

Table with 2 columns: Year, Amount. Rows for 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900.

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Tobacco Growing.

There are few plants grown and in common use about which there is generally as little known as about tobacco. There are thousands of people who smoke it, chew it, snuff it and take some of it in their whiskey without knowing it, who never saw a plant and couldn't tell one from a corn-cob or a side of sole leather if they saw it.

Even among farmers, with the exception, perhaps, of the State of Kentucky, where tobacco is more generally cultivated than in any other State, there are comparatively few who know anything about it, and yet it is grown to a greater or less extent in forty-two States and Territories, although the bulk of the crop is grown in fifteen States, all the others raising less than a million pounds.

Politics in It. The question with Chili has passed the domain of controversy and become a matter of history, and not altogether the most creditable history to those figuring prominently in it as representatives of the United States.

Table of tobacco production in various States. Columns: State, Pounds. Rows: Kentucky, North Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee, West Virginia, etc.

The following figures of product in 1879 will show how the crop has increased or decreased in these same States in the ten years between 1879 and 1889.

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A comparison of these figures with those preceding will show that while some of these States have largely increased their product in the subsequent three decades, it greatly decreased in others, notably Virginia, where it fell from 121,778,946 pounds in 1859 to 48,523,635 in 1889, and in Tennessee, where it fell from 43,448,097 pounds in 1859 to 36,368,395 in 1889.

Another remarkable thing about it is that even in some of the States where large quantities of it are produced, its culture is confined to very limited areas, the culture being carried on sometimes in not more than one or two counties, but in these very extensively.

Tobacco is what is called in this country a "money crop," and there is money in it if the right kind of tobacco is raised and its culture and treatment thoroughly understood.

Mr. Blaine's friends do not propose to let Mr. Harrison make much capital out of the Chilean business if they can prevent it. They are now claiming, and perhaps with some truth, that the satisfactory termination of that controversy is due to Mr. Blaine's clever diplomacy.

Personally Mr. Egan may be all right, but he committed the blunder soon after going to Chili of forming an intimacy with Balmaceda, and of continuing it until the latter sent a bullet through his own brain to escape the vengeance of his enraged countrymen.

Another remarkable feature about the industry is that while the consumption of tobacco in some shape is becoming more general every year, and while the cultivation is carried on to a greater or less extent from Maine to Texas, the aggregate product has increased but little in thirty years.

Austria so objected to Mr. Keely, appointed by Mr. Cleveland, for a very bigoted and foolish reason. Mr. Cleveland recognized Austria's right to object, but concluded as Austria was so very particular to let the Austrian Mission remain vacant.

CONFEDERATE VETERANS. Meeting of the New Hanover Association.

The New Hanover County Confederate Veterans Association met last night at the County Court House, in pursuance to the call issued yesterday.

Mr. Blanks read the following resolutions in reference to the death of Maj. T. D. Love, late Commander of the New Hanover Association, which were adopted unanimously.

Resolved, second, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased, and a memorial page be made upon our books in acknowledgment of the services of a brave soldier and good citizen.

Col. E. D. Hall then offered and read the following resolutions in relation to the death of Gen. Robert Ransom, which were also adopted unanimously.

Resolved, That this Association has heard with feelings of the most profound sorrow of the recent death of their commander in chief, a late President of the State Association, Maj. Gen. Robert Ransom.

Col. E. D. Hall 46th N. C. T. Col. W. L. DeRosier, 3rd N. C. T. Lt. A. SHEPARD, Co. G, 18th N. C. T. Committee.

FIRES ON COTTON SHIPS. Suggestions that May Lead to the Elucidation of the Mystery.

The subject of fires in cotton cargoes continues to be a matter of absorbing interest to English ship owners and others interested. The February number of the North American Review contains an article from Earl De La Warr, in which he treats of the matter; and he has endeavored to ascertain the causes of the origin of cotton fires, and has adopted means to prevent or lessen them, but there still remains a mystery about them that they have not solved.

The remarkable immunity from fire in cotton cargoes on vessels leaving the port of Wilmington, N. C., it seems, would, ere this, have attracted the attention of these seekers after knowledge and led them to inquire into the reason therefor.

