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COTTON STATISTICS.

Report on cost of Growing the Cotton.

WASHINGTON, February 18--Under the supervision of Statist C. M. Hyde, of the Department of Agriculture, the cost of growing cotton has been investigated and the results of the investigation are to be published within a few days in a pamphlet. This report will show that the average cost of producing an acre of upland cotton in 1898 was \$15.42, subdivided into the following items: Rent, \$2.88; plowing, \$2.81; seeds, 21c; planting seed, 28c; fertilizers, \$1.30; distributing fertilizers, 16c; chopping and hoeing, \$1.31; picking, \$3.97; ginning and pressing, \$1.02; bagging and ties, 37c; marketing, 64c; repairing implements, 40c; all other expenses, 41c.

It was ascertained that the pounds of lint produced per acre were 333.6, sold for 5.7 cents per pound; bales of seed produced, 16, price per bushel, 11.9 cents. The total return to the planter was \$19.08, which gave him a net profit of \$3.61 per acre. The cost of picking cotton per hundred pounds was 44 cents, while the cost of producing the lint per pound was 5.37 cents.

Several thousand cotton planters contributed to these statistics and of the entire number reporting 30 per cent reported a loss, largely due to deficient production, owing to the drought or other causes.

To produce Sea Island cotton costs \$21.93 per acre, or an average of 11,000 per pound, and the total return for lint and seed of Sea Island cotton was \$28.83 which gave the planter a net profit of \$6.70 per acre.

The planters that report a profit in the raising of upland cotton produced 375.9 pounds per acre, while those that reported a loss produced only 170 pounds.

The effect of the use of fertilizers in the raising of cotton is very distinctly disclosed and the general result is that in proportion as the quantity of fertilizers used increased the profit of raising cotton per acre also increased.

It has been discovered in this investigation that cotton is produced to a limited extent, but at a high rate of profit, by means of irrigation in western Texas and southwestern part of Utah. In Texas irrigation had the effect of producing 512.4 pounds of lint per acre, which is 390.2 pounds greater than the average for the whole State. For 1896 many special inquiries were made by a former statistician of the department and estimated cost of producing lint cotton per pound, in gold, was 8.32 cents. One of the remarkable revelations of the investigation is the comparative cost of marketing cotton as far back as 1842 and in 1897. The comparison is itemized and shows that in 1840 it cost \$18.15 to market a bale of cotton from Alabama to Liverpool, while in 1897 this cost was \$7.50.

INTO THE JUNGLE

The Philippines are Devoid. Good Many Insurgents.

MANILA, Feb. 18--A large body of the enemy, presumably reconnoitering, was discovered on the right of Brigadier General King's position, near San Pedro Macabita this morning. The entire brigade turned out, and after an exchange of volleys, the rebels retreated into the jungle and disappeared.

Florida Orange Crop Safe.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Feb. 10--The most extravagant reports have been sent broadcast throughout the country regarding the damage done by the cold of the 13th. Reports received tonight by the Times-Union and Citizen from all sections of the orange belt indicate that the cold waves did not do much permanent damage, and utterly refuting the statements sent out to the press. Outside of the tender Spring growth on the orange trees, the trees remain unharmed and in the lower belt it is predicted the orange crop will be larger than this season.

Reports received from the vegetable districts say that truckers have gone to work with great energy to replant and the Spring output of market vegetables will be equal to and season in the past.

A Terrible Storm.

KINROSS, Jamaica, February 16--A terrific norther, accompanied by an incessant rain storm, has been causing numerous local floods. The storm swept the northern coast of the island from Anneto bay to Montego bay from Monday to Wednesday, doing widespread damage to shipping, wharves, the railroads, cattle and cultivation, etc. No fatalities have been reported.

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Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets remove the cause that produces LaGrippe. The genuine has L. B. Q. on each Tablet, 25c.

Best Inspection in Germany.

BREITENBURG, February 16--The Bundersrath today passed the meat inspection bill. The proceedings were private. The bill, which is in draft form, will now go to the Reichstag.

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THE BEST SALVE in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by F. F. Duff.

