

FARM RECORDS BROKEN

Field Last Year In U. S. Estimated at \$9,873,000,000—More Expected This Year—Secretary Houston Recommends Legislation to Improve Handling and Storage Conditions

Secretary Houston's annual report places an estimate of \$9,873,000,000 on the value of American farm crops and animal products for last year, a valuation without precedent. This, however, probably will be eclipsed by the present year's showing.

This valuation is an increase of about \$83,000,000 over the value of 1913, hitherto the highest ever recorded. The increase occurred in the face of a decline in cotton from 12.5 cents a pound for the 1913 crop to an average of 7.3 cents for 1914. The total value of the 1913 cotton crop, estimated at \$846,000,000, was \$283,000,000 more than the 1914 crop, although the latter was 14 per cent greater in quantity.

"The total agricultural exports in the fiscal year ended June 30, 1915, practically the first year of the war," says the report, "were \$1,470,000,000, which is an increase of \$356,000,000, or 32 per cent over those of the preceding year and of \$433,000,000, or nearly 42 per cent, over the average of the five years 1910-14."

What is needed more, perhaps, than anything else, the Secretary says, is an increase in meat animals. To that end the department has extended its activities as far as its funds would permit. Elimination of common live stock diseases, from which losses are said to be enormous, would result in a material increase of the meat supply.

"It has been conservatively estimated," the report continues, "on the basis of data for 30 years, that the annual direct losses from animal diseases are approximately \$212,000,000. The indirect losses, which also are great, cannot be estimated at all. The direct loss ascribed to each disease is as follows:

Hog cholera, \$75,000,000; Texas fever and cattle ticks, \$40,000,000; tuberculosis, \$25,000,000; contagious abortion, \$20,000,000; blackleg, \$6,000,000; anthrax, \$1,500,000; scabies of sheep and cattle, \$4,600,000; glanders, \$5,000,000; other live stock diseases, \$22,000,000; parasites, \$5,000,000; poultry diseases, \$8,750,000."

The potash situation, the report states, continues serious. There is practically no potash available for fertilizer and indications are that the supply for that purpose will not be increased materially next year.

Recommendations for legislation made by Secretary Houston to Congress include the following:

Legislation designed to promote better handling and storage of farm products and trading on the basis of fixed grades and standards, including a permissive warehouse act, a cotton standards act, a grain grades act and provision for a market news service. A land mortgage banking act intended to inject business methods in handling farm finance and to place farm securities upon the market in a responsible way.

Authority to grant water power permits within the national forests for fixed periods. More effective control over the production of hog cholera serum. A plan involving the establishment by the Federal Government of a station for testing all serum intended for shipment in interstate commerce is outlined.

Marring the Monotony

(A. Walter Utting, in New York Sun) If all the days were bright ones, Without a hint of rain, The very sun would torture Our happiness to pain; We'd long for storm and tempest, To come to us again; If all the rays were bright ones, Without a hint of rain.

If all the nights were starlit And bathed in moonbeams fair, The moon would lose its beauty, The sky its charm of rare; As sob's must twin the laughter, Life's half would be our share; If all the nights were starlit And bathed in moonbeams fair.

Were Myrtle always smiling I'd die, surfeited quite With happiness. So often She frowns like darkness night, Get mad? Not I, for living With her would not seem right; Were Myrtle always smiling— I'd die \* \* \* surfeited quite.

STATE NEWS

The Corporation Commission has issued a statement showing the aggregate total resources and liabilities of State, private, savings banks and trust companies in North Carolina at close of business November 10, 1915. The statement shows the increase and decrease as compared to October 31, 1914. The statement shows for the period a net increase in resources and liabilities of \$1,740,200.60 and embraces 417 banks, including 21 branches.

The congregation of the Presbyterian church in Raleigh has adopted resolutions pledging \$20,000 toward an endowment fund of \$200,000 for Peace Institute and appealing to the Presbyterians and friends of the school throughout the State to raise the remaining \$180,000. A campaign to raise the fund is to be launched at once. James R. Young, State Commissioner of Insurance, is chairman of the board of trustees.

Livery Stable Burned at Red Springs Fire at Red Springs early Thursday morning destroyed the livery and feed stable of C. P. Jackson, together with 15 head of horses and mules and all other contents. There was no insurance. The fire company was unable to render aid as the fire had gained too much headway before it was discovered.

Owes Her Good Health to Chamberlain's Tablets "I owe my good health to Chamberlain's Tablets," writes Mrs. R. G. Neff, Crookston, Ohio. "Two years ago I was an invalid due to stomach trouble. I took three bottles of these Tablets and have since been in the best of health." Obtainable everywhere.

