

RAIN PREDICTED FOR TODAY

Many Years Since Weather Has Been This Dry During Spring

Total Rainfall for the Months of April and May Only 2.18 Inches—Storm Slowly Traveling Up the Coast—Crops Have Been Badly Damaged By the Drought—Some Farmers Estimate That Certain Crops Have Been Damaged at Least Fifty Per Cent.

The drought throughout the eastern part of this state has damaged many of the truck crops and a large trucker stated last night to a representative of The Messenger that crops, in his opinion, had been damaged at least 50 per cent, and unless there was rain within the next few days that the damage would be far greater. It has been some years since there has been such a drought during the spring months and it is to be doubted if it has been this dry during April and May since the truck growing industry attained large proportions. In 1891 the rainfall for April and May was only about two inches. Thus far these months it has been 2.18 inches.

The normal rainfall for the month of April is about 2.75 inches and for May 3.98 inches. It can be seen by this how small the rainfall has been this spring compared to what it generally is. During April the rainfall was 49.100 of an inch. All the rain during May came early in the month.

The dust is something awful and the people who travel say it is with a feeling of dread that they start out to take a trip.

For the past few days the farmers have been anxiously expecting rain but so far the storm which has prevailed along the Atlantic coast has been nothing but wind. There have been heavy rains in Florida and Georgia and it was reported yesterday that there was a little rain off the South Carolina coast. The storm is slowly traveling northward and the weather man stated yesterday that this section would probably get some rain this morning. In Jacksonville, Florida, from Tuesday morning from 8 a. m. to 8 a. m. Wednesday the rainfall was 6.98 inches.

All day yesterday there was a high wind and it also prevailed on Tuesday night. At 2:30 yesterday afternoon the wind attained a velocity of 33 miles an hour but, of course, it lasted for only a few minutes, being a sudden squall. Along the coast the wind has been quite high but so far no disasters to shipping have been heard of. The wind during the present storm has been from the northeast and this has caused the tides to be very high.

Farmers in this section of the state are very much discouraged and say they are not going to come out at all well on their truck crops. They made very little on lettuce but hoped to recoup on the later crops but it looks like the dry weather is going to cause them to lose out all around. The acreage in Irish potatoes this year is much less than last season and if the crop is cut short fifty per cent the crop will be extremely short. This is a crop from which the farmers generally derive a nice sum. Beets have been greatly damaged by the drought and so have beans.

A good rain at this time would save the farmers thousands of dollars all over eastern North Carolina. The farmers are very much afraid that when it does start to rain that there will be too much of it which would be about as bad as the dry weather. This was the case last spring.

IN LOCAL POLITICS.

Mr. Boney Names His Advisory Committee—Not Known How Soon He Will Name the Delegates to the Different Conventions.

It has been a question in local politics since the democratic county convention as to what course Mr. G. J. Boney, who was chosen chairman, is going to pursue in the naming of delegates to the congressional convention. There are certain ones who were in the convention who express themselves as believing that the Godwin men will get a part of the delegation and others say they don't expect any. None of the delegates have been named thus far and it is not probable that they will be named before some time in June.

It is understood that Mr. Boney has chosen his advisory committee and these are to help him select the delegates to the state, congressional, judicial and senatorial conventions. All of those who are said to have been chosen as delegates voted for Mr. Boney for chairman in the county convention and they are, C. L. Spencer, first ward; R. A. Parsley, second ward; J. A. Taylor, third ward; R. W. Price, fourth ward; M. Marshburn, fifth ward and C. W. Bishop, of Masonboro township for the member outside of the city.

BRIDE CAME FROM CANADA.

Arrived Yesterday Morning and in the Afternoon Became the Bride of Mr. Alexander McGregor.

Yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the manse of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Mr. Alexander McGregor and Miss Josefa Caroline Kelley, were united in marriage, the ceremony having been performed in a most impressive manner by Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D.

