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THE CAUSE OF LOW COTTON PRICES.

The recent letter of Messrs. Latham, Alexander & Co., the well known cotton firm of New York, on the cotton acreage of 1898, is one which is both interesting and instructive and although a letter filled with figures, it ought to be read by every cotton planter.

To publish this letter in full is impossible in these columns, but a portion of its facts and figures can n t but prove of interest, and show how vitally important this question of cotton acreage is to the South.

"The total crop of 1895-96 was 7,157,346 bales, and it was sold at the average price of 8 09 cents per pound, or $40.82 per bale according to the record of exports and the official figures of the Bureau of Statistics at Washington. The planters that year made large food crops, and when the planting season the next year began, they were fortified with every requisite to produce cotton cheaply.

"Last year the total crop was 8,757,964 bales, and the average price was 7.42 cents per pound, or $37.40 per bale, the crop yielding, perhas, a larger net profit than for many years, because planters had few supplies to buy.

"The success resulting from the conservative policy which was pursued these two years did not induce planters to adhere to that line of action; on the contrary, they increased their purchases of fertilizers this year, and many of them drifted back almost to the all-cotton principle, and planted the largest cotton acreage ever known, hoping that the world would pay remunerative prices for the staple, no matter how large the supply.

"Last year the amount of cotton marketed to January 1st was 6,398,192 bales, the average price realized was 7.53 cents per pound, $37.97 per bale, or $242,939,350.

"This year 7,260,033 bales were marketed to January 1st, the average price realized was 6.05 cents per pound, $30.49 per bale, or $221,358,406.

"The planters shipped to market 861,841 bales of cotton more by January 1st this year than last, and received for them $21,580.944 less money. In other words, owing to the lower price, induced by overproduction, the people of the South have lost on cotton shipped to market by January 1st this year, the total value of 861,841 bales, namely, $32,724,102, and $21,580,944 besides, making a grand total loss of $54,305,046.

"It is conceded on every hand that the price thus far received for this year's crop has yielded no profit to the planter, and even though more than two-thirds of the crop have been sold to this date, prices are even yet below the cost of production.

"On account of the large crop and low prices resulting therefrom, it is of vital importance, not only to the South, but the whole country, that the cotton acreage for next year be materially reduced, in order to advance the price of the greatest staple product of the United States to a paying basis.

"The price of cotton is more readily influenced by the inexorable law of supply and demand than any other article of commerce, for no commodity is so sensitive to fluctuations, and when a superabundance is hanging over the market, cotton trade in all its branches is adversely affected,

"Cotton raising in this country is virtually a monopoly—two-thirds of the entire productiou each year is readily taken by buyers in foreign countries, and the planters in the South are justly entitled to a fair remuneration for their labor. An over-supply is the only reason why they have to sell 6,000,000 to 7,000,000 bales of cotton to foreign spinners, without profit.

"The mere fact that a large crop has been planted affects the price adversely at once, and continues to affect it until the crop has been marketed, and if the planters of the South would determine to largely reduce the acreage, a favorable influence upon prices and the cotton trade of the world would at once become apparent."

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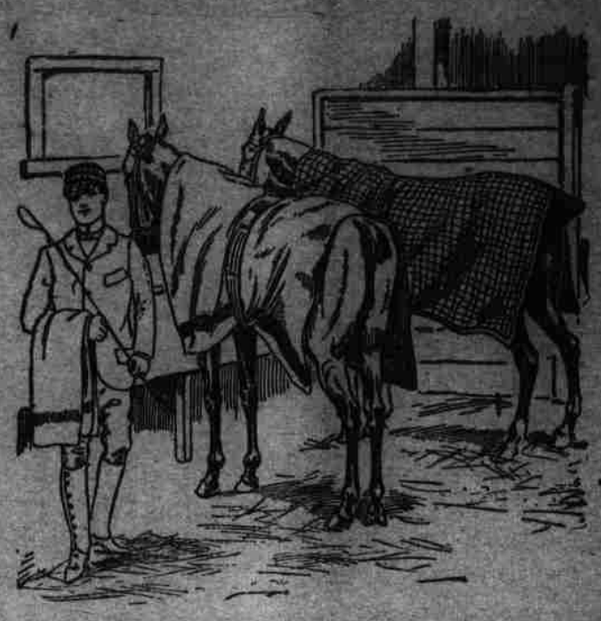

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