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COTTON PRODUCTION.

It is not difficult to account for the decline in the price of cotton when we remember that the production has more than doubled in the United States within the past thirty years and has also largely increased in other cotton growing countries.

Up to 1861 the cotton manufacturing countries were dependent almost altogether on the United States for their supplies of lint, but the high price of cotton during the war led England to encourage the growing of cotton in India and in Egypt.

While the prices are lower in late years as a general thing than they were before the war, the planter before the war could stand low prices better than he can now, because he did not have to pay out so much money to make the crop.

We find some figures in the Louisville Courier Journal, compiled from the reports of the United States Department of Agriculture, which are interesting as showing the increase of the crop in this country. The following gives the yield for every fifth year from 1840 to 1890:

Table of cotton yield in bales for various years from 1840 to 1890.

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MINOR MENTION.

According to Washington dispatches the Cabinet has concluded to send papers in reference to the Chilean question to Congress early this week, although nothing new has recently occurred to hasten this action.

It will be seen by reference to this table that up to 1870 the crop never reached 4,000,000 bales except in the year 1859, which was one of extraordinary growth, when the crop reached 4,961,000; but the bales then weighed about twenty percent less than they do now.

STREET RAILWAY.

A lot on South Water Street purchased for buildings for the Electric System by the New Company—Other Arrangements Performed.

The lot on the corner of Water and Orange streets was purchased yesterday by Mr. J. H. Barnard, manager for the Wilmington Street Railway Company.

The plans for buildings on this lot have been prepared for some time, and as soon as forwarded from New York bids will be invited for their construction and completion by April 1st.

The main building will be a two-story brick structure, 45 feet on Water and 66 feet on Orange street. The lower story will be devoted to engines and dynamos, and the upper story will contain the offices of the company.

Mr. Harrison's manipulators have managed to secure Harrison delegations from eleven out of the thirteen Congressional districts in Indiana.

We have frequently referred in these columns to the productive capacity of North Carolina soil under favorable seasons and with good culture.

It is considered dishonest in an individual to take advantage in a trade of a simple minded person, and get something of value for a trifle.

Full particulars of the improvements designed by the new company with description of the proposed buildings—power house, car sheds, &c., were published in full in yesterday's STAR.

CHARLESTON, SUMTER & NORTHERN.

A New Railroad—Placed in the Hands of a Receiver. The announcement that the Charleston, Sumter and Northern railroad had been placed in the hands of President Charles E. Kimball as temporary receiver, was not altogether a surprise in Charleston.

The history of the Charleston, Sumter and Northern Road, which has been of great service to Charleston, and which has brought considerable cotton here this season, is well known.

The new part of the road was opened last July, and gave to Charleston a new and rich field. At Bennettsville a connection was made with the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Road through to Mount Airy, and thence by the Roanoke and Southern on out to the coal fields of Virginia.

The order for rails for the electric car line was placed about ten days since.

Her Arrival in Port Yesterday for an Absence of Eight Months—Extensive Repairs Made and Improvements in Her Equipment.

Will It Be Sold? The Charleston, Sumter and Northern Trouble—Receiver Chamberlain Suggested to Take Charge of the Road—The Outlook.

Formal Transfer of the Property to the New Company—Officers Elected, Etc. A formal transfer of the street railway was made yesterday.

Accident on the Northeastern Railroad. The following authentic particulars have been furnished the STAR of an accident which occurred Friday night last at 7 o'clock, on the Northeastern railroad, about one mile south of Florence, S. C.

Stocks of Naval Stores at the ports at the close of the week are reported as follows: Spirits turpentine—Wilmington, 9,452 casks; New York, 1,529; Savannah, 9,837; Charleston, 896. Total, 14,668 casks.

FOR A UNIFORM PACKAGE.

Truck Grocers and Shippers Urged to Use them. The Fruit and Produce Trade Association of New York has sent out a circular to the truck growers and shippers of the South appealing for the use of uniform packages in shipping.

The inequality of size in packages, the association says, "has been annoying and embarrassing to commission merchants and a loss to shippers and growers.

The association in its circular suggests a standard of packages and the sizes which will best conform to the requirements of the trade.

REVENUE STEAMER COLFAX.

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The Colfax left Baltimore last Saturday and reached Hampton Roads Sunday.

The Grimley-Abernathy Case. Decided in the Superior Court of Greene County—The Shooting Was Justifiable.

Verdict Not Guilty. T. C. Martin Acquitted of the Murder of M. G. Manning in Pitt County.

Blaine vs. Blaine. Jas. G. Blaine, Jr., Ordered by the Court to Pay Attorney and Lawyers' Fees.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

IT WILL BE HELD IN THE CITY OF CHICAGO. Meeting of the National Committee—Harmonious Session—Contesting Cities—The Ballotting.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—The National Democratic Convention met at noon to select the time and place for holding the Democratic Convention.

At 4 o'clock the claims of contesting cities were presented in the following order: Cincinnati, Detroit, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Milwaukee, New York, San Francisco and St. Paul.

The National Democratic Convention, to-day issued the following call: The National Democratic Convention, at a meeting held this day, in the city of Washington, D. C., has appointed Tuesday, the 25th day of June, 1892, as the time and place for holding the National Democratic Convention.

ERSKINE COLLEGE BURNED.

A Time-Honored Institution—Loss Over \$25,000, with No Insurance. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLESTON, S. C., January 31.—Erskine College, located at Due West, Abbeville county, S. C., was burned this morning, only a few benches, desks and a bookcase were saved from the wreck.

Generous Donation. Washington Duke Offers to Increase His Gift to Trinity College to \$120,000.

Death of Mrs. S. A. Taylor, of Fayetteville. Mrs. Sarah A. Taylor, relict of the late Philemon Taylor, of Fayetteville, N. C., died early Thursday morning at Fayetteville.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

—Goldboro Argus: The sad news comes in from Seven Springs of the death of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Whitehead, husband and wife, at the same day, within a few hours of each other, on Wednesday.

—Charlotte News: Mr. J. N. Thompson, one of the most prominent members of Davidson College, and one of the oldest merchants that place died this morning of heart disease.

—Raleigh Chronicle: A meeting of the State Democratic Executive Committee has been called by Chairman Smith at Raleigh, Wednesday, March 2nd, 1892, at 11 o'clock of the day of date and place, and issue the call for a State Convention, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before it.

—Smithfield Herald: We regret to learn of the death of M. A. D. Johnson, which occurred at his home in Banner township last Sunday evening as a result of heart failure.

—Greensboro Record: Ex-Governor John S. Jones, deputy marshal, captured and destroyed a "copper" five miles west of here on a "still hunt" last Tuesday morning.

—Fayetteville Observer: Capt. T. J. Bulla died at his residence on the east side of Cape Fear river, on the 16th inst., of heart disease.

—Charlotte News: The farmers generally have at last awakened to the fact that they are being ruined by their reliance on the cotton crop, and will diversify their crops more largely this year than ever before.

—Shelby Review: The Lincoln Paper Mills of Messrs. W. & R. Tiddy were sold last week under foreclosure of mortgage, and were bought by R. M. Oates of Charlotte, N. C.

—New York Dispatch: A New York dispatch says Cyrus W. Field is not expected to live till morning.