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Weekly Crop Bulletin.

Columbia, June 23.—The week ending 8 a. m., Monday, June 22nd, had a mean temperature of 78 degrees, which is about 1 degree below normal. There is general complaint of cool nights checking the growth of cotton. The week's sunshine was about normal.

The extreme western counties had no rain, the west-central ones light rains or none, while the east central and northeastern counties had excessive precipitation, and the coastal regions had moderate rains. Lands were badly washed and eroded in Bamberg county and adjacent sections. The excessive rains were unfavorable on growing crops, as the soil was previously well supplied with moisture, and the seed of the crops was dry weather and cultivation. The rains interrupted cultivation, and stimulated the growth of grass and weeds. Rain is needed in the western counties to soften hard and crusted lands and make them tillable. Damaging hail occurred over extensive areas in Bamberg, Barnwell, Beaufort, Berkeley, Clarendon, Orangeburg, Sumter and Williamsburg counties, and hail doing slight damage occurred in Hampton, Lexington, Florence, Colleton, Marlboro and Marion counties. Cotton and tobacco suffered most, though corn was also affected.

Cultivation made rapid progress and was vigorously prosecuted, except where rains interfered, and fields are gradually being rid of grass and weeds, although grassy fields of corn and cotton are the rule rather than the exception.

The week was on the whole favorable on corn, and early corn is being laid by. Some is tasselling low. Bottoms are being replanted as they become sufficiently dry. The crop is late.

Cotton lacks uniformity, some just coming up, and some not yet chopped, and ranges from extremely poor to good. It is small for the season, and is not making satisfactory growth, owing to the cool nights, although it has improved in color, but is "off color" in many places. Fields have been cleaned where practicable to do so, but many contain grassy. Lice are more prevalent than last week. Squares are plentiful in places. Sea-island cotton is thrifty, but small.

Tobacco leaves are ripening, and curing has begun. The crop is generally buttoning low. Like the other staple crops, tobacco lacks uniformity, ranging from poor to good, but with a slight improvement during the week. Wheat and oats harvest is finished, and thrashing has begun, with poor yields of wheat. Minor crops are less promising, but gardens are generally good. Fruit prospects vary with the locality.

WEEKLY WEATHER SUMMARY.

The Weather Bureau's Review of Crop Conditions of the Country.

Washington, June 23.—The weather bureau's weekly summary of crop conditions says:

While still too cool in the districts east of the Rocky mountains the temperature conditions of the week ending June 22 were somewhat more favorable in the central valleys and southern States, but over portions of the lake region and middle Atlantic States and in New England it was colder than in the preceding week.

A general improvement in the condition of corn in the central valleys is indicated, especially over the western portions. In the southern States early corn is largely laid by and is nearing maturity in Texas.

Cotton continues small, but its general condition is somewhat improved. Cultivation has made good progress, and fields are clean, except in portions of eastern districts. In Texas plants are healthy and have made rapid growth but the crop continues two or three weeks late. Boll weevil are spreading in Texas, but so far have done little injury. Lice are causing damage in the Carolinas, Arkansas and Missouri.

In New England tobacco needs warmth and sunshine, but elsewhere the crop has made favorable progress, except in North Carolina and portions of Virginia. Tobacco is growing well in Tennessee and the Ohio valley, a marked improvement being reported from Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Transplanting is about finished.

The special train on the Northwestern R. R., to Providence Spring on account of the ball at the pavilion will leave the depot at 6.25 p. m. Returning the special will leave Providence Spring for this city after the ball is over. There will be a special train from Camden also.

PRIOLEAU PLAYS TO THE GALLERIES

Ex-Candidate for Congress Says He is in Danger, and asks Gov. for Protection.

Columbia, June 23.—Aaron P. Priolean is the name of a negro from the low country who is conspicuous in the councils of the Republican party of this State. He was the nominal candidate for congress in the first district against Mr. Geo. S. Lezare, the Democratic candidate who was elected by a large majority. Priolean writes to the governor that he is practically banished from his home, Eutawville, and that for him to return means the loss of his life, while for him to stay away means the loss of his property.

