The Texas Cotton Planters Object to the Boll Wesvil's Foe.

THE CAUSE OF THE OPPOSITION

They Suspect it May Prove Greater Pest Than the Weevil Devastating the Cotton

Fields.

The proposed use of the "kalep" or Guatemalan ant to exterminate the Mexican cotton boll weevil is arousing great interest in the south. The cotton crop will soon be ready to pick, and its size depends on the extent of the ravages of the boll weevil. Therefore the matter affects not the south

alone, but every user of cotton goods. The pest is likely to grow worse and cause greater damage every year un-less some way is found to check its ravages. In spite of two boll weevil conventions, the organization of boll weevil commissions in Texas, Louisi-ana and Mississippi, the liberal sums appropriated by these states and by the Federal government for fighting the boll weevils, and the \$50,000 prize for a remedy offered by the Texas legislature, no method of getting rid of the destructive pest has been found. At best it has been possible to make certain suggestions whereby, at great expense and labor, the amount of dam-

age caused by the weevil is reduced. From the start a vague hope has been expressed that some other insect would be found that would kill off the weevil. Is the "kalep" to be the deliverer? The entomological bureau and the agricultural department say it is and ask for a chance to prove it. The have gone to considerable expense to search the world over for an enemy to the weevil, and declare that they have at last found it in the Guatemalan ant. They stand ready to make war upon the cotton eater, but the cotton people hesitate to com-

The planters are like the European powers in the Russo-Japanese war who wanted to see the Japanese whip the Russians, but were afraid of the calls attention to the fact that the complications the war would lead to present incumbent rever suffered from ant ax, and the acords baye been beg to give up the interest and the acords baye been beg to give up the interest and the acords that there party in the cities should upon the same theory espouse the cause of municipality in the leading to a same theory espouse the cause of municipality in the affective. the Russians, but were afraid of the war with the stag. Admitting that the "kalep" will do all that is expected of it, may not the ant itself prove a more dangerous peril than the weevil? This is the question the planters are asking.

This has led to a very general dis-

cussion in the southern press of American and other improvements on nature and the results that have followed. The strongest argument in favor of the "kalep" is the success of the department of agriculture in the importation of ladybugs from Australia as a cure or antidote for the San Jose scale.

The latter pest had seriously infected the California orange crop, invaded Texas and was making its way toward the orange groves of Louisana and Florida, when its rulnous course in the south was stopped by the Australian ladybug. The experiment was a complete success, and no one has yet a bad word for the Australian vis-

On the other hand, Senator Balley, of Texas, Ross Clark, of Lavaca, the leader in the fight against importing Central American insects and turning them loose on the community, and many other planters cite other experiences against the proposed experiment.

They call attention to the importation of English sparrows for the purpose of getting rid of the worms and bugs in New York and to their spread all over the country, abandoning their insectivorous habits, driving out native birds and becoming very troublesome themselves and great destroyers of fruit.

The mongoose, imported into Jamaica to kill off the rats which injured the sugar cane, performed that work successfully, but has since become ten times the nuisance the rais were, for after killing off the rats it took to eating spring chickens. Similarly, the English rabbits imported into Australia have proved one of the greatest curses of that island continent.

The importation of water hyacinths -which came from the same country as the "kalep"-has cost the south millions of dollars and put the Federal government to considerable expense to get rid of its growths, which have rendered most of the Gulf streams unnavigable. Similarly, Bermuda grass, imported from the West Indies, has increased the cost of cultivation in the south '0 per cent, and cocoa grass has also added to the trouble and expense of the farmers.

Two of the most troublesome plants to southern farmers were actually imported by the United States department of agriculture and scattered through the south before their dangerous character was discovered. The first and worst of these was Johnson grass, which was recommended to the farmers as an excellent forage plant. Johnson grass grows with a rapidity that is startling and it cannot be erad-

icated. You may dig it up or burn it, but you cannot get rid of it. The legislatures of both Texas and Louisiana prophit its importation, and the quar antine against it is as stringent as against smallpox.

