

CONDITIONS IN COTTON MILLS.

A New Writer Who Shows Real Ac-guaintance With the Facts as They, in lat

Greenville, S. C., News.

In this day of gross abuse and flag-rant exaggeration in the treatment of the subject of conditions among the colton mill operatives of the South, it is refreshing to find one who is able refreshing to find one who is able view the matter in a fair and critical way. Such seems to be the character of the series of articles on the conditions in the cotton mills of South Carolina which has just begun in The Boston Transcript.

These articles are written by Rev. P. H. Goldsmith, D. D., pastor of the the new year, September, with high First church in Salem, Mass., who, though a native of the South, being a son of Mr. William Goldsmith, of ensuing year. This probable condia son of Mr. William Goldsmith, of this city, has spent most of his ma-ture years in the North.

Dr. Goldsmith writes most interestingly and shows that he has given the subject deep thought and painstaking investigation. His articles are full of information and facts which are convincing.

Dr. Goldsmith was familiar with conditions in the South twenty and Captured-Series of Burglarics Coneven ten years ago, but coming again tinues. on this mission of impartial investiga-Special to The Observer. tion after an absence of ten years, he Winston-Salem, May 14 .-- A numis in position to speak the truth as to ber of ladies of the Twin City, apthe effect of the mills on the mental, moral and physical being of the ope- pointed by the board of trade, met ratives. While he does not attempt to at the Carnegie Library yesterday paint life in the mills as a grand sweet afternoon and formed the Civic Impare the men to Apollo or the women provement League, whose objects will rkers to Venus, he shows very be the making of a city beautiful. clearly that the penny-a-liners who Mrs. William N. Reynolds was electhave pandered to a depraved taste for something startling and the publications that have scattered the product say Patterson, secretary. Commitof these vultures who have talked tee chaimen were elected as follows: about "white slaves." "scum" and the Mrs. Joseph Fletcher, committee for like, have done a great injury to a the free distribution of plants and very worthy class. And he shows that whatever may be the present condition seeds; Mrs. George T. Brown, memof the operatives in the mills, it is bership committee; Mrs. Henry Rig-infinitely better than the condition of gins, publication committee; Mrs. R. this same class before the establish- S. Galloway and Mrs. E. A. Lockett, ment of the mills; that it is growing better every year, and that those who live in the mill communities that Mrs. Edward Jenkins, Miss Mary have been longest established are to- Critz and Miss Ada Roan, commitday more advanced physically as well tee to form, a school league. as in every other way.

The planting of flowers in front In the matter of wages, Dr. Gold-wards, the planting of grasses, where bare spots are now shown, and a smith makes interesting comparison with Massachusetts, wherein, when thousand and one little things which the equalizing process is applied to tend to make a perfect city are to the cost of actual necessities and to be advocated by the new organizawants that have to be supplied, tion.

the South is not the sufferer. He Another meeting of the organization shows that there is absolutely no law will be held in a short time, when in this State to force people to stay details of the membership campaign in any particular mill or to work out and the campaign against dirt and The charge of "peonage" is filth will be worked out.

Mr. W. T. McKoy, one of the owngratuitous slander. He, finds no evers of the Courtney, Yadkin county, idence whatever as to abuses in the company stores and gathers from the fold mine, was here yesterday and general sentiment of the operatives exhibited several samples of gold ore themselves and the attitude of the mill taken from his mine. Thirty-six taken from his mine. Thirty-six men are employed at the mine, which managements, the intelligence of the is worked day and night. people and the laws of the State, that From present indications the mine will be such abuses as have been alleged by one of the richest in the country. the sensational writers could not ex-Robert Smitherman, a deserter from the United States army, who has

While frankly admitting that the While frankly admitting that the been dodging the officers for the past conditions in the mill villages might two or three months was captured in be improved, as they could also in a strip of woods in East Winston yes-Massachusetts, he gives the facts, and terday afternoon by Chief of Polic his articles will do a great deal to- J. A. Thomas and Patrolman Apple wards dispelling a prejudice which and Clark. Smitherman was lodged would be stirred if the many malign-ing articles that have appeared of late bert, who is in charge of the local were allowed to go manswered. The recruiting station, was notified of the fact that these people are year by arrest of the deserter, and he is maßentally. morally, physically and financially, and this is to New York State, where he was true as shown by many correlated when he escaped. A reward of \$50 facts, makes this articles of real value was offered for his capture and this amount will be paid to the those who would learn the truth. officers Smitherman's mother resides here and he came here about a month ago. REFORM ELEMENT WINS. The officers have been on track

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nce of The Observer

to-day).

