

MILLS AND MARKETS

WILL SELL NET WEIGHT.

Harding, Whitman & Co., Yarn Mills on This Basis—Others Likely to Follow This Lead—Charlotte Man Southern Representative. The action last week of the prominent yarn concern of Harding, Whitman & Co., of which Mr. E. S. Reid, of this city, is Southern agent, in announcing that hereafter it would sell net weight on all Eastern cotton hosiery yarns, is believed to be but a forerunner of what is to come in the yarn business.

William Whitman, senior member of the firm of Harding, Whitman & Co., when asked if the report that the product of hosiery yarns spun in the Eastern mills controlled by his firm was to be sold net weight, replied that it was correct. 'I am satisfied,' said he, 'that the agreement to sell on a tare basis had been broken in some instances, and that it cannot be maintained under present market conditions. I have always believed, however, that the net weight system of selling is the only equitable one, and up to a few years ago had always sold net weight. We cannot, of course, sell Southern yarns handled by us in this manner until spinners acquiesce, but in the case of all our own Eastern hosiery yarns we shall give 15 ounces of yarn to the pound. Others can do as they please.'

Not one of the other important Eastern hosiery yarn spinners will admit that their policy on net weight matters have been changed. They admit that some sales have been made on a net weight basis by others than Harding, Whitman & Co., and some of them admit that while competition is so keen they may have to agree to make some sales net weight. Outside of the firm mentioned, however, they are practically a unit in claiming that they will not make such a concession—that is what it is regarded to be. The majority are willing to give an increased discount if it can be shown that 2 per cent is insufficient and one that 3 per cent is more equitable. At the same time the majority claim that most of their trade are perfectly satisfied to buy on a tare basis, as they realize that the whole matter resolves itself into one of price where reputable spinners are concerned.

The committee of the National Association of Hosiery Manufacturers, which was in conference with the spinners, consisted of Joseph S. Lamb, president of the association; Thomas Buck, George B. Flings, Park Moore, F. L. Chipman, Henry Querns, J. W. Landenberger and Edward Wood, Sr. The spinners were represented by William Whitman, A. T. Sharp, general manager of the New England Cotton Yarn company, and E. T. Pierce, treasurer of the Wamsutta Mills.

BRADSTREET'S REVIEW.

Expansion in Retail Trade and an Enlargement of Operations in Building Lines. New York, March 26.—Bradstreet's to-morrow will say: The first week of spring has been an expansion in retail trade and an enlargement of operations in building lines especially in the West. Conservative estimates of actual needs govern buying, and replacement of broken stocks is the chief source of jobbing and wholesale demand. Trade in the primary branches is therefore quiet and operations in industrial lines are below normal. Fall trade is backward, awaiting clearer view of future crop and price conditions. Industrial conditions are still very irregular, and short or reduced time is practically universal. The iron and steel industry does not show much increase in activity outside of the seasonable lines. The textile trade are still depressed, with short time, and wage reductions common in cotton goods manufacturing North and South. Fear of a coal strike has subsided, and buying is less active in this line. Business failures for the week ending March 26th number in the United States 286, against 303 last week, 166 in the like week of 1907, 149 in 1904, 227 in 1905 and 212 in 1904.

WAGE OUTLOOK BLUE.

New England Mill Men Do Not Believe Wage Scale Prevaling Before the Cut Will Be Restored With Recovery of Business. Boston, March 27.—Cotton mill officials here hold out little encouragement that the wage scale prevailing before the pending cut will be restored with the recovery of business. It is assumed that when business revives all branches will proceed on a scale proportioned to the new conditions. Prices for goods and raw material are already in many lines much lower and the average price of commodities has sagged sharply, reducing the cost of living. Wages in general, it is predicted by mill officials, will start at corresponding lower levels. If the Fall River sliding scale so operates in May as to reduce wages 13 or 14 per cent, as has been estimated, other cities may meet the full cut, it is said.

The Visible Supply.

