

THE WONDERFUL COTTON PICKER

Described by the World's Work --- Discriminates Between the Ripe and Unripe Bolls---Inspiring Sigh---Will Revolutionize Cotton Raising

The mechanical cotton picker, the impossible machine that will discriminate between ripe and unripe cotton bolls, finger over the delicate plant, get the lint, and leave the rest unharmed—this contrivance of almost human intelligence has at last been made.

The cotton gin made cotton king, and made the king's standing army of blacks a permanent drawback to half the nation. And the south considered this standing army so necessary to cotton production that it was willing to fight to preserve it. A gin did all this. The picking machine has signed the order to disband the black army of cotton pickers that have kept King Cotton from being an enlightened ruler. A south without the yearly demoralization of cotton-picking time, when men, women and children from the mills, kitchens, schools and everywhere else desert their normal vocations for the cotton patch—that would be a new south indeed.

The machine itself is about as inspiring a sight as the gin was in Whitney's day. It is a small gasoline traction engine, with two picking attachment's swung under it, and a pair of canvas bags hung out behind. It travels through the field about as fast as a man walks, taking the cotton plant between the wheel where it is picked over by almost countless revolving steel fingers, which catch the lint but leave the plant uninjured, so that the later bolls may mature. To leave the unripe bolls has been the great difficulty in making a mechanical cotton picker. Cotton cannot be gathered all at once like wheat.

Cotton bolls on the same plant mature and open progressively, making the problem of mechanically picking cotton extremely difficult. A cotton-picking machine to be commercially successful must be able to pick the open bolls without injury to the unopened bolls and blooms, or to the foliage and the plant itself. It must do this faster and at a lower cost than can be done by hand, and it must be automatically and mechanically to discriminate between the ripe and unripe bolls.—World's Work

Where Cotton is King

Mr. Robert Stalls, a tenant on the farm of Mr. G. L. Roberson, of near Robersonville, planted 11 acres in cotton this year from which he ginned 7559 pounds of lint cotton, or 687 pounds per acre. Who can beat that for this year? This was sold for an average of 14 and 1/2 cents, bringing \$99.61 per acre, besides 45 bushels of seed which sold for about 40 cents per bushel, making \$18.00 for the seed per acre. The aggregate per acre was \$117.61. This looks like cotton is still king.

Mr. Roberson has 45 acres from which he has ginned 55 bales averaging 535 pounds per bale. He planted 110 acres in cotton this year and made 107 bales weighing 500 pounds. Where is the man who has done better in Martin County?

Every family has need of a good, reliable liniment. For sprains, bruises, soreness of the muscles and rheumatic pains there is none better than Chamberlain's. Sold by All Dealers.

Died at Washington

Mr. John Waller Smallwood at the ripe old age of 84 fell on sleep Tuesday afternoon at his home on East Main street after a short illness. Thus another landmark long connected with the history of this city and county has fallen by the wayside to join that innumerable company gone before.

The deceased was born on August 6th, 1826. He was the son of Samuel and Portia Bonner Smallwood and was reared in the old homestead near Washington. He was a direct descendant of Thomas Bonner, a brother of James Bonner, the founder of this city. His father was born and reared in the historic town of Bath. His mother was a grand-daughter of Henry Bonner who was made in the year 1776 a major of a North Carolina regiment. His maternal great grandfather was Colonel John Snode of the Continental army now buried near Snode's Creek at Wind Mill Point.

In the year 1852 he was happily married to Miss Emily B. Lucas. Twelve children blessed this union, seven of whom still live. They are Mrs. George L. Whitley, Mrs. S. R. Biggs, Miss Mary, William H. Charles, John Bruce Smallwood and Mrs. Charles Hunsley.

Mr. Smallwood for years was one of the county's largest and most energetic farmers. He was ever in the forefront for the right and up to his death stood for those things that are ennobling and elevating. In every trust committed unto him he was faithful and true. He paid special attention to the little things of life. No trust was too small for him not to perform to the best of his ability. In war and in peace he was the same loyal citizen and although the snows of winter long ago gathered on his brow his heart was still young and vigorous. He was quick to resent and equally so to forgive. He was a friend in deed. He hated those things in one's make up that are narrow; he admired those things is one that stands for the right.

Mr. Smallwood was a most remarkable man in many respects. Just a few weeks before his last illness it was universally commented on how active and strong he was for a man of his age and many thought that his years on earth were still many but God's ways are past our understanding. In the morning we grow up and flourish, in the evening we are cut off and wither away.

The funeral took place Wednesday afternoon from the residence on East Main street at 3 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Nathaniel Harding. The interment was in Oakdale cemetery.—The Daily News.

New Board Sworn In

The Board of County Commissioners met on Monday and the officers elected at the recent election were sworn in and bonds given. The new members of the Boards of Commissioners re-elected H. M. Burras, chairman. The present board is composed of the following: H. M. Burras, R. H. Salisbury, B. S. Cowing, J. T. Barnhill and H. C. Spruill.