Through

see 11-cent cotton at New York American mills have so

NEW COTTON PICKER the most fertile land, in just the right MAY WORK A REVOLUTION. belt, cannot be planted in the cotton belt, cannot be planted in cotton be-cause the price for labor of picking is prohibitive. IT MAY WORK A REVOLUTION. than Man Who Invented the Oliver Type-writer Comes to the Front With a Machine Which, It is Claimed, Wili Do the Work of Twonty Men and Do It Better—A Machine That Promises to Solvo One of the Great-est of Present-Day Agricultural Problems—What the Inventor Claims For It. year.

Claims For It.

Chaims For It. It costs from 60 cents to one dollar per hundred weight to gather cotton in the field. The lint is one-third in weight that of the seed. There-fore it costs approximately two to three dollars per hundred pounds of weighs five hundre pounds; at two dollars per hundred (of lint) the cost of picking a bale is \$10; at three dollars it is \$15. Therefore at \$12 a bale average and with a tweive million bale crop the cost of picking is approximately and in round num-bers \$150,000,000. the spindles will need thirteen miltion bales to keep going. We have now 11-cent cotton, and a scant supply. The price will probably rise still higher. And we will enter

bers \$150,000,000 Human power for picking cotton is

as wastefully applied as the separation of the lint was when it was done with the fingers before the invention of the successfully harvest cotton by use of steam, gasoline or electrical power would be as valuable as the cotton

League For This Purpose Formed by Ladies of Winston-Salem-De-serter From United States Army Many efforts have been made to design and develop a cotton picker. Mr. C. T. Mason of Sumter, S. C. had a machine twenty years ago that dide very good work, but was never so perfected as to become a market-With a machine suffi able success. ciently perfected the crop might be harvested at 10 per cent. the present cost. Man power is now awkwardly used to do humble work. With any power efficiently applied and effective there might be saved, certainly 100 With any saved, certainly 100

to \$125,000,000 a year. The latest invention in the cotton picker line is that of the Oliver Cotton Harvester Company, of Chicago, An illustration of the Oliver harvester is herewith shown and what the firm say about their new harvester is as follows:

"COTTON IS KING."

In the Southern section of the United States cotton is absolutely king. More than three-fourths of the king. entire world's supply is grown in the inited States. On one million, four hundred and ighteen farms it is practically the only crop grown. One acre in every the eventeen in the entire South is pro

ucing .cotton. The demand for cotton is increas

WHY IS IT?

