

Cotton Crop Estimate Up Only 15,000 Bales

Washington, Dec. 8.—This year's cotton crop was estimated today by the department of agriculture at 16,918,000 equivalent 500-pound bales, based on conditions existing December 1. A month ago the estimate was 16,903,000 bales. Last year's crop totaled 12,837,000 bales.

The indicated yield of lint cotton was placed at 200.1 pounds per acre compared with 217 pounds last year. Revising its estimates on this year's acreage, the department placed the area in cultivation July 1 at 40,954,000 acres, and that left for harvest at 40,495,000 acres, the abandonment having been 1.1 per cent after July 1.

Production by states follows: Virginia, 43,000 bales; North Carolina, 775,000; South Carolina, 1,015,000; Georgia, 1,395,000; Florida, 43,000; Missouri, 270,000; Tennessee, 605,000; Alabama, 1,430,000; Mississippi, 1,725,000; Louisiana, 385,000; Texas, 5,270,000; Oklahoma, 1,220,000; Arkansas, 1,855,000; New Mexico, 98,000; Arizona, 119,000; California, 181,000.

And all other states 9,000. Production in lower California (old Mexico), not included in United States total, 28,000.

Democrats Control Congress Now Going

concentrated effort being made to oust the Junior North Carolina senator. On the house side of the capitol members of the North Carolina delegation held another caucus but again failed to reach any agreement in the conflict that has arisen between Representative A. L. Bulwinkle of Gastonia and Representative Charles L. Abernethy of New Bern, as to which of them shall be supported by the delegation for a place on the important appropriations committee.

Shelby Boy Invited To Hoover Session

Robert Beam, native Shelby boy and a son of D. Augustus Beam, last week attended President Hoover's home-ownership conference at the White house. Mr. Beam, formerly connected with the state board of health but now engineer for the equalization board, was invited by President Hoover to attend as this state's representative. The conference lasted from the 2nd through the 5th.

Circuit Conference At Palm Tree Friday

The first quarterly conference of 1931-32 for the Belwood circuit will be held at Palm Tree church Friday morning at 10 a. m. Rev. R. M. Courtney will open the conference with a devotional service and immediately after this the business session will be held. Dinner will be served in the basement of the Sunday school building at 12:30. Every official of the charge is urged to be present and the general public is also invited.

Graham School Has Parent-Teacher Meet

An entertaining program was held Monday night by the Parent-Teacher unit of the Graham school in Shelby. The chief speaker of the meeting was Mrs. Sledge, of Charlotte, who is president of the South Piedmont district Parent-Teacher association. Another visitor was Mrs. Hunter, of Charlotte, an official of the organization there. The devotional was conducted by Dr. Zeno Wall and musical numbers were given by Mrs. A. W. Fisher, Jr., and Mr. E. B. Hill with Mrs. P. L. Hennessy at the piano.

Mysteriously Shot



Mystery surrounds the shooting of beautiful Doris Wilson (above), 25-year-old University of Pittsburgh graduate and daughter of H. M. Wilson, a leading Butler county physician. The girl died of a bullet wound at her home in Evans City, Pa., in the small hours of the morning. The tragedy occurred shortly after her return from a party with Richard Kelly, who is being questioned concerning event up to the time he bade her good-night.

Record-Holder



Beauty queens may come and beauty queens may go—but here's one who has been "Miss Call Fornia" for over 20 years. And nobody has disputed her title, either. The reason is that when she was born her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fornia, decided that they could show their devotion to their state in no more fitting way than to name their little girl Call. And so she's been Call Fornia ever since.

Operation Depends on Individual

Pointing Out Value of Surgery in Hernia, Dr. Copeland Stresses Need of Study in Each Case.

By R. S. COPELAND, M. D., U. S. Senator from New York. Former Commissioner of Health, New York City.

