

WHEAT OF THE REAPER PELLETS OF FULL SHEATHS

Wheat Crop of Virginia Is a Good One.

THE FIRST BINDER BUILT

Rockbridge County Was the Home of Its Inventor—Monument May Rise to Him There—The Epic of Corn-Bread.

(Special from a Staff Correspondent.)

LEXINGTON, VA., June 29.—The crop of wheat, which is now harvested in the great wheat growing counties of the Valley and Piedmont, is far better than the average. Within the past ten days I have been through more than a dozen of the wheat counties of Virginia, and have talked with hundreds of farmers. Almost without exception they unite in saying the crop is good; many of them have told me that it has not been better in ten years. One of the largest wheat growers of Page county told me he did not remember having had a finer crop "since the war." It would be hard to find in this country, I think, fields of finer wheat than those which have just been harvested in the vicinity of Luray. The shocks dot the fields so thickly it looks as though it would be difficult to drive a wagon among them. The crop in Rockingham is fine, but it appeared to me that the appearance of the wheat in Augusta county indicated a poorer crop.

I was riding through Augusta the other day with Hon. W. F. Rhea, former representative from the Ninth District, and as the train slipped along through that beautifully rolling country, with hundreds of acres of yellow grain, and a gentle breeze and gleaming golden in the sun, I was reminded of the words of the poet, "This is God's country," he exclaimed to me, and to another traveling companion, a resident of Norfolk. They agreed with this ardent Southwest Virginia man that it did indeed appear as if the Creator were specially blessing the great Valley this year.

The Rockbridge wheat is excellent. The average is thought to be about three bushels, and the yield, according to a dozen farmers, will be far above the average. Of course, there are some farmers who express the opinion that the crop this year is not so good as that of last year. I think, but I have before had occasion to mention in the Times-Dispatch that working in the soil seems to make growers of men. I do not believe the farmer is really dependent and disheartened by his crop, but there is in his mind the idea that modesty requires him to disagree with the man who expresses the opinion that it is a fine one, otherwise he would appear to be concealing a compliment upon his own skill and industry.

IN PIEDMONT SECTION. There is a grain crop in Fauquier and Loudoun this year. I have not seen in any county much finer wheat than that growing on the magnificent farm of Mr. Bedford Glasscock, which extends from the Shenandoah Valley to the Potomac. It is a fine crop also on the celebrated estate of the late Colonel Robert Beverly, a few miles to the east, and Colonel B. H. Thany has a splendid crop on his great estate near the city of Alexandria. In good, it is said, as the crop in Fauquier. The crop of Albemarle county is not up to the average of other counties this year, and now the large majority of the money farmers, Senator Martin usually has a fine crop of wheat on his beautiful farm, Scottsville, near Scottsville, but he says it is very light this year. Culpeper is doing well, and the crop is good, to whom I saw in Fauquier the other day, said he thought the crop about as good as that of the latter county.

But there can be no doubt that the Shenandoah Valley, the wheat growing section of Virginia, though the counties of the Piedmont section and the Southwestern section are doing well, it must be said for the farmers of Piedmont that they combine the cultivation of wheat and the raising of stock to a far greater extent than in the Valley. I am told by many Valley farmers, however, that being operated in the past five years.

The scarcity of labor in the three sections is, perhaps, a more serious problem than in any other of the counties of the State. In the West, there are fewer blacks in these counties than in those of Tidewater and Southside Virginia, and now the large majority of the money farmers, Senator Martin usually has a fine crop of wheat on his beautiful farm, Scottsville, near Scottsville, but he says it is very light this year. Culpeper is doing well, and the crop is good, to whom I saw in Fauquier the other day, said he thought the crop about as good as that of the latter county.

THE FIRST REAPER. It should not be forgotten that the first reaper was built by a native of Rockbridge, Cyrus McCormick. A gentleman who resides near Lexington remembers seeing the first reaper, and has several reminiscences of difficulties encountered by McCormick in perfecting his invention. He remembers that during the time that the inventor was at one point utterly unable to devise a knife or cutter for cutting the grain, finally Schuyler Bradley, the blacksmith engaged by McCormick to aid in constructing the machine, suggested that two edges instead of one and the problem was solved.