GROWING LESS

Is the Time for Legislative Work

Bills Still Being Introduced. Taxing Gross Earnings. Narrow Dispersary Fights. Raleigh A Slow Village.

JOURNAL HOUSE, RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 12.

The fine spun plans of an early adjournment and thereby making a "record" are rapidly fading and growing beautifully less. Such questions as the constitutional amendment, separate election law, and such bills as the Scotland county and dispensary have been long time eaters. Besides there has been an avalanche of new bills pouring in the last week. A number of members who are looking towards 1900 are fretting under the situation, but their reasons are in good part personal. What can they do about it anyway?

The number of bills introduced for business enterprise, railroads and such matters is large. It ought to be considered a good sign that the State is prospering, and any member who favors shutting down the law shop to prevent the chartering of new banks, reduction of toll rates, and last but not least the complete cleaning out of the fusionists from all the State institutions is a queer kind of Democratic patriot.

And as the time is getting short anyhow, a well sustained and piercing howl from the East should now be set up on the non-passage of the separate cars, "Jim Crow law" bill. Several of the proposed bills are good enough for reasonable people.

It is pretty unfortunate that when this bill is hanging fire, the Finance Committee should decide to report favorably on a tax on the gross earnings of railroads. The report is not yet made, only being decided on late yesterday, and while the committee decided to favor the tax, they have not absolutely decided on the rate, but it will be about as follows: On the gross earnings of railroads amounting to \$1000, per mile the tax is to be 1/2 of one per cent, and on each increase of \$500 in the gross earnings the tax is to be 1/4 of one per cent additional. In fact it is a graduated income tax on railroads. The railroad people claim that this will amount to a double tax. That cannot be very well denied. The extra expense of extra cars for the taxes will help keeping the railroads from getting too "digitty," that is certain.

Scotland county had another hurrah in the Senate yesterday. Senator McIntyre opposed the bill and was red hot and personal and said that the Democratic party would be hurt if the division was made. He asked that the settlement of the matter be left to the vote of the citizens living in the area of the proposed new county of Scotland. Senator Glenn said that he was in favor of the creation of the new county. He believed that the new county would be sufficiently large to stand on its own strength. Glenn made an elegant plea for the new county, and was loudly applauded by the Scotland contingent, which had filled the lobby and the galleries. Senator Hicks also made a speech for Scotland, as did Senator Travis. The discussion of the bill was protracted.

At 2:30 Senator Cooke, called for the previous question. Upon the roll being called the vote on the bill stood ayes 38, noes 4. The bill has now passed second reading, and goes on tomorrow's calendar for final passage. One more day and the agency will be ended and it will be "Scotland forever." Senator Osborne requested that the special order for Judge Norwood's impeachment be postponed once more for a day. He said Governor Russell had not yet come to his office and he supposed the resignation of Norwood was in his hands, as Norwood had wired him several days since that it had been sent to the Governor. The special order was accordingly postponed for 24 hours.

The bill to provide for the State Guard was made a special order at 1 o'clock Monday.

Rountree made a motion that the constitutional amendment as to the suffrage be made special order for Friday at the expiration of the morning hour and he called on the Democrats to be present and ready to vote. His motion prevailed. The form of the amendment being practically agreed on, there is not likely to be much debate, if any. Republicans will be like lambs led to the slaughter, and to mix metaphors, will be dumb as oysters.

It having developed that some doubts had arisen among the Senators as to whether there should have been a joint ballot or a separate ballot for the board of internal improvements, the Senate held a separate election. Allen of Wayne suggested that the House take the same course. The House then went into the election and successfully passed through the formality without losing a man from exhaustion.

A bill passed the House to provide for the election of the State's proxy on the North Carolina Railway, and of the State directors of the same by the board of the internal improvements. These offices being purely honorary, as the Southern leaves the road, but the same they they are worth taking.

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of the cold, as the directors and families have rides on the road. The bill to allow fishing with Dutch or pound nets in Neuse river has passed and is now a law.

The Charlotte people were on hand yesterday with huge petitions for and against the proposed dispensary. If this fight does not surpass all other dispensary battles it will be a wonder. The hearing was before the House committee on propositions and grievances.

