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BOLL WEEVIL

Mississippi Does Up Cotton Crop But Brings Good Times Along.

The Mississippi correspondent of the Mobile Register furnishes that paper a most interesting letter on the boll weevil and the good results from diversified crops. As this section is now in the boll weevil zone we print the letter in full. It will be noticed that where the boll weevil appeared this year the planters were as skeptical as we have right here at home, but are now reaping their reward. Where the farmers have learned to combat his ravages however and are raising other crops they are prospering as never before in spite of the boll weevil. The letter follows:

If the boll weevil has taken one crop away from the farmers of Mississippi it has given them another one and better one in its place, that crop is molasses. There was never anything like the demand for it, and it has made a hit, wherever it has been sold in the North. A trial has always brought rush orders for more. Last year one little syrup canning company shipped a lot of it in nicely labeled cans up in Indiana. In a week or so the order was doubled, and the same way with the other trial orders. Then the demand for it was begun in such amounts that it was not possible to can it and label it fast enough, with the equipment of the plant. Finally the concern began to ship it in tank cars. And at that rate the available supply of the country and surrounding counties was soon exhausted.

Now there is a demand for it—the merchants are yelling for it. For instance, the Lampton Mercantile Company of Magnolia is advertising in the Gazette that they have bought three cars of syrup already and want twenty cars in addition. Over near Natzyche the Coles Creek Planting Company has fifty acres in cane, will make into syrup and as much more as they can buy, and it is being sold as fast as it can be turned out. The syrup factory at Jackson is doing well, the Tyler-town factory is busy; there is one at Poplarville, at Hattiesburg and other places.

There is no trouble in selling the syrup. Better equipment is being gotten by those concerns; the cane mills are run by steam, and can thus be peared much tighter than the old mule power arrangement. The result is at least a third more juice, and the more juice the more syrup and the more money. Next year the crop of sugar cane in Mississippi is going to be something tremendous. All of the men who raised it this year are selling seed cane and most of them are preparing to plant additional acreage themselves.

The genuine Southern syrup, with all the sugar retained in it, is a revelation to the Northerners who have heretofore depended largely on "maple syrup" manufactured in various concoctions called "table syrup." Now they are getting on to the real thing, just simply pure sugar cane syrup, they are wanting more of it. There is nothing that can quite equal it.

A striking instance of how the boll weevil ravages the cotton up in the eastern part of the state, especially in the territory of the A. and V. road, is furnished by a report from the town of Forrest, county seat of Scott county, and one of the principal interior markets of that section, showing that cotton receipts to date are less than

1,000 bales, and buyers estimate that total receipts for the season will not exceed 2,000 bales. Forest received 8,500 bales of cotton last year. Not exceeding 1,500 bales have been ginned in the county.

A majority of the farmers in east Mississippi, where the weevil got in its first real work this year, paid little attention to the advice given them concerning crop rotation, cultural methods, etc., and as a result their crop prospects went glimmering during the midsummer period.

Mississippi has advanced right to the front in stock raising of the South, and is now shipping a tremendous amount of cattle to the St. Louis market. For instance shipments from Mississippi in October exceeded those of the same month in 1911 by 7,000 head. Mississippi stands next to Arkansas as the largest shipper to the St. Louis stockyards. Good prices are being realized for the cattle, and the total shipment for October of 17,000 head of cattle means that a considerable sum of money has been paid to the stock raisers and buyers. Since a great deal of Mississippi territory has freed from the dominance of the cattle tick, the cattle are being fed for market, thus enabling the raisers and buyers to get fancy prices for them.

The development of the live stock industry in Mississippi is going to add millions to the value of Mississippi farm lands, the same as it has done in Indiana and Missouri and Illinois. In those states, farm values have doubled in the last ten years, and the census shows that the only farm lands that advanced to that extent were those devoted to raising of live stock, in some instances as much as 70 to 80 per cent.

Nearly every day records the arrival of new breeding stock of improved varieties, "built for beef," in various parts of the state. According to the agricultural commissioners there has been more good stock for herd improvement purposes imported into the state in the last six months than in the last three or four years altogether.

Hear our latest double size records before you buy. We carry a large number to select from. Price 65 cents, needles 10c. Powell & Son.

Real Estate For Sale

For Sale—175 acres of farm land within 14 miles of court house; 75 acres in a state of cultivation. Price \$2500. Cash or easy payments.

For Sale—850 acres of land within 5 miles of Repton, Ala., two dwelling houses and 100 acres open land. Price \$5,000.00. Easy payments.

