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TEN PAGES TODAY.

Columbus, Ohio, April 3.—Alfred Griffin "Al G." Field, premier of American ministrels, died at his home here today, his death resulting from Bright's disease.

Bright's disease.
Born seventy-two years ago in Leeshurg, V., Mr. Field was educated in the common schools of Brownsville and Pittaburg, Pa., later

Brownsville and Pittaburg, Fa., later becoming interested in banking and farming. In 1886 he entered the theatrical business, organizing a minstrel show which has operated continuously since that time. Mr. Field was a former high na-tional officer of the Elks and wide-ly-known in Masonic circles. The

funeral will be held here Tuesday

TRIAL TOMORROW

No Troops To Be Sent To Guard

Court House: Investiga-

tion Continues

Covington, Ga., April 3,-With the

Jasper County farmer, charged with

murder in connection with the killing

of eleven negroes in the vicinity of his

farm twenty miles from here, set for

Tuesday morning, officials and attorneys

for both the State and defense spent

making investigations here today, while

boro home, announced no troops would

had decided not to ask Governor Hugh

dants in the murder cases be given a fair and importial trial."

liams farm and made a tour of the sec-

tions of Jasper and Newton counties,

where the eleven negro bodies were

tower at Atlanta. The defendants and

Solicitor General A. M. Brand, who

will direct the prosecution of Williams, said tonight he would hold an important

conference with W. M. Howard, for-

Augusta attorney, who has been engaged

to assist the solicitor and Assistant

Attorney General Graham Wright. The

icksburg, Va.

Fredericksburg, Va., April 3.-Two nen were injured, at least six freight

cars were destroyed, and traffic on

R. F. and P. railroad was blocked for

hours this afternoon when 40,000 pounds

of black powder in a car exploded in

the freight yards near here. The in-

The blast could be heard ten

fifteen miles distant. Glass windows

throughout Fredericksburg were damag-

Intense excitement was caused here

Two water tanks in the immediate

Southern Bankers To Hold

Meeting Today

here tomorrow with representative

methods of financing exports of cotton

and other agricultural products of that

The bankers will be informed, it is

understood, that the government is

financial aid through the finance

ecrporation for exportation of the agri-

cultural products to any part of the

Officials indicated tonight that the

bankers might be urged to syndicate

their financial strength for an export

security can be offered for government

loans. Through such a combination of funds, it was said, nothing ought to

stand in the way of obtaining the neces

sary money from the finance corpora

Fourth Annual Horse Show, Pinehurst, Tomorrow. All day, starting at

10:30 a. m.-(Adv.)

program in order that plenty

on adequate security to extend

TO DISCUSS MEANS OF

Hundreds rushed to the scene of

ington early in the afternoon.

TWO HURT WHEN CAR

and prominent

will be accompa

mer Congressman

pointed out the graves to officials.

Greene F. Johnson, leading counsel

Williams, was in Covington through-

making the announcement that he

Judge John B. Hutcheson, at his Jones

be required to guard the court house.

a busy day examining witnesses

PEONAGE CASE TO

RALEIGH, N. C., MONDAY MORNING, APRIL 4, 1921.

Wade Looks for Spring Drive RAILROAD WORKERS AMERICAN MINSTREL DIES AT AGE OF T

PLAN TO ORGANIZE Insurance Commissioner Issues Warning For Protection Of FOR CLOSER UNION Considerably Strengthened.

