

SAMPLES OF "WOOL" COTTON.

Three specimens of a peculiar variety of Australian Cotton Received in the City—Wool, Silk, and Alpaca—Samples to be Exhibited in Asheville This Week.

Mr. William Whitman, Jr., is a recipient of three specimens of the Caravonica cotton which variety of staple is attracting so much attention among the English and Continental spinners.

The so-called "Caravonica" is a tree cotton, as its originator, a noted English expert, is its originator. Four years ago, he foresaw the need of a new source of the cotton supply to English spinners and he set out to find it.

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

The proportion of the lint to the seed ranges from 49 to 50 per cent, a remarkable showing. Dr. Thomas believes that this may be increased to 50 per cent, and 90 per cent, and even, in time, to a seedless variety, similar to the orange. The cotton 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. Thomas has originated. By crossing the Caravonica with the Peruvian "kidney" variety, he has evolved a new hybrid, finer and silkier than the other, and has been denominated "wool" cotton. This grade commands 40 cents a pound and is largely used by the French, Italian, and Belgian firms in the manufacture of fancy goods, satens, etc.

The samples in Mr. Whitman's possession are exceedingly interesting. He has specimens of the bolls, the seeds, and the lint, all of which are worthy of inspection by American growers. These specimens were obtained for exhibition at the annual convention of the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association which meets in Asheville this week.

SPECIAL SUNDAY MUSIC.

Programme at Tryon Street Methodist Church this Evening.

The choir of Tryon Street Methodist church will render a special programme of music, etc., at 7 o'clock to-night. Mr. Harry Ashbury, flute, and Mr. Wilson, cornet, will assist. The following is the programme: Prelude, "Serenade"—Trit; Messrs. Ashbury and Wilson will play "Cherry Blossoms"—Churchill.

Mr. M. P. Lipe, of Mint Hill, has received a letter from Mr. G. A. Lowry, of East Boston, Mass., stating that the chopping apparatus to be attached to the cotton picker would be shipped to Charlotte from the factory within the next three weeks.

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 stands and at the drug store of C. R. Mayer & Co.

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, a Grafton, Va. Mr. Price will resign the duties of 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 mill and gin stands, during the last week 253 bales were marketed, against 218 for the corresponding week of last year. The receipts at the city platform yesterday were 44 bales and the best price paid for the staple was 11.75 cents a pound. The receipts for the corresponding date of last year, when the price was 1.35 cents, were 54 bales.

When the baby talks it is time to give Mother's Rocky Mountain Tea. It is the greatest baby medicine known to loving mothers. It makes them eat, sleep and grow. 25 cents a bottle. Sold by all druggists.

20TH OF MAY NOTES.

Much Interest in Big Floral Parade.—The Human Flag—A Fine Pyrotechnic Display, Accompanied by a Night. Ballroom. Ascension—Some Fine Exhibits by National Troops.

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 20th are being completed.

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.

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 a United States flag.

The fire works will afford a big pyrotechnic display, accompanied by the night of ascension with red fire. The time and place of this event is 9 o'clock Wednesday night 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 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-Day Sentences.

J. C. Gorman, a white man who runs a restaurant on East Trade street, was arraigned in the city police court yesterday morning on two charges, being drunk and disorderly and using profane language on the street. Gorman's conduct had been unseemly, even for an East Trade street restaurant. He was sentenced to 30 days on the roads in either case, making a total of 60 days.

Gorman appealed and was required to give a appeal bond of \$100 each. J. V. and C. S. Mullis, two white men of the county who had been summoned as witnesses against Cull Griffin, an alleged colored tiger, appeared in the court room in a drunken condition. Their condition was pretty good evidence of the fact that a blind tiger had been operating, but the recorder decided that it was not competent and fined the men \$10 each for contempt of court. It is safe to presume that the men will be able to walk straight the next time they appear in court.

A CITY OF A MILLION.

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That the demand for St. Louis made goods can be increased is best evidenced by an illustration. Take for instance the Roberts, Johnson & Hand Shoe Co., who have established six large shoe factories in the last five years, and employ about five thousand people. This firm is only eight years old, and by making good shoes and using the newspapers freely to acquaint the people as to the quality of their product, have built a business which now aggregates Eight Million Dollars annually and their gain in shipments over last year is over One Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars.

The Million Club has taken up this matter in a business-like manner, and wonderful results are sure to come from their effort.

FOR SALE.

1,500 acres of 2nd growth chestnut timber, 5 miles west of Old Fort, on So. Ry. Price \$350 per acre. Also 1,000 acres near above, 1 1/2 m. of So. Ry. Virgin timber, as above. Price \$2 per acre. Also 400 acres adjoining. Same description and price, \$2 per acre.

Wanted for Northern buyers—Farms, mineral and lumber lands.

N. L. Simmonds & Co., Real Estate Brokers, Postoffice Box 673, Charlotte, N. C.

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COMMENCEMENT SERMONS TO-DAY.

