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ONLY A TEN MILLION CROP.

Hester's Report Shows That Cotton Crop of 1903-04 Aggregates but 10,011,374 Bales.

New Orleans, La., Sept. 6.—Secretary Hester's annual report was issued in full today. He puts the cotton crop of 1903-4 at 10,011,374 bales, a decrease of 716,185 under that of 1902-3. He says that compared with last year in round figures, Texas, including Indian Territory, has increased 45,000 bales. The group known as other Gulf States, consisting of Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Utah and Kansas has lost 430,800, and the group of Atlantic States, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky and Virginia has fallen off 332,000.

Mr. Hester's report on the cotton crop of the different States is given as follows in thousands of bales:

Alabama 1,000, against 1,050 last year.

Arkansas 705, against 1,000.

Georgia 1,325, against 1,470.

Florida 55, against 55.

Louisiana 824, against 824.

Mississippi 1,387, against 1,404.

North Carolina 563, against 575.

South Carolina 825, against 950.

Tennessee, etc. 451, against 509.

Texas and Indian Territory 2,876, against 2,931.

Total crop 10,011, against 10,728.

He makes the actual production of Indian Territory 268,555 bales, against 369,251 last year; of Oklahoma 177,077, against 183,000 last year, and of Missouri 34,367, against 35,806 last year, the two last being included under the head of Tennessee, etc.

He puts the average commercial value of the crop at \$61.33, against \$44.52 last year, and the total value of the crop at \$617,501,548, against \$480,770,282 last year.

In reference to the total value Mr. Hester says that while the crop is smaller by seven hundred and odd thousand bales than last year and is less by 1,263,000 bales than the crop of 1898-99 which was the largest ever marketed, it has brought a better return in money values than any ever produced in the South.

Referring to the increase in values over last year he gives details as to prices, showing that while the lowest range of last season was from September to January inclusive, this year the highest range of values was during the period of marketing the bulk of the crop and the result was that farmers obtained more of the advantage of the rise instead of its coming as usual after the cotton had passed out of their hands.

In other words, there were marketed up to January 31 of this year in round figures 8,010,000 which sold for \$447,10,000, while up to the same period last season the amount marketed was 7,983,000 which brought \$338,665,000, a difference of only 25,000 bales and an increase in the amount received of over \$138,000,000.

Further referring to crop values, Mr. Hester says that when it is considered that the combined values of the past three crops resulted in payment to farmers, common carriers, merchants and other handlers of over \$1,538,000,000, their importance as a great factor in the prosperity of the South and of the entire country may be fully appreciated.

The consumption has been divided as follows:

Alabama 212,298, increase of 294.

Arkansas 1,444, decrease of 1,471.

Georgia 419,761, decrease of 6,138.

Kentucky 20,341, decrease of 1,022.

Louisiana 16,121, decrease of 1,882.

Mississippi 31,84, decrease of 6,137.

Missouri 4,341, decrease of 382.

North Carolina 530,814, decrease of 20,968.

South Carolina 563,980, decrease of 49,295.

Tennessee 4,773, decrease of 2,773.

Texas 16,736, decrease of 6,871.

Virginia 56,939, increase of 14,891.

Total consumption of the South 1,819,252, a decrease under last year of 81,477.

When troubled with constipation try Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They are easy to take and produce no griping or other unpleasant effect. For sale by China drug store.

Montgomery, West Va., Sept. 7.—Wade Hillstein, a passenger on the Chesapeake and Ohio train yesterday shot and killed Frank Howard, a negro, because the latter entered the train at Paint Creek and took a seat beside him. Hillstein leaped from the rapidly moving train and made his escape.

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## "BEFOREDAY" CLUBS SAID TO BE GENERAL.

Report From Florida of Many in Existence—Five Located in Leon County.

Tallahassee, Fla., Sept. 6.—Since Saturday night's trouble it has been learned that there are five "Beforeday clubs" in Leon county. While it is said these clubs were organized last Christmas there are a number of persons who will make affidavits to the effect that these clubs have been known in Leon county for the past three years.

It is asserted that about three years ago a negro appeared in Richmond, Va., (many averring that he came direct from Washington city), who made an incendiary speech advising members of his race to do all manner of mean things. He advised the organization of the "Beforeday club." This organization has become national in its character. The clubs in this county are located at Tallahassee, Lake Hall, Lake Jackson, Dawkins Pond and the Meridian neighborhood. Many of the best negroes of the county have refused to become members and are not in sympathy with such an organization.

