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### COTTON SEED.

Science has hardly made a more useful and interesting revelation to the Southern farmer than it has made in gradually unfolding to the public view the qualities and uses of cotton seeds. Fifty years ago the only use that was found for them was for planting again, and the farmer would haul home from the public gin just enough of them to answer that purpose and leave the rest in the hands of the ginner. They would accumulate on the ginner's hands until he could no longer find room for them in the house, and he would then shovel them out at a back window or door and let them lie and rot in the weather. It was an uncommon thing to see heaps of them containing thousands of bushels lying thus exposed near a public ginnery. Stock of all kinds would eat them, but their nutritive value was not appreciated.

In fact it was soon discovered that they would kill pigs and hogs in the winter time, and that if fed to cows in immoderate quantities, the effect was deleterious. So they were regarded more as a nuisance than as an article of value.

By and by the ginners, in order to get them out of the way, began to haul them out and dump them upon near-by fields, when it was discovered that they contained valuable fertilizing properties, especially for wheat. A man who operated a public horse gin on his farm soon began to make finer crops of wheat than any of his neighbors. Still, farmers, were slow to recognize their value, and up to the close of the civil war, they were not generally utilized.

Under the new order of things after the war the spirit of inquiry and experiment was awakened, and it was not long before the value of cotton seed oil was recognized; then that the meal left after the oil was expressed was as good a fertilizer as the whole seeds and far better food for cattle and that the dry hulls were a fine substitute for hay and shucks.

The seeds from a bale of cotton are now worth about one-fourth as much as the cotton and the price is tending upward.

This evolution of the uses of cotton seed has added many millions to the annual resources of the south, and it is probable that the full value has not yet been discovered. It is announced that a process of making paper of good quality out of cotton seed hulls has been discovered and that as many as ten or twelve mills for making it are to be built immediately at different points in the cotton belt. This movement will further advance the price of the seeds, and with the discovery of a few more uses, it will not be surprising if cotton be dethroned as king, while its seed will reign in its stead.

### IS IT RIGHT?

It is very difficult for an American to look at the trouble in China from a Chinese standpoint. Whoever can do that, will come to the conclusion that great wrongs have been inflicted on that unhappy nation. The Chinese as a race are peaceful and inoffensive. They have the oldest civilization in the world, and they naturally think it the best in the world. Their system of religion, too, dates far back into the ages of antiquity, and they cling to it with a reverence and devotion which should put Christian nations to shame. They have no desire for conquest—no inclination to intrude their civilization or religion on any other people. They ask only what the Southern Confederacy asked, to be let alone.

In spite of these conditions there has been for years a steady influx into that country of men and women from distant and, to them, strange nations, calling themselves missionaries, and seeking, as it appeared to the Chinese, to undermine their institutions which had stood for three thousand years; to subvert their laws and customs; to abolish their religion;—in a word to pull down, mutilate, and destroy all that the Chinaman has been taught from his infancy to respect, revere, and love.

The Chinaman would be more than human if, under such circumstances, a spirit of indigestion and resentment did not rise in his bosom and vent itself in deeds of vengeance.

Then the nations of the earth as-

semble their armies and mow down the helpless natives like grass; demand that their leaders shall be slain and make exactions of money that will sink the doomed nation still lower in the depths of poverty and humiliation.

Is all this right before God and man? Does Christianity demand that its creed be established by force—that its influences be extended with fire and sword? Is there not some other and better way of dealing with China?

### UNIFORM FOR THE VETERANS.

Columbia is beginning to make preparations for entertaining the veterans next year. From the promptitude with which the city moves in the matter, we may conclude that she means to give them a warm welcome and a royal entertainment. The re-union will perhaps take place as early as May, and it is time that the veterans were beginning to think about it.

One thing has been noticeable in recent re-unions, both in this State and in Georgia, that is that while the attendance of the veterans is gradually diminishing, the proportion of them in uniform is gradually increasing. There is no reason why all of them should not appear in Columbia in the gray, which they once wore with such honor to themselves and their country.

