

Will Not Run at a Loss.

COTTON SEED OIL MEN COMPLAIN.

Manufacturers of cotton seed oil are "up 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.

"I had 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 trouble, however, this season 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 mills in the State, and not one of them is running, owing to the high price of seed," Mr. Phelps said. "Two of our mills ran for a time at the first of the season, but we have closed all of them down now and I do not know when we will be able to start again."

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Another matter which brought Mr. Phelps to the city was that of exporting the product of the refinery. He had very little to say in regard to the matter other than that he was forced to ship every barrel of oil to New York and there export it.

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Story of a Slave.

To be bound hand and foot for years by the chains of disease is the worst form of slavery. George D. Williams, of Manchester, Mich., tells how such a slave was made free.

Fields' Minstrels.

A. G. Fields long ago established himself as the king of minstrelsy and has held that place securely against all competitors for public favor; but this year he has surpassed himself, and his company under the direction of Dan Quinlan, is the most superb minstrel company that has ever delighted a Sumter audience.

War Corresponding these days is somewhat worse than soldiering.

Twenty-one correspondents have been killed or have died of disease during the Boer war.

Homicide in Timmonsville.

J. M. Trueluck Shot by Amos Singleterry.

Timmonsville, Sept. 25.—Last night at about 10 o'clock Mr. J. M. Trueluck, a prominent young liveryman of this place, was shot and dangerously wounded by a negro, Amos Singleterry by name. The wound is in the abdomen, and the doctors have been unable to locate it.

The trouble was considered settled and Mr. Purvis had gone home. At the hour named above, Mr. Trueluck met the negro at the stables and the negro cursed him. Mr. Trueluck ran for the negro and the latter shot him as above described.

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.

"Mr. Michael Davitt left Pretoria on the 15th of May, broken and sick of heart, according to the words he himself used on the railway platform. Rev. H. J. Batts, Baptist minister, has recorded them and they are testified to by Rev. Henry W. Goodwin, congregational minister.

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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 Steyn and Reitz who with their forces are attempting to push northward and effect a junction."

HOW HE GOT IT.

To one of Chauncey M. Depew's stories he told of meeting as funny a man as himself. "One day," said Mr. Depew, "I met a soldier who had been wounded in the face. He was a union man, and I asked him in which battle he had been injured."

An Appeal to Democrats

Senator Tillman, the member from South Carolina of the national Democratic committee, has again telegraphed to Col. Willie Jones, chairman of the South Carolina Democracy, urging him to raise a fund for the employment of Bryan speakers.

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 certainly our duty to do what we can to help our Democratic friends in the doubtful States.

Col. Jones earnestly hopes the county chairman will make vigorous efforts to raise money for this purpose. Senator Tillman expects South Carolina to contribute \$4,000, or an average of \$100 to the county. It takes work to raise such a sum.

The first contribution came in this morning and was from Marion County. P. B. Hamer remitted a check for \$80 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, resembling a big lake, and is from three to six feet deep.

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 trains cannot get into the yards or even within a mile of them.

As yet no loss of life has been reported, but it is believed that some people have perished below this city in the Trinity river bottoms by the overflow.

Richmond, Va., Sept. 25.—Mrs. Elizabeth 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 whose place Howard Allen was killed last Sunday night, was brought before the police court on the charge of maintaining a gambling resort. He was given the maximum fine which he paid.—The State.

Lorenzo Marques, Sept. 26.—The German steamer Herzog, which sailed for Europe today, had among her passengers the Transvaal postmaster general, Van Alphen; the assistant secretary of state, Grobler; the state treasurer, Mallerbe; and a large quantity of bar gold.

Mr. Carnegie said some time ago that the Iron and Steel Trust contributed \$3,000,000 to Hanna's campaign fund in 1896. The probabilities are that it will not throw in quite so liberally this time.

The Hon. Geo. E. Prince, of Anderson, 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 Lexington, Va., who saw a great deal of Geo. Lee during the civil war, having been employed as a cook at headquarters, confessed that only once had he heard anything disrespectful said about the idol of the south.

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Cleveland Cook Stoves, with 18 pieces of Hollowware, cheap at \$8 50, now 7 50. We expect a carload of Iron King, Elmo and Liberty Stoves, and will be in position to give you wholesale price on this lot.

Cut this out and save 5 per cent. discount T. C. SCAFFE, The old reliable Stove Dealer.

Bagging and Ties.

We have made large contracts for Bagging and Ties, and feel that we are in a better position than ever to supply our customers in this line.

For some years we have been buying largely of second hand Bagging and Ties from mills in the upper part of the State, and fortunately our contracts were made with them this year in the early Spring, or we could not have gotten them—owing to the high price of new goods they were eagerly sought.

Based upon the price of new goods there is a saving to the farmers of nearly 50 per cent.

By buying that which was used before and why not reap the benefit of it, as it makes no difference in the price of your cotton.

We have all grades, and if you don't want the old we will be glad to sell you the new, but feel that it is our duty to recommend that which will pay you best.

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