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Law of Supply and Demand Takes Control of Cotton Market—Authorities Figuring on Acreage Reduction—Wide Range of Opinions.

New York, June 14.—Prices have been advancing on the strength of the law of supply and demand. There has been a very sharp demand for spot cotton at the South. Liverpool spot sales throw some light on the situation. They have been at times 12,000 to 14,000 bales a day. Manchester has been more active at firmer prices. The big exports this season and the large takings of domestic and foreign mills are factors of the first importance. Wall street and Waldorf-Astoria operators have all been buying. Room operators who had taken the short side on the recent good weather over much of the belt have been swept into line. Some think that the bulls are over estimating the consumption and underestimating the growing crop.

Where advocates of higher prices profess to believe that the next crop cannot be over 13,000,000 bales bears think it more probable that it will be 14,000,000 bales if not more. They also believe that a large surplus will be carried over into next season, partly of cotton grown during the present season but not marketed, to say nothing of the actual visible supply which will be on hand Sept. 1. They think the present price amply discounts all the strongest arguments of the bulls. Yet many experienced men are acting on the bull side. They think the price is cheap around 11 to 11-1/4 or even 11-1/2 cents and is bound to go higher.

Some authorities state that the cotton acreage has been reduced 7.6 per cent, and that even Texas which many had supposed was going to show an increase actually exhibits a decrease of 3 per cent. The biggest decrease is put at 11 per cent. in Georgia. Then follow Alabama and Florida with 10.8 per cent, Arkansas with 10.6 per cent, Oklahoma, with 10, Mississippi with 9.7, South Carolina with 4, North Carolina 7; Tennessee 6; Texas 3 and Louisiana 1.7 per cent. This figures out a total acreage of only 33,883,000 acres against 36,681,000 last year. The crop is 3 to 4 weeks late. Within the last 30 days crop prospects according to some reports, have improved. But many believe that the chances are against a crop of adequate size being raised. The chief feature is the excellent demand for the actual cotton at home and abroad.

EDEN NOTES.

Eden, June 17.—Carl Reeves is at home for vacation days from Wanesboro, Virginia, where he has been teaching. Mr. J. B. Brooks spent the latter part of the week with his mother, Mrs. L. R. Brooks. Mr. L. A. Armstrong has had his dwelling house painted recently, which adds to the looks very much. Captain Harvey Woods is very ill at this writing. Mr. Will Woods and wife from Honea Path spent Tuesday with Mr. M. W. Gray and family. Fred Armstrong is at home for vacation from Honea Path where he has been going to school. Mr. Will Hipp from Mountville, spent a few days with Mr. C. V. Hipp and family. Mr. L. E. Armstrong is very sick at this writing. Mrs. L. R. Brooks and Miss Vivian Owens spent a few days in Laurens last week. Mr. C. V. Hipp who has been very sick is slowly improving now. Miss Alpha Martin was the guest of Miss Jenovee Babb Saturday night.



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TWO CONVICTED OF MURDER.

Alleged Slayers of Little Andrew Jackson Found Guilty.

Florence, June 15.—The jury in the case of Tarry McIntosh and John Williams, charged with the murder of little Andrew Jackson, brought in a verdict of guilty at 11:30 o'clock. The court room was filled with people, a number of whom were ladies who had sat throughout the day listening to the case. Attorneys McNeill, Davis and Oliver spoke to the jury for the defence, and Solicitors Wells and Spears for the State. The arguments were completed at 10 o'clock. The judge's charge at 10:30 and the jury retired immediately, being in the room about forty minutes. There was a slight demonstration when the jury handed up their verdict, but Judge Shipp quelled it in a second.

The usual motion for new trial was made.

Florence, June 15.—The case of the State vs Harry McIntosh and John Williams, charged with the murder of little Andrew Jackson, in this city, about two months ago, was entered into shortly before the court of general sessions adjourned yesterday afternoon, and will be late in tonight and probably tomorrow morning before the attorneys will get through with their arguments, the judge his charge and the jury go to their room. After the jury in the Hill case came into court yesterday, the defense moved for a continuance of the case on the grounds that some of their witnesses were not present and not accessible; that they had not had access to the testimony taken at the coroner's inquest; that there was not sufficient time in which the court could hear the case before adjournment would be necessary on account of the limitation of the Court, and that it would require some time to secure a jury, as it was likely that an extra venire would have to be summoned. Judge Shipp overruled all these points and ordered the case to trial.

