

The Watchman and Southron.

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The Cotton Crop.

The National Department's Reliable Report.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The statements furnished the Department of Agriculture by the various railway and water transportation companies of the cotton movement to ports and Northern and Eastern points from the beginning of the season to January 1, 1895, together with returns made by the department's county agents of the amount of cotton remaining on plantations and in interior towns on January 1, and the amounts reported by mills as bought from September 1 to January 1, shows as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Category (Railway movement from North Carolina, Remaining on plantations and in interior towns, Bought by mills, Total crop) and Value.

Table with 2 columns: Category (Railway movement from South Carolina, Remaining on plantations and in interior towns, Bought by mills, Total crop) and Value.

Table with 2 columns: Category (Railway movement from Georgia, Remaining on plantations and in interior towns, Bought by mills, Total crop) and Value.

Table with 2 columns: Category (Railway movement from Florida, Remaining on plantations and in interior towns, Bought by mills, Total crop) and Value.

Table with 2 columns: Category (Railway movement from Alabama, Remaining on plantations and in interior towns, Bought by mills, Total crop) and Value.

Table with 2 columns: Category (Railway movement from Mississippi, Remaining on plantations and in interior towns, Bought by mills, Total crop) and Value.

Table with 2 columns: Category (Railway movement from Louisiana, Remaining on plantations and in interior towns, Bought by mills, Total crop) and Value.

Table with 2 columns: Category (Railway movement from Texas (scale), Remaining on plantations and in interior towns, Bought by mills, Total crop) and Value.

Table with 2 columns: Category (Railway movement from Arkansas, Remaining on plantations and in interior towns, Bought by mills, Total crop) and Value.

Table with 2 columns: Category (Railway movement from Tennessee, Remaining on plantations and in interior towns, Bought by mills, Total crop) and Value.

Table with 2 columns: Category (Railway movement from Indian Territory and Oklahoma, Remaining on plantations and in interior towns, Bought by mills, Total crop) and Value.

Table with 2 columns: Category (Railway movement from Missouri, Remaining on plantations and in interior towns, Bought by mills, Total crop) and Value.

Table with 2 columns: Category (Railway movement from Virginia, Remaining on plantations and in interior towns, Bought by mills, Total crop) and Value.

Table with 2 columns: Category (Railway movement from Kentucky, Remaining on plantations and in interior towns, Bought by mills, Total crop) and Value.

Table with 2 columns: Category (Railway movement from Kansas, Remaining on plantations and in interior towns, Bought by mills, Total crop) and Value.

Total railway movement 6,545,728. Total remaining on plantations and in interior towns 2,080,739. Total bought by mills 461,533. Total crop 9,088,000.

and South Carolina mills from States in which their mills are not located. also 14,886 bales bought by Virginia and 8,485 bales bought by Kentucky mills, all of which are included in the railway movement, making a total of 493,292 bales reported by the Southern mills as bought from September 1, 1894 to January 1, 1895.

The figures in the above report are subject to revision in the final April report of the Department. The proportion of the crop forwarded to market up to February 1, and which is therefore no longer in the hands of producers or in the smaller towns, is shown by the consolidated returns of correspondents to be 89.9 per cent., leaving 10.1 per cent, still in the hands of producers or in those of local merchants.

The per cent, by States is as follows: North Carolina, 87; South Carolina, 91; Georgia, 94; Florida, 87; Alabama, 81; Mississippi, 88; Louisiana, 89; Texas, 89; Arkansas, 90; Tennessee, 90; Indian Territory and Oklahoma, 88; Missouri, Virginia, Kentucky and Kansas, 87—average, 89.9.

Losses from insects have been small, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas reported loss to some extent.

The proportion of lint to seed ranges from 29.0 to 33.9 per cent; average 32.9.

The average date of closing picking was December 4.

The quality of the present crop is slightly above an average.

Hugh Wilson's Notion.

That form of idiocy which advocates the cultivation of tobacco has not yet stricken this part of the Lord's vineyard.

But for fear some deluded creature may be carried away with some idea that he can spite the cotton mill men by going into the tobacco business we would suggest that any tobacco country with which we are acquainted, has the looks of the most God forsaken stretches of hills and valleys that we have ever looked upon. The people are the poorest, and their credit is next to nothing. The usual amount of advances on liens on tobacco crops, in lands notably for tobacco, we have been told, ranges from \$10 to \$20. The usual amount not exceeding \$15.

