COTTON SEED OIL MEN COMPLAIN.

Manufacturers of cotton seed oil are "un against" a proposition that has already closed four or more of the largest mills in the State and will likely cause more mills to close down. At the beginning of the season the market price of seed was \$12 per ion. The quotation later in the season was set at \$17 by the Atlantic Cotton Oil Company, which operates four of the largest mills in the State. The price has bounded past the quotation and is now \$20 per ton. Manufacturers claim that when the seed is bought for \$20, anywhere from \$2 to \$3 is lost per ton. There is no expected advance in the price of crude or refined oil and all mills which are now buying at \$20 are engaging in the wildest speculation. In this connection a gentleman who understands the business thoroughly said yesterday :

"I bad a great deal rather buy oil on the New York Exchange and hold it with hopes of an advance. Refined oil," he said, "can now be bought in New York \$2 cheaper than it can be manufactured by mills paying \$20 per ton for seed.

"The situation is a serious one. The policy that some of the mills are pursuing by paying \$20 for seed is a very destructive one The causes of the advance are two-fold. First, the late season and the opening of ten or more mills in the State. The new mills are anxious to get down to business, and most of them are buying at \$20 or thereabout. The demand and price of the products of the seed, viz, bulls, meal, oil, linters, are not of such a pature to warrant the safe buying of seed at \$20. The mills are simply cutting each other's throats. It seems impossible to reach an agreement whereby a uniform price can be established and maintained "

The trouble, however, this sesson seems to be with the mills. Every mill is at loggerheads with the others. The condition is somewhat similar to the cotton mills when new cotton is coming in.

Mr. A. C. Phelps, secretary and treasurer of the Atlantic Cotton Oil Company, was in the city yesterday looking over the cotton seed situation and inspecting the new work being done at the plant of the old Mutual Refining Company.

"The Atlantic Company owns and controls four of the finest cotton seed milis in the State, and not one of them is running, owing to the high price of seed " Mr. Pheips said : "Two of our mills ran for a time at the first of the season, but we have closed all of them down Low and I do not know when we will be able to start again. I issued instructions resterday to over 300 of our buyers to hold off until the price came down to \$17. I have figured it in every way possible to buy ered at \$20 and make morey. When the season first opened I set the limit at \$17, little thinking at the time that it would ever get there, but, to my surprise, it has gone beyond. The only thing for us to do is to shut dow. We cannot run and lose money. The mills that buy at \$20 are sure to lose. The only way that I can see that they intend making money is for oil to rise, and oil isn't going to do that. It's speculation, and if I wanted to speculate I'd go to New York and do it legitimately. No, I am sorry I do not know what the remedy is. I cannot say either how many mills have closed nor how The seed were bought at the opening of the season. When they give out I suppose they will take a sensible view of the situation and shut down. I pronounce the condition very serious "

Mr. Phelps is every much acouraged with the progress of the work on the old Mutual Refinery. The refinery was cought some themselves in the eyes of the world months ago by the Atlantic Cotton Oil Company and at once a force of men was set to work on improvements. The capacity has been increased to 700 barrels per day, almost double the former capacity, and the storage capacity has been increased to 20,000 barels. The mill will be put into operation very

Mr. Phelps was accompanied to the city by Mr. C. S. McCallough, president and treasurer of Pee-Dee Oil and Ice Company, Darlington. The Pee-Dee mill is a new one and has not yet been completed. Mr. McCullough said that he had been buying seed up to the time that the price reached \$20. He considers it suicidal to buy at that price. Mr McCullough is an experienced mill man and anderstands the situation thoroughly.

Mr. A. C McFali, manager of the oil mill in this city under the course of construction, could not be seen yesterday, as be was slightly indisposed. It is anderstood, however, that he is not buying at \$20.

Another matter which brought Mr. Phelps regard to the matter other than that he was forced to ship every barrelo; cil to New get shipping room here for about 25,000 barrels within the next three or four month, but it was impossible to do so. The company which he represents is a large one and Scotland, Hotland and several other countries. Last year the export business of the Atlantic Company was about 25,000 berrels and this year the business will be almost doubled .- News and Courier, Sept. 28

Story of a Slave. To be bound hand and foot for years by the chains of discase is the worst form of slavery George D. Williams, of Manchester, Mich tells how such a slave was made free. He says: "My wife has been so helpless for five years that sits could not turn over in bed alone. After using two bettles of Electric Bitters, she is wonderfully improved and able to do her own work." This supreme remedy for female diseases quickly cures nervousness, sleepless ness, melancholy, headache, backache, fainting and dizzy spells. This miracle working medicine is a godseud to weak, sickly, run down Sold by J. F. W. DeLorme, Druggist. 6

Fields' Minstrels

Al G. Fields long ago established himself as the king of minstressy and has held that place securely against all competitors for public favor, but this year be bas surpassed nimself, and his company under the direction of Dan Quinlan, is the most superb minstrel company that has ever delighted a Sumter audience. The costumes are as handsome as money could buy or good taste devise and the performance from first to last left nothing to be desired.