The United States department of

Mr. Clark, who is leading the fight one of the leaders of the mob, charged against the Guatemalan ant, is one of on the officers guarding the jail, but Humphires and his crew sought a secthe men who planted the bamboo. It the men composing the mob quailed ond time to hold the fire in check, grew so fast that he and his neighbors | before the determined stand taken by | but the streams of water only tended became alarmed, as it threatened to the police. Talley dashed against to carry the fire to other parts of the cover the whole plantation. When he the officers alone and was captured to get rid of it he could not, and disarmed. He was afterwards gle was abandoned. until he built a lavee around his bam- released by order of Mayor Wooding, boo patch and kept it saturated with who states that he made the order crude Beaumont oil.

Either the plant flourishes better in good effect on the mob. this country than in Japan, or the Japanese know some way to holding the growth in check which the department of agriculture forget to get. Bamboo may make very good baskets, Mr. Clark says, but the south is not He granted her an interview and was ship was wrecked from stem to stern prepared just yet to abandon cotton told the plans of the mob leaders. by a series of heavy explosions.

With these facts before them, the disclose her name. Texas farmers and their friends have not only flooded the department of agriculture at Washington with inquiries and protests, but also anouncin the courts to the last ditch. An injunction has already been secured from the Texas district court at Houston. directed against Dr. Cook and other culture, prohibiting them from intro- verdict: ducing into Texas the Guatemalan

The injunction recites that it is pro-posed to bring in this ant and turn it ocse at the United States government experiment station at Victoria, Tex. They say the ant would spread to all parts of the State, would become so numerous in time so to prove an in-tolerable pest, would sting the labor-ers in the field and then would ren-der it impossible to pick cotton, ulti-mately destroying the cotton crop and

all other vegetation. The injunction has delayed the opening of the Kalep-Weevil war. The ants will spend some time in New Orleans, until the department of agriculture decides what to do.

The collection of these ants cost several months of hard work in Alta Vera Paz, Guatemala. The insect has no scientific name, but is known to the natives or Indians as the kalep.

Bryan says in part:

operation of the railroads.

STATE OWNERSHIP OF ROADS.

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH.

a mail system.

doing in this respect.

to appeal to the masses.

race issue, and give us greater freedom

CARGO OF OIL ON FIRE.

made against the ants. The are in-sectivorous, he says, and will not hurt cotton-and the Mexican boll weevil is their dearest foe.

The weevil stands no show with the Guatemalan kalep. The latter stings the weevil, producing paralysis, and then carries its victim to its dwelling house, where the weevil is torn to eral government. This plan, it seems pieces or put in cold storage for the to ne, is more objectionable than a cotton will keep it wholly free from weevils. So effective has the warfare of the kalep proved that it has already completely destroyed the weevil in completely destroyed the weevil in Vera Paz and other departments would give to the federal with the leaders of the strikers in which in inhabits.

The boll weevil, after practically destroying the cotton crop of Mexico, invaded Texas on the north and Guatemala on the south. It seemed to
sweep everything before it until it
reached the country of the kaleps.

The latter have turned the tables on
erment, and if it is done by the federal government, and if it is done by the latter have turned the tables on The latter have turned the tables on it and are pursuing it fiercely and States, the objection based upon the

sandy soil, like that of Texas, but it is by no means certain that it would find life so agreeable in the rich but damp soil of the alluvial lands of the Mississippi, where cotton reaches its

highest development. All these facts and arguments have not convinced the anti-ant men. Even if we admit, say they, that the kalep will do all that is expected of it and have not been so open and notorious, kill off the weevils, on what is it yet there is no reason why their nation going to feed after the weevil are ex-

The South is already pretty well "The Democratic party has in two overrun with ants, which have latterly increased in numbers, owing possibly to the destruction of insect-eatbirds. The ordinary American ants, red and black, are themselves effectual as destroyers of other insects, and indeed are known to kill boll weevil; but in spite of their good service in this respect they are recognized as a nulsance and injurious to the farmer, and their nests are ploughed up and destroyed whenever they are come across. If their numbers are be made whether the party wins in swollen by importation of larger and November or not. If Mr. Parker is fiercer ants, the planters will find it elected his administration will rid us almost impossible to keep the ants of imperialism and of the threat of a under control.