Want District Councils To Better Resist Attacks of Rail **Executives** 

ASK UNION HEADS TO SANCTION NEW PLANS

Representatives of 175,000 Or. ganized Railway Employes "Strategic Points" Necessary Organization

New York, April 3 .- (By the Asso ciated Press.)-Representatives of 175. 000 organized railroad employes, in special convention here today, called upon the executive heads of the recog-nized national and international railroad unions to sanction the formation of district "offensive and defensive" rial of John S. Williams, prominent alliances-Railroad District councils-in the New York district and at other strategi: points in the railroading in-

These district organizations are neces-sary, it was stated in a letter sent to executive union officials, to enable the railroad employes "to better resist the concentrated attacks of the Bailway Executives' Association' and "to bring about a closer affiliation of all railroad employes and perfect a 100 per cent organization in all crafts by stimulating interest in their own welfare and edu cating them in the value of solidarity." Delegates to the convention, who rep

M. Dorsey to send troops to Covington for the trial, Judge Hutcheson declared "the better class of people of resented all local railroad unions in both Newton and Jasper counties are law-abiding and desire that the defenthat "a state of status quo should be declared by the American Federation of Labor, so as to clear the way and make it possible for what are now commonly known as the transportation brotherhoods to affiliate with the Amercan Federation of Labor."

out the day conferring with witnesses for the defense. He visited the Wil-Through this action, it was stated, the preambles and resolutions that gave birth to industrial autonomy by found after Clyde Manning, an em-ploye of Williams, had confessed and formation of the general departments within the federation would be preserved."

Largely Attended. In his alleged confession, Manning More than 250 representatives of local unions in the New York district atdeclared he and other negroes killed some of the blacks at Williams' instrucended the convention, which was called tions, while the white farmer assisted in the murder of others. Both Williams by district officers of the United Brothrhood of Maintenance of Way Emand Manning and several material witnesses are held in the Fulton county

The delegates affirmed their confidence in their international and na-tional officers and pledged to them "our all in their untiring efforts to secure and maintain for the railroad witnesses will be brought here early Tuesday by Sheriff B. L. Johnson, who will be accompanied by a number of employees the working conditions and the standard of living that they are so justly entitled to."
"We further believe that it would be

to the best interest of all concerned," added the communication, "that the present existing pact between the sixeen recognized railroad unions be reaffirmed and continued indefinitely, and conference will be held in Atlanta, he said, and all three will return to Covthat the principle of craft amalgamation, and industrial autonomy be not only recognized as a principle but to be heralded by the railroad workers as an accomplished fact." OF POWDER EXPLODES

"It would be to the best interests of the organized railroad employes in created to take over the community work which the United States Bureau of Education abandoned, will have the Terrific Balst at Freder.

Six Freight Cars Splintered By the different railroad centers," it was stated, "that they be permitted to form friendly railroad district councils in order to bring about a better local understanding and so that they may be better able to carry out the mandate of the several national and interna tional unions in line with the offensive and defensive program as at present in effect. And that said railroad district councils be allowed to function and be officially recognized by the executive council of the American Federation of Labor; and the executive council of the railway employes' partment of the American Federation Labor to issue what may be known 'emergency charters' for the present or until a final disposition is made of the policy manifested here in the dis-trict of New York and other strategic points in the railroading industry throughout the United States where this matter has been given serious considera-

Declared Imperative.

Formation of the district councile was declared to be "imperative at this moment of concentrated opposition on the part of those who would divide the employes in order to destroy their economic organizations.

Besides promoting closer affiliation between the various unions, it was explained that these councils would dis "such knowledge to seminate membership and information to the public, consistent with the policies of the railway employes' department of the American Federation of Labor, as will give a clear understanding of our

FINANCING EXPORTS As soon as word has been received from the national and international union executive oficials, Anthony Spair, president of the New York dis-War Finance Corporation and trict council of Maintenance of Way and Railroad Shop Laborers' locals, was authorized to call to another spe-Washington, April 3.—Directors of the War Pinance Corporation will meet cial convention to take final action on

> Funeral of Mrs. W. B. Rodman. Washington, N. C., April 3.—Funeral date, but friends of B. F. Williams services of Mrs. W. B. Rodman, who and E. A. Poe are mentioning them for died at her home in Norfolk, Va., Thursday were held here yesterday. The deceased is survived by her husband, Col. W. B. Rodman, and four children, W. B. Rodman, Jr., Dr. N. F.

