

**COTTON ADVANCES
NEARLY ONE CENT.**

Agricultural Department Report Created Tremendous Excitement in Cotton Circles.

Wildest Buying Movement in History of Cotton Trade.

New York, Dec. 3.—An unprecedented rush to buy, a sensational soaring of prices upward and the heaviest sales on record followed the announcement of the New York cotton exchange of the agricultural department's estimate of the cotton crop of the present season, 9,982,039 bales. At the sound of the word "nine" indicating the number of million bales in the estimate, a scene of frantic bidding set in, the shorts in their excitement not waiting to learn that the total estimate was but 37,961 bales short of the round ten millions and instantaneously prices jumped from 10 to 20 points on the first sales, the rise continuing until advances of from 30 to 40 points were registered before the close of an hour and from 60 to 70 points before the upward movement was checked. Then the uncovering of long cotton in tremendous volume at the advance and the realization that the estimate was practically 10,000,000 bales caused a reaction but soon an in-pour of buying orders from outside markets and bullish reports sent prices upward again and at the high point reached shortly before the close, of 79 to 87 points above the low level of the morning. The market closed strong at nearly the top with prices net 69 to 74 points higher. Sales were estimated at 2,000,000 bales, exceeding anything before recorded while prices broke all records for this season of the cotton year.

The market opened this morning with prices a little off from those at the closing last night. The market was depressed to 11.60 for January and 11.72 for March. May and July, and there seemed to be a disposition among the bidders on both sides to postpone trading until the government crop report was received. When the report was read at noon the effect was electrical and the immediate clamor of bidders drowned the reading of all but the first figure of the report. Shorts did not wait to hear whether the estimate might be only one bale less than 10,000,000 or only 9,000,000 but in a panic rushed to cover and in 15 minutes 12 cents or more was being asked for every option on the list. Although the trade had been prepared for a low estimate, an average of private estimates put forward last week by cotton exchange members being 10,353,000 bales, nothing below 10,000,000 had been anticipated, and the wildest buying movement in the history of the exchange ensued. So great was the excitement with over 100 brokers seeking to buy, that at times prices were 10 to 15 points apart in different sections of the pit. The volume of business was so great and the excitement so intense that the brokers were on the verge of collapse, the maximum advance representing an enhancement in value of from \$3 to \$3.50 per bale, and the fluctuations meaning the gain or loss of fortunes.

Cotton Movement.

New Orleans, Dec. 2.—Secretary Hester's New Orleans cotton statement issued today shows the total for November was 2,287,339 against 1,852,431 last year.

The movement since September 1 to the close of November inclusive shows receipts at all United States ports 3,788,100 against 3,617,738 last year; overlaid across the Mississippi, Ohio and Potomac rivers to northern mills and Canada 177,617 against 335,368 last year; southern mill takings, exclusive of quantity consumed at southern ports 595,000 against 601,500 last year, and interior stocks in excess of those held at the commencement of the season 421,266 against 475,086 last year.

These make the total movement of the cotton crop brought into sight during the three months ending at the close of November 4,991,983.

Foreign exports for the three months of the season have been 2,664,749 bales, showing an increase over last season of 254,096.

Stocks at the seaboard and the 29 leading interior markets on November 30, were 1,313,000 against 1,589,260, the same date last year.

Including port and interior town stocks left over from the previous season and the number of bales brought into sight during the three months the supply has been 5,159,782 against 5,274,766 last year.

Anderson, Dec. 2.—The safe in the store of E. R. Horton at Lowndesville was blown open by safe crackers on Tuesday night and between \$500 and \$600 in cash was secured besides some articles of merchandise.

Fewer gallons; wears longer; Devoe.

Head About to Burst From Severe Bilious Attack.

"I had a severe bilious attack and felt like my head was about to burst when I got hold of a free sample of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. I took a dose of them after supper and next day felt like a new man and have been feeling happy ever since," says Mr. J. W. Smith of Juffit, Texas. For biliousness, stomach troubles and constipation these Tablets have no equal. Price 25 cents. For sale by China's Drug Store.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 2.—The Ottawa university, one of the largest educational institutions in Canada, was totally destroyed by fire early today. The loss is estimated at \$500,000, with insurance of \$200,000. All the students escaped but many had narrow escapes. Three priests were forced to jump from upper windows and were badly injured.

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Take a double dose of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy as soon as the first indication of the disease appears and a threatened attack may be warded off. Hundreds of people use the remedy in this way with perfect success. For sale by China's Drug Store.

DISPENSARY VS. CHARLESTON.