This evening at 8:30 o'clock, Rev. R. C. Anderson, of Gastonia, will preach the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class of the Presbyterian College in the auditorium. All the Presbyterian congregations of the city will unite in this service. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend.

Rev. Plato T. Durham will preach the baccalaureate sermon to the members of the graduating class of the Charlotte graded school, at Trinity Methodist church this morning at 11 o'clock.

Rev. Dr. Martin D. Hardin will preach the commencement sermon to the graduating class of the Charlotte University School, at 11 o'clock this morning in the Second Presbyterian church.

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 o'clock.

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 front all right. You can't lose the bear. He will argue like this: 'Well, that frog 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 planter will be benefitted by it, as labor is so scarce.'"

\$50,000 FIRE AT SANFORD.

Sash 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 afternoon at 4 o'clock. The origin of the fire is not known. It originated in shavings at the rear of the building which, being a wooden structure, was consumed quickly. The entire plant was destroyed except \$7,000 worth of lumber. The loss is estimated at \$25,000 or \$30,000, with no insurance.

The Southern and Coast Line 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. being the biggest employer here, employing 25 to 40 workmen. The loss is estimated at \$50,000.

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C. M. CARSON, Insurance, Etc., Carson Building.

Charlotte, N. C., May 2, 1906. MR. C. H. WILMOTH, Manager, Stieff Music House, City.

Dear Sir: I have been using a STIEFF Piano in my home for four years, and am well pleased with my purchase.

The piano has a very sweet tone, and its action is easy, and I don't see how the instrument could be improved on.

Your claim, "STIEFF'S ARE THE BEST," is in my opinion a just one. Yours truly, C. M. CARSON.

Southern Wareroom: 5 West Trade Street, CHARLOTTE - - - - - N. C. C. H. WILMOTH, Mgr., West Trade Street.

BUY A VICTOR TALKING MACHINE.

Easy payments by month or week if you prefer. Stone & Barringer Co. VICTOR DISTRIBUTORS.

Specked And Streaked.

While haggling on the line to dry. HOME WASHED CLOTHES are certainly not a success in any sense of the word. Those done by the washerwoman are not clean, not given sanitary treatment, and they seldom look as white and nice as they should, owing to the fact that thorough rinsing is impossible for lack of time, facilities and water.

"OUR ROUGH DRY PLAN" saves lots of time, bother and worry. It is cheaper, easier and more satisfactory.

Model Steam Laundry. La Marguerite Shop. Our Midsummer Models are arriving daily—Hats of all kinds—exquisitely dainty creations for summer gowns and new ideas for traveling.

Tortoise Shell Barettes and Combs of all kinds; also new devices for improving the figure.

La Marguerite Shop.

211 North Tryon.

Shop This Week. THE Big Celebration is almost upon us. You are going to buy a Suit, a Straw Hat or a Panama before the 20th. DO IT NOW. You will have no trouble in making a selection if you'll come and take a look at our mammoth stock of Men's Fashionable Apparel. We are selling lots of Straws and Panamas, but still we have an unbroken stock and can fit you. Remember this—Mellon's Clothes Fit. Try them once and see. ED. MELLON COMPANY LEADING CLOTHIERS. Mail Orders Receive Prompt Attention.

Necessary Odd Pieces. If you need an odd Dresser or Chiffonier to make your bed room furnishings complete, why not come in and talk this matter over with McCoy? We are prepared to supply your wants at a very low price, quality considered, and will be pleased to show you our well selected line of Bird's Eye Maple, Curly Birch, Mahogany, or Oak Dressers and Chiffoniers. See our handsome little Princess Dresser in Mahogany or Bird's Eye Maple for \$17.50—worth \$30.00. Special attention is called to our Mahogany and Tuna Mahogany Suits, on second floor. Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded. SOUTH TRYON ST. W. T. MCCOY, SOUTH TRYON ST.

GETTING A FIT. If we were all Apollos and had just the perfect proportions for our chest measure, the clothing business would be a cinch. But nature mixes things up a bit. "Regulars" (near-Apollos), "Stouts," "Longs," "Shorts" and "Short Stouts" will each find here clothing proportioned to meet their requirements, all over. We have these five sizes for every chest measure. The Long - Tate Clothing Company.

CHICKERING PIANOS. TO have a CHICKERING Piano in your home is to own the world's best. The Chickering tone is in a class alone. It is the highest development that has yet been attained in Piano building. Once you hear the Chickering tone, you can't forget it. See the Beautiful Grands and Uprights which we are now displaying in our Music Department, on Second Floor. Many other fine makes handled by us. Parker-Gardner Company. Furniture, Carpets, Pianos and Organs.

CEDAR CHESTS. All sizes, from the small shirt-waist size to the full size box couch—just the thing you have been wanting, at a moderate price. See them at LUBIN FURNITURE CO. Houston, Dixon & Co. Books, Stationery and Art.