

COTTON PICKING MACHINE WORKING

One Of Inventions Said To Be Working, Proving The Proposition Is No Dream.

Raleigh—Picking cotton by machinery is no idle dream. William A. Graham, commissioner of agriculture for North Carolina, believes.

Mr. Graham, who also is vice-president of the National Association of Commissioners of Agriculture, had called on the United States Department of Agriculture to make a survey of the machines already invented with a view of determining what practical merit they possessed.

He announced receipt today of a letter to the effect that one of the machines had been examined by government engineers who found that it worked satisfactorily.

No mention was made of the location of the machine, nor of its inventor, as the investigation is in a purely preliminary state at this time. He made public these extracts, however, from a letter signed by C. F. Marvin, of the United States Department of Agriculture.

"The machine worked quite satisfactorily under conditions that were not ideal. The cotton picked by the machine was as free of trash as that picked by hand. The machine was said to be picking from 85 to 95 per cent of the cotton the first time over and from 96 to 98 per cent of the cotton by going over the row twice with the machine in opposite directions.

"The picker is not at present in commercial production. It, however appears to have been developed to a point where it will pick cotton satisfactorily.

"At the time the operation of the machine was observed, the leaves on the cotton had been killed by frost and the stalks were quite brittle. Despite this fact, the picker did not injure the stalks very much and where a few leaves had not been killed by frost, these were not torn by the machine, which has a speed when picking of about two and a half or three miles an hour."

Mr. Marvin, in his letter to Commissioner Graham, continued: "As this cotton picker has not been placed in commercial production, no information as to its probable selling price is available. The inventors, however, state that it will be placed on the market next year.

"The machine as now manufactured would be well adapted for use on plantations where there is an acreage of from 150 acres cotton upward, or it could be operated on a basis of so much per pound for picking cotton on a number of small farms.

For some months, Mr. Graham has been interested in the idea of developing a cotton picking machine that would save the farmers money.

He has pointed out that neither he nor his department is in a position to finance such an undertaking, so he has asked the federal department to make a survey, which it has already begun, as shown by the letter above quoted.

Gastonia—Will Costner, who lives between Bessemer City and Cherryville, in Gaston county, was given the longest sentence for violation of the prohibition law that has ever been given in Gaston county, if not in North Carolina.

He was convicted of manufacturing whisky and of having ten gallons in his possession for the purpose of sale, and of possession of property for the purpose of making whisky.

On the count in the bill of indictment for manufacturing whisky he was sentenced by Judge T. B. Finley, to two years; on the count for having ten gallons he was given a sentence of two years, making a total of four years, the second sentence to begin at the expiration of the first. On the third count he was given a suspended sentence of two years and in addition to the four years active sentence, he was given a six months sentence to serve which had been formerly suspended over him, making a total of four and one half years he must serve on the county roads of Gaston county.

Bird Attacks Man Three Rivers, Quebec.—Fruida Beauce, wood ranger, was attacked and wounded by a strange bird of prey while measuring lumber in woods. The bird encircled its long legs around him gnashed at his neck and pecked his head with its beak. When rescued by fellow workers, Beauce was in a state of exhaustion from loss of blood. The species of bird is unknown.

Lawrence, Kans. Jan. 25.—The paradoxical popularity of bobbed hair has received a significant blow. This latest thrust comes from coeds of the University of Kansas.

These daughters of the Sunflower state who assailed short hair as "crazy" "giddy" and even "wicked" only a few years ago, are now rejecting bobs—shingle, boyish and all others—as "passe," and are following the latest Paris edicts in their coiffures.

Despite the fact that Miss Agnes Husband, dean of women at the university, has just had her bobbed thereby becoming the first bobbed-haired dean in the institution's history—a questionnaire sent to the sorority houses reveals that more than half of the co-eds are in favor of letting their hair grow back to its original length. Many already have done so.

Ends Scopes Case. Nashville, Tenn.—The Supreme Court of Tennessee proclaimed the fundamental soundness of the state's famous law against teaching the theory of evolution in state supported schools, and, at the same time, it reversed the verdict of guilty against Jno. T. Scopes, whose case was on appeal recommending that the case be not prosecuted instead of retried.

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DOVER COMMUNITY NEWS OF INTEREST

C. D. Hicks and Daughter Celebrate Birthdays. Mr. Bowman Teaches Bible Class.

(Special to The Star.) Mr. C. D. Hicks and his youngest daughter, Pearl, celebrated their birthdays Sunday. Mr. Hicks has passed his 50th year while Pearl has reached her ninth. Quite a number of friends and relatives were present for the sumptuous dinner and each one did justice to his share.

Mr. J. T. Bowman of Shelby, was with us in Sunday school Sunday and taught the Bible class. We appreciate his presence and the message he brought us. Our church was full and everyone that heard his voice felt fully repaid for his efforts in coming. We hope that Mr. Bowman will come back some time soon for he is always welcome.

Mr. Hamrick and family of Henrietta visited friends and relatives here Sunday.