J. D. Bowen was re-elected superintendent of the County Home. Other routine business was transacted and orders given for the improvement of bridges, etc.

Honor Roll

For month of November
Fifth Grade—Corrinne Smith, Roland Crawford, Glenwood Eflington, Fannie B. Martin, Sylvia Upton, Earle Wynn, Carrie Dell White, LeRoy White.

Sixth Grade—Robert Peel, Clyde Anderson, Lousie Upton, Della L. Ward, Mittie Walker, Fitzhugh Roberson.

Library

People may talk of giving to charities, to the cause of education in general, but I know of a great cause near at home to which people certainly should give and that cause is the library fund we are trying to get together.

Carlyle says 'A Modern University is a Collection of Books' and truly that is so because with books anyone can obtain an education.

We need books first because the children are clamoring and begging for something to read. When the library door is open the room is filled with eager, anxious children desiring books. Every time there are several who are turned away empty handed. What I want to buy especially is a collection for the little people. Think how much good a good wholesome book will do a child. Instead of putting into his hand some degrading literature we want to put into his hand a wholesome, good book.

Besides these books we need reference books for the higher classes. These are absolutely necessary.

Therefore, on account of the scarcity of books at our school; on account of the pressing need for books in our school library; on account of the fact that good books are an essential to education, we are going to ask every person in this town to contribute to our library either a book or books or some money or both.

You people who are able and who have some books that perhaps you never have looked at, let us have them, we can use them. Make a donation to our library. Can't you give the school a Christmas present? If you can a nice book would be acceptable.

Respectfully,
A. M. JORDAN, Supt.

JAMESVILLE ITEMS

L. E. Corey, of Williamston, was here Monday.

Thomas Brown, of Belhaven, spent Friday in town.

Clair Fleming left for his home in Greenville last week.

Elmer Roberson made a flying trip to Virginia last week.

J. L. Davenport is moving into his new residence this week.

Prof. A. Corey made a flying trip to Williamston Monday.

S. F. Darden, of Plymouth, spent several days here this week.

A. F. Stallings, John Allen and Charles A-kew went to Williamston Monday.

The friends of W. W. Walters are glad to see him out again after a long spell of sickness.

Mrs. Goldy Duffall and daughter, of Norfolk, are the guests of Mrs. S. L. Wallace this week.

Dr. J. E. Smithwick and wife and little son, James, are spending a few days in Norfolk this week.

The metal building of Dr. U. S. Hassell, which is under process of construction, is almost completed.

Rev. A. Corey went to Tillery Saturday to preach to the prisoners of the State farm on Sunday. He reported twenty-five confessions.

Joe Henry Tweedy and Charles Roberson met in combat last Saturday night, Roberson being knocked out in the second round.

Miss Neva Allen entertained a small crowd last Friday evening, the principal amusement being a contest to see who could bite the swinging apple, Miss Lizzie being the successful one won the prize.

We think it is a shame that the citizens of the town have to pay a street tax to keep up the streets and yet Elm Street, being the principal street, is almost impassable. It is strange that we have not had a town election for a number of years.

Minstrel's Big Hit

'The Jubilee Mixed Minstrels' staged by the New York Producing Co., and given under the auspices of the monument fund of the daughters of the Confederacy made its initial appearance last night and was thoroughly enjoyed throughout by a highly appreciative audience, that was liberal in its applause. The parts throughout were well taken and there were specialties introduced that would have made good with the larger vaudeville circuits, judging from the frequent encores, and there were few of the musical numbers that did not go the limit with the responses and then the audience clamored for more. There were several song hits all of which were gotten off in a style that might be characterized as side splitters.

Each one of the solo numbers were good, especially those of the first part and they showed long training and unremitting effort on the part of Mr. Butcher who has had charge of the general production and costuming, as well as the training for the entire production. The show was as good a minstrel of the amateur variety as has ever been given in this city, and if the getting of laughs makes a good show this one has all others skinned a half dozen city blocks. From the entire first part a star could not be picked and each person thoroughly capable in every instance, took care of the role entrusted to them.

In the second part the impersonator, the monologist and the dancers are all deserved of commendation, while the solo work went well and as heretofore each number landed its share of the applause and the response to an encore was in every instance necessary. Throughout the show has made the hit of amateur theatrics of recent years for there has not been an attraction that has set the tongues wagging around these parts in many a day as this one has. The parade given last night at six thirty o'clock was a stupendous affair and was witnessed by several hundred citizens.—Rocky Mount Record, December 3rd.

When you have a cold get a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It will soon fix you up all right and will ward off any tendency toward pneumonia. This remedy contains no opium or other narcotic and may be given as confidently to a baby as to an adult. Sold by All Dealers.

The Doctor's Question

Much Sickness Due to Bowel Disorders

A doctor's first question when consulted by a patient is, "Are your bowels regular?" He knows that 98 per cent of illness is attended with inactive bowels and torpid liver, and that this condition must be removed gently and thoroughly before health can be restored.

Rexall Orderlies are a positive, pleasant and safe remedy for constipation and bowel disorders in general. We are so certain of their great curative value that we promise to return the purchaser's money in every case when they fail to produce entire satisfaction.

