est the senderful increase in the CONVENTION OF FIDDLERS ESSES AT COTTON CROF VER 11 MILLION, SAY TWO.

Pessimists Who Think Far-Will Unload Avalanche of on Miscalcolate Increase in the ith of Growers and Their Dis-try, or Fancied Discovery, That on bining They Can Control the

atramely interesting estimates of ter's next figures for the commercial magnitude of the Southern cotton of for the year 1907-1908, that it millions. crop for the year 1907-1908, that which is now maturing, have been insued and are presented herewith by Mr. R. Lamour Neill, of New York, and by Mr. R. A. Lee, of the Char-lotte firm of R. A. Lee, of the Char-totte firm of R. A. Lee, & Co. This is in accordance with a custom among men who follow the cotten situation men who follow the cotten situatio losely year in and year out and who have won for themselves a reputation which entities them to speak with au-thority in the field of crop prediction. Alarama Arkansas Florida

Mr. Neill, as will be seen, estimates the crop at 11,395,000 bales. Of this the Atlantic States, he thinks, will Mississippi

The estimate of Mr. R. A. Lee, whose right to the title of prophet is proven by past predictions and sub-sequent eventualities, is 11,988,000 bales.

Following is the report of Mr. Neill:

NEILL'S REPORT. Equipped by careful study of the valuable weekly "Cotton Crop Rec- ord" of Mr. Habersham King. of Newnan. Ga.; by a personal exami- nation during October of numbers of fields scattered through the belt, and by interviews and correspondence with a great many of the leading cotton interests - planters, buyers, bankers, oil-mill and railroad men, etc., etc.—of the South, I have again made up an estimate of the crop, which I herewith submit. A killing	Alabema 1,00,000 Arkansas 1,000,000 Florida 75,000 Georgia 1,750,000 Louisiana 1,000,000 Missouri and KY 80,000	Hester' Report 1,235,0 940,0 65,00 1,635,0 955,0
frost having occurred over practical- ly the entire cotton bell, there can be no further development.	** Hester reports Missouri	13,511.09 and Ken

3,575 G		4,739	1905 Crop. 5,278 3,942 3,925	1903 Crop. 2,768 3,367 2,876	1902 Crop. 4,100 3,737 2,831
1.1	fr. Hester's Commercial Crop Ir. Hester's Actual Growth ly previous estimates, all in October	13,630	11.346 11.161 10,750	10.011 14.030 10,845	10,728 10,709 10,855

Five

REASONS FOR CONCLUSIONS. tucky with Tennessee. I may be too low Some of my reasons for above conon Alabama, Georgia and North Caroclusions may prove of interest. lina.

Dated Nov. 17th, 1906. It is well to remember that a wet spring, and dry, hot fall are inimical to a large yield. My October estimate of the crop of 1903 was 10.845.000. R A LEE. Below we give you our estimate of the crop of 1907-08: R A LEE. Had I then had the courage of my Had I then had the courage of my convictions, it would have been 10.- Abahama Liso.000 Hill, of Germanton, and Dr. W. C.

 convictions, it would nave been 10.1
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 1,50,000

 200.000; which figures I adopted
 Arkansas
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 some months later. Several of the
 Florida
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 characteristics of the present crop
 Georgia
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 forcibly remind me of what I saw
 Mississippi
 1,470,000

is comparatively large. However, an examination of the fields in the At-lantic States, and Alabama, revealed very defective "states," a poor topvery defective "stayis," a poor topcrop and much premature opening. The plant, except in low spots, had quite finished "making," and carried no small bolls. As for blooms, I could have "put in my hat" all I saw on my whole trip. Such conditions render the date of a general killing

and I think the th ie, sold i think the time the world ie cotton consumers of the world ill be called on to reckon with it prionsly. By this I mean that unless otton advances considerably this and ast month, the movement by the 1st cotton advances conservent by the 1st next month, the movement by the 1st of January will be that of a crop of 10 1-2 millions or less, and should farmers not consider the price ob-tainable in 1968 satisfactory, Mr. Hes-

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609,000

States.

