

TOPPING TOBACCO.

How it Should be Topped for Priming and When the Stalk is Cut.

BY O. L. JOYNER.

There will be a good many farmers this year who in all probability will prime their tobacco off the stalk to cure it, and we have been asked by some who will prime how the tobacco should be topped. Not having had much experience in priming tobacco we are not prepared to give a safe opinion about the matter, but for the benefit of our readers who want this information we have inquired of a number of our most successful farmers who cure their crop by priming and nearly every man says he tops for priming just as he would if he were to cut the stalk, the reason being that if the stalk is topped much higher the top leaves never develop and consequently when cured they are green tips and amount to nothing, while if the stalk is topped sufficiently low to develop the top leaves, instead of getting green strips they will remain on the stalk and develop into ripe leaves, and when cured you get almost as good color as any the rest of the leaves on the stalk.

One very good authority states that on his land which is a dark gray loam, and which will produce 350 to 400 pounds of lint cotton to the acre, he generally tries to get from 12 to 16 leaves to the stalk in accordance with the thrift and healthfulness of the plant. We understand that some are advising not to top at all, and there will be no necessity of suckering the tobacco and that the stalk will produce from 20 to 30 good leaves of tobacco. We have never seen a crop managed after this manner, but a year ago we were told that Mr. R. G. Chapman, one of the most successful farmers that we have, did not top his tobacco at all and while we never had any faith whatever in this plan we were disposed to pay some attention to it as Mr. Chapman, we know, made good tobacco. On last Monday he was in town and we immediately went and asked him if it was true that he did not top his tobacco "Why," said he, "no, who told you that I did not?" He said he topped just precisely as if he was going to cut the stalk, and then if seasons were favorable and he saw proper, he cut and cured the stalk.

From a common sense point of view we think this decidedly the best plan for them. If you want to cure the crop by cutting the stalk, there will be no trouble while if the stalk is not topped you cannot do it. In topping the crop great care should be observed and no definite rules can be laid down by which to be governed. Each plant must be topped according to the number of leaves that it will bear, and if the crop is intended to be primed from the beginning under no circumstances do we think that it would be well to top more than 2 to 4 leaves higher than where it is expected to be cut.

The idea of not topping the plant at all seems ridiculous to us in the extreme and one thing is certain, if suckers are allowed to remain on the stalk the tobacco will surely be thin and chaffy.

July Second.

Henry Dowden will hang July 2nd, at Halifax, N. C.

Governor Carr set the above date today for the execution of the murderer of Engineer Dodd. There is no further hope for the condemned murderer and the execution will in all probability be carried out on that date.

The Supreme Court having confirmed the decision of the lower court, it remained for the Governor to set the date for the execution. — Raleigh Press-Visitor.

Weekly Crop Bulletin.

The reports of correspondents of the Weekly Crop Bulletin issued by the North Carolina Climate and Crop Service, for the week ending Saturday, May 30th, 1896, are on the whole favorable, and indicate, except where drought still prevails, a rapid growth of crops. The temperature was above the normal every day except the 24th, though Friday and Saturday were also agreeably cool. The rain-fall was unevenly distributed, the north-east portion of the State receiving too much, the west too little. There was generally sufficient sunshine. Cotton and corn especially are in splendid condition; tobacco is doing fairly well. The wheat harvest has just commenced. Farmers are beginning to lay by corn in the south portion of the State.

EASTERN DISTRICT.—Some rain occurred this week in the southern portion and along the coast of this district, where drought continued to prevail last week, which did much good, but was hardly sufficient. In the extreme north portion too much rain has fallen at some places, injuring cotton and lowland corn, and enabling grass to make headway. Elsewhere the conditions have been very favorable and crops have grown rapidly. Both corn and cotton are splendid; corn is quite large for the time of the year and some in silk and tassel. Insects are doing some damage to tobacco. Cutting wheat has just begun in south. Field peas and sorghum being planted. Peanuts are up, with not generally a good stand. Irish potatoes continue to be shipped.

CENTRAL DISTRICT.

