

A Second Estimate of Cotton Acreage.

Hyde's Figures as a Basis—Report Says That Hyde, With Holmes Prompting Him, Made Estimate Lower Than Facts Warranted.

Washington, July 26.—Assistant Secretary Hays today made the following report to Secretary Wilson on the acreage of cotton in the Southern States in 1905, as compared with that planted in 1904:

"The crop estimating board of the department of agriculture has considered the report issued by the bureau of statistics on June 2, relative to the acreage planted in cotton in the southern States in 1905, as compared with that planted in 1904, and has concluded:

"First. That a new estimate should be made on acreage planted and that the figures in Mr Hyde's hands when making his estimate should be used as the basis.

"Second. That Mr Hyde with Mr Holmes at his elbow, prompting him, made the estimate lower than the facts at his hand from the reports from the seven classes of reporters employed by the bureau warranted.

"Third. The board finds, upon careful consideration of the reports of all classes of correspondents and agents, that the acreage planted in cotton this year, including the entire season, should have been estimated at 85.1 per cent. of that planted last year, equivalent to a reduction in planted acreage as compared with last year of 14.9 per cent. (instead of 11.4) or 4,831,000 acres, the estimate of the total acreage planted this year being 26,999,000 acres.

"The estimated percentage of the decrease in each of the cotton growing States is as follows: Virginia, 18; North Carolina, 16; South Carolina, 14; Georgia, 14; Florida, 18; Alabama, 11; Mississippi, 16; Louisiana, 17; Texas, 16; Arkansas, 19; Tennessee, 13; Missouri, 15; Oklahoma, 15; Indian Territory, 11.

"The averages were made for each State by each of the four members of the board, and the comparatively small disagreements were harmonized almost wholly by averaging, and the above results are fully agreed to by each and every member of the board.

"Respectively submitted:
"Victor Olmsted,
"Stephen D Fessenden,
"George K Holmes,
"W W Long,
"Crop Estimating Board."
"The above findings are from reports made under my supervision have my entire approval."
"W M Hays,
"Assistant Secretary in Charge Bureau of Statistics."
"Approved:
"James Wilson,
"Secretary of Agriculture."

Texas Penitentiary Burned.

Huntsville, Texas, July 25.—Fire today destroyed the State penitentiary here, entailing a loss aggregating \$50,000. The convicts were removed when the fire was discovered. There were no fatalities.

Fury Of Fire Spent.

Loss is Represented by Twelve Lives, 3,000,000 Gallons of Oil and \$1,500,000.

Hudson Tex., July 25.—After thirty-six hours of burning with volcanic fury, it is believed the Humble oil field fire is in a fair way to spend its fury. Working under the greatest difficulty and at the imminent peril of their lives hundreds of workmen threw up embankments between the burning oil tanks and those not yet on fire, and this in a large measure, contributed toward stopping the flames. It was impossible to do anything with those burning, but since it is now believed the further spread of the fire is prevented, the oil in the burning district is nearly exhausted.

Three million barrels of crude oil have been destroyed, twelve lives lost and property wiped away to the value of \$1,500,000. Of the twelve lives lost all were negroes. Only six of the bodies have been recovered, all of them being charred beyond recognition.

Another Oil Fire.

Beaumont, Texas, July 25.—The loss suffered by the Texas company at Humble oil field by the burning of approximately 2,500,000 barrels of oil was further augmented this afternoon at Sour Lake where lightning struck a tank containing 130,000 barrels belonging to the same company and another tank containing 100,000 barrels, all of which will be a total loss. The fire is still burning but danger of spreading is obviated by the isolation of the two tanks struck.

A conservative estimate of the loss is \$50,000.

GREATLY IN DEMAND

Nothing is more in demand than a medicine which meets modern requirements for a blood and system cleanser, such as Dr. King's New Life Pills. They are just what you need to cure stomach and liver troubles. Try them. At Crawford Bros., J. F. Mackey & Co's and Funderburk Pharmacy, drug store, 25c, guaranteed.

When you see a man holding up a post the post must be loose or the man tight.

More people would avoid getting into the fire if they had sense enough to keep out of the frying pan.

A society woman says that men probably quit courting their wives because other men do it so much more nicely.

You wouldn't know some people had ever been on earth if you didn't accidentally stumble on to their tombstones.

A man might give his wife more spending money if she wouldn't spend so much of it on things for him that he doesn't want.

—Now is the time to buy your crockery, glass and tinware out of the Williams-Hughes Stock.

Beaumont Grocery Co.

Sound kidneys are safeguards of life. Make the kidneys healthy with Foley's Kidney Cure. Sold by Funderburk Pharmacy.

Jealousy is a vine on which sour grapes grow.

Creditors Meeting Held In Darlington

Three Trustees Appointed To take Charge Of Affairs.

Creditors of the Oil Company Will Probably Receive From 33 to 50 Per Cent.—Summary of Debts and Assets.

(By J E Norment)

Special to The State.

