

NORTH CAROLINA LEADS.

Consumes More Cotton in Manufactories Than Any Other Southern State.

It is gratifying to note the position that North Carolina takes in the manufacture of cotton as will be seen in H. G. Hester's cotton report of New Orleans, issued September 17, 1907.

The number of bales consumed by each Southern State are as follows:

North Carolina, 733,608; South Carolina, 666,697; Georgia, 532,167; Alabama, 439,091; Virginia, 79,408; Tennessee, 61,376; Texas, 42,016; Mississippi, 37,916; Kentucky, 25,564; Louisiana, 17,177; Missouri, 8,408; Arkansas, 3,614; Oklahoma, 1,106.

It will be observed that North Carolina consumes 226,984 bales more than Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Missouri, Texas, Virginia, and Oklahoma all combined. It will also be observed that North Carolina, for the first time takes first place in the consumption of cotton, as this report shows North Carolina consumed during the past year 66,911 bales more than South Carolina. The latter state heretofore has held the first place, Georgia ranking third, and consuming 532,169 bales, or 201,439 bales less than North Carolina.

This report shows that North Carolina increased its consumption of cotton 96,910 bales, and the present indications point to a greater increase during the coming year, with new cotton mills being erected and old ones enlarged, the coming year will show a greater increase than the year just closed.

How Mr. Rush Called Down the Committee.

Our Home Marshalls.

The death of Rev. Z. Rush which is reported in another place recalls an early incident that is related as having occurred in his early life as a minister. He was assigned a charge that consisted principally of school house appointments and one strong aristocratic church. His first attempt to preach at this church whose congregation felt proud of themselves, was not a brilliant success. In fact, the members were so greatly disappointed that they selected a committee to wait on the young preacher at the next appointment, provided he didn't make a better effort at preaching. The next appointment came and his effort was, if possible, not as good as the first. After services were over the committee escorted him out into the grove and the spokesman said: "Well, Brother Rush, we have been appointed a committee to consult with you and we want to say that we like you very much, and you are eloquent in prayer, but you can't preach, and we advise you to try some other calling." The young minister with bowed head and when it came his time to speak he replied: "Well, brethren, you say I can't preach, and I guess that's so. But you say I can pray pretty well, and I don't know anybody that needs praying for more than you people. So let's try it again—I'll be here at the next regular appointment." Later on in the year he had great revivals and those people learned to love and admire him.

In Death He Stayed the Sentence.

Joshua Harrison, who was sentenced to 20 years in the penitentiary in Currituck county for abducting Penton Beasley, son of Senator M. Beasley, and who was denied a new trial Wednesday by the Supreme Court, committed suicide in Norfolk Wednesday afternoon to evade the execution of the sentence.

The police located him at the hotel and when the bell boy called him to the phone, he laughed, locked his door and shot himself after declaring he could not be trapped that way.

New Bank Organized.

The People's Savings Loan & Trust Co., of Randleman, recently organized with the following officers: J. J. Newlin, President; E. M. Armfield, Vice President; W. H. Pickard, Cashier; L. A. Spencer, Geo. T. Penny, L. D. Mendenhall, Thos. Farlow, W. A. Underwood, W. M. Coble, A. N. Bulla, J. B. Ward, C. D. Hardin, O. C. Marsh, L. M. Candler and E. M. Armfield, directors. They expect to begin business at an early date.

Notice.

The School Committee of Three Forks District, Providence Township, will meet Saturday, Sept. 29, at 2 o'clock P. M., at the school house for the purpose of employing a teacher for the following winter. Application should be made to the undersigned at Pleasant Garden, R. F. D. No. 1.

W. W. HOCKET,
Sec. Com.

Men who will not think anything profitable that is dishonest.

A New Aid Fable.

This is not a George Ade fable, though it may sling some slang. It is a Home Aid fable.

Once there was a Geezer, who sat around and out Kindling too small for Cook Stove purposes. He Whittled against Time and Flabbergasted against his Town. The town was No Good, he said—strictly on the Blink. Yes, it wa N. G. Why, hadn't he lived Here since '84 and found that the Place was Punky? Sure, Mike!

