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**THURSDAY
October 1, 1903**

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Respectfully,

Lancaster Mercantile Company

GOVERNMENTS' REPORT ON COTTON PRODUCTION.

The Number of Bales Ginned This Year Shows a Considerable Falling Off Comparatively.

The cotton crop is slow in coming in, according to the report of commerce and labor. Mr. W. M. Stewart, chief statistician of the division of manufactures, has issued a statement in which he shows that up to Oct. 18 but 3,829,627 bales have been ginned, against 5,925,872 for the same time last year.

The statistics show that the amount of cotton ginned is less every State.

This indicates that the crop is smaller or that the season is later or that the agents are not as active in collecting data as they were last year.

The statistics of the quantity of cotton ginned were collected through a canvass of the individual ginneries of the cotton States by 631 local special agents, who found that 27,723 ginneries had been operated this season prior to Oct. 18, and that these had ginned 3,839,627 commercial bales, or bales as pressed at the ginneries. Counting round bales as half bales, the number is 3,706,248.

To the corresponding date last year 29,314 ginneries had been operated and had ginned 5,925,872 commercial bales, which was 53.5 per cent. of that year's production. In comparing the statistics of the two years due allowance must be made for the different conditions of the two seasons.

This report will be followed by three others, showing the quantity of cotton ginned from the growth of 1903 to Nov. 18 to Dec. 13, and to the end of the season. The final report will give the quantity of cotton ginned during the entire season, and will include also the quantity of linters obtained by the cotton seed oil mills from reginning cotton seed of this year's growth.

The report for South Carolina shows that 414,709 bales had been ginned up to Oct. 18, all of these being square bales, except 1,504 bales of sea island. Last year at the same time there had been ginned 601,431 bales, representing 63.4 per cent. of the crop of the state. There were 3,082 ginneries reported last year, and only 3,044 this year.

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Another Wreck on the Southern.

There was a head-on collision Wednesday morning on the Southern three miles above Chester. The 7:30 train coming south was running on time and collided with an extra work train going north which consisted of an engine and flat car, and was running flat foremost at the rate of about 10 miles an hour. The accident was due to a blunder on the part of the work train crew in overlooking the time the regular passenger train was due. Gus Boston, a colored laborer on

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the work train was instantly killed.

Mr. George W. Fetner, engineer on the passenger train, put on emergency brakes and stood to his post through the crash and was knocked unconscious against the side of his car. Three left ribs were broken and he received internal injuries and will hardly recover. The engineer on the flat car put on emergency brakes, jumped from his car and was unhurt. The fireman on the passenger received a cut on his head and was badly scalded. Six other negroes, laborers on the work train were injured but not seriously. Dr. Thornwell, of Fort Mill, was a passenger on the train. He was standing and was knocked unconscious against a seat in front, but soon revived and assisted in caring for the injured.

The only other passenger that was injured was Mr. Lloyd Osborne, teller in the bank at Whitmire, who received a slight cut above his left eye.

The injured men were brought down to Chester and made as comfortable as possible until late in the afternoon they were sent down to Columbia, Engineer Fetner to the Columbia hospital and the colored men to the colored hospital. Dr. Thornwell was worse hurt than he at first thought and was put to bed at the Nicholson hotel, until the first north bound train got through late in the afternoon, he went home. Work was commenced immediately at clearing the track and trains passed through about 5 o'clock p. m.

Mr. J. M. Bell, manager of the Telephone Exchange here, was on the wrecked train but escaped unhurt. He says he felt the brakes and braced himself against the seat in front. Only three ladies, Misses Rena Caldwell, Morrison Harris and Isabella Grier, of Fort Mill, were on the train. They were coming to Chester to attend the Woods Sledge marriage.—Chester Lantern.

Disastrous Wrecks

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