

THE WORLD'S SUPPLY OF COTTON.

Cotton is more eagerly sought now than gold. The great manufacturing nations are searching the earth's surface for lands on which cotton can be grown.

This impression is an erroneous one. On Tuesday, in Atlanta, Col. S. W. Eldridge, of Hillsboro, Miss., said that his crop this year was about 8,000 bales, and that in good cotton years he got about 10,000 bales on the 10,000 to 15,000 acres which he planted.

He meant to be understood that there was land enough in this country adapted to the growing of cotton to supply the demand of the world for cotton. All that is needed is labor.

More than half of the cotton produced in this country is the product of white labor. The old-time idea that only the black man can work in the cotton field has been proven to be erroneous.

There is no better time than the present to agitate this matter. The whole world is talking about cotton. Almost as many people are interested in it as are interested in grain from which bread is made.

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THE FIRST REAL HISTORY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

The compiler is Col. Fred A. Olds, the well known Raleigh newspaper man, and he has done a good work in his efforts to thus place within reach of the people of the State historical facts which very few Carolinians have had an opportunity to learn.

Lawson's history, of which the Observer's book is a reprint, bears date of 1714, which ante-dates the settlement of Wilmington. It appeared that after Lawson gathered the notes and material for his history, he began its publication in parts as early as 1708 at London and there are some copies dated 1710.

The particular copy from which this reprint is compiled by Col. Olds was presented to the State of North Carolina in 1831 by President James Madison, and it is preserved in the State Library at Raleigh. Truly it is a book more marvellously interesting than fiction.

—The South, of course, would delight to see one of its sons preferred and to witness the restoration of its early presidential leadership; and that time will come, for Southern statesmanship will again prevail when the latter day adventures have brought their bitter fruit of disappointment. But hardly in this generation. Meanwhile the South is content to hold up the ancient principles which had their birth in the Southern colonies and their dedication to the declaration of Independence and the constitution.

—The complaint against the railroads' discriminating practices upon the commerce of South Carolina will be heard by the State railroad commission next week. A very clear case of unfair hampering of this State's trade has been made by the associations in all parts of South Carolina which have made common cause in this very worthy and essentially important fight and it is possible that the commission can pass the complaint without redress of its present grievances.

—With an epidemic of pneumonia raging throughout the country, the timely warning of the physician should receive obedient regard by those persons who would escape the disease. It is an infectious disease spread through the respiratory passages, and while the severe weather continues there is great danger of a terrible death rate unless due precautionary measures are taken.

—Council Bluffs, Ia., has had a taste of the desperate negro and came very near having the experience of a double lynching. It is altogether creditable to the Iowa mob, however, that it was amenable to reason and that before committing the crime for which it was organized the leaders listened to wise counsel and dispersed. Two negroes had criminally assaulted two respectable white women, and their worthless necks were only saved through the courageous interference of leading citizens. Let us hope that this incident will lead the citizens of Council Bluffs to view with something more of charity the Southern sentiment that calls for the summary punishment of the perpetrator of this heinous crime.

—There is no better time than the present to agitate this matter. The whole world is talking about cotton. Almost as many people are interested in it as are interested in grain from which bread is made. As already stated, not half our cotton lands are under cultivation, and these that are could be made to produce much more abundantly.

—Savannah News.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Southside Baptist church: Service to-day at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. St. Thomas' church: First mass, 7 A. M.; high mass and sermon, 10:30 A. M.; vesper and sermon, 7:45 P. M. First Baptist church, corner Fifth and Market streets: Services to-day at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M., conducted by the Rev. Oscar Powers, of Kentucky. St. Paul's Lutheran church, Rev. C. W. Kegley, supply pastor: Sunday school at 9:30 P. M. Preaching at 4:30 P. M. Public cordially invited.

St. John's church, corner Third and Red Cross streets, Rev. J. Carmichael, D. D., rector: Second Sunday after Christmas. Litany, sermon and holy communion at 11 A. M. Sunday school at 9:30 P. M. Seals free. Strangers cordially invited.

St. Matthew's English Lutheran church, North Fourth street, Rev. C. W. Kegley pastor: Sunday school at 9:45 A. M., preaching at 11 A. M. Sermon at 7:30 P. M. Preaching at 7:30 P. M. Every person well come.

Grace M. E. church, South, Fourth and Grace streets, Rev. N. M. Watson, pastor: Services to-day at 11 A. M., conducted by Rev. W. I. Herbert, of Columbia, S. C., and by the pastor at 7:30 P. M. Sunday school at 3:30 P. M. First Church of Christ, Scientist, Murchison National Bank building, first floor, Chestnut street entrance. Services at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Subject of sermon: "Life." All are invited to attend.

—No one should ever judge that man by the company he keeps. "Why?" "He's the warden of our jail." —Troy Budget.

—The Man—Didn't you promise to love, honor and obey me? The Woman—Didn't you promise to endeavor with all your worldly goods? —Chicago Tribune.

—Dear, you needn't get me that lawn mower for Christmas. Mrs. Subbubs—Why not? Mr. Subbubs—Mrs. Nexadore is going to give her husband one. —Philadelphia Press.

—Willie—Pa, you don't get chestnuts until after there's a frost, do you? —Pa—Except in the case of a large company, my dear Willie. The chestnuts come first and the frost afterward. —Philadelphia Press.

—Cheer up, brother," said the preacher to the sick man, "there's a warm welcome for you over yonder!" "Parson," gasped the man, "which way do you reckon I'm a-goin'?" —Atlanta Constitution.