It is firmly believed here that Mr. Epps was a victim of this organization, and many of the people in this section are nervous and excited, but there are numbers of men in Leon county who are brave and determined, and who are prepared to meet and settle this issue squarely.

## DISASTROUS WRECK IN MISSOURI.

Nine Killed and More Than Fifty Wounded on Wabash Road.

Warrenton, Mo., Sept. 7.—It develops that in the wreck yesterday on the Wabash railway more people were killed and injured than at first expected. Officials of the company this morning announced that nine passengers were killed, while the list of injured will reach fifty. The wreck was caused by the east bound passenger train jumping the track. The dining car being thrown to the left and the day coach down a steep embankment forty feet. Under the debris passengers were pinioned for hours pitifully appealing for help. As fast as possible passengers were taken to Warrenton and cared for. The train is said to have been running sixty-five miles an hour.

## Over-Sea Markets for Cotton Goods.

Consul-General Skinner writes from Marseilles that he believes American trade in cotton goods may be greatly extended throughout the Mediterranean, Red sea and Persian gulf regions. Although the American cotton trade in these markets is now considerable, many of the consuming regions are not reached at all, and the business is limited elsewhere to the operation of a few highly favored houses, whose buyers have established themselves in New York. The general attitude of the American cotton manufacturers and their selling agents has been unfavorable to the development of the export trade, because of their insistence that their goods be purchased in the United States through exporting brokers, who attend to all the details of shipping and of exchange. In short, American cotton manufacturers do not seem to be organized to do business directly in the consuming markets; they employ no foreign agents, and they have at various times discouraged possible buyers abroad who have initiated correspondence in the hope of obtaining cotton for export in the United States. The inevitable consequence of this situation is that, aside from a Red sea trade in unbleached cotton sheetings, our exports to the regions mentioned are exceedingly limited. German and Italian commercial travelers seek the consuming markets, satisfying them to a considerable extent, and in many cases the large buying houses have agencies in Manchester, where their requirements are catered to by British manufacturers. A few important firms buy in New York what they cannot obtain in Manchester, and their demands constitute our export trade in the near east. Thus it would seem as if trade could only be developed by being on the ground and personally soliciting orders.

## Race for Governor in 1906.

Candidates for governor in 1906 will soon be at work, and there are plenty of them. Lieut. Gov. John T. Sloan of Columbia and Speaker M. L. Smith of Camden are almost certain entries, as is M. F. Ansel of Greenville, who made such a fine run two years ago and won friends all over the State—more friends than votes, because many people who liked the man were pledged to some other candidate. As other probable candidates in 1906 may also be mentioned Mayor R. G. Rhett of Charleston and F. H. Hyatt of Columbia.—Greenville Mountaineer.

## In Praise of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy.

"Allow me to give you a few words in praise of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy," says Mr. John Hamlett, of Eagle Pass, Texas. "I suffered one week with bowel trouble and took all kinds of medicine without getting any relief, when my friend, Mr. C. Johnson, a merchant here, advised me to take this remedy. After taking one dose I felt greatly relieved and when I had taken the third dose was entirely cured. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for putting this great remedy in the hands of mankind." For sale by China's drug store.

## DEMOCRATIC EDITORS AT ESOPUS.

Judge Parker Compares Democratic Economy and Honesty With Republican Extravagance and Corruption.

Esopus, Sept. 8.—The steamer St. John, bearing aboard the contingent of Democratic editors drew up along side the Rosemount dock at 11:20 this morning. All were enthusiastic and bent upon exhibiting their devotion to the Democratic ticket. They cheered the candidate lustily while the seamen were making fast to the dock. The trip from New York was uneventful. There were six hundred in the party. The committee and editors inspired by the "Star Spangled Banner," rendered by the band, climbed the hill to Judge Parker's house. Judge Parker met them at the piazza and after a general handshaking the party stepped out on the lawn and Charles W. Knapp, of the St. Louis Republic spoke for half an hour.

When Mr. Knapp concluded Judge Parker stepped to the edge of the piazza and was greeted by tumultuous cheers. Mr. Knapp's address consisted mostly of a eulogy of Judge Parker and assurances that he would have the strongest support of all the editor's present. The speaker predicted a sweeping democratic success in November.

Judge Parker, after expressing his pleasure in welcoming to Rosemount, representatives of the American press and pointing out the power the newspaper have said: "There are questions of great importance to be passed upon by the people in November, questions that will be your duty, and, therefore I know your pleasure, as well, to present honestly and so clearly that the people well understand them." