

STORMS AND INSECTS
DAMAGE COTTON CROP

Loss of Almost Three Million Bales Caused During the Growing Season, According to Forecast Made By Department of Agriculture in Annual Announcement.

Washington, Oct. 2.—Storms and insect damage have wrought havoc with the cotton crop this year and caused a loss of almost 3,000,000 bales throughout the growing season.

This year's crop will be approximately 11,837,000 equivalent 500 pound bales, according to the department of agriculture's forecast made today, basing its estimate on the condition of the crop on September 25. In its first forecast of production made from conditions existing June 25, the quantity was estimated at 14,266,000 bales. The condition of the crop on September 25 was 56.3 per cent. of normal, which is the lowest condition on record for that time of the year.

Cotton this year was planted on the fourth largest acreage ever recorded—35,054,000 acres. In 1911, when 36,054,000 acres were planted, the crop was 15,693,000 bales; in 1913, when there were 37,089,000 acres, the crop was 14,156,000 bales, and in 1914, when the acreage was 36,832,000, the crop amounted to 16,135,000 bales.

Indications are that this year's crop will yield only 156.3 pounds per acre, compared with 207.7 pounds in 1911; 182 pounds in 1913 and 209.2 pounds in 1914.

Condition and indicated area yield, by States, follow:

States.	Condition	Acre	Yield
Virginia	35	264	214
North Carolina	61	175	162
South Carolina	53	162	86
Georgia	58	94	114
Florida	48	86	154
Alabama	36	154	183
Mississippi	40	183	255
Louisiana	36	154	154
Texas	63	183	154
Arkansas	65	183	154
Tennessee	68	183	154
Missouri	67	183	154
Oklahoma	56	154	484
California	93	484	...
All other States.....	...	...	...

In a statement issued today the reporting board said: "There was heavy deterioration in cotton again this month in the central cotton States. Boll weevils in Texas, Arkansas, Alabama, Louisiana and Florida, have taken a heavy toll, puncturing and destroying growth bolls to a larger extent than ever before known. This insect has, in addition, seriously damaged the crop in portions of Oklahoma, Georgia and Tennessee. Cutworms have injured the late cotton in southern Texas and eastern Florida. Cool nights caused a cessation of fruiting and the plant shed its fruit considerably in the northern portion of the cotton belt.

"There is considerable late cotton in the Carolinas and some in northern Georgia which will need a late killing frost to reach anything like full maturity.

"The weather during the month was very favorable for gathering the crop and the high prices prevailing for both cotton and the seed caused the farmers in all parts of the south to rush gathering and ginning, and there has been a much larger percentage of the crop put through the gins than usual at this time of the year. In southern Mississippi and Alabama, where the crop is practically a failure, one picking got the crop, the average in many counties being a bale to the mule or less. Over the entire cotton belt the crop this season has been rapidly picked, and there is less cotton remaining in the fields than usual at this time of the year. The picking season will average two or three weeks early."

Farmers are receiving for their cotton at this time higher prices than have been paid since 1872. In that year the average paid was 16.5 cents, in 1871, 17.9 cents, in 1870, 17.9 cents, in 1869, 16.5 cents. The demoralization of the cotton market soon after the outbreak of the European war caused a violent break in prices. On August 1, 1914, farmers were being paid 12.4 cents a pound for their cotton and by November 1 the price had fallen to 6.3 cents a pound. A comparison of prices being paid to farmers on the first of each month during the last three years is interesting. Following is a table giving the average prices:

Month	1916	1915	1914
January	11.4	6.6	11.7
February	11.5	7.4	11.9
March	11.1	7.4	12.6
April	11.5	8.1	11.9
May	11.5	9.1	12.2
June	12.2	8.6	12.4
July	12.5	8.6	12.4

August	12.6	8.1	12.4
September	14.6	8.5	8.7
October	11.6	7.8	...
November	11.6	6.3	...
December	11.2	6.3	...

BAIL FOR CRESWELL
BY CHIEF JUSTICE

McCormick Lad's Application is Granted at Abbeville—Inquest Over Father's Body.

McCormack Sep 20—Further developments in the shooting of J. S. Creswell by his son, Horace Creswell, were brought to light after the coroner's inquest.

It seems that one of the Creswell boys wanted to take a bale of cotton to Troy to have it ginned and the father wanted it brought to McCormick. After some words Mrs. Creswell, the mother said that it would not make any difference where the cotton was taken so long as they got the money for it. This incensed the old man, who struck Mrs. Creswell with a light stick. She then walked away from him, he following her up, striking her with his fist again. At this juncture Clarence Creswell interceded in behalf of his mother and grabbed a shotgun, which stood nearby, which later proved to be empty. The father then took the gun away from the boy, and it was while he had it in a striking position that the youngest son, Horace, fired the fatal shot. The shot was fired from the door of another room, a shotgun being the weapon used. The load entered the face on the side and ranged upward, killing him almost instantly.

Mr. Creswell was about 35 years of age and lived in the Youngtown section of this county practically all of his life. He farmed and conducted a blacksmith shop. His wife was Miss Fannie Talbert of this county.

The young man who fired the fatal shot attended the funeral of his father which took place at Buffalo Baptist church, this county, Friday, after which he appeared before E. B. Gary, chief justice of Abbeville, and applied for bail. Bail was granted in the sum of \$1,000. The trial will come up at the first criminal court for McCormick county.

The affair has been a shock to the citizens of this community and the general sentiment is that the boy will merely go through legal proceedings as a matter of formality.

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G. D. Brown's Work

The State. George D. Brown, State superintendent of mill schools, was in Columbia several days this week. His work in this department of education is already under way along with the other branches of the school system of the State, in that many of the mill village schools opened simultaneously with those in the various cities. Remarkable progress was made last session in the reorganization of the mill schools. In some instances the schools in the mill communities were consolidated with the city schools. Several of the best new buildings in the State to be erected last year were in mill communities, and scores of others voted extra levies for maintenance and development.

A MERCILESS JUDGE

One Who Shows No Favor.

A merciless judge is Father Time. Before him the weak and the wanting go to the wall. Only the truth can stand. For years the following statement from a Newberry resident has withstood this sternest of all test.

David A. Rivers, ice dealer, Route No. 5, 44 Mill House, Newberry, says: "My Kidneys were out of order and the kidney secretions were unnatural and contained sediment. My back ached and I had severe pains across my sides. I finally began taking Doan's Kidney Pills and they made me feel much better in every way."

(Statement given March 21, 1911.)

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KILL FUGITIVE

Henry Lewis Dies in Jail at Bennettsville After Arrest and Battle

Bennettsville Sept 29—Henry Lewis the negro who shot and killed Rural Policeman E. J. Alsbrooks a few days ago, died in the jail here this afternoon as the result of wounds inflicted while resisting arrest this morning. Sheriff Patterson received word last night that Lewis was in the county and immediately summoned a posse to arrest him. For a time he eluded the officers, although it was known in a general way the section of the county he was in. The bloodhounds were brought here from Columbia early this morning and additional information was received by the sheriff and the officers in pursuit of the negro's whereabouts, and he was finally traced to a swamp.

The swamp was surrounded and three of the party, Dr. J. A. Woodley, Marlboro Hamer and Edgar David, Jr., were at the head of a branch when the negro came out. He was ordered to throw up his hands and surrender and instead of doing so he began firing, shooting a revolver three times, when a ball from one of the party shot the fingers off his right hand, causing him to drop the weapon.

After this he ran about 100 yards and got into a ditch where he was overtaken and brought to Bennettsville. It was found that two balls had passed entirely through his body.

After reaching Bennettsville medical aid was summoned and Drs. May and Jordan did everything that could be done, but the wounds were fatal.

Reward amounting to \$300 had been offered for the arrest and delivery of Lewis, and those who took part in the arrest unanimously asked that the rewards be collected and presented to the family of the late rural policeman.

IN A CHAIN OF STORES
NEWBERRY CONNECTED WELL

The Silver line of stores throughout the land makes Newberry people see the silver lining. The corporation that on January first will take possession of the building in Newberry now owned by Mr. J. H. West and occupied by the West-Martin company, is the corporation of the Isaac Silver company, which has a long line of five and ten cent stores throughout the country. Shortly after the corporation leased Mr. West's building for twenty-one years, another large deal was made in Columbia by the same company, Mr. Isaac Silver, president, being there in person. The State says it was one of the largest sales of property in the retail section of Columbia since the outbreak of the European war. The company is incorporated in Georgia for \$500,000, and has stores in Augusta, Savannah and other places in Georgia and in Charleston. They are now in negotiation to open other plants in Georgia and South Carolina, Newberry, as already stated, being one of the cities selected.