In fine, is it not a dangerous experiment, they ask, because we are suffering from one insect pest, to import another? It depends upon the settlements of these questions whether the courts will allow the great Kalep-Weevil fight to come off in Texas this Thrilling Experiences of the Crew of summer.

Brain Leaks.

is the man who never undertakes any-

The men who talk loudest about

the necessity of war are generally the

men who stay at home and finance it.

fund, and even if we do have enough

we wouldn't do it. We'll set aside a

fund to reward the girls who can bake

better bread than their mothers.—The

Handled Them Well.

Southern railway. Daniel Talley,

mob leaders. The mayor would not

Edward Deaton Convicted.

court; Maaton not guilty."

thing.

that he does.

Commoner.

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time coming to him.

A special from Woodshole, Mass.,

The broader the smile the shorter the task. British ship Creedmoor, and crew Everything is for the best, even the were landed here Thursday, having A smile will go a mile while a frown escaped from their vessel which was s going a furlong. burned off Fire island Wednesday. The "sanest fourth" was where it

The crew of the Creedmoor numrained the hardest. bered 18 men besides the captain. Ever notice how long the days is The men lost everything. They left when you start it off grumbling? We'd like to go fishing just once when only the little fish got away. the ship in her own boats and were picked up soon afterwards by a pass-It is a waste of time to pray for ing schooner which transferred them what you want unless you really need to a tug off Martha's Vineyard early

Wednesday. The man who never makes mistakes Capt. Humphries and the rescued members of the crew of the Creedmoor arrived in New York city Thursday When a man begins to wonder if he looks as old as he really is, it is a sign evening. The Creedmoor, which left this port on Monday with a cargo of 50,000 gallons of naphtha, gasolene The writers of the best old songs and benzine for Liverpool, according are dead. The writers of some of the to the story of the captain and crew, was about 40 miles east of Fire Island The man who never ate watermelon on Wednesday evening when fire broke save with a fork has an awfully good out on the poop deck just ferward of

the main saloon. When the alarm was given Cant. Humphries put the vessel about while we w. " probably never have enough money to enable us to set aside a hero to hald the deep doing their best to hold the flames in check. The presence of the fire was made known by an explosion which was quickly

followed by others. At first the water poured on the blazing poop deck had no effect. After about an hour's work the crew seem-A special from Danville, Va., says ed to have the fire in check, and at Judge Aiken Wednesday appointed a that time the Creedmoor was making special grand jury composed of pro- for New York at good speed. A little agriculture also recommended Japa- minent citizens for the purpose of in- after 10 p. m. the fire made its apnese bamboo as likely to thrive in the vestigating the attempt of the mob pearance again in the poop deck sec. south, and offered samples of it to Tuesday night to take the prisoner, tion of the vessel and this time the There is no question about its thriv- the killing of Flagman Armes of the was expected that the oil-laden ship would blow up at any moment. Despite the deperate situation, Capt.

> The lifeboat and the ship's yawl thinking it would probably have a forecastle, a Portuguese sailor named Marc, was called with the other mem-The mayor was apprised of the fact bers of the crew, but he did not rea that the mob was assembling by a spond. He was called again. Then the Islander or recover the treasure the executive had prepared to retire. with terror. In a few minutes the

> > Members of Mob Arrested.

A special from Danville Friday says Wicker Armes, Solomon Hutchings, African affairs in the house of com-A special from Yorkville to the W. Bal Ragland, Frank Childress and State says the case of W. Edward William Harris, participants in the Chemberlain, defending the introduced their intention to fight the kalep Deaton and Mary Deaton, charged lete attempt to force the city jail for tion of Chinese, labor into the Transwith having killed J. Lawrence Pat- the purpose of wreaking vengence vail, contended that white laterson at Fort Mill last May, was upon a negro charged with murder, borers would not work side by side given to the jury about 2 o'clock Fri- were Friday arrested and the first with black laborers on equal terms and day afternoon. After being out about three bailed in the sum of \$200 each he thought the white men were right. employes of the department of agri. two hours they rendered the following for their appearance before the He added: verdict: "Edward Deaton guilty and recommended to the mercy of the dress and Harris went to jail in default of bond.

THE STRIKE SETTLED.

