

**MONUMENT TO BOLL WEEVIL  
RAISED IN ALABAMA CITY**

Over at Enterprise, Ala., a fund of \$300 has been publicly subscribed and this money will be used to erect a monument on one of the principal streets of that town. The monument will be raised not as a mark of respect to a war hero, nor yet to commemorate the memory of some civic patriot. It will be to no person, but it will be erected, as novel as the whole thing sounds, to a pest. This unique monument in this Alabama city will be raised in appreciation of the boll weevil and what the weevil has done for the public good in that section of the country.

Doubtless, when a few short years ago the first of the weevil, long dreaded, were found in the cotton fields in the vicinity of Enterprise, the invasion was regarded with the same anxiety that farmers in the lower part of South Carolina felt last year when the cotton pest first appeared in numbers in this State, and which is at present shared by farmers and others in a wider territory as the infested area broadens. Probably they thought ruin stared them in the face, these Alabama farmers long accustomed to growing cotton and depending upon cotton to the exclusion of practically everything else, and wondered what they would do since the pest had come to make cotton growing unprofitable. It is not difficult to imagine their state of mind.

But today, these same farmers and their friends in the little Alabama city are about to raise a monument to the boll weevil. We read in connection with this unusual plan that these Alabamians are moved to this action for the reason that in former times, before the boll weevil came, crops in Coffee county were worth yearly one and one half million dollars as compared with present crops of today worth four and one-half millions. In addition, corn, hogs and cattle are raised in larger numbers today than ever before. Coffee county farmers, it is further stated, were formerly borrowers. Today they have money in the banks and some of them are lending money. Therefore, in appreciation of what the boll weevil has done for them, they will erect a shaft in honor of the pest.

If the boll weevil has proven a bless-

ing in Alabama there is no reason why the cotton pest, emancipating the South Carolina farmer from cotton slavery, should not work the same transformation in this State. It is all in adapting one's self to the new conditions, as a matter of course. Had the farmers of Coffee county, Alabama, attempted to keep on growing cotton in spite of the boll weevil they would have fared badly and there would have been another story to tell. But when it becomes impossible to depend any longer upon cotton they determined to beat the boll weevil by growing something else that the pest could not thrive on, and turning to food crops and livestock they have, it would appear, found the high road to agricultural independence and prosperity.

The invasion of South Carolina by the boll weevil is assuredly no cause for pessimism. With the coming of the pest come new conditions. These must be met, but in adopting themselves to these new conditions South Carolina farmers are only driven by Providence to do what they would have profited by voluntarily doing years ago.—Aiken Standard.

**TWO NEGROES LYNCHED  
NEAR MONTGOMERY**

Montgomery, Sept. 29.—Two negroes, Miles Phifer and Robert Cresky, the latter a returned soldier, were taken from Montgomery county officials, about five miles from this city and lynched this afternoon. The negroes were being carried to the state prison at Wetumpka for safe keeping when a masked mob of about 25 men held up the automobile in which they were traveling, forced the officers to lay down their arms, and then led the negroes about 100 yards into the wood and opened fire on them with shot guns and pistols. Both negroes were charged with criminal assault on white women.

Earlier in the day the two negroes had been granted a preliminary hearing behind closed doors, and their trials had been set for next Friday.

After the action of the trial judge had been known, it is said that organization of the mob was then undertaken, and with a tip that the negroes would not be held in Montgomery but probably be carried to some other jail nearby, the leaders surmised that the

Wetumpka prison would be the one selected. The party, numbering 25 men, all masked, made its way to a point on the Wetumpka road about five miles east of the city and there awaited the arrival of the sheriff's car carrying the prisoners.

When the car carrying the negroes which was accompanied by three deputy sheriffs rolled up to the spot selected by the leaders of the mob the latter blocked the road and demanded custody of the prisoners. Resistance was useless in the face of shotguns and pistols Deputy Sheriff Frissell, one of the guards, declared. They were dis-

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RESOURCES

Loans and discounts.....	\$ 27,436 59
Overdrafts.....	168 07
Bonds and stocks owned by the bank.....	2,200 65
Furniture and Fixtures.....	4,981 67
Due from banks and bankers	1,272 00
Currency.....	
Gold.....	
Silver and other minor coin	143 79
Checks and Cash Items, ..	120 80
Other resources, viz.: expense	78 86
Total.....	\$ 36,402 43

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock Paid in.....	\$ 17,850 00
Individual deposits subject to Check 3,663 77	
Savings deposits.....	5,817 26
Time Certificates of deposit.....	1,000 00
Cashier's checks.....	71 40
Total.....	\$ 36,402 43

Bills Payable, including Certificates for Money Borrowed..... 3,000 00

Total.....\$ 36,402 43

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Notary Public for S. C.