At the present time Mr. McGregor lives in Bolton and is in the employ of the Waccamaw Land and Lumber company. He came here some months ago from Cheboygan, Michigan. Yesterday morning Miss Kelley, now Mrs. McGregor, arrived in Wilmington from Hamilton, Canada.

THE FISHBLATE CASE.

Supreme Court Refuses to Rehear the Case—This Means That the Judgment of the Lower Court Which Was Formerly Affirmed by the Supreme Court Will Stand.

It was learned last night that the supreme court had refused to re-hear the case of Fishblate vs. the Fidelity and Casualty Company. This case was passed upon by the supreme court some time ago and attorneys for the defendant company filed a petition for a rehearing and it was refused.

This means that S. H. Fishblate will get the amount he was given a judgment for in the lower court, viz: \$1,570 with interest from the date on which the claim was filed. The total amount will be about \$2,000. It was a suit brought to recover on a policy held by the plaintiff in the above named company and in which they agreed to pay a certain amount for the loss of an eye. The case was a hard fought one in the lower court and the following were the attorneys for the plaintiff, Messrs. John D. Bellamy, William J. Bellamy and Rountree & Carr and for the defendant company, Messrs. Fredell Meares and Herbert McClammy.

CHANGE OF LOCATION.

Station No. 1 of the Postoffice Will Hereafter Be in the Store of W. H. Dyson on Castle Street Instead of Hall's Drug Store.

The location of Station No. 1 of the Wilmington postoffice has been changed from the drug store of James Hall at Castle and Fifth streets to the store of W. H. Dyson on Castle street, between Sixth and Seventh streets. At the station stamps, and stamp paper are sold, money orders are issued and paid and registered letters are received. When the post office department decided to allow the establishment of branch offices or stations in the smaller as well as the larger cities it was a matter which has been of much benefit to thousands of people. It was very inconvenient in old times to have to walk from the edge of the city to the post office for the purpose of getting a stamp of buying a money order.

SENT TO REFORMATORY.

Two Wilmington Boys Get in Trouble in the City of Richmond.

The following is taken from the Richmond Evening Journal: "John Mohr and William Wells, small boys, who blew into the city a few days ago, were sent to the reformatory this morning by Justice Crutchfield."

"Detective McMahon arrested the boys and charged them with being runaways and suspicious characters. A communication from J. M. Mohr, of Wilmington, N. C., was proof that the youngsters were runaways. "Attorney Harry M. Smith spoke to Justice Crutchfield after the verdict had been rendered, saying that he did not believe the court had a right to send the boys to the reformatory unless their parents had agreed to it. "His honor, however, said that it was a case of either sending them to jail or to the reform school, and that he preferred the latter."

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ON THE OCEAN SIDE.

Site for the Hanover Seaside Club Decided Upon—Work Will Begin Today and Building is to be Completed by July 4th.

At a meeting of the building committee of the Hanover Seaside club held last night to decide on a location for the new club building on the beach, it was unanimously decided to have the club on the ocean side of the car line instead of on the west side. All of the cottages and also clubs are on the ocean side.

Work on the building is to begin today and it is the intention of the building committee to have the club ready to be opened by the 4th of July. Every effort will be made to have it open by this time.

Funeral of Mrs. Burkheimer. The remains of the late Mrs. Mary A. Burkheimer will arrive this morning on the 10 o'clock train from Trenton, N. J., accompanied by her son, Mr. Henry Burkheimer. The services will be held from the lodge at Oakdale cemetery and will take place immediately after the arrival of the train.

Raleigh statesmen who would like to capture Mr. Simmons' seat in the United States senate will view with alarm his endorsement by the democracy of Mecklenburg county.—Raleigh Times.

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COTTON STILL BEING EXPORTED.

British Steamer Cleared Yesterday With a Cargo and Another Vessel Due This Week.

The British steamship David Mainland, Captain Clark, cleared yesterday for Bremen, Germany, with a cargo of 5,899 bales of cotton, the same being valued at \$341,999.

