

Climate and Crop Condition.

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

COLUMBIA, S. C., June 13, 1899. The week ending June 12th, 1899, was one of torrid heat, with the average temperature about 7 per day above normal, and with an extreme maximum of 105 degrees on the 8th at Greenwood.

There was almost an entire absence of rain during the week until Saturday evening, when general showers began that continued throughout Sunday, and in places on Monday. The week closed with cooler, threatening weather prevailing.

The hot, dry weather of the greater part of the week was very injurious to crops generally, and some, such as tobacco, rice, corn and truck, were seriously damaged in places, while cotton was but little affected.

Cotton of early planting is doing well everywhere and some is putting on squares freely; late planted is not all up, and some fields have been replowed and planted to corn. The stands of cotton are generally fair, but the plants are smaller than usual to the season. Sea Island cotton is in splendid condition, and some blooms have been noted.

Corn was suffering everywhere for rain, and in many places turned old yellow and wilted corn in tassel is seriously damaged by the drought—in places practically ruined. There is much land yet to plant in corn in the north central and south central counties, on red lands.

Old corn is being laid by. Insects continue to injure this crop.

Tobacco suffered serious impairment, especially late settings, many of which died, leaving stands much broken; early tobacco is blooming low.

Rice is doing well on low lands, but upland rice withered and died out in places. Late or June planting is nearly finished.

Wheat and oats harvest is nearing completion and threshing has begun, with quite satisfactory yields of wheat, while oats are turning are turning out poorly, with some exceptions. Spring oats are too low to be cut, and are a crop failure.

Maturing truck crops were cut short about one third by the drought. Pastures and gardens were parched. Much complaint of blight on apple and pear trees. Melons being laid by, but suffering for rain. The conditions as stated by correspondents in this bulletin, have been materially modified by the recent rains, but to what extent is not now known.

EXTRACTS FROM CORRESPONDENTS' REPORTS.

Clarendon—Alcala: The drought continues; all crops suffering; early cotton is doing better than any other crop, but a good deal of cotton is not yet up; corn that has not been properly cultivated is dying; small streams are dried up; gardens a failure.—E D Hodge.

Sumter—Hagood: Past week has been hot and favorable for growing crops: lands were packed by the heavy rains last week and are now hard to plow; crops growing and doing well; river bottoms have been planted and some peas sown on stubble lands; corn is small for the season but laying by will begin next week.—A K Sanders.

Georgetown—Brook Green: Several showers have greatly improved condition of farm and garden produce; setting out potatoes begun; rice stands good, and planters making use of low river tides to push acreage to the utmost in the limited time left.—M Willett.

Orangeburg—Orangeburg: Weather hot and dry for the past three days, temperature 97 in the shade from 2 to 5 p. m.; no rain the past week; all crops suffering from drought; gardens parched.—Jno S Rowe.

Florence—Florence: No rain this week, and intensely hot weather; crops of all kinds are suffering; gardens burned up; thermometer ranged from 96 to 99 degrees.—E W Lloyd.

Kershaw—Camden: The hot, dry weather is very injurious to gardens; and rain would do much good; corn and cotton are looking well, and are in good condition.—B Ammons.

Middlesboro, Ky., June 12.—Thomas Messer, a member of the Taylor faction of the Lee-Taylor feud in Harlan County, was killed yesterday by a man named Lee, a member of the Lee clan. More trouble is feared.

INVESTIGATING NEAL.

Senator Tillman and Congressman Latimer Write the Committee.

The penitentiary investigating committee resumed its session today at 12 o'clock. Only three of the members were present, Chairman Stevenson and Senators Livingston and Hay. Mr. Patton and Mr. McDaw are expected this afternoon and tomorrow.

The morning testimony was interesting from the fact that it came out that Representative Josh Ashley had stabled his horse at the penitentiary throughout one session of the legislature free of charge.

