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WISE AND SAFE ADVICE.

The Commissioner of Agriculture of Georgia, in issuing his estimate of the present cotton crop, gives as the conclusion of his investigations that the crop will not exceed 9,500,000 bales.

The facts and figures for this estimate are based upon the usual conditions of light yield in sections and decreased acreage, which according to the Commissioner ought to make cotton sell at 8 or 9 cents per pound by January 1st.

But the most important portion of the report is the Commissioner's advice to the cotton farmer.

He says: "Go to the people you owe, and consult with them, as their interests are yours. Make such arrangements as will help you and not embarrass them."

Here is sound, practical and good advice.

Instead of saying to the cotton growers, the price of cotton is going to nine cents a pound, therefore hold on, the advice given is for the cotton grower to first go and consult with those whom he owes, for their interests are identical with the cotton grower's.

This is the right advice for every cotton farmer to have given him, consult your merchant who has advanced you supplies, or your banker who has advanced you money to plant and raise your cotton, these men are interested in the cotton, have an equity in it, and it is fully as much theirs in proportion to advances made, as it is the farmer's.

Then the merchant or banker is in a better position to judge the future market than the farmer, and with a joint consultation there is certain to bring better results for all interested.

As a matter of honesty, also, the farmer has no right to speculate on the cotton upon which he owes money.

If the price should decline it means loss to those who are innocent, those who advanced money to the farmer, who relied upon the farmer bringing his product to market and cancelling his obligations.

Let the cotton farmers give heed to the Commissioner's advice, to consult those people whom they owe, for their interests are mutual.

AMERICA'S POSITION IN THE TRANSVAAL WAR.

The position of the United States towards Great Britain during the war in the Transvaal, is really no uncertain one, although an outsider might judge differently from reading accounts of petitions sent to President McKinley asking for this country's interference.

Also certain hostile press criticisms might create the impression that there was a large Anti-English party in the United States which desired the overthrow of Great Britain's power in Africa and elsewhere.

Why Russia, Germany and France should wish England to receive a check by the Boers is not surprising, for the spirit of those powers is strictly against the Anglo-Saxon.

The same display of feeling towards this country during the war with Spain was manifest as is shown by the European powers towards England today.

The rumor that Great Britain would be asked by Russia, Germany and France to indicate her purposes towards the Boers and other peoples of Africa, has been quietly answered by England sending her Channel Squadron to the Mediterranean, an exhibit of strength which is hardly pleasing to the European Anti-English growers.

The London Spectator in speaking of America's position in this Transvaal war, says:

"And, in any case, the criticism we get from America will be the criticism of friends, not of enemies. Some Americans may be misled into calling us tyrants, but if any attempt were made by the powers of Europe to combine against us, we should never have a moment's doubt as to the part that would be played by our own flesh and blood. Even if they

do not yet understand rightly what we did last year, and even if the Spanish-American war had never been fought, they would forbid any attempt at coalition to injure England.

"The Anglo-Saxon race is not going to allow itself to be destroyed in detail. If one-half is attacked by a combination of powers beyond its strength, the other half will know and do its duty. Following up on one side, and following up on the other by France, Germany and Russia together—the combination is practically impossible, and we only name it for the purposes of argument, or rather illustration—but the knowledge that in the last resort America would be at our side would waver any combination whatsoever as soon as it was made.

"German military men may say that American armies are only badly led masses of civilians masquerading in military forms, and that they can be safely neglected, but somehow or other they know that the safest form of neglect would be the field to be the avoiding of any contact or conflict with the aforesaid masses.

As the Spectator says, American criticism is that of friends, not enemies, and there can be no doubt of America's position should the foreign powers seek to combine to destroy England.

There is no exaggeration for the Anglo-Saxon, wherever the Anglo-Saxon may be, in any quarter of the world, and the call for aid means unity of the race, a gathering which will defy any combination that might be made against England or America.

COMMUNITY DRIFTING.

There is no sadder sight than to see a person who is a drifter, one indifferent and heedless of the duties of life, a witness of appearances and tricks, as far as life concerns him.

There are various causes which produce drifters. Intellectual and spiritual laziness, rebuffs and failures in attempts at business ventures, and financial losses when success does not come at once, are some of the causes which make drifters in the world. Persons who are really more or less of a menace to society and material progress.

Communities like individuals become drifters, but the character of their drifting is of a Sleepy-Hollow nature, waiting for something to come along and wake them up, a fire, an epidemic, or a hurricane.

Without these extraneous things there are few if any local changes in the community, success succeeding failure in business, property willed to successive generations when death comes to the owner and the spirit, "oh, it was good enough for father, so it ought to be good enough for me," is the protest offered when attempts at progress are made, or someone tries to infuse an up-to-date feeling in the community's midst.

