

OVER 11,000,000 BALES

cotton Ginned From Growth of 1908 to December 18th.

26,922 Active Gineries—Against 8,343,396 Bales last Year Up to December 1, With a Total of 26,854 Active Gineries—Almost Three Million Bales More Ginned Than Same Date Last Year.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—A total of 11,010,864 bales of cotton ginned from the growth of 1908 to December 1, and 26,922 active gineries against 8,343,396 bales ginned to December 1, last year, and 26,854 gineries a year ago, were announced in the centoday. The 1907 crop was 11,057,822 of which 75.5 was ginned to December 1, the 1906 crop 12,823,201 with 77.2 per cent. to December 1, and 1905 crop 10,954,105 with 82.8 to December 1st. In 1906 there were 10,027,868 bales and in 1905 8,689,663 bales ginned to December 1st.

The report counts round as half bales and excludes linters. It includes 200,818 round bales for 1908, 154,636 for 1907 and 226,145 for 1906. Sea Island bales included 68,497 for 1908, 55,229 for 1907 and 41,250 for 1906.

Today's report gives running bales ginned to December 1, and active gineries respectively by States as follows:

Alabama—1,171,404 bales, and 3,429 gineries.

Arkansas—776,153 bales, and 2,073 gineries.

Florida—58,677 bales, and 251 gineries.

Georgia—1,736,737 bales, and 4,381 gineries.

Kansas, Kentucky and New Mexico—1,374 bales, and five gineries.

Louisiana—397,179 bales, and 1,645 gineries.

Mississippi—1,297,291 bales, and 3,422 gineries.

Missouri—45,750 bales, and 70 gineries.

North Carolina—554,002 bales, and 2,681 gineries.

Oklahoma—432,077 bales, and 973 gineries.

South Carolina—1,052,554 bales, and 3,184 gineries.

Tennessee—278,679 bales, and 625 gineries.

Texas—3,200,221 bales, and 4,091 gineries.

Virginia—8,773 bales, and 92 gineries.

The distribution of Sea Island cotton by States is: Florida, 28,003; Georgia, 32,155; South Carolina, 8,339 bales.

The corrected statistics of the quantity of cotton ginned this season to November 14, are 9,595,809 bales.

DR. WILFRED GRENFELL.

The Inspiration of His Heroic Career and What He Has Done for Labrador.

Dr. Grenfell was born near Liverpool on February 28, 1865, a cadet of an eminent English family of soldiers and scholars, descended directly on the paternal side from Sir Richard Grenville, the hero of Tennyson's poem, "The Revenge," and on the maternal side from the notable Sydneys of Penshurst and the Hutchinsons, generals in the Indian Mutiny days. His father was a prominent clergyman, a school-master, of the Arnold-of-Rugby type, and imparted to him his educational grounding, completed at Marlborough College and Oxford University.

His medical training was acquired at London, under Sir Frederick Treves, the famous surgeon, to whom, jointly with Moody, the evangelist, Grenfell owes the inspiration for his career as a medical missionary. As a student he heard Moody preach, and was influenced to dedicate his life to the service of his fellow-man, while Treves suggested his undertaking surgeon's duties among the North Sea smacks.

The spirit of his warlike ancestors animates this man, though his weapon is the scalpel, and his course the "Golden Rule." He is of the class of splendid young Englishmen who are the Empire's pride,—the men that have won the world's admiration by remaking Egypt,—the men that are molding India in the same way. Instead of seeking a lucrative practice in his native land, he has preferred

to carry the "Message of Love" to this desolate, ice-clad Northland, and to face daily the greatest hazards to life and limb by land and sea.

When Grenfell came to Labrador, in 1892, he found the 3000 permanent residents and the 30,000 summer fisher-folk from Newfoundland almost without religious or medical aid; in the clutches of merchants and traders who advanced them fishing outfits at enormous figures, and took their catch in return, contriving to keep them in debt during their whole lives, and maintaining this system of bondage for generations, with misery and destruction universal; with children barefooted and naked in a zero temperature, and parents so beggared as to borrow each other's clothes to come to him for treatment with education virtually unknown the ruling powers indifferent, if not criminally neglectful, and the region a veritable land of desolation for all connected with it.