Senator Tillman and Mr. Latimer sent in statements as to charges made as to their receiving certain accommodations from the penitentiary. It is expected that ex Governor Evans will write or appear before the committee in reference to his farming operations while he occupied the mansion. The meeting convened in the supreme court chamber. Colonel Neil was not present, but was represented by Mr. Boggs, of Pickens, and Mr. Nelson, of this city. Penitentiary Directors Cunningham, Tatum and Sanders were on hand.

The first witness called was ex-Captain of the Guard Westfield.

Mr. Stevenson said it had been reported that a member of the legislature from Anderson, had had his horse stabled and fed at the penitentiary free of charge during its session of 1898. He asked as to the truth of it. Captain Westfield replied that Josh Ashley had rode through the country to Columbia and had his horse kept at the penitentiary and no charge had been made for it. He said, however, Mr. Ashley had frequently accommodated the penitentiary officers with teams, a horse and buggy for them to visit stockades in that county.

He was asked who constituted the Congaree brick company, and he said Colonel Neal was one of the company. He didn't know anything about an entry of \$60 paid to the company during 1898 for brick for the Reed farm. Mr. Stevenson said it indicated that brick on hand at the penitentiary had been used on the Reed farm and that some had been bought in addition.

Mr. Stevenson asked whether it was true that officers of the penitentiary of a higher grade had to pay part of their salary to Colonel Neal in consideration of receiving an appointment. He said it was not true as to himself and he didn't believe there was anything in it as to the others.

A letter was read by Chairman Stevenson from Senator Tillman in reference to brick, commissary supplies and farm accounts, brought out in former evidence. In it he says he deems it unnecessary to appear before the committee to answer about such trivial matters, and sends the letter in lieu thereof. He could not see how Col. Neal's dereliction could be charged to him. He said he never had any commissary supplies charged to him during his term of office as governor and he could not understand how such things should appear on the books. He had paid for the few things he got, but had probably received a few messes of vegetables from Col. Neal as a compliment.

He said he had never farmed while in Columbia in any true sense of the term. He rented four or five acres, planted oats on it, using his carriage horses, and afterwards planted peas for the fodder. The little piece of ground about the mansion had been planted by convicts sent to repair about the mansion and they assisted in hauling and cutting the stuff from the rented land. He said the committee could calculate the cost of that.

He said that Colonel Neal had offered him some brick, as a present, while they were at Rock Hill, if he would pay the freight, which he agreed to do. Afterwards a bill was sent him by Col. Lipscomb and when he wrote Neal about it, he said, "never mind—it's all right."

Col. Neal did ship him some oats and he had frequently asked for the bill, but never got any. He had accepted from Neal a desk made at the penitentiary, but he didn't think he was imposing on him since Neal owed him for a mill he had sold him.

He said he had no idea that such small matters would receive so much consideration, except that the newspapers made so much out of them for their own purposes. He said if the State had lost anything by him in these transactions he was willing to pay it, but he wanted an itemized statement. He

repeated, in a letter to the chairman, that he knew nothing of any charges against him on the penitentiary books and said that any use could be made of his letter the committee desired. He rather insinuated that such small matters were magnified for political capital. Mr. Westfield will look over his books and get up the itemized statement as to commissary supplies. It is alleged that about \$75 stands against the senator.

A letter was read from Congressman Latimer about the bookcase he got. He said he agreed to pay for it and had frequently asked for the bill, but Col. Neal never sent it. The case was made for his wife and he had no idea of getting it for nothing.

The committee will probably be in session until Thursday and then go to the farm.—Col. Record, June 15.

Uncle William's Petition.

The following is a copy of Uncle William Rose's application to Gov. McSweeney for the office of messenger, which has been given him:

Dear Sir: I humbly request the appointment of messenger to the executive office. Upon my war record and for the devotion to the Democracy I was appointed to that position until recently.

I am thoroughly familiar with the duties of messenger and promise your excellency the same faithful service that I have given to every governor since the administration of Gov. Hampton.

