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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR.

## WALL STREET'S VIEW.

### While There May Be Some More Decline, Nine-cent Cotton is Not a Bad Proposition.

New York, Oct. 28.—The weeks overshadowing factor was the publication on Wednesday of the census bureau report on the amount of cotton ginned to October 18. This showed the record-breaking total of 7,740,000 bales as against 5,423,628 bales last year and compares with 6,417,894 in 1904, the previous high record for the period. A great deal of surprise and considerable disappointment were expressed in some quarters because of the failure of the market to break on this unquestionably bearish report. Those who were expecting such action, however, evidently failed to take into consideration that quotations for two weeks past have been liberally discounting a report of even larger dimensions than the actual figures finally showed, and because of this there naturally ensued a heavy covering movement in which to a considerable extent the South participated.

Many and varied are the calculations which cotton interests are making as a result of this report, but it is only fair to point out that any mathematical deductions at this time are apt to lead one far astray. For instance the average ginning to October 18 for the past nine years is 46.1 per cent. If that average should be applied this season the total indicated yield would be 16,500,000 bales or more. On the other hand should the percentage equal the 1909 figure of approximately 53 (and 1909 was a year with many growing characteristics similar to those of this season), the total crop would be only slightly in excess of 14,000,000 bales. Interesting as these conjectures are, the data available does not permit of any exact conclusion. As this is admittedly an early season the chances are that more than half of the crop has been ginned, but at the same time the fact must not be lost sight of that the present crop is not a premature one, and for this reason it is doubtful if the percentage ginned is equal to the previous high record. The one fact that can now no longer be questioned, and which this latest government report settles once and for all, is that the trade this year is confronted with an assured crop larger than ever before produced.

An incident of the week was the publication of Ellison's estimate of the world's spinners' takings of American cotton. This he places at 13,300,000 bales provided the disturbed conditions in China are not of long duration. As Ellison is the recognized English authority on mill consumption, and as his estimate last year was substantially correct, the trade generally are inclined to give heed to this year's prediction. As a matter of fact a break in the price of a commodity such as cotton from an artificially high level long maintained, accompanied by largely increased supplies, always has materially increased consumption, and there is every reason to believe, all other conditions being equal, that the demand this year by spinners and others who have legitimate needs for the staple will greatly exceed that of the last two years. Indeed, the heavy buying by spot interests is already a matter of daily occurrence and it is reasonable to expect that these purchases will be considerably augmented if prices decline further.

The trouble in China naturally makes for uneasiness among manufacturing interests, but the effect of the revolution in that country on the world's cotton goods trade depends entirely upon the extent to which the cotton interest prevails. As far as American goods are concerned they are not in any danger. At the present time Northern portions of China and up to the present the trouble has not extended to that locality.

Under existing trying conditions it is quite possible that

there may be a further recession in quotations, but as pointed out in our last week's advices, it is coming to be realized that nine-cent cotton is not a bad proposition. It is not likely that there will be any extended advance while so much cotton is being marketed, still, the short interest is rather large and rallies varying from 25 to 50 points are apt to occur at any time. For the first time in many months opportunities are not lacking for making fair turns on the long side without running great risk.

Henry Clews &amp; Co.

### Five to One in Behalf of Negro Uplift.

Speaking in the stead of State Superintendent of Public Instruction J. Y. Joyner Friday at the North Carolina State Fair, Mr. C. H. Mebane produced authenticated figures showing that for every dollar the negroes in North Carolina pay into the State in property and poll tax the State expends \$4; in fact nearly \$5 for the benefit of the negroes.

The negroes pay taxes on \$25,000,000 and \$3,171,000. The negro school population is 285,000. The state paid direct from the State Treasury for negro institutions last year \$63,000 and there was paid for negro teachers \$23,000; for negro school houses \$43,000; negro hospitals, \$85,000; making a total of \$520,000 expended last year for negro uplift in this State, which is over \$4.50 for every \$1 the negroes paid in taxes.

Mr. Mebane explained that other figures that should be included would make five to one a fair estimate of the white aid to negro uplift. This and other features of the address by Mr. Mebane were enthusiastically received by the thousands of negroes who heard him and President Avant of the fair association expressed the appreciation of his race for this support that the white people are giving his race and appealed for zealous effort in utilizing the opportunities and increasing negro effort in their own behalf.

### Sailed Over Charlotte.

Hundreds of Union county people went to the Charlotte fair to see the flying machine go up. On Thursday they were disappointed, but on Friday, Mr. Witmer, the bird man made good.