As a general thing but very little, if any, cotton is shipped this late in the season, but it looks like vessels will be coming in all the summer for the fleecy staple. A large steamer is due here the last of this week for cotton. For a long time cotton remained so low that many farmers' hung on to what they happened to have on hand, but since the price has advanced they have begun to turn it loose. Receipts are quite large for this season of the year. There is not a great deal of difference in last year's receipts and this year.

It was formerly the case, at least with a few exceptions, that very little cotton was exported after March. Last year was very much like it has been this season, the shipments to foreign ports being made throughout the entire year.

IS DELAYING LEGISLATION

Mr. Williams and Mr. Gardner Continue the Tactics to Hasten a Report of the Conference Committee on Statehood.

Washington, May 22.—For an hour or more today the house of representatives could not decide whether to go into committee of the whole on the diplomatic consular bill, or to follow the lead of Mr. Gardner, of Massachusetts, and take up consideration of the immigration bill.

Assisted by Mr. Williams, the minority leader, Mr. Gardner, led a mild filibuster against taking up the consular bill, and endeavored to delay matters by raising a number of parliamentary questions. Speeches were made on a variety of subjects, the speakers including Mr. Jenkins, of Wisconsin, on the rate bill; Mr. Randall, of Texas, who arraigned the "house machine"; Mr. Bannan, of Ohio, who urged retention of the tariff on raw hides; Mr. Goulden, of New York, who opposed the ship subsidy bill; and Mr. Maynard, of Virginia, who spoke in favor of the appropriation for the Jamestown Exposition.

Mr. Williams, of Mississippi, the minority leader, continuing the tactics decided upon by the democrats to hasten a report of the conference committee on statehood demanded the yeas and nays in the house of representatives today on the motion of Mr. Littauer, of New York, to go into the committee of the whole on the urgent deficiency bill.

The vote showed a quorum, yeas 194, nays 13, present 24. Mr. Williams, continuing his obstruction tactics, demanded the yeas and nays on the final passage of the bill.

The bill was passed yeas 159, nays 49. Mr. Williams explained to the house that the flippancy manner in which the papers spoke about the speaker's way of counting a quorum was not to his liking. "Far be it from me," he said, "to think that there was not a quorum present when the speaker announced a quorum after one of his characteristic counts." He appreciated the picturesqueness of the situation, but the counting of a quorum was a serious business and the constitution provided that a majority of both houses must be present to do business. He wanted the country to know that while the members "were only boys grown tall," that legislation was proceeding in an orderly and dignified manner.

TAX ON CORPORATIONS

Bill Reported Favorably That Will Greatly Increase Revenues of the District of Columbia.

Washington, May 22.—All public service corporations in the District of Columbia will be taxed 12 per cent on their net earnings, in addition to the four per cent of gross earnings paid under the present law, if a bill ordered reported favorably by the senate committee on the District of Columbia today becomes a law. These corporations are given the choice, however, of electing to pay 1-2 per cent on the appraised value of all their holdings in lieu of other taxes. It is estimated that it will increase the revenues of the district from these corporations about \$300,000 annually. The street railways, gas, electric light and telephone companies are affected.

The following vessels arrived yesterday: Schooner Glad Tidings, 654 tons, Captain McGee, from Hoboken, N. J., with a cargo of cement for the Seaboard Air Line. Also schooner Chas. C. Lister, 267 tons, Captain Moore, from Jersey City, with a cargo of salt for the Seaboard Air Line. Both vessels were to C. D. Maffitt.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

Wednesday, May 23. COTTON—Steady, 11 1/4. Receipts of cotton today—1,255 bales. Receipts this season to date—308,931 bales. Receipts same day last year—533 bales. Receipts last season to same date—328,558 bales.

NAVAL STORES. SPIRITS OF TURPENTINE—Firm 56 1/2. ROSIN—Nothing doing. TAR—Firm \$1.80. CRUDE TURPENTINE—Firm; hard, \$2.90; dip, \$4.60; virgin, \$5.00.

RECEIPTS TODAY. 37 cask spirits turpentine. 145 barrels rosin. 41 barrels tar. 118 barrels crude turpentine. 29 casks spirits turpentine. 190 barrels rosin. 348 barrels tar. 83 barrels crude turpentine.

