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TEN-CENT COTTON THIS FALL

CROP SHORTEST OF MANY YEARS AND WILL BRING ONLY ABOUT 9,000,000 BALES.

Foreign Crop Short Also and Price Bound to Go Up—What Cotton States Commissioners Say—Good Advice to Farmers by Our Raleigh Correspondent—North Carolina Growing as a Manufacturing State—Negro Conference.

Correspondence of the Gazette. Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 2.—The meeting here during the past week of the Cotton States Association of State Commissioners of Agriculture was an interesting one.

A 9,000,000 BALE CROP OF COTTON. Probably the most important outcome of the meeting was the estimate prepared and given out after careful inquiry and consideration, made of the size of the cotton crop for the year 1900.

The crop of 1899, which was a short one itself, was estimated at 10,350,000 bales, so that the crop of 1900 will not be only one of the smallest of recent years but will be according to the estimate, nearly a million bales less than 1899, or to be exact, 885,000 bales less.

North Carolina is put down at 495,000 bales which is considered a very liberal estimate for unless the balance of the season is very propitious and the supply of labor (said to be short in many counties) ample to pick it, the crop this year will hardly reach those figures.

This short crop means that our farmers ought to have no doubts as to the price they will receive for their cotton. It is estimated that the price at the start will be good for every cotton grower who can do so to hold his cotton, and hold it as long as he can. For the price is certain to reach ten cents before the season is far advanced.

The foreign crop, especially in India (account of the famine in that country) is shorter than in the United States and of course the foreign demand for our cotton will be heavier than usual.

In addition to all these, and other facts tending in the same direction, there has been an unprecedented growth in the cotton manufacturing business of this country particularly in the South, and hundreds of thousands of new spindles must be fed this year for the first time.

South to Set the Price of Cotton. One of the most important and gratifying points made by U. S. Secretary of Agriculture Wilson and others was the declaration that the South now has more to do with setting the price of cotton than ever, and that it will eventually be in a position to do so absolutely, instead of having it set in Liverpool, Manchester and other English manufacturing centers and in New York.

The change is being wrought largely through the rapid growth of cotton manufacturing in the South. The estimates of the growing crop each year should be made in the South also—at least the controlling one and this new Association of Cotton States Commissioners will largely figure in this regard.

North Carolina Manufacturers Abroad. North Carolina is certainly coming to the front rapidly, in the acquisition of a reputation with the outside world as a manufacturing State. Not only as the cotton manufacturing leader of the South, but along other lines.

STATS CONFERENCE OF NEGROES. Rev. U. H. King, a negro preacher of Raleigh, who is president of State Association of negro "leaders" of some sort has called a meeting of the Association to be held in Raleigh, Sept. 20, for the purpose of considering educational, industrial and political matters.

It is interesting to note that the meeting called by King is the same as that called by the more conservative leaders in Raleigh, who are now in the city.

CLIPPINGS FROM EXCHANGES.

The News From Surrounding Countries. Babbly Accra: As we go to press we learn that Mr. W. H. Fickel, a prosperous and prominent citizen of Forest City, was shot and instantly killed by a negro employee Tuesday morning.

Later.—Telegram says that the negro has been lynched and that the mob has started with the negro's wife. Suppose they will lynch her also. We understand that Fickel and the negro had a little trouble about some fruit. This morning Fickel was passing the negro's house when the negro's wife handed her husband the gun. He took it and fired at Mr Fickel with the above result.

Lincoln Journal: The braudy distillery of Thomas Hefner near Cruise, was seized Saturday by revenue officers. It is alleged that the owner was guilty of removing and concealing the product.

A most horrible death occurred at Jutown on Thursday night of last week. Max Fulbright, a well known young man of that place, had been very ill with typhoid fever. On Thursday he became worse. In his delirium he cursed and raved, declaring that he was going "straight to hell." He tried to choke himself to death with his hands. Foiled in this, he caught a paper from the floor and crammed it into his throat. It took several men to hold him in bed, one of these being his brother, Sol Fulbright. The dying man, raving like a maniac, caught his brother by the arm and bit a piece out of it, which he chewed and swallowed. After hours of agony and frenzy, with horrible curses pouring from his lips, the young man died. The most singular thing about the whole matter is the fact that young Fulbright was a steady, sober, moral and amiable man and was never known to curse. He was about 30 years of age and leaves a young wife, who has our sympathy. The brother who was bitten by the dying man, is suffering greatly with his wounded arm, which is greatly swollen and inflamed.

On the first day of last December Mr. Thomas Wells, while at work at Mot's furniture factory, was wounded on the temple by a splinter. The wound was a slight one, but it did not heal, and during the Christmas holidays, erysipelas developed. This was followed by a mushroom like growth which has extended until it nearly covers one side of the face. Mr. Wells expects to go to a hospital, either in Baltimore or Atlanta for treatment. "Uncle Tommie," one of the gentlest and most amiable of men, has a host of friends who sympathize with him in his suffering and who wish for him an early recovery. He is 79 years of age, and a better man ever lived in Lincoln county.

Lenoir News: About fifty persons passed through Lenoir yesterday returning to their homes from Blowing Rock.

Contractor Otter has a large force of hands at work on Mr. Kritt's house on North Main street. When completed Mr. Kritt will have one of the finest residences in town.

