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SUCCESS IN GRAIN

GROWING IN SOUTH The Manufacturers' Record has compiled figures showing that the South, although virtually forced into diversified farming in self defense, because of the restricted use of cotton and forced into it on the spur of the moment, as it were, has made remarkable progress in that direction.

The grain crop of the South this year will exceed in value several hundred million dollars the total of the most valuable cotton crop ever produced by this section.

This remarkable fact is due to an increase in grain production throughout the South, which will demonstrate what this section is capable of doing in the development of diversified farming.

The estimated yield for the country of the year, including rice, is 5,414,000,000 bushels, or an increase of 490,000,000 bushels over 1914. Out of this total gain, 232,000,000 bushels, or nearly 60 per cent, is due to the increase in the South.

Every (southern) State, with the exception of Maryland, whose wheat crop is short, shares in this increased grain production. Alabama shows a gain of nearly 17,000,000 bushels; Arkansas, 23,500,000 bushels; Georgia, 18,700,000 bushels; Louisiana, 16,000,000 bushels; Mississippi, nearly 20,000,000 bushels; South Carolina, 8,700,000 bushels; Virginia, 18,200,000 bushels, while Texas comes to the front with a gain of 58,000,000, and Oklahoma, 40,400,000 bushels.

Every business interest in the South should feel the vivifying influence of this splendid gain crop. The South did not this year turn its attention to grain as largely as it should have done, and at the same time still further lessen its cotton acreage, but it has made a magnificent start, which indicates its almost limitless opportunities for grain growing.

In 1900 the production of wheat, corn and oats in the South was 311,000,000 bushels, compared with this year's yield of 1,540,000,000. We have thus advanced the production this year over 1900 by 629,000,000 bushels.

Well may the South take heart and rejoice in this splendid showing of what it can do in grain production. Even these figures can easily be doubled by the South when it gives, as it should do, proper attention to the widest diversification of its agriculture and to growing at home all of the foodstuffs needed for man and beast.

It must not be lost sight of, however, that cotton farmers, whatever may have been their initial success, can only have a superficial knowledge of general farming. To begin raising new crops was for the cotton planter like beginning life in a new country. Many mistakes have already been made, by planters who too suddenly vent too far the "other way," but soon the movement must certainly result in making the south nearer self-sustaining and in better cotton market conditions.

WAKING UP CHINA.

Says Yuan Shi Kai, president of the Chinese republic, in a proclamation setting forth China's position as a result of her yielding to Japan's demands:

"We are ashamed of the humiliation, but should we blame others while we ourselves are at fault? Our own weakness has invited the insult, and I feel that I am a man of little virtue and ability. However," he adds, by way of half-apology for the government's action, "we have no right to stoke the existence of a nation; therefore we have to work out its salvation with care."

There is such honest sincerity in these words that they leave no doubt of China's humiliation. While Japan may not have actually gobbled up Chinese territory or overthrown Chinese autonomy, she has come so near doing both that she has dealt a bitter blow to the nation's pride.

But in the very fact that China keenly feels the indignity, and is ashamed of her weakness, there is hope for her. It appears to be the first time in China's long history of foreign domination and tyranny that her people have felt such a sense of political shame. It is evidence of a new national spirit. When a nation comes to realize that it is "of little virtue and ability" instead of whining, and confesses manfully that its misfortunes are its own fault, there is hope for it.

China must yet wipe out the shame, not in blood, let us hope, but in peaceful rivalry, by means of the intellectual, industrial progress of which the nation is capable. If humiliation is a spur to such progress, Japan, with the worst intentions has done China a great favor.

Boy Scouts discover five million mosquitoes in hard can—News Item. It is to be hoped it had a cover.

We would bet on the "Chinese" waging the most effective boycott in the world. It is hard to keep a good club down.

A DAILY LESSON IN HISTORY

July 16.

1815—One hundred years ago today—Edward J. Morris, Pennsylvania congressman and United States minister to Turkey by appointment of President Lincoln, died there, December 31, 1881.

1840—Twenty-five years ago today—Continuation of the street fighting between the rival political factions in the City of Mexico. The hostilities continued until July 26, when a peace agreement was signed, after many on both sides had been killed.

1845—Fifty years ago today—The celebrated Madame Jumel, a French widow, who married Aaron Burr in 1832, died in her home on Washington Heights, New York City, in her 92d year.

1890—Twenty-five years ago today—The National Line steamship "Egypt" was burned at sea.

