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SOME COTTON FACTS AND FIGURES.

Cotton is one of the staple crops in which the world is interested, but in which the people of the South, whether they be engaged in the growing or handling of cotton or not, are especially interested.

With cotton mills, and the growers of the cotton interested in the mills, or with co-operation between the mill owners and the cotton growers, the farmers in the older states may continue to grow cotton with profit, but without this will simply be a question of time when the cotton growing industry must pass from them to the younger and more fertile fields in the Southwest.

Table with columns for Crop, Production, and Total weight, listing various crops and their yields.

It then gives the States in which cotton is grown and the annual product in 1900 as compared with 1890 and 1870 as follows:

Table showing profit in commercial bales for various states like Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas, and Virginia.

The first table shows that there was a steady increase of production, with the exception of the years of the war between the States and the first decade after the war, the reasons for which are apparent enough, and since then the tendency has been to increase year after year, to which may be attributed the low prices and hard times the cotton planters experienced for years in succession.

When this comes to pass what the planters in the old States going to do about it? With the inevitable increase West of the Mississippi, the price must fall, and the planters of the older States cannot hope to realize much out of cotton then.

IMPRESSED WITH HIS GREATNESS.

It is somewhat early to be naming Presidential candidates for the next contest, but there are some people who believe in getting into the field early, on the assumption that this gives their man a sort of precedence and right of way.

The impression was not confined to a few that Hon. Mark Hanna had Presidential aspirations, and that after he had done all he could in putting Mr. McKinley through his two terms he would be a candidate to succeed him.

When the people come to know him they will esteem him as highly as the President. He is for the whole people, the masses as well as the classes. The country has nothing to fear from the trainy, wise and conservative Senator Marcus A. Hanna.

In view of the fact that this is an Ohio Republican editor who is tooting for Mark, didn't it take him a good while to catch on and size up the "greatness" with which he was so "impressed" while attending the inauguration, where he saw Hanna sitting up as big as life beside the man he made? It isn't surprising that, under these circumstances, he duly impressed that Ohio editor, who went home full of that, if nothing more stimulating.

A MANIFICENT GIVER.

There has been many liberal givers of money in this and other countries for benevolent, charitable and educational purposes, but in the munificent proportions of his gifts Andrew Carnegie stands the Colossus, not only for this country but for the world.

With his generous giving he is not only doing an inestimably good work for the toiling masses in our towns, but he is giving a splendid object lesson to other men of great wealth, showing how surplus fortunes may be used for the benefit of others and the lasting honor of the giver.

MR. JAMES WALKER.

Founder of Memorial Hospital Passed Away Yesterday in Wilmington.

HE HAD HEART TROUBLE.

No greater benefactor of the human race, no truer man to his friends, or more earnest disciple of his conception of the right, has passed away at Wilmington in recent years than James Walker, whose untimely death at five minutes to 9 o'clock yesterday afternoon at his home, No. 1603 Market street, the Star regretfully announces this morning.

A DEFALCATION IN THE STATE TREASURY.

Major W. H. Martin, Clerk Under Treasurer Worth, Arrested for Embezzlement of \$4,000—He Confessed.

THE IMPEACHMENT TRIAL.

Resolution of Regret at the Death of Ex-President Harrison Adopted by the House—Committee to Investigate Martin's Shortage.

Major Martin was arrested this afternoon and committed to jail in default of \$4,000 bond. He waived examination. He told me to night that he was guilty of misappropriating \$3,800, and had spent all of it in living expenses; he had no money to retain counsel. His salary was \$1,000 a year. The embezzlement seems confined to the State prison fund. It was discovered by an apparent overdrawn condition of the prison account with the treasury. The prison account claimed a credit of \$4,000. A comparison of accounts revealed misentries and checks tampered with. The biggest change was on November 13, 1900, a check for \$1,000 changed to read \$1,603; the next largest amount was March 3, 1900, when changed checks and entries aggregated \$600.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

No Adjournment sine die, But Recess Taken Until Third Day of April.

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RELATIONS ARE STRAINED.

Differences Between Chili and Peru on the Boundary Question—Some Apprehension Felt.

SEVERAL PERSONS KILLED.

All the Victims Were Girls and Employed in a Shirt Factory at St. Joseph, Missouri.

The principal witness examined today was Col. Kennan, clerk of the Supreme Court. He was on the stand the entire morning session. He testified that he had declined to issue a writ of habeas corpus for the release of the prisoners, except in compliance with an order from the Supreme Court; of the issuance of such an order and his compliance; of the refusal of the majority of the court to allow Judge Claiborne's dissenting opinion to be filed. During his examination the original records in office-holding cases, heretofore ruled on by the Supreme Court, were introduced.