The Oyster Outlook. The development of the oyster trade in the South is attracting general attention. Twenty-nine leases recently granted the Oemler Oyster Company give them the control of 836 acres of oyster lands.

RAILROAD NOTES. The South: With timber so plentiful as it continues to be in large sections of the country, with the contracted high price of steel, and with railroads compelled to economy by rate legislation, the prospect for anything like a general adoption of steel in place of wooden ties is remote.

The principal advantage hitherto claimed for the metal tie has been its durability and ultimate economy, and these advantages, with others, are fully brought out by the steel ties that have been experimented with. A portion of the Long Island Railroad is laid with them, and the ease and smoothness of motion is described as something remarkable.

A WONDERFUL GUN. The Innocent Looking Machine on the Revenue Steamer Colfax.

The six-pounder Hotchkiss rapid-fire gun, mounted on the forecastle of the revenue steamer Colfax, is an object of great curiosity to many persons. One man, whose observation of it was taken from the wharf, was willing to swear that it was a telescope, for he had seen persons looking through it, and another was equally positive that it was a gun with which the officers of the steamer amused themselves in killing ducks on the river.

But even to those who have examined it closely this new gun is something wonderful. It is a rifled piece of ordnance, with a diameter of 2.97-10 inches, nearly ten feet in length, and weighs about 1,800 pounds. It fires a shell weighing six pounds or a case-shot, thirty rounds a minute, and is effective at three miles with a charge of 1.15 1/2 ounces of powder.

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PROFESSOR MESSAGE. The President Congratulates Himself and the People on the Favorable Turn Affairs Have Taken.

The following is the President's message, transmitting additional Chilean correspondence: To the Senate and House of Representatives: I transmit herewith additional correspondence between this Government and the Government of Chili, consisting of the note of Mr. Montt, Chilean Minister at this Capital, to Mr. Blaine, dated January 28th; the reply of Mr. Blaine thereto, of date January 27th, and a dispatch from Mr. Egan, our Minister at Santiago, transmitting the response of Mr. Pereira, Chilean Minister of Foreign Affairs, to the note of Mr. Blaine, of January 21st, which was received by me on the 26th inst.

The response of Mr. Pereira to our note of 21st, withdraws, with acceptable expressions of regret, the offensive note of Mr. Matta, of the 11th ult., and also requests for the recall of Mr. Egan. The treatment of the incident of assault upon the sailors of the Baltimore is so conciliatory and friendly, that I am of opinion that there is good ground to believe that the differences growing out of that serious affair can now be adjusted upon terms satisfactory to this Government by usual methods, and without special powers from Congress.

This turn in the affair is very gratifying to me, as I am sure it will be to Congress and the people. The general support of the effort to recall Mr. Egan to enforce the just right of the nation in this matter, has given an instructive and useful illustration of the unity and patriotism of our people. Should it be necessary, I will again communicate with Congress upon the subject.

(Signed,) BENJ. HARRISON. WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 28, 1892.

A STRANGE CASE. Alice Mitchell, Who Killed Her Girl Friend Frida Ward, at Memphis, Says She Did It Because She Loved Her.

MEMPHIS, TENN., Jan. 28.—Alice Mitchell, who cut the throat of her girl friend, and Lillie Johnson, spent last night together in their room in jail. The father of Lillie asked her to go to the office of the jail. He is fearful that Alice will do his daughter some bodily harm and this fear is shared by his family. All efforts to interview Miss Mitchell have failed, but this morning a reporter learned from good authority what passed between her and her counsel. On other subjects she seemed to be perfectly rational, and did not realize the enormity of her deed. "I killed Frida," said she, "because I loved her and she refused to marry me. I asked her to marry me three times, and she refused. I was going to marry her and go to St. Louis. 'What did you intend to do in St. Louis?' asked one of her attorneys. 'Oh, I was going to marry her. I promised to marry her. I was so happy I sent her an engagement ring and she wore it for a time; but it was returned to me and I was miserable. I could not bear to be separated from her and I resolved to kill her. I would rather she was dead than away from me.' The girl then asked one of the lawyers whether Frida was living. She said that the body was at Steiner & Hinton's. 'Oh, mamma,' she said, 'if I could only see her. Please let me go to see her. If I could only lie down by her side I would be so happy.' Her permission was refused, she broke into a torrent of tears, not for having killed Frida but for the separation. The letters that she wrote to Frida are full of the most endearing expressions to show that the girl eagerly looked forward to the time when she could make Frida her wife. Strange to say from what can be learned, Frida herself seemed to be infatuated with Alice, and willingly assented to the proposed marriage. The time had been arranged, and the affair was to have been in the nature of a secret. She does not fear the confinement in jail, but regards it as a school girl would a slight punishment. On other subjects she talks rationally, she does not shrink, but for the peculiar views she entertains of the proposed marriage.