The veterans have come down from a past age and they are today a distinct and fast diminishing class of our citizens. It would be peculiarly appropriate if they would again don the habiliments of their youth and thus again emphasize their devotion to "the storm-cradled nation that fell."

### NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The population of South Carolina, according to the recent census, is 1,340,216, as against 1,151,149 in 1890. This is an increase of 16.4 per cent. in ten years. That will do well enough for population. Let us have an eye now to the character of the population.

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When cotton seed hulls are all made up into paper, what are the cows going to do for distenders? If the extra money which hulls may bring on account of this new application, be sent north and west for hay, will the people gain or lose by the advanced price of hulls?

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The Chinese problem is still on hand and is likely to remain unsolved for some time to come. The Chinese government has decreed the punishment of the leading Boxers, but the powers complain that the punishment is inadequate. The Germans demand that the Chinese shall build a monument to the German minister who was assassinated in Pekin and the Chinese think that is unreasonably exacting. Then the question of indemnity for all the mischief that has been done is to be settled and that without any counsel or suggestion from China. Upon the whole, things are in a bad way and it is more, than probable that the worst has not yet come. China may be dismembered and divided out among her rapacious invaders, before a final settlement is reached.

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The Sultan of Turkey is a dandy. He has been owing the United States the little sum of \$90,000 now for a long time, and he has shown himself to be an expert in all the dodges, arts, and tricks of a professional dead-beat. Neither cajolery nor threats can move him. To show that his equanimity was not at all disturbed, and perhaps to withdraw attention from his little unpleasant obligation, he sent a congratulatory message couched in the most delicate and affectionate terms, to McKinley on his election. He has since fallen into a capricious mood and refused to recognize or accept a United States consul who has been sent to negotiate some little business matter with him. Uncle Sam thinks this is adding insult to injury and it really does begin to look like his serene highness will have to be rudely disturbed.

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They have had a labor strike over in Greenville and the News appears to be proud of it, as an evidence that Greenville is becoming a "leading city." The bricklayers union demanded a day of nine hours, which the contractors refused to grant, whereupon about forty-five masons bundled up and left for other parts. The contractors immediately supplied their places with other masons, and the work went smoothly on. That is business-like and fair all around. The laborers had a right to demand shorter hours, or higher wages, and the employers had a right to refuse compliance, and there the contract ended. The masons made no attempt to intimidate others from taking their places and that was reasonable and gentlemanly. If all strikes were conducted in this manner nobody would have any just cause to complain.

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Local Cotton Report.

The following are the prices paid for cotton in Gaffney today:

Good Middling..... 9:50

Middling..... 9:37

### HE STOLE SHIRTS.

A Thief With Harry Ward's Minstrels Purloins Another Gents Wearing Apparel.

When Harry Ward's Magnificent Minstrels appeared in Gaffney last Thursday night the general comment was that it was the most gentlemanly looking set of show people that had ever struck the town. But it seems that appearances are sometimes deceptive.

Among the baggage room at this place to the opera house was one trunk that did not belong to the minstrels. It belonged to Edward Baldwin, the palmist. Instead of sending the trunk back to the depot as they should have done, one of the members of the minstrel organization, it is not known which one, but suspicion rests upon the property man, opened the trunk and took from it shirts, collars, cuffs, a pocket kodak and other personal property to the value of about \$88. The trunk was then returned to the depot. When Mr. Baldwin discovered his loss he informed Mr. W. A. Turner, the ticket agent at the depot, and he began an investigation, the result of which was a search warrant taken out for Mr. Ward and his organization. Sheriff Thomas deputized Mr. Turner to serve the warrant. Mr. Turner went to Chester and served the warrant. Enough evidence was elicited to show that some member of the troupe had purloined the goods, but not enough direct evidence against any particular individual could be had to saddle the theft on one party.