BATTLE OF NOGALES

Robeson County Boy Gives Account of Battle in Which He Fought on Mexican Border

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Nogales, Ariz., Nov. 26—The occupation of Vera Cruz by United States moving was started at Nogales on a smaller scale when Col. Sage's company A of the Twelfth Infantry opened fire on Villa and Carranza troops here on the morning of the 26th day of November at 11.35. I was present at the battle between United States and Mexican troops.

The United States infantrymen proved themselves to be as good marksmen as the Mexicans did in Vera Cruz and there was not a Mexican who put himself in range of the infantrymen fire during the fight that did not fall with four or five bullet holes in him when Col. Sage gave instructions to company A to return the fire of the Villa forces which had been opened on the American town of Nogales. The men of company A threw themselves prone on the street in front of the custom house at the international line and opened fire on the Mexican troops for six minutes. It was said we kept a continual volley at the Mexicans and it sounded like a bunch of machine guns in action. A few Villa troops who had started the trouble and had not taken precaution to seek cover in time fell at the first volley. One Mexican soldier hid behind the Southern Pacific depot of Mexico and had taken two or three shots before he was discovered. Corporal Cobb pointed him out to the men of the first squad of Co. A, which the writer is a member of, and Col Sage ordered us to kill him and the fire began again and when he made his next appearance a dozen or more American bullets made holes in him.

Col. Sage discovered a Mexican sniper in the window of a house and when he raised his gun to shoot the whole first platoon of Co. A opened fire at him, riddling him with bullets, and he fell from the second story to the paved street. Three or four other Mexican soldiers had taken a position around a caboose in the Mexican railroad yards and they were killed. Three Mexicans took refuge in a drug store and were killed. The visitors got their fill of shooting and fled from the town. If they had not there would not have been a live Mexican left in Nogales, Sonora.

The Carranza forces came into a difficulty through a mistake. Almost as soon as the Villistas had fled a Carranza cavalry advance guard appeared over one of the Nogales hills and not knowing the location of the boundary and taking the Ninth cavalry troops which were held in reserve near the boundary as Carranza forces, opened fire. The American infantrymen returned the fire and the first ten Carranza horsemen to appear were shot down. Another was seen to ride over the hill at a break-neck speed and his horse was shot from under him. The rider arose to his feet and threw his arms in the air. This caused the order to cease firing. At nearly the same time some of Carranza's men were seen crawling up a hill on the east of Nogales and a sharpshooter killed the first one who appeared on the hill. Then they called "Vive Carranza," and then Col Sage ordered every man to cease firing.

One Mexican ran as fast as he could with his arms in the air to the international line where the Americans were, and told them that they were Carranza forces. He apologized for shooting across the line.

During the battle, which lasted an hour and a half, the American troops were without entrenchments of any kind. Col. Sage and the officers in command of the company were without cover of any kind, standing by the troops directing the fire at the Mexican snipers. The remainder of the United States troops were held in reserve and they were all biting their tongues to get in the mixup with the Mexicans.

I was on the ground firing for all I was worth.

ELMER HELGREN, Co. A, 12th Inf.

STATE NEWS

Chicod township of Pitt county has voted \$50,000 bonds for roads. Numbers of able lawyers in different sections of the State have recently expressed the view that there is considerable question as to how, under the new State-wide primary act the Superior Court judges shall be nominated and at the instance of W. P. Stacy, who assumes the judgeship for the eighth judicial district, January 1, Attorney General Bickett, has made a ruling that the judges will be voted for in the primaries of their immediate district only.

Greensboro News, 17th: Sentence of six years in the Federal penitentiary at Atlanta and a fine of \$500 was passed in United States court yesterday upon Frank Snipes, the Forsyth county butcher who, with the aid of his two sons, made an unsuccessful attempt to intimidate and bribe Federal officers C. F. Neeley and J. H. Johnston after they had located a large quantity of liquor on the Snipes farm near Kernersville. The boys, Charlie and Jim, received three years each.

Advertised Letters

List of unclaimed letters for week ending Dec. 20, 1915. Herbert Blanks, L. R. Brown, Miss Arrenia Boldin, B. G. Campbell, E. H. Daurick, Mrs. Ellie Edwards, Mrs. Stella King, Murray Gordon, Mr. T. C. Kemp, Walter McLean, Miss Alice McLean, Miss Dora Norris, Miss Nannie Phillips.

Persons calling for these letters will please call for advertised letters. D. D. FRENCH, P. M.

Worked in the Hay Field

Arthur Jones, Allen, Kas., writes: "I have been troubled with bladder and kidney troubles for a good many years. If it were not for Foley Kidney Pills I would never be able to work in the hay field." Men and women past middle age find these pills a splendid remedy for weak, overworked or diseased kidneys. Sold everywhere.

