

CONDITION OF VIRGINIA CROPS

Bulletin Issued by the Weather Bureau.

THE DROUGHT IS BROKEN

Rains Had Good Effect and Reports from All Correspondents Indicate Decided Improvement in Crop Situation.

The climate and crop bulletin issued by the local department of the United States Weather Bureau for the week ending yesterday is as follows:

GENERAL SITUATION.

The rains fell over the major part of the State during the week, effectually breaking the partially droughty conditions under which crops and vegetation in general had been suffering. Reports from all correspondents, with the exception of a few in some of the Southside counties, indicate a prompt and decided improvement in the general crop situation. Pastures which were burning have revived, and are greening up. Considerable threshing of wheat was done. The stacking and hauling of oats has also been carried on, and some threshing of the crop done, while haying was completed. Most of the crops are now laid by in Tidewater and middle division counties, but the cultivation of those in which work has not yet been finished has been somewhat retarded locally by wet weather. Garden stuff is improving. The crop of melons, both watermelons and cantaloupes, is large and the quality excellent. Cow-peas are also a fine crop. Showers have put the ground in better order in most sections for all plowing, and many farmers are vigorously prosecuting this work and getting ready for the fall seeding of wheat and oats. Seeding of turnips is becoming general. The peanut crop is doing very well, and the fields remain free from grass and weeds. Spring oats harvest is now completed in all portions of the State, the Valley division being the last to finish up this work. In Tidewater and middle division counties the crop is in stack or barn, and threshing is well under way. In the Valley division farmers have been busy in stacking and housing their crop, and some threshing has been done. The yield of the crop is about average in most sections, and the quality very good. Corn, which suffered severely during the preceding two or three weeks, was greatly benefited by the abundant rains occurring, and for the most part is again in very promising condition. There are some exceptions to this rule, however, particularly in the case of early corn, which in some localities was too far gone to be benefited when the rain came. Late corn, though, much of which was in a critical state of development, was brought forward nicely, and a fine crop seems now assured, especially the damage being done by chinch bugs. Tobacco also responded promptly to the quickening effects of rainfall of the week, and made a decided advance in growth and vigor. A great deal of work has been done by growers on this crop, and while on account of the unfavorable weather early in the season, its general condition is not as forward as ordinarily for the season, and many fields are small, yet the crop as a whole is doing well. Fields are mostly clean. Some local damage has been done by the sand beetle in Mecklenburg county, and by wind and hail in Prince Edward county. Potatoes (Irish). Digging of this crop was about completed during the week in the Valley section, and the yield and quality are reported to be fine. Planting of the second crop in Tidewater counties is under way. Sweet potatoes have improved, except pears and grapes, continue to be reported scarce.

MISS LA VIGNE MARRIED.

Pretty Chorus Girl Has Been a Wife for Three Months.

Greatly to the surprise of her friends and associates, it has been announced that Miss La Vigne, of the Bijou Comedy Company, is a wife and was married almost three months ago in Atlanta, Ga., to Mr. Alfred A. Early, of Washington, who is now in Richmond. Some four months ago it was stated that Miss La Vigne would soon be married, and the rumor, which was widely about three months ago corroborated this statement. The husband, Mr. Early, a handsome young man of about twenty-five years, has been at her bedside just as often as his duties would allow. On Thursday of last week he came to the city, intending to take his pretty young wife, now greatly emaciated, to New York, but her condition at that time was not favorable, and therefore he has remained over, being a constant attendant beside her in the Retreat. He stated that he would take her on Friday of this week to New York, where she will visit a married sister there. This married sister does not know of the marriage of pretty Thelma, the only one of the direct family acquainted with the facts in the case being Miss Pauline Earle, her sister, who was with her in the Bijou Comedy Company chorus here. Miss La Vigne is one of the prettiest girls of the Bijou chorus, but now she will retire from its ranks. Mr. Early represents the Scripps-McKee and the Famous Players in the house of Representatives at Washington, and comes of a wealthy family.

THAT LIGHT QUESTION

The Rejection of Light Committee's Report Occasion's Talk.

The action of the Common Council last night in rejecting the report of the committee on the proposed lamps of the city has furnished a general topic of conversation among the members of the Light Committee and a large number of City Hall folks, who were interested in the outcome of the gas department. At their next meeting the Light Committee, according to the outright purchase of the two proposed Newby lamps, which are now in the Richmond.