RECENTLY I had a letter from a man requesting advice as to whether he should be operated on for hernia. He said he was sixty-two years of age and in excellent general health. He had been wearing a truss without much benefit. Hernia is not a disease and is not caused by an infection. It is due to a lack of strength in certain muscles of the body. The muscles are weak at birth, or become so as a result of severe manual work. The muscles affected are those of the abdomen and groin.

Hernia is common in lumbermen and others who daily exert themselves in physical work. Lifting and straining in any calling may produce it. It is most common in elderly people. The wearing of a truss was first thought of in the days before modern surgery arrived. In those times the operation for hernia, as for any other disability, was accomplished with great difficulty. Too often it had a fatal result. Modern surgery eliminates most of these old-time dangers. In consequence, the operation for hernia is undertaken with every hope and expectation of success.

In many instances, the operation is performed under local anesthesia. In this way, the patient is saved the discomfort and dangers of taking a general anesthetic. Of course, the wearing of the truss will never cure hernia. In fact, it is the belief of many surgeons that in some cases the truss does more harm than good. Instead of strengthening the muscles, the truss weakens them and may even exaggerate the hernia.

Hernia is sometimes observed in infants and children. These young patients should not be allowed to grow up with this defect. It is a needless handicap. A truss should never be given a child. The approved treatment at this age is surgery. The operation is remarkably simple and should not cause undue anxiety or alarm. Elderly individuals in doubtful health are unwise to resort to an operation. In such a case it is safer and better to wear a truss. The question of operation is not one I care to discuss. Every such case is a law unto itself. There are arguments for and against every operative measure. An honest, conservative, experienced physician should be consulted. After a careful examination on his part, an examination as to the seriousness of the hernia and particularly as to the state of the general health, will enable him to advise what is best to do in your particular case. Needless to say, if you can safely get rid of the annoyance and dangers of a hernia, it is sensible to do so.

Answers to Health Queries

Mrs. E. Q.—What would cause dark spots before the eyes—in the dark these spots appear shining and seem to dazzle me? 2.—I have had phibitis—will my leg ever become normal in size, or is it much larger than the other leg?

A. This is probably due to biliousness—correct your diet and make sure that your bowels function properly. For phibitis, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope and repeat your question. 2.—Yes, but it may take quite some time. Keeping the leg elevated and avoiding undue strain or exertion should bring about results in this case. Do not

Milady Ready to Fight Proposed Cosmetics Tax

Opposing Bill to Levy 10 Per Cent Luxury Tax on Beauty Preparations, Women Assert Cosmetics Are Really Necessities.



The wolf may be scratching at the door; the icebox may be as bare as Mother Hubbard's cupboard, but upon milady's dressing table will be found the array of pots and jars that contain the magic balm which gives that peach and cream complexion, and the appealing cupid's bow. Despite the world depression America's beauty bill for last year was \$750,000,000, and it continues to grow. Now, some of our law-makers have suddenly awakened to the possibilities of the cosmetic business as a fertile source of revenue and a bill has been introduced to provide for a 10 per cent luxury tax on lip-stick, rouge and other aids to beauty. But the women are up in arms to oppose the passage of what they call an unjust imposition. They deny that cosmetics are a luxury, asserting that they are as much of a necessity as a man's neckties or razor. Furthermore, they say they owe it to the stronger (?) sex to make themselves as pleasant to look upon as possible. When one considers the amount of pounding, plucking and paring that a woman will undergo for her looks, one can form a good estimate of the ferocity with which they will fight the bill that might deprive them of their make-up.

'Drys' Agree with 'Wets' On Liquor Poll Proposal

Prohibition Question Will Probably Be Fought Out on Floor of Congress During Session.



