

1920 Crop Of Cotton Runs High

Production Exceeds That of Previous Two Years, Report Shows

Washington, Mar. 21.—Production of cotton, exclusive of lint, amounted to 13,197,775 running bales, counting round as 100 pound bales, or 13,365,754 equivalent 500 pound bales for the 1920 crop, according to the final ginning report of the season, issued by the census bureau today.

The 1919 crop was 11,325,532 running bales, or 11,420,763 equivalent 500 pound bales and the 1918 crop was 11,906,489 running bales, or 12,040,532 equivalent 500 pound bales.

An estimate of 12,987,000 equivalent 500 pound bales for the 1920 crop was forecast by the department of agriculture last December. The average gross weight per bale for the crop, counting round as half bales and excluding lint, was 506.4 pounds, compared with 504.2 for 1919 and 505.6 for 1918. Ginneries operated for the 1920 crop numbered 18,426 compared with 18,815 for 1919. Ginneries in equivalent 500 pound bales by states follows: Arizona 104,853, California 77,443, Texas 4,130,197.

Hop Growers Organize; To Pool Product

Silverton, Or., Mar. 21.—To pool the balance of the 1920 hop crop in this vicinity and also to prepare for the subsequent years' crops, an organization has been formed among the hop growers of the Silverton, Mt. Angel and Marquam districts. The new organization is known as the Willamette Valley Hopprowers' association. G. Benson of Silverton was elected president. Roy Morley of Marquam vice-president and John Morley of Silverton secretary and treasurer.

Klamath Court Obeys Order Of Judge Calkins

Klamath Falls, Or., Mar. 21.—The Klamath county court has issued an order for the collecting of taxes in accordance with an injunction order of Judge Calkins prohibiting the collection of \$50,000 for the Hot Springs court house construction and \$14,000 for miscellaneous fund expenses. The miscellaneous fund was understood to have been intended to pay attorney fees in the court house litigation.

Oil Men Open Convention In Kansas City

Kansas City, Mo., March 21.—Oil men from many parts of the United States arrived today for the national petroleum congress which starts today and runs Thursday. According to John D. Reynolds, executive secretary of the American Independent Petroleum association 1000 persons are expected to attend.

Hold-Up Men Are Sought In Salem

Salem police officers last night met incoming trains from Albany in the hope of locating three hold-up men who were reported to have robbed an Albany man last night of \$60 and a gold watch. Two of the men were said to be wearing dark-colored clothes and the third to be wearing a gray suit. They were seen to board a north-bound train and it was thought they would come to Salem. Officers were unable to locate them.

The Applan Way is the oldest and most famous of the Roman military highways. It was begun by Appian Claudius Caecus in 312 B. C. and originally extended from Rome to Capua, about 120 miles. JOURNAL WANT ADS PAY JOURNAL WANT ADS PAY JOURNAL WANT ADS PAY

Too Many Churches In City? Are Salem Pastors Human? Parsons Here Answer 'Yes'

(By P. P. F.)

Are there too many churches in Salem? Do Salem pastors live as human beings? Yes, sir, say the local ministers. Would it be advisable, from an economic standpoint, at least, to banish from this city some of the ecclesiastical organizations?

And do Salem pastors talk too much, and too loud, and are their discourses on the wrong subjects? Are they given to wading in a sea of irrelevant, adjectival verbosity? Do they fall on the whole, to understand human nature? Are they, by attacking card-playing, dancing and smoking, defeating their own ends by keeping from their sanctuaries those individuals who are wont to err—namely, the Messrs. Tom, Dick and Harry?

Problem Difficult

Salem preachers admit there are too many churches. They concede that many of the churches' congregations must necessarily bust themselves, so to speak, to make ends come within shouting distance of each other. But they insist that, as a class they are rather human. And they declare that the problems discussed by Walt Mason under the heading, "Why Don't I Go to Church?" which appears in the current number of Hearst's must be worked on for some time before the official Q. E. D. may be placed thereon.

In his ironically censorious critique, Mr. Mason says: "Every western town of 10,000 has from 15 to 20 churches. These separate churches exist because of doctrinal differences which seem important to theologians, but which look like piffle to Tom, Dick and Harry. These superficial gents have the idea that the 15 or 20 churches could consolidate, pool their resources and then erect one big fine tabernacle, with a hummingbird of a preacher, and music that would be more attractive than a joy ride in a henry car. Why not pay \$10,000 a year to a real pulpiter instead of distributing it to 14 or 20 discredited divines who have to wear patched pants in the pulpit?"