" Virginia.

never played to a better advantage than last night. As was forecast-ed, every seat in the house was sold and standing room was at a prem-Report. 1,389.000 635,000 80,000 Estimate. 1,250,000 750,000 65,009 1,909,000 lum. Many were turned away for 1,235,080 the want of even standing oom. There were more than 1,100 people in the Auditorium. In order that those 324.446 42.754 who were turned away last night may hear the music made by the fiddlers of ye oile times the promot-1,175,000 279,800 3,025,000 11,316,000

Dated Nov. 18th, 1906. (Signed) R. A. LEE. Below we give you our estimate of the

W. C. and L. H. Hill Carry Of the Lion's Share of the Ronors-M G. W. Prim Proves Himself a Gre Second Lead, Winning the Prize

440.000 other selection, which was also greeted with a storm of applause. WINNER IN BEST SECOND CON-

TEST. Mr. G. W. Prim, of this city, who

challenged the world to meet him in the contest for the best second, proved to the audience that he was making no idle boast when he made Pond, whose death occurred

GREAT CONTENT AT TWIN CETY.

Lion's Share of the Honors—Mr.
G. W. Prim Proves Himself a Great Second Lead. Winning the Prize— The Booby, 35, Goes to Mr. E. A. Tucker, of Colfax.
Special to The Observer.
Winston-Salem. Nov. 21.—'Ye Oide Times Fiddiers' Convention," given at the Elks' Auditorium last night, was a signal success in every particular. The event surpassed the most san-guine hopes of the promoters. To say that the vast audience was de-lighted is putting it mildly. Some of the best fiddiers in the country were assembled on the stage and they never played to a better advantage than last night. As was forecast-

Washington, Nov. 21. None of the Roosevelt rooters ner

be alarmed at the report which has gone forth in certain directions to the

effect that the President has issued an order that no Federal officeholders will be allowed to go to the Republi-

can convention pledged to vote for

Roosevelt. It means only that no Fed-

eral officeholders, such as postmas-

ters, district attorneys, collectors of

internal revenue and marshals, will be

allowed to go at all. Roosevelt does

not intend that there shall be a repetition of the Minneapolis convention of 1892, when Harrison was nominated

and unofficial way, so he could deny

it if necessary, that he was dead set

against a third term and that any man on the pay roll of the Federal government who owes his appoint-

TYROS ARE INITIATED.

Fifty Members of the Spartanburg Temple Take Part in the Cere-monies at Gaffney-Stockholders of Gaffney Mill Meet-Town Coun-cil Having Streets Improved. pecial to The Observer.

a the Auditorium. In order that those
who were turned away last night
may hear the music made by the
fiddlers of ye olde times the promoters of the convention gave a second of the convention gave a second with the mysteries of the order. Royal Visier
gramme was entirely new with the exception of a few numbers which were repeated by special request.
Practically all of the fiddlers in tag convention last night opened with "Mississippi Sawyer," played the events to-night.
The convention last night opened with "Mississippi Sawyer," played by the entire convention. This gave the audience an idea of the good this were more than one hundred guests, and visual happy manner.
The first contest, best lead fidlers in tag and some were met with such as up or oarous applause that the voice of an deare number called for a good nor of applause that the voice of and each number called for a good round of applause that the voice of and each number called for a good or oarous applause that the voice of the some rowing near you was drowned.
Without a doubt the larger portion of the prize winners. Dr. W. C. Hill and Dr. L. H. Hill, two of the prize winners. Dr. W. C. Hill and Dr. L. H. Hill, two of the prize winners. Dr. W. C. Hill's "Twinkle Trwinkle Trwinkle to the order.
We of the prize winners. Dr. W. C. Hill and Dr. L. H. Hill, two of the prize winners. Dr. W. C. Hill's "Twinkle Trwinkle to the diates to the dighest pitch. Dr. Hill is up in years, but his age would not be be the work of the corder.
We was begun the headlence to the gathery but his age would not be be the dwith the remort of the management to the same the management.
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Without a doubt the larger portion of the system with the deal the order.
Without a doubt the larger portion of the system the order. for a second term by his own appointees, 490 of whom sat in the convention, and voted for their chief and official creator. Mr.' Roosevelt does not want any such a pitiful perfor-mance as that, especially since he has announced that "under no circum-stances" would he accept another nomination. And for that reason) those whe have Federal jobs will stay away from the convention. But, they are expected to work like beavers of the most strenuous type to get men as most strenuous type to get men as delegates whe will be for Roosevelt. HOW THE REPORT GOT STARTED The circumstances of the propaga-tion of this idea that the President had issued this order to the captains of the clans throughout the States or the clans inroughout the States through their great general and gen-eralissimo, Frank H. Hitchcock, are peculiar. They are peculiar to the manipulator in the White House. Some three or four of the chosen few among the Washington' correspon-dents were called to the inner sanc-tuary a day or two are What was tuary a day or two ago. What was said in there was not for publication, and no man on the outside was privileged to know; but the chosen correspondents came out with their coats buttoned up in front, their gloves C. Hill's "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star," aroused the audience to the highest pitch. Dr. Hill is up in years, but his age would not be be-trayed by the manner in which he handles the fiddle. "Twinkle, Twin-kle Little Star," pleased the audience so that Dr. Hill was forced to return to the edge of the stage and repeat it. The next two numbers on the pro-gramme were played by Dr. Lorrie Hill, of Germanton, and Dr. W. C. carefully streached and their chests a little bit extended. They had been taken into the confidence of the mighty and they proceeded to tell to an awaiting public which reads their papers, and on the side to some of their newspaper friends who do not enjoy the confidence of the inner sanctuary, how it all is, stating that they have it "upon the highest au-thority." The President wanted to get the impression abroad in a quiet