Look at that town over in the next County. Grown like Jonah's Gourd. Must be a Jonah here. We've grown some, but I don't see that we're knocking any particularly Big Per-simmons. That's the way this Gazaboo knocked his town.

One day a Sarcastic Stranger floated into the Town that was Knocked from the borg that had Blossomed like Jonah's Gourd. He Heard some of the Flabbergasting and Dropped to the situation.



"Look here, you," he remarked to the citizen who was Handling Out the Knocks. "What do you do for this town? Are you doing your part to put this Burg on the Upgrade? What's that holy bunch of literature sticking out of your clothes?"

"That's a Mail Order Catalogue from Chicago—a town that is a town," replied the Geezer.

"So I thought," said the Importunate Arriv-al, "Now let me hand you out a nice little Wad of common sense. For the past ten years you have been sending your money to the Chicago Mail Order houses instead of spending it among your home merchants. What would have happened to Chicago fifty years ago if all the First Settlers had shipped their Loose Coin to New York on catalogue inducements? Why, you'd have to use a sand dredger now to find the Original Site of Chicago. Now, in the Burg from which I have just flown in we got over all this Bum Business years ago. We passed Resolutions that we would trade at home and help our own town to Spread out so that you could Sight it on the map without using Opera Glasses. But you and a bunch of other fellows in this town have wasted your Substance in Rhetoric Expenditures in Chicago by mail and let the sheriff hang out the 'Nothing Doing' sign in front of some of your own town's mercantile Emporiums. Look at our Town and then look at yours. What makes the Difference?"

Whereupon the Whittling Gazaboo threw a few well chosen Thoughts into his mental makeup and went down to the village store to Annex a linen collar in place of the Paper Circles which he had bought from Chicago at Two Bits a Box.

MORAL: If you want your town to grow, patronize home enterprises.

IS HARRISON GUILTY?

"God Knows I Am An Innocent Man" Says Kidnapper Harrison.

"I am an innocent man. God knows it and my family knows it. I am about to end my life. No one is in any way responsible save the cruel judge who imposed that awful sentence."

Thus read a note left by Joshua Harrison, who committed suicide at Norfolk, Va., when the police attempted to arrest him to bring him to the North Carolina Penitentiary to begin a sentence of 20 years, the Supreme Court having refused to grant a new trial in the case charging him with kidnapping Kenneth Beasley, son of Senator Beasley, of Currituck County. While some believe Harrison innocent, because of his dying statement, many believe him guilty, and that suicide was due to his inability to deliver the young man to his parents.

STORY OF THE CRIME.

The crime for which Harrison was convicted was the kidnapping of the 9-year-old son of State Senator S. M. Beasley, of Poplar Branch, Currituck County. On the afternoon of March 19th, 1905, during recess of the school he was attending near his home, the boy mysteriously disappeared. The woods and swamps near by were searched systematically many weeks after the boy disappeared, but not the least trace of the boy was ever found. Skilled detectives were employed by Mr. Beasley, but they met with no more success than the faithful friends and neighbors of the Currituck Senator. Streams were even dragged with hope of finding in them the body of the dead boy, but the efforts were fruitless. To this day not the least trace of Kenneth has been found. Mrs. Beasley was prostrated by the tragedy and has been in a critical state of health ever since.

Suspicion was at once centered on Joshua Harrison, he having been seen in a buggy that afternoon driving rapidly with a child covered up with blankets, which was recognized by its voice as the missing Kenneth. The mule and buggy were also recognized as Harrison's. The child was crying and Harrison was talking to him in a soothing manner. Harrison was seen in Norfolk at 2 o'clock the following Tuesday morning.

Harrison was arrested charged with the crime of kidnapping the

Beasley boy. The case was called in Pasquotank Superior Court, Judge W. R. Allen presiding, Mar. 14th, last, it being alleged that the defendant could not get a fair trial in Currituck county. The trial was attended by thousands of people of the two counties, Currituck and Pasquotank, the court room being packed each day during the trial. The case was given to the jury at noon Wednesday, March 20th, and at 10 o'clock that night the verdict of guilty was returned.

