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### MILLS AND MARKETS

#### LESS COTTON HAULED.

Several Lines Are Said to Show a Decrease—Texas and Pacific and Frisco Are Reported to Have Brought in Less of the Staple Than They Did During the Previous Twelve Months.

Whether from the action of the Farmers' Union of Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, Indiana, Territory, or because of the natural shortage of crop conditions in the cotton belt traversed by the Texas and Pacific Railway, that system is far below its average of bales of cotton sent to this port for exportation. General Agent W. F. Braggins, in this city, stated yesterday that a report of the cotton shipments from points on the Texas and Pacific to New Orleans this year up to December 24th would show a shortage of approximately 185,000 bales over the same time last year.

This is said to be a shortage in excess of 45 per cent over the usual business done. Mr. Braggins said that he could not altogether attribute the falling off to the action of farmers in holding their cotton, although a large portion of the loss must have been stored cotton, but he thought that the shortage of the crop this year, combined with other unfavorable conditions, was responsible for the large decrease. The falling off is not alone confined to the Gould Lines. It is stated that the cotton movement from points on the Frisco has not been as good by a number of thousands of bales as it was last year. General Agent T. Preston did not know exactly what the figures were, as the comparisons had not yet been made, but he believed that there was a marked reduction. The Frisco Lines traverse a territory similar to the Gould lines and are rivals in business.

It is stated that this is further evidence of the results of cotton storing by farmers until they could get fifteen cents per pound for it. The Illinois Central has not felt that cotton has been coming in from the Memphis section at a much livelier rate than last year, and that the farmers are selling in about the same manner as they have done in former years. The shipments are greatly in excess of this time last year and have been so timed as to prevent a blockade. The Northeastern and its allied lines have been similarly treated, no complaints have been filed as to the withholding of bales by farmers and the same has applied to the Memphis and Ohio line.

Most of this cotton is, however, from points east of the Mississippi river in Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Louisiana, while the lines which are affected are those which bring cotton from west of the river points.

#### Two Connecticut Mills Closed Until January 6th.

Uncasville, Conn., Dec. 29.—Notice was posted to-day in the cotton mills of the Uncasville Manufacturing Company, in Montville and Versailles, announcing the mills would close to-day until January 6th to relieve congestion in the market. This condition is stated in the first time in 30 years that this company has curtailed production on account of business depression. About 500 hands are employed in both concerns.

#### The Christmas Observer.

Stony Enterprise. On December 15th The Charlotte Observer issued its annual Christmas edition. The paper consisted of sixty-four pages and the enterprise was brought forth after an immense expense of time, money and brain force. It did the great State of North Carolina credit, and showed fully how capable the Observer is of making the State feel proud of its home resources. It was one of the best pieces of journalism yet called forth by the State. We have always admired the paper's ability to do things in the right way.

#### Australia's Artistic Stamps.

London Chronicle. Australia is going to astonish the world with its new issue of stamps. They are to be of such a superior artistic character that according to the department board that has been considering the subject, 40,000 pounds worth will be sold to philatelists alone during the first year, and after that the sale to the enthusiasts will average 10,000 pounds per annum. The stamps, which are to be the world-wide advertisement of the Commonwealth, are to be printed from steel plates, and their designs will "illustrate the characteristic features of Australia."

#### REPRODUCTION.

The age-worn year and I are busy taking stock. While ghosts of mispent days and nights. Like birds of prey, flock on flock. Move fast or turn high. With wings, cloaked, or in hurling flight. Assail and mock and mock: As if their mission to cheer. Failure and fault of evanescent. Be part and parcel of my destiny. And then come forth an image child. The latest born of one's previous. Arousative, praiseful, mild. Daring to brush aside the rim. And hold a temple without fear. Such as hope they had the right. To rear and hold against all night. And pullings of futurity.

#### MUSCULAR PAINS CURED.

"During the summer of 1900 I was troubled with muscular pains in the instep of my feet," says Mr. E. Fellner, of Toronto, Ont. "At times it was so painful I could hardly walk. Chamberlain's Pain Balm was recommended to me, so I tried it and was completely cured by one small bottle. I have since recommended it to several of my friends, all of whom speak highly of it." For sale by W. L. Hand & Co.

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