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## ESTIMATE ON COTTON CROP.

The Figures Indicating a Crop of 12,546,000 Bales Given Out by the Government Followed by a Big Drop in January and March.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The crop reporting board of the bureau of statistics of the department of agriculture from the reports of the correspondents and agents of the bureau in conjunction with the recent report by the bureau of the census of the quantity of cotton ginned, estimates that the total production of cotton in the United States for the year 1906-'07 will amount to 6,001,726,000 pounds (not including linters) equivalent to 12,546,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight.

The estimated production in 500 pound bales by states is as follows:  
Virginia, 13,000; North Carolina, 537,000; South Carolina, 875,000; Georgia, 1,578,000; Florida, 54,000; Alabama, 1,352,000; Mississippi, 1,484,000; Louisiana, 930,000; Texas, 3,944,000; Arkansas, 791,000; Tennessee, 260,000; Missouri, 43,000; Oklahoma, 380,000; Indian Territory, 405,000.

## Liquor For Christmas.

For a great many years some of our people have deemed it important to have liquor for Christmas. Just why we have never known. All the pleasure to be derived from Christmas has been taken away from many individuals and many homes by the use of liquor. Boys and men, and sometimes girls and women, too full of liquor to enjoy the company of relatives and friends and to get a share of the Christmas fun and merriment! If you want to get most out of Christmas as a holiday you should leave off liquor.

Solomon says "Dead flies cause the ointment of the apothecary to send forth a stinking savor; so doth a little folly him that is in reputation for wisdom and honor." A man may be temperate and sober every other day of the year but if he engages in drinking and drunkenness Christmas he is taking sides with, and giving encouragement to, the regular drinkers. His example for that day at least endorses their plans and habits. A man should stand for the best morals and the upbuilding of the people Christmas as well as other days.

The strangest thing about the whole case is that some people who profess to believe in Christianity will celebrate Christ's birthday by liquor drinking. It was said of John who was to prepare the way for Him and help to start up the great work of His kingdom "he shall drink neither wine nor strong drink." This reminds us that the work was to be started on a sober basis. It would be good if it could be kept on that basis.

Did you ever try to pass through a Christmas without using liquors? If not suppose you try it this time. You will not find it hard to do. The man who can leave liquor off other days can easily do it Christmas. We have been leaving it off many years and do not see that our happiness has been lessened, nor has our health suffered on account of not having liquor.

The money spent in Johnston County in years past for Christmas liquor alone would have paid the way of several young men and girls in college or to prepare them to teach school and for useful lives.

## New Cure For Epilepsy.

J. B. Waterman, of Watertown, O., Rural free delivery, writes: "My daughter, afflicted for years with epilepsy, was cured by Dr. King's New Life Pills. She has not had an attack for over two years." Best body cleansers and life giving tonic pills on earth. 25c. at Hood Bros., druggists.

The North Carolina Conference will meet next year at Newbern.

## AT THE CAPITAL OF BEULAH.

Mr. G. C. Pierce is visiting his parents.

Mrs. J. C. Grady is visiting friends and relatives in Goldsboro this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox, the noted temperance lecturers, are with us for a few days.

Mr. Herman Hamilton, of Wilson, was visiting a special friend here yesterday.

Miss Cramer Richardson, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Turner Bailey, has returned to her home.

Miss Ella McKentire, who has been holding a position at the depot, has returned to her home at Rennett.

Miss Pearl Peacock has returned home from Wilson, where she has been nursing Mrs. Raper who is very sick.

Mrs. J. W. Darden has returned home after spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Dora Gilberath, in Smithfield.

Mr. Theo. Hassel, who has been book keeper for G. G. Edgerton & Son this year, returned to his home last Friday.

Quite a number of our people attended the Methodist Conference at Rocky Mount last week and report a pleasant trip.

Our esteemed townsman, Mr. A. J. Smith, has accepted the position here as agent for the A. C. L. R. Co. We hope for him much success.

Hurrah for our town! where will its borders be in a few more years? There are ten new cottages in progress of building here at present, besides several small buildings that have just been completed.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. Church is doing much efficient work and they express their desire to be of more service and do better work in the future. This we feel sure of as Mrs. Teague is the newly elected President.

Miss Essie Sasser, of Pikeville, who has just completed her course of study as stenographer and book keeper at Draughton's Practical Business College of Raleigh, has accepted a position here with her brother, Mr. D. B. Sasser.

