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## PICKING COTTON.

The time for gathering cotton has arrived. There will not be so much to pick, we fear, and there is no reason why what is made should not be gathered as fast as it is open and ready for picking. There is much to be gained by doing this. People who allowed their cotton to be damaged last year by remaining in the field for weeks have, we hope, learned the lesson that it is as important to pick cotton at the right time as it is to pick it at all. In no other way may good samples be secured when the cotton is ginned. Good cotton has always brought a higher price in proportion than damaged cotton, and the difference the last few years in the price of the different grades has grown larger.

There is another thing which it were well to learn, and that is that the cotton in the bolls which have been punctured by the boll weevil is stained, at least the lock punctured is stained and most often badly damaged. It is important in picking the cotton not to gather this damaged lock. It but tends to make the whole bale of a lower grade than otherwise would be the case and causes the planter to lose to the extent that the grade is lowered. Wherever there is a damaged lock of cotton in a boll, it were well to leave it in picking. This will require care on the part of the pickers, but the price which will be obtained and the advantage to be gained by being careful will more than pay for the necessary care and pains.

## WILL COTTON GO HIGHER?

When cotton is going up everybody thinks it will continue to go up. It is generally said that there is nothing to keep it down and nothing to keep it from going much higher. When the price starts downward everybody has his reason for saying that the whole bottom is going to drop out, the whole world being already flooded with cotton, and nobody wants any more at any price.

But it seems to the casual observer that there is a chance that the price of cotton this year must continue to be at a high figure, probably at a higher figure than it is now bringing. We say this for the reason that the carry-over from last year was not so large as was expected. Much of the cotton which was carried over was of low grades and is not so much in demand. The crop the present year, if the crop in this county is a fair index as to size of the crop will not be more than 7,000,000 bales. We make that estimate on the reported reduction in acreage with a proper reduction for boll weevil damage and poor crops due to imperfect fertilization. If the carry-over and the new crop together do not amount to more than 15,000,000 to 15,500,000 bales, and if it is usual to carry over from one year to another about 3,000,000 bales, then the cotton which will be for sale will not amount to more than 12,000,000 bales, or 500,000 more than that figure. Europe wants cotton now and has been wanting it for several months. The only reason why a great deal of cotton has not heretofore been shipped abroad is that there has been no means to finance the crop. This seems to be at least in part remedied, and before the crop is marketed a way will probably be found for the European buyers to obtain what they want. If so the demand will be greatly increased, and cotton will not go begging as it did last year. "The

wish is father to the thought," of course, but that is the way it looks to us. The price should be good and should get better as the season advances and people begin to know that there will be no more cotton for sale than the world is going to buy.

## THEY ALL KNEW IT.

We have never known as many men who narrowly missed getting rich by buying cotton. They just put the matter off a few days too long. "If" seems to have been the stumbling block of most of them. If Jim had had the money, or hadn't gone fishing; or if John had followed his own judgment instead of listening to Bill; if Bill had bought the day he started to buy and hadn't stayed at home on account of the rain; or if a few other things hadn't happened we would have had about nineteen to fifty young millionaires around Abbeville by this time with more to follow. "If" has prevented a good many people from being millionaires as well as preventing them from being good.

## No Longer Respect Horse Shoe.

## Index-Journal.

The horse shoe like the horse, is losing its charm. Even the horse shoe is no longer a talisman to cherish potent as a bringer of good luck. The age of rubber casings is playing havoc with the superstitions of yesterday. As evidence that the horse shoe is no longer a talisman to cherish, a few afternoons ago, two negro boys, crossing the tracks toward Hart's Book Store, stumbled across a horse shoe. One of them carelessly picked it up and gave it a disdainful toss up the track. A passer a few feet away could plainly see that it had three nails in it. Apparently this degeneracy of the age has undermined its superstitions. Time was when a horse shoe with three nails in it would have been carefully carried home and hung on some nearby nail and like Shakespeare's bones, a curse would have fallen upon him who moved it.

The scarcity of horse shoes may be the reason for the loss of their power. Since there are too few to go around, those who have no talisman discredit the old superstition and refuse to believe it. The principle of when in doubt, blame it on the automobile, works admirably in this instance, those who still cling to the ancient belief aver. One is almost prepared for the passing of the graveyard rabbit foot.