This feeling of drifting becomes chronic in some communities.

The merchant sees no use of spending money for advertising, therefore his goods are one to two years out of date, and his customers seek other stores, while the merchant grows and complains of hard and dull times.

The property owner becomes indifferent as to keeping up his buildings, and tenants avoid him, finding quarters in new neighborhoods where the houses are modern and kept in good order.

In a community which simply drifts along, there is no impulse to start manufacturing enterprises, for from banker to laborer, there is a disposition to let matters take their own course, drift along for to be progressive means hostile, a re-investment of money, therefore some risk, and for the laboring man it means competition in the labor market, and a disturbance of his regular monotony of irregular hours and indifferent wages.

Steady and regular hours, a fixed work with increased pay has no attraction for the drifter, it disturbs and shakes him up too much.

A drifting community keeps no progressive young man at home, for such a one has no opportunity to advance, he must leave to preserve himself from becoming a drifter.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh That Contain Mercury, as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally, and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free. Sold by Druggists, price 75c. per bottle.

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First Thought. Maude—They say there is no longer any man in the moon.

Edith—H'm! They have made a summer resort of it, I suppose.

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It is not what we say, but what Hood's Sarsaparilla does, that tells the story. Thousands of testimonials are examples of what Hood's has done for others, and what it will do for you.

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Hood's Sarsaparilla Never Disappoints.

"The Greatest of These." A genuine case of love of one little girl for another still smaller was seen on the east side a few days ago.

A number of little girls were dancing gracefully and joyously in the street to the music of a hand organ played by an Italian. A reporter, who had listened and looked for some time with pleasure, called a girl to him, gave her a nickel and told her to give it to the musician. She sprang away joyfully to do it, but paused suddenly, hesitated and ran off to another girl, pathetic looking and weak. To this little thing she gave the 5-cent piece, resplending to another the pleasure of receiving the organ grinder for the fun they were having. The girl ran up to him with the richest smile she had worn for a week and said, "There!"—New York Commercial Advertiser.

The Planets.

Professor James E. Keeler of the Allegheny observatory, in a lecture declared that he did not believe that the earth, are satellites, except the moon, are in orbit, although there is a remote possibility in the cases of Venus and Mars. He said: "Nothing can be seen on the surface of Mercury and only vague markings on the surface of Venus. Of Venus we know nothing, except that it has a dense atmosphere. In the case of Mars the evidence is not yet sufficient. We may suppose that in time the larger planets will be fitted for supporting life as the earth is now."

The Farmer in the Lighthouse.

A farmer had secured an appointment as lightkeeper in a Maine coast light house. The first night he went on duty he lighted up promptly at dusk and at 11 o'clock carefully extinguished the lamp. The next day, of course, there was trouble, and when he was taken to task he replied that he supposed 10 o'clock was late enough to keep the light going, as he thought that all honest men should turn out at that hour.—Boston Herald.

Asking For What He Wanted.

Two little tots of Hudson were kneeling at their mother's knee saying the Lord's Prayer. The oldest one was repeating it after his mother, and when he reached the passage that reads, "Give us this day our daily bread," what was the mother's astonishment when the little tot exclaimed, "Hit him for a pie, Johnnie! hit him for a pie!"—Sturtevant (Mich.) Democrat.

Brave Men Fall.

Victims to stomach, liver and kidney troubles as well as women, and all feel the results in loss of appetite, poisons in the blood, headache, nervousness, headache and tired, listless, rundown feeling. But there's no need to feel like that. Listen to J. W. Gardner, Idaville, Ind. He says: "Electric Bitters are just the thing for a man when he is all run down and don't care whether he lives or dies. It did more to give me new strength and good appetite than anything I could take. I can now eat anything and have a new lease on life." Only 50 cents, at F. S. Duffy's drug store. Every bottle guaranteed.

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Cholly—Do you suppose that your father would seriously object to me—aw marrying you? Miss Pert—Well, if he's anything like me he would.

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VANDERBILT'S FORTUNE.

Bulk of it Goes to His Son, Alfred. Millions Left to Daughters.

New York, October 26.—The provisions of the will of Cornelius Vanderbilt, the finance king who died recently, were made public tonight in a statement by Chauncey M. Depew.

Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt, the younger son, inherits the larger part of his father's fortune. The will makes no mention of the marriage of Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., to Miss Grace Wilson, nor to any quarrel between father and son because of the marriage, but the father's displeasure was visited upon the eldest son, he receiving all told under the terms of the will but \$1,500,000, and \$1,000,000 of this is to be held in trust by the executors.

Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt is the residuary legatee, and will possess a fortune of probably \$30,000,000. The late millionaire's daughters, Gladys Vanderbilt and Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney, and his youngest son, Reginald C., will receive about \$7,500,000 each.

Mr. Depew states that Alfred will give from his share enough to Cornelius to make the latter as rich as his brothers and sisters, Alfred will therefore turn over to Cornelius about \$6,000,000.

BRITISH AND BOER.

Bombardment of Mafeking Begun. General Simmonds Has Died.

Firing Under a Flag of Truce. Reports of Boer Losses. Reinforcements Will Make Total of 93,000, in British Army.

LONDON, Oct. 26.—The death of Gen. Sir William Penn Symonds, the British commander at Mafeking, who was shot in the stomach in the battle with the Boers there Oct. 25, was officially announced in the House of Commons today.

The Parliamentary Secretary of the War Office, Mr. George Wynnham, in announcing the death said:

"The news was immediately sent to General Buller, General Buller, which confirms an impression that General Buller had been wounded at Dundee. We hope to have shortly full information on the disposition made by General Buller for his wounded before leaving."

PRETORIA, Oct. 24.—The bombardment of Mafeking by General Cronje's commands began this morning. The women and children were given simple time to leave the town.

PRETORIA, Oct. 25.—The shelling of Mafeking was resumed at daybreak this morning. Several houses are in flames. In an engagement between the British forces under Colonel Buller and the Boers at Mafeking, the Boers were made prisoners.

LADYSMITH, Natal, October 23.—In Saturday's action at Elandsfontein the Boers hoisted a flag of truce. Colonel Hamilton then ordered his men to cease their fire. The British troops stood up, and a party of Boers furiously resumed firing.

The same day other parties were guilty of sniping treachery, one firing from a house which was used as a hospital. Afterward, when calm pressed, they threw up the arms in token of surrender, and took advantage of the British officers surrounding their rifles to shoot, and in several instances, to escape.

The surgeons say they found that a considerable number of the expanding bullets had been used by the Boers.

General Buller, Hunter and French, with their staff, made the round of the hospital today. The Town Hall and churches, as well as tents, have been fitted with beds. Medical arrangements were ample and complete. A number of wounded Boers have been allowed to go into the British hospitals near Elandsfontein.

CAPE TOWN, October 25.—After a lull of two days' excitement has been renewed by the news of another British success near Ladysmith. Special publication is felt on account of the capture of leading members of the Johannesburg Boer commands, many of whom are familiar persons in Cape Town.

Official accounts of General Buller's repulse of the Boers yesterday at Heilfontein are scanty, but the details given are sufficient to show that the Boers were prevented from gaining such a footing as would enable them to strike the British camp.

It is believed that the Boers' reported estimate of 100 killed is much under the mark. Rand residents who are familiar with the men engaged say it is unlikely that they would admit more than 25 per cent of their actual losses.

DURBAN, Natal, Oct. 25.—A transport has arrived here with a battalion of the Rifle Brigade.

Strong reinforcements of infantry and artillery have arrived at Ladysmith from Pietermaritzburg.

CAPE TOWN, Oct. 25.—The transport Zayathia, whose voyage from Liverpool was delayed by difficulties with her machinery, has arrived here with a battery and a half of field artillery. Her sister transport, with an equal force, which has been similarly delayed, is daily expected.

LONDON, Oct. 26.—Orders were issued today for an additional 5,000 troops to sail for South Africa between November 4 and November 18, making the full number of troops for General Buller 93,000 men.

IT IS ONLY TALK.

Washington Opinion on European Interference in South Africa. Course of This Country.

WASHINGTON, October 27.—The strongest evidence that there is no foundation for the numerous rumors of concerted interference by the European powers to prevent Great Britain taking possession of the Transvaal Republic and the Orange Free State after the war in South Africa has been fought to a victorious end is furnished by European members of the Diplomatic Corps, who always know what is going on in European courts. Not one of them believes in the possibility of any concerted action against Great Britain, although some of them believe that if the Boers can prolong the war for awhile that Russia, to serve purposes of its own in India and elsewhere in Asia, may tread quite heavily on John Bull's toes.

There is much speculation as to what this government would do, if Russia made war against Great Britain, but there is absolutely nothing to be obtained in official circles on the subject. Many individuals, some of them prominent, insist that in case of need it would be the duty of this government to give Great Britain the same moral support she gave us in our war with Spain, and which there is little doubt operated to keep European fingers out of that war.