FOOD TREATMENT.

Old Stomachs Made Over.

Inappropriate medicine knocks out as many stomachs as bad food, but proper food will nearly always restore the health that nature intended. "I suffered with chronic constipation for a long time, in a less than a month could digest an ordinary meal. I can eat anything now, after having used Grape-Nuts for nearly two years, and am entirely cured of constipation. It is a wholesome, pure and inexpensive food."

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Sent Free To Men

Free Trial Package of his New Discovery Mailed to Every Man Sending Name and Address. Quickly Restores Strength and Vigor.



E. ROBINSON, M. D., C. M., Medical Director. Free trial packages of a most remarkable remedy are being mailed to all who will write the State Medical Institute. They cured so many men who had battled for years against the mental and physical suffering of lost manhood that the Institute has decided to distribute free trial packages to all who write. It is a home treatment and all men who suffer with any form of sexual weakness resulting from youthful folly, premature loss of strength and memory, weak back, varicocele, or emaciation can now cure themselves at home. The remedy has a peculiarly grateful effect of warmth and seems to act directly to the desired location, giving strength and development just where it is needed. It cures all the ills and troubles that come from years of misuse of the natural functions and has been an absolute success in all cases brought to the State Medical Institute, 701 C. Elkton Building, Fort Wayne, Ind., stating that you desire one of their free trial packages and will be sent a free sample, carefully sealed in plain package so that its contents will have no fear of embarrassment or publicity. Readers are requested to write without delay.

TURNER WAS FINED \$150

Pleaded Guilty of Keeping Open on Sunday—Police Court.

Two Sunday opening cases were before Squire Graves in the Police Court yesterday. One of them was finally disposed of, and the other was continued.

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leaves the Chesapeake and Ohio Depot at 8 A. M. sharp. Arriving at Old Point, these who take the entire trip will go on board one of the spacious Chesapeake and Ohio steamers and sail to Yorktown over the most beautiful portions of the Roads and the Bay will begin. Five hours in all on the steamer—two hours and a half at Yorktown, two hours (on return) at Old Point—just the hour for bathing—and then back home in the cool of the evening. This is, indeed, a fine and restful programme. Those who do not wish to take the Bay trip may purchase tickets for Old Point only at a lower price.

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There are twelve applicants taking the public school examination at Henrico Courthouse. The examination will continue through to-day. On Thursday the colored applicants will be examined. Thomas White, Ernest White and Robert Edwards, all colored, charged with assaulting a small colored boy below Pulton, were tried before Squire Woodson yesterday morning. Thomas White and Edwards were fined \$5 each. Robert White was discharged.

The regular meeting of the supervisors of Henrico county was held yesterday morning at the courthouse.

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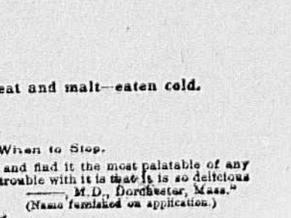
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FREIGHT STEAMERS COLLIDE ON ERIE

One Vessel is Sunk and Three Lives Are Lost—Several Are Injured.

(By Associated Press.) CLEVELAND, O., Aug. 6.—As a result of a collision on Lake Erie between the steamer City of Venice, ore-laden, and the steamer Seguin, a steel hull vessel, off Sandusky, Canada, last midnight, the City of Venice was sunk and three lives lost, while several other persons were more or less seriously injured.

The steamer City of Venice arrived here early today with a number of survivors of the wreck. The mate, a watchman and a fireman of the City of Venice were drowned. John Sullivan, mate of the Venice, is so badly injured that he cannot recover. He was removed to the Marine Hospital here.

The steamer sank below on the City of Venice going down almost instantly. The drowned are: PETER SIMONSON, fireman, of Brooklyn, N. Y. THOMAS FLANAGAN, deck-hand, of Buffalo. GEORGE WEIR, watchman, residence unknown.

The cause of the collision is not known. There was no fog and the night was fairly clear. The City of Venice was burning brightly. To this the crew and passengers all testify, saying they could see the lights of the Venice as she was sinking. The second mate of the Seguin, W. A. Lavigne, who was watching the Venice, gave the information in regard to the accident. "The less said about it the better," was the only statement he would make.

HOW IT HAPPENED. It was shortly before midnight when the accident happened. The City of Venice, loaded with ore, was bound for Buffalo, while the Seg