WALKER MONUMENT SUGGESTED.

Shaft to His Memory Should Be Erected by Popular Subscription.

In view of the very great philanthropy with which Mr. James Walker has blessed the city, county and state in the erection of the splendid new hospital at Wilmington and its gratuitous gift to the people of this section, the STAR would suggest that it is entirely appropriate and desirable that the people of Wilmington in popular accord should resort to some measure of enduring recognition of his great benefaction and that no better method could be adopted than the erection of a monument suitably inscribed to the memory of Mr. Walker, who departed this life on Friday and whose remains were laid to rest in Oakdale Cemetery yesterday.

NOBLE DEED OF CHARITY.

Said That Mr. James Walker Left \$5,000 for Catharine Kennedy Home.

NEGRO'S DEAD BODY FOUND.

Discovered in Sound Near Federal Point. Probably That of a Sailor.

DR. McNEILL'S CONDITION.

The Raleigh News and Observer of yesterday has the following item, which will be read with interest by his friends in Wilmington and in Brunswick, his native county.

THE NEWS IN BRUNSWICK.

Rev. P. C. Morton, who is conducting evangelistic services at and around Southport, writes the Star yesterday from Shallotte that there is an epidemic of a severe type of the grippe in that section, with a number of fatal cases. Entire families are down and in a number of instances there are not enough well neighbors to nurse the sick. The country is in a prosperous condition, Mr. Morton says, and the people are building better schools and churches, a beautiful Presbyterian house of worship having been recently erected at Shallotte. Ex-Sheriff Taylor is very slowly recovering from the effects of severe injuries received by falling from his wagon some time ago.

DIED AT THE HOSPITAL.

Mr. Cornelius Horne, of Lanier, Duplin county, died at the City Hospital yesterday morning of malarial fever. He was an employee of Mr. C. H. Heide in Cape Fear township. Mr. Horne was 88 years of age. His remains, accompanied by his brother, Mr. Moses Horne, of Wrightsboro, were carried to Cypress Creek for interment.

FIRE AT ROCKINGHAM.

Rockingham, N. C., had a ten thousand dollar fire last night before last, which originated in Mr. M. L. Hinson's livery stable, destroyed that building, the grocery store of R. B. Terry & Co., bar of J. R. Coley, Bendley's livery stable, Terry's blacksmith shop, residence and wood shop of Mr. D. Gay, residence of Mr. Henry Stogner and a store room being constructed by R. B. Terry & Co. The property was insured for only \$4,100.

ST. JOSEPH, MO., MARCH 16.—

The Noyes Norman shirt factory and the Richardson, Roberts and Bynes overall and shirt factory, Third and Faxon streets, were destroyed by fire last afternoon, causing the death probably of several persons. All the victims are girls and were employed in the shirt factory. Miss Louise Beland, aged 20, is known to be dead. Florence Terry, aged 18, Miss Maud Berry, Miss Mary Berry and Miss Mary Berry leaped from the third story of the Noyes Norman building and were caught by firemen in a net. They are badly burned. John Fried, a fireman, was severely injured. The fire is supposed to have started in the engine room where a fireman had been using gasoline to clean machinery. Many people saw several girls at the fourth story window just before the walls collapsed and are confident that none escaped. The aggregate loss is \$100,000.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

Lumberton Argus: Mrs. Margaret Brown, who lives near Philadelphia, was booked by a cow last Thursday, resulting in dislocating her shoulder and breaking her arm. Mrs. Brown is about 78 years of age.

GREENVILLE REFLECTOR.

Mr. D. E. Wiehard, of Wiehard, was at Shepard's mill pond Tuesday hunting wild ducks. While anchored out in a canoe waiting for the ducks to come along, a large buck crossing the pond swam within a few yards of him. He fired on the deer and killed it, but it sank in about eight feet of water and could not be found.

ROBINSON ANTI-TRUST BILL.

The House passed the Robinson anti-trust bill and had a hard fight over the bill to empower the treasurer to sell school bonds and use the funds from the sale of public lands, etc., toward the \$300,000 school appropriation in accordance with recommendation of the Governor. It was called up three separate times for long spirited discussions, and was passed over each time to consider other bills. It will be left on the calendar.

THE WILMINGTON CHARTER BILL.

The Wilmington charter bill was ratified to-day. It was the second longest bill that passed the Assembly, 187 pages. The Asheville charter is the longest, with 145 pages.

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