Mr. Bryan Tells of the Things He Fa Are to be Taken Back to vors and Those He Doesn't. Work At Once. W. J. Bryan's plan for the reforma-A special from Chicago Wedgesday

licity Thursday. In it Mr. Bryan fa- employes begun nine days ago and vors radical changes, but advocates which has demoralized the packing the election of Judge Parker for pres- industry throughout the country, was ident as a good beginning. He de-clares for State ownership of railroads, between representatives of the packgovernornment control of telegraphs and abolishment of private monopoly and favors the income tax and election union and representatives of all the of federal judges by the people. Mr. allied trades employed at the stock yards. The whole controversy will 'I have heretofore refused to take be submitted to a board of arhitraa position upon the question of gov-tion, both sides agreeing to abide by ernment ownership of railroads, first, whatever decision this board may has no scientific name, but is known to the natives or Indians as the kalep. It is red, and about twice the siz of an ordinary ant.

Dr. Cook has some 5,000 ants, or forty colonies, including a number of queens. They are now in first class condition, active and full of fight, and eager to be allowed to attack their enemy.

Dr. Cook denies all the charges made against the ants. The are inmade against the ants is known to the subject, and second, because I had not until recently activated the subject, and second, because the question had not been reached. Recent events have convinced me that the time is now ripe for the pressible by the packers and it is agreed by the packers that all the old employes are to be reinstated within 45 days from the date work is resumed. If any of the former employes are still unemployed at the expiration of that time such persons are to have the privilege of submitpower of the nation. I invite the Dem- are to have the privilege of submitocrats, therefore, to consider a plan ting their cases to the arbitration for the government ownership and board for settlement. The strikers

will return to work as soon as they can be notified of the peaceable ad-"The plan usually suggested is for justment of the trouble, and it is exthe purchase of these roads by the fed- pected that by Friday morning everyeral government. This plan, it seems thing will be in normal shape as an eral government. This plan, it seems the plants in the different cities where winter. Four ants to each stalk of plan which involves the ownership and the employes were on strike. Half operation of these roads by the several states. To put the railroads into the reached to arbitrate, M. J. Donnelly, hands of the federal government would the strike leader, had secured comoutside cities and had notified them that a satisfactory settlement had been reached and directed the strikers

ernment and if it is done by the allied craft at the stock yards, who would have become involved in the fear of centralization is entirely an-swered. A board composed of repre-longer. The representatives of these As for the argument presented by swered. A board composed of representatives of these Mr. Clark that it would render cotton sentatives from the various States unions, which represent about 14,000 picking impossible by stinging the negroes on their bare feet, Dr. Cook various lines. While the Democratic party in the three sided conference between the in a final effort to get both sides of the may be limitations in the effective same theory espouse the cause of mun-work of the kalep. It lives in a porous icipal ownerships of municipal fran-would prevent the strike spreading to would prevent the strike spreading to the attiliated unions. This appeal of the allied trade unions received a "We have also reached a time when favorable response from the packers the postoffice department should emand Wednesday's conference was the

brace a telegraph system as well as result. "The telegraph lines do not reach same as the proposition made last as many people as the railroads do and Saturday to the packers by Mr. Donwhile the abuses to private ownership nelly. The only difference is that in Saturday's communication Mr. Donnelly insisted that the strikers be all This the packers refused, although they agreed to accept every demand made by Mr. Donnelly.

The plank was omitted this year be-When the men return to work it cause the men in control of the party will be under exactly the same condithought it would jeopardize success in tions as prevailed before the strike the eastern States. This objection may was declared, with the exception that have weight when the appeal is made the question of a wage scale will be decided by arbitration. to a particular section and to the wealthy men of that section, but it

cannot have weight when the party be reached by the officials of the union As many of the old employes as can power. will be notified to return to w . All the strikers who appear at , ants will be put to work as fact as possible The contest above outlined must November or not. If Mr. Parker is and it is believed that all the estabishments will be running with full forces.

\$20,000,000 TO BOOST COTTON:

Southern Cotton Corporation Formed in New York.

