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### HOW A BIG CROP AFFECTS PRICES.

**A Claim That Up to January 1 the Farmers Have Lost on Cotton the Present Season, the Total Value of \$61,841 Bates, Due to Over-Production.**

The cotton letter of January 19th, issued by Latham, Alexander & Co., contains facts and figures which have a vital interest for every resident of the South. The figures sent out by this firm are always reliable, and their deductions are almost always accurate.

The following is the text in part of this week's letter:

"It seems to us that the most vitally important lesson for the South to learn is that over-production of cotton is seriously harmful to the material prosperity of that section."

"We have repeatedly written on this subject and feel that we have exhausted the argument; nevertheless, with the result of the current crop, we are constrained to write again, even at the risk of reiterating what we have said before."

"Whatever share the merchants and planters of the South are to have in the revival of business and general prosperity of the country, now apparently well started, will depend upon the profit that is made in the production of cotton, a crop worth \$300,000,000."

"The total crop of 1895-'96 was 7,157,346 bales, and it was sold at the average price of 8.09 cents per pound, or \$40.82 per bale, according to the record of exports and the official figures of the Bureau of Statistics at Washington. The planters that year made large food crops and when the planting season the next year began, they were fortified with every requisite to produce cotton cheaply."

"Last year the total crop was 8,757,964 bales, and the average price was 7.42 cents per pound, or \$37.40 per bale, the crop yielding, perhaps, a larger net profit than for many years, because planters had few supplies to buy."

"The success resulting from the conservative policy which was pursued these two years did not induce planters to adhere to that line of action; on the contrary, they increased their purchases of fertilizers this year, and many of them drifted back almost to the all-cotton principle, and planted the largest cotton acreage ever known, hoping that the world would pay remunerative prices for the staple, no matter how large the supply."

"The disastrous result of over-planting this year is already clearly shown by comparison with last year, when the acreage devoted to cotton was decidedly less."

"Last year the amount of cotton marketed to January 1st was 6,308,192 bales, the average price realized was 7.53 cents per pound, or \$37.97 per bale, or \$242,939,350."

"This year 7,260,033 bales were marketed to January 1st, the average price realized was 6.05 cents per pound, \$30.49 per bale, or \$221,358,406."

"The planters shipped to market \$61,841 bales of cotton more by January 1st this year than last, and received for them \$21,580,944 less money. In other words, owing to the lower price, induced by over production, the people of the South have lost on cotton shipped to market by January 1st this year, the total value of \$61,841 bales, namely, \$32,724,102, and \$21,580,944 besides, making a grand total loss of \$54,305,046."

"To further illustrate the ruinous effect of over-planting, we make the following summary of crops and prices:

"1893-'94 crop, 7,549,817 bales; average price 7.69; proceeds, \$392,932,899.

"1894-'95 crop, 9,901,251 bales; average price, 5.73; proceeds, \$328,918,504.

"1895-'96 crop, 7,157,346 bales; average price, 8.09; proceeds, \$329,234,437.

"1896-'97 crop, 8,757,964 bales; average price, 7.42; proceeds, \$327,547,854.

"It will be seen that in 1893-'94 a crop of 7,549,817 bales sold for \$4,014,395 more than the large crop of 9,901,251 bales of the next year; in 1895-'96 a crop of only 7,157,346 bales brought \$3,315,933 more than the 9,901,251 crop, and that the crop of 8,757,964 bales last year brought \$38,629,350 more than was received for 9,901,251 bales marketed in 1894-'95."

"Such incontestable facts show what enormous losses the South has sustained by over-production, and are sufficient to cause a radical change in planting operations."

