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THE SOUTH FORGING AHEAD.

Mr. Henry G. Hester, secretary of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange, and an expert in cotton statistics, has already published the size of the last cotton crop of the United States, as well as the details of the marketing of that crop. Mr. Hester makes the cotton crop of 1896 7,175,346 bales, as compared with a crop of 9,901,251 for the preceding year. The falling off resulted mainly from a systematic and general reduction of acreage, the higher prices which resulted enabling the farmers to realize better results from their crops of last year, short as they were, than followed from the sale of the enormous yield of 1894-95. Mr. Hester shows that Southern mills have consumed 904,701 bales of cotton, as compared with 862,838 during the preceding year. This represents an increase in consumption, which is interesting from the fact that the takings of Northern mills show a heavy falling off. Northern spinners consumed 1,600,000 bales, as against 2,083,000 bales last year, a reduction in the consumption of nearly half a million bales. As the New Orleans Picayune remarks: "Such figures certainly show the drift of the cotton-milling industry southward."

The number of applications from clubs for membership in the National Association of Democratic Clubs has been steadily increasing, but the record was this week broken when fifty-three applications were received in a single day.

The Democrats of Washington intend making the Bryan and Sewall ratification meeting to be held on the afternoon of the 19th inst., one of the biggest affairs of the kind ever held at the National capital. Arrangements are now being made to run special excursion trains from Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia, and it will not be surprising if Mr. Bryan shall be greeted on that occasion by a larger crowd than he has spoken to at any of the places he has visited since his nomination.

A letter has been received at Democratic headquarters from R. A. Watkins, a prominent lawyer, of Lancaster, Wis., which answers the Republican assertion that silver sentiment is dying out in that state. Mr. Watkins writes: "The situation in Wisconsin is very favorable, and quite as good, if not better, for the Democracy than it was at this period of the campaign of 1892, when we carried the state. The so-called silver craze is not dying out here, our Republican friends to the contrary notwithstanding."

With due ceremonial benefitting the occasion, the first sod in connection with the 1900 exhibition will shortly be turned, and the works entailed by the new designs will be at once put in hand, says the Paris Messenger. One of the first undertakings will, of course, be to demolish the Palais de l'Industrie and to construct a bridge across the Seine close to the Esplanade des In-

valides. This work is to be commenced in a month and meanwhile an inquiry is to be opened, and persons interested are invited to sign their names with any observations they may have to make at the public works office at the hotel de Ville. It is just possible, however, that the commencement of the works will be postponed on account of the forthcoming visit of the czar.

Hon. Spencer Jones, Chairman of the Maryland State Democratic Committee, says of the outlook in that State: "I am more and more convinced every day as the campaign progresses, that Maryland will elect Bryan and Sewall electors by a large majority. We are gaining more Republicans than we shall lose Democrats. The Palmer and Buckner electoral ticket, if one is put up, will not cost Bryan a single vote. I should like to see the third electoral ticket named as we could then find out how many Democrats bolt the ticket." While Mr. Jones didn't say so, it may be inferred that the rank and file of the party in Maryland, as well as in other States, will know what future use to make of a roster of the bolting Democrats.

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