Hill, of Germanton, and Dr. W. C. Hill, of Rutherford College. They make a pair that would be hard to beat with the fiddle and bow. When they finished the last number the Au-Mathematical Mathematical States and the operation of the streets now. It is hoped it will be in good shape by the Mathematical States and the operation of the streets now. It is hoped it will be in good shape by the Mathematical States and the streets now. It is hoped it will be in good shape by the Mathematical States and the streets now which the Mathematical States and the streets now. It is hoped it will be in good shape by the Mathematical States and the streets now which the Methodist Conference will convene here

ment to the President or any of his underlings who should be caught working for a third term for Roose-WILL BE BURIED IN ARLINGTON. velt would forthwith and peremptorily

After a Funeral at Winston-Salem ose his job. That is a very good thing to get abroad, especially when it comes "on the highest authority" Remains of Gen. George E. Pond Will Be Taken to Washington, Where Burial Will Be With Miliwithout being irrevocable or deniable tary Honors. The fact is, and this is learned upon

Special to The Observer. Winston-Salem, Nov. 21.—The fun-eral services over the remains of Brigadier General George Enoch Pond, whose death occurred very sud-

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EDGAR B. MOORE. Proprietor.

The Stout Davenport

frost of comparatively small importance, except to the late planted cotton (of which I saw a good deal), and to cotton in the river bottoms,

The cold spring necessitated much replanting; and doubtless much de-fective seed was used, whilst the shedding and premature opening result from the hot and dry weather at the end of August and early Septem-The bottom and middle crop being on the whole pretty good, these States should beat last year's yield.

In Mississippi, Louisiana and Ar- ty, kansas the unfavorable conditions to the public and put a premium uped. The spring was less favorable. owing to phenomenal rainfall (Mis- every conviction. sissippi average for May 10.29 inches. the normal is 3.09 inches; Louislana 13.56 inches, the normal 3.22; Arkansas 9.55 inches, the normal inches), and the hot weather lasted longer. In addition, boll weevil were presence, and as they are now officialthe least, disquieting

tory, Oklahoma or Tennessee. I am of trotters and runners. There is to an encore. This was followed 5y dependent for my conclusions on the among locals a move to have some two selection by the following trio: weather records and opinions receiv fine races here next spring, and Mr. ed from a number of resident friends. Jamison will likely enter some horses, A large increase has been made in Messrs. H. C. Grubb and J. B. Bal-the acreage of the Territories, but the ly, of Linwood, are planning the bigvery hot and dry summer, following gest Jairy ever started in Salisbury's abundant rains in Max and June, vicinity, must have greatly curfulled the yield willing milk in large quantities with The storm and freeze of the 11th the result that they have built up a High Point. inst, is reported to mave done much partonage far in excess of their ca- ants were: Dr. W. C. Hill, of Rutherdamage in these States and northwest | pacity Texas, where picking is slow and with ninety cows and erect a large there are a good many unopened barn near Salisbury, where they can bolls.

TEXAS HAS WORST CROP.

Texas has by far the worst crop of any State Miserable "stands" and Mrs. J. M. McCorkle, Mr. and Mrs. fruitage are the predominating char- J. Frank Plummer and Dr. and Mrs. acteristics, due to a cold April and very wet May, a tremendously hot summer, and active work by the boll weevil. Except in isolated spots there Henderson and Mr. W. H. Hobson, is no trace of top-crop ladeed in Jr places there are large plants with no courses followed the social sitting. it treasing frequency, in several fields was a season that flew fast and was bear Bonham. I fourneyed in Texas crop at all, as I discovered, with disover 650 miles, stopping over at twelve different points, and it is my ronviction that the yield, over seveneighths of the State, will prove one of the very poor set on record. The out of danger, following a severe at-

Northwest, including some of the Red tack of pneumonla. river counties; also a part of Williamson, Bell and Runnels counties, which Successful Raid For Stills Made in altogether produced last year between