For Sale—440 acres of land 12 miles South of Evergreen; good improvements. This is one of the best farming tracts in the county. Price \$5,000.00 on easy terms.

For Sale or Rent—Annie D. Mitchell residence tract fronting on Carey street and running back for a depth of about 800 feet. Price \$2750.00; cash or easy payments. We will also rent this property for \$12.00 per month; possession given November 1st.

We have several other tracts of land situated in various parts of the county, which will be described to inquirers on application.

Hamilton & Crumpton Attorneys.

ORGANIZATION 52 YEARS AGO OF CONECH GUARDS.

Roster of Company Organized at Sparta in April, 1861.—Some Unwritten History.

OFFICERS.

P. D. Bowles, captain.
Wm. Lee, first lieutenant.
*J. G. Guice, second lieutenant.
M. B. Travis, third lieutenant.
L. C. Gatch, first sergeant.
*W. L. Stallworth, second sergeant.
J. B. Bonnette, third sergeant.
J. F. Cotton, fourth sergeant.
W. C. Morrow, color sergeant.
W. F. Thomas, first corporal.
W. M. Green, second corporal.
Jno. S. Stearns, third corporal.
*W. S. Crosby, fourth corporal.
A. Christian, quartermaster.
C. T. Tallafero, company surgeon.

PRIVATES.

W. F. Anderson M. L. Mosely
*J. T. Andrews S. D. Nash
Blake Beard W. H. H. Nichols
E. Betts J. C. Peacock
Frank Betts Jas. Perryman
G. W. Blakeley E. F. Powell
*G. R. Boulware D. T. Pulliam
J. S. Riley J. J. Ritchie
W. J. Booker J. R. Ritchie
H. H. Coffman J. D. Robbins
M. A. Cooper T. E. Robbins
P. A. Cooper Jas. M. Robinson
J. W. Darby J. Mat Robinson
T. S. Duns E. F. Powell
W. B. Douglas R. H. Rose
G. H. Downs *M. B. Salter
J. J. Downs F. M. Sampey
J. B. DuBoise E. Sheffield
J. Q. Dunham N. Snowden
C. Floyd L. Stallworth
E. H. Fortner L. Stahl
Q. Goldstein J. H. Stallworth
W. M. Henderson H. C. Stearns
J. Hirschfelder J. V. Stinson
E. C. Hodges J. M. Strickland
C. W. Horton *J. M. Stuckey
D. Hayes M. Stuckey
W. W. Johnson Jos. A. Thomas
J. J. Latkin Jas. C. Thomas
J. S. Little Jas. H. Thomas
W. C. Long T. W. Turk
J. H. Masco F. Perry
W. M. Matthews O. Perry
C. C. McMillan P. S. Whelan
A. D. McInnis T. Wilkinson
*E. McIver S. H. Wimberly
A. J. Mosely G. W. Wilson

Names of those now living are indicated by a star. If there are others living we were unable to learn their names.

Nearly fifty-two years have passed since the first roll call when the brave boys composing the above roster, with light hearts and buoyant spirits, bade farewell to home and loved ones, and set out on their journey for Virginia to do service for their country.

The names printed herewith were written on the back of a

chimney of what is known as the Hawthorne place, now owned and occupied by W. B. Heaton. Nestling in a beautiful grove of great oaks stands this stately old mansion. It was erected only a few years before the breaking out of the war by John D. Carey, one of the prominent and influential citizens of that day, and for these many years has been the object of admiration of all who have ever beheld it. It is one of the most picturesque spots to be found in all the country. The house has wide verandas and spacious halls and rooms, and has been the scene of many a social function at which very many who have now passed the meridian of life were honored guests. At the south end of the building is a large chimney which was plastered and kalsomined when built. On this smooth white surface is registered the names of those who composed the Conech Guards when they started out on their journey for Virginia. The names were written with lead pencil, and have withstood the cold and dampness of more than fifty years and are today almost as legible as they were the day they were placed there. They have been defaced or mutilated in any manner although children have been on the premises much of the time. We are told that a few years ago a family from north of the line that separates the North from the South lived at this place a few years ago, and he respected those whose memory is here perpetuated sufficiently not to permit the names to be defaced, and every family who has occupied the home has protected it as a "sacred memory."

