

TOO MUCH COTTON.

Cotton has been going down since last fall until now it is lower than it has been, we are told, at any time since 1854.

But there is another reason, which is at the very root of the trouble, with which the cotton planters themselves have to do.

It is this: Year after year the acreage for cotton growing in the South has been increased and the product proportionately increased.

When the manufacturers get an uncomfortably large surplus on hand they come together, talk the matter over and agree to limit the output of their factories until the surplus has been disposed of.

It may be said that it isn't practicable to do this. It might not have been a few years ago, but it is now.

There is a line that the Alliance might work on with advantage and by doing so point out one of the ways by which the cotton planters of the South might vastly benefit themselves.

It is hard for the McKinley organs to keep up with the tin-plate fakes they invent.

It was reported that the mills now in working order in this country were turning out tin at the rate of 60,000 tons a year.

NOTICE.

This is intended only for subscribers whose subscriptions have expired. It is not a dun, but a simple request that all who are in arrears for the STAR will favor us with a prompt remittance.

We are sending out bills now (a few each week), and if you receive one please give it your attention.

TRUCK FARMING.

The Development of the Industry in North Carolina. The New York Sun in a long article on the development of truck farming in the South, mentions the Truckers' Association of Eastern Carolina and their convention held at Mount Olive, N. C.

The credit side contained the figures of the handsome market returns. Among the growers mentioned is the Mount Olive Convention were the pioneers of the trucking industry in that field, J. S. Westbrook, one of "The Westerners" from Mount Olive, and Dr. Potter, of Rocky Point, N. C.

Mr. H. M. Emerson, of Wilmington, the assistant general Freight and Passenger Agent of the Atlantic Coast Line, was also an interested participant in the meetings of the Convention.

Along the Wilmington and Weldon road there are 800 acres of strawberry fields, the view of the mountains and enjoy the delightful atmosphere.

The Chicago Inter-Ocean, Rep., which has got tired of New England money lenders sneering at the West and putting on airs, reminds the bean principal that there are single counties in Iowa and Kansas which raise more corn than all of New England, and New England has to acknowledge the corn.

MINOR MENTION.

Commenting on the fact that Kentucky boys took first and second honors at West Point this year, the Chicago Inter-Ocean, Rep., remarks "they raise blooded stock in a blue grass country." They do, for a fact, and when the loyal Republicans in Harlan and other countries get down their shot-guns and go for each other they raise hedges, also.

A hot wave swept through the North the other day that sent the mercury booming up, and "fried the fat" out of the sovereigns irrespective of party.

Governor Campbell, of Ohio, believes that to make the secret ballot law effective against bribery it should be accompanied by a compulsory voting law.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

The Grand Lodge of North Carolina in session at Charlotte. The Charlotte Chronicle says the 21st annual session of the Grand Lodge K. of P. was held in that city Wednesday last and attended by knights from all over the State.

The toasts of the evening were as follows: "Welcome," W. B. Dowd; "Our Order," W. S. Cook, G. C. Dowd; "Our Lodge," T. D. Meares, P. G. C. "An Ideal Knight," Mr. Barker.

Mr. Frank L. Meares, of the reserved corps, W. L. I., having been selected for the appointment of Assistant Inspector General of the N. C. State Guard, with the rank of Captain, has accepted the same.

The Seaboard Air Line has placed on sale on the line of the Carolina Central Railroad, special rate tickets to Carolina Beach and Cape Fear.

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WASHINGTON NEWS AND GOSSIP.

GOVERNMENT'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT. A Deficiency of \$600,000 in the Treasury Inauguration of the Usual Balance—Appointments to Commissions in the Army from Civil Life.

WASHINGTON, June 18.—The Treasurer's statement, issued today, shows that the cash balance is \$44,415,000, of which \$22,029,000 is on deposit with national banks and \$22,386,000 in fractional silver, deducting which items the net cash balance is but \$12,385,000.