Both Miss Mitchell and Her Companion Indicted for the Murder of Miss Ward. By Telegraph to the Morning Star. MEMPHIS, TENN., January 30.—The grand jury this afternoon handed in its decision in the Ward-Mitchell murder case. The result of the deliberation is that both of the girls are indicted, and the charges set opposite their names will read as follows: "Murder in the first degree." There are two counts—one charging that the accused murdered Freda, alias Freda Ward, with a razor, and another, with an instrument unknown to the grand jury. The object of presenting two counts is to guard against the possibility of the defense showing that the cutting was done with some instrument other than a razor. It may be stated that the razor used by Miss Mitchell has not yet been found.

The routine life of the young girls at the jail remains unchanged. No one except members of their families is allowed to see them, and nothing new has developed in this most remarkable and deplorable affair.

KILLED HIMSELF. Jacob Bornberner Shoots His Cousin and Then Commits Suicide. By Telegraph to the Morning Star. NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—Julius Bornberner, wine merchant of 67 Broad street, had a cousin named Jacob Bornberner, who was a pensioner on his wealthy relative's bounty. To-day Jacob called on Julius at his office and demanded a certain money, Julius refused. Jacob shouted "I will kill you if you don't," and drew a pistol to make good his threat without further words, Julius received two slight flesh wounds as he turned and ran. Jacob then stepped to the sidewalk and fired two bullets into his own head and fell dead.

GIVES GREAT SATISFACTION. The United States' Acceptance of Chili's Reply to the Ultimatum. By Telegraph to the Morning Star. VALPARAISO, VIA GALVESTON, Jan. 30.—The United States' acceptance of the Chilean reply to the ultimatum has given great satisfaction here. Exchange has risen one-half per cent.

