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INTERESTING COTTON FACTS

It is not an anomalous fact that the United States should produce the cotton of the world—that is to say 75 per cent. of it—and Great Britain manufacture it? Yet this is the case, according to a statement made by Miller & Co., of New York.

The figures given as representing the exports of the two countries of cotton goods and yarns in 1903-04 and 1904-05 are, respectively: the United States \$7,390,000 and \$9,146,000; Great Britain, \$30,282,000 and \$39,519,000.

It is gratifying to note the increase of over 30 per cent. in our exports within a twelve-month, but the total is still shamefully small. The time must come when the United States will export more than \$50,000,000 worth of manufactured cotton goods.

This paper has ever held the theory that, notwithstanding all the threats that, unless the price of American raw cotton is held to a low level, the world will seek and find new fields of production, the American farmer will still hold indefinitely a practical monopoly of cotton production.

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Col. Josiah Reese, of the Greensboro Record, makes out that he is just swelling up with information about a "skiff of snow," and lets it be known that he would have excused some of it for the enlightenment of The Observer except that the "prejudice" of this paper against Greensboro is such that he won't believe anything a Greensboro man says.

President Harvie Jordan may have been right in his attack on Texas Director North for not having given out an estimate on the ungrinned cotton, but Mr. North's rejoinder leaves a better impression than Mr. Jordan's comment of his rejoinder.

WHY IMMIGRANTS DO NOT COME SOUTH

The Journal of Commerce of New York, says that "while arguments are sometimes used in this part of the country in favor of further restrictions of immigration on account of congesting the labor market, arguments which have little force even here, there is still serious complaint of the lack of labor in the South."

The speaker attributed this to the increase in the number of spindles in the last five years and the "distinction of our rural population to leave their farms and enter the mills" on account of "the comparatively high and profitable prices which cotton and other products of the soil have commanded in the last two or three years."

The Journal of Commerce points out that at the same time there has been difficulty in getting a sufficient supply of labor for the cultivation of the soil and the gathering of the products. "The native population of the South," it is asserted, "does not supply an adequate labor force for the development of its resources and its industries, for which capital is ready."

The opportunities of the South appear to be greater and more attractive than those of any other part of the country, because its resources and capacity for production are less developed and its population less dense in proportion to the number it is capable of sustaining, and one would suppose that its milder climate would be attractive to a large class of immigrants from the southern part of Europe.

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THE PAY OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS

There is merit in the bill of Representative Longworth of Ohio, appropriating \$6,000,000 for the purchase of buildings for United States ministers at foreign capitals, where the government maintains ambassadors or ministers. Mr. Longworth explains that the purpose of the bill "is to remove the necessary qualification of great wealth for the holding of high diplomatic office under the United States."

This, as is said, is an open, undisputed fact. No American ambassador at the court of any of the first-class powers of Europe can live on the salary allowed him unless he lives in such manner as to cause any well-regulated American citizen to blush for his country.

It costs a great deal of money for their occupants to get and to maintain the dignity and meet the exactions which some public positions impose. Representative Swanson, of Virginia, who was last fall elected Governor of his State, was inaugurated only Thursday but already the succession is under consideration.

Office-holding is no doubt a very delightful occupation but in this country the emoluments of office are in inverse ratio to the dignity of the place. They should be so adjusted as to afford the occupant a means of livelihood, without having to have recourse to his private means or, if he have none, involve himself in debt.

Governor Glenn does well to write a letter to the sheriffs of the State urging upon them their duty to enforce the laws, especially the Watts and Ward liquor laws, which, according to unchallenged reports, are being flagrantly violated in many counties with no effort making to apprehend the violators.

When we were young as youth, With merrier heart and lighter tread, We never shook a doubtful head At any masquerade of truth.

When word and sign absolved us quite From petty law of chase and flight As with a wizard's power.

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NOT EXPERIMENTAL

Dr. Keely's Institute, Greensboro, N. C. In 1888, after having spent 100 years of my life, a victim of strong drink, I was advised to go to the Keely Institute at Greensboro, N. C. for treatment.

When I arrived at the Institute I was a physical wreck, unable to do any kind of work. I could not see anything, and I could not sleep. I lived but a short while had I not received help. I determined that false pride should keep me away no longer, and thank God I went.

It is doing a grand and noble work for the moral and physical uplifting of mankind.

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PEOPLE'S COLUMN

The Observer will send A. B. C. Messengers without charge, to your place of business or residence for advertisements for this column.

WANTED—Traveler for North Carolina, at good salary for general trade; position pays \$2.50 per annum with commissions. John S. Allen, Detroit, Mich.

WANTED—Any person to distribute our samples, \$100 weekly; steady manager "Empire," 4 Wells street, Chicago, Ill.

WANTED—Everywhere, hustlers to lack agents, distributors, canvassers, etc.; no canvassing; good pay. Sun Advertising Bureau, Chicago.

WANTED—Position by young lady stenographer; gilt edge reference. Address "Steno," care Observer.

WANTED—Book-keeper for established furniture business at once; \$100; state west or loan upon security; salary expected. Box 64, Macon, Ga.

WANTED—An experienced lawyer that is willing to handle his mill; will give employment to any hands that he may bring along; also want experienced fireman; none but sober men need apply. Apply to J. T. Bland & Co., Pittsboro, N. C.

WANTED—All-round newspaper and job printer. Enterprise, Newton, N. C.

The Little Long Co.

Tailor Made Clothes

For Spring

We have just gotten our spring samples for suits and pants made-to-order.

Men's Suits From \$15 to \$35.

We represent a line of wide reputation, known for high-class workmanship, stylish fabrics and airy hang of coats and pants.

New Spring Pants

A lot of fine spring pants, in medium weights arrived Saturday, prices \$4.50, \$5 to \$6.50. Beautiful neat designs.

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This is the newest shape and one that most anyone can wear. It's not on extreme, but just what the modest man wants.

The Emery Shirt

We handle this good fitting, well made shirt. Ask anyone who knows this shirt. He will tell you there's none made better from \$1 to \$1.50.

Crossett and Knox New Shoes

\$3.50, \$4.00 and \$5.00 One "Makes Life's Walk Easy" while the other gives you "Two Feet of Comfort."

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"Artistic" and "American Lady" \$3, "Colonial" Patent full dress shoes \$3.50 "Florine" in all leathers \$2.50.

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