

**DETERIORATION PAST MONTH.**

Journal of Commerce Reports on Cotton Condition.

New York, Oct. 31.—The Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin in tomorrow's issue will say: "Cotton has held its condition of a month ago. Deterioration at this time of year generally amounts to 4 or 5 points. Improvement having been shown only once since 1903, when a gain of 4.4 points took place in 1904.

"Replies of over 1,600 special correspondents of the Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin, bearing an average date of October 24, show no change in condition as compared with last month, when it was 65.7 per cent. For the corresponding date in 1909 condition was 59.5, after which it suffered a deterioration of 3.9 points during October, making percentage condition 55.6. By this comparison it appears that condition on October 24 was 10.1 points better than a year ago.

"An advance of 2 points took place in North Carolina, 8.4 points in Tennessee and 5.4 points in Oklahoma, while Mississippi maintained the condition and Texas and Arkansas lost 0.5 points and 0.3 points, respectively.

**Condition and Comparison.**

Changes in condition by States for the past month, together with the percentage condition as determined by this paper last month, are given in the accompanying table, as follows:

	1910	1910	Nov.
	Oct.		
North Carolina	74.6	plus	2.0
Oklahoma	68.8	plus	5.4
South Carolina	71.2	minus	1.1
Georgia	8.2	minus	1.4
Florida	69.7	minus	3.0
Alabama	67.7	plus	0.3
Mississippi	63.9		0.0
Louisiana	49.3	minus	4.4
Texas	61.7	minus	0.5
Arkansas	67.8	minus	0.3
Tennessee	73.0	plus	4.0
Missouri	78.6	plus	4.0
Average	65.7		0.0

"Previous years' condition changes sunny days and the absence of killing frosts matured cotton rapidly and picking proceeded without interruption, so that the amount gathered is quite up to normal, as can be seen by the accompanying table. A backward season, continuing about two weeks late till the end of September, has consequently become normal so far as picking is concerned. The recent widespread visitation of killing frosts will practically put an end to more cotton being made, so that the remaining amount to be gathered is approximately 30 per cent, against 25 per cent last year."

**AUTO CRASHES INTO TREE.**

NEWSPAPER MEN INJURED ON SAVANNAH RACE COURSE.

Editor Marjors, of Cairo, Ga., Has Slight Chances of Recovery—E. S. Lewis, of Atlanta, Sustains Double Fracture of Skull.

Savannah, Ga., Nov. 1.—The sight-seeing trip, given over the race track by the Savannah Automobile Club, of this city this afternoon, to representatives of various daily papers in the States of North and South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, ended disastrously for two of the newspaper men this afternoon, when an automobile driven by a negro chauffeur, crashed into a tree and severely injured T. A. J. Marjors, representing the Grady County Progress, of Cairo, Ga., and E. S. Lewis, representative of the Dodson Printer's Supply Company, of Atlanta.

Marjors sustained serious internal injuries and a fracture of the left arm, while Lewis sustained a double fracture of the skull. Both men were brought to the Savannah Hospital for treatment, and while they are in desperate straits, it is stated by physicians of the hospital that they have a fighting chance for life.

**J. M. SULLIVAN DEAD.**

Was Railroad Commissioner and Prominent Citizen of Anderson.

Columbia, Nov. 2.—James M. Sullivan, aged 55, one of the three railroad commissioners of this State died at 9 o'clock this morning from paralysis with which he was stricken Oct. 17. His term had about 26 months more to run. The funeral will be held in St. John's Methodist church at Anderson Thursday afternoon, probably at 2 o'clock. The funeral party leaves Columbia Thursday morning in special car for Anderson.

Among those going from here to the State fair Wednesday were: Messrs. P. G. Bowman, Walter Moore, Marion Myers, Elwood Myers, Lamar Kirby, Jim Martin, A. D. Harby, W. R. DuBose, Sr., John B. Moore, Perry Moses Sr., E. H. Moses, W. R. DuBose, Jr., C. L. Cuttino, Marion Moore, Arthur Haynesworth, Vincent Riles, Newman, Peter Gallagher, Henry Lucius, Willie Swann, David Dorritt.

