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...Alexander Sprunt &...
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With the Gradual Return to Normal Conditions There is a Marked Increase in Cotton Demand.
Special to The Observer.
New York, Nov. 23.—With the general improvement of the financial situation, the easing of money rates and the gradual return to normal currency conditions, there is a marked increase in cotton demand for export.

The Southern growers still possess the key to the situation through the strength of their holding movement and they have good reason for satisfaction at the result of their refusal to yield to the arguments and blandishments of Theodore H. Price, leader of the bear forces, who wanted to disrupt the holding movement so that the big short interest in the December option contract would be the price of the staple in order to cover its contracts for delivery. Now that the grim determination of the growers to hold their crop for just prices is apparent to all, the position of the December shorts is fast becoming unbearable.

Price and his associates on the short side have been arguing that the prices on the New York contract have been unduly inflated. Yet the representatives of European spinners are steadily absorbing spot cotton in the Southern market at prices averaging some 40 points above the New York contract price. The activity of these European interests has given rise to a quite general belief here that the foreign spinners will get their stock cheaper than the American manufacturers who have been holding aloof from the market for some time, largely on the advice of the Price interests, in the hope of compelling the growers to sell at lower prices.

In fact, many look for a repetition of the history of the Sully year when the European spinners got into the market first, bought up all the available supply at the lowest prices, and left the American manufacturers, who had delayed purchasing, to shift for themselves at the end when they had to buy their stocks of raw material at prices very much above those paid by the foreign interests. Most of the American spinners now are waiting for the issuance of the government crop report in December before stocking up, although there is no doubt of their intention to secure any needed accommodations from their banks at the present time. It is this that has given the European buyers the opportunity of which they now are taking advantage and it is this that promises to cause a belated scramble for cotton, on the part of the American spinners, when the crop report appears and it is found the markets have been denuded by the export buyers.

Owing to the low price of contracts in New York, as compared with the Southern spot prices, the local warehouses are being depleted rapidly. On November 1st the New York warehouse stock was 184,844 bales and the certificated stock was 124,515 bales. Against this, on November 1st the warehouse stock was 184,844 bales and the certificated stock was 124,515 bales.

TWO NEILL COTTON ESTIMATES.
One a Consolidation Estimate and the Other One of Growth—Furze Bean Crops Very Poor, There Being a Shortage of More Than a Million Bales.

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New Orleans, Nov. 23.—As some misunderstanding appears to exist as to the "Neill" crop estimate, permit me to explain. Two distinct estimates have been published—those of Messrs. Neill Bros., of London, who estimate the crop at 11,500,000 bales maximum; and my own, which is 11,395,000. Messrs. Neill Bros. made up the above their "consolidated" estimate because it made up the made up from the reports of a number of reliable correspondents in this country, and their own deductions from a study of the government weather reports during the growing season. This "consolidated" estimate Messrs. Neill Bros. have published now for several years past, and it has proved remarkably correct. My own estimate is always of the season's "growth," but in my circular of the 16th inst. the opinion is expressed that unless farmers next year are satisfied with prices the "commercial" crop will be in the neighborhood of 11,000,000.

Messrs. Neill Bros. cable me that they estimate the consumption of American cotton during this season at 12,400,000, or 1,000,000 bales over their estimate of production. Popular sentiment at the moment appears to ridicule this view, but this is doubtless owing to ignorance of the fact that in East India, Egypt and Russia the cotton crops are also very poor, their combined shortage being estimated at from 1,000,000 to 1,500,000 bales. The world's supply will be no doubt substituted largely by this difference, and the anticipated reduced consumption owing to bad trade here and in Europe will thus be compensated for.

In this regard it will be well also to bear in mind that the weight of American bales promises this season to be from 2 to 3 per cent. less than last a difference that alone would amount to from 200,000 to 300,000.

R. L. ARMOUR NEILL.
WILL STORE COTTON.

National Farmers' Union Decides to Store Cotton in Warehouses Until Price Advances to 15 Cents—Recommendations Will Be Submitted to Planters.

