

CONDITION OF COTTON CROP.

Unfavorable Weather Responsible for Large Depreciation in Yield.

The cotton crop has suffered much during the past 25 days, and although the present weather conditions are very unfavorable, damage was wrought in the latter part of August that will not be made good.

Since August 1 cotton in the piedmont section of the Carolinas has undergone a depreciation in per centage variously estimated at from 12 to 18, the most generally accepted figures being 15 per cent. This means that where the growing crop was credited with a crop condition of 70 per cent. four weeks ago, the figures will be below 60 at the present time.

The unprecedented rains over all the territory embraced in the piedmont section of the two States has resulted in immense damage to the standing crop, while the August crop, which several weeks ago gave promise of a good yield, has been almost completely destroyed, the squares and blooms being strewn along the "middle" of the rows, making almost one continuous line of faded blossoms and rotted or otherwise injured squares.

The rains of the month, aggregating 10 inches over a large belt, have been the principal factor in the decrease of the condition of cotton as expressed on a per centage basis.

Since these rains, extending over a period beginning August 15 and ending August 20, the cotton plant has taken on a sickly appearance in many parts of the State and the August fruiting and much of the leaf foliage have been shed. There is some complaint of a shedding of squares and small bolls. The season has been, furthermore, most favorable for a rank growth of weeds, and as a result, there is a growth of 6 to 8 feet on lands where under normal conditions the plant would stand at a height of 3 to 5 feet tall.—Charlotte Chronicle.

A NEW FEATURE.

Something Out of the Ordinary in the Line of Campaign Entertainment.

Another feature, besides the talking machine with records of the speeches of candidates, has been added to the novelties of the presidential campaign of the Democratic national committee, which today announced that moving pictures of William J. Bryan on Labor Day would be thrown upon canvass at political meetings all over the country. When the pictures show Bryan speaking, the candidate's voice will be heard from the phonographic record of the Labor Day address.

National Chairman Mack and heads of the committee bureaus today witnessed a reproduction of the Bryan Labor Day scenes by the moving picture machine. The pictures show Mr. Bryan's arrival at the station and his reception by the crowd at the hotel. Later the candidate is disclosed reviewing the big labor parade and acknowledging the cheers of the marchers after which Mr. Bryan is shown making a speech to the laboring men assembled around the review point of the parade.—Dispatch.

The Law Shamelessly Defied.

"I doubt if the whole history of lawmaking in this country discloses such a record of ignoring, evading and defying law as has marked the course of the interstate commerce law. Its purpose has been defeated through technicalities. But it must not be assumed that the effort toward government regulation of interstate commerce has been, as it will be a failure or that it will be abandoned in despair. There will be no vindictiveness, no playing to the galleries and no partiality in administering the law as laid down by Congress but there will be a firm purpose and an earnest effort to enforce its full intent."

This statement was made by E. E. Clark, Inter-State Commerce Commissioner, in an address today before the annual convention of the American Association of Freight Traffic Officials.

Mr. Clark said the roads should be permitted to maintain traffic associations, provided their articles of incorporation and their rules of conduct are subject to approval by a Federal tribunal and are made public.—St. Louis dispatch.

SQUARE DEAL IN POLITICS.

Some Sound Thoughts on a Subject of Very Great Importance.

We use the term "politics" in reference to both the subject of government and the subject of parties, and I shall speak of the "square deal" as it relates to both. There are two theories of government, one—the monarchial theory is that a government is thirteen inches in diameter, round in shape and fired out of a cannon—an organization resting upon force. The other is that a government is a thing made by the people for themselves, to be administered for the advancement of their own welfare by themselves directly, or representatives of their own choice—a government deriving its just powers from the consent of the governed. I shall only deal with the latter theory of government, since it is the only theory which we recognize as sound in this country.

A square deal in representative government consists in the operation of the government according to the theory on which it rests. All officials—executive, legislative and judicial—should be in sympathy with the whole people and should be careful to see that the government is not made a private asset in business by any part of the people. In such a government the ballot should be protected so that the voice of the people will be heard and the will of the majority registered with accuracy. In such a government the taxes should be so collected that each one will contribute to the support of the government in proportion to the benefits received under the protection of the government, and the money collected by taxation should be so appropriated that the public weal will be promoted rather than private interests. In such a government equal rights to all and special privileges to none should be the maxim, and the courts should enforce the law without partiality or respect to persons. The aim of such a government should be to encourage each citizen to the highest endeavor by assuring him his equal share of the total wealth produced—a reward commensurate with his contribution to the welfare of the country.

