

Climate and Crop Condition.

U. S. Department of Agriculture, South Carolina Section.

COLUMBIA, S. C., May 30, 1899. The week ending May 29th averaged over four degrees cooler than usual...

The rainfall for the week was heavy at a few widely separated points, but was generally light and insufficient to relieve the prevailing drought...

The dry weather was favorable for cultivation; farm work made rapid progress, and field crops are free from grass and weeds.

Where moisture is lacking, corn is turning yellow, and late plantings are not up. Over about half the State the crop is in good condition...

The cool weather was unfavorable for cotton, which is making slow growth, and in a few localities is infested by lice.

Late tobacco settings have poor stands, and in a few localities the plants are dying for want of moisture.

Wheat is ripening, and harvesting has begun. Wheat and oats are below former expectations...

Rice is doing well in most districts, and has good stands. In Colleton, some fields are infested by caterpillars.

Melons, sugar cane, and minor crops generally continue promising. Truck farms in the Charleston district were visited by heavy rains...

Some few peas have been planted on stubble lands, but the ground is generally too dry. No improvement in the fruit prospects.

EXTRACTS FROM CORRESPONDENT'S REPORTS.

Kershaw—Camden: The dry weather has made the small grain crops very short, and cool nights are making cotton look badly...

Williamsburg—Kingstree: Light rain one day did crops considerable good, but effects soon passed, and the continued dry weather is becoming very serious...

Darlington—Stokes Bridge: Rain needed for all crops; fall oats and wheat are good; late oats almost an entire failure...

Florence—Ebenezer: A favorable week for farm work; light rain on the 22d; weather dry and cool; farmers well up with their work...

Georgetown—Plantersville: Good showers; weather abnormally cool; thermometer ranging in the fifties; rain too late to benefit oats...

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Richland—Congaree: Past week was cloudy, windy, cool, and exceedingly dry; oats are being harvested generally...

Sumter—Catochall: The rain on the 21st was not enough to bring up cotton and other seeds; hail in near vicinity, with brisk, cool winds...

Schley's Shrewdness.

Whatever may be the merits of the Sampson-Schley controversy, it must be admitted that Schley has the advantage of the situation in that he has not written a magazine article about the Santiago battle...

No, I have not written anything and have declined all requests for contributions of a literary kind. I do not believe that those who make history or assist in making history should write it.

Then, again, there are personal interests that should be eliminated and the simple facts should be handed down to subsequent generations.

Yet he managed to get in a sarcastic stroke at his army and navy brethren who have been filling pages after pages of the illustrated papers with their accounts of how "me and Betsy killed the bar."

If "Out of Sorts," Cross and Peovich, take Dr. M. A. Simmons Liver Medicine. Cheerfulness will return and life acquires new zest.

A Looming Personality.

The prophetic organs which have been predicting that Wm. J. Bryan would be relegated and become a back number stand discredited if there be anything in popular demonstrations or in the popular enthusiasm with which he is greeted everywhere he appears...

So today he is greeted, and thousands go to hear him as they did then, hail him with an ardor that speaks the intensity of their trust and admiration, and do him honors only such as people do to those they trust and deem worthy of them.

Chief Engineer Gardner Dead

Wilmington, N. C., May 27.—Col. Fleming Gardner, chief engineer of the Atlantic Coast Line, died suddenly this afternoon at Denmark, S. C., where he was superintending the survey and construction of a branch road of the Coast Line.

MUST PAY THEIR TAXES

New York, May 27.—By the decision of the board of tax commissioners made public today three of New York's citizens who have taken up their residence abroad will have to pay their taxes just the same as the persons living in this country.

The Bradley-Martins must pay taxes on \$2,000,000 worth of personal property. Mrs. Isaac H. Sherman, mother of Mrs. Bradley-Martin, must pay taxes on \$2,000,000 worth of personal property.

AT WORK FOR HAMPTON'S HOME.

A Committee Selected and Resolutions Adopted.

A meeting of a few of those interested in the plan to raise funds to rebuild Gen. Hampton's home was held Thursday afternoon in the office of Messrs. Lee & Moore.

Resolved, That the people of Sumter will cooperate with the other counties of the State in raising a fund to rebuild the home recently destroyed by fire, and which had been occupied by Gen. Hampton, and that if Gen. Hampton persists in refusing the acceptance of the same from his fellow citizens, the people of Sumter respectfully recommend to their fellow citizens that the residence so built shall be donated to Miss Daisy Hampton in tender remembrance of her brother...

