

BOLL WEEVIL PLAYS HAVOC WITH COTTON

PRODUCTION OF 8,203,000 BALES FORECAST BY THE GOVERNMENT.

The boll weevil played havoc with the South's cotton crop during July, heavy rainfall aided in the destruction by promoting a rank growth of weeds and grass and as a result a prospective production of 8,203,000 bales was forecast Monday by the United States Department of Agriculture, basing its estimate on conditions existing July 25. That is a loss of 230,000 bales compared with the production forecast a month ago.

The crop declined 4.5 points during the month, much more than the average decline, bringing condition to 64.7 per cent of a normal, the lowest July 25 condition on record with one exception, that of 1866, when it was 64.1.

Unpromising is the present condition of the crop throughout most of the belt, and there is very serious threat, the department experts say, of continued and increased damage from the boll weevil, while grass and weeds are exhausting much of the crop that remains.

A crop of 8,433,000 bales was forecast from the condition on June 25, which was 69.2 per cent. of a normal. The condition was 74.1 per cent. on July 25 last year, 67.1 in 1919 and the ten-year July 25 average is 75.4. Last year's crop was 13,365,754 bales, that of 1919 was 11,420,763 bales; in 1918 it was 12,040,532, in 1917 it was 11,302,375 and in 1916 it was 11,449,930.

The condition by states follows: Virginia 82, North Carolina 75, South Carolina 62, Georgia 59, Florida 60, Alabama 58, Mississippi 65, Louisiana 59, Texas 62, Arkansas 78, Tennessee 55, Missouri 80, Oklahoma 68, California 83, Arizona 89. All other states 88.

Summarizing conditions, the department issued a statement saying:

"Cotton suffered more than the usual decline during July, being damaged particularly by the boll weevil, especially in the new invaded territories in South Carolina, Eastern Georgia, Southern and Eastern Oklahoma and Southern Arkansas. Damage from this insect throughout the belt has been heavy and the threat of continued and increased damage is very serious. In many sections it promises to take new growth.

"This condition results largely from the heavy July rainfall, which has also washed out much of the scanty supply of fertilizer and encouraged a heavy growth of grass and weeds, which is exhausting much of what remains.

Farmers are unable to give a final dressing of fertilizer in most instances, as had been the custom. Through most of the belt the present condition of the plant is unpromising, since it faces on the one hand the danger of drought and on the other increased damage from the boll weevil.

"Conditions are favorable only in the fringes of the belt in Western Texas, Eastern Oklahoma, along the Mississippi river from Northern Mississippi through Tennessee and into Missouri, in Virginia and North Carolina, the northern portion of South Carolina and in the delta section of Mississippi, where the plants are well rooted and sturdy with a good set of first crop bolls."

Meeting Monday Night

On Monday night at 8 o'clock there will be a meeting on the court house yard in the interest of the Tri-County fair which is to be held at Andrews, October 11-15 inclusive.

The officers of the Tri-County Fair association are putting forth a most unselfish effort to have the best fair in the state this fall and they want, and ask the hearty cooperation of the people of Williamsburg, Georgetown, and Berkeley in this undertaking.

At the meeting here Monday night officers of the association will be present and explain to our people just what they are trying to do and it is desired that men women and children attend and hear what they have to tell us.

Several of the officers of the association have recently made a trip over Williamsburg county in the mutual interest of the county and of the coming fair. They are favorably impressed with the encouragement they have so far met with.

TIME CLOCK IS PROPOSED.

Representative Would Double Salaries and require Attendance.

Washington, Aug. 1.—Members of the senate and house virtually would be required to punch the clock under a bill introduced in the house today by Representative Kiesel, Republican, New York.

As a result of the difficulty of obtaining a house quorum, with so many members eager to get away for the dog days, Mr. Kiesel proposed that salaries be doubled, with heavy daily fines for Senators and Representatives failing to show up for a double daily roll call—at the start and close of every session. The man absent without leave for one day of a legislative week would lose his week's pay. For a fifty-day session the penalty for a day's leave would be \$300, with a fine of \$150 a day for a session lasting one hundred days.