As to my character, integrity and competency, I refer you to every living Democratic governor and to the citizens of the community where I live.

Humbly awaiting your excellency's determination, I am

Your humble servant,  
William Rose.

The letter was accompanied by requests from all the state house officials and such men as Dr. Woodward, Mr. W. A. Clark, President Woodward of the South Carolina college and others.

WILL FOUND A LIBRARY.

The State. Writing to The State from Philadelphia Rev. Richard Carroll, the colored minister who is to establish the industrial school here, says: "I enclose a copy of a letter from the Rev. A. W. Lamar, D. D., of Norristown, Pa. I send it to you for publication by his consent. Mr. Lamar is a son of Col. Lamar of Beach Island, S. C., who owned many slaves. Col. Lamar was killed in the Confederate war. The Rev. Lamar heard of my presence in Philadelphia and by appointment we met and he made the proposition and put it in 'black and white.'"

The letter enclosed is as follows: Philadelphia, Pa., June 7, 1899. Rev. Richard Carroll, Columbia, S. C.

Dear Sir: I have been watching with profound interest your movement to found an industrial school for the people of your race in Columbia, S. C. I have it in my heart to do something to help the good work, and to this end I hope in due season to found a library at your school in memory of "Black Mammy," the faithful negro woman who nursed me in my helpless infancy and childhood.

Yours cordially,  
A. W. Lamar.

The Bride Murdered.

Wichita, Kas., June 11.—Mrs. R. Higgins, a bride of two hours, is dead and her husband and young brother badly injured as the result of a charivari party given them at their home near Watonga, Oklahoma, Friday night. The charivari party, composed of about 20 friends of the young married couple, refused to go when requested to do so, but continued to make deafening noises by beating on pans and firing shot guns.

One of the party, Harry Randal, deliberately pointed his gun at the young couple and fired. The bride's face and breast were filled with buckshot. She fell, shot through the lungs, and died an hour later. The groom was shot in the face, and a small brother of the bride was also wounded, neither of them fatally, however. After the accident, the obnoxious party fled. No arrests have been made yet.

Negroes Lynched By Negroes.

Ocala, Fla., June 12.—Two negroes were lynched at Dannelon last evening by an infuriated mob of their own color. Some weeks ago Marshal Payne was shot by a negro. Saturday the negro was captured and returned to Dannelon, when it is supposed some negroes were employed to take him down the river and drown him Sunday evening the laborers of the Dannelon phosphate mine heard of it and at once organized to mete out similar justice to those implicated. They succeeded in lynching two of the men, and were only prevented from lynching nine others by the appearance of Sheriff Nugent and an armed posse, who went down in a special train from Ocala. The posse returned this morning and reported everything quiet.

THE EXTRA MILL VOTED.

The Taxpayers of Sumter Believe in Good Schools.

The special election held yesterday for the purpose of deciding for or against levying an extra mill for school purposes, thus making the special levy for schools in this city three mills, resulted, as was foreseen in favor of levying the additional mill. There was very little interest aroused in the election as there was apparently no opposition to the increased tax, and but few people turned out to vote, it being the accepted belief that the friends of good schools would carry the election without an effort being put forth.

Although the extra levy was voted by a large majority, the opposition developed greater strength than anticipated.

The vote stood:  
For the extra tax, 92  
Against the extra tax, 26  
Total vote, 118

Red Hot From the Gun.

Was the ball that hit G. B. Steadman, of Newark, Mich., in the Civil War. It caused horrible ulcers that no treatment helped for 20 years. Then Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured him. Cures Cuts, Bruises, Burns, Boils, Eruptions, Corns, Skin Eruptions. Best Pile cure on earth. 25 cts. a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by J. F. W. DeLorme, Druggist. 3

RELIGIOUS.

By authority of Bishop W. W. Duncan, Rev. Allen H. Whisner, who has been serving the Magnolia Street Church in the Sumter District, will take charge of the North Asheville Station, in the Western N. C. Conference. Bro. Whisner is a well educated young man, a growing preacher and a faithful and successful worker. He has made a decidedly favorable impression upon this community, and leaves many friends here who will cherish affectionate interest in his future career.