These brave, chivalrous boys, doubtless with light hearts, little thought of the hardships and privations they would soon be called upon to endure. Many of them perhaps were fearful that the war would end before they reached "the front." On that memorable April day when they were even ready to start on the march for Virginia the wives, children, mothers, fathers and sweethearts gathered to bid many of them a last farewell, giving them a last fond embrace, planting a kiss moistened with tears

on their cheeks, their ardor even then was probably not dampened. They went with a cheerful determination. But after four years of struggles, hardships, privations, separations from home and loved ones and all that was sweet to contemplate around the fireside and in the home life, the little remnant spared from shot and shell and the ravages of disease brought on by exposure, once more return to their homes to find everything except perhaps here and there an unbroken family or a mother or father or sweetheart spared to them, as their richest possession. Only a few whose names are inscribed on this historic chimney were permitted to return to their loved ones, and when the great struggle was over, perhaps the same hand that inscribed the names on this tablet, penned these sad lines beside them for future generations to read and ponder and profit by. There is a tone of sorrow, sadness and regret in them that the writer must have keenly felt when he wrote them. Here they are:

"May 1, 1865. All but few of those here registered have been slain in battle or died of disease. The war is ended and the world is now no better than before. If these penciled lines should outlive the one who traces them, let those who read them know that my advice is go not to war until the burdens of Government or grievances complained of become of a certainty greater than the evil of war and blood.—J. D. C."

It would be fitting and appropriate that a reunion for the survivors who formed this company be held in the grove at the Heaton home to celebrate the fifty-second anniversary of the organization of this noted company with appropriate ceremonies. The Courant suggests that such a celebration be held at an early date, say about the first of April next. We are sure Mr. Heaton would gladly tender the use of his premises for this purpose.

WANTED--Two million feet short leaf or long leaf pine logs delivered by wagon or f. o. b. cars, Evergreen, Ala. See or write L. D. King Lumber Co.

The greatest invention that was ever made on silverware was the invention of Yourex silverware. It is solid through and through and guaranteed not to wear off and leave black spots. Medium priced goods at Hughes' Jewelry Store.

FOR SALE—80 acres of land 5 miles S. E. of Repton on Eastberry and Monroeville road, 25 acres in cultivation, good residence and out houses. Address Mrs. Nancy Foley, Repton, Ala. 5-24

MAN 114 YEARS OLD BLIND SINCE 1869.

Mountain Creek, November 24.—There is at the Soldiers' home, just one mile from this point, a remarkable man named Charles Driggers. He is now 114 years of age and possesses his mental faculties to an extent that is surprising. Mr. Driggers is totally blind and at present is an inmate of the hospital; he rarely leaves his bed, and is regarded as one of those who appreciate all efforts made for his comfort; his meals are supplied by a faithful attendant.

His disposition is kindly, always a pleasant word for those whose voices he recognizes. Mr. Driggers has been blind for 43 years, and with astonishing fortitude bears his affliction. Mr. Driggers was in the artillery service of the Confederate states during the civil war, being a member of Cobb's battery. His recollections of incidents are very interesting. He remembers well occurrences that happened during the years when the Indians were troublesome in this state, and speaks of Jackson's defense of New Orleans, with whom he served, as a recent occurrence.

5 or 6 doses GGG will break any case of Chills & Fever; and if taken then as a tonic the Fever will not return. Price 25c.

Compulsory Education.

"Prof. Willingham favors compulsory education and shows from statistics that only 17 per cent of the children attend the public schools provided for them. If, as he says, the state is spending \$7,000,000 for educating the children and not one-half of them attend, the appropriations should be reduced. The children compelled to attend. The latter would be preferable. A child labor law and a compulsory educational law, strictly enforced, could work wonders in the state."

The wonder of the world is to make a solid Yourex silver knife that you can grind like a steel knife and it will stay bright and beautiful and sell at a medium price. Stop as you go by Hughes' Jewelry Store and examine the solid Yourex silverware.

\$10.00 Doll will be given away to some child under 12 years of age. Each 25c purchase will entitle you to a chance. Be sure to ask for your chances when you spend 25c in cash. T. A. Gantt.

Did you ever see a Rodgers silver knife turn black from using or sharpening it? If so, you never did see a solid Dourex silver knife or a spoon with a black spot on it. Ask Hughes, the jeweler, if he ever did.

See the big doll in Gantt's show window that will be given away Christmas to some child under 12 years of age. T. A. Gantt

The solid Yourex silverware for wedding presents; because it will last a life time. It is guaranteed not to wear off and leave black spots in a life time. The more you use it the better it looks, and it is medium-priced goods. Just look at it in Hughes' show window.

Doan's Regulets cure constipation without griping, nausea, nor any weakening effect. Ask your druggist for them. 25 cents per box.

Don't forget to phone 78 when your suit needs to be cleaned and pressed. T. A. Gantt

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