

The Surplus Is Gone.

WASHINGTON, D.C., Sept. 20.—The surplus is gone. According to Assistant Secretary Batcheller's statement made several days since, it had fallen from \$107,000,000 at which point it stood a year ago to \$19,000,000. This balance will be practically wiped out by the reports and estimates now being prepared for submission to Congress.

There are agencies provided for by law for ascertaining the indebtedness of the United States to its citizens, which work uselessly but with notorious effect. Chief among these is the Court of Claims. The late Mr. Tanner rather boastfully charged himself with being the champion "surplus ripper." He is not. The Court of Claims beats him out of eight, and does, too, in entire accord with the forms of law.

"Very few people," said a prominent official of the Department of Justice to the Star correspondent, "know anything about the Court of Claims or understand the magnitude of the powers committed to it, or the vast amount of the claims against the Government constantly passing under its jurisdiction in one shape or another. The court has before it now Southern war claims for supplies taken by the Union forces from loyal residents of the South during the war, amounting to \$250,000,000; French spoliation cases amounting to about \$12,900,000, and suits brought against the United States under the original jurisdiction of the court in which the amounts claimed aggregate \$20,000,000. These are official figures taken from the report of the Department of Justice."

The Southern claims come before the court under what is known as the Buxton act, which limits the authority of the court to investigate the report findings of facts and figures. These cases, however, are defeated by the Attorney General and his assistants with as much vigor as if the court were authorized to render final judgment, and the awards made by the court become obligations which Congress is in honor bound to make provision to pay. The ratio of findings against the government in these Southern claim cases, as far as they have been heard, is about 10 per cent., which indicates a probable total award against the government of \$25,000,000, payment of which has been delayed now over twenty-five years, but can not be kept back much longer.

In the French spoliation cases, which have been hanging for over half a century, and in the suits brought under the original jurisdiction of the Court by aggrieved contractors, officials and others, the Court is authorized to render judgment, subject, in the latter class of cases, to appeal to the Supreme Court. The judgments already entered in the French spoliation cases indicate a total liability on the account of about \$6,000,000.

In the suits brought under the original jurisdiction of the Court, a comparison of the judgments rendered with the amounts claimed during the last four years indicates a probable liability under this head of about \$5,000,000. Thus the liabilities of the United States now pending in the Court of Claims, if brought to immediate settlement, would absorb all but four millions of surplus. The normal annual increase in the estimate of the departments arising out of the growth of the country, and leaving out of sight any abnormal increase on account of pensions, will much more than absorb the balance.

Looking the facts straight in the face, as any business man would do in figuring on his own affairs, Uncle Sam today has no surplus to call his own.—New York Star.

The Bailey Cotton.

Cotton planters in North Carolina are watching with particular interest the practical test, on a large scale, of the merits of what is known as the "Bailey" cotton, which takes its name from Hector Bailey, a colored man, who was its discoverer in Hartet county in 1855. The stalk resembles that of ordinary cotton, but is stouter. The leaves differ widely from those usually seen. They are long and shaped like a hand. The flowers are of a large size, and so are the bolls. The seed are large and very black, while the staple is nearly as long as that of sea island cotton, and is silky in texture. It was at first thought that this cotton was the result of a crossing of the okra plant with ordinary cotton, but it is now known that this idea was erroneous, and that the discovery is that of a new variety of upland cotton. Captain Octavius Cole, a well known planter near Raleigh, has several acres of the "Bailey" cotton in growth, which is now maturing. There is an offer of sixteen cents per pound for the cotton, which is all to be specially ginned. The seed will all be handled by the Bailey Cotton company, but Raleigh, which sells every year, has several acres of the "Bailey" cotton in upland, but a few miles west of there this cotton is being tested on bottom lands. An inspection of the plants shows that they are heavily fruited and have shown remarkably well the trying ordeal of a cold and wet summer.

"He Kissed Me."

Here is an educational incident: A girl being told to parse the sentence "He Kissed Me," consented reluctantly, because opposed to speaking of private affairs in public. "He," she commenced with unnecessary emphasis, and a fond lingering over the word that brought crimson to her cheeks, "is a pronoun, third person, singular number, masculine gender; a gentleman, pretty well fixed; universally considered a good catch. Kiss is a verb, transitive—too much so; regular—very energetic; indicative mood—indicating affection; first and third persons, plural number and governed by circumstances. Me—oh, everybody knows me," and down she went.