PRODUCE. BUTTER—23c. COFFEE—9 1/2 to 11 1/2. FLOUR—Straights \$4.25 to \$4.50 second patents \$4.75; full patents \$5.25 to \$5.35. SALT—Prices car load lots, 100 lbs. C. F. 33c; 200 lbs. C. F. 65c; 200 lbs. F. F. 85c; less than car load lots, 100 lbs. C. F. 33c; 200 lbs. C. F. 65c. In cotton sacks 71c; 200 lbs. F. F. 95c.

MOLASSES—S. House 16c; New Orleans brights 24c; Porto Rico 31 to 35c; Cuba 25c. SUGAR—Granulated \$4.70; W. C. X. No. 5 \$4.30; No. 7 \$4.45; No. 9 \$4.15; No. 11 \$4.10. LARD—(Tierce basis) pure 9; compound 7 1/2. CORN—No. 2 white 71; No. 2 mixed 68 to 70c. HAY—No. 1 Timothy \$20.

COUNTRY PRODUCE. PEANUTS—North Carolina prim 70c; extra prime 70 to 80; fancy 85; Virginia, prime 40 to 45; fancy 55 to 60c. BLACK EYES—\$1.50. FIELD PEAS—\$1.25 to \$1.35. BEESWAX—27c. EGGS—Firm 15c. CHICKENS—Hens 35 to 40; springs 15 to 20. SWEET POTATOES—60 to 65c. O. C. BACON—Hams (old) 13 to 15; shoulders 10 to 11c; sides 9 to 10c. SHINGLES—Per 1,000; 5-inch saps \$2.00; 6-inch hearts \$3.00; 6-inch saps \$2.00; 6-inch hearts \$4.00. FIMBER—Per M Extra milling, \$3.50 to \$10.00 Mill prime, 7.50 to 8.50 Mill fair, 7.00 to 8.00 Common mill, 6.00 to 7.50 LOGS—Select \$8.00; No. 1 \$7.50; knotty \$4.50.

DAILY COTTON MARKET. Port Movement. Galveston, steady at 11 7/16c; net receipts, 3,289 bales. New Orleans, firm at 11 1/4c; net receipts, 4,296 bales. Mobile, quiet at 11 1/4c; net receipts, 592 bales. Savannah, quiet at 11 3/16c; net receipts, 2,864 bales. Charleston, quiet at 11 1/16c; net receipts, 446 bales. Wilmington, steady at 11 1/16c; net receipts, 1,255 bales. Norfolk, quiet at 11 1/4c; net receipts, 2,186 bales. Baltimore, nominal at 11 1/4c. Boston, quiet at 11 9/16c; net receipts, 34 bales. Philadelphia, steady at 12 1/16c. Miscellaneous, net receipts, 10 bales. New York, May 23.—Cotton, quiet at 11 9/16c; sales 706 bales.

Interior Movement. Houston, steady at 11 1/4c; net receipts, 1,919 bales. Augusta, quiet and steady at 11 7/16c; net receipts 276 bales. Memphis, steady at 11 5/16c; net receipts, 250 bales. St. Louis, quiet at 11 1/4c; net receipts, 263 bales. Cincinnati, net receipts, 792 bales. Louisville, firm at 11 1/4c.

RECEIPTS AND EXPORTS. New York, May 23.—Total today, at all ports, net receipts, 15,018 bales; exports to Great Britain, 2,592 bales; exports to the continent, 6,408 bales; stick, 528,593 bales. Consolidated, at all ports—Net receipts, 53,524 bales; exports to Great Britain, 11,293 bales; exports to the continent, 16,507 bales. Total since September 1st, at all ports—Net receipts, 7,399,125 bales; exports to Great Britain, 2,648,307 bales; exports to France, 641,898 bales; exports to the continent, 2,349,586 bales; exports to Japan, 115,379 bales; exports to Mexico, 2,764 bales.

