



HOUSE THE COTTON OR SELL IT NOW

Raleigh, Dec. 14.—At twelve cents per pound for cotton, a bale that is allowed to lie flat on the ground out under some trees without covering, as thousands of bales are now being treated, will bring about seven cents per pound next spring.

"A few years ago," says F. C. Blair, extension agronomist at State College, "the federal department of agriculture left six bales of cotton exposed to the weather in Raleigh from November until June of the next year. After the damaged cotton had been removed, every bale showed a net loss in weight. One bale, placed on poles with the edge up and turned each week lost 29 pounds. One bale placed on poles and covered with canvas and left in one position all winter lost 11 pounds. The bale placed on end on the bare ground lost 92 pounds. The one placed on edge on the bare ground lost 85 pounds in weight, while another placed on edge and turned over once each week lost 89 pounds. The last bale which was left lying flat on the ground without being turned over lost 209 pounds or nearly one half of its original weight."

Some farmers who leave their cotton on the ground uncovered, fondly hope that the bales will gain steadily in weight due to the soaking in of rain water, states Mr. Blair. These tests show, however, that the bales so exposed lose their weight. When the damaged cotton is removed, the final price received is much below whatever the full price would have been.

The grower who has no house for his cotton and who will not or cannot store it in a warehouse or deliver it to the Co-operative Cotton Association, had better sell it for whatever price he can get, states Mr. Blair.

PRUNING IN WINTER PREVENTS PEAR BLIGHT

Raleigh, Dec. 14.—Cutting out and destroying in winter, the twigs and limbs of pear trees killed by blight during the growing season will control the destructive "fire blight" and eliminate the source of infection for the following year.

"Pear blight" is produced by a bacterial germ," says G. W. Fant, extension plant disease specialist at State College. "This disease causes much concern to growers during the growing season, although it is during the winter months only, that effective control measures can be put into practice. The disease is characterized by a death of the blossoms, young twigs and later, the larger limbs, giving twigs of affected trees the appearance of having been scorched by fire. No method of control by spraying has yet been found due to the manner in which the disease works beneath the surface of the bark."

Twigs affected with fire blight can be distinguished in winter by the adhering dead leaves and Mr. Fant states that it is a good practice to go over all affected trees during the dormant season and cut out, as far as possible, all blighted twigs. The cuts, he explains, must be made several inches below the lower limit of the canker in order to cut out all diseased wood. It is advisable also to disinfect the pruning implement after making each cut by dipping the implement into a solution of bi-chloride of mercury prepared in the proportion of one part of the material to 1,000 parts of water.

This solution should be prepared in an earthen or wooden vessel. Pruning can be accomplished more easily if two sets of tools are used, keeping one set in the solution while the other is used for cutting. Pruning during the summer months has little value, states Mr. Fant. Fire blight is not confined entirely to pears although it is most prevalent on this tree. Apple trees are sometimes severely injured, however.

THE SOUTH BECOMING A WORLD INDUSTRIAL CENTER

A number of interesting letters have been received from the directors of the United States Chamber of Commerce, giving their impressions of the South as gained from their trip to this section at the time of the meeting last month in Nashville. These letters have been published in previous issues of the Manufacturers Record.

On the same subject Max W. Babb, vice-president of the Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company, Milwaukee, writes, "I was more than pleased with my recent visit in Nashville. There is no question but that the South is becoming one of the great industrial centers not only of the country but of the world. Our recent trip to Nashville was one which will be long remembered on account of the interesting and instructive features in connection therewith, and I am sure that all who attended returned most favorably impressed with the South and its future possibilities."

VALUE OF EXPORTS DECLINE, WHILE IMPORTS INCREASE

(From Manufacturers Record) With exports showing a further decline in value during October and imports making a gain, the total decrease in exports for the 10 months ending October, compared with the corresponding period of 1925, amounted to \$157,240,000, while imports increased \$251,575,000. The aggregate exports for the 10 months ending October were valued at \$3,886,458,000 and imports \$3,705,092,000. The excess of exports over imports amounted to \$181,366,000, as compared with an excess of exports over imports for the 10 months ending October, 1925, of \$540,219,000.