The sentiment of the people of the community was shown by the applause which was given as Solicitor Ward closed his masterly plea to the jury. The verdict of the twelve met with universal approval. A motion was made by the attorneys of the defense that the verdict of the jury be set aside on account of this feeling, but same was refused and Judge Allen sentenced Harrison to 20 years in the penitentiary.

Motion for an appeal was then made and it was granted, the defendant being let out on a bond of \$3,000. The Superior Court, as told above affirmed the lower court's decision.

Harrison had the reputation of being a bad man in his community. He was tried twice for murder and both times set free. He is a brother of Mrs. T. J. Jarvis.

There are a great many people who have slight attacks of indigestion and dyspepsia nearly all the time. Their food may satisfy the appetite, but it fails to nourish the body simply because the stomach is not in fit condition to do the work it is supposed to do. It can't digest the food you eat. The stomach should be given help. You ought to take something that will do the work your stomach can't do. Kodol for Indigestion and Dyspepsia, a combination of natural digestants and vegetable acids, digests the food itself and gives strength and health to the stomach. Pleasant to take. Sold by Standard Drug Co.

They are Going Back.

People who were anxious to leave the farm a few years ago are now going back. We refer to that class of people who try to accumulate property for their families and educate their children. The farm offers more for them than the town does, with the present prices of supplies.

DeWitt's Carbolyzed Witch Hazel Salve is good for boils, burns, cuts, scalds and skin diseases. It is especially good for piles. Sold by Standard Drug Co.

CONVINCING A ROAD KNOCKER

Wood Hauler's Eyes Opened to the Value of Hard Highways.

While Samuel C. Lancaster, a government road expert, was lecturing at Spokane on improved highways, he said, according to the Spokane Review:

"There are some excuses made for not having roads. While engaged in the construction of the roads in a certain community I heard one day, while we were sitting under the shade of some trees and talking with the men who were working on these roads, one man say he didn't believe in that 'hard road proposition anyhow.' And I knew that he was earning \$38 a week in the construction of a road, that he was a poor man and had a small farm and was earning more than he could in any other way, and I said to him:

"Smith, what is the matter? Why are you against this proposition?"

"He said, 'Mr. Lancaster, I own a little farm, and I have some wood on that farm, and during the winter months, when I can't do anything else, I haul the wood to town. Now, you build these roads and anybody can get to town at any time of the year, and everybody will be hauling wood, and my wood won't be worth so much.' I didn't pursue the argument there. I simply left. And the next winter, when the roads were real bad, I went out with my camera to get some photographs to illustrate something I wanted to say about good roads, and I met Smith with his team and a load of wood coming into town. He had on that wagon a cord and a quarter with an ordinary team of mules, and I began to laugh when I saw the man, because I remembered his statement, and he began to smile. I said to him, 'Smith, how much wood have you on that wagon?'"

"He said, 'About a cord and a quarter.'"

"And how much did you used to get for your wood?" I asked him.

"Three dollars," he said.

"And what do you get for that?"

"Three and a half."

"He had never got more than \$2.75 or \$3 before. He was making enough to pay his taxes on that road for about three years in one day's time, for he was then able to haul three loads of wood a day where before he was able to haul but one."

"Roads can be built in almost any community which will not be a burden to that community. In fact, I have seen it several times over where the town had issued bonds, sometimes large sums, before the roads were completed enough revenue had come in in the shape of investment and increased citizenship to pay the increased taxes which were made necessary on account of the bonds necessary for the roads."

COST OF BAD ROADS.

Celery Men Tell of Money They Could Have Saved.

Perhaps the strongest argument for good roads offered at a meeting in the interest of a bond issue to build highways in the Huntington Beach district held at Huntington the other night was presented by H. S. Hazeltine, manager of the Celery Growers' association, says the Los Angeles Times.

Hazeltine said that had celery growers had macadam roads such as it is proposed to build with the money obtained from the bond issue they would have saved \$40,000 in hauling expenses. He said that the celery men shipped 417,700 crates of celery this last season, and the actual cost of hauling the celery from the fields over muddy roads to the railroad stations was \$50,400. Had the roads been good the hauling expenses would have been \$10,400.