500,000 and 600,000 bales, may posperial to The Observer. sibly now do as well, but in the great

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the still or was present for the purpose portance, not only to the cotton of getting something to drink. servation and information is that in Texas, considering the small size of Negro Wanted \$1,800 For Injured the crop, it is quite large, and else-

The peasimists proclaim that as soon as the wheels of trade turn freely, an avalanche or cotton will descend on the market with dire results to prices. But they are forget that the interval two portentious changes the weil up to former years. '

outh during the past four years the tallroad.

ersons Caught by Game Ward- the statement that he could hold his denly Wednesday night at 9 o'clock Upchurch-A Car Load of Fine Horses at Salisbury-Miss Janet Quinn Entertain-Mrs. M. C. Quinn Recovers From Severe Illness.

Yours truly, R. A. LEE & CO,

LAW BREAKERS ARRESTED,

(Signed) R. A. LEF.

Estimate.

11,988,000

Special to The Observer. test for the best lead fiddler, with pla-Salsibury, Nov. 21 .- Game Warden no accompaniment met with a storm Upchurch has been after the Row- of applause. The other two num- hop Edward Ronthaler. A brief seran pot hunters and yesterday bag- bers in the same contest were also ged 5 bols and men who have been heartily applauded. violating the game laws. Three of Mr. A. H. Pfaff, of Pfafftown, win-these were finel yesterday and he ner of the second prize in the contest in a masterly manner. on the job by paying him \$10 for In fact, there was no number on Birds have been plentiful on the market recently and the audience. The participants, to they will go to Washington, D. C., ac-it is believed that they were here, the man, performed their parts to companied by Dr. H. T. Bahnson and like "dry"-town liquor, in spite of the perfection and while they were not other members of the family. The in-5.11 law and prohibition.

ment their trade conveniently,

guests were Misses Josephine

friends, among whom were Mr. sull

quite ill for several weeks, has rapid-

-Master Lee Overman Gregory

Greenville's "Dark Corner."

Feelings.

prize winners they scored a great hit terment will be in Arlington Cemetery and will be remembered by the people in Washington at 11 oclock to-mor-of the audience as a most strong ag-Mr. T. F. Jamison, of Roanoke, is here with a car load of blooded of the audience as a most strong agfn greater numbers and over a great-er area than ever. In L-utsiana I Salisbury people. He is remember-While the judges, Messrs, C. er arca than ever. In Louisiana I Salisbury people. He is remember-waw deplorable results from their ed as the great racer in the fair towns Reynolds and F. T. Baldwin, of this having run Fleety J., Belle Isle, Macity, and Dr. E. P. Staley, of High reported in two counties of Missis- lor Kipling. Lucy Gentry and other Point, retired to make the awards in sippl, the outlook for the future supply fast horses at-the various State fairs. the best lead fiddle contest, Mr. Ed stapled cotton has become, to say The harness horses were driven by Leinbach played "The Mocking Birl" his son, who made quite a hit among with variations, which brought down Not having visited Indian Terri- turfmen. Mr. Jamison has all sorts the house, He was forced to respond

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Professor Chait, of New York, mandolin; Mr. R. L. Cates, banjo; Orvil Pitts, guitar. The renditions were very much enjoyed as was evinced by the hearty applause, The best second contest was open-Recently they have been ed with selections by Dr. Vestal, of The other contestant-

Their purpose is to begin for 1 College; A. H. Pfaff. of Pfafftown; G. W. Prim, of this city; W. A. McGhee, of Mizpah. The selections were practically the same as in the Miss Janet Quinn yesterday gave a first contest and the applause was bridat dinner to her young married

equally as great. THE JURY AWARDS.

Just before the convention adjourned the judges announced the follow-R V. Brawley. Others among the ing named as the winners of the Utaige, Annie Neave, Mrs. Richard prizes; lead fiddler contest-First Best prize, \$10 vash, Dr. L. H. Hill, of Germanton; second prize, \$5, Dr. W. A delicious dinner of numerous

C. Hill, of Rutherford College. The "booby" was won by Mr. E. A. Tuck-er, of Colfax. The "booby" was \$5 Mrs. M. C. Quinn, who has been cash, Best second contest-First prize, improved recently and is out again. \$16 cash, Mr. G. W. Prim, of Winston-

Salem; second prize, \$5 cash, A. H. Pfaff. of Pfafftown.