The specialties were exceedingly fine, particularly the acrobatic work of the Zoust family. The singing of Aubrey Pringle. bass; Handel Hastings, baritone: Will Walling, tenor, and Archie Hood was exquisite and each of them was encored. The company was well balanced as to voices and the overture by the whole company and the various chorusses were exceptionally good.

The house was crowded and if a well pleased audience and a good business at the ed bim in which battle he had been in box office are inducements the Al G. Fields Big Minstrels will visit Somter again, and jured they will be very welcome

War corresponding these days is somewhat worse than soldiering, face at l'ull Run?' I asked Twenty-one correspondents have been killed or bave died of disease during ogetically, after I had run a mile or

Will Not Run at a Loss. Homicide in Timmonsville.

J M. Trueluck Shot by Amos Singleterry.

at about 10 o'clock Mr. J. M. Trueously wounded by a negro, Amos 17 Singleterry by name The wound is have been unable to locate it. It is considered as being very dangerous. luck, and the following are the facts aid of the national Democratic party in the case. Mr. Millard Purvis, a brother of Mr. Trueluck's partner, had a difficulty with the negro in the afternoon in which the negro was lightly punished for having given offense to Mr. Purvis some time ago. The trouble was considered settled doubtful States and Mr. Purvis had gone home. At met the negro at the stables and the negro cursed him. Mr. Trueluck ran for the negro and the latter shot luck followed him to the rear of the stables and scuffled with him, taking the pistol from him Being very weak from the shock of the wound, the negro broke loose and made his escape. The sheriff was notified and came with dogs, but the negro has not been captured The shooting negro Mr. Truelnck is a very popular young man and the town is

Michael Davitt Disappointed in Boers.

London, Sept 18 .- The Pretoria correspondent of the Standard in a recent dispatch throws and entirely new light upon Michael Davitt's experience in the Transvaal and his feelings towards the Boers. In view three to six feet deep of Mr Davitt's contributions to the American press during and subsequent to his visit to the seat of war, the Standard's dispatch is of interest. It is as follows:

on the 15th of May, broken and eick within a mile of them. of heart, according to the words he many are going to close. The new mills, of Rev H J. Batts, Baptist minister. people have perished below this city course, have a small supply of seed on hand. has recorded them and they are in the Trinity river bottoms by the testified to by Rev Henry W. Good | overflow. win, congregational minister. 'He told me,' says Mr Batts, 'that he had that morning advised the Transvaal government if they would commend and obtain the sympathy of European nations, that they should treat at once with Lord Roberts to this effect: 'Now that the Free State is conquered and we are quite unable to resist alone the might of England, in the interests of humanity and to prevent further bloodshed we will surren-

" 'Instead of doing thie,' said Mr terms are they do not state, and they he paid -The State do not really mean to carry out the threat Their whole action will cover them with ignominy and conof the refinery. He had very little to say in They purpose prolonging the busi-

> "That old man Paul Kruger,' row continued Mr Davitt, 'is engaged in a sort of spiritualist seance business with some blind boy predicting events that were to happen on some day. I came out here at my own expense. It cost me 300 pounds I was full of enthusiasm for these peo ple. They know me, they know my feelings, but they never trusted me Today they refused to give me any information for my papers and go away broken and eick at heart I am thoroughly disillusion ed For me to remain in this atmos phere is no longer possible. I cannot endure it."

HEAVY FIGHTING

London, Sept 26 -The Daily Mail has the following dispatch from Lorenzo Marques:

"Heavy fighting is reported across the Sabi river This means that the British are intercepting Stevn and Reitz who with their forces are at tempting to push northward and effect a junction. A command is said to be surrounded near Peitersburg"

HOW HE GOT IT.

In one of Chauncey M. Depew's stories he told of meeting as funny a man as bimself.

"One day," said Mr Depew, "I met a soldier who had been wounded in the face He was a union man, and I ask

" In the first battle of Bull Run, sir,' he replied. "Bot how could you get hit in the

" 'Weil sir' said the man half apoltwo I got careless and looked back."