True, says Dr. Evans. "The proposition seems reasonable to Tom, Dick and Harry, but the elders of the church sweat blood when such a thing is mentioned. The First Presbyterian church united with the Reformed Calvinistic church! Treason! Send for the police and fire department at once!"

Rev. J. J. Evans, pastor of Salem's First Christian church, said this afternoon: "There's a lot of truth in that. There are too many churches. Often the ministers are shamefully poor. There should be some way of getting together. If we could get rid of the intense denominational spirit which prevails, we could solve the problem. I had hoped that the Interchurch World movement would do great things along this line, but the movement was defeated by that very thing—denominational dissension."

New Start Held Need

"If we can just get away from the theological dogma of men, and get back to the original source of Christianity itself, it will be simple. What the church needs is a new start." In speaking of a certain pastor whose church he attended, Mason says: "His sermon was a sort of indication of Aaron, so far as I could understand before I dropped off to sleep. It seemed that Aaron, in the presence of Moses, weakly yielded to the demands of the Israelites and erected the gold calf. The parson admitted this was a bad break, but seemed to think it rather an error of judgment and not an indication of interior character. He was outlining the circumstances that led up to Aaron's mistake when I lost consciousness."

"As we drifted out of church people were saying it was a fine, uplifting sermon. . . but to me it seemed the climax of fatuity. It is hard for me to get excited over the doings of people who died five or six thousand years ago, when I know dozens of good men who are out of work and whose children are wading through snowdrifts in open work shoes."

Defense Is Offered

Salem ministers are loath to doubt whether Mr. Mason is justified in making this criticism of the church in general. "It's true that many pastors talk on subjects which are a trifle irrelevant," explained Rev. Blaine E. Kirkpatrick, of the First Methodist church, "but often it is the best manner in which to bring out a point. The main objection to these criticisms are that the writer picks out some particular church or some particular minister, and then goes no further in an effort to give an authentic presentation of facts."

Mr. Mason charges that the average pastor has a misal, careening voice, and that he is a creature remote from all contact with modern life.

ed against card playing, dancing or smoking from the pulpit. It is my belief that if people can be persuaded to accept Christianity in its broader sense, these so-called evils will take care of themselves."

Argument Held Weak

The Rev. Mr. Kirkpatrick believes Mr. Mason's argument for the one, big church to be weak, in that the proposition of individuality, "That was what caused the various denominations to appear in the first place," he said.

It would be possible, however, Dr. Kirkpatrick believes, to go a long way in the movement to have fewer churches. It is admitted that many Salem congregations have to fight desperately for funds with which to keep their churches' ledgers "out of the red."

Don Upjohn Badly Injured In Crash; 6 Accidents Here

A broken collar bone, cuts on the face and hands, and body bruises were suffered by Don J. Upjohn, private secretary to Governor Olcott, in one of six accidents which occurred in or near Salem this week-end. Upjohn was hurt when his automobile went in a ditch at the side of the Pacific highway near Woodburn yesterday. Homer Foster, who occupied the front seat with Mr. Upjohn was rendered unconscious for a short time but was not seriously hurt.

Mr. Upjohn went to Portland Saturday afternoon in connection with his duties as a member of the state parole board and left there on his return for Salem about 7 o'clock yesterday morning. On reaching a point a short distance north of Woodburn his car suddenly swerved from the road, plunged into a ditch and turned turtle. Jas. Lewis, deputy warden at the penitentiary, and Percy Varney, state parole officer, who occupied a car following the Upjohn machine, stopped and extricated the injured men. They were taken to Woodburn where they received first aid.

A. C. Lane, who resides on the Garden road near Salem, tore the right front fender from his automobile when he essayed to pass an automobile whose tail light was not burning, according to Mr. Lane's report to the police. According to

officers, the records show the other car to be the property of Oscar Bradford, of route 6. While his machine was parked near the Dreamland tank Saturday night an automobile driven by Ward Wolfe collided with it and inflicted some damage. A. E. Berger, 660 North High street, told the police.

Max Jones, 323 North Fourteenth street, told officers Sunday that while driving out from a curb on State street near Commercial he was struck by an automobile whose bumper was torn off in the crash. Mr. Jones said he did not learn the name of the other driver.

W. B. Gertha of West Salem says that while traveling east on Rush street, he collided with a car driven by one Mr. Hilycock, who was moving south on Commercial street. Both cars were said to be damaged. George Martin, 1190 South Fourteenth, said that while his car was parked on North Commercial street, an automobile driven by Theodore Coenenberg backed into his machine, causing considerable damage.