RALEIGH LEADS IN NAVAL RECRUITING

Washington, April 3 .- In the South

eastern division of the Navy Recruiting Service, Raleigh heads the list for the number of recruits for the week ending March 31. With £: recruits from
eight states, Raleigh reports 19, Richmond and Atlanta ticing for second
place with 18 cach. The total of all
substances for the week is 880.

Jenkins of Atlanta, Ga.

of Wild-Cat Stock Exploiters

Investors; No Stock Salesmen Now Licensed In North Carolina; Attacks Mail Order Stock Campaign; State Law

A spring awakening of Blue Sky, wild in states where they are illegal. The cat stock apploiters in North Carolina, use of the mails in this way is primawho last year flooded Eastern North facie evidence that the companies are Carolina with worthless securities, is expected by Stacey W. Wade, Insurance the State Department of Insurance and Commissioner, who is receiving scores that their business would not bear close of inquiries from oil companies, mining examination. Nine-tenths of these mail companies, patent promoting concerns, order promotion schemes are fakes all asking for information as to the method of getting into the State.

"No Blue Sky company is flow licensed to do business in North Caro-Declare District Councils at lina, "says Commissioner Wade in statement of warning. Further, there is not a single licensed stock salesman in To Perfect a 100 Per Cent all of the State of North Carolina. On April 1, all licenses expired by operation of the law at the present not one has been renewed. If any of these companies are now operating, they are doing so in open violation of the law and the Commissioner will take pleas ure in prosecuting them when their ac tivities are reported to him.
Asks Co-operation.

Mr. Wade insists that he is a friend of legitimate business and would put nothing in the way of any genuine, bona-fide proposition with the right foe of all stock promotion schemes that have but scant prospect of enriching anybody except the promoters and he is going to use every means at his command to right them. To this end he asks the co-operation of the people of

"Investors are warned to be on the lookout for stock and bond salesmen of the crooked variety. They should insist that all salesmen show their liinsist that all salesmen show their li-Insurance and should never purchase unless such license is shown. Commissioner Wade can do nothing with the promoters who use the mails further than to say this word of warning:

mail order sales campaigne violate the law of the State but there in no way of reaching the criminals mendations and affidavits ever collecte until the Federal Government takes and filed by one of these "Blu eSky hand in it and stops such campaigns companies.

Defenses Strengthened.

When these companies apply for lithey are going to find the state's de-fenses considerably strengthened. Some of the things which the applicant will have to do are:

First, secure a license for every sales man that it puts in the field and arrange a bond for \$1000 in reputable bonding company for each salesman. Heretofore, a band with personal se-curities was all that was required and no justification was required on such

Second, the company can sell stock only for each or for notes made payable to the company and the old stunt of endorsing such notes "without recourse" will not be permitted. The last Legislature passed a law prohibiting this practice and it will no longer be possible for a slick salesman to load a man up wit hworthless stock, take nis notes for it and then let his company stand from under by endorsing the notes

Third, the company making applica-tion will receive the closest scrutiny. Under the law the Commissioner has authority to make an investigation of en ery company making application to sell stock, ta the company's expense and the Commissioner proposes to do this very thing. He believes that a personal investigation by a dependable representative of the Insurance Department, will be worth more than all of the recom mendations and affidavits ever collected

# **GET PROTECTION**

To Consider Plans for Defense Against German Dye and Chemical Trade

Washington, April 3 .- Defense of the nations's war-born dye industry the work of building and maintaining against competition of the German dye roads in North Carolina will be the imand chemical trade will be taken up hortly by the Department of Commerce in conference here with repre sentatives of American manufacturers. Rapid revival of the German industry, especially as a factor in foreign trade, department officials said tonight, must will discuss finances with the Commisbe taken into account by American sion before it withdraws for its first interests so the industry may be se-session, inquiring of them the tentative cure here and the country remain in needs for immediate road building dependent of foreign sources of supply, under the State system. It is also Other American products needing the understood that the Commission will co-operation of the government in the formally request the issuance field of foreign trade, according to Sec- proximately two million dollars of the etary Hoover, will be given the attention of the department one at a time. year's work. Mr. Hoover is to meet with the Finance Corporation and Southern fore the full commission a detailed

velop a workable plan for building up cotton exports. The credit angle in the trade revival program, officials said, is in the hands of the War Finance Corporation, which s expected to aid the exporters through orporation organized under the Edge act in different sections of the coun try. In addition, formation of combi nations for extending foreign com-merce under the Webb-Pomerene act has been advocated by Secretary Hoover as the most practical method of been obtained and also as a defense against similar combinations by foreign