W. T. Newland and C. W. Warner were appointed a committee to circulate the good roads petition in the Huntington Beach district.

Work For Improved Roads.

The American Motor league has begun to subdivide its membership into state divisions, and this work is now under way in thirty-four states, says the Motor News. Each state has been divided into a convenient number of districts, and prominent automobilists are being selected to represent these districts on the several state boards and to serve the state organization committees until the beginning of the next official year. The state boards will elect delegates to the national assembly, the first meeting of which will be held in October next at a place to be announced by the executive committee. The national assembly will elect officers for the ensuing year and will take up actively the work for improved roads, better road laws and the more equitable regulation of automobile travel on the streets and roads.

King Drag Adopted.

D. Ward King's scheme for obtaining good roads cheap is being pushed in Canada. One hundred dollars in prizes is being offered by the Farmers Advocate of London, Ont. for the best roads made with a King drag. The editor in a personal letter says: "A widespread interest has been aroused and many drags constructed in addition to those used by our contestants. So far we are more than delighted with what we have seen and heard of the results."

Beautifying the Roadside of Ceylon.

Eighteen years ago or more an official of Colombo proposed that the government of Ceylon should plant trees and shrubs and flowering vines along its highways. By this it would furnish shade that would be grateful to man and beast, as such shade would be wherever and whenever the mercury rises above 80 or 90 degrees F.

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RHEUMATISM

MONTGOMERY NOTES.

Death of Mrs. Jordan, of Texas—Biscoe Schools—New London's Growth.

Montgomery.

Mrs. J. T. Jordan, of Troy, Tex., died in a Hospital in Waco Tex. about three weeks ago. She visited relatives in Montgomery county last summer with her husband. She was about 30 years old and a sister to Mrs. O. B. Deaton of Troy.

Biscoe Graded School opened Monday with an attendance of 55. The school is in charge of Mr. Hoy Taylor, principal and Miss Elizabeth Liles and Mrs. George G. Page assistant teachers. The teacher and patrons are very much gratified at the opening and are predicting a good school this year. The assessed taxes for school purposes in this district are something over \$1400 from the State and County.

S. H. Free, of Cedar Falls, spent Sunday with his son J. V. Free, at Troy.

New London has six stores. Mauney & Ritchie, C. B. Laffit, J. H. Hearne & Company, J. V. Burlyson, A. J. Napier, one machine shop, one black-smith shop, one livery stable run by John L. Culp & son, one up to date hotel run by Mrs. John L. Culp and a large Cordage Mill in full operation by some northern capitalists with A. J. Napier as superintendent.

Prof. J. D. Rankin, principal of the High School here, has a full corps of competent teachers and are very solicitous of patronage.

Of Interest to School Teachers.

Superintendent Joyner is having mailed from his office detailed directions regarding the next examination for State licenses for teaching in the public high schools. In addition to the usual high school subjects the applicant must stand examination successfully on either Latin, Greek, French or German.

Men who will make no compromise with questionable things.

Cancer Cured by Blood Balm—All Skin and Blood Diseases Also Cured.

Mrs. M. L. Adams, Fredonia, Ala., took Botanic Blood Balm, which effectually cured an estrous cancer of the nose and face. The sores healed up perfectly. Many doctors had given up her case as hopeless. Hundreds of cases of cancer, eating sores, suppurating swellings, etc., have been cured by Blood Balm. Among others, Mrs. B. M. Guernsey, Warrior, Okla., Ala. Her nose and lip were raw as beef, with offensive discharge from the eating sore. Doctors advised cutting, but it failed. Blood Balm healed the sores, and Mrs. Guernsey is as well as ever. Botanic Blood Balm also cures eczema, itching humors, scale and scurf, hemorrhoids, ulcers, offensive pimples, blood poison, carbuncles, scrofula, ringworm and lamp on the skin and all blood troubles. Improves the digestion, strengthens weak kidneys, invigorates, \$1.00 per bottle, with complete directions for home cure. A single free and prepaid by writing Blood Balm Co., Atlanta, Ga. Describe trouble and special medical advice sent in sealed letter.

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