That his car narrowly missed turning turtle in passing a stationary automobile on the highway near Salem, was the statement of W. H. Nash, 263 South High street. The other car had no tail light burning, Mr. Nash said.

United States Has 35 People to Each Mile of Territory

Washington, Mar. 21.—The average density of population throughout the United States exclusive of outlying possessions was 35.3 persons per square mile of land area in 1920 as against 30.9 in 1910, the census bureau announced today. The density in the individual states in 1920 ranged from seven tenths of one per square mile in Nevada, to 566.4 in Rhode Island, the bureau announced. It exceeded 200 per square mile in five states, Rhode Island with 566.4; Massachusetts 479.2; New Jersey 420; Connecticut 286.4 and New York 217.9.

Anti-Dance Law For McMinnville Will Be Contested

McMinnville, Ore., March 21.—Indications that a bitter fight to prevent the recently enacted anti-public dance ordinance from going into effect here developed Saturday with the circulation of a referendum petition to put the question up to a vote of the people of McMinnville.

The petition was backed by an organization of the business men of the city and took shape immediately following the third stage of the controversy when the ordinance prohibiting the holding of public dances was passed by the council over Mayor Houck's veto Friday night by a vote of 5 to 1.

The ordinance prohibits all public dances in the city, and all persons are forbidden to keep, operate or manage a dance hall, with a penalty provided for attendance by any person.

Measure Voted by Mayor The measure was vetoed by Mayor Houck on March 5 at a special council meeting, and his action was backed up by a petition of 100 business men and other citizens, as well as by public protest of the volunteer fire department of the city and formal protest of the American Legion post in regard to its own dances.

There are two kinds of men: Those who have intelligence, and those who can read the Congressional Record without blushing with shame.

\$750,000 Damage Is Fire's Toll

British Columbia Mining Town Flame Swept On Anniversary of Slide

Vancouver, B. C., Mar. 21.—Fire which threatened for a time to wipe out the mining town of Britannia Beach, B. C., 25 miles from Vancouver on Howe Sound, before it was brought under control early yesterday destroyed the main plant and property of the Howe Sound Mining & Smelting company, valued at \$750,000. No lives were lost. Only heroic work on the part of employees of the company, it was said, saved the town from destruction. It has a population of 800. A short circuit on a motor system was given as the origin of the fire. The Howe Sound Mining & Smelting company is a New York corporation.

The flames broke out Saturday evening, the sixth anniversary of mountain avalanche, which on March 26, 1915, blotted out the lives of fifty at the camp. The blaze steadily gained headway, and while the men fought to save the power house and prevent the destruction of the town, women and children huddled on the waterfront hundreds of men working at a upper camp were for a time cut off from escape. The town's only exit is by water.

Combined efforts of all the men finally brought the fire under control and saved the electric power plant, compressor plant, machine shop, store house and the portion of the town adjoining the mill.

Head of Apple Growers Resigns

Hood River, Or., Mar. 21.—C. W. McCullagh, who has tendered his resignation as sales manager of the Apple Growers association, effective April 1, makes the following statement:

"Harmony is essential to all organizations, particularly that of a co-operative one. Therefore, owing to differences of opinion existing between the sales department and the management, I have voluntarily tendered my resignation to the board of directors, with the request that it take place at their convenience. I have turned in my unexpired contract with the resignation. I have greatly enjoyed my work with the growers of the Hood River valley during the past four years and leave the organization with the sincere wish that it may continue to be a power for good in the valley. My plans for the future are as yet undecided but I expect to make Hood River my home."

Third Victim of Auto Crash at Tacoma Dead

Spokane, Wash., Mar. 21.—The death toll as the result of a collision here early Friday between an automobile and a streetcar was increased to three Sunday when Vera Lindberg, who suffered a fractured skull and other injuries, died. Sophie Losh of Priest River, Idaho, was killed in the collision and Ellwood Racicot died Saturday as a result of his injuries.

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Rome, Mar. 21.—Satisfactory crop conditions in western Europe, the United States, Japan and North Africa, are reported in a bulletin issued by the International Institute of Agricultural here.

The bulletin says that in Prussia there has been an increase of five per cent in cattle, fifteen per cent in sheep and 24 per cent in hogs. In the United States the number of cattle has decreased 4 per cent

and there has been a 7 per cent decrease in hogs.

Shop Wages Cut

Omaha, Neb., March 21.—An additional cut in the shop forces employed by the Union Pacific here was announced today bringing the total number of shop members down to 1,200 as compared to 1,700 before the road started to make reductions.

The Eugene Fruitgrowers' association shipped two carloads of dried prunes to the east last week and has but five or six carloads left in the warehouse.

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