Within the past week the house has had a job trying to get 217 of the 435 members present at one time to enable it to perform business. During the session today a point of no quorum twice necessitated a long delay after a roll call while clerks were sent out to round up members. After a second attempt the house got tired and quit.

News From Rome.

Rome, August 2.—Miss Lucile Rollins from Johnsonville is spending some time at the home of her uncle, Mr. W. C. Rollins.

Miss Mary Rhem is visiting Miss Louise Bennett in Holly Hill.

Rev. and Mrs. G. K. Way attended the meeting of the sub-district Sunday school convention held at Trinity church, Johnsonville charge, on Sunday, July 31. Mr. Way was one of the speakers.

Edward Grier of Conway is spending some time with his father, Mr. G. E. Grier.

Miss Sallie Wilson from Charleston is spending her vacation with relatives here.

Mrs. Willie Haddock has returned from a weeks visit to her daughter, Mrs. Ed. Vause in Kingssee.

Mrs. W. Carey Rollin is spending a few days at Hemingway, with her sister, Mrs. H. E. Eaddy.

Mrs. N. G. Gormales has returned to her home in Columbia after visiting her cousin, Mrs. B. M. Dinkins.

Mrs. L. B. Johnson and son, Allen, left Saturday for Pawley's Island where they will spend awhile. They are accompanied by Mrs. G. B. Eaddy of Hemingway.

Miss Louise Snow is enjoying a camping trip near Hendersonville, N. C. She is with friends from Laurens.

Mrs. Louis Rhem and children, Laurie and Virginia, have returned from Orangeburg where they visited Mrs. Rhem's mother, Mrs. Seignos.

Miss Louise Haddock has returned from a delightful visit to Greelyville, Charleston and Sullivan's Island.

Miss Eula Winn, secretary of the League of the South Carolina Conference was here last Monday night and gave an interesting talk on league work, at Union church.

Miss Florence Hemingway has returned from a three week's visit to Kingstree, Hartsville and Hemingway.

Mrs. K. E. Hill and children spent a few days last week with the former's mother, Mrs. McElveen, at Cades. They were accompanied by Thad Hill of Hemingway.

Prof. O. M. Mitchell spent the weekend at Pine Grove near McColl.

Master Tom Clyde and sister, Grace, of Kingstree are spending sometime with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hemingway.

The Epworth League of the Union Methodist church was entertained by Miss Gertrude Haddock at her home last Friday night. This was a well-planned social meeting and the guests were entertained every moment of the time with games, contests, and music.

Miss Haddock is the efficient chairman of the social committee and under her direction everything moved along smoothly and with lots of fun and pep. Delicious ice cream and cake was served during the evening. A large crowd enjoyed Miss Haddock's hospitality.

D. I. Wilson, Jr. who had the misfortune of breaking his arm while cranking a car, is getting along nicely.

W. T. Hemingway spent Sunday with his parents here.

Dr. P. S. Thomas of Hemingway was a visitor here Sunday.

Rev. C. C. DeLoach, presiding elder of the Kingstree district, will preach

INTERESTING NEWS FROM HEMINGWAY

ITEMS GATHERED BY THE RECORD'S SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

Hemingway, August 1.—Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Lambert and son Ralph, have returned from the Florence infirmary where Mr. Lambert had his tonsils removed.

Mr. Clarence Davis of Georgetown was in town one day last week.

Misses Nan and Jane Hemingway have returned from Gibson, N. C. They were accompanied home by Miss Anna Dora Cambell.

Mr. C. A. Davis of Columbia spent part of last week here with her friend, Mr. Banner Harmon.

Miss May Oliver, of Marion is visiting relatives here.

Misses Inez Wooten and Isaline Davis of Florence visited the former's aunt, Miss Annie Burney, last week.

Miss Emma Christensen Privet, secretary to the district attorney, at Louisville, Ky., after a visit to Mrs. Enoch Cannon returned home Thursday.

Misses Ella and Lucile Cannon returned Saturday from a visit to Charleston.

Mrs. J. F. Barfield of Durham, N. C., arrived Saturday to spend some time with her husband, Mr. J. F. Barfield.

Miss Mary Pope of Smith Mill visited Miss Futh Harmon Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. McGuire, Mr. and Mrs. Morane, Messrs. Badden and Ballue, spent the week-end at Myrtle Beach.