### ARP WRITES OF LEE.

**Exults About the Gallant Confederate Chief—Recalls Incidents in His Life.**

I was ruminating about General Lee, whose birthday anniversary we have been commemorating all over the south. When we old men were schoolboys we used to speak speeches about Washington and Patrick Henry, and I remember one from Van Wert beginning, "Who was Blannerhasset?" that was very popular. It is time this younger generation were speaking a speech beginning, "Who was Robt. E. Lee?" But if they don't speak it these annual reminders will cause them to talk and think about it. We celebrate the Fourth of July because it was the birthday of a nation and the 22nd day of February because it was the birth day of Washington, the father of that nation—a man of whom Gen. Lee's father said: "First in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen." What a wonderful state was the "Old Dominion!" What was in the air that caused it to produce such a galaxy of great men as Washington and the Lees and Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, Randolph, Patrick Henry and others in revolutionary days, and in later days such great generals as Lee, Johnston, Longstreet, Jackson, Stuart, Ashby and Thomas?

There have been many great men. There have been many good men, but the men who have been both great and good are few. Greatness and goodness are not twins. Indeed, they are seldom of any kin. When Abner was slain David said: "A great man has this day fallen in Israel," and so might be said of David and Solomon and Constantine and Caesar and Cromwell and Napoleon and many others who were great, but not altogether good. There was some dark blot upon their name and their fame that marred its brightness. Lord Bacon was one of the greatest men, but he was far from being good.

War is perhaps the severest test of a great man's goodness. It tries his heart as well as his mind and makes protest of all his motions. No man in the annals of history has stood this test better than Robert E. Lee. Stonewall Jackson was no doubt as good a man, but he was not so great, so brave, so commanding, Albert Sidney Johnston was probably as good and as great as Lee, but his opportunities to prove it were suddenly arrested by his untimely death. Even Washington was not so great a general as Lee, for he had but little military training, while Lee was educated carefully in the art of war—was the ranking graduate in a class of forty-two at West Point, was for three years in charge of that institution and had large and varied experience in the war with Mexico. In addition to all of these advantages, he inherited a talent for commanding men, for he was the son of Henry Lightfoot Lee (Light-horse Harry), who was Washington's favored friend and military adviser, and whose bones have honored Georgia soil on Cumberland island. It is worthy of mention that our General Lee's grandmother was Lucy Grymes, the first love of General Washington. She was known as the "lowland beauty." It grieved her to reject his addresses, but he conformed himself soon after by marrying the widow Custis. This widow Custis was the grandmother of General Lee's wife, Mary Randolph Custis. And so the Lees and the Washingtons got as close together as they could.

Ninety-one years ago 166,000 people were born on the same day with General Lee, but not one of them stands out in such bold beautiful relief as the years roll on. More biographies have been written and published of him than any other man. Nine are already before the people and another now in press. His noble life and public service have commanded the admiration of the world and all the commendation that the English language could give to a man has been given to him. There are no more nouns of praise—no comparatives or superlatives left in the vocabulary. Thus it does not become me to add anything to these tributes. It is enough to say that after all these years since his death in 1870, the climax has been reached when a northern man, the president of a northern college, has at last voluntarily placed him at the head of the column and pronounced him peerless—that greatest general of modern times and the best of men. Furthermore, this Dr. Andrews, who

was himself a soldier in the northern army, makes bold to say: "His cause was not the lost cause so much as it is suspected. The doctrine of states' rights, for which he fought, as now interpreted by our supreme court, is in exact accordance with his claims upon this point."

When Robert Emmett, the illustrious Irish patriot, was condemned to death for treason he made a memorable address to his judges and said: "Until Ireland is free let no man write my epitaph." And so when General Lee was on his last bed and realized that death was near, he requested that no funeral oration should be pronounced. His request was observed, but since then the southern people could not be restrained from giving vent to their love and admiration. Monuments and statues have been erected, orations have been pronounced and biographies written too numerous to be recited. Notable men of all countries have joined in the tributes and said of him as Virgil said of Aeneas, "Cano arma et virum." It has only remained for one man to write anything that sought to sully his fair escutcheon. I remember well the second time I ever saw him. The Seven Days' fight was over. The last shot and shell had been fired. I was sent with dispatches to General Lee, who was resting near the white house, on York river. His headquarters were in a large officers' tent, and as I approached a strange spectacle was presented, for General Lee and four or five of his staff were partaking of a scanty noonday meal, that was served on two camp tables inside the tent, and stretched upon the straw and partly underneath the table was a man lying upon his side with a slouched hat covering his face. His faded uniform and rusty stars, his sword and his well-worn boots indicated an officer of rank and I was wondering what it meant, when the adjutant led the table and met me with a wave of his hand for me to stop where I was. "Make no noise, please," he said; "General Jackson has fallen asleep upon the straw, and we are dining over him in silence. He is exhausted and must have sleep." It was a scene never to be forgotten—a scene fit for the painter's highest art, and would be a treasure for the modern camera. Delivering my dispatches I silently awaited a reply, and when it was given I rode away, but turned in my saddle to take one more view of the impressive scene.

