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THE SOUTH GROWING FAST

South African war except for the aid of her merchant ships as transports. Mr. Green's address, read in his absence, asked the cotton associations co-operation in the efforts of the Southern railways to bring about a reform in the loading of cotton.

GATE CITY MERCHANTS MEET.

Report of New Secretary on Rating System Given—The Association Opposes Consolidation of Insurance Company With Fayetteville Organization. Special to The Observer.

WEEDS BY THE WAYSIDE

In this day of prosperity and independence among the cotton farmers one contemplates the change of relation between the farmer and the time merchant since the reign of 4 to 5 cent cotton. The time merchant had a chance to play the despot and he embraced it with zeal.

THE SHOW GIVEN THE GO-BY.

People of Rural Hall, contrary to General Rule, Go to Pleasant Ridge, Va. to See—Winston Show Ahead of Danville, Va., as Tobacco Market—Convention of Piddlers Attracting Much Interest. Special to The Observer.

MRS. DUKE'S STRING OF PEARLS

The Millionaire Tobacco Man Hunts the World Over For a Gift For His Wife and Finally Secures a String of Pearls Valued at \$200,000—Mrs. Duke Will Exhibit Them For First Time at Opening of Metropolitan Opera House—Other Collections of Great Value. Special to The Observer.

GIRL CHASED BY NEGRO.

Asheville Comes to the Front Again as the Scene of a Devilish Attempt by a Negro—Officers Say They Have a Clue. Correspondence of The Observer.

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Dr. Simon N. D. North

Mr. Marsh said the reason why the exchange "maintains itself in the face of abuse and of the oft-repeated declaration that it has no legal right to exist, was because of the unrivaled facilities of New York for handling the world-wide credit business, and because of the unequalled experience, skill and probity of the active members of the exchange in conducting such a business."

while in Richmond and made a number of suggestions whereby the work of the local association may be improved in its operations. The rating system was given careful consideration and a committee of nine with power to act was appointed to get up the most complete rating system possible.

New Orleans Dock Laborers Vote For a General Strike.

New Orleans, Oct. 4.—The dock and cotton council of New Orleans, whose membership is made up of all classes of laborers employed in connection with the shipping of the port, numbering about 12,000 men, voted this afternoon for a general strike. They demand an increase in wages.

Duty on Tobacco Fixed.

Melbourne, Australia, Oct. 4.—The House of Representatives to-day fixed the duty on manufactured tobacco at 84 cents a pound.

LAKE NEVER SEEN BEFORE.

Occasion of an Address at Asheville in Behalf of Prohibition Proves to Be Greatest Demonstration That City Ever Had—Auditorium Packed and Jammed—Anti-Concede Victory in Prohibitionists. Special to The Observer.

THREE DEAD IN A MINE.

Gas Explodes in Coal Workings in Alabama, Killing Three and Fatally Injuring Two Other Miners. Birmingham, Ala., Oct. 4.—In a gas explosion of No. 7 mine of the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Company, one mile from Fruit City, early to-day, three men were killed and two others fatally hurt. Dead: GEORGE HOWARD, assistant mine foreman.

FOLLOW BROTHERS AND TAYLOR ACQUITTED.

Columbia, S. C., Oct. 4.—The Fallaw brothers and Isaac Taylor, charged with having murdered George W. Milburn near Batesburg, were acquitted at Alcon to-day. Milburn was assassinated and owing to a former difficulty with the Fallaws they were charged with the crime.

RUNS AWAY WITH ANOTHER MAN

Bride of Three Months Leaves Her Husband, a Telegraph Operator and Slips With Pullman Conductor—Is Arrested at Columbia, However. Observer Bureau.

MIKE NICCOLLA, Italian Miner.

Fatally Injured: Jip Mattery, Italian miner; W. C. Webb, colored miner. An accumulation of gas in one of the interior slopes caused the trouble. The mine is said not to be badly damaged.

As to Making Steel Rails.