(The mechanical picking of cotton without question the most vital ag-icultural problem before the world and the rat aturally, all the powers and nce at their command, were inability to harvest the crop quite a large percentage is lost; it is damaged by storms and its value deteriorated. him, detailed an account of how to-bacco trust people and railroad iaw-yers were active Kitchin men in al-most all parts of the State. If Dis-patch readers will think a moment they will remember that we publish-ed quite a "hefty" list of these gen-tlemen. The average man was amaz-ed that Mr. Kitchin should have all this detested influence behind him, and yet claim without ceasing that the tobacco trust and the railroads were against him. We might have added to that list then, and can do so, now, and we will. In addition to so, now, and we will. In addition the very numerous corporation at-torneys already named, there is Col. John E. Woodard, attorney for the American Tobacco Company and also for the Southern Railway, at Wilson; Boulevard. Fifteen minutes of practical demon-stration is more convincing than a ton of printed descriptive matter. It would give us great pleasure to have you inspect the Oliver cotton plcker, which is destined to revolu-tionize the harvesting of the cotton crop of the world. THE OLIVER COTTON HARVEST. for the Southern Railway, at Wilson; Murray Allen, Esq., attorney for the Seaboard, is an active Kitchin man at Raleigh; Col. Isaac Dortch, strong Kitchin man, is Southern attorney at Goldsboro; David Bell, Esq., of Hall-fax.county, great supporter of Mr. Kitchin, is a lawyer for the Seaboard Air Line and the Coast Line rall-ways; Mr. J. C. Clifford, of Harnett, lawyer for the Atlantic Coast Line, is THE OLIVER COTTON HARVEST-ER COMPANY. 118-132 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Ill. EWS OF BEAUFORT'S CAPITAL lawyer for the Atlantic Coast Line, in for Mr. Kitchin; Mr. E. S. Parker Aldermen Choose Subordinate Office Jr., of Alamance county, a very ar-dent admirer of Kitchin, is attorney For the City-Mattamuskeet Rail-road Graded as Far as Belhaven-Short News Items, for the Southern and is a brother of an American Tobaco attorney; Hon Reuben Reid, of Rockingham, red hot for Kitchin, is with the Norfolk Washington, N. C., May 11.—At a meeting of the aldermen last evening the following city officers were elect-ed for the ensuing year: Clerk and tax collector, Joseph T. Ross; chief of police, George N. Howard; assist-ant policemen, W. J. Clark, R. J. Rob-& Western, as attorney; Guthrie & Guthrie, noted law firm of Durham is for Kitchin, and yet represents the Southern; George P. Pell, Esq., of Southern; George P. Pell, ESQ., of Winston, who fought so hard for Mr. Kitchin in Ashe, is with the South-ern, as legal adviser; Dr. John H. Mock, of Thomasville, who is a Kitch-in manager, is a Southern surgeon; and practically all the buyers of the erts and Eugene Jackson; street com missioner, F. P. Whitley; city treas urer, A. Mayo; city attorney, J. D. Grimes; superintendent of municipa electric plant, P. A. Tillery; keeper of Oakdale Cemetery, E. J. Bright; keeper of Fairview, James Brown, colored. A number of minor of-ficers was also elected and the sal-aries of all were voted the same. Benetic coming the tible same. American tobacco trust are Kitchin men. Now the only point we want to make is: If the trusts and the railroads are so terribly opposed to Mr. Kitchin, how does it come that these men are for him? Why is it? Reports coming to this city from Hyde county state that the work of grading on the Mattamuskeet Rall-road has been completed as far as

The Penitent Delinquent. In renewing his subscription to The Gastonia News, a delinquent subscrib-er wrote: "Enclosed please find \$1.50 to renew my subscription for one year. I neglected to renew when my time expired and everything has gone wrong ever since; it hasn't rained, the grass is all dried up, the price of feed has advanced, the cows don't give much milk and what milk they give goes sour, the hens are not laying, the bull tears down the fences, the cows bawl all night, the horses run off, and a long list other misfortunes too numerous to mention, all decause we were stingy to invest one dollar and a half in a paper that is worth a hundrad dollars; hurry up before something else happens."

Dr. Alderman to Deliver Address at Wilmington. Special to The Observer.

Wilmington, May 14 .- The com nencement of the Wilmington High School will be held to-morrow evening in the Academy of Music when diplomas will be awarded to a class of seventeen and the annual literary address will be delivered by the distinguished Dr. Edwin Anderson Alderman, president of the University Dr. Al

In speaking of the merits of

it would be easy to ring the changes on their sympathetic, singing tone, their resonance, their brilliancy, their nicely adjusted touch and action, their unique scale, the permanence and elegance of their construction and finish, and so on-

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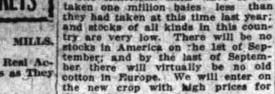
Itching, disfiguring eruptions, rashes, boils, etc., as well as pimples, black-heads and rough, scaly skin, show the presence of some irritating humor in the blood. These acids and humors with which the blood is infected are being constantly thrown off through the pores and glands of the skin, and the flesh is kept in an inflamed, diseased and unsightly condition. Nothing applied externally can change the condition of the blood or prevent the outflow of these burning acids; only constitutional treatment can do this. Washes, salves, lotions, etc., cannot reach the humor-laden blood, and are therefore useless, except for the temporary comfort and cleanliness they afford. The acid poison in the blood must be removed before a cure can be effected. S. S. S. is a real blood purifier, possessing all the requirements necessary to neutralize and remove the humors from the circu-



Belhaven and the work of actual

struction will commence in the next

The Washington Light Infantry, Company G, National Guards, of this



Raleigh, May 13th.