Rexall Orderlies are eaten like candy, they act quietly, and have a soothing, strengthening, healing influence on the entire intestinal tract. They do not purge, gripe, cause nausea, flatulence, excessive looseness, diarrhoea or other annoying effect. They are especially good for children, weak persons or old folks. Two sizes, 25c and 10c. Sold only at our store—The Rexall Store. The S. R. Biggs Drug Co.

To The Parents

There is no doubt of the fact that when a child misses school that he misses not only that day's work but he loses connection with what has gone before. Therefore, instead of losing just one day he loses a week. That's why it is so very necessary that a child should be present every day. Parents, I beg of you, don't keep your child home because it looks rainy, or because he has the headache or perhaps a little sore throat. It's well enough to be careful, yet you are not treating your child fair when you keep him or her away from school, you are not treating us as teachers fair. You can't expect your child to be promoted when they miss two or three days a month and sometimes more. I beg of you to think seriously of this matter. Can you afford to send your child out in life without a good education? I know you can't, therefore, for the child's sake send him to school regularly.

I can't help but emphasize once again the fact that lets and lats of the boys—for too many still roam the streets, getting into all kinds of mischief. How can you stand by and not do everything for the advancement of your boy? I propose a remedy, one which will work, I am sure. That not only keep your children at home but compel them to study their lessons. Allow no visitors during the nights of the week, except Friday and Sunday nights. Have regular hours for your children to study and keep a real pleasant place for their work. I suggest the study hours from 7:30 to 9:30.

Parents will you join me in my efforts to make this a successful year's work? Will you put your shoulders to the wheel and say with me "we will have an educated class of boys and girls"? If you do your part we will do ours. I believe this is the only solution of the educational problem in our town.

Respectfully,
A. M. JORDAN
Supt. Graded School.

New Methodist Pastor

Rev. Rufus Bradley has been assigned to the Williamston and Hamilton Circuit. He will come here with his family as early as possible. Rev. Mr. Read was assigned to Mufreesboro and Winton and will assume his duties at once. The Methodist congregation and the entire town part with Mr. Read with regret, but will give his successor a most cordial greeting to the church and to the community.

Interesting Services

Elder Sylvester Hassell, one of the closet Biblical student in North Carolina, delivered two very strong sermons Sunday in the Missionary Baptist Church. Mr. Hassell's sermons are always literary gems, and contain so much information on classical as well as religious subjects that one hears him with great interest.

Mr. Hassell is the author of Church History and editor of The Gospel Messenger, and one of the leading ministers in the Primitive Baptist Church in the United States.

ROBERSONVILLE

NEWS ITEMS

Local Happenings and People who are Coming and Going, Here, There and Yonder as Gathered by our Regular Correspondent.

Miss Blanche Daniel was in town Friday.

Miss Sallie Smith was in town Tuesday.

Willie Roebuck left Wednesday for Norfolk.

L. B. Fleming, of Palmyra, was in town Tuesday.

Dr. Wolfe, of Plymouth, was in town Wednesday.

Miss Maree Robertson went to Tarboro Tuesday.

J. D. Griffin, of New York, was in town last week.

L. A. Briley was in Williamston Tuesday on business.

Miss Hilda Knight, of Hassell, was in town Wednesday.

John W. Hassell, of Williamston, was in town Wednesday.

Lester Elmondson, of Gold Point, was here Wednesday.

Willie Robuck and John Gardner spent Sunday at Rocky Mount.

Nathan Roberson, of Scotland Neck, is at home for a few days.

Miss Fancy Taylor, of Gold Point, was visiting here on Tuesday.

L. T. Roberson, of Ayden, spent Saturday and Sunday here with his family.

Master Vance Roberson, who has been visiting relatives, is at home again.

Mrs. Ed Purvis, of Hassell, spent Sunday here with her mother, Mrs. I. F. Roberson.

John Brown, of Norfolk, spent a few days with his father, H. T. Brown, this week.

"I had been troubled with constipation for two years and tried all of the best physicians in Bristol, Tenn., and they could do nothing for me," writes Thos. E. Williams, Middleboro, Ky. Two packages of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets cured me. For Sale by All Dealers.

Mrs. C. H. Godwin Entertains

(Reported)

The members of the Afternoon Book Club met at the residence of Mrs. Charles H. Godwin by special request at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning. The usual business of the Club was dispatched and books exchanged. Then there was pleasant converse and fruits were served by the hostess. There was no other feature arranged for the hour, which was spent so pleasantly. Mrs. Godwin is one of the most enthusiastic Club women and this added to her powers to please, always renders her home a most attractive place to the other members of the Club. This was the first time that she has entertained this season, and the Club was pleased to be the recipient of her cordial greeting.

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our appreciation of the kindnesses that friends and neighbors showered upon us during the illness of our mother, Mrs. Mary E. Bennet. Our friends were untiring in their ministrations in those days of trial and our thanks are heartfelt and bountiful.

The Family.