OUR DAILY BIRTH-DAY PARTY

July 16.

Captain Roald Amundsen, discoverer of the South Pole, born at Sarsburg, Norway, 42 years ago today.

Theodore N. Vall, one of the leading factors in the development of the telephone industry in America, born in Carroll County, Ohio, 70 years ago today.

Ivy L. Lee, recently appointed a trustee of the great Rockefeller Foundation, born at Cedartown, Ga., 35 years ago today.

Eugene Ysaÿ, one of the world's most famous violinists, born at Liege, Belgium, 57 years ago today.

C. Ledyard Blair, noted New York capitalist, born at Belvidere, N. J., 43 years ago today.

Rt. Rev. Henry St. George Tucker, Episcopal missionary bishop of Japan, born at Warsaw, Va., 41 years ago today.

Dr. William D. Mackenzie, president of Hartford Theological Seminary, born in the Orange River colony, South Africa, 56 years ago today.

Joseph Jackson, outfielder of the Cleveland American league baseball team, born at Greenville, S. C., 27 years ago today.

Bed Time Tales

By Clara Ingram Judson.

Mr. Garden Toad Croaks for a Shower

"Oh, dear, but I wish it would rain," grumbled Mr. Garden Toad as he hopped dully around in the dry and dusty flowerbed. "It hasn't rained for so long that everything is dry and dirty and ugly! Is there nothing we can do about it?" He addressed no one in particular, for he saw no one to talk to, but he had learned by experience that many times there were creatures around and he had only to speak to find them. Sure enough! Hardly had he spoken, when Mr. Small raised his head, he was hiding under a leaf close by, and remarked, "Why, it rained not long ago! Isn't that enough?"

"If you mean that we bit of wetness that fell three mornings ago, that was but a hose shower," replied Mr. Toad; "but there wasn't enough of that to satisfy me three days!" Mr. Small looked around the dry garden. "It wasn't much, that's true," he admitted, "but it was better than nothing. Another such shower would help out till the real rain comes."

"To be sure it would," croaked Mr. Toad crossly; "but how are you going to get even that?" Mr. Small thought a minute. "I don't see any way," he finally said; "but maybe some one else can help you. I lead such a quiet life that I know very little about the world. Why don't you ask your friend, Billy Robin? Maybe he knows how hose showers are procured."

Mr. Garden Toad thought that a good suggestion, so he promptly kept for five years, is transferred to the postoffice at Wilmington. Walter V. Mitchell of that city coming here as stamp clerk. George M. Foster, heretofore registry clerk, now takes charge of the money order department and Miss Florence Voorhes is promoted to the position of registry clerk.

Postmaster Owen Gudger this morning announced a number of changes in the clerical force of the Asheville office, effective today. J. B. Bradford, who has been money order clerk at the local office

a watch out for Billy Robin. By good luck, at that very minute Billy Robin flew down the garden path and stopped near Mr. Garden Toad. "Oh, friend Billy," called the Toad "can you tell me how to get a hose shower?" Billy cocked his head to one side and thought and thought. "That's a pretty big question you have asked me," he said at last. "You know those hose showers are operated by the people in the house, and there is never any telling what they will do! But there ought to be a way. Wait a minute. I'll ask Tommy Sparrow."

Tommy Sparrow was glad to come down to the garden path and talk the matter over. "Why of course there is a way," he said the first thing. "We are entirely too polite about our thirstiness. We ought to make a great fuss, then we might get some water. You, Mr. Toad, should croak, and we should fuss and flutter about in the dust."

They all thought that was worth trying. So Mr. Toad began to croak (such mournful croaking you never heard!) and Billy and Tommy Sparrow fluttered and scolded and stormed in the dust of the garden—still—would you believe it? That queer Mr. Man-in-the-house heard them and came out to see what they wanted! It was not hard to guess that they were thirsty and the hose was turned on at once.

"What bliss!" muttered Mr. Toad from the depths of the first puddle. "Next time I want something, I'll croak for it!"

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CHANGES ARE MADE IN ASHEVILLE POSTOFFICE

J. B. Bradford Transferred to Wilmington—Other Appointments Announced.

TIED OF TEACHING FILIPINO CHILDREN Ottawa, Kan., July 16.—Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Smith, who have been teaching on the lonely island of Cebu in the Philippine groups for the last six years have returned and taken up the occupation of gardening here, which they assert is more congenial and less dangerous than teaching the half-civilized natives.

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