By the same authority, the Rev. W. A. Kelly has been reinstated to his former pastorate.

The many friends of this very promising young preacher are glad to note the complete restoration of his health and strength, and are confident his recent misfortunes will result in his enlarged usefulness. He will have the loving cooperation of his congregation in promoting the interests of the Magnolia Street Church.

St. Joseph's Commencement.

The invitations to the thirty-fifth annual commencement of St. Joseph's Academy have been issued.

The commencement will be held in the Opera House on Monday evening, June 19th. The exercises will begin promptly at 6 o'clock.

S. C. College Commencement.

We are in receipt of an invitation to the commencement exercises of the Claioisophic and Euphradian Literary Societies, of the South Carolina College, to be held on June 17th, 19th and 20th. Mr. V. M. Moses is the only member of the graduating class from this city.

Pisgah Items.

We had a fine rain yesterday, and the crops will now move forward. Several of my neighbors have very fine crops; but more of that hereafter.

With the exception of a few cases of measles the health of our community continues remarkably good.

The extreme heat of last week liked to have done for man and beast. The hot spells of recent years last longer than in years past, and the same with the cold spells.

Mr. John McCaa, of Boykins, lost a fine mule last week from heat. He said he had been working it to a reaper, and presumes it got overheated.

The small grain has been all cut, and the stubble lands are now being sown in peas. Our farmers have got to the top on forage. May be they will get there on other things after awhile.

With no backset the bulk of the farm work will be done by the first of July. Then the various churches will commence their annual meetings.

Tobacco curing will also commence about the first of next month. Peaches through here are few and far between; but in the Spring Hill section I am told they are quite plentiful.

Blackberries are rather scarce, owing to the extreme cold of last winter, and the dry weather.

Matt. 13: 28—"An enemy hath done this"—was the theme of Rev. J. C. Crouch to a crowded house at Swift Creek Church on yesterday. The sermon was fine, and was listened to with unflagging interest to the end. The more I hear Mr. Crouch the more I am impressed with the simple grandeur of the man in his life's work, and his wonderful influence over the churches of his charge towards spiritual improvement. Before preaching, baptism was administered to several candidates. Mr. Crouch is certainly doing a fine work. He has been visiting some of his friends here, and we hope he will come again soon.

In the Boykin mill pond can be seen a remnant of the old flat that sank so many people to their watery graves years ago and carried death and sorrow to so many homes. The writer of this witnessed the sad occurrence in part, and the sight impressed on his boyish mind can never be effaced.

THE OCEANIC.

Col. R. A. Jenkins, manager of the Oceanic Hotel at Carolina Beach was up to the city yesterday. He is hopeful of one of the best seasons his hotel has ever enjoyed. Workmen have been busy for sometime under his personal supervision repairing and renovating, and when they finish the Oceanic will be in every way ready for its guests.

Col. Jenkins says that everything will be in good shape by to-morrow. The opening ball will be given Tuesday night, June 13th, and will be complimentary to Miss Louise Harper, the charming daughter of Capt. J. W. Harper. There will be music by the Italian band every day and dances every night. Col. Jenkins will select a committee of young Wilmington gentlemen to have charge of the dances.—Wilmington Star.

COUNTY BOARD MEETING.

The County Board of Commissioners met on Saturday with Supervisor Dorn and commissioners McNeil, McLeod, Rhodes, White, Jenkins and Scarborough present.

Commissioner McNeil, committee to see Florence County commissioners in reference to work on Hudson's Bridge, stated that he had met the Florence board and they promised to do said work within three weeks.

Under the head of unfinished business the matter of the claim of the Crisp Furniture Company for damages to be heard was brought up. Supervisor Dorn stated that from what Mr. T. D. DuBose told him the county was not to blame in this instance. On motion of Commissioner McNeil it was determined not to pay the claim.