Cotton is the nicest crop that grows in any field. The youngest child or the oldest worker may help in gathering it. It is simple of culture. Will wait on the seasons. Is not easily spoiled in the field, or after it is gathered. It has a marketable cash value every day in every year.

But tobacco culture is a more doubtful experiment. In the first place, it is the dirtiest and filthiest crop that human hands ever touched, and we do not see how nice people can handle it without experiencing in their persons and in their clothing the filthiness and the offensiveness of the contact.

In the second place, tobacco is a most sensitive crop to the unfavorable influences of the weather. It requires more experience, skill and capital to take care of it, even after it has been produced, than any other crop. A frost, heavy dews, foggy weather, or any weather not exactly suited for it is exceeding injurious.

In the third place, it requires the building of large and comfortable barns. In fact, it requires better houses than many people occupy.

And last, but not least, the manipulation and sale of the crop is not satisfactorily or easily controlled. It may be graded or rated in such a way as to be ruinous to the planter.

But it is said that history repeats itself. A hundred years ago our planters grew tobacco in Abbeville County, but they abandoned it for the cleaner and better crop—cotton.—Abbeville Press and Banner.

The Dundee (Scotland) Courier has sent two lady correspondents, Miss Marie Imand and Miss Bessie Maxwell, on a tour around the world to investigate in different countries the condition of women. They expect to travel 25,000 miles in the course of their inquiry.

Dr Herman Weber has presented \$10,000 to the Royal College of Physicians on condition that it is to be used as prizes for the discovery of a cure for consumption. The college accepted the gift with thanks.

Robert Buchanan's bankruptcy is ascribed in part to unwarranted extravagance in living. No American writer has recently been brought into court on account of his debts, but it is noteworthy that successful authors in America frequently adopt a scale of living that seems to be a mere aping of the ways of the rich. Nearly every author is driven into a variety of avocations to increase his income, and, while few literary men earn more than \$5,000 a year by strictly literary work, their originally chosen specialty, several earn three or four times as much in related occupations.

A Louisville, Ky., man, who says he never drinks, tells of a farmer who has produced a breed of fur-bearing chickens, which sport in ice water and cackle briskly in the midst of almost eternal snow. This was accomplished by skin-grafting a selected cock and hen with rabbit skin, half an inch at a time. The process was painful, but succeeded admirably. Eggs of the new breed sell rapidly at \$1.75 a dozen and are hatched out by ordinary hens, who invariably die of fright upon perceiving the strange appearance of their offspring.

The King of the Kluklux.

ATLANTA, Ga. February 14.—McCurehen, known as "King" of the Murray County White-caps, made a full confession to-day. He was brought back yesterday from Arkansas. McCurehen says that he led the band which tried to lynch Worley and a few days later was a member of the crowd which killed him. McCurehen states that he fired the second shot and hit Worley as he was falling to the ground, another member of the party having shot him first. McCurehen states that he was tired of trying to elude arrest and is willing to take the consequences.

It is said that Miss Gertrude Vanderbilt, one of the famous family of millionaires, has drawn about her a little circle of friends and organized a club styled "The Downtrodden," which is opposed to the great aggregations of wealth, and is pronounced socialistic in its doctrines.

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Advertisement for 'Vital to Manhood' pills. Includes text about the benefits of the pills for men's health.

Advertisement for 'Patents' and 'Munn & Co.' Includes text about patent law and the services offered by Munn & Co.

Advertisement for 'H. G. Osteen & Co.' Includes text about the company's products and services, such as pens, ink, and blank books.

Advertisement for 'China Painting' at the 'Sumter Institute'. Includes text about the institute's offerings and contact information for H. F. Wilson, Pres.

Advertisement for 'Dr. L. Alva Solomons, Dentist'. Includes text about the dentist's office location and hours.

Advertisement for 'L.A. McKagen Druggist'. Includes an illustration of a mortar and pestle and text about the druggist's services.