After twelve years of evasion and controversy, the subject of prohibition, which has been argued about more than any other under the sun, will very likely have its day on the floor of the House during this session. With the intended introduction of a bill by Senator Hiram Bingham of Connecticut, which would empower the States to regulate or to prohibit the manufacture, sale and transportation of intoxicating liquor, the vexatious problem of prohibition seems nearing a show-down. "Dry" leaders in both major parties have signified their willingness to have the question brought out in the open. Senators Borah, of Idaho, and Watson, of Indiana, have given their approval to the proposal for a Congressional vote on the 18th Amendment and the Volstead Act, as have Representative Rainey, of Illinois, and Snell, of New York, also "drys." Commenting on the proposal of Representative Lathrop, of Maryland, for a referendum, Senator Borah stated that any change that must be made should be by constitutional methods, not by referendum. Now, it appears that the prohibition question, which has been a thorn in the flesh of every administration for twelve years, must be answered before the 1932 elections, as both wets and drys are desirous of eliminating the embarrassing subject as a campaign issue.

Hoover Urges Tax Increase In Talk To New Congress

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railroads. Adjust anti-trust laws to remove injustices. Refrain from extending expenditures on veterans. Regulate interstate transmission of electrical power. Reject proposals for government dole. Transfer shipping board administrative functions to commerce department. Make shipping board a regulatory

HIGH SPOTS IN HOOVER MESSAGE

Washington, Dec. 9.—High spots in President Hoover's message:

"A strong America is the highest contribution to world stability."

"We must put some steel beams in the foundations of our credit structure."

"The first requirement of confidence and of economic recovery is financial stability of the United States government."

"We must face a temporary increase in taxes."

"I am opposed to any direct or indirect government dole."

"The emergencies of unemployment have been met by action in many directions."

"I am opposed to any general congressional revision of the tariff."

"The country is richer in physical property, in newly discovered resources, and in productive capacity than ever before."

"We are at peace with the world. We have cooperated with other nations to preserve peace. The rights of our citizens abroad have been protected."

"We do not require more money or working capital—we need to put what we have to work."

"If the world is to regain its standards of life, it must further decrease both naval and other arms."

"Our system, based on ideals of individual initiative and of equal opportunity, is not an artificial thing. It has successfully adjusted itself to changing conditions in the past. It will do so again."

"Business depressions are but transitory. The nation has emerged from each of them with increased strength and virility."

body, having jurisdiction over coastwise shipping and rates and services on inland waterways. Strengthen immigration laws. Mr. Hoover told the legislators he would deal with taxation more fully in his budget message tomorrow.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Senator Josiah W. Bailey of North Carolina yesterday was selected by his Democratic colleagues in the upper chamber to fill one of the existing vacancies on the important commerce committee.

On the house side of the capitol the North Carolina delegation finally ironed out a situation which threatened at first to cause the state to lose a representative on the all-powerful appropriations committee. Representative Charles L. Abernethy of New Bern was agreed upon for a place on the committee after Representative A. L. Bulwinkle of Gastonia withdrew in his favor. Both had been applicants for the post and so long as the two of them remained in the field there was danger of the assignment going to some other states.

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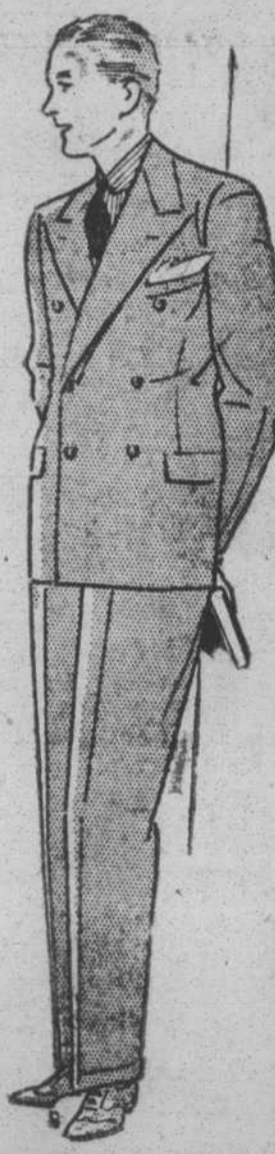
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