In general the past week has been very favorable. The weather was warm, except Friday and Saturday, which were agreeably cool, with plenty of sunshine to make crops grow well. Rain enough has fallen at most places, and where least has been sufficient for such crops as can be worked; some few reports of heavy rains washing lands. Cutting wheat has just begun on a limited scale; chinch bugs numerous at some places. Some correspondents report that cats are coming out considerably since the rains. There is still some tobacco to be transplanted; the crop looks exceeding well. Cotton is now getting grassy; generally good stand and vigorous; chopping continues in north portion. Corn is quite large for the season, and commencing to be laid by in the south. Blackberries beginning to get ripe in the south portion of the district. Growth of grass in crops require active attention of farmers.

Married.

At 4:30 o'clock this afternoon at Chocowinity church, Mr. W. B. Ricks, of Greenville and Miss Bessie Wilson, daughter of Mr. R. T. Wilson, of Grimesland, were married by Rev. N. Collin Hughes. They were attended by Mr. J. A. Ricks, brother of the groom, and Miss Ella Frizzle.

The bride and groom will reach Greenville this evening and will hold a public reception at the residence of Mr. Ricks, in Forbestown, from 9:30 to 12 o'clock.

The REFLECTOR joins a host of friends in cordially welcoming the charming bride to Greenville, and wishing for the couple a long and happy wedded life.

How Many are Interested?

One merchant remarked to us today that the REFLECTOR made the right suggestion for a general 4th of July celebration this year. It can be had if the people will just set their heads to do so. And there is not much time to talk over the matter either. Those interested should get together, devise plans, appoint committees and get the matter started. Greenville can be filled full of people that day if the right work is done.

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WHICH TUGGED AT HER SUIT WITH LAUGHTER, AND YELLS;
BUT THE SUIT CLUNG FAST AND SHE WAS' ST AFRAID,
FOR THE KNEW THE CLOTH CAME FROM LANGS', ENOUGH SAID."

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They Will be Cared For.

Richmond, Va., May 30.—The following card has been issued because of the many inquiries made concerning arrangements for the entertainment of visiting veterans during the reunion to be held here June 30th, July 1st and 2nd.

With a view of answering many inquiries in regard to this matter I want to say that we are preparing with all our might and main for the grand assembly of our comrades, and with all the loving care and devotion of which we are capable.

We have grown neither too old nor too callous to love the Confederate soldier with all our hearts and minds and strength, and he will find himself treated, not as a stranger, but as a brother, when he arrives. No one need fear to come for lack of accommodations. The provisions we are making in this respect we believe to be ample for every emergency.

We are frequently asked whether we will furnish quarters and rations to veterans who will attend the forthcoming re-union. We some time since in an official circular promised quarters for all visiting organizations that might need them. We perfectly recognize the fact that there are many of our dear comrades to whom, for many reasons, it will be a great sacrifice to endure the expense of travel here, and to whom, in times like these, further sacrifices are too difficult. All such will be the honored and welcomed guests of my committee, and will be lodged and fed to the utmost limit of our means. All others should provide for themselves at the very reasonable rates which will prevail among the hotels and boarding houses, and the committee would be greatly assisted by their engaging their quarters at an early day.

Address in this connection Capt. C. T. Loehr, Richmond Va.

[Signed.] PEYTON WISE, Chairman.

A Generous Act.

Here is a nice little story. When the two Princeton students were shot, about a year ago, it was determined that an immediate operation might save the life of the one whose case was worst, and Dr. Bull, of New York, was summoned by telegraph. The message reached him after midnight. He went at once to Jersey City and asked for a special train on the Pennsylvania Railroad. The agent said he must deposit \$200 and promise to pay any further bill that might be sent. He did, and got his engine and car. Some time after he wrote and asked for his bill. Instead of getting it, he received back the \$200 that he had deposited, and a note saying the company could make no charge for a service done in the interest of suffering humanity. Very pretty behavior for a "soulless corporation," wasn't it?—Harper's Weekly.

TEMPERANCE DEPARTMENT.

BUSTIN THE TEMPERANCE MAN.

HOSEA GOUGH.

Hoarsely demanding "Gimme a drink" He sidled up to the bar, And he handled his glass with the air of one

Who had often before "been thar;" And a terrible glance shot out of his eyes,

And over his hearers ran, As he muttered, "I'm hangin' round the town Fer to bust that temperance man.

"I've heered he's comin' with singin' and sich,

An' prayin' an' heaps of talk;" An' allows he'll make all fellows what drink

Toe square the Temperance chalk, I reckon"—and here he pulled out a knife

That was too feet long or more, And he handled his pistols familiarly, While the crowd made a break for the door.