Government experts in commenting tonight on the situation, expressed the opinion that American concerns should follow their goods to the market rather than rely upon foreign middlemen to dispose of the commodities. In many foreign counries, where American goods are competing with the French and the British, they said, the Americans were selling through wholesalers who naturally favor their own nationals wherever rossible. American merchants, they pects of organization and getting the dded, should make their front line the foreign markets, rather than the

port of shipment. Strengthening of the country's shipping position, commerce officials as-serted, would naturally follow the foreign trade revival to which the administration is giving its efforts. Resumption of the flow of American goods to the ports of the world, they conended, would provide the business to take American shipping out of its pres-

AMATEUR TOURNAMENT AT PINEHURST TODAY

Pinehurst, April 3 .- A field of over 200 will start play in the North and South amateur championship tournament at Pinchurst tomorrow. favorites for the qualifying medal include Perry Adair, last year's medal-list; B. P. Merriman, Frank Dyer, Gardiner White, F. C. Newton, Jim Standish, Joe Schlotman, Ned Beall, Harold Weber and Al Meddles, who won the medal two years ago. North Carolina's interest will be looked after by about a dozen con-testants, led by John W. Bowman, of Aberdeen, Howard G. Phillips, of Moore county, Tom Kelly, of South-ern Pines, and Nelson MacBae, of Wilmington, **NEW GOVERNOR OF** PANAMA CANAL ZONE

**TEN PAGES TODAY** 



Col. Jay J. Morrow, of the United States Army Engineer Corps, who was appointed governor of the Panama anal Zone by Secretary of War Weeks. Col. Morrow, who has been acting gov-ernor, succeeds Brigadier General Chester Harding.

## OF ROADMEN TODAY

Highway Commission Prelude To Work

Six new members of the State Highway Commission will be inducted into office this morning at 11 o'clock in the Executive Chambers when Chief Justice Walter Clark administers the oath to minister the State Road Law enacted by the recent session of the General

Shortly thereafter the new commission, a chairman and nine members will withdraw to the office of the State Highway Commission and begin the work of building 5,500 miles of State roads and maintaining them. This first session of the Commission will probably last until Wednesday afternoon Massed detail of reorganization of mediate task of the new Commission, centering chiefly in the adoption of some scheme of maintaining the roads

that will be immediately taken over to State control and upkeep. It is understood that the Governor authorized ten million for the first

Chairman Frank Page, will lay pankers tomorrow in an effort to de- statement of the present status of road work in the State plans for approximately 600 miles of road ready to be let for construction. and complete plans for the organization of the maintenance department authorized and directed in the new road law.

Interest in the initial session of the Commission appeared to be at a high heat throughout the State last night. Delegations from every section of the Commonwealth are in the city with various matters to lay before the body moving commodities after credit has from the recommendation of some person for a job with the road forces to the selling of entire mountains of available stone for road building purposes.

Some scores of citizens were regis tered at the various hotels in the city, each of them with some matter to lay before the Commission, pet roads, pet people and pet deposits of materials and the like. It is thought unlikely that many of these projects will reach the attention of the Commission at its present meeting, since its time will be largely taken with the larger as-

**BODY OF NATURALIST** BURIED IN CATSKILLS

Roxbury, N. Y., April 3 .- John Burroughs was laid to rest this afternoon on the mountainside where he was born exactly 84 years ago. From the peaks and the valleys of his beloved Catskill Mountains came hundreds of neighbors to pay him their final honors. Others far off corners of the nation joined them at the grave.

