

CURRENT COMMENT.

THE NEW COTTON CROP.

New Orleans Cottons: Yesterday the first bale of cotton of the crop of 1903 to reach New Orleans was reported. This bale was from southern Texas, and is one of the very first bales from that section, being, in fact, the initial bale to reach Houston, from which point it was sent here.

At this time last year the daily receipts of south Texas cotton at Galveston and other Texas markets were quite large, whereas this year the total number of early Texas bales so far reported can be counted on the fingers, Houston, for instance, having received only one bale to date.

The lateness of the crop is a very serious matter to spinners and consumers generally. The old season promises to close with general stocks more depleted than they ever have been before.

It therefore avails little to venture guesses as to the size of the crop. Be it large or small, it will all be needed to meet the growing consumption requirements of the world.

High as present prices look, they appear to be justified by the present position of supply and demand. There is hardly sufficient cotton available of the old crop to meet actual needs of the mills until the new crop begins to move in some volume.

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THE PISCAYUNE.

—The Piscayune is shocked and astonished at the behavior of Mr. Bryan as reported, and regrets that it is thereby compelled to withdraw much of the admiration it had for his eloquence as an orator, and of the respect it had accorded to one who had twice led the Democratic party to honorable defeat.

—There are enthusiasts at St. Petersburg who believe that Siberia is destined to be the greatest agricultural region in the world. When their expectations are realized—when Alaska and Siberia have become the most fertile and productive regions in the world—it is conceivable that there will be an irresistible demand for a fast express line and through freight service between New York and St. Petersburg.

—It is announced that the Lily Whites of Alabama will soon start a newspaper for the furthering of their plans. Their venture will be a weekly, to be changed to a daily newspaper.

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—Fayetteville Observer: Will Harris, Mecklenburg county's "bad man," serving a term of 30 years in penitentiary, has escaped, and on Monday night shot Sam Howe, a negro, near Charlotte. The sheriff of the county is in pursuit of Harris. He is the desperate strike of Cumberland's negro, Gilmore.

—Kinston Five Press: The dairy belonging to Mr. J. T. Middleton, situated just beyond the southern corporate limits of the town, was burned last night between 8 and 9 o'clock, and 33 head of cattle and one horse were burned with it.

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—Norfolk Virginian-Pilot: "I'd rather work in the corn field than be walking the streets of a big city like Norfolk," exclaimed Arthur Leigh, a small white boy, who came here from Fayetteville, N. C., on an excursion, who spent all of his money seeing the sights, and got left on the train and who finally wound up at the mayor's office and applied for a ticket to his home.

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TRAINING A LION.

A Daring Performance That Had a Very Simple Explanation. Not long ago a lion tamer who was exhibiting in a German circus in Holland attracted immense crowds at every performance by doing what seemed to be the most daring of acts in the lion's cage. He would climb into the cage with great pieces of meat and throw it to the roaring beasts.

—The man in a good humor has an enormous advantage over the man who is angry. Anger is dark. Intolerance is filled with shadow. Intolerance is grim and black. Prejudice is blind.

—The trainer stooped, lifted the lion and forced it to them again, and in a moment the lion roared and threw away ball, rending and snarling and tearing, with blood from the mangled beef spurting all over the cage.

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THE AMERICAN LAUGH.

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET. (Quoted officially by the Chamber of Commerce.) STAFF OFFICE, August 13. SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market firm at 81c per gallon.

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PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegram to the Morning Star. NEW YORK, Aug. 13.—Flour was nominal. Receipts—wheat 1,004 bales; exports to France 8,046 bales; exports to the Continent 4,970 bales; exports to Japan 1,000 bales.

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RECEIVER'S SALE.

State of North Carolina, County of New Hanover. In re: Estate of Charles W. Whitlock, deceased. Notice of Sale.

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