

OUR FARM IMPORTS

Europe is Our Most Important Source of Agricultural Supplies

THE SOURCES OF FOREIGN IMPORTS

Some Figures Compiled By Mr. Hitchcock, Chief of the Section of Foreign Markets.

Washington, Special.—Mr. Frank H. Hitchcock, chief of the section of foreign markets of the Agricultural Department, has prepared a bulletin showing the sources of the agricultural imports of the United States for the period from 1896 to 1900. It shows that the total value of agricultural products imported into the United States in 1900 was \$420,139,288, that year being the record year of the five years.

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The United Kingdom ranks next to Brazil in 1900, with a falling off of \$2,000,000 in our imports of farm produce from North American countries, there being \$83,000,000 in 1900 against \$85,000,000 in 1895.

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Germany comes next with \$13,049,000 in 1900 against \$22,523,000 in 1896, and \$41,358,000 in her record year of 1897. Japan and China made large gains during the five years.

SOUTH CAROLINA CROPS

Cotton Very Backward and Badly in the Grass.

The week ending June 17th, averaged only slightly cooler than usual, with a maximum of 94 at Batesburg on the 11th, and a minimum of 61 at Greenville in sunshine.

General and heavy rains prevailed from the 13th to the close of the week, with amounts varying from two to over six inches, and averaging 3.44 for the State, which is nearly equal to the normal June precipitation.

All cotton has not been chopped out, and many fields are lousy, and foul with grass, so that there are numerous reports of abandoning them, while in a few localities some already have been plowed under and planted to corn.

Corn has made a slow growth, but on the uplands of the western half of the State retains its healthy color. Bottom land corn was washed away, and will have to be replanted, some for the fourth time.

Wheat and oats are nearly harvested except in the extreme western portions where wheat is over-ripe and falling to the ground, rains preventing harvesting.

Greenville's Big Fire. The most disastrous fire that ever occurred in Greenville started at 12:15 Tuesday morning.

Following is a list of the buildings burned: Hoattie building occupied by Smith & Bristow, Avery Patton and W. H. Hale with a number of offices in the second story. Building valued at \$20,000. Insured for \$15,000.

Smith & Bristow's stock of clothing shoes and gent's furnishing goods valued at \$8,000. Insured for about \$6,000. Large amount of clothing removed from building but seriously damaged.

W. R. Hale, jewelry and stock, amounting to \$2,500. No insurance. A very small amount saved.

James A. McPherson owned three adjoining buildings occupied by J. S. Deal, J. F. Bruns & Bro., and Reynolds & Earle. The three buildings valued at \$8,000. Insured for \$3,500. Total loss.

ANOTHER NEW PARTY

Said to Have Been Organized to Support Bryan.

STEPS TAKEN FOR ORGANIZATION.

A Movement for Another Third Party Started in Kansas City With Mr. Bryan's Tacit Sympathy.

A Special from Kansas City says: Definite steps toward the organization of a new "third party," which it is proposed to embrace Missouri and to form the nucleus for a national group were taken Tuesday in Kansas City at a conference of members of the Populist State committee and a few Silver Republicans.

The meeting was first suggested by Mr. Cook, in a circular letter asking a conference with the Silver Republicans and the Public Ownership party leaders.

Ex-Governor Pingree Dead. London, By Cable.—Mr. Pingree died at 11:25 Tuesday night. His son was the only person present. The body will be taken home.

Detroit, Special.—Hazen Street Pinch was born at Denmark, Me., in 1839. In 1862 he enlisted in the First Maine Heavy Artillery and served until the end of the war, when he landed in Detroit, embarking in the manufacture of shoes.

Stabbed in the Back. Dillon, Special.—Mr. John Hamer, who runs a livery stable here, was, perhaps, dangerously cut by one Lawrence Bethea, a negro of rather unsavory reputation Saturday evening about 8 o'clock.

Manila Bay Prize Money. Washington, D. C. Special.—The Treasury Department issued two warrants which recall the battle of Manila Bay. One was for \$517 in favor of Mrs. A. E. Brumby, administratrix of the estate of the late Thomas M. Brumby.

Newsy Notes. The National Electric Medical Association convened in annual session at Chattanooga, Tenn. Tuesday. About 600 delegates from all parts of the United States are in attendance.

Preacher Shoots a Dentist. Berkeley, Cal., Special.—Dr. G. J. Jessup, a dentist, was shot and fatally wounded by Rev. Chas. Adams, formerly an Episcopal minister. It is stated that Adams' daughter called Jessup by telephone and asked him to come to her home and prevent her father from whipping her.

Telegraphic Briefs. Martin Anderson, a professional diver, was apprehended in the East river, New York.

RAILROAD EQUALIZATION.

Table Showing the Assessment As Fixed By The Board.

The State board of railroad equalization has finished all of the assessments on railroad property in the State. The final result shows that the taxable values of railroad property will run up close to \$27,000,000.

