

THE BOLL WEEVIL IN C.

A Local Cotton Mill Man Gives Out An Interesting Interview Concerning the Little Pest—He Thinks the Cotton Seed Hulls Should Not Be Discarded From the West—Facts About Shipments Made to South Carolina Last Season.

The presence of an insect which resembles the boll weevil in Laurens, S. C. has caused considerable excitement among the cotton producers of that State. The blame has been placed on the oil mills introducing Western hulls and meal in that vicinity.

A reporter of The Observer, with an idea of learning something of the truth of this, and the amount to which the practice exists, looked up an oil mill man, and asked him this question: "How much are the oil mills to blame for this condition, and how much danger do you consider exists from this cause?"

The mill man stated that he had opposed the introduction of hulls and meal from the Mississippi valley into North and South Carolina for the past year, and had been accused of selling his own interests. He considers that his stand is now worthy of detection, owing to the fact that the section about Laurens has been a territory into which great quantities of hulls have been shipped from Memphis.

Continuing he said: "Memphis brokers buy their hulls from various mills in the Mississippi valley and Texas, and they are shipped out of it to Memphis, and no one knows where they are from." "The State of Georgia, last year, through its Agricultural Department, held up hundreds of cars of hulls and meal, which had been shipped into Georgia, until they located the points from which they came. Many of these cars of hulls were not permitted to be unloaded in the State of Georgia, and Atlanta brokers in turn sold these same hulls to South Carolina oil mills, which imported them into North and South Carolina. It seems that the Agricultural Department of the States of North and South Carolina have been very lax in permitting oil mill men in their States to import from Georgia hulls and meal, which the Georgia Agricultural Department would not permit to be sold in that State.

"I consider this practice one which threatens the very life of our cotton fields in North Carolina. It only took three years for the boll weevil to advance from the Rio Grande river into northern Louisiana, to the very banks of the Mississippi river; and if planted, through shipments of hulls and meal, at any point in the Eastern States, it would result in the boll weevil being spread everywhere. Certainly, if it were planted in the eastern Carolinas, and it would spread with the same rapidity as it did in Texas, it would cover the entire cotton area in North and South Carolina and Georgia in two years time." "The feeders in western Carolina shipped large quantities of hulls and meal from the Mississippi valley into the mountain territory last year. Many of these cars were unloaded within five miles of a cotton field which lay at the foot of a mountain. Afterwards, these cars were loaded with ordinary produce, and shipped into various sections of North and South Carolina, with many of the hulls still remaining in the cars.

"I have been the one mill man who has opposed this practice from the very beginning, and believe that not only mill men, but feeders, cotton merchants and the farmers, should certainly ask the Agricultural Department to pass strenuous rulings against the shipment of meal and hulls into this State from the West; and that all shipments of hulls and meal should be free for affidavit. The fact that shipments are from Memphis, does not mean that they originated there; but on account of low freight rates to Memphis, much hulls and meal is bought in Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas, and shipped through Memphis on Memphis railroads.

"I thoroughly agree with the statement in a South Carolina newspaper that this danger is one that is actually upon us, and should be handled without gloves by all interested in the cotton growing industry."

A NONSENSICAL ORDINANCE.

Dr. Martin D. Hardin Declares That the Hitching-post Ordinance Should be Repealed. Rev. Dr. Martin D. Hardin, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, is a great lover of horses and a devotee of the finest riding. He owns one of the finest saddlers in the city and is himself an accomplished rider. Man and horse are well fettered and attract notice and comment wherever and whenever seen.

There is an ordinance in the city code which prescribes that no horse or buggy or team of any sort may be hitched to a post or stationary object of any kind within the fire limits. This ordinance Dr. Hardin maintains is nonsensical and absurd and should be annulled. As the ordinance now stands, all drivers of buggies and teams and all riders must either have a block or must get someone to hold their horses. "I ride up-town" remarked Dr. Hardin "and the chances are that I cannot get anyone to hold my horse when I get ready to dismount. It is a matter of sheer impossibility for me to lug a big heavy block around with me and what is the status of affairs? Why, I am simply debarred from riding up town on business. The good derived from the enforcement of the ordinance is more than counterbalanced by the inconvenience it occasions. The ordinance should either be annulled or a clause should be inserted permitting those riding saddleback, to hitch their horses to posts or poles within the fire limits."

Times Are Dull, But Charlotte Is All Right.