A special to the Atlanta Constituof Daniel J. Sully being made the with a capital of \$20,000,000, to im-

The articles of incorporation of this company were filed at Trenton. will have a capital of \$20,000,000, of which \$5,000,000 will be prefered and \$15,000,000 common stock. The par value of the preferred is \$100 a share, but the par value of the common, which will be taken largely in the south, will be only \$20 per share.

The decision to place Colonel Morse in this position was made by the cause of the fact that as the head of the traffic department of the South-Orleans, he was very prominent in the educational campaign which resulted educational campaign which resulted in the diversifying of the southern of the White House.

The company controls the Whitginning cotton. It will compress as thoroughly as the present round bale but will not meet with such opposition as was encountered by those who in troduced the round baling process. Because of the less likelihood of fire, this new bale has already been called

the "underwriter's bale." A comprehensive were house system will also be established, which will enable growers to hold their cotton if they so desire, instead of selling in the glutted market in the early season. The board of directors will south, and offered samples of it to southern farmers. They planted it. They planted it. They planted it. They planted it to southern farmers and unit to take the prisoner, to of the vessel and this time and the prisoner to of the vessel and this time the principal office of the company will be in that city, with branches in various nificent for former and wiser Presisouthern cities.

Found Treasure Ship. News from Tacoma says that Capt. Finch, manager of the Neptune Salvage Company, has located the wreck of the Canadian steamship Islander, which sank in Alaska in August, three years ago, carrying down nearly succeeded by use of a big steel diving cage invented by Capt. W. M. Smith, of Milwaukeee. He expects to raise purser's charge and in the state rooms of passengers run from \$400,000 to \$700,000.

No Race Equality.

During the discussion of South mons in London Thursday, Joseph "As the dominant race, if gave us our dominance."

ABUSED FARMERS.

Roosevelt on Record as Saying They Are a Base Set.

tion of the l'emocracy was given pub- says: The strike of packing house HE EXPECTS FARMERS VOTES All Self - Respecting Farmer

Should Vote for Judge Parker,

Who Honors Their Noble Calling. Should the Democratic party go up to victory in November next fate will show herself in ironical mood in this year, Roosevelt will meet defeat at in the investigation of this matter the hands of one of that class of our the law firm of Messrs. Raysor & American citizenry which he holds as the basest in the land, for Alton inquest along with Solicitor Hilde-brand, and he wil! give personal at-Brooks Parker, Democratic nominee for President, is a small farmer both by birth and predilection, and one of tention to the development of the case his special delights is breeding fine and the prosecution of such parties as cattle on the 90-acre farm, his home may be implicated by the proceedings.

at Esopus, N. Y. this broad land will consider for a moment the possibility of doing aught which will tend to continue in power the man who has expressed such merciless contempt for the farmers and laborers of our country.

Hon. Claude Kitchin, of North

Carolina, during the last session of negro and is anxious for the guilty Congress, speaking on the subject of parties to be uncovered and brought Mr. Roosevelt's estimation of various classes of American citizens, said: "After attributing to the cowboys

a half century and against which I demnation of the public, the severest protest; after declaring that they punishment under the law. It is were 'brutally dissipated,' that 'when thought that the matter will be drunk on villainous whiskey they cut mad antics, ride horses in saloons firing proper authorities are working to this their pistols right and left,' etc., in (pp 9 and 10) he adds:
"They are much better fellows and

pleasanter companions than small monstrative and conducted themselves farmers or agricultural laborers; nor in an orderly manner. are the mechanics and workmen of a great city to be mentioned in the same breath.

In a speech made by him in New licitor. The jury of inquest was a York in October, 1896, at a 'sound money' meeting in the Wool Extension the work of they will not render their verdict unchange, reported in the New York tillall of the testim ny possible has been Journal October 28, 1896, Mr. Ross-brought out. Such witnesses as were on Journal October 28, 1896, Mr. Rose-

appealed to the basest set in the land, the farmers.

Search the world over, ransack history from the beginning and you will look in vain to find another who has in any way maligned the farmers of his own country. It is a marvel The agreement reached at Wednesday night conference is practically the same as the proposition made last of the best type of our citizenship, the American farmer."

