

SILVER SERVICE.

General Assembly Will Attend Exercises in Charleston When it is Presented to Battleship.

Columbia State.

The suggestion made by Senator Sinkler, of Charleston, as printed in the State, that the presentation of the silver service to the battleship South Carolina be made in Charleston during the session of the general assembly in January, will probably be carried out. While the battleship will be ready for commission in December it is hardly probable that the service ordered by the commission in charge will be turned over to the State until some time in January. The service cost about \$5,000 and is very elaborate in design and pattern.

Gov. Ansel has planned to have all State officials and members of the general assembly present at the exercises and several days ago addressed the following letter to the Cramp shipbuilding company:

"I have noticed with a great deal of pleasure an account of the trial of the battleship South Carolina, and the reports that come to me are so gratifying that I wish to congratulate you upon the good work you have done in the building of this ship. We, of course, feel much interested in it, because it is named for our State, and shall follow her with a great deal of pleasure.

"Our legislature, at its last session, made an appropriation to purchase a silver service for this battleship, which is to be ready for delivery about the middle of January. When the silver service is presented, I shall certainly expect some of you to come down and attend the festivities. Please remember me kindly to all of the members of your company whom I had the pleasure of meeting last year."

Reply From Cramps.

The following letter was received by the governor in reply to his invitation:

"I thank you very much for your courteous letter of August 26 in regard to the U. S. S. South Carolina. For our own credit and the glory of the good State of South Carolina, we endeavored to build the battleship to be the fastest and best of her class, and we are glad to have succeeded; especially so if it gives you sufficient pleasure to have you express your appreciation, a matter which is somewhat infrequent in these busy days.

"I thank you very much for your suggestion that we participate in the ceremony of presenting the ship with a silver service and sincerely trust that our engagements will permit us to be present when the time comes."

NEW COTTON CROP.

Government Report Shows Low Condition.—Averages 63.7 Per Cent.

Washington, Sept. 2.—The government's report on the condition of cotton crop as of August 25, issued today, shows an average condition of 63.7 as against 76.1 per cent. on August 25, 1908; 72.7, August 25, 1907, and 73.6, the average of the past ten years on August 25.

Comparisons of conditions by States follow:

States.	Aug. 25, 1909.	Aug. 25, 1908.	Ten-year Average.
Virginia	73	87	81
North Carolina	73	80	78
South Carolina	74	76	75
Georgia	73	77	76
Florida	79	80	80
Alabama	66	77	73
Mississippi	61	79	77
Louisiana	48	63	74
Texas	49	75	60
Arkansas	60	73	74
Tennessee	75	88	81
Missouri	80	90	81
Oklahoma	56	70	75
United States	63.7	76.1	73.6

WIRE WORM IN COLLETON.

Large and Fertile Section Infested With Deadly Crop Pest.

Columbia, September 3.—An area of crops twenty miles long and fifteen miles wide, down in the fertile regions of Colleton county, almost within striking distance of the truck farms of Charleston—the finest in the world—is infested with the deadly wire worm. For the past two years government experts have been studying the life history of this worm in this region and recently the work has been vigorously pushed. Preliminary reports have been made by the government men and those from Clemson college who have been in Colleton working on the problem.

In this strip of land the wire worm has wrought havoc. Farms have been

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abandoned, it is said; the crops for the present year are all well-nigh ruined. The farmers in Colleton are very much worried as the pest will doubtless spread. Close onto the infested district are the truck farms of Colleton and Charleston counties. The wire worm knows no discrimination in his destruction of crops. Feeding first upon the grasses and then upon the corn, he finishes up his work of devastation by consuming everything else that is left in the fields. Cotton is destroyed acre by acre, and the other crops fare no better. Once the ravage begins there is no way of putting an end—save, perhaps, one.

There is a bird that many farmers think is his enemy. Swooping down upon the fields in the early days of the seasons, and in the winter especially, the lark dips his bill into the ground. The farmers—many of them—think the crops are destroyed. But if they only knew it, the lark is the only salvation in the fight against the wire worm.

The wire worm—one of the click beetles—is hatched from the eggs laid in the early spring, appearing in May or June. Their destruction comes in the second year of their existence. At the time the lark flies over the field the wire worm is close to the surface. The lark, whose bill is very sensitive, knows in what lands the food it wishes is. In rooting into the ground the lark finds the wire worm and destroys it. This is the only method known today by which the wire worm may be kept down.

The dictionary thus describes the wire worm: "One of the larvae of various species of snapping beetles, or elaters—so called from their slenderness and the uncommon hardness of the integument. Wire worms are sometimes very destructive to the roots of plants. Called also wire grub."

Just at this time the wire worm presents a grave situation in Colleton, it is said. Secretary James Henry Rice, of the Audubon society, who was here today, stated that the preservation of the lark is the important factor in holding down the pest in other parts of the State should it appear. The lark has been killed out in many ways, mainly by poisoning, as if he were the enemy to the farm instead of the salvation of the crop in many instances.

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Father and Mother.

From the Houston Post.

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