The State has not saved much by making stiffer rules for the allowance of pensions and decreasing the payment. The number of applications approved and pensions paid during the fiscal year just closed was 1,922, only 73 less than last year under the old law. The appropriation of \$50,000 was exhausted by the payment to each pensioner of \$2.40 in September instead of \$3, the sum allowed.

The First Cotton Manufacturing State in the South.

For years, Georgia stood at the head of the Southern States as the largest producer of cotton goods. It was the pioneer in the business, and to it is largely due the development of this important industry. Augusta and Columbus grew to great cotton manufacturing cities, and showed the South how much profit there was in converting its great staple into cloth.

According to the annual statement of Mr. A. B. Shepperson, the cotton expert, Georgia no longer leads, but South Carolina is now at the head of the list, using 132,319 bales of cotton last year, as against 120,988 bales consumed by the Georgia mills. This is a phenomenal advance, indeed, for in 1885 '87, two years ago, South Carolina mills used only 99,970 bales of cotton, the State having increased its production 33 per cent in three years.

This is certainly remarkable improvement. The entire South has been advancing in cotton manufactures, but South Carolina is far ahead of any of its neighbors. This has been accomplished by constant agitation and discussion of the matter. The South Carolinians see that their chief hope lies in manufacturing their factories with a view and increasing their production with an earnestness which has produced the cotton mills. In many of the South Carolina towns, premiums have been offered for the establishment of mills and liberal bills made for northern factories which contemplated working South. It is in this way that South Carolina has made such a rapid advance in its cotton industries until it now leads the South.—N. O. Times Democrat.

ADVICE TO MOTHERS.

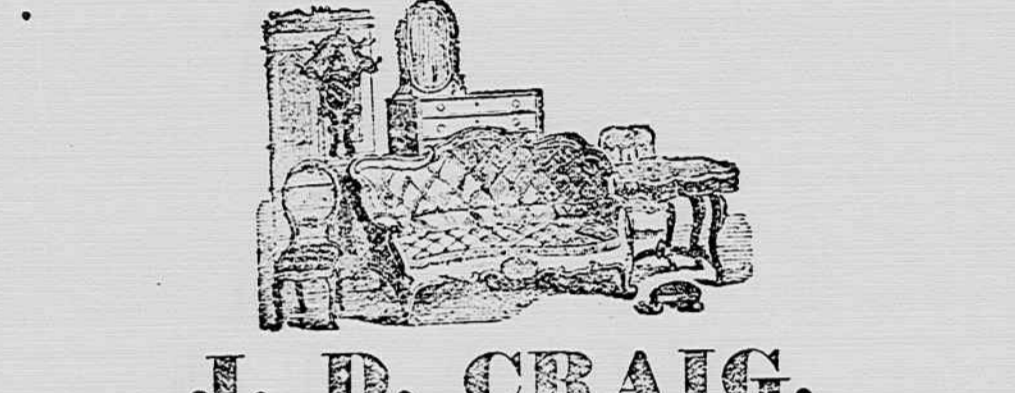
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Every mother is cautioned against giving her child Laudanum or paregoric; it creates an uncurable craving for stimulants which kills the mind of the child. Acker's Baby Soother is specially prepared to benefit children and cure their pains. It is harmless and contains no Opium or Morphine. Sold by J. F. W. Delorme.

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Parlor Suits, Bed Room Suits, wood or marble-top, Wardrobes, Bureaus, Washstands, Bedsteads, Chairs, Book Cases, Tables, Mattresses, Bed Springs, in fact everything to be had at a first class Furniture Store in almost endless variety.

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Calls attended any hour—day or night, prices reasonable, and satisfaction assured.
Oct 5

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FULL STOCK!

CHEAP GOODS!

Every Department well supplied and added to daily.

To my many customers who have patronized me liberally for several years I return thanks, and ask a continuance of their patronage.

My stock has been purchased at LOWEST PRICES

NORTHERN MARKETS

and has been marked at small advance on cost, as I am determined not to be undersold by any.

Call and Examine.

Bargains in Many Goods.

A. A. SOLOMONS.

Sumter, S. C., October 12, 1889.

