hand with hoe or plow will kill twice as much grass and go over twice as much the first week of the month as he will later when grass has made headway. The best time to kill grass is before it comes up. If you can strike it just as the seed are sprouting and a few showing above the ground, it is no trouble. Crab grass is the great enemy of the farmer. If one waits until the ground is covered with it the only way to kill it is to bury it with any sort of plow that will do the work. Plant all available land in corn and peas and continue this work until the first week in July. The acreage planted is smaller than usual. The stand is not good. The indications are that farmers will not make half enough to supply their own demands. By planting early varieties of corn late, if September showers come, excellent feed may be made. On odd lots and stubble land enough corn may thus be made to carry the stock till the first of January without touching the main crop.

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Women and Children Butchered.

Monstair, European Turkey, Sunday, May 31—Horrible details are arriving here of the slaughter of the inhabitants of the village of Smerdash, south of Lake Presba on May 21st, by Bashi-Bazouks. It appears that on the arrival of the Bashi Bazouks, Cnakalaroff's band of insurgents withdrew to the mountains without sustaining any loss. As no rebels were left in the village the inhabitants experienced no anxiety, until suddenly at sunset, the Turks, who had completely surrounded the place, commenced a regular bombardment, whereupon all the villagers assembled in the streets. Though the artillery ceased firing a part of the night, the Turkish infantry fired all night long. The artillery bombardment was recommenced at day break, but as it was ineffective the Turks set fire to the village on all sides and commenced a general massacre, slaughtering women, children and the aged. About three hundred houses were burned and upwards of two hundred persons, mostly

women and children, were killed. The women and girls were murdered while resisting outrage. Whole households were slain. One family of seven were slain and their bodies heaped on the hearth. Not a living soul was left in the village. The survivors, many of them half burned or otherwise injured, fled. Some of the fleeing villagers were captured and had their ears and noses cut off before they were butchered.

The report adds that 1,500 villagers were in the mountains without clothing or food. One band of these, consisting of forty women and children, were caught by soldiers in a ravine and were killed after horrible treatment.

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The Flood Around St. Louis.

St. Louis, June 6.—The Mississippi flood, which began receding last night, after reaching a stage of 37.5 feet, began a rapid rise today, establishing the highest official water mark ever recorded in St. Louis. The rise was rapid after dawn of day, the water creeping up from 37.1 feet, steadily increasing until at noon the stage had reached 37.7. From that time until tonight the river remained stationary. It is estimated that 8,000 refugees have found shelter in St. Louis and vicinity, and that 4,000 people are still living in flooded homes in Granite City, Venice and Madison. A supply boat has been outfitted and will make daily trips to relieve suffering.

The flood situation at East St. Louis is still critical. Last night it was believed that the flood had been conquered and work on the levees was stopped, but the additional rise of today caused work on the levees to be resumed and all business was abandoned once more.

The Care of Small Grain.

Some years it is almost impossible to save small grain after it is cut. Ten days of hot showery weather will cause it to sprout. The best plan is to shock it well. Remember that good shockers are scarce. Let the cap bundles protect the heads. If this is well done the shocks will stand and the inner bundles will keep dry. We have seen wheat with the outer heads all sprouted while the inner bundles were all right. When threshed the sprouted grains are blown away. Just as soon as wheat and oats are dry enough to stack or put away in the barn, haul them up. Five to seven days dry, clear weather will cure the grain sufficiently to haul up.

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