The court then proceeded to secure the jury and there were 32 of the 36 names of the panel drawn before the full jury was gotten. The State objected to only one of the jurors called and the defense 13.

The jury as made up and sworn is as follows: L. T. Barnes, foreman; Eli Hatchell, W. B. White, S. E. Hanna, S. W. Floyd, George Warr, B. M. Truluck, A. B. McLeod, M. S. Haynesworth, J. J. Daniels, Tom Maree and H. E. Willis. The counsel for both the defense and the State agreed that it was not necessary to keep the jury together and they were permitted to retire when the court adjourned last night.

Court convened promptly at 9 o'clock this morning and the court cautioned the large audience, for the court room was literally packed to its utmost, that silence must be maintained throughout the trial. A noticeable fact was the presence of a very large number of ladies of the city, who took deep interest in the proceedings, for some of them had never before been in a court house while court was in session, and the sheriff or the bailiffs did not have to call them to order once during the day.

The prisoners, Harry McIntosh and John Williams, were brought into court and placed in the dock. McIntosh was permitted to sit with his mother by the side of his counsel within the rail of the bar.

Solicitor Wells is being ably assisted by J. Monroe Spears, the well known solicitor of the 5th circuit.

For the defense are Messrs James P. McNeill, Henry Edward Davis, E. S. Oliver and Fred L. Wilcox, the latter not reaching here till late today from Richmond.

When the prisoners were brought in there was a general craning of necks to see them. They are both typical Africans, one of the thin, ferret-like type and the other the rotund type, with small bead-like and shifty eyes, looking startled and apprehensive as they came in handcuffed together, but both sleek and well kept and evidently with small sense of moral responsibility for the crime of which they stand accused. They are about grown, and are intelligent looking as that type of African generally is. They became more composed as the time passed on, and watched the drawing of the jury, and the faces of their distinguished counsel, for it does not often happen that negro youths are so well represented as these two are.

A number of witnesses were examined, but perhaps the evidence most damaging to the defendants was the following statement of Freddie McIntosh while in jail:

I was standing on Evans street, near Mr. Jordan's, where John and Harry passed by in the hack, driving the gray mare, and saw little Andrew Jackson jump up behind the hack. I saw Harry take him by the arm and get him in the hack. Harry told John to drive fast, and they went on back to the stable. I went on back home and was standing at the wood pile and I saw Harry hold Andrew and John hit him two hard licks with a piece of iron,

once on the back and once on the side of the head, and Andrew hollered, "Oh Lord, I am dead and can't see my mamma any more; I would have been home if those boys had not held me on that hack and brought me here." This was under the hack shed. William Foxworth was there too, and saw everything. He knows more than I do about it, for he was back there with them.

When John hit he fell to the ground and Harry jumped on him and choked him; they then put him in the long stable. This was between 7 and 8 o'clock. He stayed there until the boys came back from the depot that night, then John and Harry brought him in the house and put him in the closet, near the telephone, and covered up. They kept him in the closet until the next night about 10 o'clock. John and Harry took him out of the closet and put him in the hack; they were driving "Big John" and carried him off. The next morning I heard them talking together at the depot, and they said they had Andrew in a safe place; that he would soon rot in that car box. When they took him out of the house he was wrapped up in two or three of my mother's old skirts—one black and one yellow. They said they was going off from here. I told them if they did I would tell Mr. Burch; they said I had better not tell Mr. Burch nothing. On the night of the killing my mother was cooking supper when the boys carried him in the house and my sister, Lucile, was sick in bed, and my father was in Wilmington, N. C., on his run. He did not come back until the next night. I do not think my father and mother knew anything about it, and William did not help John and Harry, but he was there and saw it all.

His
Freddie (X) McIntosh.
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Signed in the presence of Dr. E. M. Matthews, H. M. Hill, Thos. S. Burch, at jail in Florence, May 23, 1912.

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