

THE COTTON CROP.

The Census Office Makes Public Its Final Figures

FROM THE GINNERS REPORTS.

Over Eleven Million Bales Ginned During the Last Year. The Ginners and the Oil Mills.

The census office Tuesday made public the final figures of cotton production obtained from the reports of cotton ginners. The quantity of cotton ginned from the growth of 1902, exclusive of linters, amounted to 11,078,882 running bales. Bales as pressed at the ginners are equal to 10,630,945 bales of a 500-pound standard, or counting round bales as half bales 10,588,250.

The report contains many interesting details concerning the variation of production in the various sections of the country. For instance, attention is called to the degree of compensation which has been maintained for the past three crops between the divisions of the cotton belt as made by the Mississippi river. East of the Mississippi production decreased in 1902 313,256 bales.

The increase in Arkansas is remarkable, being 264,622 bales, or more than 37 per cent. over the total receipts for the smallest crop—that of 1899—and 157,271, or over 19 per cent. over that of 1901, the largest crop prior to that of 1902.

The figures on the ginning industry show that there are 30,948 ginners in the United States. The average number of bales ginned per active establishment in Texas was 563, in Indian Territory 855, and in Oklahoma 993, against 254 in Alabama, 292 in Georgia and 206 in North Carolina.

The value of the cotton crop of 1902 in the States included in the Louisiana purchase is given at \$113,885,044, or more than \$5,000,000 more than the original price paid to France for that territory with interest at 2 per cent. compounded to the present time.

The rapid development of the cotton seed oil industry is represented as annually increasing the quantity of short cotton saved to the commercial world by the regaining of cotton seed for oil-extraction.

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MORE RAIN NEEDED.

Crop Progressing Favorably But Warmer Weather is Needed.

The following weekly crop bulletin was issued last week by Section Director Bauer: The mean temperature for the week ending 8 a. m., Monday, May 4th, was about 65 degrees, which is 3 degrees below normal.

There was quite a general rain on April 26, accompanied by hail in the northern counties falling to a depth of six inches at Hickory. This rainfall was beneficial, but was followed by drying winds, and the need of rain is again noted over a large portion of the state, more especially in the truck raising districts.

The dry weather enabled farmwork to make rapid progress, and planting of the staple crops is nearly finished, except that some upland and almost all bottom land corn remains to be planted over the western tier of counties, and bottom-lands in the central counties, though some have already been planted in the latter.

Early corn is coming up generally, and much has received its first working, but stands average only fair, and are poor in localities, owing to the ravages of birds and worms, and to imperfect germination. Replanting is done extensively. The weather has been too cool for favorable growth.

Cotton planting is nearly finished and will be entirely finished the coming week if the weather remains favorable, but owing to the prevailing coolness germination is slow and some seed failed to germinate at all.

In a few localities oats are promising, and while still poor, show some improvements, but correspondents report the oats crop generally unpromising with probably half an average yield. They are heading low.

Wheat is also poor, owing to rust and the heaviest frost. Fruit continues promising although pear trees are beginning to blight in various localities and peaches to drop in Charleston county.

Col. Martin Ericson, worth several million dollars and well known throughout the Southwest, has been captured by the Yaqui Indians of Sonora, Mexico, and held for \$500,000 ransom. Two weeks ago he left Mexico City for Sonora after securing a concession for a large tract of agricultural and mineral lands on the Yaqui river.

A dispatch from Manila says Capt. Pershing's column has defeated the sultan of Amparugano's strong force of Moros in the Taraca country, on the east shore of Lake Lanao, island of Mindanao. The Americans captured 100 Moros were killed, 13 were wounded and 60 were made prisoners.

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A MAD HORSE.

Dashed into a Flat House in Pursuit of Some Children.

Pursued by a four-maddened horse up the door steps, in through the double doors and part way up the first flight of stairs in the flat-house at No. 161 East Seventy-eighth street, four children fled in terror Wednesday night. Grace Mullane, six years old, tattered on the stairs, and the horse seized her dress in its teeth, bruising her leg at the knee.

Among a dozen persons who witnessed the flight of the children was Mrs. Danziger, of No. 166 East Seventy-eighth street, who was watching her baby in a carriage near the stoop of that address. She saw the horse coming toward her child and tried to drag the carriage up the steps, but fainted from terror.

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A Land of Plenty.

The Atlanta Journal says we have the promise this year of the greatest crop of wheat on record. A new record was made last year in winter wheat, the aggregate reaching 441,000,000 bushels.

There are two million more acres in wheat this year than there were last year, and the conditions of the crop is remarkably high. On the first of April at condition was 97.3, as against 78.7 a year ago, when a great crop was produced.

The average condition of wheat crop on the first of April for the last ten years has been 82.1. On the present acreage and condition a crop of 500,000,000 bushels is confidently counted on.

It seems practically certain that we will have quite as much wheat to sell this year. No other country ever exported wheat or any other agricultural product to such enormous value and very few countries have had the total of their surplus crops to reach such a magnificent total as the sales of our wheat abroad did last year.

A Chicago chemist has made the interesting discovery that 75 per cent of the so-called silk used in skirts, blouses and dresses is nothing less than tin. Speaking to a reporter for the Chicago Tribune, this chemist said that "the practice of substituting tin for vegetable substance originated in Germany."

The vegetable matters were no detriment, though equal brilliancy of color was not obtainable, and there was not the same sheen and 'feel' when handled as that produced by real silk, which has the rustic softness to ladies' ears.

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A DEATH TRAP.

The Lives of Nine Uoland Men Crashed Out.

Thursday morning of a fearful catastrophe which occurred last Wednesday evening in the east end of the West End tunnel, known as Tunnel No. 2, at Eggleston Springs, Giles county, in which nine men were killed and five injured, three of them fatally, while two others were almost miraculously saved.

It seems that when the tunneling force had removed the earth and stone for a track at the point where the calamity occurred, a huge slide of solid stone gave way on the mountain side and came down at an angle of about 45 degrees, striking the gang fairly and literally crushing the life out of nine men.

The bodies of the other nine men, some of whom are white, are under the mountain slide. A wrecking car and derrick was taken out from Radford, but so far have been of no avail. There is no likelihood that the bodies can be recovered soon, as the rock will have to be dynamited and removed by the bit.

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A Warning to Negroes. The New York Times says what looks very much like a substitute for the slave pension scheme as a means of turning negro ignorance into money has been revealed by a letter recently received by William Pickens, the colored Yale student who delivered the notable contribution to the debate on Hayti.

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A Strange Case. A strange case in which a man's speech was restored by a fit of anger is reported by the Helena correspondent for the Chicago Inter-Ocean.

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A Queer Case. A dispatch from Appletton to The State says a mule belonging to Mr. Henry Walker came to his death in an unusual way two days ago.

Shand Builders Supply Co., 615 Plain St., Columbia, S. C. A Democratic Victory. At Baltimore the board of elections supervisors recounted the ballots of six of the 24 wards Thursday.

Beauty Foods. One thing to be set down as gospel, to begin with, is that all of the advertised beauty foods—"skin foods," etid genus omne—are humbugs.

Carolina Portland Cement Co., CHARLESTON, S. C. Gager's White Lime, Cements, Fire Bricks, Terra Cotta Pipes.

Where is He? L. L. Copeland, postmaster at Beahm, a station on the Seaboard Air Line about 50 miles from Columbia, disappeared from his home on April 29 and since that time nothing has been heard of him.

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