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HIGH IN QUALITY BUT LOW IN COST

SUGGESTION MADE FOR COTTON PRODUCTION—UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ANNOUNCES RESULT OF ITS OBSERVATIONS.

Washington, Oct. 31.—Continued supremacy of American cotton in world trade is dependent upon the production of cotton of high quality at relatively low cost, according to the United States department of agriculture in its 1921 year book just published.

Production of high quality can be continued or restored through the adoption of proved varieties and the establishment of a single variety in communities where superior varieties of cotton can be kept pure, it is said. The custom among growers of planting many different varieties in the same locality, the practice of using ordinary "gin run" seed for planting and the popular idea that cotton varieties "run out" are also touched upon. The fact, is the writers assert, that many times locally selected seed of good varieties has proved better than the new stock and that some of the best known varieties have been grown continuously in the same districts for many years with no indication of "running out" as long as isolation, selection and clean ginning were maintained.

Concerning the boll weevil, it is said that a profitable crop of cotton may be raised by adopting certain measures which will control the pest under ordinary circumstances. The use of calcium arsenate in dry dust form, which has proved fairly successful, is recommended. Other protective measures are the fall destruction of the cotton plants, either by burning or by plowing under, the use of early maturing varieties of cotton and planting early in the spring to get the crop well along before the weevils have become numerous enough to be destructive.

Regarding cost of production the department says that the grower who knows his own actual cost of production and has average standard figures to compare with his own is in a fair way to stop small leaks in his expenses and to reinforce those features of his practice in which he has an advantage. In planning cropping systems, farmers are urged not only to provide for sufficient acreage of corn, small grains, hay and other feed crops to feed pigs, chickens, the farm stock, and the family cows, but also to build up and maintain soil fertilizer to get the best returns from the land used and the capital and labor expended.

The article is the most complete economic discussion of the cotton crop ever attempted by the department of agriculture. It has been prepared by a group of the nation's leading agronomists and agricultural economists connected with the department.

CANVASSING FOR CORN SHOW

County Agent C. Lee Gowan and Supt. of Education Paul H. Mann are making a canvass of all of the schools in this district in the interest of the corn show to be held in November. Their visit takes up about thirty minutes and both Mr. Gowan and Mr. Mann make talks which are both interesting and instructive. They have visited this week Arberville, Pineville, Long Cane and Smithville schools.

THREE BARN, 147 BALES COTTON ARE BURNED

Columbia Oct. 31.—Three barns on the State Penitentiary Farm, De Sausure, in Sumter county, were burned Saturday, with the destruction of a large part of the year's corn crop and 174 bales of cotton. No stock was burned. The loss was well insured.

RELATIONS SEVERED WITH STATE OF N. Y.

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE BY THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT. COMMERCIAL INTERCOURSE WITH NEW YORK FIRMS IS FORBIDDEN

Mexico City, Oct. 31.—Commercial relations between the Mexican government and all persons or groups of persons residing in New York state were under suspension today until further notice as the result of instructions sent to the department of the interior late last night by President Obregon.

The president also had the various Mexican state governments instructed to refrain from commercial intercourse with New York firms.

The cause of his action was the writ of attachment obtained against the Mexican consulate in New York City in a civil action brought by the Oliver-American Trading company.

(This writ was ordered lifted last night by Supreme Court Justice Tompkins at Nyacy, N. Y. News of the lifting of the writ was filed to Mexico City at about the same time that dispatches telling of President Obregon's action were sent out from the Mexican capital.)

President Obregon's order, he said also was prompted by other matters. Among these he mentioned that the New York court had not permitted the Mexican government to obtain redress there on contracts such as those made for the purchase of boats by general Salvador Alvarado, when he was secretary of the treasury. A later date, President Obregon's instructions pointed out, the courts of New York permitted the Mexican government to be sued and its consulate closed, which action he held to be contrary to international law.

Coupled with his instructions last night was the announcement that he had ordered the foreign office to apply article 33, pertaining to pernicious foreigners to Howard T. Oliver, president of the Oliver-American Trading company, should he attempt to return to Mexico City.