SUMMERLAND COLLEGE
EMPLOYS FINANCIAL AGENT

The crowded condition at the recent opening of Summerland College makes more dormitory space absolutely necessary, and the high standard the college demands more adequate internal equipment. The evangelical Lutheran Synod of S. C. at its last meeting in view of the growing popularity of Summerland as well as the need of a college for the higher education of the young women of our area in this state empowered the Board of Trustees to employ a financial agent and to raise \$25,000 for the proper equipment of the college. At the meeting of the board Sept. 13th the Hon. W. M. Oxner of Leesville was elected Financial Agent. Mr. Oxner is eminently qualified for this position, being a young man of high educational attainments. He begins his work at once, canvassing the congregations of the Lutheran church. The faculty and board of trustees respectfully ask that Mr. Oxner be given a hearty welcome by all our pastors and congregations, and that all our people will rally to the support of their college.

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Hardly Able to Move.

Albert Lea, Minn.—"For about a year I had sharp pains across my back and hips and was hardly able to move around the house. My head would ache and I was dizzy and had no appetite. After taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and Liver Pills, I am feeling stronger than for years. I have a little boy eight months old and am doing my work all alone. I would not be without your remedies in the house as there are none like them."—Mrs. F. E. Yost, 611 Water St., Albert Lea, Minn.

Three Doctors Gave Her Up.

Pittsburg, Penn.—"Your medicine has helped me wonderfully. When I was a girl 18 years old I was always sickly and delicate and suffered from irregularities. Three doctors gave me up and said I would go into consumption. I took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and with the third bottle began to feel better. I soon became regular and I got strong and shortly after I was married. Now I have two nice stout healthy children and am able to work hard every day."—Mrs. CLEMENTINA DUERRING, 54 Gardner St., Troy Hill, Pittsburg, Penn.



All women are invited to write to the Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass., for special advice—it will be confidential.

Trees Possum in Yard

William P. Houseal, "the Dutch weather prophet," came home from the movies last evening and found his setter dog all agog over something he had discovered up a tree in the backyard. A pocket flashlight revealed a sizable but lean opossum perched in a crotch at the height of a man's head. He was yanked down by the tail and consigned to a box. Mr. Houseal has visions of "possum an' taters" at his house after a fattening and conditioning period of about two weeks. Neighbors have lost several chickens lately, and it is suspected that the opossum may know something about the matter. Mr. Houseal lives at 1717 Hampton street.—The State.

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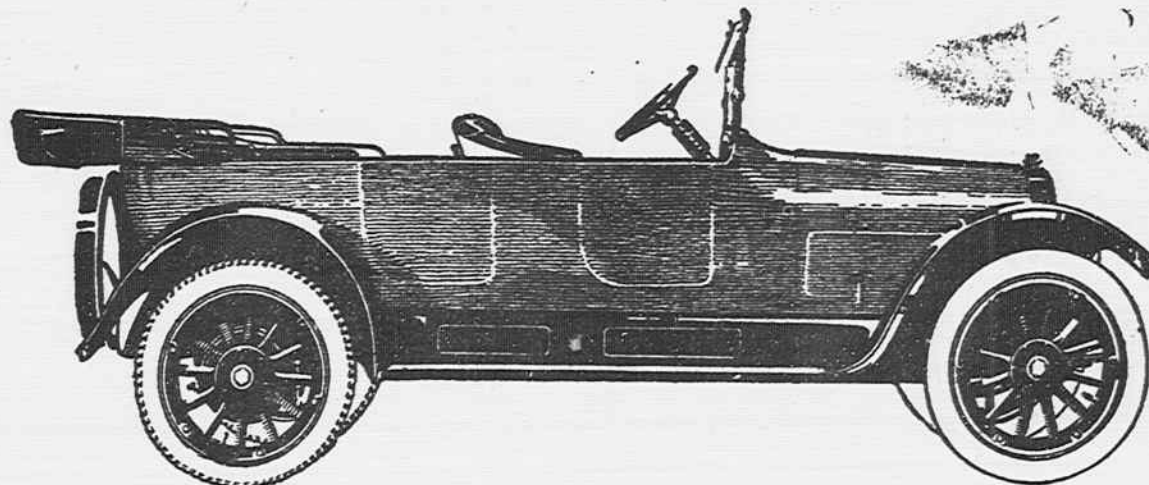
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