Rockbridge is celebrated for its number of scholars, divines, statesmen and military leaders it has given the world, but nothing is risked in saying that not one of her sons has her name in the annals of civilization than Cyrus McCormick. Without this Rockbridge man's reaper, the great wheatfields of the West, of the continent, of New Zealand and Australia could not have been. Millions of people who now live in cities and towns, and thousands of bushels. Some day there is going to be a great monument to McCormick erected in some public place, a few miles away where the first reaper was tested and proven a success, which afterwards grew so great as to dazzle the world.

One is struck by the fact that the number of flouring mills in this section is decreasing. What is sent to distant markets and in many instances flour ground in those same cities is brought back for family use. Many of the mills being operated by little more than enough flour to supply the family needs of their patrons. I am at a loss to explain the decrease in the number of mills except on the ground that country-made flour does not bring as good a price as that ground by large city mills, which have branched out to the public. As they receive better prices for their flour, the proprietors of the city mills can, of course, afford to pay the farmer more for wheat.

CORN-BREAD EPIC. The old corn-bread has disappeared. In country districts for the past few years ago have either been equipped with machinery for making flour by the modern roller process, or it has been turned into a great mill to grind into fine flour.

or's bread or his stock. The Valley people are not, as a rule, so fond of corn-bread as are the people of Eastern Virginia, nor has the hope-ground meal of this country up here such a wide reputation as that of the low country. The difference is said to be due to a difference in the soil, the corn, consequently upon the difference in soil.

I did not intend to write of corn-bread now. The abject pen could not do it justice. Some day, in knocking about over this world, I am going to find a real poet—a genius—a man who can tell the world the golden words of the vitamins he sees and of the dreams he dreams. And I am going to take him down to Virginia and let him eat of corn-bread—"dodgers" baked by an old black mummy, who has been baking it every day for forty years. And to go with it I am going to make her give him plenty of golden butter, from the springhouse, and instead of wine there shall be at his hand a goblet of cold milk, with the yellow cream standing on it. And he will do the rest. And when Virginia corn-bread that will make his name famous forever, and be in some measure worthy of a noble poet.

WALTER EDWARD HARRIS.

BOYS LOST IN SIGHT OF ATLANTIC CITY LIGHTS

(Special to the Times-Dispatch.) ATLANTIC CITY, June 29.—Harold and George Ogler, sons of John G. Ogler, merchant and manufacturer of Philadelphia, were lost in the meadows until late in the evening, and were found from exposure before they were found this morning. They saw the light of Atlantic City and made an effort to reach here by walking and swimming. They could make no headway against the tide in the Thoroughfare and returned to their boat.

Their father started in a launch to look for them. The boys were found lying on their little craft, which they had pulled up on the meadows.

NO PARK CONCERTS

Mayor Taylor's Order Holds Good for the Time Being. Until further notice there will be no park concerts. This order, given by Mayor Taylor, will be enforced this week, probably, if not longer. This order was issued because of the strike.

Railway Changes Hands. (By Associated Press.) THE TIFTON and Northeastern Railway, a line twenty-five miles long from Tifton to Fitzgerald, has been sold to the Georgia Railway and Trust Company. The cash price paid was \$242,750.

Beginning July 1st, the Tifton and Northeastern will be operated by the Tifton, Thomasville and Gulf, that road assuming the management.

Are Much Improved. The condition of the Rev. Dr. H. E. Johnson, pastor of the Laurel-Street Methodist Church, who was severely injured in the wreck on the Norfolk and Western a few days ago, is much improved. It will be some time yet, however, before he can resume his pastoral duties.

Dr. H. E. Johnson, who was hurt in the same wreck, is resting quietly at the Virginia Hospital. He spent a very good day yesterday.

Mr. Lee Doing Well. Mr. A. B. Lee is getting along as well as could be expected. His friends have inquired about him. He fell while attempting to board a train at Buckrook Beach, and his thigh was fractured. Dr. L. B. Edwards is attending him.

CAR CRASHED INTO A FREIGHT TRAIN

Two Passengers Were Instantly Killed and Many Were Injured. (By Associated Press.) CHICAGO, June 29.—Crowded with passengers an Archer Avenue trolley car crashed into a Belt Line freight at Archer Avenue and Forty-seventh Street early today. Two passengers were killed and many were injured.

The dead: MINNIE MALSTROM, Unknown name.

