SAMPLES OF PROOL" COTTON.

William Whittam, Jr., is n reot of three specimens of the Cara-lea cotton which variety of staple attracting so much attention ong the English and Continental ers. The samples in question direct from Queensland, Ausand were accompanied by small packages of seed. These of which there are several odred in each package, will be to the Agricultural and Mechan-colleges of Mississippi, Louisi-and Texas, for experimental

ie no-called "Caravonica" es cotton. Dr. Thomatis, a noted lish expert, is its originator. of a new source of the cotton supply to English spinners and he set himself to work at once on his estate at Cairns, Queensland. He collected scores of varieties of seeds from all parts of the world and then began to melect and eliminate those unsuited to the soil and climatic conditions of Australia. After many experiments, he chose two varieties, both of the Sea Island family, one from the boundary between Peru and Brazil and the other from Mexico. He crossed those by hydridization and crossed those by hydridization and obtained successfully all the points and results he required and expected. The new variety of evolved cotton possesses a very long, regular strong fibre of a decided wooly appearance and feel. So much so that it has been given the name "wool cotton." Having reached this stage in his experiments, Dr. Thomatis began plant-ing this new cotton, "the Caravoni-ca." Very soon his discovery began be notsed abroad and many cotton associations in England and on the continent sent their repre-sentatives there to investigate the new variety. The Minister of the new variety. The Minister of Agriculture of France pronounced it "a valuable substitute for wool."

The Associated Cotton Spinners of Italy, Hungary and Germany, declar-

The Caravonica cotton trees grow to the size of the ordinary peach tree in two years. They then begin to bear their fruit. The boils are fully four times the size of the ordinary specimens, and weigh 70 to the

can cotton," and would buy all that

The proportion of the lint to the seed ranges from 40 to 50 per cent. a remarkable showing. Dr. Thomatis eves that this may be increased to 80 per cent, and 90 per cent, and even, in time, to a seedless variety, trees when fully developed bear from 300 to 500 bolls each. With 900 trees to the acre one can very easily compute the yield.

The Caravonica cotton is now sold

on the Liverpool market at from 20 to 30 cents per pound.

The "wool" variety is not the only new type which Dr. Thomatis has originated. By crossing the Cara-vonica with the Peruvian "kidney" variety, he has evolved a new hybrid.

goods.
The samples in Mr. Whittam's pos-Convention of the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association which which meets in Asheville this week.

SPECIAL SUNDAY MUSIC.

Programme at Tryon Street Method ist Church this Evening.

The choir of Tryon Street Methodist church will render a special pro gramme of music at the service to night. Mr. Harry Asbury, flute, and Mr. Wilson, cornet, will assist. The Wilson, cornet, will assist. The following is the programme

Prelude, "Rerenade"—Titt; Messrs.
Asbury and Wilson.
Anthem, "Come Let Us Join Our

Cheerful Songs"—Churchill.
Offertory, "Cantabile"—Dubois.
Quartette, "Some Blessed Day"—
Nevin; Mesdames Martin and Jones. Mesers. Hughes and Watson.
Duet, "Jesus the Very Thought of

Thee"-Brewer; Mrs. Martin and Mr. Postlude, "Grand Offertory"-Wely.

The Lowry Cotton Chopper Coming. Mr. M. P. Lipe, of Mint Hill, has received a letter from Mr. G. A. Lowry, of East Boston, Mass., stating that the choping apparatus to be attached Charlotte from the factory within the pext three weeks. Mr. lips had charge of the Lawry cutton picker near the city last fall. He will also have charge of the machine this spring. Mr. Lowry will visit Charlotte within a few weeks to inspect

on sale at Jordan's drug stere, the R. Central and Buford Hotel cigar stands and at the drug store of C. R. Mayer & Co. The seats will sell for 50 cents, children 25 cents. Admission to the grounds will be free. The tickets are put on sale thus early to avoid a rush at the last min-uts. The box seats can be had by applying to Mr. J. W. Wadsworth or Mr. W. S. Dorr.

Mr. Charles Price Gets Fine Position. Mr. Charles Price, who has been connected with the Charlotte Steam Laundry, has resigned to accept the position of superintendent of the Grafton Steam Laundry, at Grafton, Va. Mr. Price will resume the duties his new position at once. Mrs. price will remain in the city for a few weeks and will then join her husband at their new home. Mr. Price is a clever gentleman and he knows the laundry business.

Local Cotton Figures.