Within sixteen years he has effected a revolution so complete and comprehensive in the conditions of existence there as to seem almost a miracle. Beginning by clothing the naked and succoring the sick, he has gradually, by judicious charity, encouragement of thrift, incitement to self-help and industry, and the preaching of the doctrine of practical Christianity, created a people comfortable, contented and free, in the main from the fear of perishing by hunger or nakedness,—formerly the fate of large numbers of the permanent.

The medical and spiritual needs of the "transients" have been as fully satisfied. He has built hospitals, orphanages, sawmills, and workshops; he cruises among the fleet in a hospital-ship, and has launches attached to the land hospitals for the conveyance of patients to and fro, since there are no roads; he has established eight co-operative stores, providing much of the capital out of his private means, and asking no interest on it; has built a schooner every winter for some years, with lumber from his own mills, on plans drawn on a shingle by a local genius of a shipwright unable to read or write; has started classes in weaving, carpentry and other trades; has opened day and night schools, and put in service sixty lending libraries donated by Andrew Carnegie; has installed his own electricity, telegraphs and telephones; has chartered the entire seaboard and mapped the terrain nearby, has imported reindeer from Norway to replace the man-eating "husky" dogs that are the terror of the region, and is now undertaking the most herculean task of all,—the raising of \$100,000 to transform a noribund seaman's home in St. John's into a fishermen's institute. This will really be what the word implies in a country where fishing is the chief pursuit and where such a headquarters in one of the world's greatest fishing ports has been a crying need for so many years.—From "Grenfell of Labrador," by P. T. McGrath, in the American Review of Reviews for December.

For Spellers.

When "ei" and "ie" both spell "ee" How can we tell which it shall be? Here's a rule you may believe That never, never will deceive, And all such troubles will relieve— A simpler rule you can't conceive. It is not made of many pieces, To puzzle daughters, sons, or nieces; Yet with it all the trouble ceases: "After C an E apply; After other letters I." Thus a general in a siege Writes a letter to his liege; Or an army holds the field, And will never deign to yield. While a warrior holds a shield Or has strength his arms to wield. Two exceptions we must note, Which all scholars learn by rote; Leisure is the first of these, For the second we have seize. Now you know the simple rule, Learn it quick, and off to school! —Tudor Jenkins, in St. Nicholas.

Sheriff Nowell was too ill to come to Smithfield Monday and be sworn in as sheriff, and the oath was administered to him at his home in Selma. We learned yesterday that he was somewhat improved. He is deservedly popular and has a host of friends throughout the county who earnestly hope that he may soon be restored to health.

KILLED AT NEUSE BRIDGE

Atlantic Coast Line Brakeman Lost His Life Monday.

A. W. Robertson, Riding on the Engine Looking Back Alongside the Train, is Struck by the Neuse River Bridge—He Falls Through the Bridge, Hanging by One Foot.

A. W. Robertson, brakeman on a Coast Line train, was killed instantly at Neuse river bridge two miles south of here at five o'clock Monday morning.

There had been a hot box on the train and he had been told to look out for it. He was on the engine leaning out looking down the line of the train with his back to the bridge and was struck back of the head by a beam of the bridge. He dropped through the bridge, catching on one foot.

The train crew went back and found him in this position and tied his foot to the bridge and left him hanging to the bridge. The section crew later recovered his body and brought it here and it was shipped to Rocky Mount on the one-thirty train Monday afternoon where his family resides.

Coroner Rose deemed an inquest unnecessary after hearing the statement of the engineer and fireman.

WAKE MERCHANT HELD UP.