The injured: Malachy McGregor had his back broken and will die. Miss Bessie Jordan was fatally hurt. Witnesses to the accident say the trolley car brakes refused to work and the car crashed into the freight train.

WORN OUT. A woman worn-out, who never has to lift a hand for herself, who does not know the meaning of the word "worry!" How can it be possible? That it is possible is proved by the experience of many a woman who, because of nervousness, nervousness, headache and other womanly ills, becomes an utter physical wreck.

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Sick women are invited to consult Dr. Pierce by letter, free. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

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AMERICA WILL NOT BE SILENT

Will Let Voice Be Heard When Injustice and Barbarity Are Practiced.

(By Associated Press.) DETROIT, MICH., June 29.—The annual meeting of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, which was organized in this city fourteen years ago, opened tonight in Temple Beth El, with three scores rabbis from all parts of the United States present.

To-night's meeting was largely one of welcome. Rabbi Joseph Silverman, of New York, the president of the conference, in his message, however, took up the recent Jewish massacres in Russia and reviewed the protest of the B'Nai B'Rith Society to President Roosevelt and the President's action in forwarding the society's protest to the czar. Rabbi Silverman said that in view of the President's action it was wise to cease further agitation for public meetings of protest, and urged the adoption of the sublime plan of the President and informing the public that the exigencies of the situation at Kishineff had been met, so far as possible, and that the President had acted in accordance with the highest principles of justice.

In his address Rabbi Silverman said: "This address has reverberated around the globe, and has no doubt shown the Russian, as well as the other European governments, that the Jewish will not be silent when injustice and barbarity are practiced in any part of the world."

BOY VIOLINIST FROM OVER THE SEA

(Special to the Times-Dispatch.) NEW YORK, June 29.—Kun Arpad, who, although he is only eight years old, has already won a reputation as a violinist and is said to be a protégé of the Emperor of Austria, arrived here several days ago on the steamship Deutschland, with his widowed mother.

The little fellow has letters of introduction from Jean and Edouard de Reszke, who advised him to try his fortune here. Remarkable stories are told of the talent of the little Hungarian boy, who is said to be a musical conservatory when only three years old, and at the age of six made his first public appearance. He will appear at "Venice in New York," in Madison Square Garden, on Thursday.

WEDDING AT FUNERAL

Capt. Burt Married So as to Continue His Household. (Special to the Times-Dispatch.) HERKIMER, N. Y., June 29.—Miss Amelia Burt, eighty-one years old, and her bachelor brother, Captain Wm. S. Burt, seventy-one years old, lived together for years in the village of Gray. With them lived Miss Burt's only son, who is sixty, and did the housework and attended Miss Burt, an invalid.

Miss Burt died Wednesday and her funeral was held Friday. When the neighbors were all assembled for the funeral Captain Burt announced that before the services began there would be a marriage, that of Miss Bly and himself, and the Rev. S. Nelson would perform the ceremony. He explained that he and Miss Bly had decided to be married in order that they might continue the household.

This programme was carried out, and after a few minutes spent in receiving the congratulations of the guests the funeral proceeded.

DR. HATCHER AT FORK UNION

Mr. Gray Withdraws from the Senatorial Race. (Special to the Times-Dispatch.) FORK UNION, VA., June 29.—Dr. W. E. Hatcher filled the Baptist pulpit here yesterday. After the service he stated that he would resign the office of pastor of the main building of the Fork Union Academy, and that the people of this community are expected to contribute \$1,000 of it in addition to the \$3,000 already raised in the course of the year.

Mr. E. A. Gray declines to become a competitor for the Senatorial nomination as requested in numerous signed petitions to do so. Mr. Paul Pettit has made public announcement of his candidacy for the position, and seems to be very popular in the county.

Mr. Pettit is a lawyer, and son of the Hon. W. B. Pettit, of the late Constitutional Convention.

WESLEY BI-CENTENNIAL

Celebration in the Methodist Churches of Lynchburg. (Special to the Times-Dispatch.) LYNCHBURG, VA., June 29.—The bi-centennial of the birth of John Wesley was celebrated in Lynchburg yesterday with services held at the Methodist Church, and a morning and a union service at Court-Street Methodist Church in the evening.

The services were made at night by Rev. D. G. Butts, of Centenary; Rev. C. C. Wertenbaker, of Trinity; and Dr. B. V. Arnold, of Randolph College. A large number of musical numbers were given by the choir.