New Orleans, La., March 27.—Secretary Hester's statement of the world's visible supply of cotton issued today shows the total visible to be 4,312,147 against 4,502,242 last week and 5,278,318 last year. Of this the total of American cotton is 3,137,571 against 2,542,568 last week and 4,957,318 last year, and of all other kinds including Egypt, Brazil, India, etc., 1,174,576 against 1,359,674 last week and 1,271,090 last year. Of the world's visible supply of cotton there is now almost held in Great Britain and Continental Europe 2,481,000 against 2,976,000 last year; in Egypt 250,000 against 312,000 last year; in India 641,000 against 742,000 last year; and in the United States 1,654,000 against 1,449,000 last year.

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HESTER'S WEEKLY STATEMENT.

Statistics Show a Decrease in the Movement For the First 27 Days of March. New Orleans, La., March 27.—Secretary Hester's weekly cotton statement issued to-day shows for the 27 days of March a decrease under last year of 250,000 and an increase over the same period year before last of 51,000. For the 299 days of the season that have passed the aggregate is behind the 299 days of last year 2,058,000 and ahead of the same days year before last 497,000. The amount brought into sight during the past week has been 151,000 bales against 204,729 for the same seven days last year and 155,863 year before last.

The movement since September 1st shows receipts at all United States ports 7,340,043 against 8,905,041 last year. Overseas exports the Mississippi, Ohio and Potomac rivers to Northern mills and Canada, 569,090 against 1,027,785 last year; interior stocks in excess of those held at the close of the commercial year 370,041 against 331,051 last year; Southern mills takings 1,567,909 against 1,848,287 last year. These make the total movement since September 1st 8,946,174 against 11,943,774 last year.

Foreign exports for the week have been 63,422 against 115,212 last year, making the total thus far for the season 4,221,151 against 6,802,305 last year. The total takings of American mills, North South and Canada thus far for the season have been 5,223,233 against 5,825,835 last year. Stocks at the seaboard and the 29 leading Southern interior centres have decreased during the week 3,121 bales against a decrease during the corresponding period last season of 4,742, including stocks left over at ports and the number of bales brought into sight thus far from the new crop, the supply to date is 10,194,180 against 12,241,544 for the same period last year.

MARRIAGES.

Weatherly-Zemp, at Camden, S. C. Special to The Observer. Maxton, March 27.—On Monday evening at 7 o'clock at Camden, S. C., Miss Alice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Zemp, was married to Mr. Albert Ernest Weatherly, of this place, at the home of the bride. The only attendants were Miss Claudia, sister of the bride, who was maid of honor, and Mr. Donald Zemp, a cousin, who was best man to the groom. There were present only a few friends and relatives, and after the ceremony they took the S. A. L. train for this place, where they will make their home. Mr. Weatherly is a very popular young man of this town and is quite well known over this State and South Carolina, especially in baseball circles, as he has played with several professional teams during the past few years in both these States. The bride is one of Camden's most popular young ladies.

Baggerly-Cranfill, at Statesville.

Special to The Observer. Statesville, March 27.—Last night at 7:30 o'clock at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. H. H. Robbins, Mr. William F. Baggerly and Miss Margaret Cranfill were united in marriage in the presence of a few friends. Mr. Baggerly is a son of Mr. Thomas Baggerly and his bride is a daughter of Mr. John Cranfill.

Lazenby-McIntyre Marriage Announced.

Special to The Observer. Statesville, March 27.—Statesville friends and relatives have received announcements from Jacksonville, Fla., read as follows: "Mr. and Mrs. Leander M. McIntyre announce the marriage of their daughter, Sadie Florence, to William Marshall Lazenby, of Statesville, North Carolina, Tuesday, March 10th, 1908. At home Thursday 1027 E. Monroe street, Jacksonville, Fla." Mr. Lazenby is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lazenby, of Statesville, and has been living in Jacksonville, where he has a position with a railroad company, for some time. His North Carolina friends will be interested in the above announcement.

A Rap at the Poets.

We hope the leaders of the prohibition movement will not encourage the writing of rhymed poetry and flood the public with it. We have read poetry that would come as near making a man vote wet as anything that could be employed. The temperance people are sneered at as sentimentalists, anyhow, and with some reason. Stick to prose, gentlemen, stick to prose.

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A PLEA FOR PROHIBITION.