Darlington, July 26.—The meeting of the creditors of the Independent Cotton Oil company was held in the court house this morning and it took less than two hours to attend to the business for which the meeting was called.

Everything proceeded smoothly, there was nothing startling and the expected programme was carried out in a businesslike manner.

When the schedule of assets and liabilities was read, thoughts of the mill that grinds slowly but which grinds exceeding small, followed very naturally. Some definite information was gained, but many very important details are still lacking. The books have some apparently inexplicable entries, the former president of the company is dead and time and circumstances, therefore can only reveal what is now not understood.

The trustees appointed today have at once gone to work and are shaping events to continue, without interruption the actual working of the various mills and ginneries, which will probably be done. Messrs. Bright Williamson of Darlington, J. A. Simonds of Charleston and C. E. Taylor, jr., of Wilmington were elected trustees to manage the properties and the sum of \$25,000 each was required for their bonds.

The affairs of the Independent Cotton Oil company, with 21 plants in North Carolina, covered a wide area, but very few creditors and stockholders were present today. There was a goodly array of legal representatives on hand, however, taking charge of the interest of the creditors. Among those were Messrs. Henry Buist, T. M. Mordecai, D. M. Frost, W. H. Parker and Julian Mitchell, Jr., of Charleston; Jos. A. Lockhart & son of Wadesboro; H. J. Haysworth, Greenville; W. F. Stevenson, D. G. Matheson and Edward McIver of Cheraw; P. A. Wilcox, J. W. Ragsdale, Geo. Galletty and W. F. Clayton, Florence; Knox Livingston, Bennettsville; C. F. Taylor, Wilmington; Geo. H. Edwards and J. M. Lawson, Darlington, and Henry Mullins, Marion. Messrs. Dargan & Coggeshall of Darlington were present, attorneys for bankrupt, the Independent Cotton Oil company.

The previous accounts of the condition of the affairs of the company—as published in the State—were very accurate and but few slight changes were noted today. The summary of debts and assets reveals very large figures, the debts amounting to a total of \$878,808.33, the assets aggregating \$709,718.64.

The indications are that the creditors of the oil company may probably receive from 33 to 50

per cent. on their claims. The stockholders will get nothing and the creditors will be fortunate should the above conjecture be correct. The affairs of the company seem to have been in almost hopeless confusion and it has been extremely difficult to get absolutely reliable data.

By painstaking work, searching every avenue of information, Receiver Williamson prevented some positive information in his schedule of assets and liabilities. The details of this make a voluminous document and later it may be found to contain some very interesting facts. The largest claims against the company are held by the banks. These claims aggregate about \$500,000 and are held principally by banks in Charleston, Richmond, Wilmington and New York. The bills payable account alone, as here shown amounts to over \$600,000 consisting of notes to banks and to individuals.

A GRIM TRAGEDY.

is daily enacted, in thousands of homes, as Death claims, in each one, another victim of Consumption or Pneumonia. But when Coughs and Colds are properly treated, the tragedy is averted. F. G. Huntley, of Oakland, Ind., writes: "My wife had the consumption, and three doctors gave her up. Finally she took Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds which cured her, and to-day she is well and strong." It kills the germs of all diseases. One dose relieves. Guaranteed at 50c and \$1.00 by Crawford Bros., J. F. Mackey & Co. Funderburk Pharmacy, druggists. Trial bottle free.

Negro Taken from Train and Lynched by a Mob.

Memphis, Tenn., July 25.—A Commercial-Appeal special from Glendora, Miss., says that a mob of 50 men today took Will Harris, a negro, from a Yazoo and Mississippi Valley train at Black Bayou and hanged him to a tree about a quarter of a mile from the railroad. Harris and his brother Henry shot and seriously wounded two white men, Barksdale and Allen, respectively on the James plantation near Sharkey, July 19. A posse pursued the negroes and in attempting to arrest them shot and killed Henry Harris. The other brother escaped but was arrested last night at Heathman. This morning the prisoner was taken to Greenwood and later placed aboard a train and was being conveyed to a point in Tallahatchie county where he was to be turned over to the sheriff when the mob boarded the train and secured him. Little difficulty was experienced in taking the negro from his custodians and he was quickly conveyed to a pre-arranged spot and lynched.

SICKENING SHIVERING FITS of Ague and Malaria, can be relieved and cured with Electric Bitters. This is a pure, tonic medicine; of especial benefit in malaria, for it exerts a true curative influence on the disease, driving it entirely out of the system. It is much to be preferred to Quinine, having none of this drug's bad after-effects. E. S. Munday, of Henrietta, Tex., writes: "My brother was very low with malarial fever and jaundice, till he took Electric Bitters, which saved his life. At Crawford Bros., J. F. Mackey & Co. and Funderburk Pharmacy drug stores; price 50c, guaranteed.

Foley's Honey and Tar for children, safe, sure. No opiates.

South Carolina News.

(Specials to The State).

Gillis Case Again Continued.