It will be the part of wisdom for our farmers of the North, South, E st and West to weigh well what the taken back to work within seven days. chances for an administration of the government for the best interests of our agricultural population are likely week: to be in the hands of a man who has expressed openly and on various occasions both in writing and speech such unmistakable contempt for the character and lives of those farmers upon whose votes, it is claimed, he is largely depending, for his continuation in

Surely there is no farmer in these Jnited States who will not in his turn regard with contempt the character of the man who since his earliest manhood has fought and striven for public office and has lived up n public tion from New York says: Instead while he may not despise them quite and upper Savannah valley counties, so intensely as not to take a play for extending into the interior over Green president of the new company known utterly unfit for the Presidential ofsays Capt. John Humphries of the mith a capital of \$20,000,000 to im lice that they will cast those votes for counties that are suffering for rain prove cotton culture and method of making the staple that not will be performing the duties of Chief Judge western half of the State, in which making the staple, that post will be occupied by Colonel S. F. B. Morse, who was a partner in the firm of State of New York is yet living the low, and water for stock is scarce.

Daniel I Sully & Co.

performing the duties of Chief Judge western half of the State, in which was a partner in the firm of State of New York is yet living the low, and water for stock is scarce.

Laying by crops is general and the himself the product of several generations of small, hardworking farmers It was doubtless this simple and hardly life which bred in Judge Parker the courage to send to St. Louis that telegram which, he well knew might cause the withdrawal of his nomination for President by the Demo-

cratic Convention. That Mr. Rooseveit has not changed his opinion of the lack of wisdom in this position was made by the financial backers of the concern because of the fact, that as the head of since it is constantly asserted in Re the traffic department of the Southern Pacific railroad, stationed in New districts that he is looking for the majority of the votes which are to

He made a big play for the labor man square bale press, which is an to the anthracite coal strike but he doubtless knows now as well as do the labor leaders themselves that there is an organized, opposition against him in several of the largest branches of the Labor Union, and consequently he is looking away from the cities to the rural districts where reside the men whom he has designated as "the basest in the land." Will they in November next honor with their votes and is in need of more fresh water; this man?

> Will they vote to continue in the almost was to find fault with the from excellent to very poor. dents, and not only to find fault but ling of that which can never be re- the time Thursday morning. ley stood open for rich and poor alike.
> The small army of servants now paid

Well might the Democratic platlife of our public officials.

THAT SHOCKING CRIME.

nquest Into the Murder of Kitt

Bookhart, Near Eutawville.

A special to the State from Orangeburg says the inquest over the dead body of Kitt Bookhart, which was ound in the Santee river at Ferguson, near Eutawville, was held Thurs-day by Magistrate Jeff D. Wiggins at Eutawville. Solicitor P. T. Hilde-brand, at the request of the governor, went down the day before and attended the inquest, assisting in ques-tioning the witnesses and bringing out important testimony. Solicitor Hildebrand has associated with him the law firm of Messrs. Raysor & Summers of this city, and Mr. A. W. Summers of that firm attended the

Eutawville is located on the Preg-Surely the farmers of no section of nall branch of the Atlantic Coast Line in the upper portion of Berkeley county, and not many miles from the lower boundary of Orangeburg county. There are the best of people down there, and it is learned here that the best sentiment of that community heartily condemn the killing of the

to justice.
From the testimony it is very evident that the parties responsible for of the west a moral depravity of which the death and mutiliation of the ne no cowboy has been guilty within a gro are deserving of the severest conbrought to light in due time, and the end. It is understood that there was his Ranch Life and Hunting Trail a very large gathering of negroes at Eutawville Thursday on account of the inquest, but they were not de-

The inquest was adjourned to some future date to be agreed upon later between the magistrate and the sohand or could be secured were examined "Mr. Bryan and his adherents have Thursday, but there are other wit-spealed to the basest set in the nesses to be examined at a later date. The jury was composed of Messrs. R. G. Causey, foreman; P. O. Martin, L. N. Shingler, L. Gourdin, J. W. Murray, D. D. Sweetman, W. E. Jackson, Nella Jenkins, J. F. Wetheford, E. M. Gaillard, B. P. Winter and T. S. Gelzer.

THE WEATHER AND CROPS.

Section Director Bauer's Report fo the Past Week.