Mrs. Henry Brandt and brother, Mr. Doar of Ulma are visiting their sister, Mrs. Charles Haselden.

Miss Blanche Deer has returned to the Florence infirmary after spending her vacation here.

Misses Florence Williamson and her friend, Miss Brown of Dyson, are visiting Mrs. Julien Brown, near here.

Mrs. R. H. McElveen of Lake City, Miss Blondell Cockfield of Ventus and Miss Lila Ruth Weatherly of Bennettsville, visited Mrs. P. A. Ingraham Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Ard, Messrs. Caesar Haselden and Steve Lambert spent Sunday in Latta.

Mrs. John Guilds of Warsaw, N. C., arrived Sunday to be with her husband who is buyer on the tobacco market here for the American Tobacco Company.

Mrs. W. C. Hemingway entertained the ladies of the missionary society Tuesday at her home in honor of Miss Ella Cannon and friend, Miss Emma Christensen, of Louisville, Ky. Punch was served the guests as they arrived.

Misses Bell Hemingway, Louise Hill and Margurite Huggins, principal presided at the punch bowl. Miss Cannon gave an interesting talk on her work as deaconess in Louisville. Each guest was then asked to draw a picture of the person sitting nearest them. Miss Cannon won the prize as the best artist, a lovely box of stationery. They then entered a Quaker contest, which was enjoyed very much by all. Souvenirs were presented to each guest and they all were sorry when the hour came for them to make their departure. Those who were present were Mesdames B. G. Eaddy, F. E. Huggins, Van Harper, P. E. Flowers, A. E. Hill, J. M. Eaddy, Lizzie Cook, Robert Shine, L. L. Ard, R. I. Harmon, L. L. Lambert, E. Scurry, P. A. Ingraham. Guests: Miss Amy Eaddy, Annie Nelson, Sallie Haselden, Scenie Haselden, Y. Ellis, Missouri Cox, and Miss Guest.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Ingraham, July 24th, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Eaddy, July 26, a daughter.

Miss Amy Eaddy is spending this week with Miss Elizabeth Speigern in Kingstree.

Mrs. B. G. Eaddy left Thursday for Pauley's Island.

Mr. B. G. Eaddy gave a watermelon slicing at his home Monday night to the tobacco men and men of the town, which was very much enjoyed by all present.

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at Union church on Sunday morning, August 7th.

Rev. A. J. Carthen will lecture at Union Methodist church on Sunday night, August 7th, his subject will be the Centenary.

J. B. Hemingway spent Wednesday in Kingstree.

WILLIAMS ATTACKS POLICY OF BOARD

CHARGES UNDUE FAVORITISM IN LENDING TO NEW YORKERS.

Washington, Aug. 2.—Policies of the Federal Reserve Board during the past eighteen months or more were attacked today before a joint congressional commission by John Skelton Williams, former comptroller of the currency, who charges that the board had displayed undue favoritism in lending to New York banking groups while Southern and Western borrowers were unduly curtailed. There was abundant ground for complaints of discrimination by farmers generally," he added.

The Congressional commission was appointed to inquire into the agricultural situation and summoned Mr. Williams in connection with its investigation into credit facilities for farmers.

Many of Mr. Williams' assertions were challenged in cross examination by Representative Odgen Mills, Republican, of New York, a commission member, who was armed with volumes of statistics. The clashes required commission rulings time and again. During the examination Governor Harding of the Reserve Board and several others of its officials were present. Mr. Williams' statement was uncompleted after a six hours session.

In December 1919, Mr. Williams said one New York state bank institution, which he described as "known for speculative activities," borrowed \$130,000,000 through the New York Federal Reserve Bank. No law was broken, he said, but several other New York banks "in hard and in good times," were allowed to hold out large amounts of reserve loans, while Western and Southern borrowers were being pressed to reduce loans. Mr. Williams read memoranda and letters interchanged between himself and Governor Harding over the situation, of which he complained.