HUGH POSTELL ON TRIAL

emphatically that all other matters and causes would have to give way to the Postell murder trial; that he was going to try the case. Only about thirty of the one hun-dred and seventy special venirement were in court when the case was call-ed. The selection of a jury consumed all the morning, and court did not adjourn far the noon recess until 2 o'clock, when the last of the twelve jurymen was selected. The princips --in fact, the only--question asked the various jurors tendered was whather they had formed and ex-pressed their opinion that the defined ant was guilty. A great majority of

velt; not as yet anyway. No such own beside any one. He received a at the residence of his brother-in-law, liberal share of the honors of the Dr. H. T. Bahnson, on Church street, convention. "Sweet Sunny South." Salem, will be held at St. Paul's Episorder, it is safe to say, is going forth. An "understanding" may be handed up and down the line, but these fel lows who came out of the presidential sanctuary after which they wrote his first selection rendered in the con- copal church at 4:30 to-morrow afternoon, conducted by the rector, Rev. stories "upon the highest authority" Henry Teller Cocke, assisted by Hishave an "understanding" quite different from the ones the postmasters vice will be held at 4 o'clock at the and other Federal officeholders have. residence of Dr. Bahnson, on Church street, conducted by Bishop Edward Rondthaler and assisted by Rev. H. These latter are expected to keep up the Roosevelt shouting and, on the expects more before leaving the coun-ty. It is his purpose to appoint goodly portion of the honors of the St. Paul's church in charge of a spec-of the ablest lieutenants of the time, occasion. He handled his instrument ial detail of Forsyth riflemen to be to do more than mere shouting to appointed by Capt. J. D. Terry, until get actual. pledges,

8 o'clock, when they will be borne to HOW ALABAMA WILL DO. the programme that dld not please the union passenger station, whence In Alabama it is all fixed up. The delegates have been chosen, and they are out-and-out Roosevelt men, who are going to vote the name of Roose-velt in a loud and dramatic volce when the first name on the roll is called at the convention. When the first met in Washington by a military es-State on the roll votes for Roosevelt, cort. The burial will be with military the stampede will begin right then and there and the other States will

follow suit. Those who know the real LUMBER MILLS AFFECTED. situation and have not been hood-winked by the fake "understandings" The Financial Situation Causes a Dewhich have gone forth have the best of reasons for believing that if any cline in Demand For Luniber and Eastern Carolina Mills Must Close other name than Roosevelt's is mentionad at the next Republican conven-

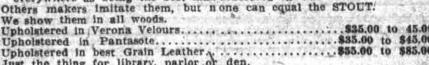
tion it will all be a most disappointing Wilmington, Nov. 21.-On account and humiliating mishap, against f the general financial stringency which direful disappointment both to North and its consequent depressing themselves and their chief, the ad-effect upon the trade, it is announced ministration field lieutenants are effect upon the trade, it is announced ministration field lieutenants are here to-day that practically all the working throughout the day and uplumber mills in this section of east- ward into the night.

So, all ye who think that the coun ern North Caroling have either given notice that their plants will be shut try's prosperity and the conservation down entirely or that a reduction in of the righteousness of the world de-the wage scale will go into effect af-ter the end of the present week. The R., take courage. The end is not yet ZACK M'GHEE. Cape Fear Lumber Company, the largest mill of its kind in this territory, to-day posted notices that effective

county, and at Newbern and Golds-boro are understood to be effective Monday, while many of the smaller plants throughout the eastern section of the State have closed down alto-gether. On account of the stagnation in business North all high-grade lumber has dropped down and coarse has declined below a point of profit. Heart Strength, or Heart Weakness, means Nerve Strength, or Nerve Weakness, means Nerve Heart Strength, or Heart Weakness, means Nerve Surength, or Nerve Weakness - nothing more. Pos-titively, not one weak heart in a hundred is, in it-



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offer at these prices garments which are thoroughly correct in style and workmanship and reliable in quality. \$1.00 Neckwear, the best \$1.00 will buy anywhere.

he Slayer of Ed Edwards Arraigned Yesterday For Murder in the First Degree-A Jury Hard to Get to Try the Case. Special to The Observer. Asheville, Nov. 31.—Hugh Postell, a well-known young man of Ashe ville, the slayer of Ed Edwards, of High Point, was placed on trial for this life in Superior Court to-day. There was a rumor inst night and this morning to the effect that the de-tense would seek a postponement, but the tense duion stated



honors.

Down or Reduce Wages.

Monday all wages and salaries from

reduced 25 per cent., this being the only alternative to shutting down al-

the general managers down will

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together on account of unsettled con-ditions. The logging forces in the country have been given a similar re-duction and the number of men cut No. 3 Hunt Bldg. Similar reductions in the wage scale of mills at Whiteville, in Pender county, and at Newbern and Golds-

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