For the week ending Saturday, July 97, 1800.

An abundance of supshine with a temperature above a seasonal average prevailed in Louisiana during the past seven days. The sunshine ranged from 55 to 65 per cent, and the temperature averaged two degrees above normal for the week in the sugargrowing region.

The rainfall consisted of well-distri-buted showers in the northern portion of the State, where it averaged one and one-half inches. The distribution in the southern portion was much more irregular, and the amount was but 0.85 of an inch.

.The foregoing conditions were fa-vorable in their effects on all crops, except in portions of the sagar region where too much rain fell in some localities, interfe.ing to a certain extent with the laying by of cane.

In the cotton growing section of the State observers and correspondents report cotton fruiting nicely. The cotton is now well cleaned and the general prospects are all that could be de-

The rainfall was rather excessive in portions of Red River parish, and ome caterpillars are reported from there; but in the adjoining parish of Avoyelles it is reported that the cotton and core crop will be the largest that has been made for years.

The Florida parishes report season-and well distributed rains during week with excellent crop prospe generally. From Washington parish it is reported that the weed of cotton is probably growing too rapidly, preventing the formation and growth of boll.

Reports from the sugar region state that crops are growing finely, but that the local rains have been very un-equally distributed, some plauters re-ceiving too much, whereas others recoived none at all.

The rice crop is reported as doing

The following are the weekly rainfall reported: Minden 0.67; Shreve-pert 1.37; North Louislana Experiment Station 1.60; Liberty Hill 1.17; Grand Cane 0.70; Coushatta 2.66; Natchiteches 1.60; Vicksburg 2.04; St. Joseph 0.60; Trinky 1.46; Vidalia 4.36; Alexandria 1.34; Chemoyrille 0.30; Clinton 1.31; Amite City 1.66; Franklinton 0.90; Mandeville 0.91; New Orleans 1.33; Plaquemine 0.56; Edgard 0.79; Mt. Airy 1.26; Thibedanx 0.44 Houma 1.08; Grand Cotean 1.31; Lafayetta 0.80; Crowley 0.08; Shell Benth 0.90; Abbeville 0.56; Sugar Experiment Station 0.95. The following are the weekly rain-

R. E. KERKAM, Signal Corps Director.

Ter and Posthers.

Most Canandaigus, N. Y., Friday morning about 5 o'clock, John Berry, 'a farmer, aged between 25 and 30 years, attempted to commit rape upon the person of Mrs. Mariotta Lord, a lady aged about 30 years, who employed him open her farm. Edward Btapleman, a follow employé, heard her eries and interfered. Mrs. Lord west to Canandaigus immediately and made compisint against Barry, mann made complaint against Berry, upon which a warrant was lessed. Deputy Shoriff McPhillips started for Garham to arrest Berry, and whom he arrived these about 2:20 he found that the corrupal heighbore had taken matter in their own hunds. It seems a number of mon want to the Lord place during the night, took Berry to a cooleded specified with the flattest, stripped him his distant, stripped him his distant, attripped him his distant, attripped him his fathers. After he compet from his mob, he berrowed a shirt and a sair of treatment at a farm home, remaind to the Lord place and secreted himself in a key more where Deputy Bottle McPhillips found him. It is all Berry wite inteniented Thursday eight.

The Orange.

Java is celebrated for its oranges The best of them grow to a very large size, from 12 to 19 inches in circumference measured the long way of the fruit. The former is a common enough size, the latter doubtless is exceptional. Although the outer rind is thick, there is an almost entire absence of both pith and seeds and the fruit is certainly very delicious. If this variety of orange has not hitherto been introduced into Queeneland there is still room for the acclimatization society to coufer a benefit on the colony by taking steps to enable growers to substitute it for the interior sorts so often grown. The method of cultivation adopted in Java is I think in all cases by budding on to stocks of considerable size, and the trees stand so close together and have such a staggling ha-bit of growth that they may be said to form a shrubbery rather than an or-

