

South Hit By Slump In Cotton

Thousands of Bales of Crop Are Rotting In Fields; Will Plant Other Products

By H. C. Hamilton
Atlanta, Ga., April 21.—Facing the grimmest fight since the day of the reconstruction that followed the war between the States, southern farmers to-day are ready to practically abandon cotton as the backbone of their crops and will bring them more revenue, they hope they will not have to make drastic enough to seriously affect production of this staple, which in the past has brought many thousands of millions annually into this section, but already steps have been taken to get into this year's planting with sufficient vigor, they believe, to force prices back to something near normal.

Conservative estimates place the number of cotton bales on the farms and in warehouses now at 10,000,000. There are fields scattered over the South spotted white with cotton which has been left to rot on the stalk. Farmers would rather it stayed there than to the expense of picking, ginning and shipping.

Many things have contributed to the condition which makes the lot of farmers in Dixie unusually hard. First there was the exodus of negro labor when the North began offering wages which attracted the field hands. Some of these are now returning to the South, but many others are not. Therefore wages mounted to a prohibitive rate. White men are not constructed to stand the withering heat of Southern cotton fields.

Prices Below Pre-War Rates—Freight rates have shot up on all shipment of raw cotton now is a serious business.

Still—cotton prices are lower now than before the war.

It is really early just now to make an accurate estimate of the 1921 crop, for planting does not begin until May, but pledges of farmers during the drive conducted throughout the winter forms a basis for computation. The only fear is expressed by cotton handlers, who declare many farmers will depend on their neighbors to cut while they will continue to plant heavily.

Co-operative marketing plans are making their entrance. One of these is being heavily backed in Georgia, Tennessee, also, is strongly behind one. Farmers under this plan would be obliged to deliver their cotton to a central station, which would control its marketing—dribbling it out in such a fashion that the price to a great extent would be stabilized. Oklahoma farmers have been combined in one of these plans, Texas is organizing.

Newspapers Are To Be Published From Airplanes

London, April 21.—Initial trials will soon be made in the publication of a daily newspaper from air planes in flight—a new phase of journalism.

Airplanes will leave Paris and London daily. Machines from Paris will print editions of the Aerial Mail in French and those from England will print their copies in English. Batches of the papers will be dropped by parachute in Boulogne, Rouen, Amiens and other cities where there are subscribers, says the Daily Mail.



Society

By Adelaide V. Lake
A special interest in the week's society is the county convention of Women's clubs which is being held today in Jefferson. It is expected that sixty delegates will be present, representing Salem and North Salem, Aurora, Silverton, Willard, Shaw, Woodburn and Jefferson. Woodburn will serve with Jefferson as assistant hostesses club.

The principal speaker will be Miss Grace Smith, of Salem, who will talk on the legal rights of women in Oregon. Routine club work of importance to the various clubs will be featured and reports of committees will be made. Miss Mattie Beatty and Mrs. William E. Kirk will go as executive delegates from the Salem Women's club. Miss Beatty is a member of the board and Mrs. Kirk is chairman of the legislative committee. Present as delegates from the Salem Women's club are: Mrs. John H. McNary, Mrs. C. S. Hamilton, Mrs. Lawrence T. Harris, Mrs. A. N. Bush and Mrs. Z. J. Riggs. The North Salem Women's club is represented by Mrs. E. E. Fisher, Mrs. W. F. Fargo, Mrs. F. L. Purvine, Mrs. Mason Bishop, Mrs. P. E. Graber and Mrs. F. N. Toothacre.

The quarterly tea of the Woman's Foreign Missionary society of the Jason Lee church will be held Friday afternoon at 2:30 at the home of Mrs. A. J. Vick. Assistant hostesses are Mrs. C. F. Hageman and Mrs. Phil Aspinwall.

A social afternoon followed by a potluck supper was enjoyed yesterday by the Girl Reserve corps of the Salem senior high school when they met at the Y. W. C. A. Following the business meeting a short program was enjoyed. Miss Ava Miller gave two readings, Miss Louise Findley, two piano selections and Mrs. C. C. Downs gave an interesting talk on her experiences in China. Those present were Miss Florence Young, Miss Lola Millard, Miss Zenda Busch, Miss Hollis Vick, Miss Dorris Loveland, Miss Josephine Gross, Miss Louise Findley, Miss Florence Elgin, Miss Leah Ross, Miss Lucille Moore, Miss Janelle Vandervort, Miss Neva Millard, Miss Bertha Keebhill, Miss Marlowe Miller, Miss Selma Matthis, Miss Ruth Edwards, Miss Gladys Derick, Miss Georgia Williams, Miss Zella Ratcliff, Miss Ruth Moore, Miss Doris Neptune, Miss Margaret Livesley, Miss Dorothy Brock, Miss Evangeline Powell, Miss Eva L. Scott, Miss Ava Miller, Miss Hammer.

