

**FACTS ABOUT THE COTTON ACREAGE.**

Special to Greenville News.

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—Definite judgment about the extent of the success of the movement for a reduction in cotton acreage this season seems to be at the moment impossible. Bankers in close touch with growers in all parts of the cotton belt, cotton manufacturers vitally interested in obtaining a reasonable estimate as to the size of the coming crop, and the management of the cottonseed oil mills, also affected in like manner, have tried to gauge the situation and the impression left by expressions of opinions by probably 2,000 persons thoroughly representative of these classes in the South is, that while the reduction in acreage may not be as great as was contemplated three months ago, inasmuch as perfect organization of a million growers is impossible and as somewhat extensive reduction in the older growing sections will be accompanied by some increase acreage in new lands, there will be not only through lessened acreage, but through soil and weather conditions inferior to those of the last crop, a considerable decrease in the size of the cotton crop of 1905. This impression is strengthened by letters filling nearly nine pages of the May issue of the Southern Farm Magazine of Baltimore from agricultural implement dealers and manufacturers and fertilizer interests written in response to requests that they give their views, based upon information obtained in dealing direct with the farmers, or through their agents, as to acreage reduction and diversification of crops. They are summarized by the Southern Farm Magazine as follows:

"The letters from fertilizer dealers and Manufacturers come from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas and Virginia, embracing practically all the cotton belt except Arkansas and the Territories, besides other Southern States, and those from prominent manufacturers and dealers come from practically the same Southern territory, as well as from Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. The implement interests note that Southern farmers are buying more freely in their special lines, and while few of those outside of the South seem to be in a position to judge from their increased business with the South whether or not it means less cotton acreage, and while some of them incline to the belief that the movement for reduction will be hampered by selfishness on the part of men who expect the other fellow to do the reducing, practically all of them agree as to the fact of greater diversification of crops.

"Their Southern brethren, closer to the cotton fields venture upon more definite statements, which are, however, not always harmonious. For instance, one Alabama dealer expects that if the acreage is no more reduced over the whole South than it has been in his intimate vicinity there will be a 12,000,000 or 14,000,000 bale crop, while one at the capital of the State looks for a reduction of from 15 to 25 per cent. A Kansas City firm has reports of reduction in Oklahoma, and a Nashville firm with 42 salesmen on the road covering the entire South expects a reduction in acreage of 15 to 25 per cent, this agreeing with the estimate of a Louisville (Ky.) firm, whose 100 salesmen make reports aver-

aging a 20 per cent. reduction. And so the estimates vary in North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi and Louisiana. "Though it is difficult for fertilizer dealers to tell positively the uses to which their products are to be put, the general consensus of their opinion is that the acreage will be reduced, even where intensive cultivation will not reduce the amount of fertilizer bought. The estimates of reduction in acreage, not unaffected in Mississippi, Louisiana and Arkansas for instance by the backwardness of the season, range from 10 to 12 per cent in Alabama and South Carolina to 20 and 25 per cent in Georgia and Louisiana, a balance perhaps being slightly approached in Georgia between an increase in Sea Island and a decrease in upland, while in one part of Texas cotton is almost tabooed and the local papers are ridiculing any planter who openly talks of raising cotton.

"Both classes of correspondents find a general tendency to give more attention to diversified crops. These crops vary in different localities, and include sugar cane, hay, peas, beans, corn, wheat, alfalfa, barley, millet, tobacco, peanuts, melons, cantelopes, truck of various kinds, strawberries, sweet potatoes, oats, Irish potatoes and rice, while many farmers are turning their attention to poultry and to hogs and cattle, to forage crops and to orcharding. This modification in agriculture is indicated by increasing sales of improved implements of various kinds, of wire fencing, pointing to a greater number of cattle, and of higher grades of fertilizers going into truck raising and the growth of other crops than cotton. And, after all, diversification is the key to the whole cotton situation, for with more heed given to the raising of home supplies or to fruits and vegetables as money crops the cotton situation will be largely self-adjusting, especially with an expansion in the use of labor-saving machinery, including steam plows in the flat land, mechanical cultivators, and, as one correspondent points out, the mechanical cottonpicker, for which he, with many others is looking. Diversification of crops to be thoroughly effective for Southern progress must be preceded by a more general use of improved machinery and implements, inducing better methods of cultivation, and must be attended by an economic handling of the cotton from the field to the factory."

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J. D. Nisbet, April 20, 1905-2t.

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**Army Officer Commits Suicide.**

Capt. W. A. Raibourn Shoots Lieut. Point Twice and Blows Out His Own Brains

Salt Lake city, Utah, April 30.—Capt. W. A. Raibourn, Twenty-ninth infantry, United States army, committed suicide at Fort Douglass today, after making a murderous assault on Lieut. William H. Point who was shot twice by his superior officer, one bullet penetrating the left thigh and another inflicting a deep flesh wound in the right leg. After Lieut. Point had fallen, Capt. Raibourn turned his revolver on himself, sending a bullet into his head three inches behind the right ear. He died almost instantly.

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W. Marcus Estridge, April 12, 1905—1m

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Jan 16, 1905.

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Lv Besenville, 7:44 a.m. 4:30 p.m.  
Lv Richburg, 7:59 a.m. 4:45 p.m.  
Lv Chester, 8:15 a.m. 5:15 p.m.  
Lv Charlotte, So R 9:55 a.m. 7:10 p.m.  
Lv Columbia, So R 11:30 a.m. 1:05 a.m.  
Lv Yorkville, C & N W 9:48 a.m.  
Lv Besenville, C & N W 10:38 a.m.  
Lv Fort Lawn, C & N W 12:12 p.m.  
Lv Lancaster, C & N W 1:55 p.m.  
(EAST BOUND)  
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Lv Charlotte, So R 6:15 p.m.  
Lv Richburg, 10:00 a.m. 8:45 p.m.  
Lv Besenville, 10:50 a.m. 9:05 p.m.  
Lv Fort Lawn, 11:08 a.m. 9:28 p.m.  
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