Concord Standard: Jesse Hamilton, the 19 year old clerk of the Johnson drug store, weighs 366 pounds. — Durham Star: Mr. James Bryan, father of Mrs. V. Ballard and Mrs. Geo. Lougee, died last night at 10.30 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. Ballard, aged 65 years. — Sanford Express: We learn that Deep river, after the rains of last week, was higher than in any former low water freshet for many years. The water at Lockport was five or six inches higher than it has been in twenty years. — Stately News: Rev. Wm. Johnson, colored, who was charged with stealing wheat and was sentenced to two years service in State prison, has absconded, and is here plying the pick and drill. Johnson, who has changed his name to suit his congregations, from Baptist to Methodist and vice versa, will still preach sinners to repentance, he says, and he don't know how many parents it has not disabled him of his zeal. — Oxford Day: A young colored man, who gave his name as Henderson Jones, and said he hailed from Raleigh, was before Squibb S. V. Ellis this morning. A half dozen warrants for arrest had been issued: A big lot of clothing and other things were piled in the court room—overcoats, suits, dresses, underwear, two razors, a pistol and a cake. These articles were found in Jones' possession, bundled up in his room in John Green's boarding house. He acknowledged that they did not belong to him, and confessed that he had stolen them. — Shelby Review: Tom Mitcham, colored, was arrested near town Monday by Capt. B. E. Hamrick and jailed under a charge of stealing a cake. He was committed near Overton, S. C., on Sunday night, January 17th. — Richard Moss died near Grover Monday from the effects of grip at a great age. There is no record of his age, but he was born from the old man's recollection of historical events, and from the testimony of old men who have known him all their lives. He was a colored man, and he is believed to be 109 years of age. — Gastonia Gazette: Joe Walker, a colored man well known here, is now in Shelby jail for stealing money and other things from a factory at King's Mountain. — Old man Andrew Fullenwider, colored, of Dallas, walked over to "Gastony" last Thursday night and was arrested. He claims to be 107 according to his histories, as he can "subscribe" things that happened way back in the history. He is the father of twenty-seven children and he don't know how many grand children. Andrew is living "alone by himself and has been since his wife deceased sixteen years ago." He is sorightly for one so young. — Rockingham Rocket: A plan is now on foot for the erection of a cotton factory for Rockingham. If this one is established it will make six that have Rockingham for their distributing and receiving point. An accident occurred on the F. & Y. Railroad at John's Station last Tuesday morning. A switch was left open, and the mail from Bennettsville ran into it, smashing up some flat cars and damaging the engine. No one was hurt. It was estimated that Hamlet may yet grow up into a great health and winter resort. A New Englander has recently made some purchases there and it is thought that a colony similar to that located at Southern Pines will be situated there. — Statesville Landmark: Mrs. Susan Summers died at her home in Turnersburg Tuesday morning, 28th inst. Her husband died the 10th of April next, she would have been 95 years old. — Last Thursday two dissolute white women by the name of "last consumer," who were going to marry her and go to St. Louis. "What did you intend to do in St. Louis?" asked one of her attorneys. "Oh, I was going to marry her. I promised to marry her. I was so happy I sent her an engagement ring and she wore it for a time; but it was returned to me and I was miserable. I could not bear to be separated from her and I resolved to kill her. I would rather she was dead than away from me." The girl then asked one of the lawyers whether Frida was living. She said that the body was at Steiner & Hinton's. "Oh, mamma," she said, "if I could only see her. Please let me go to see her. If I could only lie down by her side I would be so happy." Her permission was refused, she broke into a torrent of tears, not for having killed Frida but for the separation. The letters that she wrote to Frida are full of the most endearing expressions to show that the girl eagerly looked forward to the time when she could make Frida her wife. 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Si Blair, the man who is charged with writing threatening letters to Mr. Long, of Clear Creek, is being held in jail, declining to leave the jail with the other prisoners. — Mr. William Sample, a well known citizen of Mecklenburg county, died at his home in Sharon township, last night, after a long illness. He was 68 years of age and was highly esteemed throughout the county. — About 8 o'clock last night a young man who was charged with stealing a suit of clothes from the streets, was pounced upon by two friends of the young lady, Harry Smith and E. McGinnis, and severely beaten. The affray occurred near the Charlotte Hotel. The young man was knocked down and pummeled and the blood was dripping from his face and head as he confronted his assailants before the police arrived. The case of the Chief of Police. After hearing the circumstances of the case, Mayor Breard fined the assaulted party \$5, and his assailants \$1 each. — Raleigh Chronicle: Mr. Geo. W. Scarborough died night before last at his home at Eagle Rock, this county, at the age of 88. He was the uncle of Mr. John C. Scarborough, and was an esteemed citizen. The once familiar sight of the baggage of the negro "exodusters" at the depot was brought to mind again yesterday by a big pile of boxes at that place. Ten exodusters were here on their way from Franklin county to South Carolina. The bondsmen of ex-Sheriff Rowan Rogers have made good all his shortage. It appears that some of the bondsmen have not paid their proportion, and that those who have paid will force the delinquents to do their share. The shortage approximated \$10,000. — The railway people do not think that it will be a prosperous year for their business. They think less commercial fertilizers will be handled and also less cotton. Of course the larger amounts of meat and grain raised by the farmers the less hauling the railways get. — At the Shaw University, colored, there are enrolled over 400 students. Rev. Dr. Tupper says over 300 are receiving agricultural instruction. Sixty-one are studying medicine, forty theology, eleven law and eleven pharmacy. Of the medical and theological students some are from each of the States of the South and several foreign countries have representatives.