RECEIPTS OF COTTON. New York, May 23.—Receipts of cotton at the ports today, 15,018 bales, against 11,293 last week and 13,575 last year. For the week 75,000 bales against 80,430 last week and 134,380 last year. Today's receipts at New Orleans, 4,296 bales, against 6,081 last year, and at Houston, 1,919 bales against 7,172 last year.

CLOSING OF COTTON. New York, May 23.—Spot cotton closed quiet; middling uplands, 11.90; middling gulf, 12.15; sales, 706 bales. Futures quiet and steady. Prices ranged as follows: Open. Close. May 11.34 11.34 June 11.12 11.10 July 11.12 11.08 August 10.84 10.83 September 10.66 10.66 October 10.55 10.57 November 10.57 10.57 December 10.61 10.62 January (bid) 10.61 10.62 March (bid) 10.68 10.69

THE LIVERPOOL MARKET. Liverpool, May 23.—Spot cotton fair demand; prices 1 to 2 points higher. American middling fair at 6.62; good middling, 6.38; middling, 6.16; low middling, 5.98; good ordinary, 5.80; ordinary, 5.60. The sales of the day were 10,000 bales, of which 2,000 were for speculation and export and included 8,900 American. Receipts, 29,000 bales, including 21,200 American. Futures opened steady and closed quiet. American middling, G. O. C.; May, 5.92; June, 5.92; July, 5.92; August, 5.92; September, 5.83; October and November, 5.68; December and January, 5.66; February and March, 5.67; March and April, 5.69.

MONEY MARKET. New York, May 23.—Money on call, steady at 3 1/4 to 4 per cent; ruling rate, 3 1/2; closing bid, 3 1/2; offered at 4. Time loans, dull but slightly firmer; sixty days, 4 1/4 to 4 1/2 per cent; ninety days, 4 1/2; six months, 4 1/2. Prime mercantile paper, 4 1/2 to 5 per cent. Sterling exchange, easier at 4.85 to 4.82 1/2 for demand, and at 4.82 to 4.81 for sixty day bills. Posted rates, 4.83 to 4.86 1/2. Commercial bills, 4.81 1/2. Bar silver, 68; Mexican dollars, 51 1/2.

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET. New York, May 23.—FLOUR—Quiet but steady. Rye flour quiet. WHEAT—Spot barely steady; No. 2 red, 93 nominal elevator. Options 3 to 1 cent net lower. May, 89 1/2; July, 88; September, 85 1/2. CORN—Steady; No. 2, 56 1/2 nominal elevator. Options 3/4 to 1/2 net lower. May, 56 1/2; July, 54 1/2; September, 54 1/2; December, 53 1/2. OATS—Spot easy; mixed, 39. LARD—Barely steady; western prime, \$8.70 to \$8.75 nominal; refined, easy.

PORK—Steady. TALLOW—Steady. ROSIN—Firm at \$4.20. TURPENTINE—Firm at 61 1/2 to 62. RICE—Firm. MOLASSES—Firm. COFFEE—Spot Rio, steady; mild, quiet. Futures, steady; unchanged to 10 points lower. SUGAR—Raw, steady; fair refining, 2 29-32 to 2 15-16; centrifugal 3 13-32 to 3 7-16; unrefined sugar, 2 21-32 to 2 11-16; molasses, steady. PEANUTS AND FREIGHTS—Quiet and unchanged. POTATOES—Irregular; Bermuda per barrel, \$3.00 to \$6.00; southern, \$1.50 to \$4.15; Maine, per bag, \$2.10 to \$2.50; state and western, \$2.00 to 2.25.

COTTON—SEED OIL—Moderately active and about steady. Prime crude, f. o. b. mills, 31 nominal; prime summer yellow, 38 1/2 to 39; prime white, 41; prime winter yellow, 41. BUTTER—Steady, unchanged. CHEESE—Firm; new state, full cream, large and small, 7 1/2 to 10 1/2. Skims, 1 1/4 to 3 1/4; old cheddar, unchanged. EGGS—Steady, unchanged.

