

THE COTTON SURPLUS.

New Orleans Cotton Convention To Discuss Plans. The Waco Plan. The discussions before the big cotton growers convention which is to be held in New Orleans Jan. 24, 25, and 26th, will cover a wide range of subjects, crystallizing on the handling of this year's surplus, the reduction of the acreage, and on plans for warehousing cotton under the control of the producers themselves. All three of these big subjects are of equal interest to the farmer, the merchant and the banker of the South. The handling of the surplus and the reduction of acreage will have to be discussed in their entirety, for no definite plan for either has yet been framed. The warehousing matter, however, has been developed to a greater or less extent by the progress made on the "Waco Plan" which was framed by the farmers and business men of Waco, Texas, and approved and elaborated by the farmers in convention at St. Louis several months ago. This plan provides for local warehouses built on approved plans in order that insurance and other expenses will be minimized. These warehouses are to be erected by local companies to be owned and controlled by the farmers, or if deemed best, by the farmers, merchants and bankers, is also provided for. The local companies will be the units of the big company, but the local companies will manage their own affairs, guided and protected by the parent company. The "Waco Plan", which is generally regarded with approval by the farmers who have considered it, will doubtless be discussed in all its phases at New Orleans, and it has been suggested that those delegates who desire information in advance on this subject write to Hon. Eugene Williams at Waco, Texas for a pamphlet recently issued by the farmers as it throws much light on the project. The pamphlets are issued gratis.

HATS CAUSE BALDNESS.

They Make the Scalp a Breeding Place For Microbes. There is every reason to believe that primitive man had a thick and abundant head of hair and that this natural clothing of the scalp is diminishing among civilized people and will end by disappearing altogether, which would certainly not be advantageous from an aesthetic point of view. The cause of this disappearance of the hair, according to the doctors, must be sought in the very conditions of civilization and in the customs it has introduced. One of the customs especially harmful to the hair is the hat, and, above all, the masculine hat, so we see man's hair suffer more than woman's. The hat produces baldness by two different methods. First, it creates about the head an atmosphere which is fatally warm and moist and which prevents the penetration of the rays of light that are so fatal to bacteria; the hat makes for the microbes a sort of improvised hotbed which is extremely favorable to their development, and it is known that microbes play an important role in the production of baldness. If it had been desired to foster the existence of microbes capable of living upon the scalp or in the hair a more favorable means for their protection and multiplication than the hat could not have been found. Again, the hat, holding its place upon the head solely by pressure, exerts a second pernicious influence upon the scalp; it compresses the arteries and the veins; it impedes the circulation of the blood and consequently the nutrition of the organs which produce the hair. It is therefore doubly desirable that the reign of the hat should cease in the case of men, for with women the hat is so light a thing that it can exert only a trifling proportion of the ravages it is responsible for in men, and that this garment should be renounced or replaced by some less injurious article. As a matter of fact men would be very healthy with bare heads. The hair would be strengthened and would serve as a hat; it would only be necessary to protect the head against the rays of the sun in summer in order to avoid sunstroke. It is true the public imagines that it would catch cold more easily, but this is a mistake. A draft alone is not enough to give cold; a microbe is absolutely necessary. From the hygienic point of view there are fewer inconveniences in going with the head bare than in carrying about upon it a hot-house for microbes. New York World.

"Hurrish" is an Ancient Word.

It is not generally known that few words can boast of so robust and widely extended prevalence as "hurrish" in India and Ceylon. "ur-re-re" which seems to be a form of "hurrish," is used by the mahouts and attendants on the baggage elephants. The Arabs and camel drivers of Egypt, Palestine and Turkey encourage their animals to renewed effort by cries of "Ar-re, ar-re!" The Spanish Moors use something of the same expression. In France the sportsman excites the hounds by his shouts of "Hare, hare!" and wagoners turn their horses by crying "Harrah!" Irish and Scottish herdsmen shout "Hurrish, hurrish!" to their cattle. The exclamation is thought to be a corruption of the old Norsemen battle cry, "Tur-le!" (Thor said).

Military Brutality.

A one year volunteer at Bukovina, Austria, committed suicide because of a superior's brutality. During a drill he was told to jump across a ten foot ditch, but failed in the attempt. He was made to repeat the attempt until he had sprained both wrists and ankles and could only roll into the water. He was then placed under arrest and in despair stabbed himself to the heart with a penknife. Sergeant Erdmann of the German army has been sentenced by court martial to six months' imprisonment, with degradation, for 253 cases of maltreating soldiers. Another sergeant named Mattias was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment for 100 cases of cruelty to soldiers.