Why were 25,000 BOTTLES OF ROBERTS' TASTELESS SOC. CHILL TONIC sold the first year of its birth? Answer: Because it is the BEST AT ANY PRICE, guaranteed to cure, MONEY REFUNDED if it fails, pleasant to take, 50c per bottle. It is sold and guaranteed by O. D. BRADHAM, Wholesale and Retail.

RALEIGH.

That Looked for College. Mrs. Jackson Needy. Severe Penalty for the Mt. Airy Captain.

RALEIGH, Oct. 27.—Senator Pritchard has arrived here. He is of counsel in a great land suit from western North Carolina and is here to examine the books in the supreme court library.

A well known negro came to your correspondent today and said: "I see you want information regarding a Dr. Barrett, of Pee Dee college institute, who is selling degrees to preachers in England. I know the man. He is a real black negro. His so called institute is at Pee Dee, Anson county. I think he makes his living mainly by the sale of degrees. He is a preacher of the A. M. E. Zion church. Two or three years ago he received a young white woman into coming here to teach in his school. He was found out and Mr. Warburton, of Anson county, paid her expenses back to England. I am prepared to substantiate all I tell you about Barrett. He ought to be exposed."

It is probable that there will be more sportsmen from other States in North Carolina this season than ever before. Carolina are particularly abundant.

Money is being raised by the Daughters of the Confederacy and by camps of veterans in all of Mrs. "Stonewall" Jackson, who is needy, in very poor health and almost blind, at her home, at Charlotte. She is said to be suffering from an incurable disease.

Mention has been made of the fact that Captain Belton, of the Mt. Airy company of the Third regiment, and also the first sergeant of the company, who is his brother had been arrested and called for the unlawful arrest of a citizen. The company's property was taken in charge by the mayor of the town. Belton's company was disbanded and the mayor turns the property over to a new company which was yesterday mustered into service. It is learned that the adjutant general's office that Belton and his brother have been sentenced to work on the roads for eight and six months respectively.

A. W. Graham, of Oxford, is here. He is the attorney for some of the extensive copper mines in Granville and Person. Much of the stock in these mines is owned by Boston people. Hundreds of miners are at work. The ore, which is very rich, is being shipped to Norfolk, Va., and Bethany, N. J., smelters. A branch railway has been completed into the very heart of the mining district.

NEW YORK.

Gen. Lee at Quarantine. Irving Has Come. Margaret Sangster. Sousa's Latest.

New York, October 26.—Maj. Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, who arrived on the steamship Havana on Wednesday, was released from quarantine today. He declares he cannot understand why he and his secretary were detained for observation at Hoffman Island, while others who arrived on the same vessel were allowed to pass quarantine without detention.

"Why in the world they took me to Swlaburne Island I do not know, but I think it was to feel my temperature," said the General.

General Lee looked the picture of health. He will proceed to Washington on Sunday, and then visit his family in Virginia, where he will remain until he returns to Quantico, his Cuban headquarters, the first week in December.

Among the passengers who arrived to day on board the steamer Marquette from London were Henry Irving and his company, comprising 56 persons, among whom were Miss Ellen Terry and Lawrence Irving.

The Knickerbocker Theatre Monday in "Robespierre." He will play in Washington at the National Theatre during Christmas week and in Baltimore at the Academy of Music in New Year's week. In addition to the Sardou play, he will appear in "The Merchant of Venice," "The Bells," "Amber Heart," "Nance Oldfield" and "Waterloo."

At the office of Harper Brothers today it was admitted that Mrs. Margaret Sangster had retired from the editorship of Harper's Bazaar. The Round Table has been suspended because not profitable, and in its place will be issued a new monthly magazine, to be called the Franklin Square, under the editorship of Albert Lee.

John Philip Sousa has returned from New Haven, where he went to witness the first production of his new extravaganza, "Chris and the Wonderful Lamp." He is greatly pleased with its success and regards the score the best he has ever done. Mr. Sousa is especially delighted with the march which he has called "The Man Behind The Gun." It is being whistled, he says, by all the whistlers at Yale. The score is the longest Mr. Sousa has ever written.

He is Unconscious.

One of the most amusing things now on exhibition is the performance of the little two by four editors who revile Grover Cleveland. How happy the little asses would be if Mr. Cleveland would in the slightest degree intimate that he knew they were living and braying!—Atlanta Journal.

Their Business Booming.

Probably no one thing has caused such a general revival of trade at F. S. Duffy's drug store as their giving away to their many customers of so many free trial bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. Their trade is simply enormous in this very valuable remedy, from the fact that it always cures and never disappoints. Coughs, colds, asthma, bronchitis, croup, and all throat and lung diseases are quickly cured. You can test it before buying by getting a trial bottle free, large size 50c, and \$1.00. Every bottle warranted.

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