The good man came, and his voice was kind,

And his ways were sweet and mild, "But I'm goin' to bust him" the roarer, said,

"Jess wait till he gets me riled," When he playfully felt of his pistol belt,

And took up his place on the stage, And waited in wrath for the Temperance man

To further excite his rage. But the orator did'nt, he wasn't that sort,

For he talked right straight to the heart, And some how or other the roarer felt

The trembling tear drops start, And he thought of the wife who loved him well,

And the children that climbed his knee, And he said as the terrible picture was drawn

"He's got it kerrect that's me," Then his thoughts went back to the years gone by,

When his mother had kissed his brow, As she tearfully told of the evils of drink,

And he made her a solemn vow, That he never should touch the poisonous cup

Which had ruined so many before; And the tears fell fast as he slowly said,

"He's ketchin' me more and more." He loosened his hold on the pistols and knife,

And covered his streaming eyes, And though it was homely, his prayer went up—

Straight to the starlit skies, Then he signed the temperance pledge, And holding it high, says he,

"I came here to bust that temperance chap, But I reckon he's busted me."

A drunken man is an object of terror to most women, and I don't wonder at it.

My lot has never been cast in the vicinity of one, and I am very glad of it, for I don't think my stock of patience would hold out very long.

One of the wretched creatures was occupying a seat—in fact, several seats—in an "L" train the other day near mine, and every time he yawned, or stretched out his feet or hands, I made myself as small as I could, for he was all over the place.

He fell asleep at last, and his hat went into the aisle.

The guard picked it up, rammed it on the slumberer's head and then shook him so hard that I expected to see his teeth drop out.

But there was no response. Then the guard gave the poor wretch several sharp slaps in the face, at which I protested.

"I gott'er wake him up, an't I?" demanded the official, surlily, "an' I dunno where he gets off."

So the shaking and slapping were re-

newed until the sleeping one arose in awful wrath, squared off at his tormentor and gave vent to a string of profanity that was awful to hear.

"What d'ye think your a doin'?" he screamed.

"Say, you stop swearin' an' tell us where you get off," replied the official.

"I get off at Chatham Square, and me wife's waitin' for me there. If you want'er fight, come outside."

But the guard thought better of it, and the inebriate resumed his seat, leaning and muttering.

At Chatham Square he had to be assisted out of the car, striking wildly right and left and getting blows in return.

On the platform stood a white-faced, poorly dressed woman scanning each car eagerly.

As she saw the drunkard her pale cheeks became crimson. She rushed to him, took him by the arm and guided him, swearing and gesticulating, to the stairway, with an expression on her face that I shall never forget.

Talk about your temperance lecture!

A Month of Disaster.

The Chicago Tribune, which is much given to statistics, has been figuring up the disastrous occurrences during the month of May attended by loss of human life.

The Tribune gives the following: On the 3rd of May, 12 persons were killed by an explosion in Cincinnati; on the 15th, 120 by a cyclone in Texas; on the 17th, 33 by cyclones in Kentucky and Kansas; on the 18th, 44 by a cyclone in Nebraska; on the 21st, 10 by a cyclone in Oklahoma; on the 22nd, 5 by a cyclone in Missouri; on the 24th, 40 by a cyclone in Iowa; on the 25th, 86 by cyclones in Michigan and Oklahoma and 40 by a cloudburst, at McGregor, Iowa; and on the 26th, 12 by a storm at Cairo and between 75 and 100 by the falling of a bridge at Victoria, British Columbia.

It will be observed that the Tribune only made up its account to the 27th of the month. On that very day occurred the terrible tornado, or series of tornadoes, that laid in ruins great parts of the cities of St. Louis and East St. Louis, and wide areas of the surrounding country, causing the death of, perhaps 500 persons, the serious wounding of many hundreds more, and the destruction of property to the extent of many millions of dollars.

Truly the month of May, 1896, has proved to be a season of disaster, and it will leave behind it a record of storms and physical convulsions that will make it long remembered as a period of continued calamity.—Raleigh Press Visitor.

For wonders and marvels Long Island beats Texas. Sea serpents along its borders are not uncommon; its mosquitoes are believed by some good authorities to surpass even the Jersey article. A fire lately burned over 30,000 acres of woodlands in Long Island. And now comes news of a terrible colony of wild dogs, perhaps descended from escaped pets of New York city's Four Hundred, that infests communities, steal chickens, attack children and tame dogs and make life not worth living in the neighborhood of Great Neck.