The board adopting the policy of forcing up interest rates, he said, was indirectly responsible for 30 per cent. interest charges prevailing on the New York money markets, and this "drained off funds from the farming sections." Mr. Mills met him at this stage with a series of statistics tending to show that Richmond, Minneapolis, Dallas, Atlanta, Kansas City, and St. Louis banks were borrowing much greater sums proportionately than New York institutions.

"You've seen the figures, haven't you?" Mr. Mills demanded during interchanges in which Mr. Williams told him to "go to the reserve board for the statements."

One borrower of call money had to pay 200 per cent. to get a \$1,000,000 loan, Mr. Williams said, although Mr. Mills insisted he had misinterpreted the arrangements, and the charge was 25 per cent. At the same time, he added, Western institutions rediscounting were "obliged to put up collateral of 100 to 200 per cent. in excess of the amounts they got."

"Give us one example of that," Chairman Anderson instructed the witness, but after an interchange, Mr. Williams' repeated response, "get it from the reserve board" was accepted as final. Mr. Mills likewise went into rules established by the board for credit control, and the creation by it of a "basic line" which determined a bank's borrowing limit. Governor Harding will follow Mr. Williams probably tomorrow.

Altman-McFadden.

Communicated.) Married on July 7th, Mr. Alfred I. McFadden of Sardinia, and Miss Bonnie Belle Altman, of Suttons. The ceremony was solemnized by the Rev. Rhodes at the Methodist parsonage at Trio. The newly wedded couple will make their present home at Lane.

Mr. A. I. McFadden is one of Clarendon's promising young men and well known and thought of by his host of friends in the surrounding country.

Miss Bonnie Belle Altman is one of Sutton's attractive young ladies and has a host of friends in her home town.

Their many friends wish them a long and happy life.

See the "Microbe of Love", the local talent play to be given at the school auditorium Monday night at 8:30 by the Williamsburg post American Legion. Admission 35c, 50c, and 75c.

THROW AWAY LOW GRADES.

Poorest Tobacco Should Not Be Marketed, Is Advise.

Florence, August, 2.—No tobacco planter should undertake to cull and throw out such leaf as he thinks will not bring two cents per pound. He should first see his warehouseman and get his advice as to what grades are in demand. This is imperative and failure to observe the suggestion probably will prove costly, because of the peculiarities of the demand of the buyers this season."

T. Benton Young, secretary of the South Carolina Tobacco Association, issued this admonition officially today regarding the agreement of the South Carolina Warehousemen's Association to pass all tobacco which will not bring a legitimate buyers' bid of two cents or more. The agreement becomes effective and operative with the opening of the warehouses tomorrow morning.

The secretary of the growers' association states he has found a paying demand for some grades which he would have thrown away but for the advice of the warehouseman. He has also found there is no demand for some grades which he thought above all others would be taken readily. Hence his official suggestion to the planters throughout the belt.

Further provisions and plans of this movement will be discussed tomorrow when the directorate of the association will convene here. This will be the first meeting of the newly elected officers of the association.

Another important subject is the question of market reporting. Not unlikely, as has been indicated officially, the directors will propose the adoption in South Carolina of the Kentucky law, which requires daily reports of the warehousemen, instead of monthly reports, and also require them to post every morning before opening sales for the day, a statement of their sales for the day before. The law was enacted in Kentucky to prevent such pernicious practices as are used right now in South Carolina.

ARRESTED AT COLUMBIA.

Man Who Broke Into and Robbed McCleary's Drug Store, In Jail.

A white man giving his name as Harry Wilson and New York as his home is in the county jail here after pleaded guilty to the charge of burglary and grand larceny before Magistrate Gamble Tuesday morning.

On last Thursday night the drug store of S. W. McCleary at Lanes was broken into and about \$150.00 worth of jewelry and other articles stolen. Sheriff Gamble was notified of the theft and sent notices to nearby police headquarters to look out for the thief. At Columbia Friday, Harry Wilson, a shabby looking white man, was arrested on the streets while in the act of peddling jewelry. Sheriff Gamble was notified and he in turn notified Mr. McCleary who went to Columbia and readily identified the goods found in Wilson's possession as that taken from his store. This was done by comparing the little tags on the articles of jewelry with the invoice which Mr. McCleary had taken with him to Columbia. The Columbia authorities were clearly convinced that the goods had been taken from the Lane store and handed them over to Mr. McCleary while the man, Harry Wilson, was turned over to Sheriff Gamble who will administer to the physical needs of the transgressor until the Sessicns court deals with the case in October.