## SENATOR ALEXANDER, DEAD

## Had Been Ill for Many Months With Sleeping Sickness

Pickens, Aug. 27.—Frank E. Alexander, State senator from Pickens county since 1918 and prominent real estate man, of this city, was found dead in his bed at Whitewater Inn at Jocassee, Oconee county, today at noon. His death was due to natural causes. For many months he was ill, his disease having been pronounced sleeping sickness. He went to Jocassee yesterday for a short rest.

The news of Senator Alexander's death has caused profound sorrow throughout this city and county, for he was very popular with the people. He had a jovial kindly nature which endeared him to a great circle of friends.

He is survived by his wife, who before her marriage was Miss Ada Craig, and by two children by his first wife, who was Miss Sallie Donald of Due West. She died in 1911.

Senator Alexander was a real estate dealer and farmer. He was born in Pickens on Feb. 20, 1869. He was educated in the schools of the county. In 1918 he was elected to the State Senate from Pickens county and was serving his first term, which would have ended Nov. 5, 1922. He was one of the best known and best liked of the Senate and his witty, pithy sayings in debate were widely circulated. He was chairman of the Senate Committee on the Penitentiary and was a member of the Committee on Banking and Insurance, Incorporations, Natural Resources, Penal and Charitable Institutions and Public Buildings.

The Royal Ontario Museum at Toronto has received a Chinese bronze bell that weighs 7500 pounds and dates from about 1450 A. D.

## HOLD INQUEST SUNDAY

## Will Continue Probe of Brown Killing in Columbia

The State.

Much interest centers in the approaching session of the coroner's jury charged with investigating the death of Policeman Brown. Coroner Scott has arranged for a hearing tomorrow night at 8 o'clock at the court house and the details of the shooting will be described by eyewitnesses. City, county and state officers are conducting a probe and the jury will be given all information on hand. Roy Lindler, only eyewitness to the killing, is being held at the city prison.

Several problems confront the detectives working on the case and the situation is somewhat complex. Policeman Brown was shot near the corner of Park and First streets in Camp Furnace Wednesday morning August 17. The officer fell in a field where weeds are high at various points and his pistol caliber 38 showed five empty chambers. On the following day three 45 caliber shells were picked up near the scene of the shooting. The cap on one shell showed no signs of having been fired, but the powder and bullet had been removed. Another shell showed a slight indentation near the center of the cap and the cap on the third shell showed a deeper dent. A cavalier pendant was picked up near the point where the policeman was shot to death. Three red beads with gold or imitation gold attachments are linked together.

Roy Lindler, the only eyewitness to the killing of Policeman Brown, says the officer was shot and killed by a negro and that the murderer fired on him after he ran forward and grabbed him by the wrist. He said the negro ran in the direction of the Heise home.

Footprints made by a man who was seen to run pass the home of Ben Heise shortly after the shots were fired have been closely examined and measured by officers.

One puzzling point to be considered by the coroner's jury is the question, "Did Policeman Brown meet his death with his own pistol or did the officer fire his gun after his assailant had sent the death dealing bullet into his body?" Men and women living in the neighborhood of the killing say five shots were fired. The policeman's revolver fired 38 caliber cartridges and five chambers were empty. Three shells of larger caliber have been picked up and are in the coroner's possession.

The shirt worn by the officer at the time of the shooting shows no signs of powder burns which indicates that the person who used the gun was not stationed immediately next to the policeman when the pistol fired.

Ben Heise lives less than two blocks from the scene of the shooting and he and other occupants of the home say it was three or more minutes after the firing ceased before the form of a man passed their house on a slow run. Mr. Heise says he is satisfied the man who ran by his home was a negro. A long and fruitless hunt followed the announcement that a negro had run by his house and that a horse had been stolen near the plant of the Columbia Clay company. Heavily armed posses searched for several days, following each clue given by different persons. This negro, however, is still at large.

Rewards aggregating \$500 are offered for the capture of the person who killed the officer. Of this amount \$200 will be given for information leading to the conviction of the person who fired the fatal shot.

Chief Strickland has received several anonymous letters this week and the latest reached headquarters yesterday morning. The writer offers to deliver the "woman" who shot and killed the officer for "locking her in jail." The chief is asked to place \$100 under crossties at the asylum switch and the prisoner will be turned over to the police. The officer was killed by a woman dressed in men's clothing, according to the "special detective," who declares that he has the guilty party "locked up in a mule stable."