"I find business slow now," said a well-known man who pays Charlotte occasional visits, yesterday, at the Southern station. "I have been coming this way for a number of years, but have never found a much duller time. Charlotte, Greensboro and other towns are not as dull as towns north of Washington. But I am not doing any business. People do not build new stores, new factories or new residences when money is tight. Charlotte is doing more than any other town in my territory. Your city prospects."

THE CLARDY AFTERMATH.

People of the City Discuss the Crime of the Young Man Who so Completely Fooled the Board of Health—Some Interesting Comments on the Street Pay of City Officers Too Small to Attract First-Class Young Men.

Two well-known citizens stood on the square yesterday looking each other in the eye chortling. One was a "banker" in the recent municipal campaign and the other a prominent officer holder in a former administration. Their fat sides shook from internal convulsions, and their faces were all wreathed in smiles. The one was on his way west to look after his land interests and tell about how things had fallen out in Charlotte and the other was on his way to his home to rejoice with his family.

There was much snickering in the city yesterday, and the Grass and Clardy episodes were threshed over and over again. "Well," said one fellow, consoling himself, "there is one good thing about the new charter and that is it provides for so many boards, commissions and committees that the average man does not know where to place responsibility." "The new administration caused a great deal of commotion, yesterday, and the consensus of opinion is that the city got humbugged out right. But there is a serious side to the case. The salaries and wages paid city officials nowadays compare with those paid by business concerns. Good men for the city positions are hard to find. The average young man does not care to enter a field where there is but little promise of promotion and political change with administrations. There are men on the local police force who quit their trades ten years ago. If those same men had stuck to their trades they would be earning twice what they do now and twice what they did when they were first elected to office. A good artisan cannot afford to give up his trade for the billy and helmet. Two of the best officers elected by the new administration resigned their positions and went back to their former work. Seventy-five dollars will not go as far now as \$50 went five years ago or as far as \$37.50 went ten years ago. Therefore, when the various commissions seek out for men they must necessarily leave out of count active men who are filling good positions. But there are men of means or leisure here who desire such places as the one given to Clardy. A number of these applied for his position. The board of health must look to such men.

Clardy was paid \$75 a month and at the end of every month his time was up those who employed him were obliged to let him go. He had been a resident of the city about 18 months and held a position with the Southern Railway. If it is found that he stole anything from the city he will be brought here and the members of the South Carolina authorities for the crime with which he is charged, and prosecuted. There is no disposition to shield or excuse him.

SCHOOL BOARD IN SESSION.

Mayor and Commissioners Clash as to Whether or Not They Shall Session Held in the Colonial Club—Extra Teachers Needed.

For the first time in the history of the present administration the board of school commissioners met elsewhere than in the city hall. Last night the session of the board held in the parlors of the Colonial Club. The meeting was held there not because the commissioners desired it, but because they could not get a more acceptable place. Mayor McNichol is responsible for the dilemma, for he called a meeting of the board of aldermen on the night when the school commissioners were accustomed to meet, and hence the conflict. The board of aldermen arriving about seven first last night occupied the council chamber. The first few school commissioners appearing were told that there was to be no meeting and they left. Others arriving later would not consider any postponement and they determined to meet at all hazards. They communicated with those who had left and thus secured a quorum. The session, which lasted some little time, was held in the Colonial Club. If any foamy liquid was served on the side, it was nobody's business.

The entire session was consumed in the transaction of routine business. The report received from the city graded schools indicates that approximately 2,900 children had been enrolled to date. It was stated that some of the rooms were very much crowded, and that additional teachers were needed. This matter was referred to the visiting committee, with power to act. They will employ extra teachers as needed. The rest of the evening was spent in a general discussion of graded school work.

School For the Deaf to Open To-Day.

Mr. Robert C. Miller, of Shelby, a teacher in the North Carolina School for the Deaf, was in the city yesterday on his way to Morganton to be present at the opening to-day. Since the State board of internal improvements thoroughly investigated the affairs of the institution and found everything in fine shape, he says that the school is better fitted to fulfill its mission than ever before. The prospects for a successful year, he declares, are very bright.

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To Play From the Club Balcony.

Beginning Saturday night, at 8:30 o'clock, the Woodmen of the World band will give concerts once a week from the balcony of the Southern Manufacturers' Club. This will enable Saturday night shoppers to listen to the music of sounding brass while they move about the square. The concerts begin early and close late.

The Woodmen Have Practiced Well.

and are in good training. They have got together a creditable aggregation and deserve well.

