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Post and Flag's Cotton Letter.

New York, Aug. 5.—The early cotton market was easy on selling for both accounts promoted by a more favorable view of crop and weather advices. Part of the selling was believed to represent liquidation of a fairly large speculative long account but this was, as always, accompanied by selling by local professionals influenced by the appearance of this liquidation. Later the market turned firmer on demand from local shorts and from mills and merchants who have been persistent, if only moderate buyers at every new low point in the do line. In this way a good many contracts have been tied up and until hedge selling shows a very perceptible increase short covering will be more or less difficult especially if any bullish development should start a general and urgent de-

mand from that source.

It will also become comparatively easy for an oversold condition to develop which some think exists at the moment as result of reports of rain in the southwest and lack of any serious complaints of insect damage.

It will not do to ignore the fact that there is good ground to anticipate that requirements will crowd close on 15,000,000 bales and there is no assurance as yet that any such crop is in prospect. In fact, unless the fall proves open with a late frost it is reasonably certain that the crop will prove well below that figure. On the whole cotton around present levels looks reasonable by comparison with other commodities and if the bureau results in any sharp break a good opportunity will be presented to pick up some cotton though as yet ad-

vances are hardly safe to follow.

POST AND FLAG.

Champion Bricklayer Puts on 36,000 Bricks Daily.

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 5.—Laying 36,000 brick a day, or approximately three and one-half car loads, James Brown, an Indian and and former Carlisle football player, has gained a reputation among construction workers on a highway near here as being the world's champion bricklayer. So fast does he work that five men are kept busy keeping him supplied with brick and two others are used to keep the face of the road even ahead of him. He receives \$2 an hour, or \$16 a day.

Even a dreamer attracts attention when he snores.

Stewart's Washington Letter.

BY CHARLES P. STEWART
NEA Service Writer

WASHINGTON—The various states' ratio of representation in Congress needs overhauling, to put it on an up-to-date population basis.

Representatives from states a readjustment would benefit intend to attempt it next winter. Those from states which would lose by it will fight it, tooth and nail.

It's the same conflict between urban and rural communities that has provoked the revolt of the cities—Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland and doubtless more to be heard from soon.

A CONGRESSIONAL reapportionment will be harder to shove off, however, than the demands of the cities are likely to be.

The cities can win fuller representation in their respective state legislatures, or else secede, as independent states, only by decidedly revolutionary means, which they may find exceedingly difficult to put across. The states' congressional representation is supposed to be readjusted after every census

—once in ten years—in the regular way of business—nothing revolutionary about it.

THE only irregular part of the present congressional situation is that reapportionment has been neglected so long. The last census was in 1920, five years back. And there hasn't been a reapportionment yet.

Never but once before was there so long a delay, and that was during the Civil War and reconstruction period, when neither a census nor a reapportionment was possible.

THE nation's congressional representation now is on the basis of the 1910 census. The country has grown greatly since then, but not evenly, everywhere.

The cities have grown most, which means that population has increased much faster in states which have large urban centers than in those which are predominantly rural. Consequently, on a redistribution of congressional seats, the industrial states would gain a good many representatives, while the farm states would lose correspondingly.

Borglum is Dreaming Again.

High Point Enterprise. Gutzon Borglum says he is seriously considering the great expense of Rock mountain for the location of a memorial to the Confederacy. He states, too, that he has adequate assurances of support for such a memorial in North Carolina.

The fact develops that the owners of Chimney Rock mountain were not aware that Mr. Borglum has designs on the property and the officers of the company are not favorable to any movement "which may conflict or in any way interfere with the progress of Stone Mountain memorial."

An artist cannot follow his dreams and pay much attention to such small details as the ownership of the rock or other crude material he may wish to use in his creation. Mr. Borglum sees the artistic possibilities and does not worry over the rest of his problem. That seemed to be one of the troubles with his Stone Mountain connection, if the association hasn't misrepresented him. Slow, expensive progress discouraged the Stone Mountain promoters so that they were ready for a break with him, they have said. We would say nothing to discourage public interest in Mr. Borglum's projected Carolina memorial, but he will need good, sound practical managers of the business end of any such undertaking before he starts it. Somebody must acquaint the owners of whatever property he may wish to invade of his purpose, at least.

Good Building Year in North Carolina.