T. B. Holt, of Holly Springs, Robbed While on His Way to Raleigh.

Raleigh, Dec. 7.—T. B. Holt, a prominent merchant of Holly Springs, was held up and robbed of \$400 this evening in a lonely section of road four miles from Raleigh by two highwaymen—a negro and a white man. The negro stopped his horse and the white man presented his revolver and ordered "Your money or your life." Holt gave up an envelope containing \$400 that he carried in his coat pocket and the highwaymen made off with this without searching him further. They left in his hip-pocket a purse which contained \$100 cash and a quantity of checks.

Holt came on to Raleigh and reported the robbery but says he cannot identify the highwaymen, as they were well disguised and masked.

Baptist Preacher at Kenly Pounded.

For quite a while it has been blue Monday with me every day in the week. Last night I was thinking over conditions, getting deeper in the blues all the time. I had almost decided not to go to the convention, and stay at Kenly and work on our church house. About that time I heard some moving at the front door, and the bell rang. I went to see what it meant. I was asked to surrender by the crowd, which thing I did in double-quick order. The crowd took charge—large and small, old and young, men and women, boys and girls. They went to the dining room, piled on one table till it would hold no more; then began piling on another, and on the floor. When they were through, all looked over what they had brought, and some of the brethren suggested they lacked two things of having everything ready for Christmas. I had gotten up enough courage after my surrender by this time to speak, and I said no, you have brought enough. The truth of the whole matter is, it will be Christmas at our house for more than a month. I am going to the convention this evening, leaving plenty at home. About 8 o'clock the jolly crowd left us, and our home, when we came to ourselves, was a happy place. I could not realize before how good the people of Kenly were. I know now. The Lord reward them according to their works.

J. W. Nobles.

Kenly, N. C., Dec. 8.

Coin For Philippines.

San Francisco, Dec. 4.—A part of the cargo of the United States army transport Buford, which sailed for Manila today, consisted of \$1,300,000 in the new silver pesos for Philippine Islands and \$9,000 in pennies, also for the new coinage.

The money was taken aboard ship under an armed guard.

C. P. TAFT FOR THE SENATE.

The President-Elect's Brother Wants the Toga From Ohio to Succeed Foraker.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 4.—All doubt as to the intention of Charles P. Taft in regard to the senatorship was brushed away today by his declaration that he is a candidate for the office, and expects to be elected. While not issuing a formal statement as to his candidacy, he informed newspapermen who called upon him that he was an aspirant for the honor, and in a jocular manner added that he would be elected if he received votes enough. He also stated that he had received assurances of support from all parts of the State, and believed that he would have votes to spare when the general assembly meets next month to choose a senator. He displayed hesitancy in discussing the matter, evidently regarding it as a delicate subject for him to talk about.

THE NEWS IN BENSON.

Gathered and Reported by The Herald's Regular Correspondent.

Benson, N. C., Dec. 9.—Mr. O. Matthews is erecting a nice two-story residence on Hill Street.

County Treasurer, Dr. G. A. Hood, spent Saturday and Sunday in town.

Mrs. Dr. Parker spent some time with relatives in Smithfield recently.

Mr. Joseph Rose spent Sunday in town with his brother, Mr. J. H. Rose.

County Superintendent of Schools, J. P. Canaday, was in our town one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Pool visited relatives in Selma Saturday and Sunday.

Messrs. E. S. Turlington, Jos. G. Smith and A. L. Barefoot went to Smithfield Monday.

Rev. J. M. Langdon, assisted by Revs. Blalock, Jackson and McKintosh, is conducting a series of meetings at the Free Will Baptist church.

Rev. D. F. Putnam filled his regular appointment at Pisgah Sunday morning and at Four Oaks Sunday night.

Miss Minnie Culbreth and Miss Mattie Smith spent Saturday and Sunday with friends at Godwin.

Rev. D. F. Putnam and Messrs. Jno. W. Holmes and E. L. Hall are attending the Baptist State Convention at Wilson this week.

Messrs. E. F. Moore, Seth McLamb and George Godwin, the newly elected justices of the peace, and J. H. Wheeler, the constable went to Smithfield Monday to take the oath of office.