The following is Section Director Bauer's report in full for the last

The week ending 8 a. m., July 15th, has a mean temperature of 80 degrees which is slightly below normal. The departures below normal were greater on the coast than in the interior. The extremes were a minimum of 60 at Freenville on the 14th, and a maximum of 98 at Blackville on the 15th There were no destructive high winds. The relative humidity was about normal over the entire State. The sun

shine was slightly deficient. There were quite general showers on the 12th, and again on the 16th, but money, money gathered into state and they were local and partial in charac-Federal treasury in large part as a ter, with many places that had no result of the unceasing toil of the rain. The relative wet and dry areas great class of farmers whom he so remain about the same as last week, thoroughly despis s. Surely again it with complaint of too much rain in will give these same farmers the very Chesterfield, Marlboro and Marion greatest satisfaction to show Mr. counties, and of increased severity of Roosevelt in November next that the droughty conditions in the middle their votes, they do regard him as so wood. Newberry and Laurens counties with many smaller areas in the central

> work is well advanced, except that stubble land corn and cotton clay lands continue to be cultivated.

The cotton crop suffered from an excess of moisture in the extreme northeastern counties, and from drought in the western ones, but as a whole continucs very promising. It has attained seasonable size in the eastern half of the State and remains under-sized over the western half. There are a few reports of too large a weed. Cotton is blooming and fruiting well in all secdoes, and many full grown bolls have been noted. Irsects infest fields in reenville, Pickens and Spartanburg counties, whild wilt and blackroot or black rust have been noted in Greenille and Orangeburg counties. Considerable cotton has been laid by in general clean condition. Sea island cotton is becoming somewhat grassy, and is blooming freely.

Tobacco curing is now general: the crop is a fine one. Rice is heading, June rice is doing fairly well in the track and is supposed to have been in Georgetown district. Melons are bear-Will they vote to continue in the ing well and shipments are heavy. President's chair a man whose first Minor crops vary in condition accordact after reaching the White House ing to the moisture supply, and range

Plaintiff Got a Verdict.

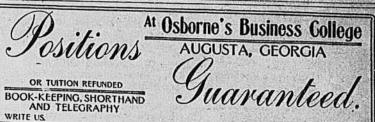
A special from Columbia says a verto proceed to tear out and destroy the dict of \$875 was rendered against the making it impossible for the engineer beautifully simple and historic interior Atlantic Coast Line Thursday after- to stop his train in time to save the of the nation's White House weeks noon by the jury in the suit brought before Congress, alone holding the by E. L. Richardson against that power to authorize such changes, had company. The suit was interesting given its permission or authorized the and the original complaint asked for use of public money for that purpose. for \$5,000. The hearing of the evi-More than \$600,000 he spent in dence consumed nearly all day Wedwere lowered. The lookout on the a million of Klendike treasure. Finch ling of that which can never be replaced. That done he required twice road men took considerable interest in as many servants to run the palace the proceedings, because it concerned from whose front door always hither- the sale of a ticket to a point at that the mob was assembling by a woman. The woman came to the he leaned over the side of the fore-home of the mayor at midnight after castle and appeared to be helpless the executive had prepared to refer the side of the fore-mayor at midnight after the side of the fore-home of the mayor at midnight after castle and appeared to be helpless mates of the amount of gold in the mayor at midnight after the side of the fore-home of the mayor at midnight after castle and appeared to be helpless mates of the amount of gold in the mayor at midnight after castle and appeared to be helpless mates of the amount of gold in the mayor at midnight after castle and appeared to be helpless mates of the amount of gold in the material may be a second to the major at midnight after castle and appeared to be helpless mates of the amount of gold in the material may be a second to the major at midnight after castle and appeared to be helpless mates of the amount of gold in the material may be a second to the major at midnight after castle and appeared to be helpless material may be a second to the major at midnight after castle and appeared to be helpless material may be a second to the major at midnight after castle and appeared to be helpless material may be a second to the major and the major at midnight after castle and appeared to be helpless may be a second to the major at midnight after castle and appeared to be helpless may be a second to the major and the major a newly provided low side entrance son bought a ticket to Latta and the while foreign diplomats and personal rule was that change should be made friends of the Roosevelt family," the four hundred" only are admitted by ed at that place. However, the plain the broad portico whose door from tiff was put off at Pee Dee, which is the time of Adams to that of McKin- about eight miles this side of Latta, because the train on which he was riding made no stop, although his He slipped up to the window of her by the government to keep this royal ticket read for that station. Suit was mother's home and shot her as she establishment in order has lately been increased by the addition of a naval was raised that the train should have her unfaithful to him. Posses were officer whose sole duty is to raise and stopped at the station, although there organized for the pursuit of Teele. lower the flag which floats over the private entrance. Were orders to the canstrary. The private entrance. Were orders to the canstrary. The suing him found and surrounded him doubtedly end in the supreme court, near Roopville Tuesday afternoon.