Oliver, said President Obregon's announcement, "has abused the traditional Mexican hospitality, and, unsatisfied with material advantages he realized during his operations here, he sought to provoke a conflict between Mexico City and the United States."

Formal orders for reopening the New York consulate had not been dispatched from Mexico City last night.

It was explained the delay was due merely to the absence of instructions from the embassy at Washington.

Judges At Antreville Fair

Miss Lola Snider, food and nutrition specialist from Winthrop College, is expected in the city tomorrow to spend several days here with Mrs. Alma C. Gibbons. She will be one of the judges at the Antreville Community Fair to be held Friday. Mrs. Gibbons and Miss Snider will be joined here Friday by Misses Louise Fleming and Janie Roberts of Greenwood, who will also act as judges at the Antreville Fair.

To Widen Street

Spartanburg, Oct. 30.—City council decided yesterday at once to proceed with the work of widening South Dean street one of the central residence streets of the city. The completion of the \$300,000 high school building on South Dean street makes the widening of the street a necessity.

Fire At Greenwood.

Greenwood, Oct. 31.—Fire of unknown origin early Sunday morning destroyed the store and general merchandise stock of L. M. Long, on the outskirts of the city. The loss is estimated at about \$3,000 with insurance amounting to \$2,000.

STATE WILL GET FEDERAL FUNDS

FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION IN SOUTH CAROLINA—MONEY FROM WASHINGTON TO BE MATCHED BY STATE OR LOCAL FUNDS.

Columbia, Oct. 31.—J. C. Wright, director of the federal board for vocational education at Washington, has notified J. E. Swearingen, state superintendent of education, of the allotment of \$72,857.04 to South Carolina for the scholastic year, 1922-23. This allotment was made by the federal authorities after scrutiny of the South Carolina plan for next year as well as the statistical report for last year. This money provides \$47,312.73 for agriculture; \$9,550.43 for trade, industry and home economics, and \$15,993.88 for the training of vocational teachers. All federal funds are paid quarterly to the state treasurer.

This allotment, it was announced yesterday, guarantees federal aid for all classes in agriculture, all evening classes in textiles and all classes in home economics under the Smith-Hughes act. "Since the bulk of our population is rural, by far the larger part of the money goes for agricultural instruction. Teachers of vocational agriculture for white schools must be trained at Clemson, while such teachers for negro schools must be trained at the State Negro college at Orangeburg," said Mr. Swearingen.

"The allotment for trade, industry and home economics is based on our urban population and is, therefore, small. South Carolina has never been able to use the money for all day trade and industrial classes. The new vocational school in Charleston will relieve this situation, it is hoped. The amount for home economics is one-fifth of two-thirds of the allotment for trade, industry and home economics. During the scholastic year 1921-22 three cooking and sewing classes were aided from federal money. Federal funds must be matched by state or local funds, or both. Continuation and development of the present program in home economics will require a liberal appropriation at the hands of the legislature," said the state superintendent.

"All payments from federal aid go as reimbursement to local school district authorities, hence both the federal money and the state money for vocational training must be paid to the schools about the close of the session," Mr. Swearingen said.

POTATO CURING BEGINS

Thursday and Will Last About Ten Days.

The Abbeville potato curing house is being heated and storing will be finished by Thursday when the curing process will begin Thursday night and last about ten days.

Curing is accomplished by placing the potatoes in an air tight house and holding a temperature of approximately 100 degrees for a period of ten days, after which time all of the moisture is forced out and the potatoes cured. It is only necessary then to maintain heat sufficient to keep the potatoes from frosting.

Sales will be made under the jurisdiction of the South Carolina Potato Growers Association in January or February and payments will be on a monthly basis. Potatoes sold in February will bring an average February price of all sales made during that month by the association.

HALLOWE'EN SPRITES

The Hallowe'en sprites were at work in Abbeville last night, but it must have been a healthy looking specimen that lifted one of the benches from the park in the square and placed it in the branches of one of the trees.