NOTICE.

Having been objected to by the County Commissioners of listing the Taxes for the town of Greenville in the Court House, all person having any taxable property or poll tax to give in for the town of Greenville N. C., will find me at the Mayor's office over the market house. F. J. JOHNSON, June 1st 1896.

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Greenville Market.

Corrected by S. M. Schultz.

Table listing market prices for Butter, Sugar, Flour, Lard, Oats, etc.

Cotton and Peanut.

Below are Norfolk prices of cotton and peanuts for yesterday, as furnished by Cobb Bros. & Commission Merchants of Norfolk:

Table listing prices for Cotton (Good Middling, Middling, etc.) and Peanuts (Prime, Extra Prime, etc.).

GREENVILLE TOBACCO MARKET REPORT.

BY O. L. JOYNER.

Table listing tobacco market prices for various grades like Green, Bright, Red, etc.

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TRAINS GOING SOUTH.

Dated April 20th 1896.	No. 23 Daily.	No. 26 Daily.	No. 4 Daily.
Leave Weldon Ar. Rocky Mt	A. M. 11 55 P. M. 1 00	P. M. 9 44 10 39	A. M.
Lv Tarboro	12 12		
Lv Rocky Mt	1 00 10		5 45
Lv Wilson	2 05 11		6 20
Lv Selma	2 53		
Lv Fayetteville	4 36 1 7		
Ar. Florence	7 25 3 4		
	No. 49 Daily.		
Lv Wilson	P. M. 2 08		A. M. 6 20
Lv Goldsboro	2 10		7 05
Lv Magnolia	4 16		9 10
Ar Wilmington	5 45		9 45
	P. M.		A. M.

TRAINS GOING NORTH.

Dated April 20, 1896.	No. 75 Daily.	No. 82 Daily.	No. 40 Daily.
Lv Florence	A. M. 8 40	P. M. 7 4	
Lv Fayetteville	11 10	9 40	
Lv Selma	12 37		
Ar Wilson	1 20	11 35	
	No. 48 Daily.		
Lv Wilmington	A. M. 9 25	P. M. 7 00	
Lv Magnolia	10 52	8 30	
Lv Goldsboro	12 01	9 36	
Ar Wilson	1 00	10 27	
Lv Tarboro	2 48		
	No. 78 Daily.	No. 34 Daily.	
Lv Wilson	P. M. 1 20	P. M. 10 32	
Ar Rocky Mt	2 17	12 11	11 15
Ar Tarboro	4 00		
Lv Tarboro	2 17	12 11	
Lv Rocky Mt		1 01	
Ar Weldon			

Train on Scotland Neck Branch Road leaves Weldon 3.55 p. m., Halifax 4.1 p. m., arrives Scotland Neck at 4.55 p. m.; Greenville 6.47 p. m., Kinston 7.45 p. m. Returning, leaves Kinston 7.20 a. m., Greenville 8.22 a. m., Arriving Halifax at 11.30 a. m., Weldon 11.20 am daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.00 a. m., and 3.00 p. m., arrives Pamlico 3.50 a. m., and 4.40 p. m., Tarboro 9.45 a. m., returning leaves Tarboro 3.30 p. m., Pamlico 10.20 a. m., and 6.20 p. m., arrives Washington 11.50 a. m., and 7.10 p. m. Daily except Sunday. Connects with trains on Scotland Neck Branch.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C. via Albemarle & Raleigh R. R. daily except Sunday, at 4.50 p. m., Sunday 8.00 P. M.; arrive Plymouth 9.00 P. M., 3.25 p. m. Returning leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 6.00 a. m., Sunday 9.30 a. m., arrive Tarboro 10.25 a. m. and 11.45

Train on Midland N. C. branch leaves Goldsboro daily, except Sunday, 6.05 a. m., arriving Smithfield 7.30 a. m. Returning leaves Smithfield 8.00 a. m., arrives at Goldsboro 9.30 a. m.

Trains in Nashville branch leave Rocky Mount at 4.30 p. m., arrive Nashville 5.05 p. m., Spring Hope 5.30 p. m. Returning leave Spring Hope 8.30 a. m., Nashville 8.5 a. m., arrive at Rocky Mount 9.05 a. m. daily except Sunday.

