

Mr. E. D. Smith Says Texas is Steadfast.

Planters in That Big State Have Reduced Acreage—The Rains and the Boll Weevil

The State.

It will be gratifying to the people in South Carolina to know that Texas is keeping the faith, and that between the reduction of acreage, continued heavy rains and the prompt appearance of the boll weevil, the crop in that State will be very short. This is true also of Mississippi and the rich delta country.

Mr E D Smith, field organizer for the Southern Cotton association, left here a few days ago for a trip of 10 days through the great State of Texas, and the news which he sends to the office of the State division of the cotton association is indeed gratifying. Yesterday Mr. Francis H. Weston, secretary of the South Carolina division, made public the following letter just received from Mr. Smith:

"There has been so much guessing and speculation as to what Texas was doing in keeping the pledges of the Southern Cotton association that I accepted the invitation of the Texas executive committee to meet them in Dallas on the 27th.

"I reached Dallas at 8 o'clock Thursday morning and found the executive committee waiting and ready for business. Among other things the chairman, R E Smith Sherman, Texas, the alfalfa king, called for the report of the organizers and inspectors to whom had been assigned the duty of gathering information as to acreage, the holding of cotton and organizing. To each of these men had been assigned a group of counties, the whole comprising practically the cotton belt of Texas. These gentlemen were of the best farmers and business men of the State. Among them were J L Latham of Dublin, E S Peters of Calvert, Prof Connell, editor of The Farm and Ranch; Editor R D Hudson of Waxakackie in Ellis county, the largest cotton growing county in the world, making 150,000 bales. These men from personal observation declared unhesitatingly that there was a reduction of 15 to 30 per cent. throughout the entire State.

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THE CONTINUED RAIS.
"Now, I, personally, would prefer to take the word of these gentlemen, who would rather never see 10-cent cotton again, than to deliberately make a false statement, than the wild guesses of the speculator. From Birmingham, Ala., to Dallas, Texas, through the Mississippi delta and the rich black lands of Texas, I saw but a few fields of cotton up. At least one-half of this territory was not plowed at all. It is wet to do any field work in this territory from Meridian, Miss, to Dublin, Texas, and while I write the rain is pouring and has been since noon today, and it is now 10 o'clock p. m.

"When it is taken into consideration that ordinarily the cotton in this country at this season is being chopped to a stand, and being plowed for a second time, whereas this year practically half of the land is not prepared for planting, some idea can be had of the prospect. It must also be borne in mind that all this vast area of southern and middle Texas is the boll weevil section, and that their only chance for even half a crop depends upon getting their cotton in as early in April as possible.

"A gentleman from Ellis county told me that a man came into

his place of business with five weevils that had been caught that day, showing that they were already out of winter quarters and ready to do business.

GRAIN SUPPLEMENTS COTTON.

"Of course I am gratified at the stand Texas is taking. From Dallas I came here via Fort Worth with Mr J L Latham. We passed through thousands of acres planted in oats and corn, in which were last year's cotton stalks. Why the actual conditions existing here have not been given to the public is a mystery. What I have written can be verified by hundreds of the best men in this State.

"As to the vast sales of spot cotton, I find that no one here knows anything about it except what they see in the newspapers. There is spot cotton being held in this State. Every farmer I have seen (I made my first address today to Texas farmers) declares their intention to continue to hold.

A RUSE OF THE SPECULATORS.

"It really seems that something is wrong somewhere about this spot sale, because when May notices were posted there was practically no spot to hedge them. Judging from the tenor of the market today and the wonderful acrobatic feat of Mr Theo. Price, it really looks like those of us whose faith in farmers has been steadfast will be justified.

"I am informed that there is a fund guaranteed in this State to retire 500,000 bales, and that operations will begin Monday. The reason this has not been done before is because the company has been waiting to be convinced as to reduction in acreage.

The farmers and merchants are alive to the necessity of ware houses, there being practically no provision for storing the crop in this State. They are forming companies rapidly to build these much-needed facilities for storing and handling the crop.

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\$100 REWARD!

A reward of \$100, will be paid for the arrest and conviction of the party or parties who set fire to and burned my barn and stables about three miles North of Van Wyck, on Wednesday afternoon April 12, 1905.
J. D. Nisbet,
April 20, 1905-2t.

Hester's Weekly Statement,

New Orleans, May 5.—Secretary Hester's weekly cotton statement issued today shows: For the five days of May an increase over last year of 133,000 and an increase over the same period year before last of 103,000. For the 247 days of the season that have elapsed the aggregate is ahead of the same days of last year 2,173,000 and ahead of the same days year before last of 1,620,000.

The amount brought into sight during the past week has been 182,102 bales against 46,961 for the same seven days last year and 93,700 year before last.

The movement since Sept 1 shows receipts at all United States ports to be 8,702,486 against 6,910,228 last year. Overland across the Mississippi, Ohio and Potomac rivers to northern mills and Canada 948,264 against 883,685 last year. Interior stocks in excess of those held at the close of the commercial year 370,142 against 163,977 last year; southern mills takings 1,670,000 against 1,560,001 last year.

The total movement since Sept 1 is 11,690,892 against 9,517,891 last year.

Foreign exports for the week have been 176,106 against 94,098 last year, making the total thus far for the season 7,085,780 against 5,562,339 last year.

The total takings of American mills, north, south Canada, thus far for the season have been 3,657,821 against 3,584,106 last year.

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20 leading southern interior centers have decreased during this week 64,336 bales against a decrease during a corresponding period last season of 85,321.

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May 2, 1905—2t

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Co Supt of Education.
Jan 16, 1905.

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