But this is enough. Let us not fail to commemorate the eminent virtues and noble deeds of this great man, and to commend them to our children's children. Thousands of good people have the same birthday and should feel proud of the coincidence and be inspired by it to a virtuous life. If I was not too modest to speak of it I would whisper that I know an unrecognition rebel mother who is proud that on this 19th day of January she observed not only General Lee's birthday, but that of two of her children. With prophetic inspiration she did her best to honor his coming fame. What mother could do more? BILL ARP.

### DR. HARTMAN SAYS

**Peru-na Cures Catarrh Wherever Located.**

All classes and conditions of people have chronic catarrh. It spares neither strong or weak, old or young, healthy or sickly. All ranks of people have chronic catarrh. Rich men, poor men, beggar men, thieves, lawyers, doctors, merchants, priests. Not only catarrh of the head, but catarrh of the throat, catarrh of the lungs, catarrh of the stomach, catarrh of the liver, catarrh of the kidneys, catarrh of the bowels; and a multitude of women are afflicted with catarrh of the pelvic organs.

When it is said, therefore, that Peru-na cures catarrh wherever located, a much larger fact is stated than at first appears. Who is it that says Peru-na will cure catarrh wherever located? Doctors say it, lawyers say it, preachers say it, a vast army of men and women say it, who have tried it. The old and the young say it. They say it in the East and in the West; they say it in the North and the South. All these say that Peru-na will cure catarrh wherever located.

Send for a free copy of an illustrated book of testimonials, entitled "Facts and Faces," sent by The Peru-na Drug Manufacturing Company, Columbus, Ohio.

A stranger contributed a number of parcels for the Christmas tree of Eddyville, Ky. When presentation time came every prominent member and officer of the congregation received one of these parcels. Naturally the lucky ones opened their bundles at once. Each contained a bottle of whiskey. The minister, and ardent prohibitionist, got a very large flask.

When you cannot sleep for coughing take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is most excellent for colds, too, as it aids expectation, relieves the lungs and prevents any tendency toward pneumonia. For sale by James A. Hardison.

### SINGLE MEN GO INSANE.

**Government Statistics That Prove a Remarkable Statement Made by a Physician.**

The Chicago Times-Herald reports this:

According to United States statistics marriage is mental salvation for the men, but ruination for the women. Now the question is, which is to be sacrificed?

"Read the statistics!"

"Very well, here they are. Last census year 16,445 married men in the United States succumbed to insanity, while for the same year 30,220 bachelors went crazy. Hence, you see, the bachelor has nearly double the chances of madness as the man who marries."

"What about the woman?"

"Ah, that is another story. During the same year there is a record of 19,677 single women and 21,998 married who became insane. If you put this question to vote, the married women have it."

"How very odd," chorused the listeners.

"Hydrophobia is confined to the male dog," said Dr. Lelyia Bedel.

"The little camp of bright women were discussing the dangers of insanity for the unmarried, as exploited by Dr. Edward B. Foote, of New York. There was a volley of eager talk, in the midst of which an earnest one hunted up United States statistics with the recorded result, and Dr. Bedel's quiet statement of fact came crashing down through the small verbal artillery like a well-aimed torpedo."