Owing to the inclement weather there was not such a throng on the grounds as was gathered there Thursday but there were several thousand people on hand to see what would be done. The first flight took place at about noon, Mr. Witmer remaining in the air about ten minutes. The atmospheric conditions were said to be good although in the public estimation they did not seem to be comparable to the conditions Thursday. However Mr. Witmer did the flying, thereby risking his neck, and he said the conditions were good and that ended it. The ascent was made against the breeze, the machine acting splendidly, and the flight was a very successful one. Mr. Witmer made his spiral turns and dips in splendid fashion, evoking much applause. The second flight took place about 2 o'clock and lasted about four minutes. The third and last flight was the one that carried him over the city. It took place about 3:30 o'clock.

### "The Firing Line."

"The Firing Line", a magnificent production of Robert W. Chamber's popular novel will be given here Nov. 9th. Some press opinions are:

There was nothing left to be desired.—Charlotte N. C. News.

The drama is well staged and the company fully adequate to the demands made upon them.—Savannah News.

An unusual production.—Augusta Ga. Chronicle.

The play was witnessed with enthusiasm.—Columbia, S. C. State.

It will do you good to go to the Grand and see this show.—Atlanta Journal.

The play was greeted by a large and enthusiastic audience.—Atlanta Constitution.

## THE LORD MADE ME.

### Criminal Who Dies in Electric Chair for Fearful Crime Makes This Statement.

With amazing self-control, Norval Marshall, the negro who criminally assaulted Mrs. Joseph Chaplain near Warrenton September 19, entered the death chamber at the State prison at 10:30 Friday morning and allowed himself to be strapped in the death chair. Before leaving the cell he reiterated his declaration that he was ready to die and his oft repeated statement, "The Lord made me do it."

When Warden Sales pulled the lever turning on eighteen hundred volts there was a contracting of the muscles and the body jerked, pulled and twisted under the powerful current. The current was carried from 1,800 volts back to zero, returned to the limit and then shut off. The victim sank back into the chair limp and relaxed. Drs. Jordan and McGeachy made the medical examinations, and, although apparently dead they signaled for another voltage to be made for sure. There was two rapid pulls of the lever, and at 10:36 he was pronounced dead.

The electrocution had taken 5 minutes. There were fifty-odd spectators, including a considerable delegation from Warren county, headed by Justice of the Peace T. R. Blackhall, who committed the negro, and Edward Pearar who delivered him to the State prison.

Marshall seriously wounded the father of his victim and also the sheriff of the county before he was captured, and was sentenced to death Tuesday after the crime was committed Friday. Judge M. H. Justice imposing the death sentence.

### Shut a Burglar in the Loft.

(Correspondence of The Journal) On last Tuesday night a negro entered the house of Mr. E. J. Small in this, the Rough Edge, community while Mr. Small was away from home, but Mrs. Small and her daughter acted bravely. When they heard the noise in the dining room they went to investigate it. They found the man in the loft and quickly locked the doors and went for help. While they were gone the negro escaped through a window.

Mr. John Flow, the champion possum hunter of this community, caught a large and sweet fellow last week. Last summer Mr. Flow found a bee tree and last week he went to get his honey. He got none for the big possum had been there before him and had eaten both honey and bees. But Mr. Flow got the possum and presented it to Mr. J. S. Broom, who made a record in doing away with it.

Mr. J. E. Starnes made a business trip to South Carolina last week.

Mrs. H. A. McCorkle and little son, Henry Heath, are spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lon Wolfe of Mineral Spring.

Miss Clara Ashcraft has been elected assistant teacher in the Richardson school.

Miss Bright Richardson visited friends at Wesley Chapel last week.

### The Manhattan Opera Company.

For the opening of a two night engagement at the Monroe Opera House, The Manhattan Opera Company, will present for the theatre goers of Monroe Fra-Di-Avola. This opera teems with heart interest. All its absorbing situations revolve around the love affairs of the bold and handsome young bandit, Diavolo. It unfolds a beautiful love story, with music, without sacrificing any of the intense interest. The artist engaged in the interpretation of the different characters are thoroughly fitted for the part they portray, each having been selected for their special capabilities. On Saturday night the "Bohemian Girl" will be the attraction.

### Pay Your Taxes.

Taxes are now due. Come in and pay.

John Griffith, Sheriff.

## Marriage of Union County Man.

Last Wednesday, Mr. Fulton Lee Passer, son of Mr. H. W. Passer, formerly of Lanes Creek township, now merchant at Chesterfield, was married to Miss Carrie Driver of Selma, at that place. A correspondent says:

The Baptist church had been especially arranged and decorated for this occasion and many people anticipated the event with pleasure.