Mr. A. V. Washburn was with us in B. Y. P. U. Sunday evening and gave us a short talk on the value of young peoples organizations and their place in the church. We are always glad to have Mr. Washburn with us and we love to listen to his stories.

Among the sick in our community who are improving are Mrs. W. L. Queen, Mrs. P. J. Johnson and Mrs. Robert Jenkins and Miss Viola Nolan.

Our sick list this week includes Mr. Hudson and Mr. Allen, we hope they will be better soon. Miss Nell King of Shelby, visited Misses Vernia and Lucille Southard Sunday.

Miss Mildred Hawkins of Shelby, visited Miss Venice Taylor last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Bailey and daughter, Mary Sue, visited Mr. and Mrs. Roland Callihan of Trinity community Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Goforth and Misses Bessie and Sarah Ramsey of Kings Mountain visited Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Jenkins Sunday.

Mr. Elam Lovelace and Miss Mary Bridges of Boiling Springs attended church services here Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Huffstetler and daughter of Kings Mountain, visited Mr. and Mrs. Flay Smith Sunday.

Misses Viola Nolan and Ruth Padgett and Messrs Glenn Blanton and Raymond Johnson visited Miss Emma Gold of the Double Shoals community Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Buice motored to Spartanburg this week end to visit Mr. Buice's sister Mrs. Keller is ill.

Miss Ruth Hicks visited Dr. Gold Tuesday for an X-ray examination of her throat.

A Dollar Down and A Dollar Week Monroe Enquirer. (The following was found by T. T. Dillon in a trade journal, and is so good that it is passed on down the line):

A friend of mine bought a graphophone for a dollar down and a dollar a week.

Said he, "It's the easiest graft I've known."

This dollar down and a dollar a week."

So he bought a rug and a fountain pen.

A leather chair and a desk and then a set of the lives of our famous men.

All Winners



These winners, to be sure, have slanted the ladder of fame, but not proud are they, they lock, too. They are winners in the poultry class, a the Los Angeles poultry, pigeon and rabbit show. From top to bottom the breeds shown are bantam, buff cochin, white wyandot, light brahmin, topped Plymouth rock and Rhode

World's First Bank Lived for Centuries The Bank of Venice, the first of its kind established in Europe, was founded in 1171. It owed its existence to the long wars between the Guelphs and the Ghibellines, and the government's need of money for conducting them. Having exhausted every other resource, the state was obliged to resort to forced loans from its wealthy citizens. Then was organized the Chamber of Loans, which by degrees assumed the form of a bank. It is said of this institution that "it was for many ages the admiration of Europe, the chief instrument of Venetian finance, and the chief facility of a commerce not surpassed by that of any European nation."

Funds once deposited in the bank could not be withdrawn, but were transferable at the pleasure of the owners upon its books. So thoroughly did the bank credits become the means through and by which the financial operations of the people were conducted, that with scarcely an exception in its entire existence these credits were at a premium over coin. The latter being often clipped and worn, as well as being of various countries and uncertain values. The Bank of Venice continued without any interruption until the Venetian republic was overthrown by the Revolutionary army of France in 1797.

Gold Varies in Color; Is Not Really Yellow Strictly speaking, gold is not yellow in color. It is merely yellow so, but, being a metal and generally with a bright surface, it acts as a reflector and throws back quite a lot of the white light that falls on it, according to the Philadelphia Record.

This reflected white light, which is not part of the color of gold, dilutes the metal's real color, making it appear yellow. The real color of the gold, metallurgists say, is a deep orange, entirely different from the familiar yellow.

But this precious metal has other colors as well as yellow and orange. Ground into a fine powder, pure gold becomes a ruby red. Everybody has seen this ruby color at one time or another, though they may not have been aware that it was the color of gold they were looking at.

When seen in the ruby glass used for photographic dark-room lamps, the minute particles of gold added to the glass imparting their deep color.

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There are always two sides to a situation. You are not all wrong; and if this be true, is it not reasonable to assume that the man you work for is not all wrong?

No person on earth can do good work with a single hand full of malice and two hands that are closed in fists.

After you have considered carefully that your hostility is justified—after you conscientiously weigh yourself and you are satisfied that you are all right in every particular—after you feel that the man you work for is wrong in every particular, the only thing left to do is to resign.—New Zealand Traveler.

Jews Protested Stamp Act Although no list of signers has been found of the New York agreement of merchants to make all past and future orders for British merchandise contingent on the repeal of the stamp act, it is believed that the Jewish merchants of New York joined with their fellow business men. The original agreement entered into by Philadelphia merchants, however, shows that the leading Jews of that city were among the signers. They were Matthias Bush, David Franks, Bernard Gratz, Michael Gratz, Joseph Jacobs, Benjamin Levy, Hyman Levy, Jr., Samuel Levy and Moses Mordecai.

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Eastside News Of Personal Items

(Special to The Star.) Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Gladden visited Mr. and Mrs. Wallace McGraw at Spindale last Sunday. Mrs. McGraw is improving after an operation at Rutherford hospital.