Destructive Fire in Savannah.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Oct. 9.—The lower hydraulic and Tyler cotton compresses with five warehouses and 4,000 bales of cotton were burned this morning. The fire started in the hydraulic press yard and spread with such rapidity that the firemen were unable to control it and it burned until all the warehouses and presses were destroyed, and there was nothing more for the flames to feed upon.

Three vessels, the Napier, Cypress and Carlton, all British steamships, were lying at the wharves in front of the burning buildings. For a long time the Carlton was in great danger; one side of her was blistered and the wharves took fire. Of the 4,000 bales of cotton there will be scarcely any saved. The loss is estimated at \$400,000.

The insurance on buildings, presses, etc., is \$86,500, and \$7,000 is accounted for on cotton. A great part of the cotton was covered by floating policies.

The destruction of the presses will not interfere in any way in the handling of cotton. The reserve presses of the Savannah Cotton Press Association, which controlled the burned presses, will be started to-morrow and their capacity is more than equal that of the hydraulic and Tyler presses.

The origin of the fire is unexplained. The watchman in the warehouse where it started saw a blaze flash up from a pile of cotton bales and before anything could be done the entire warehouse was in flames.

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DRY GOODS, GROCERIES

GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

We are not only the LEADING GROCERY HOUSE in this city, but for several seasons have LED IN LOW PRICES on many staple articles in our

DRY GOODS DEPARTMENT.

We now request the attention of the trade and solicit buyers to call and see our line of

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We are showing all the latest and popular shades in plain and staple goods, Cashmeres, Serges, Henriettas, plaids and striped suitings, &c. Beautiful suits with rich combinations which are the very newest effects out.

BLACK DRESS GOODS.

This line is, as usual, replete, and all marked at prices which command the attention of close buyers.

A large and elegant line of Ladies', Gent's and Children's Underwear, Brown and Check Homespuns, Bleach and Cambric Goods, Double Faced Canton Flannels, in fact everything to be found in a general stock.

BLANKETS, FLANNELS, COMFORTS, SHAWLS,
OUR SHOE STOCK

Ladies' and Misses' Wraps, Newmarkets, and Walking Jackets. is complete in all styles for Gents', Ladies' and Children's wear at rock bottom prices. No goods misrepresented.

Heavy and Fancy Groceries.

In this line we always give the best article for the least money. We call special attention this week to Choice Sugar Cured Hams, all fresh and desirable sizes. Choice Smoked Tongues and Breakfast Bacon.

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| 2 lb. can Brook Trout, 25c. | Genuine French Sardines. |
| 1 lb. can Lobsters, best brands, 20c. | Domestic Sardines. |
| 1 lb. can "Pinto" Salmon, 20c. | Sardines in Mustard, Spiced Sardines. |
| Columbia River Salmon, 1 lb., \$1.55 doz. | 1, 2 and 3 lb. cans of Brawn, Corned Beef, |
| Shrimp, extra fine, 30c. | Roast Beef, Ck Tongue. |
| Patented Rolled Lunch Tongue, 20c. | Chicken Soup, Minced Steak, Oysters, &c. |
| Deviled Ham and Tongue, 10c. | Bologna, Imported Cheese. |
| 3 lb. can Tripe, 25c. | Extra Fancy Cream Cheese. |
| 1 lb. can Chipped Beef, 20c. | Finest Creamery Butter. |

Try our Health Biscuits, only 15c. lb., and Fancy Tea Cakes, 20 and 25c. lb., received weekly. They are light, easily digested and exceedingly nutritious. We have always made a specialty in

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and it is a fact that we lead them all in our prices on SUGARS. Samples furnished, and free and prompt delivery.

We carry the largest assortment and the very best brands in Canned Goods, Pickles, Sauces, Jellies, Jams, Preserves, Extracts, &c. Pickling, assorted flavors, 10c., Raisins, Currants, Citrons, Spices, &c. Our warehouses are now crowded with

DUCKER & BULTMAN.

FALL AND WINTER 1889.

The subscribers feeling very grateful for the hearty support accorded them during their mercantile career in the City of Sumter, come again to the front, and offer this season an unusually large and varied stock of

General Merchandise,

and it is useless to attempt an enumeration; suffice it then, when we assure you that it far surpasses our usual efforts.

There are so many new styles and varieties that we are forced to invite personal inspection. Our

BLACK DRESS GOODS

Department is replete with all that is necessary to make up a first class Mourning Goods Department, and all marked at prices which command the attention of close buyers.