Mr. Ward is of the opinion that the "property" man is the guilty party. In justice to Mr. Ward it must be said that he rendered all the assistance possible to find the thief. He even came to Gaffney and made reparation to Mr. Baldwin for his loss, and he desires it stated that he will at once dismiss the guilty wretch as soon as he is able to locate him. Mr. Ward says that the most of his men have been with him for some time, but that this particular man whom he suspects has been with him but two weeks; therefore he is well acquainted with all the old men and has every reason to believe the new man is the thief. Mr. Turner says Mr. Ward rendered all the assistance possible in endeavoring to ferret out the guilty party. Mr. Ward is very much hurt over the occurrence, as it will reflect on the character of the other man and himself. He is a young man and is endeavoring to make a reputation for himself and this will of course cause some people to lose confidence in his show and in him as a gentleman. The Ledger hopes the unfortunate occurrence will not damage either Mr. Ward or his show, as he seems to be a perfect gentleman, and he has one of the best small minstrel shows on the road today.

### SHORT LOCAL ITEMS.

Local Items Too Short for a Head Grouped Together.

Mr. J. T. Splain, of Friendship, will soon move his family to Gaffney, and will make this place his future home.

J. Eb. Jefferies has rented Mrs. A. E. Lipscomb's residence on Victoria avenue, and is now occupying it in company with his mother.

The demand for dwelling houses in the city is great. There is not an empty house in town; new ones are going up on every side and others are being contemplated.

J. L. Spake has moved his family up to town Saturday on business.

Mrs. V. M. Montgomery and her son John H. Jr., of Gainesville, Ga., who have been visiting the family of Prof. Griffith at Limestone, went to Pocotaly yesterday for a few days stay.

Jones J. Darby returned Saturday morning from a business trip to Chester, Columbia and other points.

J. W. Brown, of Ravenna, spent a short time in our office Saturday.

J. Clough Wallace, Esq., of Union, returned home Sunday after spending last week here at court.

Marriage of a Prominent Couple.

Miss Virginia Walker, daughter of Capt. and Mrs. N. F. Walker, of Cedar Springs, and Hon. Robert Hitch were married at the home of the bride's parents last Wednesday.

Mrs. Walker was one of Spartanburg's most beautiful and highly accomplished young women, and very popular in the social circle of the city.

Mr. Hitch is a prominent attorney of Savannah, Ga., and a member of the present legislature of Georgia.

The wedding was an extremely beautiful one, and the presents received by the couple were many and costly ones.

Mr. and Mrs. Hitch will reside in Savannah.

Population of Cherokee.

According to the last census Cherokee county has a population of 21,395, and, under the present apportionment, is entitled to two representatives. According to this year's census in a total population of 1,340,316 there will be one member for every 10,809.

There are five other counties in the State smaller than Cherokee, some of them much smaller, and it closely ranks with nearly half of the others in point of population.

There will be a game of football between Wofford College and Furman University on Thanksgiving Day. The game will be played in Greenville, and a special train will be run from Spartanburg for the occasion. Several of our boys will probably go over to witness it.

Nearly one hundred and fifty reserved seat tickets had been sold up to last night for the opera tomorrow night. It is evident that the audience on this occasion will be the most refined that has ever gathered in the opera house. There are less than one hundred reserved seats yet to be sold and those who wish them had better see Mr. Gaines 50c. and \$1.00; all druggists.

Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup conquers croup at once, cures the child, and thus saves many a life. Mothers need not fear that dreadful disease, if they have this reliable remedy at hand. It is sold by all druggists for 25 cents.

Some successful men begin at the foot of the ladder, while others try another climb.

A large line of Capes and ready made Skirts from the cheapest to the best, for sale at the Boston Store.

It is always easy to get an idle man into politics.

Putnam Fadless Dye produces the fastest and brightest colors of any known dye stuff. Sold by Dr. S. B. Crawley & Co.

The woman who doesn't brag about her husband has either not got one or else she has a baby.

You can't afford to risk your life by allowing a cough or a cold to develop into pneumonia or consumption. One Minute Cough Cure will cure throat and lung troubles quicker than any other preparation known.

Many doctors use it as a specific for grippe. It is an infallible remedy for croup. Children like it and mothers endorse it. Cherokee Drug Co.

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