Mr. W. P. Sanders spent the week end in Greenville, S. C., with relatives. Mr. and Mrs. John Southards and family of the Dover mill visited Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Lattimore last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrill had as their guests Sunday Mr. J. P. Horne and family of Spencer Mountain, Misses Thelma Horne, Cleo Waldrop, Nellie Horne and Paul Pruitt of Bessemer City and Mr. J. M. Horne of Lowell.

Mr. Ralph Morrow has returned from Lowell to Eastside. He will make his home with Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Gladden.

Mr. and Mrs. Hall Goforth and Mr. Goforth's mother of Kings Mountain were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Vetus Weaver last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Bumgardner and children spent last Saturday night in South Shelby with Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Reinhardt.

Mr. Walter Feree, Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Hamrick of South Shelby and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Webb, of Dover mill, were visitors at Mrs. Feree's last Sunday.

Mr. G. C. Eskridge of Double Shoals was a visitor here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Buchanan and family and Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Phillips of Gaffney, S. C., were week end visitors in Eastside.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wright and children were Double Shoals visitors last Sunday.

Mrs. Sam Sanders of Kings Mountain visited Mrs. W. K. Cline last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Grigg and children spent the week-end with Mrs. Grigg's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. York at Beams Mill.

Mrs. B. E. Price and Mrs. Avery Grayson of Dover, visited Mr. and Mrs. Leland Buchanan Sunday.

Mrs. Alexander and Miss Ola Alexander of Dover spent Sunday here with relatives.

Mrs. Weldon Gantt and baby of West Shelby visited Mr. and Mrs. E. Swearing Sunday.

Mr. Hill, one of the boarders at Mr. W. R. Hinson's was taken seriously ill Saturday night with heart trouble. He was taken to the Shelby hospital.

Mr. Roy Webb has bought the cafe formerly owned by Mr. Julius Greene.

Miss Eva May Hopper was hostess at a party to a large number of her friends on last Saturday evening. The young folks enjoyed several hours amusement and fun.

Little Miss Edna Wright was hostess to several of her small friends last Friday afternoon. After playing many games the little folks were served with delicious refreshments. Those present were Jesseline Lattimore, Venelia Sawyer, Iris Buchanan, H. E. Waldrop and Billy Buchanan.

Rev. W. E. Lowe preached to a large and appreciative congregation here on Sunday night. His subject was "What it Means to be Christian."

KINGS MOUNTAIN BATCH OF NEWS

B. Y. P. U. Doing Best Work in Their History. Editor Page Returns From Memphis.

Kings Mountain, Jan. 25.—The B. Y. P. U. at the First Baptist church are the best in their history. They now have 147 enrolled, and all of this number was present last Sunday evening except 38. Many of our most faithful ones were sick and could not be there. Four of our unions were nearly 100 percent in everything. Three other unions are going to be organized next Sunday evening. These are to be No. 2 junior, No. 2 intermediate, and another senior. We now have five active unions. The new ones will make us eight in all.

Editor Page's report of the Sunday school conference, he attended at Memphis, Tenn., last Sunday was very fine. He is so full of Memphis that he cannot talk very much else. Well, if you go to a religious meeting and do not get full of the spirit of it, you have not done very much. He is the one Sunday school superintendent who gives the most of his thought to the work. We do not believe that there is another man in the state who gives as much of his thought and time to his church as does Editor Page.

Rev. W. T. Doster has moved from the Lindsay house on Kings street to the Simms house on Gold street. We are sorry to lose a good citizen from our part of the city.

Mr. D. F. Hord made a trip to High Point last week to attend the furniture show. He returned in good time to attend to his home duties the last of the week.

Mr. J. B. Keeter has been very sick for the past three days. He has been confined to his bed. We trust that he may be able to get back to his place of business this week.

Mr. J. C. Bumgardner and his daughter Miss Lettie have been sick for the past week. They are better now, and we trust that they may continue to improve until they are able to be out again.

Favors Army. Washington, D. C.—By a vote of 66 to 22 the house went on record as favoring the present authorized enlisted strength of the army of 118,750 men as against the recommendation of the budget director that the army be cut.

NOTICE OF SUMMONS. North Carolina—Cleveland county. In Superior court. Allen Barrett, Plaintiff.

Pearl Barrett, Defendant. Pearl Barrett, the defendant above named, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been filed in the Superior court of Cleveland county, North Carolina, where by the plaintiff, Allen Barrett, is asking for a divorce absolute from the said defendant on the ground of adultery. And the defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear before the Clerk of Superior court of the aforesaid county on or before the 18th day of February, 1927, and answer or demur to the complaint of the plaintiff or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the said complaint.

This the 24th day of January, 1927. A. M. HAMRICK, C. S. C. Peyton McSwain, Atty. for Plaintiff.

Gilbert says this was the biggest corn-shucking Lincoln county has had for the New Year, and that he hears everything went o. k. and the crib is groaning under its load of 1927 shucked corn.

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New Washable Flat Crepe —for the smart spring frocks every woman wants. \$1.98 Women's Hose Mercerized The Value of Values is this mercerized Hose for women and misses—at this nation-wide economy price of ours! See the hose—wear them! Pair, 25c

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