Miss Eva Darden, one of Kenly's most popular young ladies returned home from Raleigh last Saturday, where she has been attending King's Business College. She will spend the holidays at home, and return to Raleigh after Xmas to complete her course of study.

We are very sorry to learn of the sad accident that happened to Master Paul Edgerton Wednesday evening while trying to learn to ride a bicycle. He was thrown to the ground and broke both bones in his arm just above his wrist. The wound was quickly dressed by Drs. Grady and Hood, and the last we learned, Paul was resting quietly. It seems that Master Paul is not as good at riding two wheel horses as he is at riding those with four legs.

Kenly, Dec. 12. MAX.

## Burglary at Princeton.

Princeton, N. C., Dec. 11.—Thieves entered the store of Mr. John Ledbetter, of this place, last night and stole a quantity of merchandise amounting to several dollars. Entrance was effected by breaking the lock on the door. It is thought the same parties are the ones that entered the stables of Mr. L. D. Grantham, R. F. D. carrier on route number one and secured a horse and buggy as Mr. Grantham's horse came up this morning hitched to his buggy bearing evidence of a hard drive. The parties were tracked to Goldsboro where all trace was lost.—News and Observer.

The Raleigh City Health officer reports that there are twenty cases of small pox in the pest house near that city.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S NOTES.

County Teachers' Meeting at Smithfield, Saturday, December 22, 1906.

Before another communication through the paper can reach the teachers and people, this county meeting will have taken place. What we especially hope is that in every way it will be a success.

Most people have their Christmas programs made out ahead, and we are sure many have this occasion as part of the program—in fact, very many have already told us so. Often bad weather and other adverse obstacles, unforeseen, arise and all plans result in disappointment. Let us determine to carry this meeting to a success. We shall feel sorely hurt over anything short of a successful meeting.

To the teachers and friends of education this meeting will mean much. It is very seldom that we have opportunity of hearing a great educational leader as Supt. Joyner speak. He knows our educational needs—country, city and college. He feels the needs; he can tell them with power.

MEETING CALLED AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK, SHARP.

Mr. Joyner will not reach Smithfield before 11:30 a.m. on the day appointed. Therefore the teachers' exercises must come first—from 11 to 12 o'clock. Supt. Joyner's address can come last.

As the days are short let us meet promptly at 11 o'clock, and adjourn at not later than two o'clock. This will give chance to take evening trains going either way, and give time to reach home through the country after exercises are over. We want to crowd a great many things into these three hours. Remember we must start on the minute to get through—to look back through a quarter of a century of educational progress in our county with the man we meet to honor in the lead. Be on time whatever happens.

Let executive committee and others who will meet in the County Superintendent's office as early as possible on the day set. As court may be in session; it may be decided to hold meeting in the graded school building. That matter can easily be settled on the morning of the 22nd. Let it be understood now, that on that morning, all meet at court-house.

## A CHRISTMAS WELCOME TO ALL

This meeting, although appointed by the teachers, is intended for all lovers of education, and in behalf of the teachers, I extend a cordial invitation to the public. Prof. Turlington served the public as County Supt. so long, so ably and so faithfully, that the teachers were not willing to let him go without his great work without some mark of respect being shown. He did not know of the meeting till after it had been appointed in his honor. Now let a large outpouring of the people—not only the teachers, but his friends—and they are legion, show him honor on this Christmas occasion by their presence. His pupils have filled almost every sphere of life; farmers, merchants, doctors, lawyers, preachers, mechanics, railroad men—all are invited. By all means the ladies should come for he has revolutionized female education in the county. Under the old regime, there were only a few female teachers in the county, now a majority of the teachers are ladies. Besides these hundreds of educated mothers are blessing the homes.

## THE OCCASION PATRIOTIC.

What theme can we contemplate better calculated to inspire County and State pride than to review our educational history, and to honor those who have led in making this history? Why not as much honor them as the leaders in war? Their victories are harder won and their work more enduring. Such honor the schools all over the state have given to the lamented Dr. Mc-

Iver, the champion of female education. Some little mark of honor we want to give to our county-man who, yet buoyant in life and hope, has done more good for all classes of our people—more substantial good, past, present and future, for less reward than any other man in our county's history.

