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THE FARMER AND THE SPECULATOR.

The Chattanooga News reprints from The Manufacturers' Record figures in which the value of cotton and the gold and silver production of the world are compared, showing that the cotton crop is more valuable than that of the two precious metals named.

It will surprise many readers to know that the productions of corn, milk and butter, and hay, outrun in value that of the cotton crop; and that cotton, wheat and eggs run so nearly together.

GRATIFYING SCHOOL FIGURES.

A young friend in Philadelphia has sent The Observer the tabulation below—a comparison of the educational interests of North Carolina and New Jersey. The figures are those of The World Almanac and are derived from the census of 1900, except the population estimates by Governors, which are recent:

There are sometimes reasons to doubt the perfect sanity of Governor Vardaman, of Mississippi. It has just developed that he some time ago kicked a colored convict who was at work at the executive mansion and then seized a broom and gave him a "sound thrashing" presumably with the broom.

The fascinating story in last Sunday's Observer by Mr. Thos. M. Huffman, of Hickory, of the famous sectional debate in the House in 1876 between Messrs. Blaine and Hill, was widely read and has been much applauded.

A Chicago dispatch tells of joint sessions of the New York and Chicago Typothetae, the organization of master printers. The long-distance telephone and the phonograph combined are used. In the office of the Chicago Typothetae there is a megaphone, which is connected with the long-distance telephones.

A DOUBTFUL PROPOSITION.

In connection with the passage by the United States Senate of a bill providing for the appointment of a commission and the expenditure of \$250,000 to ascertain the localities of the graves of Confederates who died in Northern prisons and mark them with headstones, The Washington Post says:

There is one question which occurs to us: Would it not have been equally in consonance with kindly sentiment, and vastly more useful and beneficial, to bestow this money on living ex-Confederate soldiers? There are thousands of them crippled and suffering, with no government behind them to give them pensions, and the Southern States have been too poor to provide anything for them beyond the meager pensions.

There is, as The Post indicates, no likelihood of a measure to pension ex-Confederates being taken seriously by Congress at this time, and we are inclined to the belief that nothing good will ever come of bringing it up.

FARMS AND FARM PRODUCTS LAST YEAR.

The leading editorial in The World's Work for January opens thus: "It gives one only a vast, vague idea of plenty to read that the value of the great staple crops in the United States in 1905 was more than six billion dollars. But this bounty of Nature is the very best of our property. Nor is this all that is to be said about the most valuable harvest that we ever gathered; for the most important fact is the improvement that it indicates in the practice of agriculture. It was a good year—an uncommonly good year; but it was a year also of intelligent work. We are beginning to see in the statistics of production the results of scientific methods. We have better breeds of wheat, which make larger yields, better breeds of corn, better breeds of cotton; we make better butter and more of it; and so on down the whole list of staple products. The tilling of the soil is at last coming to be with us one of the exact sciences."

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A coil which he was "breaking" broke, and he fell; both houses of his lower right leg were broken. In a sonambulistic state he plunged down a long flight of stairs; his skull was fractured on top and at the base; his nose was also broken.

One cold winter night, in the midst of the heavy Iowa storm, his house caught fire, and Mr. Walker, then in his 70's, clambered to the top of the three-story building and on the uncovered steel roof fought the fierce flames for an hour. Unhindered except by those who attached buckets of water to the rope he lowered, he extinguished the fire. "I am my own fire department," says the old man quaintly.

Why the Stove Was Elevated.

During the college days of ex-Mayor Benson, of Lynn, he had two or three professors of the college as guests at a dining camp in the Maine woods. When they entered the camp their attention was attracted to the unusual position of the stove which was set on posts about four feet high. One of the professors began to comment upon the knowledge woodsmen gain by observation. "Now," said the professor, "I have discovered that the heat radiating from the stove strikes the roof and the circulation is so quickened that the camp is warmed in much less time than would be required if the stove was in its regular place on the floor." The other professor was of the opinion that the stove was elevated to be above the window, in order that cool and pure air could be had at night.

The colored doctors of the city met yesterday and organized the Queen City Medical Society with the following named officers: Dr. A. A. Wyche, president, and Dr. J. T. Williams, secretary and treasurer. There are six negro physicians in the city.

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

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WANTED.

WANTED—Position as foreman of first-class horse shoeing establishment; five years experience; reference furnished. Address: Horsehoer, care Observer. WANTED—Position by experienced lady book-keeper by Feb. 15th. "E." care Observer. WANTED—Position as stenographer—by young lady with five years experience; A 1 references. J. L. C. care Observer. WANTED—A position for a young man who is just completing a thorough course in bookkeeping and stenography and who is willing to begin work at a low salary; good reference can be given on demand. Address "K." care Observer. WANTED—Position by competent book-keeper. Can give best of references. "F." care Observer. WANTED—Registered druggist, must be sober, experienced and not afraid of work; single man preferred; good position for right man. Address, "Tribunal," care Observer.

MISCELLANEOUS.

SPECIAL sales suits: were formerly \$30 to \$45, are now \$22.50 to \$30. R. B. Davidson & Co. WHAT'S your line? No matter what it is I can write ads. that will talk and bring business. Let me submit samples. Address A. D. V., care Observer. THE finest Ham and Breakfast Bacon at Sarratt & Blakely. WE can furnish board and rooms to you at reasonable rates. Mrs. F. M. Hoover, No. 2 West Tenth street. If your grocer hasn't the famous Muskogee Buckwheat Flour, call phone No. 27. YOUR advertising—does it pay? If not, possibly it's the fault of your copy. Let me submit samples that will bring business. Address A. D. V. care Observer. PRINTERS wanted—Two first-class non-union job compositors; one of the best offices in the State; steady position and highest salary for competent men. Printer, care Observer. CALIFORNIA. Long, White Celery, Florida Headed Lettuce, Fresh vegetables, Sarratt & Blakely. MONEY saved—buy your medicine from the Cut Rate Drug Store, "Phone 40. RULER wanted, for small bindery; good wages to first-class workman. Printer, care Observer. I WILL sell a splendid saw mill location at private sale during the next 10 days; Long Leaf Pine; within 4 miles of the S. A. L. Railroad. H. S. Ledbetter, Rockingham, N. C.

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FOR RENT.

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