

Scraps and Facts.

Memphis, Tenn., July 29: The report of the National Ginners' association, issued here today, indicates a condition of the cotton crop...

The Memphis Commercial Appeal yesterday, made the following summary of the cotton situation...

Atlanta, Ga., July 30: Few in the big crowd which witnessed today's automobile races at the Speedway here knew that two hours before the meet...

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A WIRELESS stunt—walking on air.

At lawst, the English bobbies have captured Dr. Crippen. Clegh, lah joy, don'tcherknow.

THERE is no harm in the Columbia State thinking that it won the great fight of four years ago.

The farmers of the United States are about the biggest ducks in the industrial puddle these days.

"Kansas raises a howl on sleeping car rates." Well, those Kansas folks are always howling about something.

A New York man laughed so hard at a funny joke that he fell from a railing on which he sat and fractured his skull and died. Just tickled to death.

THERE has been a decided drop in the umbrella market the past two weeks, and some are hoping that Jupiter Pluvius will start a small bull movement.

Dr. Crippen, captured at Father Point, Quebec, and Joseph Wendling, captured in San Francisco, must fully appreciate the Biblical statement, "Be sure your sins will find you out."

THE Columbia State is a great newspaper with thousands of readers; but it is not especially strong on the moral side of the liquor question, and it is gratifying to know that most of its readers understand this fact.

If we may be pardoned a suggestion, we think the C. & N.-W. railroad might be running its excursions into South Carolina instead of running them out—Anderson Daily Mail.

But all the people live at this end of the line. There is not much chance of an excursion from the other end until the road gets through to the Ohio river.

COTTON came across from July to August without losing anything, and while probably there will be no sensational advance during August, there is every reason to fear a serious decline. It now seems certain that the 1910 crop is not going to reach the 12,000,000 bale line, and how prices can be any lower than they were last year, we do not see.

EIGHT white men are in Palestine, Texas, jail, awaiting the action of a special grand jury that has been impaneled to investigate the wholesale killing of negroes last Friday. It is reported that a number of other arrests are to be made, and it will be interesting to see how many of them are white men who were with the mob when they were killing the negroes.

THERE were thousands of those on the bear side, who used to scoff at southern farmers when they suggested manipulative speculation as a cause of low prices of cotton, and now these same bears are attributing present prices to nothing other than that same speculative manipulation. There never has been a time, however, when the price of cotton was more nearly controlled by the laws of supply and demand.

Both the bulls and the bears are watching the probable effect of new cotton contracts on the market this week. Now cotton is moving principally in Texas, Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia, and the volume up to this time has been nothing greater than usual. The bears are hoping that there will be enough new cotton on the market during this and the next few weeks to prevent a bull squeeze in the August situation. The bulls are contending that the Texas crop is late, and the bears are not sure about the fact. The August situation is full of interest to both sides, and the principal hope of the bears is generous rains in Oklahoma and Texas during the next few days.

WHILE we do not desire to get on the side of the Columbia State in this campaign, and no intention of doing so, we have no objection to the State's coming over to our side, and we think it is a strong probability. Yes, the State is for local option as a means of insuring the sale of dispensary liquor in counties that have enough votes to beat the prohibitionists; and we do not see why it should not be so in the Columbia State, or any other place, as a matter of duty to attack Candidate Blease, if, however, the State thinks it knows things the public does not know, but ought to know about Candidate Blease, and sees proper to assume the responsibility of making those things public, it is fully warranted in doing so. That is one of the things it is here for.

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or that he considers unfair, he has a right to reply either from the stump or through the columns of the State, or by both methods, and we do not believe that this right of reply through the columns of the State will be denied by the editor of that paper.

Candidate Blease's challenge to the editor of the State to meet him on the stump, is very good politics, of the kind; but we don't think that even Mr. Blease is very much impressed with the fairness or equity of the idea, for he is not to keep the cotton crop in a hand to mouth basis. The idea is not a new one, and everybody who has studied it, even in a casual manner, understands that it is susceptible of most tremendous possibilities. When we consider such a warehouse system under the control of the cotton producers, we are able to contemplate it without much thought of alarm; but if the State should publish anything about Candidate Blease, whether it be a matter of undisputed fact, argument, or opinion, it is bound to give Candidate Blease a reasonable amount of space for a reply, in order that he may put his side of the matter before the people among whom he has reason to suppose he has been damaged, and we do not deem that the State will willingly do that very thing.

SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS.

The International association of Factory Inspectors and the International association of Labor Commissioners will meet in Columbia on August 26 and 27.

A passenger train of the Charleston and Western Carolina railway, en route through a burn 2 1/2 miles east of Woodland Sunday afternoon. The engineer and fireman were killed, and the passengers were more or less injured.

Columbia, July 30: Oversight of the issue itself in the Aiken county whisky election, is the severe arraignment of evasions of the law in the Aiken county election during the August election of 1909, the decision by Associate Justice J. W. Williams, Jr., in favor of the inclusion of the suffrage requirements of South Carolina.

The election he declared void, and the result of the election in certain precincts, Justice Hydrick points with unanswerable argument to the constitutional requirement that the electors be qualified to vote, and upon the statement of fact that some of the electors in Aiken county were not qualified to vote, an attempt was made to show compliance with the law by proving that the managers knew the electors were not qualified to vote.

Such palpable attempt at evasion of the law will not be tolerated.

Florence special of July 30 to 31 and 32, and Columbia special of July 30 to 31, and the debate between himself and the editor of the Columbia State, or at least with the author of an editorial in the State Enquirer, in reference to that utterance Mr. Blease said: "I notice in the editorial column of the State Enquirer, dated August 1st, that you or two have something to say in regard to the candidacy of Candidate Blease, that will not be regarded as a fair play, and I now request and invite the author of that article to appear on the rostrum at Columbia at the state campaign meeting next Saturday, August 6, and have a good talk with me, where I can and will have the opportunity to make reply; and if he names a time and place where he will agree to meet me face to face and make his statement, I will be glad to do so."

There are people who think that if no better trade could be made with South Carolina, they would run out of the State. Mr. Felder has done, South Carolina is short on able lawyers. Mr. Evans charged that Messrs. W. S. Stevenson and L. A. Almer received over \$100,000 each in fees from the state on account of the liquor litigation. Mr. Stevenson has come out in a card in which he admits that he and Mr. Almer have each received over \$100,000; but says that the money has come from the liquor houses instead of from the state, a proposition that looks to the average layman like the difference between two-edged and two-edged, and to everybody as pretty liberal pay for abilities that are presumably not up to Mr. Felder's standard. At Florence last Saturday, Mr. Lyon stated that what he received fees in addition to the salary of his office were a "malicious lie."

Now, which side has the very best of the matter is the slightest foundation for the alleged charges, we do not approve of any such language on the stump. We voiced our disapproval when Senator Tillman used it with reference to Mr. Lyon four years ago, and we disapprove of the use of it by Mr. Lyon toward Mr. Evans. Such language is undignified and unnecessary in that it does not prove anything or convince anybody. It only invites violence and puts Mr. Lyon in the position of himself justifying the scathing denunciation that Senator Tillman poured out against him. From our point of view, as we have said all along, we are not at all surprised that Mr. Felder should be buried in the soil if only stripes were put on the gruffers; but in what has been done up to this time there would be something really amusing if it were not of such serious consequences. All efforts seem to have been directed to the granting of the liquor houses to the extent they were granted by different dispensary officials on a system that gives half the proceeds to the lawyers, and the people are asked to believe that the good work is being prosecuted in the name and in behalf of right and justice.

Bleas and the State.

The Columbia State a few days ago, published in its editorial column an intemperate and untruthful article about Candidate Blease, and replying at Florence, Candidate Blease declared his confidence in the loyalty of the people of South Carolina to the principles of fair play and proclaimed a challenge to the writer of the State's paragraph to meet him on the stump.

As it happens, we have nothing to do with the issue between the Columbia State and Candidate Blease; but the situation suggests some observations that might be made in the interest of a more correct understanding of the several points involved in this issue.

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