Trains on Latta branch, Florence R. R., leave Latta 6.40 p. m., arrive Dunbar 7.50 p. m., Clie 8.05 p. m., Returning leave Clie 6.10 a. m., Dunbar 6.30 a. m., arrive Latta 7.50 a. m. daily except Sunday.

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"Each farmer saved from his cutting of timber a few of the finest boards. Especial attention was given to the seasoning and finish, and they were then stored away until the time when they should be needed. There was always rivalry among the neighbors as to who had the finest coffin boards in his loft. They would no more think of using the coffin boards for any other purpose than they would of wearing the clothes which had been put away in the cedar chest for them to be laid out in.

"Owing to the uncertainty as to the time when they might be called for, nothing more could be done toward making the coffins than to have the boards ready. Men were too thifty in those days to run any risk of making up a coffin and then naving it a misfit, and it was generally conceded that a man's last conversation with the minister should not be accompanied by the unmistakable sound of hammering from the barn. So the coffin making had to be left until all was over. When my greatuncle died, I remember, father and my elder brothers staid up all night making his coffin.

"Who did the laying out? Oh, there was at least one woman in the village who was first class at that sort of thing—generally a tailoress or seamstress—and was always on hand. She took right hold and did everything—made the shroud, gave advice about the latest style in mourning, saw the callers if she was allowed to. Generally the family took a mournful pleasure in performing that duty themselves. This self appointed undertaker never expected any remuneration for her services, though she didn't object if after next shearing you sent around enough wool for a new dress, provided you were perfectly able to do so.

"No, the shroud wasn't of homespun linen. That was one time when a man was allowed to wear store clothes, though all his life he had worn homespun linsey woolsey shirts, home woven natural gray trousers and cowhide boots made by the traveling cobbler. He was buried in a white shroud of the finest muslin which his means afforded and the village store could furnish. There was nothing brief about the remarks of the minister. The service usually took a good two hours. We always had a regular sermon. It gave the minister an opportunity to expostulate with backsliders such as he never had in church, for the most irreligious man in town would turn out for a funeral.

"Flowers? Where should they get them? Nobody had time to bother over posy beds, and if they did happen to have a few hollyhocks and marigolds, scattered in among the 'garden sass' you couldn't get them to pick them for love or money. So flowers were unfashionable, and there was no need of requesting friends not to send them.

"Hearse? Well, not unless you use so high sounding a name for a box wagon with two board seats across it for the bearers. The coffin was placed on the bottom under their feet. There was generally some one in the neighborhood that had such a wgon, and the neighbors were free to borrow it. At other times it was used for hauling barrels."—New York Tribune

How and Why It Rains.

Rain is an accumulation of the tiny particles of the vapor of the atmosphere into drops. These drops, first small of size, attract others of their kind and become drops of such magnitude that they fall to the earth because of their weight. There is a limit to the quantity of water which the air is capable of absorbing and retaining as invisible vapor. Warm air is able to hold more than cold air. Hence, when the air which is saturated with moisture becomes cold for any reason whatever, it can no longer retain its moisture. A portion must, under such conditions, accumulate into drops. These fall to the earth in the shape of rain.—St. Louis

John Dobkins, the colored employee of the Southern shops here who was severely injured by a blow on the head, delivered by Rev. Bob Little another colored man, in a fight two years ago, has just recovered his speech. About six months ago Dobkins recovered consciousness for the first time since he received the blow, but could not talk. His recovery is considered remarkable.—Salsbury world.

About a month ago Mr. John A. Edens, who lives at Holly Ridge, thirty-five miles from Wilmington, on the Wilmington, Newbern & Norfolk Railway, was seized with the hallucination that his family and friends had entered into a conspiracy to poison him. He, therefore, stopped eating and no amount of inducement could be held out to him to take even a mouthful of food. He also refused to allow a doctor to give him attention, and the result was that he died of sheer starvation last Thursday. For twenty-five days he had not eaten a bite.—Wilmington Messenger.