The bride was attired in a beautiful black travelling suit with hat to match and carried roses and lilies of the valley.

The following were guests of honor and entered previous to the bridal party: Misses Bessie Driver, sister of the bride, Elsie Shaw of Rocky Mount, Edna Worley of this town, Messrs. Driver, Bennett and Etheridge, respectively.

Mrs. Shaw played Logengrin's "Wedding March" as the guests of honor entered. The bride entered leaning on the arm of Cessir Elton of this city, her maid of honor. The groom entered with H. W. B. Whitley, his uncle and best man, of Rutherford. Meeting in front of the altar, Rev. B. S. Funderburk, assisted by Rev. Mr. King, pastor of the Baptist church of Selma, pronounced the words that made them husband and wife. Then the pianist, Mrs. Shaw, who had rendered such fine music, played Tannhauser's "Wedding March" as the groom and bride marched out of the church.

Immediately after the wedding the bride and groom, accompanied by quite a large number of friends, left for the station, where they took the two o'clock train, amidst congratulations and good wishes on the Atlantic Coast Line for several northern points, where they expect to spend their honeymoon.

### Pardoned But Died Before Getting Home.

Jack Coffee, a colored man who was convicted of barn burning at the November, 1910, term of the Union county court, and sentenced to two years on the roads, was pardoned last Tuesday by Governor Kitchin. The man died before he reached his father's home. He was charged with burning the barn of another colored man. The reason for the pardon was a good one, and was expressed by the Governor:

"In this case prisoner has chronic diarrhoea, contracted since his sentence began which the physician has been unable to control. The chairman of the road commissioners, the superintendent and the solicitor recommended pardon. The physician says that further confinement will result in death—that he does not think he can live in his present condition more than ten days, and certainly not long unless he is released from the chain gang (upon which he did faithful work until his health failed), and sent somewhere he can be properly treated. The superintendent says that prisoner has a father able and anxious to take him home and care for him. Pardoned on condition that he remain law abiding and of good conduct."

### Possum Supper.

Mineral Springs Camp Woodmen of the World, gave a picnic dinner in which "possum and taters" played an important part last Thursday evening. The dinner was preceded by an address by Mr. R. W. Lemmond, who gave a short history of fraternal and benefit orders in general, and then an account of the Woodmen of the World from the establishment of the order twenty-five years ago. In that time, he said, the order had paid out more than \$2,000,000 to the widows and orphans of deceased members and had erected 25,000 monuments.

About 100 persons were present to enjoy the speaking and the dinner, and both were thoroughly enjoyable. At night three new members were "taken into camp," which makes the membership forty-five.

It is better sometimes to have loved and lost than to be the other fellow.

## PRIZES FOR FARMERS' DAY.

### Big Rally November 18th to be Made Interesting by Dozens of Premiums—Many Already Offered, More to Come.

The committee from the Farmers' Union having in charge the arrangements for the farmers' rally in Monroe Nov. 18, met Saturday, and arranged a premium list, which now stands as follows:

For best home made molasses, \$1.00, by Ashcraft Bros. publishers Enquirer.

Best display of farm products from a two-horse farm, \$6.00 lap robe, by Belk Bros., department store.

Best bushel Apples, \$8.50 Cole open furrow oat drill, by Heath Hardware Co., wholesale and retail hardware.

For boy selecting and exhibiting best ten ears of corn from his father's crop of corn, boy to do his own selecting, \$3.50 Remington rifle, by Heath Hardware Co., wholesale and retail hardware.

For best beef cow, \$5.00, by N. B. Ayers, meat market.

Best peck yellow sweet potatoes, \$1.00, by Vann Funderburk, grocer.

Best Berkshire pig under three months old, \$1.00, by Lathan & Richardson, grocers.

Best mule colt under seven months old, \$5.00, by First National Bank.

Second best mule colt under seven months old, \$3.00, by Heath-Morow Co., wholesale grocers.

Third best mule colt under seven months old, \$1.00, by Winchester & Futch, wholesale grocers.

Best horse colt under seven months old, \$5.00, by J. V. Griffith and R. B. Redwine.

Second best horse colt under seven months old, \$3.00, by Henderson & Snyder, wholesale grocers.

Third best horse colt under seven months old, \$2.00, by English Drug Co.

Best calf under three months old, \$3.00, by Bank of Union.

Second best calf under three months old, \$2.50, by C. E. Houston.

Third best calf under three months old, \$1.00, by H. B. Adams, Jr.

Best pig, any breed, under three months old, \$3.00, Simpson Drug Store and J. E. Ashcraft.

