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BILLION-AND-A-HALF CONGRESS.

The Fifty-fifth Congress, which finally adjourned Saturday, has left a record which will not pass from the memories of living men, and which may be held up to future generations as a monstrous example of free government run mad.

There has been no limit to the lavishness of outlay short of the imperious demands of huge corporations or the promptings of official whimsies or partisan chicane.

Doubtless it will be many years—perhaps many generations—before another such opportunity for flagrant dereliction in public life shall be presented to any legislative body in a civilized country.

Aside from its inordinately masterful outlay of public money, the Fifty-fifth Congress has made no impression on the public mind.

County Commissioners' Meeting. The Board met in regular monthly session Monday, with all members present.

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COST OF COTTON RAISING.

Statistics Furnished by Cotton Planters Over the Whole South.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—Under the supervision of Statistician Hyde, of the Department of Agriculture, the cost of growing cotton has been investigated, and the results of the investigation have just been published as Bulletin No. 16, Miscellaneous Series, Division of Statistics.

In this report it is shown that the average cost of producing an acre of upland cotton in 1896 was \$15.42, subdivided into the following items: Rent \$2.88; plowing, \$2.81; seed, 21 cents; planting seed, 28 cents; fertilizers, \$1.30; distributing fertilizers, 16 cents; chopping and hoeing, \$1.31; picking, \$3.37; ginning and pressing, \$1.08; bagging and ties, 57 cents; marketing, 64 cents; repairing implements, 40 cents; all other expenses, 41 cents.

It was ascertained that the pounds of lint produced per acre were 255.6, and sold for 6.7 cents per pound; the bushels of seed produced were 16, and the price per bushel 11.9 cents.

The total return to the planter, on the average, was \$19.03, which gave him a net profit of \$3.61 per acre. The cost of picking cotton per 100 pounds was 44 cents, while the cost of producing the lint per pound was 5.27 cents.

Several thousand cotton planters contributed to these statistics, and of the entire number reporting, 20 per cent. reported a loss. The cause of financial loss was generally the deficient production owing to drought or other causes that injured the plants.

To produce sea island cotton cost \$21.95 per acre, or an average of 11.59 cents per pound; and the total return for lint and seed of sea island cotton was \$28.65, which gave the planter a net profit of \$6.70 per acre.

The planters that reported a profit in the raising of upland cotton produced 275.9 pounds per acre, while those that reported a loss produced only 176 pounds.

The effect of the use of fertilizers in the raising of cotton is very distinctly disclosed, and the general result is that in proportion as the quantity of fertilizers used increased the profit of raising cotton per acre also increased.

It was discovered in this investigation that cotton is produced to a limited extent, but at a high rate of profit, by means of irrigation, in western Texas and in the southwestern corner of Utah; in Texas irrigation had the effect of producing 512.4 pounds of lint per acre, which is 290.3 pounds greater than the average for the whole State.

The work of the Department in this investigation covers the cost of cotton production as far back as 1882, but the statements previous to 1876 are mostly individual estimates.

One of the most remarkable revelations of this investigation is the comparative cost of marketing cotton in 1840 and 1897. The comparison is itemized and shows that in 1840 it cost \$18.15 to market a bale of cotton from Alabama to Liverpool, while in 1897 the cost was \$7.59.

The report of the Department on this subject covers a wide range of information with regard to the production and marketing of cotton, cost of labor and supplies, and gives many details of cotton production, by counties, in the South.

Advertising Is The Thing. Several of our large firms are making nice contracts for advertising space, and give business a great impetus this spring.

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Mount Olive Reports.

The cold wave arrived on schedule time Monday night.

Mr. S. A. Wooten, of LaGrange, spent Sunday and Monday here with friends.

Mr. John R. Bell left Saturday night on a visit to Wilson and Fayetteville.

Miss Clyde Smith, of Goldsboro, came Thursday to visit relatives and friends here.

Mr. B. L. Culbreth has resigned his position as salesman with Messrs. J. D. Lee & Co.

Mr. J. L. Williamson and Miss Dora Korngay spent Sunday with friends in the country.

Mrs. Peter McIntyre, of Faison, is the guest this week of the family of Mr. R. J. Southerland.

Mr. Dubrutz English left Monday morning for Newbern. He will combine business with pleasure.

Mr. Geo. C. Korngay, of Goldsboro, spent Sunday with his father, Mr. C. F. R. Korngay, near here.

Mr. J. D. Williams, who has been confined to his room for the past week with the grip, is convalescent.

Mr. R. J. Southerland is improving the appearance of his new brick buildings, by applying the paint brush.

Mr. Andrew Pickett, of near Kenansville, visited the family of Mr. R. J. Southerland Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. W. R. Crow, of Goldsboro, who had been visiting her mother, Mrs. M. E. Harrell, returned home Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Jones, of Buie, came Thursday to remain some time with the former's father, Mr. W. A. Jones, near here.

Rev. Peter McIntyre, of Faison, preached two very able sermons to large and attentive congregations at the Presbyterian church, Sunday.

Mr. J. B. Hudson, the clever cotton buyer from Smithfield, was here Tuesday looking after cotton which he bought last week.