Bob Burdette gives this simple recipe: "My homeless friend with a chromatic nose, while you are stirring up the sugar in a ten cent glass of gin let me give you a face to wash down with it. You may say that you have longed for years for the free, independent life of the farmer, but have not been able to get money together to buy a farm. But there is just where you are mistaken. For some years you have been drinking a good, improved farm at the rate of 100 square feet a gulp. If you doubt this statement figure it out yourself. An acre of land contains 43,560 square feet. Estimate for convenience the land at \$43.56 an acre; you will see that it brings the land to just one mill per square foot one cent for ten square feet. Now pour down the fiery dose, and imagine that you are swallowing a strawberry patch. Call in five of your friends and have them to help you gulp down that five-hundred-foot garden. Get on a prolonged spree some day, and see how long it requires to swallow a pasture land to feed a cow. Put down that glass of gin there is dirt in it—100 feet of good, rich dirt, worth \$43.56 per acre."

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Passenger and mail train going
north, arrives 8:22 A. M. Going South,
arrives 6:47 P. M.
North Bound Freight, arrives 9:50 A.
M., leaves 10:10 A. M.
South Bound Freight, arrives 2:00 P.
M., leaves 2:15 P. M.
Steamer Tar River arrives from Wash-
ington Monday, Wednesday and Friday
leaves for Washington Tuesday, Thurs-
day and Saturday.

WEATHER BULLETIN
Showers tonight. Thursday clearing.

JUNE BUGS.
A few Caught and Set to Buzzing for
the Reflector Readers.

Blackberries are ripe.
These are cold showers for June.
A new lot of Beautiful Laces at Lang's
Vermont Butter for sale at D. S.
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The last few nights have been quite
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Best Butter on ice at Starkey's.
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Services at the usual hour in the
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The members' mite boxes will also be
opened.

JUNE JOURNEYERS.

Some Going, Some Coming, Some
Neither.

B. F. Tyson went to Wilson to-day.
J. R. Davis, of Farmville, was here
to-day.

W. H. Carstarphen, of Plymouth, is
in town.

Lovit Hines returned from Dover
this morning.

J. C. Robertson, of Robersonville,
was here to-day.

S. H. Abbott, returned from Kin-
ston this morning.

W. H. Barnes returned from Suffolk
Tuesday evening.

J. S. Jenkins left for Oxford to-day,
going through the country.

T. B. Haskett returned from Scot-
land Neck Tuesday evening.

Asa Pritchett, of Kinston, is here
with Pitt County Buggy Co.

Deputy Collector H. W. Stubbs, of
Williamston, spent to-day here.

H. P. Harding came home Tuesday
evening from the State University.

Mrs. Bettie Moseley, of Hookerton,
is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. W.
Brown.

G. J. Cherry, of Parmele, spent last
night here and returned home this
morning.

Mrs. W. C. Proctor and child re-
turned Tuesday evening from a visit to
Rocky Mount.

Mrs. J. J. Laughinghouse, of
Grimesland, is visiting her father, Dr.
C. J. O'Hagan.

F. A. Mosely, of Hookerton, re-
turned home to-day after a short visit
to J. W. Brown.

Miss Jennie Patrick, of Kinston,
came over this morning to attend the
Ricks-Wilson wedding.

Dr. H. Johnson and Miss Addie
Johnson, of Grifton, spent to-day here
with the family of C. D. Rountree.

Prof. W. F. Harding, of Charlotte
Military Institute, arrived home Tues-
day evening to spend vacation with his
parents.

Miss Bessie Harding arrived home
Tuesday evening from Raleigh, where
she had stopped a few days enroute
from the N. & I. College at Greens-
boro.

J. C. Greene arrived Tuesday even-
ing to visit his mother. When asked
where he was from this time he re-
plied, "There are but two towns in the
world, Norfolk and Greenville."

Prof. Harding Leaves Charlotte to Study Law.

Prof. W. F. Harding, who has been
Prof. Baird's efficient assistant in the
Charlotte Military Institute for the
past two years, leaves for his home in
Greenville, this State, this morning at
5:20. Prof. Harding has been study-
ing law under Judge Burwell and will
this summer continue his studies at the
University Law School under Dr.
Manning and Judge Shepherd, and af-
ter getting his license in September
will practice with his brother in Green-
ville until the first of the next year,
when he will decide upon his future
course, his inclination and intention
leaning strongly toward Charlotte as
the place of his permanent location.
He is a young man of brains, capacity
and energy, a hard student, and deter-
mined to succeed. Charlotte regrets to
lose him, but is glad that it is likely to
be only temporary.—Charlotte Obser-
ver.

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The stockholders of Greenville Driv-
ing Association are requested to attend
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