The matter has been taken under advisement by Gov. Heyward, but he is not yet ready to indicate what are his views or what will be his attitude.

The letter which Priolean has forwarded the governor is indeed characteristic. Those who have heard his speeches on those great biennial occasions when the Republicans gather in the hall of the house of representatives can almost see the excited and lusty langed Priolean as he tells of his alleged wrongs. In these powwows, whose sole object is the selection of delegates to the national convention where there is much graft in sight, Priolean is a leader. Following is his complaint to the governor.

Charleston, S. C., June 8, 1903. To His Excellency Gov. Heyward, Columbia, S. C.

Sir: I most respectfully appeal to you for the protection of my life and property in the town of Eutawville, S. C., by our good office.

Since the sad killing of my brother, John A. Fludd by citizens of said town my life and property have been and are still in danger.

To get me away from my house, sets of prosecutions without causes were charged against me in the State courts first, and then in the United States courts and again in the magistrate courts in Berkeley and Clarendon counties with no protection for my own property.

Seeing this was too shameful, I was held for carrying concealed weapons in Clarendon county before Justice Richbourg. This is something that everybody knows me not to be guilty of.

Now I rented a store and house for one year to one of those that were charged with the killing of Fludd. I did not break my contract with said party on account of this occurrence, and since the lease was out, January, this man was backed up by the town and community of Eutawville, S. C., to hold my property by force and refuse to pay rent for two months in last year and for all of this year.

I place the matter in the magistrate court for collection and on my return from taking testimonies in my congressional contest and those who were witnesses for Mr. Geo. S. Lagree in this county.

About the first of April last on the 8th of the same month, I was forced to leave my home to save myself from being lynched after a pretended arrest, and have not been able to go home since.

My property is being taken by force and used and I am threatened to be shot down if I be seen in Eutawville, S. C., and I have no redress. My white and colored friends have advised me to leave the county but I am resisting the same because my property and interest are in that county. I am a law-abiding citizen and the county, regardless of color know this to be a fact, that it is nothing but a conspiracy and prejudice against me.

I place the matter before you for your good judgment in the premises as governor of the whole people, white, colored, rich and poor.

I am, most respectfully, Aaron P. Priolean. No. 470 King street, Charleston, S. C.

Hagood Writes of Cloud Bursts.

Hagood, S. C., June 23.—There is abundance of rain passing about yet. There is a very small section known here as Dinkins Peninsula that has escaped the rains of the past week and farm work has gone steadily on interrupted only by light sprinkles. The crops here, in the Peninsula, are beginning to take on color. Speaking of rains, a neighbor of the writer had ten big rains in one, and all in a very short space of time. The water rose up in his barn, ran under his dwelling, drowned nearly all his chickens, and on every side was one vast sheet, a cloud burst, Mr. Editor. Cloud-bursts are bad things anywhere. A reliable man told me he was plowing in a field one day when two small clouds came together directly above him, and that before he could hitch out his horse and get away the water was knee deep. This story shook my confidence in the man till lately. I have heard my father tell of another. He said the wind was severe and that they dipped up bushels of water off the floor of the house he was in at the time, a most substantial dwelling. A large mill pond near by was flooded, the gates of which blew out just after

he passed them, and all this in the short space of an hour. A mile away, just beyond the pond he came to dry sand, and two miles above, on the same stream another pond, that was dry, got no water at all.

Man when everything is fair can act so independent, to be so helpless. We are all in the hands of the great God. I hear of more hail and of considerable damage done by it near High Hills Church.

Quite a severe wind and rainstorm passed by way of Hagood depot Saturday. Near Bethesda Methodist Church it blew a large sycamore tree across a negro cabin containing eight souls without hurting one. Reader can you see the providence of God in this?

The general health of the community is good.

While we here have been suffering from rain, in Marion they have been suffering from want of it. Strange as the cloudburst story. Hagood.

Dark Corner Items.

Rain, grass, &c., is all the talk here now, but we have had no hail or any damaging wind as yet.