Col. J. E. Jervay went to Rembert Tuesday.

**COUNCIL HOLDS EXTRA SESSION.**

City Fathers Extend Time for Completion of Gas Plant—Mr. J. B. Raffield Nominated for Cotton Weigher.

The City Fathers met in a special session Tuesday at 8 p. m. for the purpose of recommending someone as public cotton weigher to take the place of J. F. Reid, resigned, and, incidentally, to grant an extension of time to certain parties in which to complete the erection of a gas plant in this city. The meeting was a very short one and all members of City Council were present, except Alderman Booth.

Mr. R. O. Purdy was present on behalf of the Sumter Gas Co., asking that an extension of nine months be allowed the parties now controlling the plant in which to complete the work which was begun here several months ago.

He stated that the work had fallen through to a certain extent at the death of Mr. Alnutt, and that Mr. E. B. Wright, of Boardman, N. C. who had up to this time paid all bills connected with the plant had withdrawn from the company and no longer had any interest in the plant. He said that he had received letters from Mr. W. W. Randolph, of New York city, a constructing engineer who had formerly had charge of the work here, stating that the plant had gone into new hands and that if the nine months extension was granted that work would be begun here in the next thirty days. He thought that Mr. Randolph was acting in good faith and so far as he knew, there was nothing at all crooked about the proposition. The matter was discussed for some time and it was moved and carried that if, by extending the franchise for nine months longer it would not hurt the original holders of stock in the company, and that the work on the plant would be resumed in the next thirty days, and that this in no way affected the bond of \$1,000 which was now held by council, that the franchise should be extended.

It is not known who are the parties who now own the stock in the plant, but it is known that the original owners no longer have anything to do with the company, they having sold out all of their stock.

A letter was read from the County Board asking that Council recommend someone to take the position of public cotton weigher, now vacant, because of the resignation of Mr. J. F. Reid. Mr. Hurst read applications from Mr. J. B. Raffield and Mr. J. J. Thames asking that council recommend them for the position, if it should see fit to do so. A secret ballot was then taken and it was found, when they were counted, that Mr. J. B. Raffield was unanimously recommended by council for the position. The clerk was directed to notify the County Board of this recommendation at once, so that they could appoint Mr. Raffield at a special meeting, to be held Wednesday. It was brought up that the position of Recorder would be left vacant, should Mr. Raffield be appointed public cotton weigher, but no action was taken, as Mr. Raffield had not resigned his position as Recorder.

Mr. McKelver notified Council that the rope for shifting the scenery in the Academy of Music was worn out and he was instructed to get another one.

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**ASKED TO TALK IN ASHEVILLE.**

Columbia Mayor Makes Address Which Pleases Charlotte People.

Columbia, Nov. 2.—Mayor W. H. Gibbs of Columbia, whose address in Charlotte several weeks ago, elicited favorable comment will make an address in Asheville the middle of this month on the commission form of government. Mayor Gibbs is not only a good executive, but has the faculty of stating truths in clear, forceful language, and making an otherwise rather tiresome subject interesting. He will be given a large audience in Asheville. Judging from the press comment, North Carolina cities of ten thousand and over are about ready to adopt the commission form of government. Besides Charlotte and Asheville, Greensboro, Raleigh and Kingston have been discussing the matter. It is probable that Greensboro, which is very progressive, will beat the other towns to the new form of government.

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**NEGRO COMMITTED MURDER.**

Robbery is Alleged to Have Been the Cause of Supposed Murder at Ebenezer.

Florence, Nov. 1.—Clarence Ham, the negro under arrest for the murder of Ellihu Moyer, has confessed, and his confession implicates four other negroes. Some of them are sawmill hands, some laborers on adjoining plantations. A woman known to all the men is being held as suspect.