All morning and in the early after noon the slope down the two miles, of rocky mountain to Boxbury was dotted with groups of villagers trudging upward to the burial spot.

Back of the grave which was blasted from solid rock, and rising high to one tip of the mountain which bears his name, was the clump of woods where Mr. Burroughs hunted the fox and observed the birds during his youth and old age. To the right, over a little His first wife was Miss Kate Under-knoll, was the weather-blacked house wood. To this union there were born in which he was born. Behind the grave a great boulder on which Burroughs played as a boy and often sat in of the twilight shadows as a man of the of wide out-doors, formed the slab of his resting place. Soon a bronze plaque U. Bizzell, superintendent of the light will be imbedded in the stone to im, and water department of this city. Mr. mortalize its significance.

## SAYS TAXATION IS **BIG QUESTION NOW** BOTHERING PEOPLE

Former Secretary of Agriculture Gives Analysis of Survey of Conditions

#### FAVORABLE DOMESTIC CONDITIONS OUTLINED

Peace Settlement and International Trade Next in Import. ance to Taxation; Decrease in Crime Reported; Crop Out. look Good; Business Has Passed Crisis

Baltimore, Md., April 3 .- David F. Houston, former Secretary of Agriculture, in analyzing a country-wide surand other economic conditions, de clares that "the big national question is taxation, with peace settlement and international trade next."

The survey, made in all of the geographical divisions of the United States by field agents of the Fidelity and Deposit Company of this city, con sisted of answers to 36 questions by farmers, bankers, manufacturers and public officials. An interesting feature of the statistics is that in every section except New Eugland and the Rocky Mountain states, building operations show a marked increase. General transpertation conditions in every state were reported "good" and raw materials plentiful. Savings accounts, the sur-vey showed, increased in 19 states.

Police officials of 27 states said there has been a noticeable increase in crime over last September, but a derease was reported in Massachusetts, Re-Organization of the State Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia, Vir-ginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, and

Crop Outlook Good.

-n every state the consensus of opin-ion was that the farmers have not dis-Walter Clark administers the cath to the men appointed by the Governor and Low prices and shortage of money and labor are said to have caused a reduction in acreage in all states except Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri Nebraska and the Pacific Coast states The erop outlook for 1921, however, in

every case, was reported fair or good.
"The survey indicates that the busi-"The survey indicates that the business world is still feeling its way, but with increasing confidence and with the conviction that the worst has passed," said former Secretary Houston. "The country has successfully borns the strain caused by a most notable drop in prices, particularly of a vast volume of raw materials, and has weathered a trying period of liquidation.

trying period of liquidation.
"The demand for finished products has not developed to the point where our factories feel justified in taking the requisite quantity of our surplus raw materials to furnish the necessary relief to their producers; but there are some indications of a change in this

direction. Favorable Conditions.

"This survey does point to cer favorable domestic conditions. The cost of living has appreciably diminished. districts tend to imcrease. There have recently been no strikes of consequence. Greater productivity of 'abor per man is reported from all districts. Raw materials are plentiful, and physical transportation conditions are good.
There have been no business failures of moment. The crop outlook is satis factory; and the banking situation has improved.

The country is better off today than it was three months ago, and manufacturers in growing numbers are planning definite production schedules. Information from other quarters than this survey indicates that the automobile industry and some textile lines are picking up now. But the public is still restricting its buying and probably will continue to purchase cautiously until retail price reductions become more nearly equal to the reduction in manufacturers' and wholesalers' prices. High Prices Blamed.

"The maintenance by retailers of a relatively high price tevel has been perhaps the chief stumbling block to quickened industrial activity. The great cut in producers' and prices last summer and fall was not followed by proportionate reductions in the prices to consumers. It is apparent that we are approaching the point where many manufacturers can get material at prices they can afford to pay and with lower wages and more efficient labor they can furnish goods at a ost within the consumer's reach. "An appreciable reduction in wages

is noted in every section and in virtually every kind of industry. The fact that savings accounts have increased in the industrial sections, however, would seem to indicate that in such districts wage and salary reductions have not been as great as the reductions in the prices of commodities, and that therefore, fortunately, the decrease in wages has not necessitated a lowering of the standard of living.