The Chinese Government is about to present to the library of the League of Nations the complete Chinese encyclopedia, which is reported to be more than 200 years old. It comprises 800 large volumes having a total of more than 100,000,000 words. It treats of the heavens, earth, science, humanity, literature and government.

GROW PECANS AND PAY YOUR TAXES

Elizabeth City Man Harvests Ten Tons From 600 Trees Elizabeth City, Dec. 12.—There's a chance for every farmer in Eastern North Carolina, who is willing to use a little foresight to get his taxes paid free, according to C. O. Robinson, owner of the largest pecan grove in this city, and from which he has harvested 20,000 pounds of pecans this fall from something like 500 bearing trees.

Let Pecans Do It The plan is simple. Every farmer ought to plant from one to five pecan trees. Trees only a few years old in the Robinson farm are yielding 100 to 125 pounds of nuts. Some yield more. It is easy to get a yield from two to three times as much from trees planted singly, because these trees do better every time than the tree in a grove, which has to divide its food with other trees.

And pecans are money makers. Pecans are bringing 30 to 50 cents a pound wholesale, and a tree that yields 100 pounds of nuts, yields its owner practically \$50 a year. Five pecan trees ought to yield an income of \$250 or more a year, Mr. Robinson says, and this would pay the taxes on a good sized farm. But they will do far better than this.

The harvesting of pecans on the Robinson farm is an interesting sight, especially on a Saturday, when many school boys get a job shelling the trees. They climb into the top, and have the chance to put on a gymnastic performance, get all the nuts they want, and earn some money besides. Tarpsaulina are spread beneath the trees, and men working below soon pick out the nuts from the bark, and sticks and leaves. Some trees yield four and five bushels.

Where the commercial orchard costs a great deal, the four or five trees the average farm owner would want, would cost practically nothing, Mr. Robinson says. About the only trouble they require is a little fertilizer now and then. The trees have considerable value as shade trees and are hardy and stand storms well. Individual trees grow faster and arrive at maximum production earlier, with reasonable care, than those grown in groves.

The Robinson grove is the largest in the section, but F. V. Scott has a large grove five miles from the city which also yielded well this year. On both these developments, the land has been used year after year for the cultivation of various crops, and has made money for the owners while the trees were growing.

FABRIKOID OR SUBSTITUTED FOR LEATHER

An important use has been noted in the leather substitute fabric base and the pyroxylin coating of the principal kind, known as Fabrikoid, is cotton—excepting a very small amount of coloring material solvents and proof. Insect-proofing. Cotton wool coating wholly most destructive and ants.

Turning cotton into leather substitute is one of chemistry's remarkable triumphs. Fabrikoid and similar materials are always a woolen cotton fabric, which manufacturer purchase well in advance a year. The color of the fabric is dyed to match that which the material is to be used for when finished. Then follow processes of drying, and further inspection for shrinkage in both dyeing and processing made so that the finished material will be immune to shrinking and sagging in service.

SHE JUDGES BY RESULT

He—"Wheat! I was young, the doctors said they if I didn't stop smoking I would become feeble minded." She—"Well, why didn't you stop?" —Suella Bigham Covington, Tenn.

A temperature of 96 degrees below zero, Fahrenheit, a little more than eight miles from the earth's surface, was recorded during the flight of one of the Weather Bureau balloons sent from Indiana. This temperature represented a drop of 100 degrees from that prevailed at the surface.

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2. That we have endeavored to serve the community to the best of our ability; both day and night. That many of our accounts are from one to five years old and for the past three years our collections have been very small.
3. In view of the above facts we feel that our patients must make immediate payments or secure old accounts promptly, and in the future we expect to place our practice on a business basis.
4. That on January 1st, 1927, a list of delinquents will be arranged and each physician will have a copy.

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