This mode of planting is said to be necessary in order to obtain shelter from winds. The trees bear a profusion of fruit, and the absence of scale on the oranges is very noticeable, the fruit being perfectly clean, even when the trees themselves show indications of lack of vigor and health. As a rule the orange gardens of orchards are three acres or somewhat less in extent, each one being let to a gardener, who maintains it, and for his pay is allowed the windfalls and the right to cultivate vegetables where he can find room to do so, the return to the owner being set down as from £100 to £250 per annum. It is estimated that in the vicinity of Jaffa from 5000 to 6000 acres are under cultivation with this fruit, of which a large quantity goes to Jerusalem, whilst there is also a great export trade even as far as Trieste, London and Liverpool. The orchards are irrigated by wells, and to this are irrigated by wells, and to this practice, together with the nature of the soil, a deep, sandy loam, probably may be attributed rightly much of the access attained in the cultivation of this fruit. The orchards are surrounded with high hedges of a castus, looking like the common prickly pear magnified into gigantic proportions.—

Queensland Planter.

Romanos Late in Life.

The village of Port Jervis, Ulater county, has just been the scene of a very remantic marriage. Jeeph Conkling, the greem, is in his 84th year, while the bride, Mrs. Maria Edwards, is in her 74th year. The marriage ceremo-ny was performed by the Rev. S. W. Galleway of the Methodiet Church. Galleway of the Methodist Church. The groom, a fine-looking and active senior, with a profusion of iron-gray hair, has long resided in Binghamton, and is pessessed of an ample fortune. The brille, who is also well preserved and aprightly for her years, has tor some time resided at Port Jervis. Over half a century age, Joseph Coakling and Maria Tuttle were neighbore and levers, living with their parents near Batavia. The course of true love did not run smooth with them—the old story of the pensiless suitor frowned upon and turned away by the girl's well-to-do and inexerable parents. The disappointed lovers went their respective ways and found other conrespective ways and found other con-terts, from whom in the course of time they were parted by death. Thus be-reaved, and after many years of sepa-ration the oldtime lovers met again by chance, and the happy sequel is told in the announcement of the nuptials and departure on a wedding journey.— Albany Aigus.

An Elopement Ends in Tragedy.

An elopement which occured in Chico, Cal., a few days ago culminated in tragedy Friday afternoon. The wedding was to have taken place the preceding Monday between a young man named Raymond Bierce, a son of a San Francisco journafiat, and Mise Atkine, a beautiful year, lady, 17 years, of the broad virtue has all friend who a nandsome young man named Nell Hubbs, and he was to have acted as best man at the wedding ceremony. The day before the marriage was to occur, Miss Atkins left her home and went to a neighboring town with Hubbs, where the couple were married. They returned to Chico the next day and the same morning prepared to make a call upon the bride's mother, Mrs. Barney.

Bierce heard of the intended visit and went to Mrs. Barney's house before them. When Hubbs and his wife arrived he entered the parlor and fired at Hubbs with a revolver. Hubbs fell to the floor, but also drew a revolver and fired. Four shots aplece were fired when Hubbs ran out of the room. Bierce then placed the revolver to Mrs. Hubbs' head and fired, inflicting a severe but not dangerous wound. Hubbs re-entered the room and beat Bierce to the floor with his revolver. Bierce then dragged himself into an adjoining room, placed the pistol to his head and blew his brains out. He lived about an hour and a half. He also received two bullets in the body and Hubbs was shot through the abdo men, the ball penetrating the spine. His recovery is doubtful.

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The gaseline poured down his back and arms, and soon the flames were burning his flosh, but he clung to his flory burden until he had conveyed it where in could do no further de His sole thought was to save the dwelling from destruction. When he had dropped his burden he was suffer-ing intense torture. The bystanders extinguished the flames. His back and arms were literally reasted and the blood ran in streams from his burned body. There is little hope of his reco-

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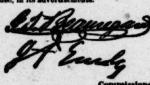


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