Crops are small and grassy. Mr. Wash Scott comes to the front with the first cotton bloom on the 17th. He is working on one of Mr. L. B. Jenkin's places.

Mrs. W. J. Ardis is being quite sick with neuralgia.

Mr. Bob Ardis is suffering with heart trouble and Mr. Jim Kolb, of S. W. Manchester has a very sick child.

I have not been in your city since the 11th of May when the ladies treated us poor old rebs so well that they will not be forgotten by the scribe, so long as reason holds her throne. May a kind Heavenly Father's blessing ever rest upon them.

While in your city that day I had the pleasure of meeting "Gov." But he seemed to be afraid to talk to me (as he left me and crawled into a buggy with a man that could walk heavy and curse loud) when I told him he said he did not know what in thunder and Thomas P. Walker were wanted with Manchester any how. I will tell him some reasons some of those days.

Was glad to see he had such a fine time in Columbia, I am sorry that I could not go to Columbia myself. Hope to see something more from "Gov," soon in the columns of the Watchman and Southron. Well as we have yellow flies, mosquitoes and Buffalo gnats to contend with I will stop here. S.

Local Weather Report.

For 24 hours ending 7 p. m., June 23, 1903: Temperature: Maximum, 92; Minimum, 67; Mean, 79.1 Precipitation, 0.0. Character of day—Partly cloudy. Direction of wind—S. E. Sun rises, 4.53; sun sets, 7.11.

Forecast for 36 hours ending 8 p. m., Thursday issued from Washington, D. C.:

For Sumter and vicinity—Fair tonight, Thursday showers, Stationary temperature.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

The pressure is lowest in the lake regions forming a storm of wide extent that caused showery conditions or general rains over the eastern half of the continent with the following heavy amounts: Charlotte 1.20, Jupiter 1.22, Raleigh, 2.20, Kingstree, S. C., 1.54. Showers occurred over the central and eastern parts of the cotton belt, none west of the Mississippi. It is slightly cooler in the central valleys, and decidedly warmer in the upper Missouri Valley attending a storm of mild intensity but which covers all of the great plains. The highest temperature was 94 at El Paso, the lowest 46 at Huron, Marquette and Portland, Me.

F. Prescott-Bullock, Local Observer, U. S. Weather Bureau.

Petit Jury for Second Week.

R. J. Davis, W. H. Flowers, W. S. Burkett, C. L. Rhame, R. L. Kennedy, W. B. Burns, J. D. Osteen, W. M. Wells, B. B. Seymour, H. R. Tomlinson, C. A. Mitchell, G. M. Saunders, M. H. Boykin, W. B. Lynam, W. W. Burkett, W. T. Brogdon, J. K. McLeod, G. W. Hudson, J. A. Boykin, C. W. Sanders, J. Nettles Wilder, W. L. Osteen, J. R. Jackson, R. B. Durant, W. A. Clyde, J. H. Winburn, A. W. Scarborough, R. H. Cain, E. A. Bultman, M. L. Jenkins, R. W. Tomlinson, [A. D. Witherpoon, C. E. Sanders, R. M. Brown, J. D. Norris, W. H. Jennings.

London, June 23.—Lord Chief Justice Alverton today delivered judgment in the test case arising from the agreement made by Ogdens (limited), at the time of the tobacco war to distribute to retailers \$1,000,000 annually for four years. Ogdens, at that time, represented the American Tobacco Company. The lord chief justice found the Ogdens company was not relieved by the sale of its business and its incorporation into the Anglo-American combine.

Ask your physician if Glenn Springs Mineral Water is not what you need.

THE JAMES H. TILMAN TRIAL.

Progress of Effort to Get a Change of Venue.