To the Editor of The Observer: I am a prohibitionist because I am a member of the Church and am a minister of the Gospel. I am a prohibitionist because I believe in trying to get to heaven and in trying to do all in my power to assist others to do so. Intoxicating liquor causes nineteenth century evils of the world, and its sale opens a clear way to perdition for those who sell and those who buy. I am a prohibitionist because I believe in the Ten Commandments, which say: "Thou shalt not." I am a prohibitionist because I am a Christian, which says: I must not wrap myself up in my cloak of self-complacency and ease, and say I am not my brother's keeper. I am no murderer, either in theory or in practice. I believe Jesus Christ died unto all sin, and that He died for all men. I must follow in His footsteps; and as in me lie, sacrifice myself for my brother's sake. Every school house, every church, every community freed from the sale of liquor, is the fruit of sumptuary law. Where morality, where other's dear rights are concerned, where a community is leavened and dominated by the evil, it is the duty of the Legislature, which represents the people, to act in their stead and give them the deserved protection. I have a perfect right to say to my neighbor: You must get rid of your ferocious bull dog, because the lives of my children are imperiled. The party that opposes the great moral movement that pervades the country should be buried so deep that the trumpet of Gabriel shall not awake it. May all prohibitionists stand firm and unshaken and not allow themselves to be trodden to and fro by the cunningly devised tricks of politicians who are looking to their own selfish interests. E. P. GREEN. Palmetto, S. C., March 27, 1908.

OLD OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

Next Meeting of Woman's Missionary Union to Be Held at High Point. Correspondence of The Observer. Gastonia, March 26.—To-day marked the close of the eighteenth session of the Woman's Missionary Union, which is pronounced to have been one of the most successful meetings in the history of the organization. Several towns in the State extended an invitation to the union to hold its meeting in their midst next year. The invitation from High Point was especially urgent, and that place was chosen and the fourth week in March named as the time of meeting. The election of officers for the coming year was taken up and on motion of Mrs. P. S. Vann all of the officers who have served the union the past year were nominated to occupy the same places the coming year and were elected unanimously by a rising vote. The following is the list of officers elected: President—Miss Fannie E. Heck, Raleigh; vice president—Mrs. Livingston Johnson, Raleigh; Mrs. W. S. Sasser, Durham; Mrs. D. Rich, Winston-Salem; Mrs. S. H. Burt, Wilmington; Mrs. W. R. Gwaltney, Hickory; recording secretary—Mrs. J. H. Weathers, Raleigh; treasurer—Mrs. W. N. Jones, Raleigh; secretary young ladies work, Miss Mary K. Applewhite, Raleigh; band superintendent—Miss Elizabeth N. Briggs, Raleigh; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Hight C. Moore, Raleigh.

Postoffice Clerks Caught by Decoy Letter.

Key West, Fla., March 27.—Post-office Inspectors Betty, Rogers and Britton to-day arrested James D. Roberts, mailing clerk in the local postoffice on a charge of detaining letters, and Charles Lambias, a stamping clerk, charged with robbing the mails. A decoy letter was sent out, which resulted in the arrests. The young men were held under bond for trial in the United States Court.

THE WEATHER.

Washington, March 27.—Forecast for Saturday and Sunday: Virginia, possibly rain Saturday, continued high temperature; Sunday partly cloudy; fresh southwest winds. North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and east Florida, fair Saturday and Sunday; light south winds. Alabama, fair Saturday and Sunday, except rain and colder Sunday in north portion; fresh south winds. Mississippi and Louisiana, fair Saturday; Sunday rain and colder; fresh south winds. East Texas, fair Saturday and Sunday, fresh southwest winds. West Florida, fair Saturday and Sunday; light south winds. Kentucky, showers Saturday, colder in north and western portion; Sunday fair. West Virginia, rain and colder Saturday; Sunday fair.

LOCAL OFFICE U. S. WEATHER BUREAU.

Charlotte, March 27.—Sunrise 6:17 a. m.; sunset 6:49 p. m. TEMPERATURE (in degrees). 74 Highest temperature 74 Lowest temperature 55 Mean temperature 64 Excess for the day 10 Accumulated excess for the month . . . 88 PRECIPITATION (in inches). 0 Total for 24 hours ending 3 p. m. . . . 4.24 Total for the month 1.72 Accumulated excess for month 0.29 Total for the year 14.17 Accumulated excess for year 4.44 Prevailing wind direction W. W. J. BENNETT, Observer.

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