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COTTON.

Cotton is on top once more, and the farmer is badly puzzled what to do with his crop. Everybody wants everything they can get and the farmer is conspicuously one of that class in the crop business. He wants all he can get for his crop, and having expected four or five cents per pound for his cotton, just don't know what to do when offered nearly double that price, while some bulls are continually hollering that it must go higher.

Will it go higher? Many think so, but for many years when cotton has jumped up early in the season it has tumbled before Christmas. With such facts, it does seem that now would be a good time to sell, although cotton advice is to hold the crop.

The very large crop of nearly 10,000,000 bales last year will go for towards making up for this year's short crop of perhaps less than 7,000,000 bales. So taken as a whole the average for several years is about 8,000,000 bales, and under these circumstances cotton may be near its best.

CURIOUS INDEED.

There is a curious bit of history in regard to the late war which is perhaps not known to over a dozen people in the State. Some time in 1860 a number of gentlemen met in Halifax county and took the initial steps of a movement to request the French Emperor to take North Carolina under his wing as a dependency or colony. It is a queer thing to think of, but the gentleman who took part in the meeting were in earnest.—Raleigh Correspondent in Wilmington Messenger.

Considering North Carolina's traditional and actual dislike for royalty and submission to any foreign authority, the above is a strange piece of history. The Messenger says editorially that its editor was familiar with the Halifax people at that time and that this is the first time he ever heard it.

There must be some mistake. It could only have been a few admirers of the then considered great third Napoleon.

LET 'EM FIGHT.

Corbett and Fitzsimmons seem to have a hard time in getting together, as most of the States are determined to keep them out. Let them fight by all means, and give the brutal curious reserved seats that they may see it all.

Why don't the Atlanta Exposition secure them to replace what has been lost by losing the bull fight? A prize fight might be a big thing for it and the disappointment in not having the bull fight, fully atoned for.

STATE Treasurer Worth didn't go to see the Wild West Shows, to carry the children. No, he went to see—to see if it was a circus. He saw. He says it is not. There's no use disputing the Treasurer's statement. Pass round the tickets.

WE confess our error last week. It is Capt J J Laughinghouse. We had no idea he ever went to war didn't think he was old enough. But he went and was real young too. He belonged to the Junior Reserves. What part they played we do not know. He cares nothing for titles and in his modesty is never addressed as Captain. The Gold Leaf did some good guessing.

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