Correct Attest:  
P. A. SMITH,  
T. S. SEASE, [Directors]  
G. OLIN SMITH.

armed, a guard left with them and the negroes hustled out of the car about 100 yards off the road, where they were loosed and told to run. Thoroughly frightened and realizing the fate that was upon them, the negroes made little or no effort to get away and the men opened fire on them with pistols and shot guns. Phifer was almost instantly killed, being riddled from head to heel, while Creskey was likewise shot up but survived five hours.



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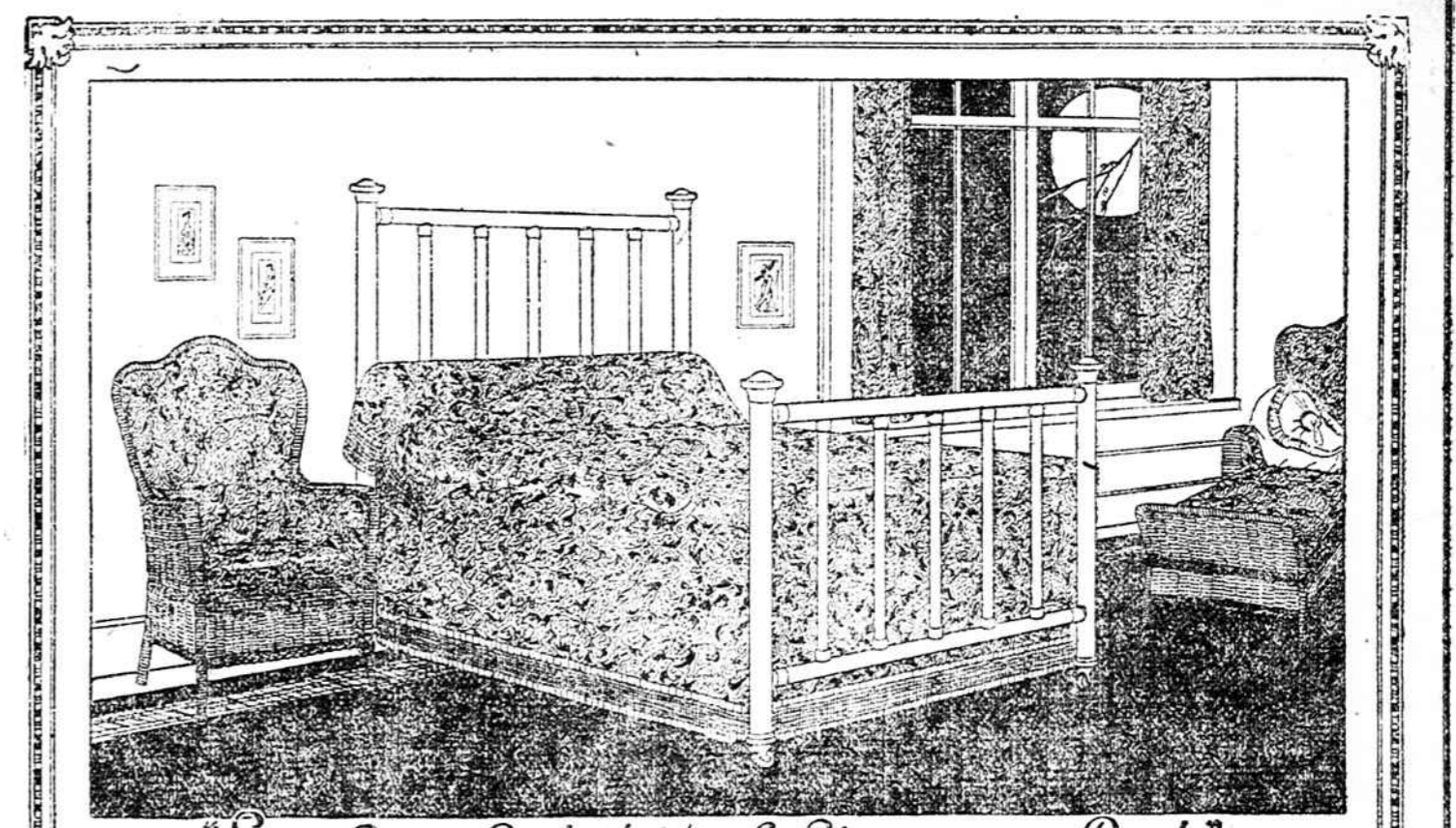
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