Marion Kramer, city jailer, received his second warning yesterday. The writer says "he read in the paper where the officer said he was not disturbed over the reception of the first threat, and he hastened to let him know that he was going to kill him." The note was on a small piece of paper and was typewritten. It was apparently the work of some

## EXPORT TRADE SHOWING

## PICK UP FIGURES REVEAL

New York, Aug. 27.—America's foreign trade is reviving.

Exports from the United States hit the bottom of depression in April. Since then, they have been climbing—slowly but surely.

The gain is in physical volume—more bushels of wheat, more tons of machinery, etc.

Total money value of exports continues declining, because prices have not stopped falling.

But export tonnage began to increase in May. So say the experts, including Frederick Todd, secretary of the First Federal Foreign Banking Association, 40 Wall Street.

Exports of agricultural products during July showed big gains over July, 1920. Here are some of them:

	July '21	July '20
Cotton, bales	527,000	211,000
Corn, bu.	14,972,000	1,151,000
Cottonseed oil lb	7,289,000	3,681,000
Wheat, bu.	24,790,000	23,838,000

August is expected to show further increase in export volume.

Germany daily is becoming a better customer. She is steadily increasing her purchases of American-made goods.

But Europe as a whole is taking less than half of all American exports, for the first time in history.

"The key to the whole situation," as one big exporter puts it, "is that the future of our foreign trade is not in Europe. Already we have as big a market in China, South America and other parts of the world as we have in Europe. This means that a boom in our foreign trade is not as dependent on European recovery as most exporters thought a year or two ago.

"A lot of folks have been sitting back, saying that business can't revive until foreign trade picks up. Well, it's on the increase now. Of course, prices are down and exports are bringing us less money. But that's offset by the fact that the exporter can buy more with his dollar than he could when prices were high and foreign trade was enormous on paper."

## SAYS FRANCE DEPENDS

## ON U. S. FRIENDSHIP

Paris, Aug. 27.—Regret that America failed to ratify the defense pact between the United States, Great Britain and France which was arranged here in 1919 by President Wilson and Premier Clemenceau and Lloyd George, tinged Parisian editorial comment on the signing of the German-American peace treaty at Berlin yesterday.

"We understand that American interests are so remote from ours," said the Rhode Paris, and that the attitude of the United States government in making a separate peace is justifiable. We count more upon the friendship between the two republics than on treaties and protocols for the assurance of harmony between them.

This friendship grows stronger daily, and we must understand that the treaty with Germany does not mar the close relations between France and the United States.

## GOVERNMENT TO DISPOSE OF

## \$1,000,000 GOOD LIQUOR

Washington, Aug. 27.—Immediate disposition of liquors seized under the national prohibition act on which storage charges are accruing was ordered today by Prohibition Commissioner Payne.

Instructions were sent to federal prohibition directors and internal revenue collectors to request the United States attorneys in their district to petition the court for disposition orders for all seized liquors, automobiles, boats or other vehicles, taken by the government for violations of the prohibition laws.

Liquor such as moonshine, adulterated and low proof liquor, having no commercial value, should be destroyed, Mr. Haynes said, while the higher proof and unadulterated liquors should be diverted to commercial but non-beverage uses.

In complete reports from the various districts, Mr. Haynes said, estimated the total value of good liquors held by the government at about \$1,000,000.

white person who has considerable time to waste on foolish ideas and notions, according to the opinion of persons who have read the second warning.

## WOMAN FIGHTS THIEF

## With Child in Arms She Causes Man's Arrest.

New York, Aug. 27.—With an infant in her arms, Mrs. Ethel Schacter 32, of No. 64 Rush street, Brooklyn, battled with an intruder she found in her home and finally cause his arrest.

Mrs. Schacter heard a noise in the dining room. Entering she found a young man opening drawers in a bureau. She demanded:

"What are you doing here?" Mumbling something about "looking for a family named Greenberg," the man started for the door and down the stairs.

Then Mrs. Schacter placed her baby on the floor, seized the man with both hands and yelled for the police. Patrolman Valentine took the prisoner to the Clymer street station.

The prisoner said he was Charles Cotler, 18, of No. 156 Monroe st., Manhattan. In his pockets he had a bracelet, a wrist watch, two gold watches, two fountain pens and business cards of Jacob Levine.

While Cotler was being searched Dr. Solomon J. Levine of No. 461 Bedford avenue telephoned the police station that he had been robbed. He was told to come around. He did so and identified one of the watches and a fountain pen as his property.

