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MAS'ER OF THE SITUATION.

America controls the cotton market of the world, that is, the price of the cotton of the world is governed by the cotton supply of this country.

When cotton manufacturers, woolen manufacturers, iron manufacturers, or other manufacturers find the markets becoming overstocked with their particular line of goods they get together and agree to restrict production.

This is precisely what the cotton planters of the South did last year when they called conventions and decided to reduce the acreage of cotton.

The Southern crop this year is about 7,000,000 bales, every bale of which will be needed for consumption at home and abroad.

The demand for cotton to meet the world's consumption increases at the rate of about three per cent a year, or say in round numbers about 250,000 bales.

But there is something else gained by reducing the cotton acreage and the cotton production, which has also been demonstrated this year.

There are two things which at present prevent the Southern cotton-planter from being absolute master of the cotton question; one is that most of them are more or less in debt and therefore have to sell part, at least, of the crop to meet maturing obligations.

If the planters, as a rule, were out of debt, and raised all their home supplies, wouldn't they then be absolute masters of the situation, and be able to hold their cotton or sell it when they pleased?

WELCOME WEEK.

Another round of amusements for visitors.

A Pigeon Shooting Contest—Tournament—Firemen's Contest—Beal Race and Hook and Ladder Exhibition—Grand Display of Fireworks.

Yes, morning about eighteen hundred people went to Hilton Park to witness the shooting match between teams from Charlotte, Wilson and Wilmington and a few entries from Greensboro and Goldsboro.

The election of field officers for the second regiments was held at the W. L. Lytle yesterday. All of the company officers except Lieutenant Herring, of Clinton, were present.

THE HATCH BILL.

A Resolution Adopted by the Senate of Georgia Urging Its Enactment.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 1.—The Senate memorial, calling on Georgia's Representatives and Senators to support the Hatch bill, which was yesterday by a close vote laid on the table.

JAY GOULD DEAD.

The Millionaire and Railroad Magnate Passes Quietly Away—Pulmonary Consumption the Cause.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Jay Gould died at 9:15 o'clock this morning. The direct cause of Mr. Gould's death, as stated at the house this morning, was pulmonary consumption.

COLORED PEOPLE'S DAY.

Oddet Drills—Firemen's Contest—Coke Walk—Traded Parade.

The colored people had their day yesterday, and carried out the programme as published in the STAR. There was a competitive drill between the "Junior Cadets" and the "Young Glistening Stars" (the "Marchal Neil Rosebuds" did not appear).

TOURNAMENT.

This concluded the shooting matches, which lasted until four o'clock, at which time the knights who were to enter the grand riding tournament reached the park and were entered in the following order: Allie Shepard, New Hanover county, George Sumner, Edgecombe county, Albert P. Peckham, C. P. Love, Bladen; R. H. Paddison, Onslow; Guy Love, Craven; Capt. O. A. Wiggins was chief marshal of the tournament and the judges were Messrs. DuBrais Carter, Sr., O. A. Wiggins and Bonner Sutherland; time-keeper, Mr. L. B. Sasser; scorer, Herbert McClammy.

THE RICE MARKET.

A Glance at the Situation, Which is Changing.

The New York Shipping and Commercial List of November 30 has the following: "A good demand prevails in all styles of domestic, the principal movement, however, being in Louisiana rice, which are considerably cheaper than equal grades of Carolina. As demand keeps along at about equal pace with supply, the market is in good form and quotations on desirable regular grades fully maintained.

As the railroads shortened the time between the Atlantic and the Pacific from months to days, so this canal will shorten the distance between our Atlantic ports and the Pacific countries so much so as to make comparative neighbors out of nations which are now practically at the furthest ends of the earth, and to reach which it is necessary to go clear around the South American continent.

THE NICARAGUA CANAL.

No scheme has been suggested for years of more importance to the commercial interests of this country than the proposed Nicaragua Canal; but we have more than a mere commercial interest in it, for with a long stretch of coast on the Pacific to be defended in case of war it becomes of the utmost importance that this Government should have the first right of way through at least one waterway between the Atlantic and Pacific, on the presumption that there is to be more than one, and if only one then the right of way through this.

MINOR MENTION.

According to Washington dispatches there is considerable diversity of opinion among the Democratic Congressmen who have arrived in Washington as to the advisability of repealing the ten per cent. tax on the circulation of State banks.

The San Juan river flows from the lake into the Atlantic. By some dredging and locks at intervals this stream can be used for 43 miles, leaving but 26 miles of canal to be cut to give an outlet from the lake to the Pacific.

This route is under the control now of an American company who have secured the right of way and certain concessions from the Governments of Nicaragua and Costa Rica, which prevents any foreign Government from getting a controlling voice in this route unless by contract with the parties who hold the concessions.

This is not likely to happen now this Government is apt to permit it if there were any indications pointing in that direction. The company which has this enterprise in hand have no idea at present of seeking the aid of any foreign Government, for aside from the pecuniary interests involved they are Americans who have some national pride in it.

Tom Watson is still indignating in Georgia. Tom is an eighteen carat fraud, and it begins to look as if he was an eighteen carat dead beat.

The Democrats of Onslow county will celebrate the victory of Democracy in the recent election at Jacksonville this Thursday. The good people of the county will assemble in great force, and the occasion will be one of feasting as well as rejoicing.

The Howard boys were winners in this contest, their engine, the "Adrian," throwing the first stream.

After this came an exhibition given by Wilmington Hook and Ladder Company No. 1 and the Fifth Ward Hook and Ladder Co. It was thrillingly interesting and the manner in which the members of the two companies handled their ladders and pounted and descended from them showed that they were well drilled and capable.

Information Wanted. Postmaster French has received an enquiry from a law firm in New York concerning one Thomas B. Hayward, who was last heard of in September, 1884, in Rocky Point, N. C.

A Spokane, Washington, dispatch says H. H. Odell, at one time champion sprinter of America, committed suicide last night by taking an overdose of morphine.

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COUNTY ROADS.

To the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners and Chairman of the Board of Justices of the Peace of New Hanover County.

GENELENK.—Believing that better roads throughout the county would very materially improve the welfare and prosperity of both the city and county, and that it is an appropriate time to call the matter to your attention in order that we may secure such legislation as you deem advisable at the approaching session of the Legislature, we would most respectfully request that you bring this matter up for consideration before your respective boards in order that we may act in concert with the county authorities and with a view to the best results.

Very respectfully, GEO. L. MORTON, CHAS. W. WESTBROOK, EDGAR G. PARMELE.

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