LOST AND FOUND.

Lost, between 5:30 p. m. yesterday and noon to-day, a billow attack, with nausea and vomiting. Price loan was occasioned by finding at a drug store a box of Dr. King's New Life Pills. Guaranteed for biliousness, malaria and jaundice. 25c.

A CRIMINAL'S MIND.

Impulses Grow by Repeated Victories Over Conflicting Motives Until They Gain the Power to Shut Out Everything Except Themselves When They Rush Upon the Mind.

"What is the psychology of the case wherein a man will foolishly do some criminal thing in a minute which will wreck his whole life?" asked an Observer man of a professor of mental science yesterday. "Can he be said to be off mentally?" "The motive part of the human mind acts upon it by what are psychologically termed 'explosions.' It was the result of a man with repeated yieldings to it until finally it can become strong enough completely to dominate the mind while it lasts. When it rushes upon the man it bids out absolutely all consciousness save itself. Consequently, in the case of the sanitary inspector which you are thinking about, probably the man never realized at all what he had done until he left the place. In the case of a man with moral perception, an impulse to do wrong never occurs to his mind at the start without the combating feeling of 'ought not.' If he yields to the wrong impulse that motive gains strength, while on the contrary if the protests of the conscience be consistently heeded the ultimate mastery will rest with the moral side of his nature. The intermittent nature of the mental convulsions is illustrated by the fact that the most hardened criminals oftentimes are as repentant as can be when they are free from the influence of the motive, though later they may commit the same crime again. The man in question may, of course, have reasoned out his crime deliberately, but that is a very rare species of degenerate."

Milas Beat William With a Tuckasee Coat.

The colored Odd Fellows gave a big banquet in their hall Monday night. Three of the Big Guns there were William Gorrell, of the Southern Manufacturers' Club; Oscar Crane, the bird of the South, and Milas McLean, The Observer's galley boy. Having just so much time to spare William Gorrell was the first to return to his post of duty. It was evident that William had been outdone at the banquet, for he was crestfallen. In talking with an Observer man of the function he let the cat out of the bag by saying: "Milas had me beat a block as de ban-quett-to-night, wid dat tuckasee coat."

Scarlet Fever Here.

There are a number of scarlet fever cases in the city. The mothers of certain sections of the town are exercised over the situation. The tell-tale flag is hanging out of about 15 homes. The city authorities are urged to watch every case and prevent the disease from spreading. Several little ones are real sick.

St. Peter's Hospital Report.

The report of St. Peter's Hospital for the month of August is as follows: Patients in hospital August 1st, 26; patients admitted during August, 63; patients discharged during August, 61; patients in hospital, August 31st, 25; deaths, 1; operations, 52; number of days of treatment in hospital, 819.

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A MOTHER AND HER SON.

An Interesting Incident of a Day—A Boy Tells His Mother Not to Own Him.

Yesterday, as an Observer reporter passed down West Trade street he came upon a middle-aged lady in black, standing looking in the entrance to a stairway. On approaching close the reporter heard her say: "Son, come on and go back home. I want you to go." On the first step of the stairs sat a young man of about 20 years. His face was soiled, his eyes blood-shot and his clothes covered with mud and filth, every evidence of the results of protracted debauch. "No, I won't go. You swan 'way from here and don't tell nobody that I'm your son. Don't own me." For a moment the woman was silent, but when she lifted her head she turned to go and a tear trickled down her cheek. She had been out to the heart by her wayward boy. She walked slowly and solemnly down the street while her son staggered onto the sidewalk, dodged in the crowd, going in the opposite direction from the one who brought him into the world.

The Presbyterian College Opening.

The fall session of the Presbyterian College will open Thursday. Everything is in readiness and the girls will be given a cordial welcome on their arrival. Among other things that have been done to make the college building, at the corner of College and Ninth streets, more attractive has been clothing and painting of the staid lady on the dome. Her beautiful form is clad in flimsy tulle and her face is done in parisienne rousette. The gymnasium has been remodeled, the old plank floor removed and a cement floor put in. The teachers are beginning to arrive. Professor Anderson, who will have charge of the music department, is here.

The Rain Very Timely.

The rain that fell in the county yesterday afternoon was very timely. The cotton and the corn were beginning to suffer. Cotton was shedding and the top crop was in danger. Corn had headed considerably. Showers were general over the southern section of the county. If the favorable weather continues for a day or two the farmers will not worry longer, for the crops will have been made.

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