

Says Tillman.

His Opinion of Farmers Who Would Burn Their Cotton.

The Atlanta Journal prints the following opinion from Senator Tillman on the burning of cotton by Southern farmers:

The news from the South that there is serious talk among the cotton planters of burning a part of the last crop, is startling. In answer to your letter, asking me comment on the situation, I will say that I see no necessity to burn, and I will briefly give my reasons. The law of supply and demand is not at work now in regard to this staple. During the last twelve months there has been the most startling rise in the price of cotton, followed by the most unexampled fall in the history of the commodity. From 17 1/2 cents in February to 6 1/2 in December, breaks the record in the cotton market.

Speculation is at the bottom of the fall, just as it was behind the phenomenal rise.

There was no good reason for cotton going to 17 1/2 cents, and there is absolutely no reason now for cotton to be selling at 6 1/2 cents. That there is a large crop, probably the largest in the history of the staple, is no longer disputed, but the world needs every bale of it.

A short while ago the papers were filled with dark forebodings of the disasters threatened to commerce and the manufacturing industries from the shortage of cotton. The English, German and French spinners were looking about throughout the colonial possession of those countries for suitable land to grow cotton to supply the shortage in the American crop.

Now the price of American cotton has run below the cost of production and many silly people in the South are talking about burning it. The world needs all of the cotton that has been grown this year, and needs it at a fair price to the producer—say 8 1/2 cents—which leaves a small margin of profit.

A 10,000,000 bale crop, such as we grow last year, ought to bring at least 12 cents and most of that crop sold for that or above. Twelve million or 12,500,000, which I consider to be the maximum yield this season, ought not to sell below 8 cents.

Sensible farmers in the South are holding their cotton. It costs too much to burn it.

There is no guarantee that there will be a large crop in 1905, and the cotton world was never so bare of cotton in its history as it was the first of last September.

I predict that cotton will go back to 8 1/2 cents inside of ninety days, and there will be a million bales that will not come to the market even at that price.

There is absolutely no need to panic anywhere, and none but idiots will burn cotton.

The Southern planters are in a better condition financially than they have ever been within my recollection. We have had a good price for cotton the last two crops. Most men are out of debt and have money in the bank.

At least half of the cotton which has not yet gone to the market is held by men who are absolutely independent and need not sell at all if they do not wish to do so.

Deduct, then, 1,500,000 or 2,000,000 bales from the last crop to be carried over unless the price falls and it will be seen that the supply and demand will be in balance between now and next summer. The cotton will not go into sight at the price, and I know of no means to make them all who do not want to and who

are not obliged to. I will say in conclusion that there will be very little burned, and unless the price rises between now and April, there will be a large falling off in the acreage of the next crop.

There is nothing to be alarmed about, and the country will jog along in the ordinary way after the present flurry passes off.

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Arrests Will Startle Public.

Arrests that will startle the public may follow the Randolph Rabens case. Rabens, it will be remembered was a Charleston grocer who was charged with complicity in robbing two post-offices in this State. He is now out on bond. Two postoffice inspectors have arrested his brother, Christopher Rabens, in Charleston on a similar charge, and he will be brought here for trial. The postoffice inspectors, while as close-mouthed as usual, smile meaningly, and it is thought that there are others wanted. The Rabenses went to Charleston from Walhalla. United States Attorney John G. Capers will not divulge the names of those against whom warrants have been issued. It is thought that this is going to the bottom of the postoffice robberies that have occurred in the last few years.—The State, 15th.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the health of the people of this county is in imminent danger and must be taken care of. It has been decided that every precaution be taken to prevent prolonged cases of pneumonia, grippe, etc. The best thing to do is to give a good cough mixture as soon as the cough starts. Get MURRAY'S HONEY HOUND, MULLEN and TAR. Only 25c a bottle. At all druggists.

National Ginners Will Issue an Acreage Report April 15.

Dallas, Tex., Jan 14.—In an open letter today to the cotton ginners of the Southern States, J. A. Taylor, president of the National Ginners' association, made the following announcement about the crop reports to be issued by that organization:

"We will get out an acreage report about April 15. Then, if the members desire, we will get out a condition report in June, July and August. In the fall we will get out a report twice each month as to the number of bales ginned. We will use the same dates as the government and also the first of each month."

President Taylor estimates that the reports for the year will cost the association \$20,000.

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Hester's Weekly Statement.

New Orleans, Jan 13.—Secretary Hester, a weekly cotton statement issued today shows for the 13 days of January a decrease under last year of \$0,000 and a decrease under the same period year before last of 88,000.

For the 135 days of the season that have elapsed the aggregate is ahead of the same days of last year 1,001,000 and ahead of the same day year before last 1,195,000.

Including stocks left over at ports and interior towns from the last crop and the number of bales brought into sight thus far from the new crop the supply to date is 3,618,517 against 7,622,991 for the same period last year.

Dr. Albert G. Carr Takes His Own Life.

Special to The State. Durham, N. C., Jan 13.—This morning while kneeling in the attitude of prayer Dr. Albert G. Carr killed himself with a pistol. He had been in failing health for some time, suffering from insomnia.

Last night he retired without eating supper and as usual awoke early this morning. It had been his custom to awake his son, William Carr, who is superintendent of the Durham hosiery mill, early every morning. Shortly after this the shot was fired.

Dr. Carr was 54 years old and a brother of Gen. Julian S. Carr, one of the wealthiest men in North Carolina. He was one of the best known physicians in the State and aside from his prominence in his profession, he was a very wealthy man. He carried about \$50,000 insurance on his life.

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The net earnings for account of the school fund for the fiscal year which have been placed to its credit, amount to \$171,377.73.

The net profits that have accrued to, and equally divided between, the counties and towns, amount to \$603,998.22, making the total earnings for the year for the school fund, counties and towns \$775,276.95, which is an increase over last year of \$136,893.60.

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Life Sentence Imposed for a Crime committed Fourteen Years Ago.

Mobile, Ala., Jan. 12.—Henry Rogers, alias Frank Thomas, was convicted in the United States district court today of holding up and robbing a mail carrier, and was sentenced to the penitentiary for life. The crime was committed 14 years ago in Conecuh county, where he was a fugitive for many years, and he was recently found in the Atlanta penitentiary serving a term under the name of Frank Thomas. When being brought into Alabama he confessed his crime of 14 years ago.

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The annual report of the State penitentiary is one of the most interesting of the documents submitted to the general assembly. It shows the State penal institution to be in most excellent condition and that \$10,000 has been turned into the State treasury from the profits. There are 255 bales of cotton held unsold, value at \$7,479,79, and other cash in sight and available amounting to \$5,364.17, a total of \$12,843.96 aelied upon with which to begin the year. There are now in the penitentiary 670 prisoners.

The state would be a great deal better off if it had more men like Judge Hudson in the legislature. The pity is that too often they will not serve even if chosen.—Columbia Record.

Amen to the first statement; but with the record we beg to differ. Men like Judge Hudson never refuse to serve the people in any capacity. It is men who are not like Judge Hudson that refused to serve even if chosen.—Yorkville Enquirer.

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