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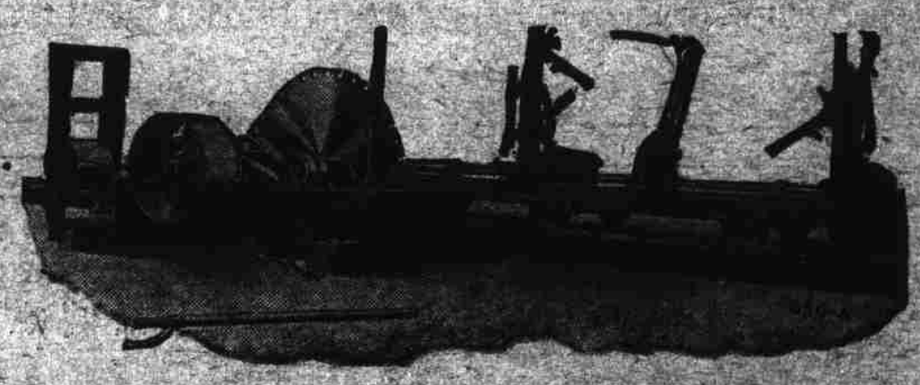

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General Crop Summary

FARMING operations have been considerably delayed by wet weather in many sections of the country, particularly in the Mississippi Valley. Georgia and South Carolina have been similarly affected. More favorable conditions and some farm activity reported from Florida and Virginia. The last days of March brought indications of rapid improvement in numerous widely scattered sections. Good pasturage conditions are reported from nearly all states.

Grains.—Corn planting has become more general and extends as far north as central Arkansas and Oklahoma. Preparation of ground nearly completed in southern Virginia.

Winter wheat is in excellent condition in most sections. Texas wheat having very low condition of 42 per cent in December has improved sufficiently to have condition of 57 per cent of normal crop on April 1. Greenbugs are becoming a menace in Oklahoma.

Oats are holding in Florida and doing well in the South generally when fall planting is practiced.

Cotton.—Cotton planting is progressing slowly. There are some indications of acreage increases. Increased fertilizer sales reported in various sections.

Livestock.—Livestock is in good to splendid condition with few exceptions. Lung worms and hog cholera are reported in Arkansas.

Miscellaneous.—Potato harvesting has begun in Florida. Planting is under way as far north as lower counties of Ohio.

Fruit prospects are excellent.

The farm labor supply is plentiful at lower wages than were paid last year, except in Maryland.

Unusual interest in cream separators is being shown in Georgia, and an increase in tractor sales is reported.

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PROSPECTS of receiving from $5 to $15 more per bale for their cotton is one of the incentives prompting a group of Texas planters to adopt a unique plan for standardizing their crop.

The Calhoun County, Texas, extension agent, employed coöperatively by the United States Department of Agriculture and the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College, reports that already farmers representing 5,000 acres of cotton have subscribed to an agreement by which they will plant only selected Mebane Triumph long staple cotton seed, five carloads of which will be distributed. The ginner who is to do their work has agreed to gin only the cotton from the 12 farms in order to prevent mixing of the seed and lint with that of other varieties. He is going to paint the gin a distinctive color, as well as the wagons of the coöperating farmers, and on each wagon the name of the farmer and the variety of cotton he grows.

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