J. P. CANADAY.

## Superior Court Proceedings.

The December term of Johnston County Superior Court convened here Monday morning with Judge James James L. Webb, of Shelby presiding. The State was represented by Solicitor Armistead Jones, of Raleigh. The following grand jury was drawn and sworn in: John R. Denning, Elijah Wheeler, M. A. Langdon, T. Marvin Johnson, Louis Braswell, J. J. Lee, S. B. Wall, John T. Creech, J. W. B. Finch, J. D. Wadsworth, J. A. Batten, C. L. Johnson, Alvin Creech, Amos Johnson, Joe C. Dixon, L. H. Parrish, J. J. Massengill and W. R. Peedin.

Mr. John R. Denning was sworn in as foreman and Mr. J. E. Dickens was appointed officer to wait on the Grand Jury.

Judge Webb delivered an able charge to the Grand Jury, dwelling upon the great responsibility of their office and defining the law relating to different matters.

The most important case to come before this term of the court was that of Charles Peacock, charged with the murder of Lon Jones. The prisoner was arraigned at the bar and a special venire of 150 men was ordered to be summoned to appear here next Monday, December 17th, from which to get a jury, the trial having been set for that day.

Quite a number of minor cases were disposed of or continued.

There have been but very few criminal cases of importance disposed of. Of those in which a fine or imprisonment was imposed we note the following:

Clifton Williams was sentenced to 8 months in jail to be worked on the public roads for stealing a suit of clothes.

Frank Howard was fined ten dollars for carrying concealed weapons.

Walter Williams was given six months in jail and assigned to work on the roads.

A. D. Orrell was fined fifteen dollars and cost for an assault with deadly weapon and required to give bond for \$100.00 for his appearance at each term of court for the next eighteen months, and show to the court that he had been of good behavior.

Amos Kirby was convicted of larceny and given a term of 12 months in jail and assigned to work on the public roads.

Quite a number of civil cases have been disposed of up to date.

P. G. Barbour was granted a divorce from his wife, Nettie E. Barbour.

The following visiting attorneys have been in attendance upon this term of the court:

H. L. Godwin, E. F. Young and W. A. Stewart, of Dunn; F. A. Daniels, of Goldsboro; N. T. Ryals and J. M. Morgan, of Benson; J. R. Barbour, of Elevation; F. H. Busbee and Col. John W. Hinsdale, of Raleigh; Ex-Judge E. K. Bryan, of Wilmington; L. H. Allred, of Selma and C. W. Edgerton, of Ken y.

## A Miraculous Cure.

The following statement by H. M. Adams and wife, Henrietta, Pa., will interest parents and others. "A miraculous cure has taken place in our home. Our child had eczema five years and was pronounced incurable, when we read about Electric Bitters, and concluded to try it. Before the second bottle was all taken we noticed a change for the better, and after taking seven bottles he was completely cured." It's the up-to-date blood medicine and body building tonic. Guaranteed. 50c. and \$1.00 at Hood Bros' drug store.

## CLAYTON'S NEWS BUDGET.

Yelir is still sick, but is now able to be out a part of the time.

Mrs. John S. Barnes and children, after spending last week with Mr. Barnes, are at home again.

Miss Swannanoa Horne, who is attending the Baptist University, spent Sunday and Monday at home.

All of the Baptist brethren who attended the Convention at Greensboro report the grandest they ever attended.

Clayton High School continues to prosper under the principalship of Prof. J. R. Williams and his efficient corps of teachers.

The shelving is being put in, in Mr. H. L. Barnes' new brick stores. They will be ready for occupancy January 1st, 1907.

"Dot", the Miner's Daughter, a drama by amateurs from Selma, will be played here to-night (Wednesday.) Large crowd will attend.

The young men of the Baptist Church have organized a Young Men's Prayer Meeting for Tuesday night of each week. The young men are taking lots of interest in the meetings.

Rev. G. B. Starling, of Cary, will preach on the Clayton Circuit next year. Our Methodist people as well as members of our Baptist people who know Mr. Starling, seem highly pleased. The Methodist parsonage will soon be ready for the pastor Clayton, Dec. 12th. YELIR.

## State News Notes.

In Greene County Superior Court a few days ago Noah Ham, a juror who had imbibed too freely, went to sleep in the jury box. Judge Shaw fined him \$50 and sent him to jail for ten days.