Another Version of What Chairman Williams Said About

Governor Heyward Calling the Waiters Case to the Attention of the Dispensary Board.

Columbia, Dec. 3.—There has been a great deal said recently in the newspapers as to how it happened that Charleston's dispensary profits were temporarily withheld by the board of control. The statement has been made that the Waiters incident and the arrests of the constables were the immediate cause of the crisis. A great many speculations have been made as to whether Gov. Heyward took the initiative in the matter, or whether it came directly from the board of control. The statement has been current that the action was taken at the Governor's request. The Governor, when asked about it, declined to say anything, adding that Mr. Williams was chairman of the board and any facts about its action would properly come from him. Mr. Williams, when questioned, said:

"While the Governor has heartily cooperated with the board in all that has been done, seems pleased at the prospect of the final adjustment of this matter between the board and the city authorities, it is manifest injustice to him, for The News and Courier to blame him solely with this matter and to charge him with having taken the initiative.

"While at my home in Edgefield I saw by the newspapers that the constabulary force in the City of Charleston was in desperate need of assistance from the State authorities, and knowing that the only way by which they could get relief would be through funds furnished the Governor by the State board of control, under Section 565 of the dispensary law, and, wishing to co-operate with the Governor, I felt it my duty to come to Columbia and did so.

"When I arrived here I found that the Governor was absent on his plantation in Colleton county and waited over to see him. Upon his arrival he did not seem to be fully informed as to the status of affairs, and after several consultations between us, it was determined that it was necessary that I, as chairman, call the State board of directors in extraordinary session, since the board was the only authority in the State's power to furnish the Governor necessary funds to protect the constables. At this meeting of the board it was deemed an injustice to the balance of the State to take this money, to protect the constables, from the school funds, and it was, therefore, determined to take an amount necessary to reimburse the school fund from the City of Charleston, since the failure of public sentiment in Charleston and the lack of co-operation of the city officials were at least the cause of the trouble. The only "request" made by the Governor, as formerly published, was for financial aid after these conferences, in behalf of the constables. I invited him to be present at the hearing on yesterday, in response to a letter from Mayor Smyth to that effect. These are the bald facts with reference to the matter, and I don't suppose that the Governor or the State board have any reason to feel that we could have done otherwise."

Laurens, Dec. 2.—Mr. S. G. McDaniel of this city, formerly division yardmaster of the Charleston and Western Carolina railway, was yesterday given a verdict in the civil court for \$2,000 against the above named railroad company for injuries sustained by being thrown from a crank car in September, 1900 whilst in the discharge of his duties.

The dispensary has just turned into the State treasury \$97,000 for the school fund, and Comptroller General Jones is sending out instructions to county superintendents of education to obtain data upon which to apportion the amount. This money is applicable to the expenses of the schools for 1904. Three distributions of dispensary profits were made during 1902 in addition to this one.

Bennettsville, Dec. 2.—Court has adjourned and out of the thirty odd criminal cases at this term there was not a single acquittal, which speaks well for the ability of Solicitor Johnson.

Greenville, Dec. 3.—A negro named Ansel Arnold, 45 years old, living between Brandon mill and the Southern railway, was found in the woods today with a hole shot through his head. He left home Tuesday night to visit a neighbor, and search being made, he was discovered nearly a mile from home with his body robbed of money obtained the day before for a bale of cotton.

Spartanburg, Dec. 3.—Ben F. Perry, son of ex-Gov. B. F. Perry, was arrested here this evening by State Constables Eubanks and Drake on the premises of C. O. Davis on Lee street. Several gallons of whiskey were also seized. There was a disturbance between Perry and the constables during which a pistol was discharged by one of the officers, but no one was hit. After being arrested and carried to the station house Perry gave bond in the sum of \$500.

Ralph Armstrong, a member of a prominent Alabama family was convicted of murder at Tuskegee Friday, and sentenced to be hanged January 8th.

Former Congressman Wm. M. Springer of Illinois died in Washington Friday. He was a leading Democrat and served as chairman of the Ways and Means committee.

Christmas Holiday Rates.

For the Christmas holidays the Atlantic Coast Line announces a rate of one and one third one way fares plus 25c for the round trip between all points South of the Potomac and Ohio Rivers and East of the Mississippi River. Tickets on sale December 23rd, 24th, 25th, also 30th, 31st and January 1st, 1904, with final limit January 4th, 1904.

For the accommodation of students and teachers of schools and colleges the Atlantic Coast Line has arranged round trip rates as above, December 16th to 22nd, with final limit January 8th, 1904.