The petition to open and lay out a public road from T. J. and W. R. DuBose's to Hebron Church, referred at meeting of January 2d for further consideration was read, and on motion Commissioner McLeod and Scarborough were appointed a committee to look into the matter and report at the August meeting of the board.

Overseer Cummings of the Bridge Force submitted his report and diary. His report was read and received as information.

Mr. E. W. A. Bultman was before the Board with his witnesses in the matter of his claim for damages to a mule. The statements of all the witnesses were heard, and on motion action was deferred until next meeting.

A petition requesting that the public road from Bishopville to Lyles river be worked by the chain gang was referred to the Supervisor.

A petition was presented to have a public road opened from Cedar Creek Church to Coocord Church in Bishopville-township was read. Commissioner Scarborough stated that the petitioners propose to cut out the road themselves and that bridges would be built. That one party would not give the right of way. He asked that a committee be appointed to examine into the matter. On motion, Supervisor Dorn and Commissioner Scarborough were appointed.

The books of Magistrates Hudson, Jennings, Wells, Folk and Kelly were examined and found correct. The books of Magistrate G. M. Barrett were before the Board, but as there were no vouchers accompanying them an examination was deferred until the next meeting.

Commissioner Jenkins stated that Magistrate Ingram's bond had been turned over to him, but he had forgotten it. He was requested to have it at next meeting of the Board.

Dr. J. S. Hughson, R. O. Purdy and E. W. Horst of the City Council appeared before the Board in reference to the drainage of land near Turkey Creek canal for the benefit of the health of the community. A profile of the canal was exhibited to the Board and the request was made that the County Board aid the city in widening, deepening and extending the said canal. The Board adopted a resolution expressing the approval and sympathy of the Board in the proposed undertaking, and promising aid asked, but not within the next three months, as the work of the chain gang is mapped out six months in advance.

The report of County Treasurer Scarborough was read and filed.

A motion was adopted requesting the County Dispenser to pay to the County Treasurer the county's share of the dispensary profits each month, as his predecessor had done, instead of quarterly.

On motion of Commissioner Jenkins the following resolution was adopted: Resolved: That the County Supervisor be instructed to borrow from the first National Bank of Sumter, the sum of Three Thousand Dollars in such sums as he may judge best to meet the necessary expenses of the county.

R. O. Purdy, Esq., was elected attorney for the Board by acclamation at a salary of \$150 per annum. The Board decided to elect cotton weavers under the Act at its next regular meeting on July 8th and adjourned to that date.

Fine Marble Work.

Several beautiful and artistically finished monuments, recently completed by W. P. Smith, the well known marble cutter, are on exhibition at his marble yard on the Court House square. He has all the facilities for turning out high class and artistic work and his experience of thirty odd years has equipped him to do good work and please his patrons. All who admire fine workmanship and wish to see some home work that will compare favorably with the work of the best marble cutters in the country are invited to visit his yard.

Wedgfield Items.

Wedgfield, S. C., June 13.—Lightning with its destructive power visited us again last week. On Saturday night it struck Mr. Alva Mellett's barn and destroyed it with contents.

Prof. J. A. Merritt has been offered and has accepted the position as principal of the Woodruff Graded School in Spartanburg County. Our loss and their gain.

I am sorry Wedgfield was not a county seat, and its citizens couldn't have voted on the spy sentence I am quite sure we could have closed his record as a murderer of defenseless women.

The writer was glad to see his old friend this morning, Dr. N. W. Hicks examining physician of the A. C. L. His future is a bright one being only twenty-one and appointed to the responsible position he now holds.

The Editor will please correct an error in my article in last week's issue in announcing the marriage of Mr. R. H. Ramsey. Instead of Miss Meg Wells as printed it should have been Miss Una Wells, of Privateer.

Miss Lizzie Whilden, of Tindal, who has been spending some time with relatives here, returned home last Saturday.