What is the trouble with the Mount Olive cotton buyers that they allow buyers from elsewhere to come in and buy big lots of cotton?

A Sad Death at Pikeville.

On Tuesday morning at 3 o'clock, at the home of her father, Mr. Joseph P. Smith, of Pikeville, Mrs. Ellen Elmore departed this life after a short illness of pneumonia, aged about 30 years.

The funeral was held from the home of her father Friday morning at 10 o'clock and was largely attended. The Rev. Mr. Jackson officiating. The interment was made in the old Perkins burying ground, near Pikeville, that afternoon.

She leaves a young husband (Mr. T. B. Elmore, section master at Katesville), two small children and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her untimely demise.

On Saturday evening previous to her death she came to Pikeville to spend a few weeks on a visit to her father apparently in good health, and that night she was taken ill and was unconscious most of the time until death.

A. R. De Flament, editor of the Journal, Doylestown, Ohio, suffered for a number of years from rheumatism in his right shoulder and side.

He says: "My right arm at times was entirely useless. I tried Chamberlain's Pain Expeller, and was surprised to receive relief almost immediately. The Pain Expeller has been a constant companion of mine ever since and it never fails."

For sale by M. E. Robinson & Son, J. H. Hill & Son, and Miller's Drug Store, Goldsboro; and J. R. Smith, Mount Olive.

GOLDSBORO MARKET REPORT.

Corrected Weekly by Baker & Eason.

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes items like Cotton, Bulk Meat, Salt, Lard, etc.

Don't Experiment.

When grip attacks a person of nervous temperament there is usually a great depression of spirits, the patient is plunged in despair, and no amount of argument or railway has any effect on his misery.

Dr. Miles' Nerve is the best of all medicines for the nervous, tired out and sleepless victim of the grip, just as it is the best remedy for all other weaknesses and disorders of the nervous system.

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HUSBANDS FOR ALL HIS GIRLS.

Uncle Sam has a Million and a Half More Nephews Than Nieces.

The number of male infants born yearly exceeds that of females by one to four per cent., the proportion varying slightly from year to year, writes Prof. D. R. McAnally of "The American Girl's Chances of Marriage," in the March Ladies' Home Journal.

The aggregate population of the United States, so far as the latest official figures show, is 62,622,250, of which 32,067,380 are males and 30,554,870 are females.

The proportion of adult unmarried women would not be so large. If men would remain in the neighborhoods where born the proportion of men and women would be nearly equal all over the country.

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Tennessee's Board of Pardons.

A bill has been passed by both branches of the Tennessee Legislature, and now awaits the signature of the Governor, creating a Board of Pardons for that State.

Some Things Not To Do.

- Don't work yourself to death in order to make a living. Don't envy your neighbor's luck; envy his pluck, if anything. Don't expect your opinions to fit if you obtain them ready made.

The fifth annual State convention of the Christian Endeavor Society for North Carolina will be held in Salisbury, April 21st to 23rd.

GRIPPE

Grippe and influenza invariably leave the system with a bad cough. For such Dr. John W. Bull's Cough Syrup is highly recommended.

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Does are small and pleasant to take. Doctors recommend it. Price 25 cts. At all druggists.

SPECIAL BUSINESS LOCALS.

FOR RENT: FOUR ROOM COTTAGE opposite my residence, newly painted and renovated. Rooms and hall papered. Sewerage connections.

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WANTED—RELIABLE MEN TO put in all or part of time taking orders for our Lubricating Oils and Greases. Liberal Commission.

NEW STORE—I WISH TO INFORM the public that I have opened a Grocery Store on John's street, between J. T. Ginn's and Sutton & Britt's market. Look for "white front."

AGENTS WANTED! I WANT A good Solliciting Agent at Goldsboro and Dudley to solicit consignments of Strawberries and all kinds of Southern Fruits and Vegetables for one of the best Commission Houses in New York.

CABBAGE PLANTS FOR SALE. Now ready for shipment, Wakefield and Succession, the hardiest, largest, earliest and best known varieties. Prices, 5 c. b. here, 1,000 to 5,000, \$1.50, 5,000 to 10,000, \$1.25; over 10,000, \$1. They are grown in the open air and will stand severe cold. Address NORMAN H. BLITCH, Mergott, S. C.

NEW STORE—THIS IS TO INFORM the public that I have opened up a complete line of Heavy and Fancy Groceries, on Walnut street, next to John Slaughter's, and aim to sell the best goods only for the least money. I guarantee to save you money on all your purchases in my line and will convince you of this fact if you will call on me.

BE CURED OF GRIP. The Wonderful Results Obtained in the Case of Supt. Davidson.



Now, what is the grip? Can it be avoided or prevented? And can it be cured? Grip is characterized by a inflammation of the membranes of the digestive and often the respiratory tracts, by pain in the muscles, and by debility.

M. E. Bizzell. W. A. Wooten.

BIZZELL & WOOTEN, Heavy and Fancy Groceries.

WHOLESALE and RETAIL. We wish to inform the public that we have purchased the stock of goods of Bizzell Bros. & Co., and will continue the business at the old stand.

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