TEST VALIDITY OF GRAIN FUTURES ACT

MOVE MADE BY THE CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE—MANY OWNERS OF GRAIN WILL BE DEPRIVED OF PRIVILEGE OF INSURING AGAINST PRICE

Chicago, Oct. 31.—The Chicago board of trade today made its first move to test the constitutionality of the grain futures act when it filed in federal district court here a petition for injunction restraining the government from enforcing the provisions of the act.

District Judge Carpenter issued a stay order preventing enforcement of the act until November 13 when he will hear the proposition for a temporary injunction against enforcement of the regulating act.

The law enacted to take place of the former Capper-Tincher act declared unconstitutional by the supreme court was passed to become effective November 1.

The bill of complaint filed by the board charges that the law seeks to regulate interstate commerce trade that is wholly state; that it interferes with state rights to govern exchanges and that it seeks to deprive board members of their property by admitting representatives of co-operative bodies and permitting them to rebate commissions in violation of rules observed by other members.

Further charges of unconstitutionality are made on the ground that the law makes violation of its provisions a crime, "and constitutes the secretary of agriculture, the secretary of commerce and the attorney general, a commission with power to deprive offenders of their rights to thereafter pursue a lawful avocation whereas such criminal laws are under the constitutional enforceable only in the courts with a jury trial.

Other sections granting wide powers of control to the secretary of agriculture, who is given authority to designate what exchanges shall or shall not be contract markets are attacked as unsound.

Fear of what might result from the drastic provisions of the law, the complaint says, may bring on a serious disturbance of the grain markets of the country."

"Many owners of grain," it stated "will be deprived of the privilege of insuring themselves against price fluctuations through hedging contracts, and irreparable loss to members and others would result."

MAY INCREASE CAPITAL

Judson Mills Stockholders to Hold Meeting

Greenville, Oct. 31.—An increase in the capital stock of Judson Mills from \$1,200,000 to \$2,500,000 will be considered at a meeting of stockholders of the mill to be held here November 28, according to legal announcement made here today by D. E. Geer, president, and B. S. Mills secretary. The stock is to be divided into three shares of the per value of \$100 each.

NEW SPARTANBURG PAPER

Will Come Out About November 9, and to Be a Hum-Dinger.

The Carolina Citizen is the name of a new weekly paper that will start up in Spartanburg about November 9. It will be edited by A. M. Carpenter, who was a former editor of the Anderson Daily Mail, and who is one of the best newspaper men in South Carolina today.

CAROLINA SYNCOPATORS

Left Yesterday for Key West, Fla., To Spend the Winter.

The Carolina Syncopators left yesterday for Key West, Florida, where they have an engagement to furnish music for the Key West Athletic Club this winter.

ALLIES WITHDRAW CONTROL OF ROAD

CHINESE EASTERN RAILWAY IS LEFT TO DIRECTORS—AMERICAN GOVERNMENT WILL KEEP ITS EYE ON CHINESE MANAGEMENT.

Washington, Oct. 31.—Withdrawal of Allied troops from Siberia has been followed by relinquished control of the Chinese Eastern Railway on the part of the American, British, French, Italian and Japanese governments through their representatives on the Inter-Allied committee at Vladivostok and the technical board at Harbin. Each of the five governments, it was announced today at the State Department, has instructed its representative on the two commissions to conclude their affairs and immediately terminate further activities leaving further management of the railway in the hands of its board of directors.

Consideration was given the Chinese Eastern Railway question during the Washington conference and suggestions were made to the Chinese Eastern Railway question advisable for it to invite the continued cooperation of the five nations in maintaining and operating the railway as a trust, penning the reestablishment of a recognized government in Russia. Failure of the Chinese government to extend the invitation it was indicated officially was followed by the Allied action.

Formal notification of the decision of the country was contained in a note to Minister Schurman for delivery of the Chinese foreign office at Peking.

It was pointed out that the American government "will not fail to continue to observe carefully the administration and operation of the railway and the manner in which the government of China discharges the obligations which it has assumed."

The note also assured the Chinese government that the United States was ready to assist or cooperate with the Chinese government and the other powers at any time in any practical way with a view to insuring the railway and assuring its efficient operation.