Wilson appears to be about 28 or 30 years of age, and bears the earmarks of a "hard guy."

Dr. Spillman Named.

Dr. B. W. Spillman, of Nashville, Tenn., was elected president of the Southern Baptist assembly at the annual meeting of the board of trustees held at Ridgecrest, N. C., last week. Dr. Spillman succeeds Dr. M. L. Kesler, of North Carolina. Dr. Spillman is educational secretary for the South of the Southern Baptist convention Sunday school board.

Dr. Livingston Mays was re-elected corresponding secretary and W. I. Willis, of Greenville, S. C., was elected treasurer.

The treasurer's report showed the assembly is now out of debt; has \$20,000 worth of property at Ridgecrest that makes possible the extension of courses offered, especially in the school of theology which it was voted to enlarge and expand.

MINIMUM PRICE TO BE TWO CENTS

TOBACCO WAREHOUSEMEN LOWER LIMIT—NO SALES BY PROXIES.

At its meeting in Florence Saturday the South Carolina Warehousemen's association agreed at the request of the South Carolina Tobacco association to pass all tobacco offered on their floors for which the buyers represented by proxy. Consequently the vote is considered representative to a man in the warehouse business. The growers' association asked originally that the low limit be fixed at three cents. Many of the warehousemen supported this limit. Some others felt that making any such limit it would be an error. The majority fixed two cents as a compromise which then was adopted with one dissenting vote. J. W. Berger of Florence, secretary of the warehousemen's association, announced immediately after the meeting that he would notify every warehouse at once.

The meeting of the warehousemen followed the meeting held on Friday by the growers' association, both conventions being called to ascertain what they might do to improve the tobacco market and the situation of this crop. A committee comprising T. Benton Young of Florence, S. B. Poston of Johnsonville, A. H. Williams of Lake City, E. C. Epps of Kingstree and N. A. McMillan of Mullins, was named by the growers and appeared before the warehousemen.

COLUMBIAN FILES BIG SUIT.

Geo. E. Mew Sues American Railway Express for \$30,000

A suit for \$30,000 damages, growing out of his alleged detention, cross-questioning and being accused of doing away with \$1,500, by detectives of the American Railway Express Company, at the Charleston Hotel on the night of November 1, 1919, was filed in the court of common pleas in Charleston recently by George E. Mew, of Columbia, against the express concern.

The suit follows close on a civil action brought by Mew, and in which he secured a verdict, it is said, against the express company for \$1,500, which, it is alleged, he had to pay over to the concern to keep from being arrested. In his suit the plaintiff alleges that when he was accused of the theft the detectives allowed him to pay \$1,500 in lieu of being arrested.

It appears that the recent civil case brought by Mew in a measure, at least, vindicated him from any suspicion, and this money was returned to him by way of a court verdict. The new case instituted is based on alleged "oppression, tyranny and intimidations" at the hands of the detectives throughout the night of November 1, 1919, at the Charleston Hotel. Mew alleges that he was put under cross-examination at about 4 o'clock in the afternoon and that this continued until 4 o'clock the following morning.—News and Courier.

Road Engineer Martin Resigns

At the regular monthly meeting of the county commissioners here Tuesday, Road Engineer J. M. Martin, tendered his resignation to take effect at once. Mr. Martin had previously tendered his resignation and had accepted a position as assistant road engineer of Lexington county, but being board and members of the delegation solicited by several members of the delegation to reconsider his resignation, he did so and withdrew it. At the meeting Tuesday, however, it seems that there was a trend of unfavorable sentiment and Mr. Martin again resigned, his resignation effective at once.

Special Service at Baptist Church.

The Record is requested to make the following announcement: Rev. E. A. McDowell who has been spending a vacation in Sparta and Greenville, will return in time to fill his pulpit next Sunday morning. At that time a farewell service will be held in honor of Miss Hannah Plowden, who leaves in a few days for China, where she goes under appointment of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, as missionary. It is earnestly desired that the entire membership of the church shall be present to take part in these services.