The cards were his brother's, a purse containing money, which Mrs. Schacter said was on her bureau, could not be found on Cotler. He was held in \$3000 in the Bridge Plaza Court.

## BODY OF MANNING COMES

## Remains of Son of Ex-Governor To Rest At Arlington

Washington, Aug. 27.—Preliminary funeral services will be held at Hoboken pier, New York, Sunday afternoon over the body of the late Maj. William Sinkler Manning, which arrived August 25. The services there will be attended by the entire staff of the New York Times, the deceased having been a member of the Washington staff of The Times. The body will reach Washington about September 2, soon after which the funeral will take place at the beautiful Arlington cemetery, near Washington, with full military honors. The date has not yet been fixed, and will not be announced until the war department communicates with former Gov. R. I. Manning and the other members of the family as to a time that is convenient for them to come to Washington to attend.

The American Legion post of the National Press club today took steps toward having the entire membership attend the funeral and to pay the last mark of respect to one of their fallen comrades. Major Manning was one of the most popular young men in the press gallery. He entered the service immediately after the United States joined the allies in the world conflict and rose to the rank of major. He was killed five days before the armistice in the Meuse-Argonne when leading his men in a charge.

As a member of the Charleston Light Dragoons, Major Manning saw military service on the Mexican border in 1916-1917. Soon after the national guard was called to arms he came to Columbia from Washington and enlisted as a private.

He entered the first training camp for officers at Fort Meyer in the spring of 1917 and about three months later was graduated with the rank of captain and afterwards was promoted to rank of major.

The body arrived along with the remains of some 3,000 other heroes, who died in France.—The State.

## JOHNSON PARALYZED

## Georgia Negro's Nomination to Job May Be Withdrawn

Savannah, Ga., Aug. 27.—A special to the Savannah Press from Washington says Henry Lincoln Johnson, Republican national committeeman from Georgia, has suffered a stroke of paralysis and is in a serious condition.

His entire left side is said to be paralyzed. It is understood because of his condition President Harding may withdraw his nomination as recorder of deeds of the District of Columbia.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF AP-  
PLICATION FOR DISCHARGE

In The District Court of the United States, For the Western District of South Carolina.

In the Matter of J. H. Finley, Abbeville, S. C., Bankrupt.

No. B-259 In Bankruptcy.

To the Creditors of the above named Bankrupt:

Take notice that on Aug. 24, 1921, the above named bankrupt filed his petition in said Court praying that he may be decreed by the Court to have a full discharge from all debts provable against his estate, except such debts as are excepted by law from such discharge, and a hearing was thereupon ordered and will be had upon said petition on September 26, 1921 before said Court, at Greenville, in said District, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time and place all known creditors and other persons in interest may appear and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said petition should not be granted.

D. C. DURHAM, Clerk.  
Dated at Greenville, S. C.  
Aug. 26, 1921.

## SHERIFF'S SALE UNDER EXECUTION

Take Notice: That the undersigned as Sheriff of Abbeville County, S. C., will sell at public auction, at Abbeville Court House, Abbeville County, South Carolina, on saleday in September 1921 during the legal hours of sale, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me under and by a certain execution issued to me by the Clerk of the Court for Abbeville County, South Carolina, in the case of Alvin Ellis, and Frank H. Leslie, trading under the firm name of Ellis-Leslie Company, versus, Mike Kustas, the following described property, to wit:

All those certain three lots of land, situate, lying and being in the City of Abbeville, County of Abbeville, State of South Carolina, known as lots one, two and three of the Graves property, having a frontage on Ferry Street of seventy-five feet, and being bounded by said street, by Rosenberg property, and by Graves property.

Also, all that lot or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the City of Abbeville, in the County and State aforesaid, facing one hundred and fifty three feet on Orange street, and running back a depth of one hundred and fifty feet, and being bounded by Haigler Street, Orange Street and by Klugh property.

Also, all that lot or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the town of Calhoun Falls, in the County of Abbeville, in the State of South Carolina, fronting on Seneca Street, and bounded by said Street; by road leading to Hester's Station, by lot of J. D. Fulp and R. S. Link, and by lot of J. R. Burriss and known as the Hotel property.

Said property is levied on and is to be sold as the property of Mike Kustas, to satisfy the aforesaid execution.

TERMS OF SALE: CASH. Purchaser to pay for papers and stamps.  
F. B. McLANE, L. S.  
Aug. 16, '21 3t. Sheriff.

Natives of the Philippines make substantial bridges of bamboo.