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PRODUCE. Chicago, May 23.—The leading futures ranged as follows: Open. High. Low. Close. Wheat No. 2—84 1/2 84 1/2 83 1/2 83 1/2 May 84 1/2 84 1/2 83 1/2 83 1/2 July 82 1/2 82 1/2 81 1/2 82 Sept 80 1/2 80 1/2 79 1/2 80 1/2 Corn No. 2—33 1/2 33 1/2 33 33 1/2 May 33 1/2 33 1/2 33 33 1/2 July 33 1/2 33 1/2 32 1/2 33 Sept 31 1/2 31 1/2 31 31 1/2 Mess Pork, per bbl.—155 1/2 155 1/2 155 155 1/2 May 155 1/2 155 1/2 155 155 1/2 July 156 1/2 156 1/2 156 156 1/2 Sept 154 1/2 154 1/2 153 153 1/2 Lard, per 100 lbs.—85 1/2 85 1/2 85 85 1/2 May 85 1/2 85 1/2 85 85 1/2 July 85 1/2 85 1/2 85 85 1/2 Sept 87 1/2 87 1/2 87 87 1/2 Short Ribs, per lb.—89 1/2 89 1/2 89 1/2 89 1/2 May 89 1/2 89 1/2 89 1/2 89 1/2 July 900 905 900 905 Sept 895 897 1/2 892 1/2 897 1/2 Cash quotations were as follows: Flour firm; No. 2 spring wheat, \$4 to \$4 1/2; No. 3, 79 to 84; No. 2 red, 89 1/2 to 91 1/2; No. corn, 49; No. 2 yellow, 49 1/2; No. 2 oats, 33 1/2; No. 2 white, 34 1/2 to 35; No. 3 white, 33 1/2 to 34 1/2; No. 2 rye, 62 1/2 to 63; good feeding barley, 41 to 43; fair to choice malting, 47 to 50; No. 1 tick seed 1.07; No. northwestern, \$1.14 1/2; prime Timothy seed, \$3.30 to \$3.35; clover, contract grades, \$1.25; short ribs, side (loose), \$8.90 to \$9.00; mess pork per barrel, \$15.55 to \$13.60; lard per 100 pounds, \$8.90 to \$8.12 1/2; short clear sides (boxed), \$9.25 to \$9.30; whiskey, basis of high wines, \$1.29.

COTTON AND NAVAL STORES. Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at the port of Wilmington Yesterday. By the Carolina Central—73 bales of cotton; 18 barrels tar; 33 barrels crude turpentine. By the Wilmington and Weldon—30 bales of cotton; 20 barrels rosin 28 barrels crude turpentine. By the Wilmington, Columbia and Augusta—1,113 bales of cotton; 10 barrels tar; 38 barrels crude turpentine. By the Atlantic and Yadkin—24 bales cotton; 27 casks spirits turpentine; 100 barrels rosin; 13 barrels tar; 2 barrels crude turpentine. By the Wilmington and New Bern—15 bales cotton; 10 casks spirits turpentine; 25 barrels rosin; 17 barrels crude turpentine. Total Today—1,255 bales of cotton; 27 casks spirits turpentine; 145 barrels rosin; 41 barrels tar; 118 barrels crude turpentine.

NAVAL STORES MARKET. Savannah, May 23.—Turpentine, firm at 59; sales, 556 barrels; receipts, 1,499 barrels; shipments, 292 barrels. Rosin, firm; sales, 2,070; receipts, 2,225 barrels; shipments, 216 barrels; stock, 52,854 barrels. Quote: A. B. C. \$2.80 to \$2.90; D. \$4.00; E. \$4.25; F. \$4.45; G. \$4.50; H. \$4.55; I. \$4.60; K. \$4.70; M. \$4.75; N. \$4.80; W. G. \$4.85 W. W. \$4.90. Charleston, May 25.—Turpentine and rosin nothing doing. etasohrdnet shrdieta

Mr. D. L. Carlton, of Kenansville, was a Wilmington visitor yesterday.

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