TO BEAUTIFY TWIN CITY.

the staple.

year was about eleven million bales, we may not expect more than twelve millions for the present crop; while

S. A. ASHE.

New York Cotton Exchange's Apstands For Improved Contract. sching Election-Official Ticket

New York Commercial, 13th. The element in the New York cot-

ton exchange which believes in an im proved contract and a bigger, broader market has been successful in the fight in the nominating committee, and the official ticket, which was announced yesterday, and which will be voted upon next month, is a "reform' ticket. The ticket is a strong one and if it is elected, as it probably will be, it insures a revision of grades that will make the New York contract a better contract than it has ever been, and which will render impossible a repetition of the criticisms which recently have been officially directed at the exchange.

The ticket is headed by Richard A Springs, of Springs & Co. Hermann Norden, of A. Norden & Co., is named as vice president, and James F. Maury as treasurer. The board of managers ticket is as follows: R. Siedenburg George Brennecke, William Mohr George F. Jones, L. S. Bache, E. P. George Walker, C. I. Long, L. Mandelbaum, Thomas E. Hicks, E. J. Scott, George Bafly, William E. Caldwell, H. H. Royce and W. W. Wendler,

While a safe majority of the board managers' ticket beiongs to the "reform party" of the exchange, there are some on the ticket who do not the ticket as a whole represents opposition to the element of the exchange that made the revision of grades of November, 1906, which was so harship criticised by Commissioner Herbert Knox Smith.

Many favorable comments upon the lifs mother. ticket were made when it was posted yesterday afternoon, but they were by no means unattimous. powerful faction in the exchangethe as long been in a great degree the dominating faction—that was much displeased, and no sconer was it posted than there was talk of an opposition ticket.

Some of the most indignant wanted a new ticket with another head, and tion. others suggested that a second ticket be put in the field, accepting Mr. Springs and Mr. Norden and part of the board of managers, but changing enough names on the board to throwthe control of the exchange into the hands of the "old crowd." It was said last evening; that an opposition ticket of some sort was almost certain to be put in the field, and if this is done there promises to be the most interesting fight in the history of the

"I hope they do put another ticket the field," said one of the men on a regular ticket. "There seems to the regular ticket. difference of opinion as to how this exchange should be run and for whose benefit it should be run, and it might be well to have a straight t fight over the question and get

THE COTTON SITUATION.

The New Year Will Be Entered With Prices High and the Supply Scant. To the Editor of The Observer:

Any light thrown on the cotton ait ion must be of interest in this to of trouble. Some two months if was surprised to see in The Tex-Manufacturers' Journal a state-nt by its Lowell correspondent i in Massachusetts they expected to see S-cent cotton. Instead

fail to see Blue Boonet at

aim several times, but he succeeded in eluding them. In the Elks' Auditorium to-night the Confederate Veterans and Daugh- new cotton fabrics like ters of the Confederacy gave a most

enjoyable entertainment which was ery hand. attended by a capacity house. The Thirty programme was varied and interest-ing and held the attention of the audience. The proceeds go to the fund to aid needy Confederate veter-

The residence of Mr. W. W. Thompon, machinist-operator for The Journal, was ransacked by a burglar this morning about 11 o'clock and a number of articles, including several val-uable pieces of jewelry, were stolen. is no clue to the identity of There the intruder. A large number of idences in Winston and Salem A large number of reshas een burglarized during the past two weeks and the officers have succeeded in capturing two negroes who are believed to be responsible for a por-tion of it. Never in the history

the city have so many burglaries een committed in such a brief fime.