Mrs. G. G. Bingham, Mrs. Lot Pearce and Mrs. M. M. Chapman were joint hostesses yesterday afternoon when they entertained the Leisure Hour club at the home of Mrs. Bingham. Decorations were done with graceful bouquets of tulips in delicate shades of pink and white. The hours were spent in conversation and needle work and refreshments were served. These ladies will meet again the afternoon of Wednesday, May 18, at the home of Mrs. George Pearce when Mrs. E. C. Smith will be assistant hostess.

One of the important social events of this week is the wedding in Portland of Miss Loretta Quinn to Thomas J. Sinnott, of Oregon City. Miss Elizabeth Levy of this city, who is a close friend of the bride, played a violin solo at the ceremony, which was followed by a wedding breakfast at the home of the latter. Miss Levy will attend the con-

is employed at the Corvallis State bank.

Mrs. Lee Gilbert entertained yesterday afternoon at her home with four tables of bridge for members and guests of the Wednesday Bridge club. Invited guests were Mrs. B. J. McKinnon and Mrs. Ralph Jacobs. High score for the afternoon's cards fell to Mrs. W. D. Clarke. At the close of the afternoon refreshments were served by the hostess. This club will meet again in a fortnight at the home of Mrs. Charles Whitmore when Mrs. Nicholas Drew will entertain.

The Aid Society of the Presbyterian church will meet tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 in the church parlors. Hostesses will be Mrs. Charles Weller, Mrs. D. W. Shand, Mrs. W. W. Emmons, Mrs. John Lucker, Mrs. Phillip Gilbert, Mrs. J. A. Toole, Mrs. F. M. Harding.

Miss Lulu Walton and Miss Lucille Barton, of the Salem School of Expression, accompanied by Miss Genevieve Findley, gave a program of vocal selections and readings last evening in McMinville. A well balanced program was produced, filling the entire evening. They plan to return to Salem today.

Members of P. E. O. are meeting this afternoon as the guests of Mrs. William Hughes, Mrs. W. H. Byrd will read an original paper.

Elks ladies will be entertained tonight at the home of Mrs. Harley O. White when assistant hostesses will be Mrs. F. G. Delano, Mrs. Frank Ward, Mrs. L. M. Simon, Mrs. E. E. Loose. Seven tables of bridge will be arranged.

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The South Section of the Woman's Union of the First Congregational church will be entertained at 12:30 lunch tomorrow at the church by the ladies of the North Section. The rest of the day will be devoted to sewing for the Red Cross.

Feminist Movement Growing in China

Paris, April 21.—The feminist movement in China has been making tremendous strides since the war, according to Miss Fume-teh-ang, who has just arrived here in charge of twenty young Chinese women sent to France by the Peking government for study purposes. Most of them have entered the students' roll at Sorbonne university.

Miss Fume-teh-ang has been for years the leader of the woman suffrage movement in China. Though the son of an old aristocratic family, she was one of the leading figures in the overthrow of the monarchy, risking her life in supplying ammunition to the rebels. As a 17-year-old girl she startled all China by refusing to accept the man whom her family wanted her to marry.

W. J. Looney of Jefferson was a business visitor in Salem yesterday.

Gold Quartz Again Taken Out of Mine

Portola, Cal., April 21.—Gold quartz once more is being taken from the Jupiter mine, located in the Sierra Nevada mountains near here. According to recently discovered records the Jupiter was discovered by missionaries years ago, and was operated for some time before it was closed down.

After a long period of idleness, the pay-streak in the mine was rediscovered accidentally about three years ago, and a modern reduction plant installed. The first clean-up of the new plant, which was made recently, showed the gold ore to be as rich as it was when the mine was first operated.

According to Superintendent J. Gillman, who has traced the history of the mine, a party of missionaries camped on the site in the early days of California, and in enlarging a spring to procure water discovered the gold-bearing ledge.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Humphrey were in town from their Central Howell home yesterday.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Scott, of Oregon City, were in the city over the week end and visited at the home of their son.

A surprise party complimenting Mrs. L. W. Atheson was given at her home on Saginaw street Tuesday night when members of the Silver Dell circle came, for the evening, bringing with them refreshments and plans for a social evening. The affair was occasioned by the fact that Mr. and Mrs. Atheson and their daughter, Loraine, are leaving the last of the week for eastern Oregon. The evening was spent in cards and games and at a late hour, the self invited guests served refreshments.

Mrs. Victor Dickey, of Portland, spent last week end visiting in Salem at the home of her brother, M. F. Hathaway.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Blivens motored to Portland Saturday where they were the house guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Fryer for the week end.

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