New York, Oct. 4.—There is said to be a hitch in the negotiations now in progress looking to the manufacture of a perfect steel rail because the steel rail manufacturers assert they cannot make the rail demanded by the committee of the American Railway Association. It is on the chemical composition of the steel that the railway men and the steel makers cannot agree.

Southern Counsel at Asheville for Hearing To-Day.

Special to The Observer. Asheville, Oct. 4.—General Counsel A. P. Thom and Vice President H. B. Spencer, of the Southern, arrived here yesterday afternoon to be ready for the hearing before Judge Pritchard to-morrow on the appeal of counsel for the State of North Carolina on a ruling by Standing Master Montgomery.

Mr. M. N. Amis, of Washington City, a Raleigh man who a number of years ago was in the newspaper work in Charlotte for a short time, is in the city for a few days.

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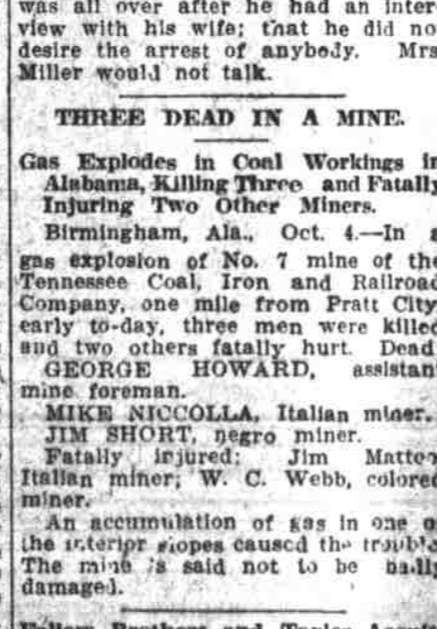


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The Visible Supply.

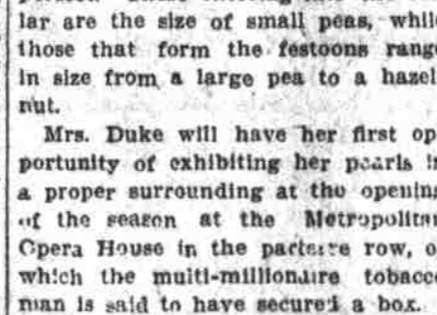
New Orleans, Oct. 4.—Secretary Hester's statement of the world's visible supply of cotton issued to-day shows the total visible to be 1,200,000 bales against 1,250,000 last week and 1,210,000 last year. Of this the total of American cotton is 700,000 against 1,022,222 last week and 1,030,000 last year and of all other kinds, including Egypt, Brazil, India, 500,000 against 550,000 last week and 720,000 last year. Of the world's visible supply of cotton there is now about and held in Great Britain and Continental Europe 1,540,000 against 2,000,000 last year, in India 400,000 against 470,000 last year, in Java 300,000 against 300,000 last year, in the United States 200,000 against 200,000 last year.

He is the Present Ambassador of the United States to Mexico and Was Yesterday Inaugurated Governor of Chihuahua.



Enrique Creel

James B. Duke



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fall artistically over the shoulders, is perfect. Those entering into the collar are the size of small peas, while those that form the festoons range in size from a large pea to a hazelnut.

Mrs. Duke will have her first opportunity of exhibiting her pearls in a proper surrounding at the opening of the season at the Metropolitan Opera House in the palace row, of which the multi-millionaire tobacco man is said to have secured a box.

Mrs. Duke does not by reason of the new gift rank as the possessor of the most valuable set of pearls among American women. The most valuable in America, if not in the world, is owned by Mrs. Frederick Pearson, of this city, figured at nearly a million dollars. Next in value is the collection of diamonds and pearls owned by Mrs. James Henry Smith, the widow of "Blent Smith," who as a wedding gift presented her with a set of jewels valued at more than \$600,000. Then there are the William B. Leeds and the Mrs. L. Harrison Dulles pearls, estimated respectively at \$238,000 and \$100,000.

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