The city fathers will, in a short while, open a street immediately in front of Mr. W. H. Harrington's shop, thus allowing travelers to pass back and forth by the depot without being stopped by teams loading and unloading at the depot platform.

A Remarkable Document. Mr. Frank K. Foster of Boston, was the orator of Labor Day in Atlanta. His subject was Labor Day: Its Meaning and Significance. Among other good things he had the following to say about the remarkable document, the Labor Day proclamation of Gov. Atkinson, of West Virginia:

There is before me a remarkable document, the Labor Day proclamation of George W. Atkinson, of West Virginia, which ends with twenty-two citations from Holy Writ, pertinent to the observance of the day and commendatory of the part played by the worker. Some of these citations will bear comment.

For instance, from Genesis we read: "In the sweat of thy brow shalt thou eat bread." The trade union would add: "And not from the sweat of the other fellow's face." From Proverbs: "In all labor there is profit."

The trade union says: "Sometimes too much profit for all except the laborer." From Ephesians: "Let him that stole, steal no more; but rather let him labor, working with his hands." Respectfully referred to Messrs Vanderbilt, Gates, Rockefeller, Hanna et al. From Timothy: The husbandman that laboreth must be first partaker of the fruit."

The modern interpretation is that the husbandman can do no partaking after the bankers, railroads, trusts and companies have had their fillings. But this is good doctrine that Governor Atkinson has found in the inspired Word, and when we are through converting the Teggles and Bosses, let us trust that some missionary societies may call the attention of the great American churches to truths therein contained.

But let me return to my topic by the road of another scriptural quotation: "Man cannot live by bread alone." Besides and beyond the demand for the material advancements which have been wisely outlined, the trade union would lay hold for the "wage-earner of the things which make life, in the highest and broadest sense worth the living."

A Bird Eagle Missed. Charlotte Observer, 2nd. Tom Thompson, colored, who works on Mr. G. W. Williamson's Rock Island place, in Steels Creek, killed a bald eagle Friday morning about 10 o'clock in Mr. Theodore Pagan's pasture. The eagle was full grown and had a beautiful blue tip to its tail. It was a beautiful bird with a perfectly white breast and tarsi. The eagle was seen several times in the Berryhill township last week. It is presumed that it was a stray bird that came from the Rocky Mountain neighborhood.

WHAT SCARES THE ENGINEER.

It is Coming Close and Missing That Takes the Truck Out of a Man. New York Mail and Express. The old engineer had finished grooming his engine for the night's run and was whiling away the half hour before train time in swapping yarn with his fireman. It was his turn on his job for a moment or two he said half jokingly: "I don't believe you've ever run over anybody, Bill since you've been in the cab."

"But it isn't the running over that scares you," he continued, though that is bad enough. It's coming so all dreed close to it and missing it that takes the truck out of a man. After you once hit anything the worst thing you can do is to plow right along, but when you see a man on the track and blow your whistle and shut off steam and get on the brakes and the man tumbles out to be dead or drunk or something of the kind, then's the time you wish you were running a steamboat or a fire engine."

"The closest shave I ever had was when I was pulling the president's special up to Albany. We were trying to make a record run. We had passed the Poughkeepsie bridge and were driving better than a mile a minute when I saw a man walking down the track toward us. The fireman blew the whistle, but the man never budged from between the rails. As we got closer, I saw he was walking with his head down and paying no attention to what was going on. I shut off steam jammed on the brakes and reversed her to hold him along as pretty fair gait. He never stirred until just as the engine was going to hit him. Then he jumped out of the way, grined up at me and put his fingers to his nose."

"Get after him," I yelled, but before the fireman could climb down from the cab the man was running down the track for all he was worth—and that wasn't more than 30 cents. We didn't have any time to spare, so we hustled on again, and I've been trying ever since to decide whether our friend was drunk or crazy, or had a darned peculiar idea of humor. Anyway, I wish I'd had a little more time. I'd like to have a chance at him with a coal shovel."

It is now being discovered that the Russian thistle pest may be made something of by actual use as fodder. If the thistle be cut when young, either fed green or as hay.

Removal of Obstructions From Cataracts That Contains Mercury. As mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous membrane, such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians. They will do no harm if used 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. It cures Catarrh of the Nose and Throat, the Blood and Mucous Surfaces of the System. It is taken internally, and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, price 75c per bottle. This is the last day of August 1900.

By virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Gaston County, N. C., this day made in the special Proceedings entitled "John W. I. Carter vs. Laura Rowe and others," I will sell to the highest bidder at the Court House door in Dallas at noon on Monday, the 1st day of October 1900, that tract of land situated in Gaston County, North Carolina, adjoining the lands of Wm. Moton, Wm. Parr, John W. Costner and others, and bounded as follows: Beginning at a stone in the road and runs thence N. 15° W. 45 poles to a stone on John W. Costner's line, thence S. 45° W. 70 poles to a stone and pole, thence S. E. 7° W. 64 poles to a stone in a stone. Thence corner, in sense N. 60° 30' E. 45 poles to a stone, thence N. 20° E. 25 one-third poles to the beginning containing 44 acres more or less. Terms of sale: One half of the purchase price to be paid in cash on day of sale and the balance on a credit of six months, deferred until the 1st day of November next, with interest from date till paid, with privilege to the purchaser to cancel all cash at any time, and title to be reserved until the entire purchase price is paid. D. P. Mason, Commissioner. This is the last day of August 1900.

A GREAT WARFARE.

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