"It is perfectly true," said Dr. Bedel, serenely, "and I am not in the least surprised to know that failure to marry is accounted the cause for much of the insanity among men. Some of Dr. Foote's arguments are, however, far from convincing. Take that which states that a single man worries himself over his affairs and suffers himself to brood about them because he has no confidant. The broad truth is that the single man rarely has as much to think about and worry him as the man who stands in the natural relation of husband and father. It is the abnormal life he leads, not his worries, which make the bachelor tend toward insanity."

"But why do not we spinsters go insane?" asked one.

"My dear," said Dr. Bedel, gently, "it isn't the single woman who has the cares which break down nervous systems and unhinge minds. It is the quoted statistics could be more carefully classified, I think you would find that our asylums are filled by the wives of farmers, who bake, brew, sweep, sew and toil from morning until night without relaxation, cheer or recreation. They are exhausted, physically and mentally, the nervous system is undermined and the brain gives way under never ending monotony of toil. Marriage brings to a man more cares, more responsibilities, but it also brings to him more comforts, more serenity. To a woman, marriage brings more of work, thought, suffering, endurance and pain. I am not advocating spinsterhood. No doubt that marriage is the natural relation of life. I am merely stating facts."

"I always thought," said Miss Elizabeth Harrison, "that insanity grew less out of nervous exhaustion than from dwelling on fixed ideas. Now women are not given to the fixed idea. The very diversity of their dress helps, the inevitable changes of mode, the subtle differences in color. Except in very rare cases women have to unbend their minds to consider their garments, whereas men go to a tailor, leave their measure, and go on wearing black or gray to the end of their time. Pass through the corridors of any hotel habited by men and women and you shall see through half-open doors dreary rooms belonging to men who are glad to live out of them as much as possible, while every woman's room has its touch of 'homeiness,' its bit of refinement and individuality and color. This is another something to think about."

"Yes," said a wise club woman, "the bachelor of 59 is a crabbed and dull person, who is seldom interested in anything but his stuffy self, but where can you find the childless or forlorn woman who is not interested in the homes and the children of other women? To be 'auntie' may not seem a huge privilege to women who have half a dozen youngsters at home, but it is one eagerly sought of many a woman with a great, gracious heart denied its rightful companions."

"Still, I don't see how this fulfills the argument that single women are sicker than the wedded," said an impatient lady. "I can quite understand Dr. Bedel's statement about nervous

### REMEDY FOR HOG CHOLERA.

**Successful Experiments Made by the Agricultural Department With Anti-Toxine Serum.**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—The chief of the bureau of animal industry, Dr. D. E. Salmon, has submitted to Secretary Wilson a report upon experiments in the treatment of hogs for hog cholera with anti-toxine serum. This serum is made upon the same principle as the anti-toxine of diphtheria. It was first tested upon small animals in the laboratory and, being found efficacious, was last fall tested in Page county, Iowa, on several herds of swine, containing altogether 278 animals.

Leaving out one herd, from which definite returns as to cause of death could not be obtained, only 39 died out of 244 animals treated, of which 86 were sick. Consequently 82.8 per cent. of the animals in these herds were saved. Of untreated herds kept under observation during the period referred to about 85 per cent. of the animals died. Dr. Salmon believes that, with experience a better quality of serum can be prepared, and he has no doubt that this percentage can be maintained hereafter.

Referring to this report, Secretary Wilson said the cost of the serum now is 10 cents per head of animals treated, only one dose being required, and doubtless in course of time this light cost may be still further reduced. "It is in my opinion," said the Secretary, "of the utmost importance that this serum, for the next year at least, be made by the bureau under our own supervision in order to demonstrate its efficacy upon a more extended scale. It is absolutely essential that during the experimental stage serum of undoubted quality be used."

Unless the hog growers can obtain it from this department, they will be forced to depend upon what can be obtained from private sources, and, owing to the novelty of this product, not only will discouragingly exorbitant prices be charged for it, but in many cases inferior products may be offered. I propose to ask Congress to provide an appropriation necessary to furnish two million doses of serum during the next year, and to make a considerable portion of the appropriation immediately available."