"The credit situation is improved. Interest rates range from 6 to 8 per cent for the country as a whole, but Interest rates range from 6 to banking funds are reported available by every section except the South and Rocky Mountain regions.

Death of H. N. Bizzell.

Donn, April 2.-Hannibal N. Bizzell died recently at his home near Payetteville. Mr. Bizzell was married times and he is survived by his third wife, who was Miss Kate McKenzie, wood. To this union there were born four children. They are J. A. Bizzell, member of the faculty of Cornell University, Ithaca; N. Y., Mrs. Julius A. Culbreth, of Falcon; Mrs. Claude Grantham, of Goldsbore, and Lawre Bizzell's second wife was a Mrs. Ki

## VIVIANI CONTINUES CENTER OF TALK AT NATIONAL CAPITAL

Mission of Former French Premier Subject of Widespread Speculation

POSITION OF HARDING NOT YET MADE CLEAR

Much Opposition To Move To Declare Peace By Resolution When Congress Convenes; United States Holds That Germany Must Bear Respon. sibility for the War

> News and Observer Bureau, By EDWARD E. BRITTON

(By Special Leased Wire) Washington, April 3 .- The principal topic of talk in Washington the past week has been concerning the visit of former Premier Rene Vivani, of France, and the mission that brought him here That it had to do with relations of this country with France and the League of Nations is known. The attitude of this country on the reparations matter with Germany has been song'it and it is the agreement that it has been made plain that the United States holds that Ge .many must shoulder the responsibility of the war, and meet the reparation figures; that we stand with our allies of the war in those matters. And the special envoy from France has said nothing of any wish of France to hav

its debt to us cancelled. Otherwise, the position of the Hard ing administration appears still in a muddle, and the "wiggle and wobble" election day declarations continue. One day we hear that the separate peace resolution of Senator Knox is to be pigeonholed, while the last of the week brought intimations that immediate peace with Germany is to be urged promptly upon the convening of the Sixty-seventh Congress in extra session. This is exactly what Viviani does not want. Its passage, he holds, will be a matter of encouragement to Germany to continue to resist the terms of the peace treaty with the allies, who have accepted it. And if this is adopted, then of necessity the American troops in German occupied territory will be withdrawn, a sign to the Germans that we are not standing with our allies. Such a peace is declared by its opponents to be a dishonorable one that will shame America 19 the eyes of the nations with which fought side by side. Whether the Ry publican majority will or will not do this will soon be known. Senator Knox was in a long conference with President Harding on Saturday, closet ed with him for about two hours, and it is known that he and the Senators with him for separate peace have not abandoned their purpose. Only posi-tive word from the President as to a definite policy with regard to interna-tional affairs can clear the situation,

to be simply feeling its way, wiggling and wobbling towards the final show-Community Board. annual meeting of its trustees here on April 13. The governors and school superintendents of all States have been elected counsellors of the board, eight een of these having accepted and planning to attend. Among these are planning to attend. Dr. E. C. Brooks, State superintendent of schools of North Carolina. The board waiting to hear from Governor Morments of activity, plans to assist local jured are A. W. Johnson, conductor rison. The board has seven departcommunities to organize themselves on and A. R. Brown, brakeman. basis of citizenship, to aid community service agents, both governmental and volunteer, more effectively and plastering in homes and