The train service of the Atlantic Coast Line is unexcelled. For tickets and full information apply to Ticket Agents.

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SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND.

Supt. Walker Asks for Small Additional Appropriation for Improvement.

The State superintendent of education, Hon. O. B. Martin, has just received from Capt. N. F. Walker, superintendent of the South Carolina Institution for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind at Cedar Springs, the 55th annual report of the school. The institution is now in good condition and has enrolled 181 pupils—121 deaf and 60 blind. Fifty-four of the scholars are colored.

An appropriation of \$27,000 is recommended to be asked of the general assembly and every penny of the sum can be well applied. Last year the legislature gave the school \$24,000. The current expenses for the support for the school year ending June 30, 1903, were \$22,802.48. The receipts of the institution were \$22,432.02 from appropriation for support, etc., and \$300 from other sources. A balance on hand July 1st of \$584.56 brought the sum to \$23,316.58.

Of the \$27,000 which will be asked, \$24,000 is for the support of the school and is the same amount that was asked for at the last session of the legislature. Five hundred dollars is for the barn and carriage house, \$500 for general repairs, \$1,000 for a laundry and \$1,000 for a water-tank, tower and connections. The carriage house and barn are now so dilapidated that they are unsafe for use and a laundry is practically a necessity. The water supply in now maintained by means of small wooden tanks located in the attic of the main building, but these are inadequate and are beginning to leak and an appropriation for a tank and tower is asked.

The report made is purely for the scholastic year. A report will be made to the special legislature committee for the fiscal year.

THE CRIME OF A PARDONED NEGRO.

He Sets Fire to Property in Greenwood, Causing Quite a Blaze.

Special to The State.
Greenwood, Dec. 3.—Early yesterday morning several frame buildings back of a row of brick stores on the northeast of the public square were destroyed by fire. The fire was the work of one Robert Smith, a negro, who was only a few days pardoned off the chaingang by Gov. Heyward. It was stated that Smith was almost dead of consumption, but he seems to have had vitality enough to commit a crime that may send him to the gallows. The negro was sent up for assault and battery. He had a fight with his paramour, Nan Hawthorne, in which he cut the Hawthorne woman severely with a knife. This woman had a negro restaurant in one of the buildings burned and the Smith negro set fire to her restaurant building because she would not let him in the house. The woman heard him under the house striking matches. Smith ran off when she came out, and the fire was soon discovered.

COTTON MARKET EXCITED.

Fluctuations Extremely Active in New York Friday.

New York, Dec. 4.—After a night's reflection the crop report of yesterday did not seem to appear any less bullish to the cotton trade. At any rate the market opened firm and ruled very active and excited. First prices were at an advance of 7 to 23 points with all the months selling at new high record prices for the season, on cables that were even better than expected, reflecting a very bullish interpretation of the Government crop estimates by the English trade. Following the call here there was tremendous covering and bull support, and fluctuations were so extremely rapid and violent that it was almost impossible to tell whether the market was up or down from one point to another. One of the active months would be selling down, while another was selling up, and taken altogether, it was one of the most erratic mornings of the season. It seemed for a time at the opening as though offerings were a little too heavy for the buying power, but before the trade fully realized that prices were a shade under last night's finals the market had rallied again to about the opening prices.

All the morning the market was very active and irregular. At the lowest level which was reached just about the end of the first half hour, January sold at 12.34, March 12.45 and July at 12.43, this being a net decline of 540 points, but the buying was very active on the lower level and shortly after the noon hour prices had been rallied to 12.60 for January, 12.73 for March, 12.71 for May and 12.66 for July. Trading was perhaps a little less active in the early afternoon, but the undertone was exceedingly nervous and unsettled.

Toward the close the market was rather easier, with prices finally very steady, net 1 to 8 points higher. Sales were estimated at 1,700,000 bales.

Rector of St. Luke's,

Ashburnham, Ontario, Testifies to the Good Qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

Ashburnham, Ont., April 18, 1903.—I think it is only right that I should tell you what a wonderful effect Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has produced. The day before Easter I was so distressed with a cold and cough that I did not think to be able to take any duties the next day, as my voice was almost choked by the cough. The same day I received an order from you for a bottle of your Cough Remedy. I at once procured a sample bottle, and took about three doses of the medicine. To my great relief the cough and cold had completely disappeared and I was able to preach three times on Easter Day. I know that this rapid and effective cure was due to your Cough Remedy. I make this testimonial without solicitation, being thankful to have found such a God-sent remedy.