An Appeal to Democrats

Senator Tillman, the member from South Carolina of the national Demo oratie committee, has again telegraphed to Col Wille Jones, chairman of the South Carolina Democracy, urging him Timmonsville, Sept 25 .- Last night to raise a fund for the employment of Bryan speakers. In response to this luck, a prominent young liveryman appeal, Col Jones has issued the follow of this place, was shot and danger- ing letter to the chairmen of the eous Democratic executive committees :

Dear Sir : I have just received a in the abdomen, and the doctors telegram from Senator Tillman, our cational committeeman, who is with national committee in Chicago, The shooting took place near the earnestly requesting me to call on the stables of Messrs. Purvis and True- people in the State for contributions in

The money is to be used to defray the expenses of speakers in the doubtful States. While we all realize that South Carolina will go for Bryan, it is cer tainly our duty to do what we can to belp our Democratic friends in the

I will thank you to take up this very the hour named above, Mr Trueluck important matter at once and call upon all club presidents in your county, and the people generally, to take up a collection among the faithful, and please him as above described Mr. True. remit sums so collected to Col U. X. Gunter, Jr, secretary, or to me as chairman, and the sme will be remitted to the chairman of the national Demooratic committee

Wilie Jones, Chairman.

Col Jones earnestly hopes the county chairmen will make vigorous efforts to raise money for this purpose. Senator created great excitement among the Tillman expects South Carolina to confriends of Mr. Trueluck, and earnest tribute \$4,000, or an average of \$100 efforts are being made to arrest the to the county It takes work to raise THE BRADFIELD REGULATOR CO. sach a sum.

The first contribution came in this morning and was from Marion County. P. B. Hamer remitted a check for \$60 for the Democrats of that county.

FLOODS IN TEXAS

Fort Worth, Tex, Sept 28 -The Trinity river continued to rise all day and is fully 95 feet at this point. The overflow reaches out more than a mile, recembling a big lake, and is from

Much of the Cotton Belt Railroad track has been carried away. The Cotton Belt depot is surrounded with water three or four feet deep and all business is suspended temporarily, as "Mr Michael Davitt left Pretoria trains cannot get into the yards or even

As yet no loss of life has been himself used on the railway platform reported, but it is believed that some

> Richmond, Va. Sept 25 -Mrs Eliz abeth Van Lew, who, during the war between the States, furnished the Union forces with valuable information against the Confederate government, assisted prisoners in escaping from Libby prison and who afterward was rewarded by Gen Grant with the postmastership at Richmond, died at her residence here this morning at an advanced age

A FINE IMPOSED.

Yesterday Mr. Harley, the man in Davitt, 'they have sent a message of whose place Howard Allen was killed a threatening character, telling Lord | Last Sunday night, was brought before Roberts that they will blow up the the police court on the charge of main mines or destroy Johannesburg if taining a gambling resort. He some terms are not made What the was given the maximum fine which

Lorenzo Marques, Sept 26 -The German steamer Herzog, which sailto the city was that of exporting the product | tempt before the civilized world. | ed for Europe today, had among her passengers the Transvaal postmaster ness, without seriously meaning to general. Van Alphen; the assistant York and thee expert it. He had hoped to fight, for the one object of heaping secretary of state, Grobler; the state Paid up Capital - - - - 8 75,000 00 up the bars of gold they are taking treasurer, Mallerbe, and a large from the mines and of accumulating quantity of bar gold The railroad and hoarding them in obedience to from Delagoa Bay to Pretoria is ex has agents in England. Garrany, France, the dictation of that old man Kruger | pected to be open for traffic tomor-

> Mr Carnegie said some time ago that the Iron and Steel Trust contributed \$3.000.000 to Hanna's campaign fond in 1896 The probabilities are that it will not throw in quite so liberally this

The Hon Geo. E Prince, of Ander. son, with Stevenson, of Chesterfield, and Weston, of Richland, are spoken of as candidates for speaker of the State house of representatives.

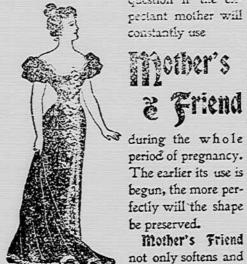
"Uncle Tom," an old negro of Lex ington, Va., who saw a great deal of Geo Lee duringthe civil war, having been employed as a cook at beadquarters, confessed that only once had be heard anything disrespectful said about the idol of the south. In relating the incident, he said : "One night erbout de middle ob de war. I seed a curi'us man go inter de gen'l's tent. He cum out, en whin he got ter whar I wuz he wuz er rippin' en er roario' en er sco tin' 'Wbut's de trubble ?' I sez ter'im 'Trubble,' sez be, I jes got orders ter ride forty miles ter night wid er messidge, en here' tis er snowin' en er blowin, en er elestin' like all persess ed. Im darned ef I know what Gin'l Lee's ertbinkin' erbout ' Well, sir, I jes' looked at 'im fer a minit en then sez ter 'im: 'Fo Gawd. I doan reckin yer does know what Gin'l Lees er thunkin erbout. Man, sir, ef one er Gin'l Lee's thoughts wuz ter get inter yer haid 'twould bus' it open ' "

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