Ham confessed to Deputy Sheriff James Burch and again to Deputy Harrell.

He said robbery was the object. The negroes, knowing that Mr. Moyer had money to pay off his hands, entered the house when Mr. Moyer was in Timmonsville. Aleck Willington, a sawmill negro, was sent into the house to hold up Mr. Moyer. When it was discovered that the expected money was not in the house the others watched outside.

As Moyer entered his home some noise in the closet attracted him and as he turned in that direction with his cravat half untied, he was shot in the stomach. As he staggered out of the room he was shot again, and as he lay on the porch of his house he was shot again.

Conscience began to work on Ham, who had been many years with Mr. Moyer and had nursed him in sickness and been helped over and over again.

The other negroes are Aleck and Henry James and Alice Wild. Ham says he received about \$2 from Willington, who seemed to be the boss of the gang, for his share in the crime.

Solicitor Wells will join in the petition for a special term of court since this confession and the arrest of all the negroes implicated.

**COUNTY BOARD MEETS.**

Several Matters of Minor Importance Discussed and Passed Upon.

The County Board met Tuesday at 1 P. M. in the office of the County Supervisor with P. M. Pitts, F. E. Thomas, John I. Brogdon, E. L. Minnis and W. J. Young present.

The first matter to come up was an investigation of the charges made against J. F. Reid, cotton weigher for the City of Sumter. Mr. Ried handed in his resignation, which was accepted and the matter was dropped.

The clerk was notified to let City Council know at once that there was a vacant position as cotton weigher and to request them to recommend someone for the position at once.

At Tuesday afternoon's session of the County Board several matters of small importance were discussed and a few of them were acted upon.

Mr. L. I. Parrott appeared and asked that the County Board recommend that the "Cott Family Name Index" system be introduced in the offices of the Clerk of Court. He said that the system, if adopted, would in the course of time, save the County hundreds of dollars. The Board asked that Mr. Parrott have a representative of the Cott system at the December meeting when the matter would be looked into further.

Certain citizens petitioned that a public road be opened from the Radical road to the Plowden's mill road, lessening the distance to Sumter one and a quarter miles. This request was granted upon the condition that the landowners give the necessary land for the proposed road.

Mr. G. W. Scott asked that he be allowed pension for indigent Confederate veteran. The matter was dropped, with the understanding that it be looked into at the next meeting of the Board.

Mr. E. I. Reardon asked that he be compensated for certain work done for the county during the small pox epidemic in January and February. He was paid \$25.00 for his services.

The Board then adjourned to meet again as soon as the City Council had recommended a man for the position of public cotton weigher.

At a called meeting of County Board this morning in the office of the County Supervisor, P. M. Pitts, F. E. Thomas, E. T. Mims and W. J. Young were present. The meeting was for the purpose of appointing a cotton weigher to fill the vacancy.

A letter was read from City Council stating that at a meeting of that body last night, Mr. J. B. Raffield had been unanimously recommended for the position. It was then moved and unanimously carried that Mr. Raffield be appointed public cotton weigher. Mr. Raffield furnished bond, which was accepted.

Several bills were then taken up and ordered paid. There being no further business, the Board adjourned until the regular meeting in December.

"I am pleased to recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as the best thing I know of and safest remedy for coughs, colds and bronchial trouble," writes Mrs. L. B. Arnold of Denver, Colo. "We have used it repeatedly and it has never failed to give relief." For sale by all dealers.

**Candidates' Cards.**

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of County Auditor, subject to the rules of the Democratic party. As I have had three years of experience in this office under the direction of my late father, I feel that I am fully competent to discharge the duties of said office.