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Severe Storm in Augusta.

A special from Augusta says a wreck; the roof of a carpenter shop of the Georgia railroad blown away; end W. Livingston, Wm. McCarty, J. K. Calhoun and W. H. Fenly slightly injured; all employes of the Central railroad. Sophia Turner was slightly hurt in Hale street house.

Killed by a Train,

A special to The State from Timmonsville says a fast through vegetable freight which passed there about o'clock Sunday morning struck and killed a negro man, Robt. Waiters, about half a mile beyond the town limits. The negro was sitting on the a drunken stupor. He lived about a mile and a half from town and had all of his bundles of groceries with him | boro. No details are obtainable. Keys which he had purchased the evening before. He had evidently spent the lies are prominent. night in town spreeing and was on his way bome. The train was running at a rapid rate and going down grade unfortunate man's life.

Committed Suicide.

Edgar E. Tawes, secretary of the board of trade and Business Men's association and a prominent citizen of Norfolk, Va., committhd suicide Friday night at his summer home at Ocean View. He reached home early from the city and went to his room. Standing in the presence of his 12-year-old son, Dawes placed a pistol in his mouth and pulled the trigger. He was instantly killed. No cause for his act can be learned.

Killed His Wife.

Dick Teele, a young white farmer of Carroll county, Ga., shot and killed his wife near Graham, Ala., Friday. suing him found and surrounded him cured by his pursuers.

Against Child Labor.

An organization to be known as on red storm of cyclonic proportions swept "The National Child Labor Committhe eastern and southern section of tee" has been formed in New York The condition of old corn is critical the city Thursday afternoon, doing and at the first meeting to complete in the dry sections, and the prospec- great damage to property and injurin the dry sections, and the prospective yields will be materially lessened unless rain comes soon. Late planted corn continues promising.

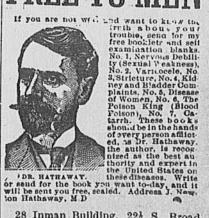
great damage to property and large to was announced that the commmittee had secured as its general secretary samuel McCune Lindsay, commissionrailroad completely wrecked; small er of education in Porto Rico. Among cottage on Hale street complete those interested in the new organizaer of education in Porto Rico. Among tion are Jane Adams, Felix Adler. Mrs. Emmons Blaine, A. J. Cassatt, of house on Lincoln street crushed in Grover Cleveland, Cardinal James by falling tree; grand stand at base-Gibbons, Bishop David H. Greer, ball park complete wreck. J. K. Adolph S. Ochs, Hoke Smith and Morris was fatally injured; Wm. Senator Tillman In speaking of the Morris was fatally injured; Wm. Senator Tillman. In speaking of the Brown, head gashed and ear gone; J. W. Livingston, Wm. McCarty, J. K. said: "The National Child Labor Committee desires, wherever its cooperation is requested, to investigate the conditions under which children are engaged in gainful occupations in all parts of the country, and to help create a healthy public sentiment in favor of giving every child the best possible chance to make the most of

its life." Kills His Wife's Father.

A special to the Journal and Tribune from Jonesboro, Tenn., says that Robert Keys has been shot and killed by his son-in-law, Joe Martin, at the Keys home twelve miles from Joneswas a prosperous farmer. Both fami-

Three Hundred Bales Burned.

A fire started Thursday in the cotton which had been discharged on the quay at Bremen haven, by the Atlantian from New Orleans. flames were subdued but 300 bales of the cotton were damaged by fire and water.



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