SOCIAL CLUB REPORTED

Said to Have Allowed Soldiers and Citizens to Get Drinks. C. G. Lewis and A. R. eak will be in the Police Court this morning to answer the charge of selling liquor to soldiers in the church circles of the Marshall Club on Twenty-ninth Street.

This club is chartered as a social club, designed for the amusement of the members only. It is charged by the first District officers that the club was open on Sunday to soldiers and others who were not members, and that a large number of military witnesses have been summoned to appear.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

(By Associated Press.) PHILADELPHIA, June 29.—Rev. Thomas A. Hoyt, D. D., pastor emeritus of Chambers-Wylie Memorial Presbyterian Church, of this city, well known in church circles throughout the country, died today at his residence in Bryn Mawr from general debility after an illness extending over a period of two and a half years. Dr. Hoyt was a native of South Carolina, having been born at Beach Island, 1818.

CELEBRATE WESLEY DAY

Three Branches of Methodism in America.

TRIBUTES TO GREAT MAN

At the Celebration at Boston Letters from President Theodore Roosevelt and Former President Grover Cleveland Were Read.

(By Associated Press.) BOSTON, MASS., June 29.—A two days' celebration of the birth of John Wesley by the Methodists of the New England Conference was begun today. In preparing for the event the conference committee planned to make the meetings significant by bringing together representatives of the three branches of the Methodist Church in North America, including those of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Church in Canada. The efforts of the committee were successful, and Bishop Charles H. Fowler, of Buffalo, of the North; Bishop Eugene R. Hendrix, of Kansas City, from the South, and Rev. A. Carman, from Canada, were among the leading speakers.

HIGH TRIBUTES. Among the tributes to Wesley read today were the following: President Roosevelt: "The Methodist Church has reached its fullest development in our country, and it is eminently fitting that we should celebrate Wesley's birth. It would be difficult to overestimate the debt which this country owes to Methodism, especially to those hearty pioneer preachers who accompanied the rest of the pioneer folk in their westward march across the continent."

Grover Cleveland: "It is exceedingly fitting that among a Christian people the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of John Wesley should be celebrated. Such a celebration will reach its highest usefulness if it effectively recalls to all those who preach religion in this day and generation the sublime sincerity, the unflinching zeal and the aggressive advocacy which John Wesley cheerfully gave to the religion which he preached one hundred and fifty years ago."

BEACH PARK TRIPS

Fairmount Methodist Sunday School to Go to West Point. The Beach Park Specials will not be resumed for several days owing to the unsettled condition of things. The Sunday schools, however, are taking advantage of the pretty resort and many people are going in response to the bait and the fine seafood dinners and supper.

Christ Church Sunday school spent a happy day at West Point yesterday and Fairmount Methodist Sunday school will go to Beach Park and West Point today. Excursion Agent Joe Chadwick has arranged for a big excursion to Beach Park from Petersburg on August 11th. The excursion promises to be the largest out of Petersburg this summer.

NEGRO MASS MEETING WAS NOT PERMITTED

(By Associated Press.) WILMINGTON, DEL., June 29.—The proposed mass meeting of colored residents of Wilmington to protest against lynchings and to take steps to protect the negro population of this vicinity, was not permitted. Chief of Police Black made a request for an injunction against the meeting, and the court granted it. The meeting was held at night. Chief of Police Black made a request for an injunction against the meeting, and the court granted it. The meeting was held at night.

TWO NEGRO MEN HAVE A DUEL

Ben Holmes Badly Hurt by "Blue Dick"—The Latter Escapes. Benjamin Holmes, a negro, is locked up at the First Station for engaging in a duel with Reuben Johnson, alias "Blue Dick," under the Marshall Street viaduct about 7:30 o'clock yesterday evening.

"Blue Dick" is still at large, but the police are after him. Holmes was shot through the right cheek, near the temple, and the ball was removed by Dr. Sycle at the First Station, and the man locked up and made as comfortable as possible under the circumstances.

The row started over ten cents that "Blue Dick" said Holmes had belonged to him, and then they called each other some names.

They each are reported as having said that he would shoot the other. "Blue Dick" pawned a pair of pants so he could get his gun. Later they met under the viaduct and exchanged shots. The police do not know whether or not "Blue Dick" was struck.