New Orleans, La., Nov. 23.—The holding by cotton planters of at least 8,000,000 bales of this year's crop in warehouses until cotton brings 15 cents a pound was the principal object of a meeting of the board of directors of the National Farmers' Union here to-day. Considerable reference was to the purpose of the meeting was shown by the fifteen directors who participated. The financial situation was thought to require the most careful co-operation by planters in order to hold up the price of cotton. It is proposed to store the cotton in warehouses and to make a warehouse receipt on cotton as nearly as possible the equivalent of money, in order to better insure the success of the storing scheme. The recommendations adopted in to-day's meeting will be submitted to the vote of cotton planters in each of the States represented at the meeting. These States are Louisiana, Texas, Mississippi, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Oklahoma, South Carolina, and Arkansas.

C. S. Barrett of Union City, Ga., national president of the Farmers' Union, presided.

Cotton Receipts at Wilmington Still Heavy.
Special to The Observer.

Wilmington, Nov. 23.—In the face of the Census Bureau's report of a million bales of cotton ginned short of last year, the receipts at the port of Wilmington for the week were continued to show quite a heavy increase over the same week last year. The stock report posted at the chamber of commerce for the past week shows receipts of 21,183 bales against only 16,422 same week last season. The receipts since September 1st have been 352,811 bales against only 187,114 up to the same date last year. Most of the receipts came from South

STAY AWAKE TELEPHONE WARS.
Special to The Observer.
High Point, Nov. 23.—A meeting of the business men has been called for Monday night in the rooms of the Manufacturers' Club for the purpose of hearing a statement from Mr. W. T. Gentry, vice president of the Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, in regard to the proposed coming here of this company. These people have already bought a lot for the purpose of erecting an exchange and those in a position to know that it is their intention to do a local business also. The North State Telephone Company has refused the offers of the Bell people and the situation is interesting.

Mr. Gay, of Massachusetts, was here yesterday looking over the city with the intention of locating here, and erecting a telephone exchange. It is quite probable that a meeting similar to the old fiddlers' convention held at Winston this week will be held here at an early date for the benefit of the first department.

The girls are now in this line living in and around High Point and the meet would draw a large crowd.

Subscriptions and money are being raised here to be presented to the orphans of the Oxford Asylum on Thanksgiving Day.

Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, large crowds have greeted Rev. Mr. Jenkins nightly at the First Baptist church, who is doing some good preaching in the series of meetings now in progress here.

Work is being done rapidly on the handsome banking house of the North Carolina Savings Bank and Trust Company and everything will be in readiness for occupancy by the first of the year.

A negro calling himself "Black Diamond" and his color is coal black, was arrested here yesterday afternoon charged with retailing. The negro who swore out the warrant did so, he said, because the liquor "Black Diamond" sold was so mean and adulterated that he was going to stop it here and there.

The pure food law regulations and fortifications gave the officers a hint that finally culminated in "Black Diamond's" arrest. His bond was fixed at \$100, and being unable to give it he was this morning sent to jail.

Young men of the city gave a dance last night at the armory. A number of out-of-town people were present from Greensboro, Lexington, Thomasville, and Winston-Salem. The Elam Orchestra furnished music for the occasion, and the young men had a great time.

Mr. M. M. Martin, an employe of the Southern Car Works, got his left hand badly injured yesterday afternoon. Dr. J. R. Reitzel was called upon to dress the wounds.

Mrs. J. W. Harris spent the afternoon and night in Greensboro yesterday at the home of Mrs. M. K. Callum, where she attended a reception.

Rev. O. L. Powers, Rev. Thomas Carriock and others from High Point will attend the service at the church to be held in Wilmington December 23.

SILAS TAYLOR DISAPPEARS.
A Grocerman Charged With Adultery Steals Away Silas Taylor, a Mount Airy Furniture Plant Running as Usual—Surry Backward as Regards Good Roads.

Special to The Observer.
Mount Airy, Nov. 23.—Silas Taylor, a white man who lives in this city, disappeared one night this week, and so far, no trace of him has been found. He was to have a hearing at the county court at 10 o'clock this morning on a charge of adultery with another man's wife, and this no doubt is why he took leave without making any arrangements with his creditors as to how they should be paid.

It is learned that the case of Winston Fulton, of Mount Airy, against Dr. Mack, of this city, will be heard in the February term of Davidson county. It will be recalled, brought suit against the doctor for \$50,000 damages for ruining her eyes by alleged use of eye ointment.

Fulton is a native of Mount Airy and has a large circle of friends in this city. He has lived in Thomasville two or three years.