WILMINGTON WOMEN INTERESTED.

Miss Julia M. Beau, Overworked and Nervous, Tells of Her Remarkable Cure by Vinol.

How many women right here in Wilmington are in her condition suffering out a weary existence? They are not old enough to lie in bed, but they are overworked, tired out, run down, thin, nervous and miserable. Such women will be interested in Miss Beau's story.

Miss Beau writes: "I was nervous and weak, having constant headaches, and that general worn out, overworked, tired-out feeling. Vinol was recommended to me. I am well and strong, and can do my work with ease and without fatigue. It gives me great pleasure to recommend Vinol to overworked, tired, nervous women, as Vinol is without an equal in its wonderful restorative powers."

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It gives new life and strength to the aged; it cures stomach troubles, hard colds, hanging-coughs, restores lost appetite, and gives strength to the convalescent.

—If it fails to give satisfaction Mr. Bellamy agrees to cheerfully refund the purchase money.

Co-operation in England. Co-operation scored a great success in England and Scotland during the past year, according to the report submitted by the board of control to the co-operative congress at Doncaster. The movement embraces nearly 1,700 societies, with a membership of 2,300,000.

Some of the seasons returned to New Zealand from the Discovery, who have had experience of both the arctic and antarctic, say that the cold in the latter is less severe and the atmosphere drier. A curious phenomenon they do not expect and cannot explain is the fact that the cold winds in the antarctic were usually north, while the comparative warm winds were southerly.

—"Did your son specialize along any particular line?" somebody asked of the college graduate's proud mother. "Oh, yes," was the reply. "I heard one of his friends say that he made great record for himself on the rush line the last two years he was in college." —Syracuse Herald.

—"That's the local weather fore-caster who just passed us." "Indeed? He isn't a very healthy-looking man, is he?" "No, he says the climate here doesn't agree with him." "I wonder if that's why he keeps changing it so much?" —Philadelphia Press.

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET. (Quoted officially as closing of the Chamber of Commerce.)

SPICES—Turpentine—Nothing doing. ROSIN—Market firm at \$3.10 per barrel for good strained. STARCH—Market firm at \$1.60 per barrel of 80 lbs.

MARKET NOMINAL. Same day last year, market firm at \$4 for middling. Receipts—870 bales; same day last year, 304.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm, Prime, 70c; extra prime, 75c; fancy, 77c, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. VIRGINIA—Prime, 80c; extra, 82c; fancy, 84c. SPANISH—85c.

EGGS—Firm at 25c per dozen. CHICKENS—Dull. Golden, 15c; Turkeys—Firm at 12c@13c for live. BEESWAX—Firm at 25c@26c.

SHAWLS—Firm at 5c@6c per pound. SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 50c per bushel. BEEF CATTLE—Firm at 3c@3c per pound.

Cotton and Naval Stores. MONTHLY STATEMENT. RECEIPTS. For month of December, 1902. Cotton, 52,871. Spirits, 92. Rosin, 7,164. Crude, 1,999.

FINANCIAL MARKETS. NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Money on call nominal; no loans transactions; time loans were steady; sixty days, 5 1/2% per cent; ninety days, 4 1/2% per cent; six months, 4 1/2% per cent.

COTTON MARKETS. NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Cotton—Holiday; Galveston, holiday, net receipts 13,244 bales; Norfolk, holiday, net receipts 1,000 bales; total, 14,244 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS. NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Holiday in the grain and provision markets. Butter firm; extra cream 23c; State dairy 14c@20c. Omelette steady. State full cream fancy small colored, September 12c; full cream white, September 12c; late made 10c. Eggs—State and Pennsylvania nearby average best 37c. Other markets nominal.

45c, 47c@47 1/2c. Oats—No. 3 January 35c, 36c, 37c, 38c, 39c; May 38c, 39c, 40c, 41c, 42c; July 39c, 40c, 41c, 42c, 43c.

NEW YORK COFFEE FUTURES. New York, Jan. 2.—Coffee—Spot Rio firm; No. 7 invoice 74c; mild Rio, 75c; Santos 76c@77c. Features opened steady at an advance of 5 points and ruled very active and closed steady at an advance of 15 to 20 points with sales of 55,000 bags.

MARINE. CLEARED. Behr Helen G. Mosley, Gray, New York, O D Mail. Clyde steamer Navahoe, Johnson, New York, H G Smallbones.

EXPORTS. COASTWISE. New York—Behr Helen G. Mosley, 595,549 feet lumber; cargo by Anglo Lumber Co.; vessel by O D Mail.

MARINE DIRECTORY. List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., January 3.

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STOCKS. Ashore and Afloat, January 1, 1904. Cotton, 52,871. Spirits, 92. Rosin, 7,164. Crude, 1,999.

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Special Notice.

Deposits made with us on or before Saturday, January 2nd.

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REPORT OF THE Murchison National Bank, Wilmington, N. C. As close of business Nov. 30, 1903. (Begin Business March 1st, 1870.)

RESOURCES: Loans and Discounts, \$1,351,998.44. U. S. Bonds, \$100,000.00. Cash on hand and in Banks, \$1,121,631.83. Total, \$2,573,630.27.

LIABILITIES: Capital, \$500,000.00. Surplus and net profits, \$1,073,630.27. Deposits, \$1,000,000.00. Total, \$2,573,630.27.

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