The receipts of cotton at the local inform continue pretty steady. Durge the last week 288 bales were marked, against 218 for-the corresponding week of last year. The receipts the city platform yesterday were beles and the best price paid for in staple was 11.75 cents a pound. The receipts for the corresponding no of last year, when the price was 78 cents, were 64 bales.

BOTH OF MAY NOTES.

The gala spirit has begun to take possession of the people of the city, The decorators are dressing the Queen City in gay attire and all arrangements for the big celebration of the 26th are being completed. The sub-committees having in charge the various details and departments of the celebration have worked faithfully and practically everything is in read-

Much interest is being taken in the Much interest is being taken in the floral parade. A large number of ladies have already signified their intention of entering and many of them are now having artificial flowers made by a ladies' church committee which is doing all of this kind of work it can get. Gentlemen are also going in the parade and in most cases will have a lady with them. This is will have a lady with them. This is a nice idea and very popular. In some cases both artificial and natural flowers will be used and a few are going to do all their decorating with natural flowers. The three big prizes of \$75, \$50, and \$25 are interesting many

The human flag will be a unique feature. The big stand at the corner of Tryon and Second streets will be entirely filled with children so arranged and dressed to represent United States flag. The human flag will be on Tuesday only. At other times during the week this stand will be occupied in front by the famous Marine Band in open air concerts. The tiers of seats in the rear will be sold at small cost to persons desiring seats during the Marine Band concerts. Due notice will be given in a few days as to the times of these This stand will be sold at a small cost for the parades other than Tuesday. All parades will pass the stand. The Veterans drill will be in front of it and the firemen's exhibition drill will also be in front of it The Red Men's big night parade will

also go by it.

The fire works will afford a big pyrotenic display, accompanied by the night balloon ascension with red el it "better than the best of Amerifire. The time and place of this event is 9 o'clock Wednesday night

could be grown at double the current at the fair grounds.

The Third Regiment Band, of Raleigh which will be here during the celebration will be a decided attraction as it is one of the best bands in the South. It is clothed in the full

dress uniform of an infantry band. The cavairy drill which will be given each afternoon at 4 o'clock, an exhibition of dare-devil bare back riding vaulting and jumping by a troop of 55 men. It is called "mon-key drill" in the army and is the most daring exhibition of riding done

The infantry and marines will also give a drill that will open the eyes of those not familiar with army work.

IN THE CITY POLICE COURT.

Two Witnesses Fined \$10 Each for Appearing in Court Drunk-White Restaurant Keeper Given Two 30-

J. C. Gorman, a white man who fibre is finer and silkler than the runs a restaurant on East Trade GREAT PROGRESS SHOWN BY other, and has been denominated street, was arraigned in the city po-"silk" cotton to differentiate it from lice court yesterday morning on two "wool" variety. This grade com- charges: being drunk and disorderly mands 40 cents a pound and is large- and using profane language on the There has been a continued growth by used by the French, Italian, and street. Gorman's conduct had been shown in many lines manufactured Belgian firms in the manufacture of unseemly, even for an East Trade in St. Louis since the close fancy goods, sateens, etc. There is street restaurant. Recorder Shan- of the World's Fair, and a wonyet another type which has been re-nonhouse sentenced the defendant to a derful interest is now mani-cently discovered to which the name term of 30 days on the roads in fested by all the business interests of "alpaca" has been given, owing either case, making a total of 60 days. looking to an increased population.

to its similarity to that article of Gorman appealed and was required to A plan of advertising has recently goods.

give two appeal bonds of \$100 each. been approved that will make the

tained for exhibition at the annual pretty good evidence of the fact that convention of the American Cotton a blind tiger had been operating, but the recorder decided that it was not competent and he fined the men \$10 each for contempt of court. It is a Million souls, safe to presume that the men will be able to walk straight the next time they appear in court.

Tom Ellis, an ebony-hued citizen who had imbibed too freely, was fined

The Bureau of Information.

Mr. T. A. Adams, who will have Eight years old, and by making good charge of the bureau of information shoes and using the newspapers Charlotte Club, announced yesterday the quality of their product, have that the bureau would be open in the built a business which now aggregates office of the mayor, in the city hall. Eight Million Dollars annually, and from 11 o'clock in the morning to 4 their gain in shipments over last year in the afternoon every day this week until Friday. From Friday until gala week is passed the bureau will be kept open from 8:30 in the morning until 12 at night.

