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In writing of the size of the cotton crop this year the News and Observer gives us the following lengthy article, which it has gleaned from various sources:

The overshadowing matter of interest to the farmers of the South is: What will be the size of the cotton crop that will be marketed this fall. Mr. Neill, of New Orleans, predicted a twelve million bale crop. His estimate was widely published and the cotton market dropped in price on the strength of his "expert opinion." In predicting such a big crop Mr. Neill over-reached himself, and as soon as reports came in from the cotton States, the price of cotton went up.

This year we have planted 21,000,000 acres in cotton. The average yield is 39-100 bales to the acre. This would make the crop 8,252,400. The largest average yield to the acre ever known was 51-100. If this year the cotton crop should be the largest per acre, the total crop would be 10,791,000 bales. Mr. Neill's prediction of 12,000,000 bales seems to be absurd. Mr. George W. Truitt's prediction of 9,500,000 maximum, seems at this time much safer than Mr. Neill's.

The Atlanta Journal, after commenting on the Neill estimate, gives its own opinion based upon the following reasoning which seems sound.

"The decreased acreage is conservatively estimated at 5 per cent. The Government estimate was 8 per cent. There is also a considerable decrease in the use of fertilizers.

"A third item that affects the crop is the Texas flood, the effect of which is variously estimated at 100,000 to 275,000 bales reduction.

"If we take Mr. Neill's 'vast possibilities' to mean 12,000,000 bales, the deduction for acreage would leave 11,400,000 bales. If we take from that 100,000 bales for the Texas flood and 100,000 for 'subsequent deterioration,' we have 11,200,000 bales instead of 12,000,000 as a fair interpretation of Mr. Neill's estimate.

"But even this interpretation takes no account of the decreased use of fertilizers, which is an unquestioned fact that must have some effect on the yield.

"It also estimates this year's crop on a basis of productiveness above even the unprecedented yield of last year, which was estimated at 49 per cent. of a bale per acre. If that ratio of production were applied to this year's acreage we should have a crop 5 per cent. smaller than the one of 1898-9, which is estimated at 11,300,000 to 11,400,000. In other words the same yield per acre as that of last year would give us, upon the best estimate of acreage, a crop of 10,830,000 bales; or allowing 100,000 bales for the Texas flood, a crop of about ten and three quarter millions.

"But it would be surprising to see such a yield as that of 1898-9. The average of 18 years is 39 per cent. of a bale to the acre and the yield of 49 per cent. was never realized before last year. It is not likely to be duplicated in a season of severe drought in many sections and with largely reduced fertilization. We think, therefore, that even 10,750,000 bales is a large estimate, and judging by recent events the market is of the same opinion.

"To produce 12,000,000 bales the cotton States must yield 58 per cent. of a bale per acre, which is fully 50 per cent. above the average yield of 18 years."

Speaking of Mr. Neill's estimate, the President of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange, says:

"I don't see how Mr. Neill or any other man can pretend to say this early in the year what the crop will be.

"I have known careful estimates made as late in the season as November to be wrong by as big a margin as 1,000,000 bales. The possibilities

of the crop, when all conditions are favorable are almost infinite, but account must be taken of possible droughts, scorching temperature and other things likely to hurt the crop. It is hard to say just what result Mr. Neill's report had on the market. Liverpool opened 4 points lower, but whether that is to be attributed to Mr. Neill's report or other causes I don't know. It is probably a fact, though, that as much or more reliance is placed in Mr. Neill's forecast in Liverpool than anywhere else. English operators seem to have great confidence in him. In my opinion it is much too early to hazard an opinion as to how large the crop will be this year."

After quoting the above the Atlanta Constitution says:

"While there has thus sprung up a difference of opinion among the cotton speculators as to what the outcome will be, it does not remove the position already taken by the Constitution—that it is to their interest to boom up the estimated yield in advance so as to bear down the price of cotton while it is yet in the hands of the producer, so that the true margin later on will be but a playground upon which the speculator can operate, while his victim is making fertilizer contracts for another year. With these differences of opinion, but unity of interest, the people of the South can only have the consolation of knowing that they are but lambs in the slaughter pit. There is but one discussion which can be profitable to us, and that is to devise means of escape.

"As it is, we are the victims of the cotton speculator while our crop is being garnered, as well as of the manufacturer after it has been marketed. Out of a possible \$30,000,000 crop in Georgia, for instance, according to that eminent authority, Mr. D. A. Tompkins, it grows into a value of \$8184,000,000 in the hands of foreign manufacturers. Even the original figure of \$50,000,000 for the raw material is subject to a paring of \$6,000,000 to \$8,000,000 in commercial handling, leaving the Georgia farmer but \$22,000,000 to \$24,000,000. The same figures are relatively true of every other State in the cotton belt. If the war between the round and square bale people did nothing else than to expose the commercial robbery to which the farmer has been subjected, it will have accomplished a good purpose by showing that the best crop in the world is cotton, and that the losses made in its production are but the result of our own want of enterprise.

"The cotton crop of the South, as it reaches the ginners, is worth \$300,000,000, and as it finally reaches the consumer is worth almost \$1,500,000,000."

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THE OLD NORTH STATE.

HAPPENINGS WITHIN HER BORDERS.

A groom aged 78 and a bride aged 78 ran away from Nash county and were married in Wilson.

A Durham negro committed suicide Saturday night. He cut his throat from ear to ear with a razor.

Col. J. F. Armfield, of Statesville, has been appointed a major in the 46th Regiment of Infantry, U. S. Volunteers.

The trustees of the University have elected Judge James C. MacRae as Professor of Law. He is an able lawyer and an excellent man.

Seven prisoners escaped from the penitentiary at Raleigh one day last week. Five of them were federal prisoners and are noted desperadoes.

Daniel Wallace, aged 30, of Wake county, has entered suit for divorce from his wife, aged 32. They were married nine years ago and have twins less than three years old.

Last Saturday afternoon a negro named George Skinner committed suicide. He had been arrested by Officer Bell under a charge of shoplifting and taken to the city hall. While waiting for the execution of a search-warrant, Skinner asked the Officer to step aside with him, which he did three times. The third time Skinner was heard to fire a pistol, and on opening the door of the closet the officers found Skinner had blown his brains out, dying instantly. His body was viewed by a large crowd of people and afterwards sent to his home. After this his trunk arrived at the Mayor's office and was opened. In the trunk was a variety of clothing and other articles, the most of which were claimed by merchants of the city.—E. City Fisherman and Farmer.

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II. Who knows The thought of the river that evermore flows To the sea that is tossing its waves on the shore And heads not the rocks or the wrecks in its roar? All that we know in this region below Is that May makes the roses and winter the snow.

III. Who knows The tide where life's tending—this goal where it goes? In the Night is there light?—will a morning dawn bright When sighs shall be silenced and souls shall be white? All that we know in this region below Is that May makes the roses and winter the snow.

IV. Yet we trust That sometime a flower will blossom from dust; That the songs that we sing and the prayers that we pray Will not die in the darkness that knows not the day. Yet all that we know in this region below Is that May makes the roses and winter the snow.

V. Such is life. With its joy and its sorrow—its strength and its strife, The bloom and the gloom, and the dark and the bright, And God gave Good morning, and God gave Good night! But all that we know in this region below Is that May makes the roses and winter the snow.

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