Assessment per mile. Ashley River, \$ 9,000 \$11,000 Atlanta & Charlotte A. L., 15,000 16,000 Asheville & Spartanburg, 7,000 9,000 Berkeley Ry., 2,000 2,000 Branchville & Bowman, 1,500 1,500 Blue Ridge & Western Ga., 7,500 7,500 Cheraw & Darlington, 6,000 6,000 C. & D. (Salsbury Div.), 4,000 4,000 Carolina & Northwestern, 2,750 2,750 Chesterfield & Kershaw, 3,000 10,000 Columbia & Greenville, 10,000 10,000 C. & G. (Abbeville Br.), 5,000 4,000 C. N. & L. Ry., 5,000 5,000 Carolina Midland, 6,000 10,000 Central R. R. of S. C., 6,000 8,000 Florence Ry., 3,000 13,000 C. & A. Ry., 13,000 13,000 C. & C. Gap Ry., 2,500 2,500 Charleston & Savannah, 13,000 12,000 C. & S. (Sea Island Br.), 5,000 5,000 East Shore Terminal Ry., 8,000 8,000 E. C. & Peninsular Ry., 8,500 10,000 Florence Ry., 3,000 10,000 Florence Ry. (Latta Br.), 14,000 4,000 G. C. & N. Ry., 10,000 10,000 Green Pond, W. & B., 5,000 5,000 Georgetown & Western Ry., 2,000 2,000 Glenville & Spartanburg, 2,000 2,000 Hampton & Branchville Ry., 1,000 1,000 Hartsville Ry., 2,500 2,500 Lancaster & Chester, 1,750 2,500 Manchester & Augusta Ry., 10,000 10,000 M. & A. (Pregnall Br.), 5,000 5,000 M. & A. (Darlington Br.), 6,000 6,000 M. & A. (Lucknow Br.), 2,000 2,000 Northwestern Ry. (2 miles), 1,850 1,850 Northwestern Ry., 3,000 3,000 S. C. & G. Ry., 15,000 15,000 S. C. & G. (Camden), 12,000 10,000 S. C. & G. Extension, 5,000 5,000 Spartanburg & Columbia, 9,000 9,000 Spartanburg, U. & A. Ry., 9,000 9,000 Pacific of South Carolina, 8,000 8,000 Sevier & Knoxville, 1,500 1,500 W. C. & A. Ry., 10,000 10,000 W. C. & A. Ry. (Conway Br.), 5,000 5,000 Wilmington, C. & A., 15,000 15,000 Waterboro & Western, 2,500 2,500 C. Midland (Sevier Br.), 1,500 1,500 Switzer & Wateree, 5,000 5,000 Pickens Ry., 1,000 1,500 South-Bound Extension Ry., 2,000 10,000 Sumter & Northwestern, 2,000 3,000 Lockhart (new), 1,000 1,000 C. & D. Gibson Div., 7,500 7,500 C. M. (Allendale-Hardeeville), 8,000 8,000

CHANGES ARE MADE

A Good Deal of Shifting in the Diplomatic Department.

MR. LOOMIS LOSES \$2,500 A YEAR.

He is Transferred From Venezuela to Portugal, Being Succeeded at Caracas by Mr. Bowen.

Washington, D. C. Special.—The following changes in diplomatic posts have been announced: Francis H. Loomis, minister to Venezuela, has been transferred to minister to Portugal, vice John N. Irwin, resigned.

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The change so far as it concerns the Venezuelan minister is said at the State Department to have no particular political significance. Mr. Loomis goes elsewhere than Caracas at his own request and desire. It is true that the Venezuelan government has expressed dissatisfaction with Mr. Loomis in more ways than one, but the fact that the minister is not removed from the diplomatic service, but is given a post of equal dignity and honor, is a mark of the esteem of the State Department.

1,200 Men Laid Off.

Newport News, Va., Special.—Twelve hundred men from the various departments were laid off at the plant of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company Monday, and as many more will be laid off Tuesday if the striking machinists do not return to work.

Aguinaldo's Successor.

Washington, D. C. Special.—Emilio Zurbano, of Taybas Province, has proclaimed himself the successor of Aguinaldo and "governor of Taybas and the Philippines," according to a copy of a Manila paper just received at the War Department.

TELEGRAPHIC TERSITIES.

A San Juan dispatch says that at a mass meeting of the Federal party, held Sunday, Francisco Acuna was elected party leader to succeed Munoz Rivera.

Brief Mention.

Miss Sarah Fizer, of Milton, Tenn., had a leg broken in a street car collision at Buffalo.

VIEWS OF A BULL.

Declares That From Present Conditions Cotton Must Advance and Farmers Should Hold.

NEW YORK SPECIAL TO NEWS AND COURIER.

Mr. Theodore H. Price in a letter issued today to special friends of his says: The situation in the cotton market viewed in the light of recently ascertained facts, promises to develop almost as strikingly as that a year ago. Until the publication of the government report on the 31st ultimo consumers of cotton lapsed into a kind of security by the repeated assertion that the next crop would be a large one had been postponing their purchases, and all recalcitrant authorities, including Mr. Ellison, agreed that both in this country and in Europe the stocks of cotton instead of being consumed were almost the smallest proportionate to the consumption on record. In addition to the assurance of a large crop next year, the prevailing estimate of the present crop was from 10,000,000 to 10,500,000, and the feeling was that with the supply of cotton cut this year's crop and a generally anticipated yield next year the market was in prospect very healthy.

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their production in both Europe and America. It is generally admitted that spinners have allowed their stocks to run down to an exceptionally low point, and for the balance of the season it would seem that the owners of spot cotton in the South have the situation absolutely without their control.

After Mexican fluidizers. Austin, Tex., Special.—The Mexican number of the Pacific Mail and Clover is still at large with the American posse in pursuit. The chief driver of this country, who has returned says he does not believe the Mexican is in this part of the country.

Senator Platt to Quit. New York, Special. The Tribune says: "Senator Platt will retire from the United States Senate at the end of his term, in March, 1902. The information was obtained at the Fifth Avenue hotel. Mr. Platt is feeling better and stronger than usual, and his determination has not been hastened. It is understood, on account of poor health. It is expected by his friends that he will make known some day this week his reasons for leaving down his office at the end of his term."

Aid is being sought in the North in furtherance of a plan to assist the negroes in many places in the back of the State in becoming landowners. The freedmen from the bondage of the landless system, under which too often, the tenant does not receive a just share of the product reaping from his efforts.

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Table with columns for SOUTHWARD, NORTHWARD, Daily, and No. 31. Lists train routes and times between various cities like New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, etc.