Superintendent Sabotta, of the National Furniture Company, at this place, informed your correspondent yesterday that his company was receiving and booking many large orders for furniture.

When asked as to the result of the strike there was no reason for such action and that he thought the factory would continue to operate.

Mr. M. D. Moore has returned from Atlanta, as work has shut down there for the present.

The shutting down of the overall factory here is learned to be temporary. The factory will resume operations in a few days.

Mr. R. T. Joyce and wife are in the city. They intend the winter here. Mr. Joyce is one of the Mount Airy Furniture Company's traveling salesmen, with territory in Georgia and Florida.

Leaf tobacco and cigars have been selling for tobacco in "serp" for one or five weeks. Prices are slightly off.

Mrs. Phoebe Hines has returned from a visit to her mother at Ridgeway, Henry county, Virginia.

Surry county is behind the times when it comes to road improvement. It is to be wondered what engineers and others think of the roads just now between Mount Airy and the court house town of Dobson. One must take a trip over these roads to learn the importance of neglected are the highways in Surry county. An effort ought to be made to macadamize the roads leading to the court house town.

People have business there and they ought to take steps to make better roads. The court house will likely stay at Dobson, and rightly, so, no doubt, and hence the importance of an early movement to build roads that would be a credit to Surry.

THIEVES ENTER RESTAURANT.
Only Few Articles Taken, However—Last Patient Injured in Rude Wreck Leaves Hospital—Broken Truck on Car Causes Delay of Trains—Other Greensboro Items.

Special to The Observer.
Greensboro, Nov. 23.—Thieves visited the restaurant of White Bros., on Ashboro street, at the end of the street car line, last night and stole a quantity of cigars and tobacco and canned goods. The officers have no clue.

The last one of the wreck patients taken to St. Leo's Hospital on the night of October 21st, left the hospital to-day. He was John Slidg and he left this afternoon for his home in Danville.

The many friends of Mr. E. E. Norris here and his appointment as superintendent of the Atlanta division of the Southern Railway. Mr. Norris formerly resided in Greensboro and was master of the Greensboro and Goldsboro branch of the Southern.

The football game between the high school and state academy was held at One o'clock this afternoon at One

Observer — Henrietta and Caroline A Word For Mr. Durham and The Mills Running on Full Time—Good Schools Well Attended.
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Caroleen, Nov. 23.—While congratulations in abundance are being bestowed upon the Observer and its good friends for securing the valuable services of Rev. Plato Durham, at the same time it seems to many up this way that Mr. Durham would be a congenial and popular pastor to his kingdom, at such a time as finding an honored place on the staff of our foremost daily, The Observer—the great millinery.

This is written from the birthplace of Captain Plato Durham, the distinguished father of our brilliant young Observer contributor, Rev. Plato Durham. There are now here several near and distant relatives of the notable Durham-Durham family, this correspondent proudly claims a place in the number.

These wide-awake towns now have in progress most excellent graded schools under the control of Professor McKinnon and Stallings, the enrollment being unusually large.

These mills are running on full time and turning out larger productions than for many months. The new superintendent for the Caroleen Mill, Mr. R. P. Seruga, is giving perfect satisfaction in his work.

It rains, it rains, after an unusually favorable fall for farmers to gather in their fine crops. Seldom has there been so much rain in the fall, and good crops and prosperity preface the way for the songs of Thanksgiving Day.

DATE SET FOR CENTENNIAL.
Week of October 4th, 1908, Will Be Greensboro Centennial Week—Alcemen to Have a Better Meeting Place—Wayward Pennsylvania Boy Found in the Gate City.

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Greensboro, Nov. 23.—The week beginning October 4, 1908, has been selected as the date for holding Greensboro's centennial. The board of managers has formulated plans for raising funds for the event, which will be made notable in many respects.

The board of aldermen at last night's regular meeting decided to have the council chamber on the second floor of the city hall building renovated and fitted up as a meeting place for the board, which has been meeting in the city clerk's office for two or three years.

Prof. E. J. Forney will be employed to put in motion an excellent system of book-keeping and accounting in the departments of the city. Substitute Mr. M. Hobbs was elected as a member of the board of aldermen.

John L. Whittemore, of Menhenn, Pa., was here yesterday in search of his 15-year-old son, who ran away from his home October 21st. He found his ward now in the postoffice here this afternoon and will take him back home tomorrow.

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Yours respectfully,
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