Other committees will be appointed and funds will be raised in all parts of the county without delay so that Sumter County's contribution may be forwarded within the next few weeks.

You know that tired feeling is exceedingly disagreeable. What is far better, you may know, by a fair trial, that Hood's Sarsaparilla entirely cures it.

Hood's Pills cure nausea, sick headache, biliousness, indigestion. Price 25 cents.

The Electric Light Plant to Be Sold.

Suit has been entered in behalf of the bondholders against the Sumter Electric Light Company for the foreclosure of the mortgage on the plant and all other property of the company.

1. For the principal sum of the said bonds and for all of the amounts of the coupons remaining unpaid and for the counsel fees.

2. That a receiver be appointed by the court to take charge of and operate and manage said property.

3. That the said mortgage be reformed and that it be provided in the said decree that the said mortgage covers and embraces the parcel of land purchased after the date of making of said mortgage as aforesaid.

4. That the said mortgage may be foreclosed and all of the property real and personal and all of the rights, franchises, appurtenances and appliances mentioned in the said mortgage, whether owned at the time of the making of the said mortgage or since acquired, be sold and the proceeds thereof be applied to the payment of the costs, expenses and counsel fees of this action, and then to the satisfaction of the said bonds and coupons.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

Coroner Moses was engaged Friday and Saturday in holding an inquest over the dead body of Daniel Washington, a negro who died in Privater Township on Thursday under suspicious circumstances.

Washington was subject to epileptic fits and while in one of the fits fell into a stream and was drowned. A white man named Burrows was suspected of having struck Washington with a heavy stick, from the effects of which death resulted.

The jury exonerated Burrows and found in the verdict that Washington came to his death from falling into the water while in an epileptic fit.

Bishopville Oil Mill.

The stockholders of the Bishopville Cotton Oil Co. were called together in the store of Mr. R. E. Carnes on last Tuesday 16th, for the purpose of organizing and electing directors.

The first meeting of Directors was set for Wednesday 17th. The first payment of 10 per cent of capital stock was called for by the directors to be paid not later than the 25th.

The directors are men of fine business qualities and there is no reason why the enterprise should not be a paying investment.

A Frightful Blunder

Will often cause a horrible Burn, Scald, Cut or Bruise. Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the best in the world will kill the pain and promptly heal it.

Timmonsville Notes. Timmonsville, May 26.—The closing exercises of Prof. C. A. Wright's school were held in Traxler's Hall this evening.

Work has been commenced on the American Tobacco Co's steam plant. The main body of this house will be 200 feet by 48 feet. This does not include the engine and boiler rooms.

Mr. J. W. Brunson, a civil engineer, from Florence, has been here several days locating the best and cheapest way of thoroughly draining the town.

Miss Gena Dargan, of Darlington, is spending a few days with friends here. Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Traxler are spending some time in Greenville.

Timmonsville has a first-class military company. W. H. Keith is captain.

There is a time for all things. The time to take De Witt's Little Early Risers is when you are suffering from constipation, biliousness, sick-headache, indigestion or other stomach or liver troubles.

NEW COTTON OIL COMPANY.

A Big Enterprise That Will Make Sumter Headquarters

The secretary of state yesterday issued a commission to Perry Meese, A. J. Chioa, Horace Harby, A. C. Phelps, H. D. Barnett and Marion Moise, all of Sumter, as corporators of the Atlantic Cotton Oil company of that place.

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The general offices and headquarters of the company will be in this city. Atlanta and New York capitalists are associated with Sumter men in the new company, but the stock will be largely in the hands of Sumter people.

Thankful words written by Mrs. Ada E. Hart, of Groton, S. D. "Was taken with a bad cold which settled on my lungs; cough set in and finally terminated in Consumption. Four doctors gave me up, saying I could live but a short time. I gave myself up to my Saviour, determined if I could not stay with my friends on earth, I would meet my absent ones above.

My husband was advised to get Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. I gave it a trial, took in all eight bottles. It has cured me, and thank God I am saved and now a well and healthy woman."

Trial bottles free at J. F. W. DeLorme's Drug Store. Regular size 50c and \$1. Guaranteed or price refunded.

THE MASS MEETING.