On Friday night the Baraca Class of the Baptist church will give an oyster supper complimentary to the Philathea class. The supper will be given in the vacant store next door to the Benson Drug Co.

Father Irwin, of Newton Grove, was in town Monday looking for a site on which to build a Catholic church, we understand. The location was secured and the erection of this building will begin at an early date.

On Tuesday night, December 22, there will be an entertainment at the Benson Graded School, consisting of recitations, declamations, dialogues, etc. Miss Glasgow's elocution class will also take part in the exercises. This has been the most prosperous year of the Benson School and all our people look forward to these Christmas exercises.

On Wednesday afternoon, December 2, Mr. Charlie Lee, of this place, passed into the great unknown. The immediate cause of his death was typhoid fever, though he had never recovered from injuries he received several months ago by falling from a hand car while at work with the section hands. The funeral was preached Thursday afternoon at the Free Will Baptist church by Rev. J. M. Langdon, after which the remains were interred in the Benson cemetery. Mr. Lee was an honest, hard-working young man and won the esteem of all who knew him. He leaves a wife and two small children.

A Happy Young Couple.

Last Saturday Mr. J. P. Massengill and Miss Lumancy Creech, of Ingrams township, were happily married in Smithfield. The knot was tied by Rev. J. H. Shore.

COMMISSIONERS MEET.

New Board Took Charge of Affairs Last Monday.

W. T. Bailey Elected Chairman Again—Israel Stephenson Chosen to Keep County Home—Bonds of County Officers Appointed.

The Board of County Commissioners met Monday with the following present: Chairman W. T. Bailey, W. G. Wrenn, Eli S. Turlington, Z. L. LeMay and N. W. Smith.

The usual accounts were allowed and the following matters disposed of before the old board gave up their places to the new.

The Report of the County Superintendent of Health was approved and ordered recorded.

Mr. Z. L. LeMay was appointed to supervise repairs to the Court room and make purchases for the same.

At the conclusion of the usual routine business the old Board retired and the new Board, consisting of W. T. Bailey, R. I. Ogburn, John W. Wood, John C. Keen and D. B. Oliver, were sworn in before Clerk of the Court, W. S. Stevens.

The Board was organized by electing W. T. Bailey chairman and at once proceeded to business. Mr. Bailey has been chairman for the past two years.

Israel Stephenson was elected Keeper of the County Home to succeed George M. Hinton who has had charge of the Home for the past 8 years.

The bond of Sam T. Honeycutt, Register of Deeds-elect, in the sum of \$5,000 with Jno. O. Ellington as surety, was approved and ordered recorded.

The bonds of R. M. Nowell, Sheriff-elect, were approved and ordered recorded as follows:

Official bond, \$5,000.

County bond, \$55,000.

State bond, \$16,000.

These bonds were made through a bonding company.

The bond of Thomas R. Fulghum, County Surveyor, with W. F. Gerald and D. B. Oliver as sureties, approved and ordered recorded.

The bond of Geo. A. Hood, County treasurer, in the following sums were approved and ordered recorded:

Stock Law bond, \$2,000.

County bond, \$20,000.

School fund bond, \$25,000

The following signed these bonds as sureties: Jarvis Edgerton, H. F. Edgerton, G. H. Garner, W. T. Bailey, J. H. Kirby, R. A. Hales, C. W. Edgerton, J. T. Edgerton, D. H. Bagley, J. B. Pearce and G. W. Watson.

The bonds of the following constables-elect were received and ordered recorded:

J. C. Holt, Cleveland, W. J. Hudson, Meadow, Lee Johnson, Smithfield, J. H. Wheeler, Banner, C. W. Barbour, Elevation, W. F. Grimes, Bentonsville, H. H. Hinton, Wilders, E. Grant, Selma, J. H. Game, Boon Hill, E. R. Temple, Ingrams, W. B. Hinton, Oneals.

ARCHER NEWS NOTES.

Hon. J. W. Barnes and Mr. Jas. R. Barnes made a business trip to Smithfield Monday.