Second best pig, any breed, under three months old, \$2.00, by R. L. Stevens.

Third best pig, any breed, under three months old, \$1.00, by J. C. M. Vann.

Best display, on wagon, of farm and garden products, by any Local Union, three yearly subscriptions to Carolina Union Farmer.

Third best display, on wagon, of farm and garden products, by any Local Union, \$2.00, by Snyder-Huntley Co., wholesale provisions.

Best ten ears corn, one-ear variety, \$1.00, by W. E. Benton.

Best ten ears yellow corn, \$1.00, by J. T. McCorkle, restaurant.

Best ten ears prolific corn, \$1.00, by F. H. Wolfe.

Best peck whippoorwill peas, 50 cents, by C. Fowler.

Best peck white peas, 50 cents, by J. W. Laney.

Best peck black peas, 50 cents, by R. N. Nisbet.

Best peck white sweet potatoes, \$1.00 by R. W. Lemmond.

Best peck red sweet potatoes, one year subscription to the Marshville Home.

Best peck Union county onions, one meal, at Gloucester Hotel.

Best peck Union county wheat, one year's subscription to The Monroe Journal.

Best collection of canned fruits and vegetables, one year's subscription to Marshville Home.

Best plate Union county apples, one meal at Gloucester Hotel.

Best peck Irish potatoes grown in Union county, one year's subscription to Monroe Journal.

Best pound country butter, one meal at Gloucester Hotel.

Any firm desiring to add to

this list of premiums will report to J. W. Hamilton, manager Co-operative Mercantile Co., Monroe, N. C.

## GIRL SAVES EIGHT LIVES.

### Burning of Dredge, Costing One Life, Proves Young Woman a Real Heroine.

Savannah, Ga., Oct. 26.—The burning of the river dredge No. 15, belonging to the R. Sanford Ross company, eight miles from this city on the Savannah river, this morning is supposed to have cost one life and has proved Miss Annie Martius, who lives in a light tender's house, a heroine. When the dredge caught fire and became so hot the 32 men on board could no longer remain, all hands attempted to escape. Eight men got aboard a small pontoon moored to the side of the dredge and cut away from it. They were being rapidly carried to sea and certain death. The cries of the men were heard by Miss Martius, and getting into a boat she rowed to the scene and took the pontoon in tow. The other men later were rescued from the marsh. All hands were brought to the city this morning on the dredge Cumberland except William Augustus, who is believed to have perished. Miss Martius is generally known to maritime travelers as the "waving girl" because of her custom of waving flags or lanterns to all passing ships both day and night.

## Tries to Kill the Whole Family.

Parkersburg, W. Va., Oct. 29.—Carroll L. James, a railroad conductor of this city, shot and killed his father-in-law, William Pritchard, probably fatally wounded his mother-in-law, slightly injured his wife and committed suicide today at Painsboro, W. Va., Ritchie county. James broke into the Pritchard home and caught his victims while they slept. He made no effort to harm his 4-year-old daughter who occupied the bed with her mother and grand mother.

The tragedy follows a series of sensational occurrences here about six weeks ago when James shot Seymour Kuhn of Fairmont, W. Va., a fellow railroad, whom he alleged he had found with his wife at the James home. Kuhn's injury was slight. James brought suit for divorce and Mrs. James brought counter suit. During the taking of depositions in the suit last Monday Mrs. James gave evidence which resulted in the arrest two days later of her husband and George Mitter of Grafton, W. Va., an express messenger, on the charge of conspiracy to defraud the United States Express Company.

James was to have received a preliminary hearing next Tuesday on the conspiracy charge. It is said that he worried greatly over the matter and was much embittered against his wife and her family. It is alleged that he threatened that he'd "kill the whole Pritchard tribe," and the shooting today was an apparent effort to fulfill his threat.

## The Manhattan Opera Company.

To the title of "Song Bird" has been added that of "Air Bird" by that delightfully charming young woman, Miss Nella Brown who comes here with Robert H. Kane's Manhattan Opera Company on next Friday night for an engagement of 2 nights.

Miss Brown has made several flights, she says she is going to apply for a pilot license, this despite the protest of her manager Mr. Robert H. Kane. Miss Brown made her first flight in Wilmington, Del. where she was spending the summer. She was dared by J. A. D. McCurdy, the noted aviator to accompany him on one of his exhibition flights at the Delaware State Fair. Despite the protests of relatives and friends, this plucky young lady with McCurdy flew over the grounds while the holiday crowd gazed spell bound. On making a safe landing Miss Brown and her companion were given an ovation. Since then Miss Brown's spare time has been divided between her vocal studies and that of aeronautics.