Raleigh, Dec. 11.—Rev. E. Pope, who for 20 years had been a minister of the Methodist church, has joined the Baptist denomination and will be baptized tomorrow at the Baptist Tabernacle. For a year he has been in charge of a hotel here with the insurance business as a side line.

Arthur R. Hodge, the young white man of Mark's Creek, Wake county, who on Saturday afternoon, in Raleigh, shot Clyde Jones, another young farmer, who died at 3:30 a. m. Sunday, is in jail without bond, the coroner's jury having found that Jones came to his death from a pistol shot wound inflicted by a weapon in the hands of Arthur Hodge.

For the past few days Dr. Len G. Broughton, of Atlanta, has been engaged in holding a meeting at the First Baptist Church at Charlotte. He held four services last Sunday and the papers report about 175 conversions. He generally preaches with gloves off, and at his Sunday morning service he pitched into worldliness among church members, attacking card playing, theatre going and dancing.

State Auditor Dixon, as secretary of the Soldiers Home reports 115 present a year ago, 55 admitted, 23 dropped, 22 died. The annual appropriation is \$15,000. During the year \$25,000 was expended in providing additional rooms, re-roofing buildings, etc. The pension roll shows 14,035 pensioners, an increase of 719, to whom \$273,479 was paid. Besides this there was paid to totally disabled soldiers, 86 of whom were on the regular pension rolls \$10,300.

At the earnest request of a number of citizens of Durham, Governor Glenn has granted a respite to Freeman Jones until February 8th. The time for Jones to die was drawing near. He was tried at the August term of Durham county court and found guilty of burglary in the first degree and sentenced to be hung on Friday, November 22. An effort was made to get the sentence commuted and he was granted a reprieve until Saturday, December 15th—next Saturday.

## HARVEY JODDAN SAYS HOLD.

Mills Will Absorb Every Bale Produced This Year — The Government Estimate Estimate Outside Of The Facts.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 12.—Harvey Jordan, president of the Southern Cotton Association, in an interview today upon the recent government estimate placing the crop of the current year at practically twelve and a half million bales, said:

"The holders of spot cotton in the South should not become panicky over the recent estimate of the Bureau of Cotton Statistics and the heavy slump which followed in the speculative exchanges of the country. The enormous demand for spot cotton by the mills of the world will absorb every bale of American cotton produced this year before another crop can be harvested. There is not now as much cotton in the South to gather and gin as was the case one year ago, hence the present crop will never reach 12,000,000 bales. If we should gin as much cotton after December 1 this season as we did from the big crop of 1904, the total crop would not exceed 12,200,000 bales. Every one acquainted with the situation knows that there is no late cotton as was the case in 1904, as the top crop this year was killed by an unusually early frost. Granting that only 85 per cent of the crop was ginned to December 1, the total yield would not exceed 11,700,000 bales. The Bureau has over estimated the yield this year as badly as it underestimated the crop a year ago.

The people are urged to hold their cotton firmly for good prices and the spot market can be fully maintained for the balance of the season.

## Late News Notes.

President Finley, of the Southern Railway announces that in view of the crowded condition of the single track lines and the work of double tracking, some of the passenger schedules will be reduced to slower speed.

After opposition led by Senator Carmac, the Senate Wednesday confirmed Moody for Associate Justice, Bonaparte for Attorney General, Metcalf for Secretary of the Navy and Strauss for Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

In the Senate Wednesday the treaty agreed upon by the Moroccan conference was ratified, but the Democrats, with the assistance of Senator Foraker, Republican, secured the qualification that the United States is not to participate in the enforcement of the arrangement as to Morocco.

In the Senate Wednesday Senator Rayner, Democrat, of Maryland, delivered a speech caustically criticizing President Roosevelt's position with regard to the Japanese school question in California; he declared that the President is usurping functions entirely beyond his jurisdiction, and quoted numerous authorities to show that any treaty in violation of the inherited rights of a State is unconstitutional.

With the women of the state and the Christian denominations all urging the claims of the young criminal we believe the legislature cannot treat the matter silently, as it has in times past. The people are aroused and they will not stand for the delay process any longer.—Charlotte News.

## Long Tennessee Fight.

For twenty years W. L. Rawls, Bells, Tenn., fought nasal catarrh. He writes: "The swelling and soreness inside my nose was fearful, till I began applying Bucklen's Arnica Salve to the sore surface; this caused the soreness and swelling to disappear, never to return." Best salve in existence. 25c. at Hood Bros., druggists.