

Scraps and Facts.

The Southern Planters' Commission Company is the legal name of the cotton pool formed by the executive committee of the Southern Cotton Growers' association.

While working with the teeth of Civil War Veteran Reese, at Ottawa, Kan., the other day, the dentist found a minie ball, weighing one ounce, embedded in his jaw.

Japanese field surgeons and hospital corps have accomplished an unequalled triumph in the history of the war according to statistics obtained by the correspondents of the Associated Press from Chief Surgeon General Oku's army.

An incident illustrating the present temper of the Russian people is related by an English traveler who recently returned to London from St. Petersburg.

Judge Miller, of the Mercer county, Pa. bench, during the last twenty years as judge, banker for political rest, and resents any insinuation that he is still in the political game.

The supreme court of the United States has denied the application of Augustus M. Comerford, of Chicago, Diller B. and Samuel A. Groff, for a writ of certiorari in the case against them charging conspiracy to defraud the government in connection with the office of department irregularities.

Says a Chicago dispatch of Wednesday: An upheaval in the Illinois legislature, possibly rivaling the recent boondoggling in the legislature of Missouri, may be the outcome of an address made by Representative Frank D. Comerford of Chicago to the students of the Illinois College of Law a few days ago.

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Says a dispatch of February 1 from the Russian headquarters on Hun mountain, near Mukden: The five days' combat which will go down in history as the battle of Hun river, was fought out on a seemingly unending plain, which is broken only by southernly hills and a mountain around Yental, the solitary eminence of which is the Liao Yang tower of bloody memory.

posed to the intense cold of a Manchurian winter the mounds of earth had become like granite and as impenetrable as the steel sides of a modern battleship.

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THE people of South Carolina still lack nine votes of having control of the state senate.

It will have to be admitted that Mr. W. P. Brown of New Orleans, knows something about handling cotton.

WHILE we are somewhat doubtful about the advisability of compulsory education, we are sure that we would prefer it to the compulsory sale of liquor.

CONTEMPLATION of the power of the cotton growers of the south, could they be welded together into one solid organization, controlled by the single purpose of securing to the producers of the staple all that the world could be made to pay, is sufficient to stagger the most fertile imagination.

THE house committee on interstate and foreign commerce has authorized a favorable report on a bill providing that the Panama canal zone shall be under the direct control of the president.

SENATOR Williams of Williamsburg, on yesterday introduced a bill intended to prohibit the sale of coca cola in South Carolina on the ground that the stuff is harmful to the human system.

ANDREW Carnegie has declined to assist in the erection of a great hotel in Pittsburgh on the ground that the hotel would have to be interested in the saloon business, and he is unwilling to make any investment that looks to the sale of liquor for any part of its profits.

A CORRESPONDENT quotes Senator Cole L. Blease as saying, "It is true that in some respects the dispensary is not run as it ought to be; but to put the system into the hands of its enemies through elections means its death."

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honest well-meaning men who are not bright enough to detect wrong doing even when they see it, under their noses and there are shrewd unscrupulous men who are able to see such things and keep their mouths shut.

The South's Cotton Crop.

On another page we reproduce from the Youth's Companion an interesting and comprehensive article by Mr. R. H. Edmonds of the Manufacturer's Record on the "South's Great Money Crop," and commend the same to the thoughtful consideration of our readers.

It is an unfortunate fact that while for a hundred years or more the south's cotton crop has received a large share of the best attention of the most able commercial minds of the world at large, the great economic problems connected with the crop have found but little place in the consideration of the people most vitally interested.

Recognizing long ago that the cotton producers of the south had it in their power to levy perpetual tribute on the entire world outside, long headed and far-seeing business men of Great Britain, Germany, France and other foreign countries have continually devoted their efforts to the reduction of this tribute to the greatest extent possible, and with the assistance of men of the same class in New England and Wall street, they have for long periods, been successful in levying tribute instead of having to pay it.

The south has never failed to produce practically all the cotton that was needed for the world's consumption; but it is an indisputable fact that instead of securing for that cotton the fair price to which she is entitled, she has often sold her crop at less than it cost her to produce it.

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arm bleeding freely from several deep scratches.