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Now, will the "pipers" kindly open both ears? Here's tobacco that has made it possible for three men to smoke pipes where one smoked before!

Any way you hook it up, Prince Albert is tobacco insurance! Yes, sir, it guarantees your future as well as your present smokings! And just makes your tongue so jimmy pipe joy'us that your smoke appetite grows whopping big. You men who "dassn't," we say you go to P. A., natural-like! Because there isn't a bite in a barrel of this national joy smoke.

Uncover your old jimmy pipe! Dig it out of the dark corner, jam it brimful of P. A. And make fire with a match! Me-o-my!



You get acquainted with Prince Albert in the toppy red bag, 5c; or tidy red tin, 10c, but for the double-back-action-joy, you buy a crystal-glass pound humidior. And then you're set! You see, it has the sponge-moistener top and keeps P. A. at the highest top-notch point of perfection. Prince Albert is also sold in pound and half-pound tin humidiors.

The tidy red tin, 10c

NEWS NOTES AND COMMENT

Fine Porkers—Complaint About Roads—Christmas Trees—Christmas

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Lumberton, R. F. D. 5, Dec. 20—The weather has been fine for salting down pork and the brethren have been making use of it. Mr. A. H. West recently dressed two pigs. One was 2 years old and it weighed 411 lbs., while the other was only 10 months old and weighed 254 lbs.

Mr. M. E. Phillips dressed 5 that gave him a little more than 1300 pounds, Messrs. A. S. Pitman and W. H. Smith killed two at about 15 months of age that weighed 333 each, and the writer killed two at 15 months of age that were scrub and Poland China mixed, but they averaged 278 pounds after being dressed. Several others have killed some very nice ones but we have not the figures of their weights at hand.

The present condition of several of our public roads is cause for much complaint. With the very large amount of money the taxpayers have paid into the treasury for road improvement it would seem that some real concrete manifestations of it would follow.

It is a source of real pleasure to know that Rev. Mr. Seabolt is allowed to remain on his present field another year.

We filled our appointment at Oakton Saturday and Sunday and were greeted by our usual much-interested congregations. Among the visitors Sunday we were pleased to notice Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Wallace, who have moved into that community from Dillon, S. C.

Mr. K. C. Stone who has been a student at Buies Creek since its fall opening, is spending his Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Stone—Miss Bessie Stanton who has charge of the public school at Oakton left Friday to spend the holidays with home folks at Rowland.

The Sunday school will have a Christmas tree at the church Friday night, and there will be a Christmas tree with appropriate exercises at Cedar Grove church, Friday night.

We are told that Christmas as a festival is older than Christianity and more widely spread. In pagan days men kept at this season the festival of the new birth of the sun, rejoicing that its "return march" would bring promise of renewed warmth and vegetation. Among the Romans at this season no war was declared and no capital executions were allowed. The hymns of Saturn were the substitute for our Christmas carols. Gifts and presents to the poor made this Roman feast the ancestor of our modern Christmas. The Christmas festival of the Nativity was not fixed until the fourth century. Before that time it was a moveable feast and celebrated in every month from October to April. But since that time December the 25th has been Christmas with all people.

Our idea of the Christmas tree is from Germany; Santa Claus from Holland; the stocking from France,

SKIN DISEASES OBSTINATE

But they can be cleared away by purifying the blood and building up the system with Mrs. Joe Person's Remedy. N. W. Winton, Aoshkia, N. C., had a child severely affected with skin disease. Doctors' medicines failed to do any good, but two bottles of the Remedy made a perfect cure. "I cannot say too much in praise of Mrs. Joe Person's Remedy," he writes.

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and the Christmas card, the Yule log, plum pudding and minc pie came from England.

The custom of decorating the churches is said to have come from Bible times and the use of holly is from the heathen. They would hang the green boughs about their houses to shelter the fairies and wood sprites.

We sincerely wish the editor of The Robesonian and all the great host of readers the very best Christmas ever, and extend to all the compliments of the season.

J. M. FLEMING.

Colored Man Dies of Scalds

From the Maxton Scottish Chief it is learned that John Eddie McIntyre, colored, of Scotland county, while at work in the plant of the Maxton Mfg. Co.'s veneering plant on the 11th inst. fell into the vat where logs are boiled to prepare them for the shaving machine and was so fearfully scalded that death resulted Tuesday of last week.

Truth is Stranger Than Fiction Lee County News.

A farmer in Robeson county reports that he had to kill one of his hogs last week on account of it having broke its jaw bone while eating a sweet potato. This is not taken from Grimm's Fairy Tales.

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