Columbia, S. C., June 23.—The second day of the hearing for a change of venue in the case of James H. Tillman, indicted for murder, ended with the argument only fairly begun. This morning the prosecution presented additional affidavits, alleging that a fair trial can be had in the county. The affidavits for the prosecution number four hundred or more. Then the defence introduced a number in reply, the whole number of affidavits on both sides being about seven hundred and fifty. The defendant's attorney read numerous articles printed in the State, relating to the killing of that paper's editor, these being, for the most part, messages of sympathy and appreciative tributes to Mr. N. G. Gonzales. Prayers, offered for Mr. Gonzales's recovery by the Columbia ministers the Sunday before he died, were also read as evidence that the preachers "as well as the press had endeavored to stir up feeling against the defendant. The defence desired to introduce some of Mr. Gonzales's editorials denouncing Lieutenant Governor Tillman last year, but Judge Townsend ruled that these were not competent and they were excluded.

The argument was begun at 5 o'clock this afternoon by Col. George Johnstone for the defence. Col. Johnstone is one of the most eloquent and resourceful lawyers of the State, and he spoke for over an hour, criticising and commenting on certain of the prosecution's affidavits.

Court adjourned at the conclusion of his speech, to meet at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning, when Mr. Andrew Crawford will open for the prosecution.

There will be five hours' argument tomorrow and a decision may be given in the afternoon.

The defendant was in court throughout the proceedings and participated in the several consultations of his attorneys. Neither his wife nor mother was present today.

Medical Association Meeting.

The next meeting of the Sumter County Medical Association will be held on Friday, June 26, instant, at 6.30 p. m., at the Hotel Sumter.

Subject for discussion: Chloroform and its administration.

Discussion to be led by Dr. Van Telburg-Hofman.

Essayist Dr. J. A. Mood.

Glenn Springs Mineral Water is a safe and sure cure for kidney troubles.

Hail Storm at Mechanicsville.

There was a severe hailstorm on a part of Mr. R. I. Manning's plantation near Mechanicsville Saturday afternoon. The hail was accompanied by a high wind and a heavy rain. The storm lasted only a few minutes, but 120 acres of cotton and 70 acres of corn on Mr. Manning's place were seriously damaged. The adjoining places suffered comparatively little damage from hail, but on Rose Hill plantation the new store in process of erection was blown down and on the lower part of the place, adjoining the Manning place, the crops were slightly damaged by wind and hail. Crops on other near by places were injured to about the same extent.

The tobacco crop in several sections of this county has been damaged by hail within the past ten days.

The South Carolina College for Teachers.

Although nearly approaching its centennial anniversary, the South Carolina College shows none of the decrepitude of old age, but rather increasing signs of vigorous life. A new departure of great importance to the College and to the State has just been inaugurated. For some years the College has had a department of pedagogy, for the training of teachers; but last winter, for the first time, the Legislature created a number of endowed normal scholarships, one for each county. It is the intention of the Trustees and Faculty to set these scholarships upon a high plane, and to seek thereby to qualify superior young men for positions of leadership and influence in our public schools. However largely women may be employed as teachers, the work of superintendence, direction and control must continue to be most largely in the hands of the men; and it is to supply these teachers of leadership and influence in the community as well as in the schools, that the College will chiefly aim, through these scholarships. Hence, no young man under nineteen years of age will be eligible, and preference will be given to those applicants who have already taught with success for at least one year.

A special and technical course of study has been established, on a high yet practical plane; and it is intended that this department shall be worthy entitled to be called a "College for Teachers." All the work will be disjunctively normal, and apart from the regular College classes. The Trustees and Faculty feel sure that in preparing a body of strong, and well equipped men teachers the College will aid in supplying one of the most important needs of the State. They hope, also, that this work in its success and its results, may meet with such public approval as to lead hereafter to its still further enlargement.

Circulars have been issued giving the details of regulations and course of study.

The present session, now nearly ended, has been very encouraging. Not a ripple has disturbed the internal peace of the College. The new President has won golden opinions, and has more than maintained the confidence and affection gained in his long service as professor. The friends of the College look hopefully forward to the continued success and increased usefulness of this venerated institution, which will soon enter upon its second century of honorable history.