Respectfully yours,
E. A. Langfeldt, M. A.,
Rector of St. Luke's Church,
To Chamberlain Medicine Co.
This remedy is for sale by China's Drug Store.

COTTON SEED SUPPLY EXHAUSTED.

Scarcity May Force American Cotton Oil Company to Close Its Columbia Mill.

Columbia, Dec. 4.—There is a pressing scarcity of cotton seed in the local market, almost unprecedented for this season of the year. Although the price is far below that prevailing in the beginning of the season, there is no hope of materially increasing the supply by shoving up the price, as the seed cannot be had in any great quantity at anything like a reasonable price, so the cotton oil people report.

This condition is expected to force the American Cotton Oil company to close its Columbia plant, which has a capacity of 150 tons, in the immediate future—probably today if a shipment which is expected to arrive from a distance does not get here on time. This will amount to closing the mill season practically six months ahead of time.

The supply on hand at the local plant of the Southern Cotton Oil company is in a little better shape, though this company already has been forced to close a number of plants in other sections of the South.

The season opened here with the price at 21 cents a bushel. Yesterday the price was 18 cents.—The State.

HANNA IS HOT.

Comes Back From New York With Blood in His Eye—Majority Party Crisis.

Special to The State.

Washington, Dec. 3.—Whether it is to be peace or war between Senator Hanna and President Roosevelt will in all probability be determined by an important conference which is scheduled for the White House some time tomorrow. Senator Hanna returned from New York today with a large amount of bad blood in his eye. He is sore all over and has not attempted to conceal the fact from his intimates. He is sore over the way Bristow picked out his close friends for criticism in the postal scandal matter. He is sore over the treatment of some of his friends at the hands of the Wood investigation committee. And he is specially sore over what he terms the studious efforts being made by President Roosevelt and administration officials under his direction to turn that investigation into a whitewash.

Hanna and his friends are charging that the president has interfered directly and indirectly to shape that report of the military affairs committee so that it will be favorable to Wood. Tonight they are charging that they have evidence of this. One of the witnesses who was summoned to appear before the committee and tell what he knows of the Runcie report was, it is said, met upon his arrival by one of the White House detectives who bore him a cordial invitation to lunch with the president. They do not go so far as to charge that the president urged that witness to testify for Wood, but they construe the luncheon invitation at this time and under the circumstances it was conveyed as very much like an effort to indirectly, if not directly, influence the witness. Taken in connection with their intimations that most of the members of the committee have been induced by favors at the hands of the war department to pledge themselves to Wood's favor even before the testimony is all in, they regard the president's act as an attempt at shaping the investigation in favor of his friend.

Now Senator Hanna has the cause of Maj. Rathbone very much at heart. His interest in that direction has lined him up against Wood and he has become the power behind the prosecution. For several days he has been compelled to be in New York and while he was away a good many complaints about the way things were going have reached him.

They came at a time when every man he met was urging him to become a candidate against Roosevelt, and perhaps this fact has something to do with putting fight into him.

Whether this phase of the present political situation had anything to do with his state of mind or not, the fact is he came back sore all over with President Roosevelt and his friends. He has an engagement for a heart-to-heart talk with the president tomorrow and upon that talk many things may hinge. It may mean a fight that will bring a political upheaval. On the other hand it is possible that the president will be able to smooth things over. It is certain he will try to do so unless the doing involves his deserting Gen. Wood.

Complicated Relationship.

Married last Sunday by Rev. Bradley at Sardinia, Mr. J. J. Epps and Miss Itelene Tomlinson. The bride is daughter of the groom's sister's late husband.—Manning Times.

John F. von Muegge, of St. Louis, formerly of Charleston where he served as policeman for two years, has inherited an estate in Germany worth \$300,000 and the title of Count Holzen-dorf.

Another consignment of Esterbrook's pens in assorted sizes at 30 cents a gross. A bargain. H. G. Osteen & Co. Dec. 2.—St.

Christmas Holiday Rates Via Southern Railway.

The Southern Railway will sell Christmas holiday excursion tickets between all points south of the Potomac and Ohio rivers and east of the Mississippi river including St. Louis, Mo., for one and one-third first class standard one way fares, plus 25 cents for the round trip (minimum rate 50 cents).

Tickets will be sold December 23, 24, 25, 30, 31, 1903, and January 1st, 1904, with final limit January 4th, 1904.

They will also sell upon presentation and surrender of certificates signed by superintendents, principals or presidents of the various institutions, December 16 to 22, 1903, inclusive, with final limit January 8th, 1904, to teachers and students of schools and colleges.

Interline tickets will be sold at Coupon stations only.

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