BATTLES

Battles and wars and combats—man with man. Striving for place, supremacy and power. Not since the first dim dawn of life began has there been a truce.

On this small sphere has peace reigned for one hour. Battles, forever battles.

Why should we marvel? In that heart of things has peace been known to fold its wings and rest? Ah, no! Two natures, human and divine, Wage always war within the mortal breast.

Battles, forever battles. Wars, wars, unending. Not in open field, Are fought the mighty conflicts of the earth. But in the secret hearts of men, concealed, By lips and eyes, tricked out in smiling mirth.

Battles, forever battles. Strife, always strife. Wild passions day and night, Like lightning, bruise the breast, and surge and roll. While that unending war of wrong and right, Desire and aspiration wear the soul.

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The occasion was greatly enjoyed. The programme was as follows: 1. Devotionary. 2. Scripture reading and prayer by the pastor, Dr. Ryland. 3. Song. 4. Address of welcome by Miss Julia Jeter. 5. Dialogue "Wisdom's Treasures," by

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OUR STRIFE WITH OURSELVES

By ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

HERE WAS once a woman who came to me for explanation, counsel and comfort. Explanation of God's seeming cruelty to her and indifference to her prayers—counsel upon her course of action and comfort for her despair.

She was well past the half century mark, worn, prematurely aged, bruised, tired, discouraged. She had been a woman of craving ambitions, mad for material pleasures and benefits, for money, place, power, prominence. All of these she had fought for, even at the sacrifice of her higher convictions and in defiance of the opinions of others.

She had obtained all the things she sought, and each one had proven to be dead sea fruit, and turned to ashes on her lips. It had all been long ago. For years she had been seeking to live quietly, peacefully and happily, and to be useful and good. And with each effort toward usefulness came disappointment. Obstacles rose in her path, discord destroyed harmony, chaos was given where she hoped for order.

And so she was bitter toward God, and believed He was cruel and spiteful, like an ignorant human being. In fact, it was the debris of old desires lying jumbled in her mind, the inharmonious of her thoughts, the absolute lack of concentration, the strife, the remorse, the sorrow for herself and the fretful discontent with it all, which brought the results she deplored.

In place of sitting down in the silence and saying to her soul, "We have had our schooling, the lesson is learned and the highest truth has come." God is just, and I thank Him for all He has taught me, and peace is mine," she stood with tense nerves and defiant eyes and cried: "I will have peace; I will be let alone by Fate—and only a devil would try to hinder me now in my old age."

When she did not hold this thought she was fretting about the past and wasting her vitality in a useless regret for things done, she must learn to keep still within herself before he can restore order. To dash about gesticulating and crying for aid will never mend the shoulder, or mend the heart, or repair the memory. It is folly to wish we had not done this or that. Once done we cannot undo it, and better conserve our forces to repair the error by accepting its lesson and making it a part of our wisdom of experience.

Let the past go. Men have been beggars in purse, health and reputation at the end of a long life. Let them be. Nothing is impossible to the soul that will wrap the mantle of silence about itself and wait and bide.

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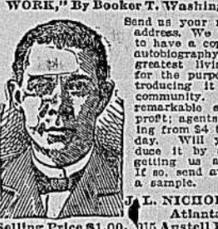
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BIG PRICE PUT ON LOGAN'S HEAD

Reward for His Capture Now Amounts to More Than Six Thousand Dollars.

(By Associated Press.) KNOXVILLE, TENN., June 29.—Through United States Marshal Austin, the Department of Justice to-day added one hundred dollars to the reward offered for Harvey Logan's capture. It brings the total to \$1,000, in addition to the five thousand outstanding for his capture.

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Visible Cotton Supply.

(By Associated Press.) NEW ORLEANS, LA., June 27.—Secretary Hester's statement of the world's visible supply of cotton issued to-day shows the following: The total visible supply is 2,395,432 bales against 2,374,500 bales last week; 2,314,250 in year. Of this the total of American cotton is 1,192,432 against 1,270,350 in year and 1,657,250 last year, and of all other kinds including Egypt, Brazil, India, etc., 1,203,000 against 1,104,000 last week; 1,203,000 in year. The total world's visible supply of cotton shows a decrease compared with last week of 79,357 bales, and a decrease compared with last year of 218,827.