R. EUGENE WILDER.

Having made a set of books for three successive years, made the settlements with the Comptroller General, and performed other duties of the Auditor's office, as Assistant Auditor, and being acquainted with much of the property and many of the citizens of the county, I announce myself a candidate for the office of Auditor of Sumter County in the ensuing Democratic primary.

T. S. STUCKEY.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Auditor of Sumter County, subject to the rules and regulations of the Democratic party. If elected, I pledge myself to give my entire time and attention to the office and to discharge the duties thereof in an efficient, business-like and non-partisan manner.

J. McFADDEN SPANN.

To the voters of Sumter County:

Owing to the fact that the office of Auditor will be vacant and that the citizens of this County are to name someone to fill this position I hereby announce my candidacy for the same, subject to the rules of the Democratic primary.

This is one of the most important positions in the county and the financial condition of our county depends largely on the safe and thorough manner in which this office is conducted.

I do not believe I exceed the modesty that becomes us all when I say that I feel assured that I can and will fill the office acceptably if elected.

My years of experience as an accountant will enable me to so conduct the office as to prove profitable to the county and a pleasure and pride to myself.

I am before the voters solely on my ability to fill the position and do not want any man to vote for me unless he believes I am able to acceptably fill the place.

While I realize that some will vote against me because of the following declarations, yet the voters have a right to know how I will run the office if elected. As to the clerical work, I shall use the same care and business method, that I have always used in other business. As to returns I wish to say that I will not rest until every particle of taxable property and every taxable poll is on the tax list. There is a class of tax dodgers that infest our country. They come into our town and county cross roads every fall with a stock of goods and come in competition with our merchants who are taxed year by year and when the money season is over these wandering merchants fold their tents and quietly steal away, leaving the burdens of taxation on our land owners. If I become Auditor these same gentlemen will have to walk up to the treasurer's office and pay their part of the tax. Another species of tax dodgers is the man who owns no property but should pay his poll tax. Sumter should get five or six thousand dollars a year that it does not get from this source and I promise that if elected I will make it hot for him. Another species is the negro tenant who owns a cow, mule and some other personal property and he is continually jumping from township to township and never pays one penny of tax. If I become Auditor he will certainly contribute his mite towards the government.

I can only say that if elected I shall use all my brain and energy for the best interest of my county. In conclusion I wish to say that if you see fit to support me I will appreciate the same and strive with all my might to deserve your confidence; but your first duty is to your county and I only wish you to do to me as I always strive to do to others, that is study the matter well, weigh each candidate and then vote for the man whom you honestly believe is the most competent.

Thanking you for whatever you may see fit to do for me I beg to be, Your fellow citizen,

P. G. BOWMAN.

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J. C. Langford, former treasurer of Hampton county, who is charged with embezzling \$20,000 of county funds was tried Tuesday but the jury failed to agree.

"I do not believe there is any other medicine so good for whooping cough as Chamberlain's Cough Remedy," writes Mrs. Francis Turpin, Junction City, Ore. This remedy is also unsurpassed for colds and croup. For sale by all dealers.

**WIRELESS PRESIDENT TO TOMBS**

Adjudged in Contempt by Federal Court—Released on Bail.

New York, Nov. 1.—Col. Christopher C. Wilson, president of the United Wireless Telegraph Company, was sent to the Tombs today by Judge Lacombe, of the United States District Court, on a presentment of the Federal grand jury, for contempt of Court in refusing to surrender to the company a letter press book which the board of directors had been subpoenaed to produce.

Judge Lacombe had ordered the board of directors to produce the book within two weeks or the Court would take further action in the matter. Col. Wilson will stand committed until the book is produced. Certain officers of the company are charged with fraudulently using the mails in furtherance of an alleged scheme to defraud investors.

Wilson's counsel applied this afternoon to Judge Coxe, in the United States Circuit Court, for a writ of habeas corpus. Judge Coxe granted the writ and fixed bail at \$100.

Later Wilson was brought to the Federal building, where his bail bond was signed and he was released.

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