KIDNAPED HIS CHIED.

Father Took That Means of Securin It From Its Mother-Substantial Sympathy to Loser by Fire-Peti-tion For Road Bond Election.

pecial to The Observer.

Burlington, May 14 .-- Will Kirby was arrested near Elon College a few crop. days ago, charged with kidnaping his child from his wife from whom he had separated some time ago. - A compromise was (ffected, Kirby pay-hold word all over the continent, to ing costs and returning the child to give the world a successful cotton its mother. The supreme effort of his

The citizens of Burlington have shown their esteem and sympathy for There is a Mr. W. A. Loy, the principal loser in exchange— the fire of Sunday night, in a subs/mmuch or more than any one subscrip

> A petition praying Alamance county mmissioners to order an election in August upon the question of a bond for road improvement, is in circulation.

Material for a new and handsome church is being placed on the Lutheran church lawn.

Miss Mmy K. Smith, a Native of Charlotte, Dies in Lynchburg. Lynchburg News, 9th.

Miss Amy Kendrick Smith died yes terday evening at 6:20 o'clock at the home of her sister, Mrs. Darby O. Owen, 1414 Taylor street, where weeks past she had been critt-ill. While her sufferings were some cally ill. most acute, she bore them with re-markable fortitude and was perfectly resigned to the Divine will. Her deep-iove for those around her made her solicitous for their welfare and when others of her immediate solicitous for the solicitous for others of her immediate relatives were recently suffering, she was so anx-ious for their recovery that she was willing to make any sacrifice and scarcely considered her own illness. Miss Smith was born in Charlotte, N. C., February 23d, 1863, but some six years ago she came to Lynch-burg to reside and had her mem-bership in an Episcopal church of Charlotte moved to Grace Momorial church, of this city. She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Leonard Smith: by one sister, Mrs. Darby O. Owen, of this city, and by one brother, Mr. Rippley P. Smith, of Cliffon Forge. others of her immediate relatives

A NEW COTTON PICKER.

ing by leaps and bounds. China and city, is making active preparations other foreign countries are using more for the encampment at Fort Caswell other foreign countries are using more and more American fabrics each year. next month. This company expects to receive 65 new Springfield rifles In the United States the invention new textile machinery producing the latter part of this week and these w cotton fabrics like "mercerized will be used at the encampment. Capotten.'

etc., are springing up on ev-Thirty years ago the South pro-duced only four million bales, twenty years ago only six million bales, ten ears ago eight million bales. The crop in recent years averaged welve million bales. In 1904 the

inited States product was was 13,-420,000 bales. Within ten years the world wfli obably require an annual producrobably

ion of thirty million bales of cotton. It will be almost impossible to meet the demand made upon it to produce this yast amount without the aid of a successful mechanical cotton picker. Do you know that in the old contest of hand-labor versus machine-la-bor, history shows that the victory

invariably goes to the side of progress and efficiency? Modern machinery has reduced the abor required to produce a bushel of orn from four hours to thirty-four minutes, and in wheat from three and

half hours to ten minutes, while in the production of cotton there has practically no decrease. It is hand-picked as it was two housand years ago.

We now stand at the dawn of a new era in the harvesting of the cotton The problem will be satisfactorily solved at last. It was reserved for Thomas Oliver,

who gave the world the Oliver Typeinventive genius has the Oliver repu-tation built right into it.

It is a new and distinct departure in mechanical principles. It is ori-ginal in every detail. It is a triumph It is efficient, comof simplicity. pact, durable. It will not damage the fibre, injure the plant or the unripe boll.

It will occupy the same relative pos ition to the cotton crop that the mod-ern up-to-date harvester occupies to the wheat crop. Its adoption will emancipate the

planter from the labor problem and pick the first ripe cotion two weeks in advance of hand-labor. This cotton brings the highest price

obtainable at a time when the planter most needs the money. It will save the labor of twenty men and save valuable time for other important work on the plantation. The Oliver cotton picker will not

only pick cotton, but it is the only machine that will go into the field once, twice, three, four or even more times and pick the ripe cotton with-out damage to the fibre, and without injury to the plant or the unripe holls. bolls It will overcome difficulties never

It will overcome difficulties never before attempted by any other cotton picker. It picks only the ripe cot-ton; it is original, simple, practical and effective. The pressing want of a successful machine to pick the cotton crop has been the one almost insurmountable obstacle to its increased production. With this problem satisfactorily solved by the adoption of the Oliver cotton picker, a far greater acreage will be planted, which means the probability of doubling the entire cotton crop.