and at present the administration seems

estimated tonight, but it is thought the Next Wednesday a deputation from the National Woman's Party have an total will be high. engagement to see President Harding and throughout the surrounding counand will specifically ask him to put the power of the administration behind the blast. Several freight cars were the bill to be introduced in Congress splintered by the explosion, which set three other cars on fire. The Fredby the woman's party seeking to remove sex disqualifications in the law, includericksburg fire department, after a ing the Civil Service. It is declared hard fight, prevented the flames from spreading. For a time it was feared that women in civil service hold that ways and means should be adopted to other cars of explosives might correct a situation which they say the train, but this was dispelled by the intolerable to self-respecting women. authorities of the railroad. They hold that this exists in examina tions, in promotions and in salaries vicinity were destroyed by the blast, paid by the government. North Carolina and two cows in a nearby field were is not represented in the deputation out Virginia, South Carolina and Mary

to function and eliminate waste of

money, energy and good will due to eq. The extent of damage could not be

Removing Hero Dend. Announcement is made by the War Department that work is going on in removing the soldier dead from the great American cemetery at Bomagne of those who gave their lives in the Argonne are interred, the shipments of the bodies to be expedited. In all there were 75,882 dead overseas, of whom 13,616 have been returned. quests made are to allow 19,861 bodies remain permanently, while definite instructions have been received regarding 50,040 bodies. There are 25,842 whose final resting place is not yet fully Of the dead but 1,240 remain unidentified.

Tomorrow a committee representing the American Federation of Labor and its affiliated unions will have an audience with President Harding with the purpose of endeavoring to prevail upon President to grant amnesty to wha are termed "the political prisoners."
The deputation will be headed by President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor.

Circulars, statements and letters, propaganda in favor of a protective tariff pour into correspondent's bureaus here, the effort being made to have the commercial and agricultural organiza-tions of the South and all Southern agencies of organized industry to ex-

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### Cotton Growers Must Cut Expenses of Making Crop. Department Says Operating Ex- DYE INDUSTRY WILL

Considered

COST 33 CENTS A POUND TO RAISE 1920 COTTON Present Prices Fail To Pay Ex

penses Or Interest On Cap. ital Invested Washington, April 3 .- Cotton growers can meet the present price situation by "carefully considering" operatthere is a likelihood of obtaining a

low yield per acre, the Department of Agriculture says in a report today on the results of a survey on basic require-ments and costs of producing cotton. By applying last year's men and mule seed and fertilger to the basic require ments in an investigation in Mitchell

County, Ga., the average operating expense of cotton was fixed at approximately 33 cents a pound there.

Man and Mule Rates.

Man and mule rates for labor in this investigation and seed and fertilizer costs, the department says, constituted 84 per cent of the total operating expense, exclusive of land rent, Other expenses amounting to 16 percent of the total, included such items as gin ning, manure, equipment, taxes, insur ance and overhead. Man labor was carged at the rate 30c an hour, mul labor 20c an hour, seed \$81 a ton and fertilizer at \$46 a ton. From the total cost of \$56.16 an acreage seed credit of \$1.90 was deducted, making a total net

cost of \$52.26. Asserting that the rates for labor and eed did not start to decline until after the 1920 crop had been produced the eport adds:

Failed to Pay Expenses.

"With cotton around 12 to 15c pe ound, the returns not only allowed no interest on capital, but failed to pay operating expenses at going rates for labor and prevailing prices for agri-culture. With cotton at 15c per pound it would require a yield of approximately

"The application of the basic require ments of production in estimating cos should be of vital interest to grower at this time," the report adds. nistory of the year 1920 will not be forgotten immediately and it will be safe to say that the lessons of this period will bear some fruit."

No Interest In Election.

Lenoir, April 3.-There appears to be little interest in the coming municipal election, which will be held within a few weeks. Mayor Pritchett has announced he will be in the race for reelection So far Mr. Pritchett is the only candi-

Lenoir, April 3 .- Although there wa a heavy frost here Saturday and a good deal of damage has been done Rodman, Mrs. John M. Robinson, of good deal of damage has been done Charlotte, and Miss Hannah Rodman, to the fruit, it is not thought that all of it is killed. Many gardeners covered growing vegetables as much as pos sible, and some people covered peach trees to keep off the frost.

> Revival At Lenoir, Lenoir, April 3.-Much interest is being manifested in the revival which