Taxpayers Strongly Favor Increasing School Tax.

The mass meeting of citizens, called to consider the question of holding an election to vote on an increase of the school tax levy, was held in the Court House at 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The call under which the meeting was held and the statement of the School Board concerning the financial condition of the schools and the necessity for an increase in the school income was read by Mr. Hurst.

On motion of Mr. R. D. Lee, Mr. O'Donnell was elected chairman of the meeting. Mr. C. M. Hurst, Jr., was elected secretary.

Explanations were made by Supt. S. H. Edmunds and Maj. Marion Moise, and Maj. H. F. Wilson read the section of the school law in relation to special levies for school purposes.

The resolution was adopted without a dissenting vote. The meeting then adjourned, there being no further business before it.

Immediately after the adjournment of the mass meeting, the School Board met and ordered the election to be held on June 13th.

Kodol Dyspepsia Cure completely digests food within the stomach and intestines and renders all classes of food capable of being assimilated and converted into strength giving and tissue building substances.

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Pensioners More Numerous.

The List for 1899 Shows a Marked Increase.

The pension rolls for 1899 have been practically completed. Yesterday Miss Maher, the efficient pension clerk, was hard at work verifying the rolls of the several counties. The list shows the names of 7,034 pensioners as against 6,694 last year, an increase of 340 names.

The class B list also shows a decided decrease. From the appropriation of \$100,000 the individual pensioners, notwithstanding the increase which is offset by the provision elsewhere for the expense account, will get about the same amount as last year.

Gen. Lew Wallace, who is now conferring with William Young, the playwright selected to dramatize "Ben Hur," says that the first production of the play will take place next November; and if present plans shall be carried out 500 people will be required for its presentation.

An amphitheatre that will eclipse the Vespasian Coliseum, of Rome, will be constructed on the lake front in Chicago this summer. The dimensions of this Jumbo of amphitheatres will be 1,200 feet long by 700 feet wide, and its seating capacity will be an even 100,000.

Prices Reduced. SUMTER, S. C., May 3, 1899. The following just received from Overman Wheel Company:

"Owing to the great and increasing demand for a medium priced bicycle, and the fact that many of our riders are demanding a Victor Spin Roller Chainless, we have decided to REDUCE THE PRICE OF THE VICTOR and VICTOR CHAIN BICYCLES to \$40.00 on and after this date."

We have a few of these on hand, and now is the time for you to get a bargain. Cleveland range from \$35 to \$75.

All the above are the finest wheels that can possibly be turned out, and you will bear us out in this once you become one of our riders. Happy riding means a happy mount, and a happy mount means your riding one of our wheels.

JENKINS BROTHERS Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. Digests what you eat.

Artificially digests the food and aids Nature in strengthening and reconstructing the exhausted digestive organs. It is the latest discovered digestant and tonic. No other preparation can approach it in efficiency.

STANDARD BRED STALLION. For sale in Sumter by Hurbson-Ligon Co.

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DR. W. B. ALFORD,

DENTAL SURGEON, SUMTER, S. C.

Offices Hours—8 a. m. to 2:30 p. m.; 3:15 to 6:30 p. m. Office over Bullman's Shoe Store. May 2-6m

Estate of John P. Broun, Dec'd. I WILL APPLY to the Judge of Probate of Sumter County on June 17th, 1899, for a final discharge as Executor of aforesaid Estate.

Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company of South Carolina. CONDENSED SCHEDULE. In effect November 20th, 1898.

SOUTHBOUND. No. 35 No. 571. Lv Darlington, 8:02 am; Lv Elliott, 8:45 am; Lv Sumter, 9:25 am.

NORTHBOUND. No. 32 No. 561. Lv Denmark, 4:17 pm; Lv Orangeburg, 4:40 pm; Lv Preghalla, 10:00 am; Lv Creston, 3:50 pm.

Atlantic Coast Line. WILMINGTON, COLUMBIA AND AU. GUSTA RAILROAD. Condensed Schedule. Dated April 17, 1893.

TRAINS GOING SOUTH. No. 55 No. 35. Leave Wilmington, 3:45 p. m.; Leave Marion, 4:34 p. m.; Arrive Florence, 7:15 p. m.

TRAINS GOING NORTH. No. 54 No. 53. Leave Columbia, 8:05 a. m.; Arrive Sumter, 8:05 p. m.

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