The President's statement to be issued to-morrow will show a deficit of \$600,000 instead of the usual net cash balance. This is the first time this has occurred since the present form of statement was adopted by Treasurer Jordan.

The Chamber of Commerce of Richmond, Va., in meeting on the 18th of June, 1891, for the purpose of appointing a committee to erect a monument to the South a plan to erect a monument to Jefferson Davis, late President of the Confederate States.

WASHINGTON, June 18.—The names of nineteen men appointed to commissions in the army from civil life are made public. Among them are the following: Capt. William L. G. Foster, with the rank of Major in the United States Army, and a brevet Major in the United States Army.

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THE DAVIS MONUMENT.

Popular Movement in Savannah in Aid of the Fund—Resolutions Adopted by Citizens of Savannah on the Morning Star.

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INTERNAL REVENUE.

Collections of the Fiscal Year Showing an Increase.

WASHINGTON, June 20.—Collections of internal revenue during the first eleven months of the fiscal year ending July 1 next, are \$181,887,407—an increase of \$1,265,949 over receipts during the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year.

WASHINGTON, June 20.—Director Leach, of the Mint Bureau, made the following statement this afternoon on the subject of silver: "The price of silver to-day is \$1.01, fine ounce, an advance of three or four cents over the price at which silver has brought for several months. I bought largely Wednesday and Friday because I believed from indications that the price of silver was going up and that it was the interest of the Government to get its quota of silver dollars at once."

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Red Springs Farmer and Scotch Chief: Haywood Bohan, col., who escaped from the chain gang here about a month ago, fearing his capture surrendered himself to keeper J. T. Britt last Tuesday. He is now in chains and working on the public roads.

Wilson Advance: Arthur Cox, colored, was run over by a train on the W. & W. road last Saturday night, about a mile from Wilson, and fatally injured. His wounds were attended to by Dr. J. G. Pennington, who did his best, but was powerless for his comfort. He died Tuesday.

Scotland Neck Democrat: The ground was broken Monday for the new military school. Mr. Allen is superintending the work in person and will use all possible effort to have the buildings ready by the first of September.

The crops in this immediate vicinity are not at all encouraging. Farmers say that the crops are much behind last year, and even as much behind as in 1889. However, the very favorable weather during the past week has become much for them, and the farmers are more hopeful.

Lenoir Topic: The air is full of rumors about proposed new railroads crossing the town, who in the vicinity of Lenoir. Wheat harvest in upon us and the crop is good.

Rocky Mount Argonaut: A bed of miocene or shell marl lies between Rocky Mount and the river. Its extent is not known, but it is believed to be of considerable thickness.

Oxford Ledger: On Friday last, near Buchanan, a negro child was found by Messrs. Jas. and Ab. Sandford, buried under some dry leaves and rotten wood.

On Saturday last, a young woman named Emma O'Bryant, a negro woman in the neighborhood, had given birth to a child, and it was supposed that she had the babe in her arms.

A search enabled them to find it as stated above, with a stout rag string tied around its neck, and other signs of violence, caused by the use of a brick.

The trial for attempted rape by Dr. H. A. Nash on the person of Miss Susie Goss some weeks ago came off at Lyon's on Saturday last.

Statesville Landmark: A dissolute white woman of the name of Shoemaker, who lives about a mile and a half south of town, was shot from ambush while standing on her porch last Thursday night engaged in conversation with some visitors.

The following committee was appointed to receive and forward contributions for the Davis Monument Fund: Messrs. J. B. Cary, John B. Cary, J. B. Cary, J. B. Cary.

Asheville Citizen: Letters of incorporation have been issued by Superior Court Clerk Catey to the National Building and Loan Company of Asheville.

COLUMBIA, S. C., June 20.—The body of Jane Merritt, a young white woman, was found on the track at the Charlotte, Columbia & Augusta R. R., on the morning of the 19th inst.

YOUNG WOMAN MURDERED. Her Mangled Body Found on a Railroad Track at Columbia, S. C. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.