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A TALE OF BONANZA DAYS.

How a Chance Remark of James Flood Ruined His Gardener. In the old days of excitement when mining stocks were on the jump and men became millionaires over one day's dabbling an incident occurred at the country residence of James C. Flood in Menlo when a fairly well-to-do farmer found himself without a home in the short period of one week. The man's name was Hank, and, being a first class gardener, he readily found employment about the residence of the wealthy owners of mansions. In this way he was employed at the Flood residence. Hank was loitering about the garden one Saturday evening as the proprietor, in company with a visitor, was looking over the stock. Mr. Flood, who had just stepped out of the hog corral, casually remarked to his friend that he would be willing to make a bet that "Con" would go up to 300 before Christmas. Hank construed "Con" to mean Consolidated Virginia, and, taking the tip which he thought would make him a millionaire, he disposed of his holdings of 250 acres of fine land, his stock and, in brief, everything he had on earth except his wife and four bright little Hanks. The proceeds he invested in Consolidated Virginia stock, which was then selling at \$75 a share. Christmas came, but instead of "Con" going up to \$300 it fell to \$25. The man was a pauper. In lamenting his loss he incidentally mentioned to a friend of Flood how he lost his all. Flood, who was generous to a fault, sent for Hank and had him repeat his story. When he learned of his chance remark about "Con" going up to 300 before Christmas he fairly shook with laughter and explained what it meant. It was in reference to the gift of a young sow, made a present to him by Con O'Connor, who in the fun of the thing had called the pig "Con." The bet alluded to the sow's increasing in weight to 300 pounds before Christmas and not to Con Virginia.

Having enjoyed the joke and after joshing Hank, the noble hearted Flood bought back the ranch for Hank and recompensed him for all his losses. The originality of the joke and the knowledge of the penalty paid by an eavesdropper were Flood's reward.—San Francisco Call.

Potato of the Future.

The new potato is purplish green in color and is said to be so far superior to the common "Irish" tuber both in flavor and in yield that it is destined to drive all competitors out of the market. It comes from the banks of the Mercedes river, in Uruguay, and is probably the result of a happy horticultural accident. Claim is made that it is immune to the diseases that ordinarily afflict potatoes, but whether or not it can resist the operations of the predatory potato bug is not stated. There is no vegetable to the improvement of which more attention has been devoted than has been bestowed upon the potato. It has been mainly, however, for increasing the size of the tuber and to augment the yield. Flavor has been almost wholly ignored, and as a consequence the potatoes of today have less flavor than those which our grandfathers ate fifty years ago. Furthermore, all of the market varieties taste pretty much alike, whereas formerly there were recognizable differences.—Philadelphia Post.

The Versatile Colonel.



"The colonel takes a little center every morning after breakfast." "Yes, and a little de-center every evening after dinner."

How It Was Fixed.

The Man—Your daughter telephoned me to call and fix your piano. Her Father—What's the matter with it? The Man—One of the strings is broken. Her Father—What will it cost to repair the broken string? The Man—Two dollars. Her Father—Well, here's \$5. Break the rest of 'em.—Chicago News.

Thank Strategist.

It would be impossible for a lawyer to make a reputation in his profession while continually thinking about medicine or engineering. He must think about law and must study and become thoroughly imbued with its principles. It is unscientific to expect to attain excellence or ability enough to gain distinction in any particular line while holding the mind upon and continually contemplating something radically different.—Success Magazine.

His Grievance.

Sunday School Teacher—What is your name, my lad? Small Boy (sulkily)—Zebedee Elisha Jones. Teacher—And who gave you that name? Small Boy—Pap, doggone him, an' I'm a-goin' ter lambast the stuffin' outer him fer it when I get growed.—New York Times.

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One of the Election's Surprises.

Zenos J. Rives, unknown beyond the limits of his home city, Litchfield, Ill., is representative elect from the Twenty-first Illinois district, and the fact is as surprising to him as it is to his defeated opponent. Mr. Rives is only thirty years old and is just beginning the study of law in Litchfield. He did not make a campaign of his district at all. Representative Caldwell, who is defeated for re-election, is one of the popular men of Illinois and has been repeatedly elected to the lower house of congress without difficulty. He was renominated without opposition and was thought to have the election won, but the Roosevelt landslide carried Mr. Rives into congress, to almost everybody's infinite amazement.

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