This will give an additional half illars each year to the

Hundreds of thousands of

tain Wynn says he expects to carry

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57 men, not including himself and two lieutenants, on this trip. Beaufort County Superior Court will convene in the court house in this will convene in the court house in this city Monday, May 18th, for a three weeks' session. The first two weeks will be devoted solely to civil cases and the third to criminal cases. There

are now 27 prisoners in the city jall awaiting trial and thirteen of these together with one white man out on ball, will be tried on the charge of being implicated in the recent race riot at Bethaven, when the houses of the Greek laborers were shot up by a mob.

As a result of reckless driving Fulton Knowlton, a colored driver, of this city, suffered a dislocated collar bone and a painfully bruised hip yesterday aftern

The residence of Mr. H. T. Latham on West Second street, is rapidly nearing completion and Mr. J. Jones, the contractor, has recently closed a contract with Mr. D. W. Bell to erect two new houses in Nicholson ville to be fitted up with modern con veniences. The work of development now going on at Washington Park, high class, residential suburb of this city is also progressing rapidly. Quite a number of valuable building lots has been sold and a number of handsome residences has already been erected.

Declined With Thanks.

good face.

consistent about panics.

Greensboro Record.

Davidson Dispatch. A gentleman from Mr. Moses Har-shaw's county tells The Dispatch man that the Republicans wanted

Rock Hill, S. C. is," and charged it all up to the Dem-ocratic party when the hard times came; and he wasn't going ou; to the people and try to dodge this Republi-WM. WHITE JOHNSON, Res. Agt., Hunt Bidg., Charlotte, N. C.



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Charlotte, N. C.

can panic, for it was a Republican panic, and Rozsoveit caused it. Now if Cannon were nominated, said Mr. Harshaw, then he could go out and make Cannon preschements -----make Cannon preachments with a PLASTER OF PARIS Mr. Harshaw is, to say the least, WALL PLASTER A Man Who Deserves the Place. LATHS Mr. C. C. Moore, of Mecklenburg And everything

andidate for Commissioner of Agri candidate for Commissioner of Agri-culture, has many warm friends in this county who are working hard for him, quity a compliment considering the fact that little notice has been taken of any candidate outside of those for Governor and Congressman. Fact is not one voter in ten can tell right now for whom he will vote at the primary with the exception of the two officers above referred to. It is not officen that the State owes an office to any one, but if there ever that's Builders' Supplies. Best quality materials. liveries and the right Inquiries prices. office to any one, but if there ever was one, Mr. Moore is that man. licited.

Ornig Special From Ratherfordton Shelby Star.

While in Raleigh a few days ago, Col. J. T. Gardner perfected arrange-ments with Maj. C. H. Gattis, the alert and accommodating traveling passenger agent of the Seaboard, to run a special train from Rutherford-ton to Charlotte on the morning of June 14th, for the convenience of the alert and accor indreds of Craig supporters ant to attend the great State

rive to-morrow morning and while in the city will be a guest of his sister. Mrs. H. McL. Green. He will remain in Wilmington until Monday, when he goes to deliver an address at the commencement of Davidson College. This afternoon on the4campus of the school building pretty class day exercises were held by the junior and senior classes.



lation. It completely eradicates every trace of impurity and restores this vital fluid to its natural healthy state. S. S. S. cools the acid-heated blood so that instead of pouring out acrid matter on the skin, it feeds and nourishes it with health-sustaining properties, and then the cruptions and diseases of the skin pass away. Book on Skin Diseases and any medical THE SWIFT SPECIFIC CO., ATLANTA, GA. advice free.