Miss Alice Baird in the Lead. Much interest is being manifested in the 'diamond ring contest" as the following score will show. This handsome ring is offered by the Charlotte Some ring is onered by the Charletts this matter in a business-like manner, Council United Commercial Travelers and wonderful results are sure to to that young lady receiving the largto the cotton picker would be shipped est number of votes before the even-to Charlotte from the factory within

Miss Alice Baird, 2,160; Miss Vash-Keys, 1,918; Miss Margaret Taturn, 1.640; Miss Margie Osborne, 218; Miss Mildred Finlayson, 125

the work of the picker and chopper. He states that the chopper has a capacity, with five boys, of from 20 to 25 acres per day, and that it will chop to a stand.

| Reserved Seats on Sale | Tickets for reserved seats in the grand stand at the fair grounds for the United States cavalry drill and Marine Band Concert, have been put on sale at Jordan's drug store, the Central and Buford Hotel cigar and stands and at the drug store of C. FORTUNATE MISSOURIANS.

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nencement Sermons To-Day. C. M. CARSON,

This evening at 8.20 o'clock, Rev.

R. C. Anderson, of Gastenia, will preach the baccalsureate sarmon to the graduating class of the Preabyterian College in the auditorium. All the Preabyterian congregations of the city will unite in this service. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend.

Rev. Plate T. D. Rev. Plato T. Durham will preach the baccalaurente sermon to the members of the graduating class of the Charlotte graded school, at Trinity Methodist church this mora-

ng at 11 o'clock.
Rev. Dr. Martin D. Hardin will STIEFF Plane in my home for four preach the commencement sermon to the graduating class of the Charlotte University School at 11 o'clock this morning in the Second Prerbyterian

Mr. Charles L. Boynton to Speak. Mr. Charles Luther Boynton, of New York city, will be the speaker at the meeting for men which is to be held at the Young Men's Christian Association this afternoon at 5

Mr. Boynton will go to China as the representative of the local association, and every member is urged to attend the service. All men are most cordially invited, whether members of the Young Men's Christian Association or not.

The Lying Bear.

"The cotton bear," said Col. Peg Leg Graham to a number of friends yesterday, "will get by this frost all right. You can't lose the bear. He will argue like this: 'Well, that frost was not so bad after all—it will thin the cotton and kill the grass. just the thing the farmer would do himself. No, no, the cotton plant-er will be benefitted by it, as labor is so scarce."

\$50,000 FIRE AT SANFORD. ish and Blind Factory on Fire Freight Cars Destroyed and Depot

Damaged. Special to The Observer.

Sanford, May 12.—The Sanford Sash & Blind Co., one of the oldest and largest establishments here, was destroyed completely by fire this af-ternoon at 4 o'clock. The origin of the fire is not known. It originated in shavings at the rear of the build-ing which, being a wooden structure, was consumed quickly. The entire plant was destroyed except \$7,000 worth of lumber. The loss is estimat-ed at \$25,000 or \$30,000, with no in-

Southern and Coast Line The freight depot caught fire but was saved by the good work of the firemen. Five box cars were burned. One was loaded with cotton, one with shingles and three with merchandise. The loss to the railroad is estimated at \$2,000 to \$3,000. This is a big loss to Sanford, the Sash & Blind Co. be-ing the biggest concern here, employing 35 to 40 workmen. The loss is estimated at \$50,000.

A GITY OF A MILLION

MILLION POPULATION CLUB.

The samples in Mr. Whittam's possession are exceedingly interesting. He has specimens of the boils, the seeds and the lint, all of which are worthy of inspection by American growers. These specimens were observed as the court room in a drunker of the court room in a drunker of the court room in a drunker of the specimens were observed as the court room in a drunker of the fact that the court room in a drunker of the fact that the court room in a drunker of the fact that the court room in a drunker of the fact that the court room in a drunker of the fact that the court room in a drunker of the fact that the court room in a drunker of the fact that the court room in a drunker of the fact that the court room in a drunker of the fact that the court room in a drunker of the fact that the court room in a drunker of the fact that the court room in a drunker of the fact that the court room in a drunker of the fact that the court room in a drunker of the c J. V. and C. B. Mullis, two white City's population One Million in a for such products as are now manufactured in the . City is enough new labor will be necessary to quickly make St. Louis a City of

> That the demand for St. Louis made goods can be increased is best evidenced by an illustration. Take for instance the Roberts, Johnson & Rand Shoe Co., who have established Six large Shoe factories in the last five years, and employ about Five Thousand people. This firm is only under the auspices of the Greater freely to acquaint the people as to is over One Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars. This achievement shows plainly what has been done with Star Brand Shoes, and what one firm has done to add to the growth and advertisement of St. Louis as a shot market, and what they have done on shoes can be done in other lines manufactured in St. Louis. The Million Club have taken up

this matter in a business-like manner, come from their effort.

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