### A Valuable Invention.

Since 1886, 3,500 Mergenthaler typesetting machines have been sold for \$10,500,000. During the year ending October 31st last, the company paid dividends amounting to \$1,550,000. Less than eleven years ago Mergenthaler was "jumping sideways" to eat in Baltimore. And six years ago, in his city, the agile hand compositor on the Commercial could not see his way clear to relinquish a "38 cent per" situation to accept \$3 for a night's work while learning to operate the machine. Verily, times do change.

Says The New York Times: The population of Japan is 42,708,264. According to the figures presented by the Japanese statisticians, the island has 400,000 more men than women, and the number of families is a little over 5,000,000. Of nobles there are 4,375; of shijo ku, whatever they may be, there are 2,067,997, and all the rest are common people. This is a very good showing, particularly as the Japanese noble as such has no special honors and no special privileges. And the population of this island kingdom is increasing rapidly, the increase last year having been 437,644. These figures include only what are called fixed residents and make no account of the Formosans, who, apparently, are not yet considered worthy of the honor of a place among the real Japanese. It is customary to think Japan is a small country, but obviously lack of men will not prevent her from holding her own against any European forces likely to be sent into the neighborhood of her shores.

We are anxious to do a little good in this world and can think of no pleasanter or better way to do it than by recommending One Minute Cough Cure as a preventive of pneumonia, consumption and other serious lung troubles that follow neglected colds. James A. Hardison.

"For my part," said one, "I think Fred is very bright and capable." "Yes," replied the other; "he is certainly a worthy young man, but I doubt whether he has head enough to fill his father's shoes."

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### Views of a Boston Man.

**Surprise to See Negroes in Charge of White Schools.**

The Newbernian.

We frequently meet visitors from the North on our streets, who come here to escape the rigors of a Northern winter. We met a gentleman recently, from Boston, who was pleased with our fine climate, but was surprised to learn that we had negro school committees over our white schools. The gentleman we talked with was a republican in politics. He said that with all of Boston's pretended love for the negro, such a thing would not be permitted. In our State elections hereafter, the white people must vote as the negro dose—solid. This is our only salvation. The Democrats are the real true friends of the negro. To them they are indebted for their schools. When you see a white republican nosing around the negro, he is after office and when he gets it, he has no more use for him than the next election.

**Five Thousand Million Dollars.** St. Louis Globe Democrat.

Enough is already known of the condition of the life insurance organizations of the country, without waiting for the totals as set forth in the yearly statements, to show that the interest in question is as progressive and mighty as ever. More than five thousand million dollars of insurance is now in force, protected by actual interest yielding assets of over twelve hundred million dollars, while a combined surplus of one hundred and eighty millions above all liabilities testifies to the solvency of the companies. A remarkable exhibit this, and all the more notable when it is remembered that this stupendous garnering of wealth has been attained simply by men in every walk of life putting their money together, for their joint and individual protection and that of their families. The records of financial triumphs in any land or era, fail to show aught approaching this marvelous and satisfactory accomplishment of American life insurance.

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W. H. Newbold, the dispensary constable charged with the murder of an inoffensive old farmer, was tried at Spartanburg, S. C., last week. Wednesday night the jury brought in a verdict of not guilty.

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News and Observer.

Here's more work for the Railroad Commission.

This time it's game that's worth the candle, too. Its investigation would make a most interesting chapter.

Mr. Zeb Vance Walsler rides on a free pass.

This pass was given him by the Southern Railway Company, as "local counsel" at Lexington, N. C.

Mr. Walsler has been in Raleigh this week. He came here on this pass; he went away on it. No doubt this very minute he has it in his pocket.

The beauty and fitness of all this will be seen when it is remembered that Mr. Walsler is our accomplished Attorney General.

As such he is popularly supposed to be the State's prosecuting attorney. For this the State pays him first and last \$3,400, or \$400 more than the Governor gets.

Now, among the cases the State now has in the courts, is one against the