GENUINE Imported Peruvian Guano analysing—3.50 per cent Ammonia; 3.70 per cent Potash; 20.25 per cent Phos. Acid; For rushing crops, this fertilizer has no equal. For sale by Harby & Co., Special Agents. June 10—3w.

WANTED—Bids for putting down two artesian wells and ceiling one school house. All bids must be in hands of clerk of board by July 10th. next. Apply to the undersigned for information. By order Board of Trustees District No. 15. E. W. DABBS, Goodwill, S. C., Clerk and Trustee. June 15, 1903—3t

UNTIL further notice the County Treasurer's office will be open on Tuesday and Saturday of each week and the first Monday of each month, also during the time court is in session. T. W. Lee, County Treasurer. June 15—2t.

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA. COUNTY OF SUMTER.

By Thos. V. Walsh, Esq., Probate Judge. Whereas, Mrs. Mary E. Hall, widow, made suit to me to grant her Letters of Administration of the Estate and effects of Robt. T. Hall, late of said county and State, deceased.

These are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said Robt. T. Hall, as aforesaid, deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Sumter, C. H., on July 9th, 1903, next, after publication thereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said administration should not be granted. Given under my Hand, this 24th day of June, A. D., 1903.

THOS. V. WALSH, Judge of Probate. June 24—2t

WANTED.

TO SELL—or exchange for Southern Books or Magazines published before 1868: History of the Reformation—Daubigne. Several different Church Histories. Annals of The Persecutions in Scotland. Sir Walter Scott's History of Scotland. The Huguenots, "by Samuel Smiles." Rise and Fall of the Roman Empire. The Writings of Washington, 12 vols., nicely bound in calf. Many other good books. Address T. E. RICHARDSON, P. O. Box 74, Sumter, S. C. June 9—

The State of South Carolina. COUNTY OF SUMTER.

By Thos. V. Walsh, Esq., Probate Judge. Whereas, Junius A. Mayes, of Savannah, Ga., made suit to me to grant him Letters of Administration of the Estate and effects of George Lowry, deceased, remaining unadministered by M. P. Mayes, Jr., Administrator, deceased.

These are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said George Lowry, late of said County and State, deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Sumter, C. H., on July 9th, 1903, next, after publication thereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said administration should not be granted. Given under my hand this 24th day of June, A. D., 1903.

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MEN'S Negligee Shirts.

We doubt if a larger or better assorted stock of this class of goods is to be found anywhere in the State than we are showing, but for lack of space we cannot make as intelligent a display of them as we would like to.

THE MONARCH SHIRT.

We are the sole agents for this celebrated brand which we sell largely to travelling men, and they pronounce it the best dollar shirt on the market. We have them in white and fancy, sizes 14 to 18, plain and plaited bosoms.

The Princely & Emperor, at 50c.

These brands have no superior at the price. We have them also in white and colored, sizes 14 to 17. For the man of moderate means we have a very good white Negligee Shirt at 25 cents. You have to see this to appreciate it.

Men's Balbriggan Shirts

Sizes 34-50 at 25 and 50 cents. You can buy a balbriggan shirt anywhere for 25 cents, but ours is the best we have ever had, and probably better than you can get elsewhere for the price, but we prefer your judgment, so see it and compare.

Men's Bleached Jean Drawers

At 25 and 50 cents, sizes up to 50 waist. Our 25c number is made of Pepperrill Mills Bleach, with double seat and elastic ankles. They were made to sell for double the money, but we scooped in a lot of them in connection with other goods, and are selling them on a basis of their purchase—at half price.

Men's Night Robes.

You can't afford to have these made at home as you formerly did, if you will only examine what we are selling at 50 cents. This robe is made of light material and without a collar, just what you want for these sultry June nights.

We are selling hundreds of dozens of those 5c Collars, a large percentage of which are as good as any 10c quality on the market, and the styles quite up-to-date.

Our Ten Cent Cuff

Which is a rejection of the 25c number is a money-saver to you. The difference in quality is barely perceptible.

The reason we have such a large stock in this department is that we buy in case lots from manufacturers, in order to save jobbers' profits, which we give to our customers.

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