

AS TO COTTON.

Cotton has been pushed up about 40 points, and the minimum price named by the ARGUS at the opening of the season and ever since adhered to in these columns, namely, eight cents, is daily growing more certain. This comes, however, when over one half of the crop is out of farmers' hands. Such indications are apt to come too late to help the producer, and they will continue to come in that way until the government organizes a system that will furnish monthly reports from the gins. This could readily be done through the census bureau, which is to be made permanent.

The Department of Agriculture, possessing very many sources of information, including reports from 15,000 gins, estimates the current crop at 9,674,000 bales. Last year's crop was 10,383,000 bales. The estimated decrease is about 700,000 bales, practically accounted for in Texas, which grew last year 3,537,506 bales. The products of the other States will approximate those of last year.

The high guesses that have of late been given currency came from middlemen and speculators and "experts." Those of the New York Cotton Exchange ranged from 9,500,000 bales to 11,150,000; those of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange average 10,788,604; those of the Memphis Cotton Exchange showed an average of 10,560,417 bales; those of the Houston Cotton Exchange gave an average guess of 10,600,000 bales. Expert Neil sent to Liverpool for foreign use a guess that topped them all, namely, 11,250,000 bales. The Department of Agriculture has taken the hot air and speculation out of all such guesses by estimating the crop at 9,674,000 bales.

The estimates of the Department are no longer made on the basis of the yield of lint per acre. Various sources of information are now utilized, and the estimates are now received with confidence. They have of late been approximately correct. The Department's estimate in December, 1899, was 9,500,000 bales, and the output was 9,426,000 bales. Last year its December estimate called for 10,100,000 bales, and the year's figures footed 10,383,000 bales. The Department's estimate is a million bales below the average guess of eight cotton exchanges, and the belief among the people is that it is very nearly correct.

The ARGUS has all along advised the farmers to hold their cotton at eight cents as a minimum price, and those who took its advice will, it is plain, have no reason to regret it. Those Southern mills who did not stock up will now have to pay higher prices.

METHODIST CONFERENCE.

Next Session Will Be Held in Wilmington.

Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 6.—The North Carolina Conference opened this morning at the regular hour, Bishop Hargrove in the chair. The religious services were conducted by Rev. W. S. Rone. On motion of Rev. John N. Cole, the conference went into the election of place for holding the next annual conference. He presented an invitation from Grace church, Wilmington. Dr. Jno. F. Miller placed St. Paul's, Goldsboro, in nomination, but later withdrew in Wilmington's favor, with the understanding that the conference would come to Goldsboro two years hence.

Under call of question one J. M. Culbreth, Eugene M. Snipes, Wm. A. Jenkins, Wm. E. Brown, Wm. P. Constable, Robert E. Porter and William Towe were admitted on trial.

Cancerous Sores

are most frequently to be seen upon the face, neck or breast, though they are liable to appear upon other parts of the body. When they begin to spread and eat into the flesh, sharp, piercing pains are felt as the underlying tissue is destroyed and the tender nerves exposed. Cancerous sores develop from very trifling causes; a carbuncle or boil, swollen gland, a little watery blister on the tongue or lip, a wart, mole or bruise of some kind becomes an indolent, festering sore, which in time degenerates into cancer.

Ten years ago I had a sore on my left temple, which the doctors pronounced a cancerous ulcer; it would itch, burn and bleed, then scab over, but would never heal. After taking S. S. S. a while the sore began to discharge, and when all the poisonous matter had passed out it got well. I took in all about thirty bottles, continuing it for some time after the sore had healed, to be sure all the poison was out of my system. Have seen no sign of the cancer in ten years.



SSS is a strictly vegetable remedy, and, while possessing purifying and healing properties that no other medicine does, contains nothing that could derange the system. While cleansing the blood it also builds up the general health.

If you have a suspicious sore, or other blood trouble, send for our free book on Blood and Skin Diseases, and write to us for any information or advice wanted; we make no charge for this service.

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DOES NOT AFFECT THE HEART
15, 25 and 50 cents a bottle.
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GUARANTEED
MEXICAN ROOT PILLS
To cure SICK HEADACHE, HABITUAL CONSTIPATION, and all diseases arising from indigestion. They will purify your blood and make your complexion as FAIR AS A LILY. They are gelatin coated. PRICE 25 CENTS.

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Piano Lessons.

I began giving piano lessons the 1st of August. For full particulars in reference to terms, etc., apply at my residence, 224 South East St.
Having taken instruction in **MUSICAL KINDERGARTEN**, I began a class the 1st of September and shall be pleased to furnish any information about the instruction or terms for pupils that may be desired by parents or guardians.
MRS. FLORA M. KENDALL,
The following testimonial is from the Burrows Piano School, of Detroit, Mich.
Detroit, Mich., July 17, 1900.
I have much pleasure in testifying that I have given Mrs. Flora M. Kendall personal instruction in the Burrows Musical Kindergarten Method and that I consider her fully qualified to apply it in teaching children.
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Kemper's Chocolate Laxative Cough Syrup cures the head and sore throat. Children take them like candy.

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Cocanut candy, Peanut candy, Made fresh daily by day, Professor Roy H. He is a dandy, He does it all his way.

Our Taffy candy is something sweet, And every body should know The place to buy where things are neat, Is Robin on Bro.' that's so.

Our Christmas goods already here, The finest in the town; And selected with the utmost care, Make not, and put this down.

Our prescription department is up-to-date With every thing prescribed, When you have prescriptions don't go elsewhere, Until, us, you have thoroughly tried.

Our Soda Fountain is bright and new And of a modern make, It serves the best and coolest drinks, And his is what it takes.

If your feet are tired and cold, From the want of proper care, Give us your size and the amount of blood, And let us make you a pair.

The summer days have past and gone, The fall is now its name, Our sales on ice is not so good, But we keep it just the same.

M. E. Robinson & Bro.,
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Silver and Pearl Handle Umbrellas, High Grade Pictures, Novelties, Gold Clocks, Pocketbooks, Card cases, etc.

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We will show you the correct thing to buy.

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I have a Plain Proposition to make you. Every one makes presents at Christmas and New Year. In my store I have a complete stock of reliable goods—Everything to be found in a thoroughly Up-to-Date Jewelry Store—and housekeepers and individuals can surely find something to suit them among the infinite variety of my well appointed stock, and even if any be in doubt as to what they want or what to buy, a visit to my store and an inspection of the many things I offer, in WATCHES, CLOCKS, JEWELRY of every description, toilet articles, knives, forks, spoons, pitchers, castors, in fact, articles too numerous to mention, they may be assisted in making a choice, and when this is done, the price will suit them, for I have positively put prices down to the very lowest possible margin of profit.

I am determined that my prices shall sell the goods—and the goods are guaranteed. Very truly,

R. A. WATTS.

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A Beautiful Bisque Doll Free.

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With every cash purchase amounting to 25 cents you are entitled to one vote for the "Beautiful Doll" to be given to the child receiving the greatest number of votes.

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Shetland Iced Wool for Crocheting.

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Shoes at Cost!

We have a large stock of Shoes, and in order to reduce stock, we will for the next thirty days, beginning Thursday, November 22, offer the entire stock at cost.

Remember that we carry a stock of shoes second to none in this city, and this is an opportunity seldom offered to the people of this section. STRICTLY CASH. No charging at these prices. We also offer the balance of our stock of Dry Goods, etc. at greatly reduced prices.

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