Mrs. W. H. Ramsey of this place is visiting relatives in Privateer. Dock.

In the list of patents granted to South Carolina inventors this week are: J. T. Hutson, Columbia, attachment for ore-roasting furnaces. C. T. Mason, Sumter, hat, coat and umbrella rack.

Bequest to Connie Maxwell Orphanage.

Mr. Andrew M. Woods, of Shiloh, who died on Friday last, left a will bequeathing his entire property, valued at \$5,000 or more, \$2,000 of which is cash, to the Connie Maxwell Orphanage, Greenwood, S. C.

A Fine Game of Ball at Elliott.

The Mayeville and Bishopville base ball clubs met at Elliott last Friday and crossed bats. The game was one of the finest ever played by amateurs in Sumter County, Bishopville winning by a score of 3 to 1. Mr. Joe Strauss, of Mayeville, umpired the game. Next Friday the same clubs will meet at Mayeville and fight the battle over.

The cotton mills in the up country have, during the past year, earned dividends ranging from 15 to 35 per cent of the capital stock. The Sumter Cotton Mill is a small affair and the operating expenses are consequently disproportionately larger, but it earned, nevertheless, 14 1/2 per cent last year. The up country towns are prospering, they are growing rapidly, business is brisk the year round and the banks are filled with money, and this is all the result of the establishment of factories. There is no reason why Sumter should not grow and prosper as the up country towns. If we had a number of large factories and there is no reason why the factories are not here, except the failure of the people, the merchants and business men especially, to get together and by uniting forces build them. When once a start has been made, and one large factory is in successful operation it will be easy to build others and to secure the investment of outside capital in any amount desired.

Other towns have done this and are doing it every day, while Sumter is doing nothing in that line. Sumter is making some progress, but it is a snail's pace as compared with the progress of other smaller and poorer towns. These are the facts of the situation and the business men and property owners of Sumter who have most at stake and who would receive the greatest benefit by the increase of business and the enhancement in the value of property by the growth and prosperity of the city should face the issue squarely, consider the facts and do something to put Sumter in the march of progress along the road to prosperity.

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NOTICE.

To my friends and former patrons: I beg to say that Dr. W. B. Alford has purchased my outfit and office furniture and has rented the office formerly occupied by me, and I feel sure will serve any of my former patrons with entire satisfaction to them.

Thanking you for your patronage in the past, I remain  
E. ELVA SOLOMONS.  
June 6-1w.

NEGRO LYNCHED BY NEGROES.

Sardis, Miss., June 11.—Simon Brooks, colored was lynched by a mob of 500 negroes near here, having been taken from the jail some time between midnight and dawn. The crimes which was thus avenged was one of the most atrocious in the criminal annals of this State. Last night a negress named Armistead, while returning from a shopping tour to her home, was assaulted by Brooks and another negro. The woman was outraged, her throat cut and she was severely beaten about the head and her jaws were tied to prevent breathing. Her body was then concealed in rubbish. The woman rallied sufficiently to give the alarm and the names of her assailants. Part of the goods taken from the woman was later found in a trunk belonging to Brooks.

The mob, which was composed entirely of negroes, did its work very quietly. The white people knew nothing of the affair until hours after it occurred.

For Rent or Sale.

THE RESIDENCE at West end of Calhoun Street, lately occupied by E. H. Holman. House of seven rooms, with commodious cookroom and pantry attached—lot of nearly an acre with barn and stable. Apply to  
J. D. BLANDING.  
June 13-1w

NOTICE TO TEACHERS.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION, OF SUMTER COUNTY, SUMTER, S. C., June 10, 1899. THE DATE fixed for the next regular examination of applicants for Teachers' Certificates is June 17th (third Saturday). For white teachers at Office County Superintendent. For colored teachers at Court House. J. EDWIN REMBERT, County Supt. Education.

Estate of John P. Brown, 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.  
THOS. DAVIS DAY, Jr., Executor.  
May 17-4t

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