FALL FASHIONS

IN FULL FORCE IN OUR

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Magnificent wearings, rich patterns, artistic cut and expert workmanship are in the make up of every suit and garment.

SCHOOL SUITS

for the rising generation, and happy will you be in mind and pocket if you come to us, where you will meet with grace and tone in every suit, and at prices that will please every parent.

Remember we had over

200 DOZEN HATS,

and our stock is somewhat depleted, yet we have still a large number to select from. Call and make your selections.

SHOES

Ladies', Misses', Gents', Boys' and Children's

in all styles and qualities, among them Messrs. E. P. Reed & Co.'s celebrated Kid and Goat Button Boots for Ladies and Misses at \$2.50, every pair warranted. Also, Dixon's renowned \$3.00 Shoes for Gents' wear. Both makes have a national reputation.

Groceries, Groceries.

We handle Staple Groceries by the Car Load, which enables us to give our patrons

ROCK BOTTOM PRICES.

It is our intention to meet all honorable competition, and we ask our friends throughout the County to place our goods IN ALL LINES, before making their purchases. Respectfully,
Sept. 15

EVERYTHING NEW AND STYLISH.

To the Public:
WE HAVE JUST OPENED A MAGNIFICENT LINE OF EVERY KIND AND GRADE OF

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FROM THE CHEAPEST TO THE BEST,
AND CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO INSPECT OUR STOCK.

Bedroom Suits, Sideboards, Chairs,
Parlor Suits, Wardrobes, Lounges,
Dining Suits, Bookcases, Pictures, Frames.

Window Shades a Specialty—Examine our "Dados" at 50cts.

WE WILL GIVE AWAY

ON 3d DAY OF JANUARY AS A PRIZE A BEAUTIFUL RED SILK PULSH ROSEWOOD PARLOR SUIT, CONSISTING OF 6 PIECES AND VALUED AT \$100.00 EVERY \$10 WORTH OF GOODS BOUGHT ENTITLED THE PURCHASER TO A TICKET.

DURANT & BELITZER.

September 4.

THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS!

CAN BE SAVED BY THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTY.

NOW IS THE GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY!

Stoves! Stoves! Stoves!

PUMPS! PUMPS! PUMPS!

HOUSE FURNISHING GOODS, CROCKERY, GLASSWARE, HARDWARE, WOODENWARE, CHINA, FANCY GOODS, TOYS, TINWARE,

in fact our immense assortment of

New Fall and Winter Goods

is now in stock and opened for inspection and offered at extremely low prices.

While maintaining the uniform standard of quality and excellence by good management, careful buying and being content with SMALL PROFITS, we have raised the standard and lowered our price, until it is now a fact that the nicest stock of goods in this section is now being offered for sale by us for the least money.

T. C. SCAFFE,

Sumter, S. C.

THE "TRUST" BROKEN!

What Trust? The Trust on High Prices.

WE DID IT!

GOODS WELL BOUGHT ARE HALF SOLD.

We have always had the reputation of being

THE LOWEST PRICED HOUSE IN SUMTER.

We are better prepared than ever before to sustain this reputation, having opened a

LARGE AND COMPLETE STOCK,

which for variety, styles, quality and cheapness cannot be excelled.

We have got the "pull" on Low Prices and competitors are left behind.

We offer the best goods for the least money. Come and see.

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Sept. 11

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CHARLESTON, S. C.
First Class in all its Appointments.
Supplied with all Modern Improvements.
Excellent Cuisine, Large airy Rooms,
Ours Passenger Elevator, Electric Bells and Lights, Heated Rotunda.

RATES \$2.00, \$2.50 AND \$3.00.
Rooms Reserved by Mail or Telegraph.
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IN THE BEND OF KING STREET,
CHARLESTON, S. C.

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Importers and Wholesale Dealers in
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CHARLESTON, S. C.,
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CHOICE APPLES, PEARS,
LEMONS, POTATOES,
CABBAGES, ONIONS,
NUTS OF ALL KINDS,
Etc., Etc.
Orders solicited and promptly filled.
Oct. 2.

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Wholesale and Retail Dealer in
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ZEPHYRS IN ALL COLORS AND SHADES.
Orders entrusted to our care will receive prompt attention.
MRS. WHITE & MISS MILLER
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