A negro servant was attracted to the room by the commotion and undertook to drive the cat out. The animal continued to fight viciously, however, and held its ground until forced bodily through the door. It was afterward killed.

Mr. Hope's wound was quite painful during Tuesday and Wednesday, and the swelling is now almost gone and he is more comfortable. Miss Smarr has not suffered a great deal of pain, except for a few hours, immediately after her unpleasant experience.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

The house has killed Mr. Ardrey's marriage bill by a vote of 64 to 40.

Another cold wave is averted as per the announcement of the weather bureau.

It is to be noted as a matter of course that Judge Hudson voted for the Brice local self-government law.

The exercises of the Wilkerson school, near Hickory Grove, Miss Clara Fleming teacher, have been seriously interfered with lately by the prevalence of measles.

The reporter has talked to quite a number of farmers from different parts of the county with a view to ascertaining their temper on the subject of reducing the cotton acreage this year.

The result has been uniform. Every farmer talked to, says that his neighbors say they are going to reduce the acreage and furthermore that they are going to curtail the use of commercial fertilizers. It is to be gathered from these inquiries also that the farmers mean exactly what they say.

Many of them who still have practically their entire crops and who owe no money, talk as if they are not particular whether they put in any cotton at all this spring.

An old tradition, so old in fact that the memory of man runneth not back to the contrary, has it that on yesterday each year, the second of February, the little groundhog comes out of its winter quarters to examine the weather, and incidentally the little animal furnishes material for the weather prognosticators, who are ever on the alert for signs and strange things upon which to base their predictions. It is said, and many trust in the saying with an abiding faith, worthy of better things, that if the groundhog shall see his shadow—that is if the sun is shining when he appears—the winter season will continue forty days, but if clouds have cast a shadow and left none for the little hog, he will stay out of his hole, for the prophets say there will be no more winter.

DEATH OF THE BRICE BILL.

Senator Brice's local option bill, providing that incorporated towns shall have the right to remove dispensaries from their limits whenever a majority of the qualified voters so desire, came up for consideration on Wednesday, and occupied the attention of the senate for several hours.

Senator Brice said he had introduced the bill, frankly and honestly, for the purpose of giving the people of South Carolina a chance to vote on the dispensary room branch. He is everlastingly and eternally opposed to it in all of its features.

Devil would come to the earth to enact a liquor law that would increase the tax. This law was adopted as an experiment and was enacted at a time when a political action would do any thing that was sold them. It was enacted to deceive the people.

Actually the papers compliment the managers on making a splendid financial show. The object is to increase the sale rather than restrict the sale of liquor. Towns were given a part of the profits in order to debauch them and make them favor the system.

He said he did not favor the Maudlin bill, which would abolish the dispensary law. His bill, he said, would save money, but his bill will give the people the opportunity to say whether they want dispensaries or not.

In speaking of the effects of the dispensary he said negroes hung around Saturday night like carrion crows around a carcass. The only objection against his bill is that it will abolish the dispensary. Well, it's going to be killed. Seventy-five thousand voters of the state today are opposed to the dispensary, and the men who want it, are the men who want to wash their hands like Pontius Pilate, to rid themselves of responsibility.

The people of the state are convinced that the system cannot be improved. You cannot make a clean thing out of this vile dispensary law. Referring to Cherokee, he said they had voted out the dispensary in spite of the tax.

Some men claim that they do not worship the dispensary but their general objections before the Senate are that the dispensary would satisfy the most ardent advocate of the system. The tax is undemocratic and that feature of the law prejudices counties. It is a tax on the poor.

The law is considered so sacred that it must be enforced, even when other crimes are not especially run down. If it is a state matter why is it not a national matter? This dispensary is trying to ram something down the throats of the people which they don't want, and if that is not the government running the people, rather than the contrary, then he didn't know what it was.

We had local option in South Carolina prior to the dispensary law. Last state we voted on the cardinal principle of Democracy.

Speaking further, he said South Carolina gave little children books in one hand, telling them of the evils of alcohol, yet in the other hand they are given a dispensary bottle. The people of South Carolina will repudiate the dispensary whenever they are given the opportunity. Some counties may remain in the dark for a while. As a representative he felt it a duty not to encourage citizens to drink and to encourage them to abstain.

LOCAL LAONICS.

Death of W. H. Taylor.

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