HALF MILLION FROM GAS TAX

Figures to Date Given By the Tax Commission.

Columbia, Oct. 29.—The two cent a gallon tax on gasoline in South Carolina has brought in a total of \$524,166.90 so far, including figures through September 30, the tax commission announced Friday. The amount collected in September was \$77,695.52. The tax for September was payable by October 20 and the figure given out for the month's collection was practically complete, only one or two delinquents being out.

The collection to date has been distributed by months as follows:

March, \$67,838.50; April, \$74,764.71; May, \$73,575.33; June, \$72,388.20; July, \$76,360.24; August, \$81,544.40; September, \$77,695.52.

In connection with the figures the commission announced that the Consumers' Oil company of Pamplico had for five months been the first to report each month to the commission.

Football Player Died of Injuries

Danville, Va., Oct. 31.—Eugenic Fratacangelo, 21, South Boston military academy halfback, died at a hospital here early today of injuries sustained in a football game Saturday between his team and that of the Chatham Training school.

On Visit to Greenville.

Mrs. P. B. Speed left yesterday for a visit of ten days to Greenville, where she will stay with Tom and Pete Marchant while Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Marchant are absent from home on a trip to New York.

FURTHER DECLINE IN COTTON CROP

FAVORABLE WEATHER FAILS TO CHECK DETERIORATION. SOUTH CAROLINA SHOWS THE HEAVIEST LOSS WITH A DECLINE OF 3 PER CENT.

New York, Oct. 31.—Regarding the cotton crop the Journal of Commerce will have the following to say in its issue of tomorrow:

Notwithstanding the favorable weather that has prevailed over the greater part of the cotton belt during October, further slight deterioration has taken place. Final reports of nearly 1,500 competent correspondents of this journal, under an average date of October 24, indicate a decline in percentage conditions of 0.8 per cent. from the condition figure of 52.5 per cent estimated a month ago. Last year there was a loss of 1.4 per cent from a condition of 44.7 per cent, while in 1920 a drop of no less than 8.7 per cent was shown. It should, however, be noted that with the exception of the unusually poor showing made a year ago, and a condition of 48.1 per cent in 1919, the present estimate is the lowest for any October since 1903. For the past ten years the average deterioration has been 3.4 per cent.

South Carolina was the heaviest loser, showing a decline of 3 per cent. Georgia is a close second, with a drop of 2 per cent, while North Carolina, Louisiana and Alabama lost each 2 per cent. In Texas percentage condition was maintained, while Missouri gained 2.3 per cent and Tennessee 1.6 per cent. Smaller increases have also been made in Arkansas, Oklahoma and Florida. This, when contrasted with the report of October last year, at which time individual declines were numerous and heavy.

Probably the most noteworthy feature of the returns is their similarity with those of a year ago. It will be recalled that at that time a further long period of excessive rain, followed by drouth, fine weather set in, which greatly aided farmers in their picking operations and served to some extent to counteract the unfortunate conditions prevailing earlier in the season. This year a like state of affairs is revealed, and cotton, after making a favorable start, suffered a severe setback as a result of excessive rainfall, and later on of prolonged drouths.

The redeeming element in the cotton situation has again been the almost ideal weather conditions prevailing during the picking season. Although the improvement came too late to materially affect production, it has undoubtedly done much to increase the yield by allowing rapid and close picking.

1,000 BALTIMORE NEGROES SOUGHT TO LYNCH NEGRO

Baltimore, Oct. 31.—A policeman and an alleged negro murderer were stabbed in a disturbance here today when about 1,000 negroes attempted to take Bishope Hawkins, arrested for the killing of Ethel Staring, negroes sought to lynch the alleged slayer.

Police dispersed the mob and took the wounded men to a hospital.

MAYOR'S COURT.

Twelve cases for gambling fined \$10 each and one case of larceny fined \$50 or 30 days, were before the Mayor's Court yesterday.

COTTON MARKET

Cotton brought 24½ cents on the local market today, and futures closed

Oct.	24.36
Dec.	24.04
Jan.	24.10
March	23.99
May	23.76