The House took up as a special matter the election of directors of the deaf mute school at Morganton. Hartell said though the matter ought not to be he acted on until the caucus passed upon it. He said that otherwise he would have to make a fight on the floor. Patterson, of Robeson, said that the deaf mute directors were selected by the committee on deaf, dumb and blind. Winston said that he understood that some of the directors on the list were those who had served under the fusion administration. Hartell said he could name one. Gilliam made a motion to postpone action until noon next Monday. This was adopted.

In the Senate the debate on this bill was right spicy. Accusations of rather serious nature were made.

Raleigh in some respects is undoubtedly still a "jay" town. There is a change being made at the electric plant and on the darkest nights there have been no lights for two nights and the streets are dark as a hat. Then there seems to be no law compelling people to clean their sidewalks and only little foot paths lead through the snow over most of the town. It is now the fourth day since the snow storm and the street cars are not yet running! But there are signs of improvement, and all will be well in time.

Mr. Owen H. Guion of New Bern is here and is attending to some business at the Capitol. His many friends are pleased to see him.

La Grippe is again epidemic. Every precaution should be taken to avoid it, its specific cure is One Minute Cough Cure. A. J. Shepard, Publisher Agricultural Journal and Advertiser, Eldon, Mo., says: "No one will be disappointed in using One Minute Cough Cure for La Grippe." Pleasant to take, quick to act. F. S. Duffy.

THE SPECULATIVE MARKETS.

Yesterday's market quotations furnished by J. E. Latham.

New York, February 17.

STOCKS.			
	Open.	High.	Low.
Am Tobacco	134	134 1/2	134
Sugar	134	134	134
C. B. & Q.	142 1/2	147 1/2	142 1/2
Chicago Gas	113 1/2	114 1/2	113 1/2
R. S. Gas	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2
St. L. & S. W.	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2
C. & O.	29	30 1/2	29

COTTON.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May	6.29	6.30	6.27	6.29

CHICAGO MARKETS.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT	72 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2
COAL				
May	36 1/2	36 1/2	36	36

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50 CHILDREN'S SUITS WAS	\$1 00 AND \$1 25, NOW	\$ 50
50 " " " " " "	1 50 " 2 00, " "	1 00
50 " " " " " "	3 00 " 2 50, " "	1 50
50 " " " " " "	2 00 UP TO	2 50
40 BOY'S SUITS WAS	2 00 AND 2 50, NOW	1 75
30 " " " " " "	2 00 UP TO	5 00
25 MEN'S SUITS WAS	5 00 NOW	3 25
50 Men's Black Clay Worsted	5 00 AND 6 00 NOW	3 95
25 " " French Worsted	10 00	7 50
30 " " " " " "	12 00	9 50
50 PAIR MEN'S SHOES WAS	1 00	75
100 " " " " " "	1 25	95
BETTER GRADES	\$1 00, 1 25, 1 50, 2 00 UP TO	2 50

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9106--Walking Fast, hand sewed, calf bala, sizes 1 5/8, 2 5/8, 1 5/8, 2 7/8, 3 5/8, 1 9/8, original price \$5 00, now	9100--Plain Square Toe, hand sewed calf bala, sizes 1 5/8, 2 5/8, 1 5/8, 2 7/8, 3 5/8, 1 9/8, original price 5 00, now
9107--Walking Fast, double sole, hand sewed, calf bala, sizes 2 5/8, 2 7/8, 3 7/8, 1 8, 1 8 1/2, original price 5 00, now	9101--Plain Square Toe, calf cong, sizes 1 5/8, 2 5/8, 1 5/8, 1 10s, were 4 00, now
9108--Lond Cap Toe, hand sewed, calf bala, sizes 1 5/8, 1 5/8, 2 5/8, 1 7, 2 7/8, 1 7, 2 7/8, original price 5 00, now	9102--Plain Square Toe, bala, sizes 1 5/8, 2 5/8, 2 5/8, 2 7/8, 1 7, 2 7/8, were 4 00, now
	9103--Lond Cap Toe, calf bala, sizes 1 5/8, 2 5/8, 2 5/8, 2 7/8, 1 5/8, were 4 00, now

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