A square deal in party affairs means that each member of the party shall have his proper influence in shaping the policy of the party. There must be party leaders, and the leader is the man who thinks with the people—not the man who thinks for the people; he must be going in the same direction with the voters and willing to put into effect their thoughts, their wishes and their aspirations. Party government, like the government of the nation, must rest upon the consent of the governed and the party organization must be the servant, not the master, of the members of the party. God made man; man made the party, and the party must remain the instrument through which the voter works his will, guards his rights and advances his interests of the whole people.

Trickery in the party is as repugnant to a high party ideal as fraud in government is repugnant to a high governmental ideal.—W. Bryan in the Circle.

A Strange Light.

Those who were so fortunate as to be seated on their porches and looking westward last night at a few minutes after 8 o'clock, had a rare treat in stellar phenomenon. At first sight of the glow in the sky, two long bars could be seen. These gradually came together and the whole lingered for a few minutes before fading away. The glow was especially bright and attractive and those who saw it looked in almost breathless wonder, no doubt, until the whole faded away.—Winston-Salem Journal.

It's a pity when sick ones drug the stomach or stimulate the Heart and Kidneys. That is all wrong! A weak Stomach, means weak Stomach nerves, always. And this is also true of the Heart and Kidneys. The weak nerves are instead crying out for help. This explains why Dr. Shoop's Restorative is promptly helping Stomach, Heart and Kidney ailments. The Restorative reaches out for the actual cause of these ailments—the failing "inside nerves". Always test the Restorative 48 hours. It won't cure so soon as that, but you will surely know that help is coming. Sold by Cornelison & Cook.

THE STARS AND BARS.

Something of Interest Concerning the Origin of the Confederate Flag.

The first Confederate flag was the stars and bars, a blue field and three stripes, one white and two red, and on the blue field seven white stars in a circle, a star for each state that up to that time had seceded. In battle, however, it was seen that this banner bore altogether too close a resemblance to the stars and stripes, and thus there came into use the Confederate battle flag, the origin of which seems to have been as follows:

This is the statement of Gen. Wm. L. Cabell: "When the Confederate army, commanded by Gen. Beauregard and the Federal army confronted each other at Manassas, it was seen that the Confederate flag and the stars and stripes looked at a distance so much alike it was hard to distinguish one from the other. General Beauregard, thinking that serious mistakes might be made in recognizing our troops, after July 18, at Blackburn Ford, ordered then a small badge should be worn on the left shoulder by our troops, and as I was chief quartermaster ordered me to purchase a large amount of red flannel, and distribute it to each regiment."

This Confederate battle flag was adopted in 1861, and was designed by Generals Johnson and Beauregard. Red was its color, with a blue St. Andrew's cross representing the different Southern States. The women of the South made these flags by the hundreds out of their red and blue silk dresses. Miss Constance Cary who afterwards became Mrs. Burton Harrison, the well-known novelist, was one of the first Southern girls who made the first three flags.—Magazine of American History.

A Strange Accident.

J. R. Daniel, of New Hope township, met with a painful accident Sunday night while engaged in smoking out mosquitoes by means of gun powder. A spark from the pan of live coals popped in the powder flask causing it to explode and fearfully burning Mr. Daniel's face and hands. Fragments of the bottle hit his eight-year-old daughter cutting a gash in her forehead. His six-year-old son was also struck from the explosion, causing a gash in his throat.—Goldsboro Headlight.

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Monday, the 2nd day of November, 1908,

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J. H. KRIDER, Sheriff Rowan Co.

This 17th day of September, 1908.

THE WAY IT STARTED.

Accident through which Mr. Bryan Made His Debut in Political Life.

"Mr. Bryan's political start was due largely to accident," said former United States Senator Manderson, of Nebraska, at the Arlington. "At the time Mr. Bryan received his nomination for Congress the district was regarded as hopelessly Republican, and it was hard to get a prominent Democrat to make the race. The leading man in the district was J. Sterling Morton, who served in Mr. Cleveland's Cabinet, and he was begged to take the nomination, but declared he was tired of leading a forlorn hope, and others also declined.

"About this time along came some one who said there was a young lawyer down at Lincoln who was a good speaker and who hadn't a big law practice, and that he probably would like to make the race. This young man was Bryan, and the Democrats decided to name him in opposition to Representative Cannell, the Republican candidate. No sooner was he nominated than Bryan challenged Cannell to joint debate. Of course, the latter accepted, but that was where he made a mistake. In the debate Bryan wiped the earth with him. Not only that, but his oratorical ability and his youth won him enough admirers to elect him, although a great many Republicans who voted for him had not the remotest idea he would be elected."—Washington Post.

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