Camden, July 27.—The Gillis case was called this afternoon but on account of the absence of an important witness, Mrs. Reece, who is sick in Columbia, a continuance of the case was granted.

Sentiment in Anderson Seems to be Against the Dispensary.

Anderson, July 25.—The central prohibition committee, to whom has been entrusted the anti-dispensary forces of the county, has decided to call in all the petitions during the first week in August. No date has been agreed upon for the election, but it will probably take place the last week in August. The petitions have been freely signed, and it is expected that more than half of the qualified voters of the county will join in asking for an election. There is a strong sentiment against the dispensary at Pelzer, and the vote there will be overwhelming against the Great Moral Institute.

News and Gossip From the City on the Congaree.

Special to Greenville News.

Columbia, July 24.—Formal notice of an appeal in the Alliance Exchange case has been served, although the papers have not been filed yet that show the cause for the appeal. It is expected that the case will be argued at the coming term of the Supreme Court.

Commissioner Watson's efforts to find a market for South Carolina grown scuppernongs is an initial step toward developing the scuppernong industry on a large scale. This State grows the finest type of these grapes in the world. The work of Col Watson has just resulted in an order for the first carload for a big champagne and wine making concern at Hersman, Me.

SPOILED HER BEAUTY.

Harriet Howard, of 209 W. 34th St., New York, at one time had her beauty spoiled with skin trouble. She writes: "I had Salt Rheum or Eczema for years, but nothing would cure it, until I used Bucklen's Arnica Salve." A quick and sure healer for cuts, burns and sores. 25c at Crawford Bros., J. F. Mackey & Co's, and Funderburk Pharmacy, drug store.

Senator Mitchell Sentenced.

Portland, Ore., July 25.—United States Senator Mitchell, convicted of using his office of United States Senator to further the law practice of the firm of Mitchell & Tanner, of this city, was today sentenced to pay a fine of \$1,000 and to six months penal servitude. Pending a review of the case by the Supreme Court of the United States, execution of the sentence will be deferred. Meantime Mitchell will be placed under bail to the amount of \$2,000.

BRONCHITIS FOR TWENTY YEARS.

Mrs. Minerva Smith, of Danville, Ill., writes: "I had bronchitis for twenty years and never got relief until I used Foley's Honey and Tar which is a sure cure." Sold by Funderburk Pharmacy. Also C O Floyd, Kershaw.

Southern Mills Sold.

Cotton Mills at Burlington, Rock Hill, S. C., and Morehead Miss., Sold at Auction for \$110,500.

Special to The Observer.

New York, July 25.—The property of the Southern Textile Company, of No. 27 William street, which was organized two years ago with a capital stock of \$14,000,000 as a holding company to combine cotton gins mills in the South for the sale of their products through one house in New York, which is in bankruptcy, was sold at auction to-day by Charles Shangoon.

Three cotton Mills, with machinery, was first sold at auction to-day by Charles Shangoon.

Three cotton mills, with machinery, was first sold separately and then as a whole. The Wiamor Mill at Burlington, N. C., was sold for \$34,000, to N. M. Smith, and the Morehead Mills at Morehead Miss.; for \$10,000, to Mr. Holt.

The auctioneer then put up all the property in one lot and sold it for \$10,000 to the International Trust Company, of Baltimore. As the total sales realized \$15,000 more than the trustees in bankruptcy and will be submitted to the United States District Court for confirmation. Some Merchandise, materials and supplies at the mills were sold for \$3,000 to T. A. Blythe, of Philadelphia.

His who praises men and flatters women has many friends.

TWO BOTTLES CURED HIM

"I was troubled with kidney complaint for about two years," writes A. H. Davis, of Mt. Sterling, Ia., "but two bottles of Foley's Kidney Cure effected a permanent cure." Sold by Funderburk Pharmacy.

General Repair Shop.

I have opened opposite the Peng & Harper gunnery, a blacksmith and general repair shop with Bossy McPherson to do the blacksmithing and iron work. All work done at reasonable prices. A share of your patronage is earnestly solicited. Give me a trial. J. Q. ADAMS, July 21, 1905—1m.

FOR COTTON WEIGHER.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for reelection to the office of public cotton weigher at Lancaster, S. C. J. F. Nisbet.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Public Cotton weigher at Lancaster C. H. A. J. Baily.

FOR COTTON WEIGHER AT HEATH SPRINGS.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Public Cotton Weigher at Heath Springs, S. C. A. L. Nobley.

Notice to Debtors and Creditors of B. F. Miller, Deceased.

All persons having claims against the estate of B. F. Miller, deceased, will present them properly proven to the undersigned for payment; and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment of the same to L. C. Lazenby, Administrator. July 4—3w

Notice to Debtors and Creditors of J. A. Miller, Deceased.

All persons having claims against the estate of John A. Miller, deceased, will present them properly proven to the undersigned for payment; and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment of the same to L. C. Lazenby, Administrator. July 5—3w