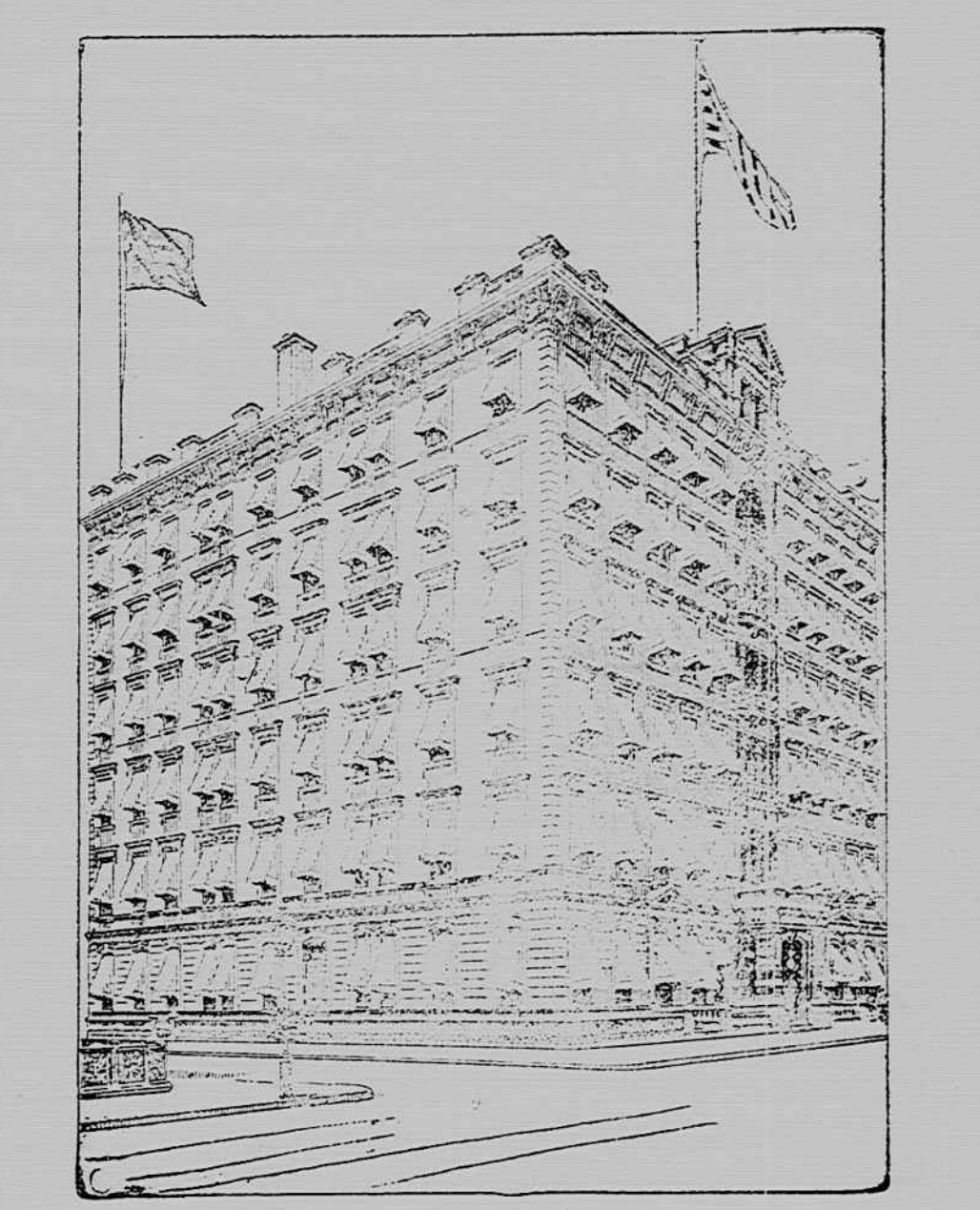
Advertisement for 'The Simonds National Bank of Sumter'. Includes text about the bank's capital and services.

Advertisement for 'GEO. W. STEFFENS & SON'. Includes text about the company's wholesale agents and products.

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Advertisement for 'Gold and Silver Watches'. Includes an illustration of a pocket watch and text about the quality and variety of watches.

Advertisement for 'Marble Works, Commander & Richardson'. Includes text about the company's marble and granite products.



Advertisement for the 'Madison Avenue Hotel'. Includes text about the hotel's location, amenities, and contact information for H. M. Clark, Proprietor.

Advertisement for 'Folsom' watches and jewelry. Includes an illustration of a pocket watch and text about the quality and variety of Folsom products.

Advertisement for 'Hay Presses'. Includes text about the company's hay presses and contact information for Henry B. Bloom.

Advertisement for 'R. W. Durant & Son' hardware. Includes text about the company's hardware products and contact information.