Several of our people attended the vocal union at Friendship church last Sunday and report a very pleasant day.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Hinnant entertained a number of friends last Thursday night.

The next vocal union of this section will be held with White Oak church the first Sunday in March 1909.

Last Sunday morning at the home of Mr. W. M. Estridge, Mr. H. V. Andrews and Miss Ida Doan were happily united in the holy bonds of matrimony. Esquire Estridge performed the ceremony. The attendants were: Mr. Walter Barham and Miss Annie Boon, Mr. DeWitt Whitely and Miss Bettie Anderson, Mr. Berry Hinnant and Miss Myrtle Woodard, Mr. O. G. Barnes and Miss Stella Barham, Mr. J. A. Andrews and Miss Nova Smith, Mr. P. H. Robertson and Miss Ethel Doan. After the ceremony the happy party drove to the vocal union at Friendship. May life's sweetest blessings be theirs.

S. L. W.

Archer, Dec. 8, 1908.

SUPERIOR COURT NEXT WEEK.

On Account of Judge Neal's Resignation It is Not Known Who Will Hold the Term.

The December term of Johnston Superior court will convene here next Monday. Judge Neal, who held the September term, was expected to hold the December term but Wednesday sent his resignation to the Governor to take effect Saturday, December 12. Judge Neal made a very favorable impression here in September and many would have been glad to have him hold the term next week. It is not now known who will hold court here next week, as no appointment has been made by the Governor. There are two candidates for the place—R. B. Redwine, of Union, and W. J. Adams, of Moore.

There are several important cases on the criminal docket for trial, but it is not known whether they will be tried or not.

The term was to be a two-week's term, but it has been decided to hold only one week this time, and jurors for the second week are notified not to come.

The Law's Delay.

It is promptly announced—as usual as universal, in such cases—that the men charged with the murder of the late Senator Edward W. Carmack will be indicted the present term of court, but that the trial will be deferred "till next term," when there is not the slightest doubt, it will again be postponed, and justice will be a good deal swifter than it ordinarily is if the trial is had within a twelvemonth.

In our country justice is a weakling and an invalid, that is exhausted and prostrated when it has accused, and it takes a year of recuperation before it has strength to try one against whom it has lodged charges. Had that Nashville tragedy occurred in England, ere this the survivors would have been indicted, and ere the month of November expires they would go acquitted or be convicted and sentenced fellows.

That is why Judge Lynch is out of a job in England, and why he is so overwhelmed with business in our country. That is why it is safer to kill a man, however eminent, however beloved, than to steal a horse, however hip-shotten, however spavined. And Judge Lynch will have both hands full of employment until the American criminal courts dispense justice speedily and without delay.

Not in 50 years, we venture to say, has any man accused of murder been tried on the charge while the circumstances of the homicide were fresh in the memories of the witnesses—if the culprit had money to employ skillful counsel, or influential friends to succor him in the hour of need. Two continuances are equal to one mistrial, and two mistrials are equal to one acquittal. The plea of self-defense can always be established and sustained if time can be enlisted as an ally, and American justice, in criminal procedure, where the accused one has any standing in the community, never held its own against time.

Until justice shed her leaden shoe Judge Lynch will continue to hold court in this far land of ours.—Washington Post.

Both Caught the Otter.

Mr. Dick Stephenson, of Cleveland township, makes money by trapping. Up to a few days ago he had caught seven minks this season. Since then he set a steel trap in a certain place and covered it over with leaves. Later Mr. James Stephenson went to the same place and set a trap about four or five feet away, not knowing about the other trap. A large otter got one of his hind feet caught in one of these traps and ran around trying to get loose until he was caught by one of his fore feet in the other trap. The two men will sell the otter's skin and divide the money as both caught him. It is worth eight to ten dollars.

Hog Run Mad.

Mr. David S. Parrish, of Wilson's Mills township, lost a hog this week as a result of being bit by the mad dog which went through that neighborhood some time ago. The hog went mad and died.