Building contracts awarded in North Carolina during the first six months of 1925 amounted to \$53,389,300, according to F. W. Dodge Corporation. This was an increase of 31 per cent. over the first half of 1924. The half-year record included: \$15,979,700, or 30 per cent. of all construction, for residential buildings; \$15,418,900, or 29 per cent. for public works and utilities; \$7,582,000, or 14 per cent. for industrial buildings; \$5,639,300, or 11 per cent. for commercial buildings; and \$8,312,900, or 6 per cent. for educational buildings.

Contemplated new work reported for North Carolina during the past six months, amounting to \$82,921,900 was 55 per cent. in excess of the amount of work actually started, an indication of a continued strong building demand.

"I regret," said the rumrunner whose automobile has just been seized by government agents, "that I have but one car to give for my country."

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DINNER STORIES

A Poor Risk, Anyhow.
Agent: "You had better let me write that insurance for you, Rastus."
Rastus: "No, sah, boss; I is not too safe at home, as it is sah."

Magnate (to hard-up editor): "Young man, d'yer know how I made my money?"
Young man: "Yes—but I can't permit that to stand in the way of Muriel's happiness!"

Young Wife (reading her new scenario): "Two burglars here enter the living hall and the cook strikes one."
Bored Husband: "Which one?"

Tourist: "How far is it to Pleasant View?"
Native: "One thousand and three hundred and forty-six signboards."

Useful Knowledge.
"Dolly, what did you learn in school today?"
"I learned the name of the boy who moved next door, mama."

It's a Worry Either Way.
"What is your chief worry?"
"Money."
"I didn't know you had any."
"I haven't."

Beehive of Industry.
"How many men work in your factory?"
"About one out of every ten."

John D.'s Latest.
On the occasion of his 86th birthday, John D. Rockefeller told this joke:
Down South a negro was brought before a judge because of some missing chickens. The judge asked him if he had any children.

"Yes, sah," was the answer. "Ise got a boy."
"What's his name?" inquired the magistrate.

"His name am Weatherstrip, Judge."
"Weatherstrip! However did he get that name, Sambo?"
"Well, Judge, you see it was dis way: Dat boy was born jus' befo' de wath, and he done kept me out of de draft."

Wood: "The radio will never take the place of newspapers."
Ward: "Why?"
Wood: "You can't start a fire, with a radio set."

Words, Idle Words.
"Did you have words with your wife?"
"Yes, I had words, but no opportunity for using them."

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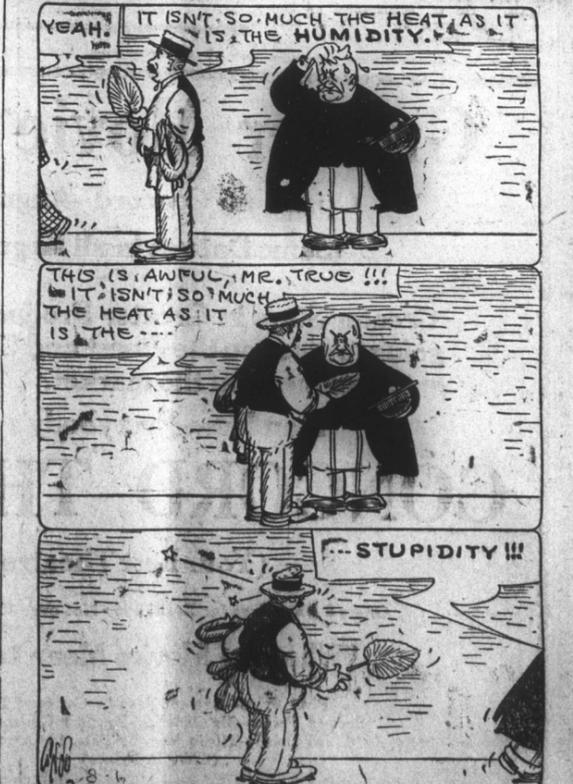
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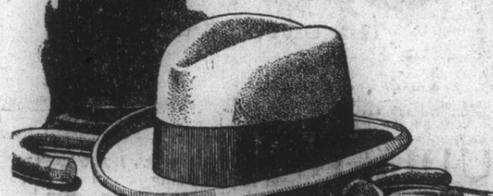
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