

near future. Tax paying is never a cheerful occupation and this year it has been even more lugubrious, for many more people than customary, but as we are also on the mourner's bench, the only comfort we can offer the multitude who bring us their troubles is to quit thinking about how much it costs to own property and be thankful that they are able to own it, how fortunate they are to live in Sumter and how many comforts and contentions they enjoy each day for the taxes they pay. If these comforting thoughts do not wholly remove the sting from the tax receipt, then the only alternative is to resolve to be as cheerful as possible and cultivate patience, fortitude and resignation.

BOTH LEGS BROKEN.

North Carolina Man Suffers Serious Accident.

Rock Hill, Dec. 8.—Bernice L. Powell of Warsaw, N. C., suffered a serious accident this morning in which the bones of both legs, just above the ankles were crushed. Mr. Powell is the keeper for the Virginia Bridge company, which is reconstructing the road across the Southern bridge across the Catawba. He was sitting on a log, his legs dangling over the side, when he was taking a sliding to the right to pass a timber of about the size of a log protruding and he fell, his legs protruding from the log. The doctor had to amputate the lower part of the legs. It is believed both legs will be saved. Mr. Powell is a resident of Rock Hill.

PLAN TO CHECK WEEVIL.

SMITH PROPOSES SYSTEM OF QUARANTINE ZONE.

South Carolina Senator Will Push Bill to Stamp Out Cotton Pest.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Creation of a series of zones in the South in which no cotton could be grown for a period of one year as a means of checking and exterminating the boll weevil in this country will be proposed in a bill which Senator Smith of South Carolina announced tonight he soon would offer and urge for passage. The senator proposes that the non-growing area shall be started in the extreme northeastern limit of the cotton section and gradually work southward and westward in a series of zones 100 miles in width each year until the entire cotton growing section shall have been covered.

The federal government, Senator Smith said, would be given the power to police the zone to see that the law was observed and growers and ginners affected would be compensated by the government. Experts estimated that it would cost \$25,000,000 a year to maintain the boll weevil zone in Alabama which Senator Smith proposed a year ago.

The first year the cotton prohibitive zone would include the extreme eastern portions of North Carolina and South Carolina. The next year this zone would be released and the non-productive area extended 100 miles and this rotation would be kept up until the entire territory had been covered.

Highest entomological authorities have approved the zone system as the only practical means of exterminating the devastating boll weevil in this country," said Senator Smith. "The annual cost would be infinitesimal as compared to the benefit that would be derived. Six hundred million dollars has been expended to eradicate the boll weevil in this country, but he still thrives and is moving rapidly toward the fields of North and South Carolina.

"The zone system not only would prove the practicability of this method of exterminating the boll weevil, but by giving farmers opportunity to grow other crops, would demonstrate whether the South can successfully grow other food products."

Senator Smith's bill has again broken out on the floor.

SUMTER COTTON MARKET.

Corrected Daily by ERNEST FIELD, Cotton Buyer.
Good Middling 19 3-8 to 1-2.
Strict Middling 19 1-4 to 3-8.
Middling 19 1-8 to 1-4.
Strict Low Middling 18 7-8 to 19.
Low Middling 18 3-8 to 1-2.
Staple cotton 23 to 28.

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Strict Middling 19 3-8.
Middling 19 1-4.
Strict Low Middling 19.
Low Middling 18 1-2.

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| | Open | High | Low | Close | Yes'dys |
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| Jan | 20.10 | .18 | 19.90 | .90 | 20.12 |
| Mch | 20.34 | .43 | .16 | .16 | .38 |
| May | 20.55 | .64 | .37 | .37 | .59 |
| July | 20.59 | .65 | .40 | .40 | .63 |
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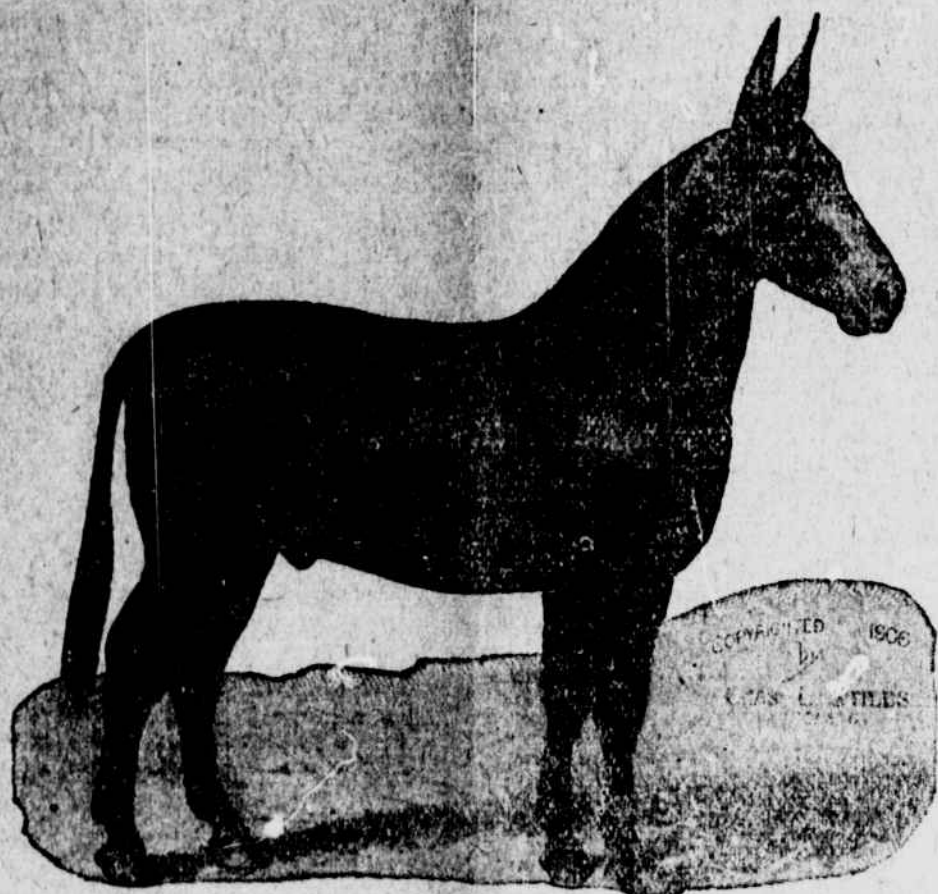
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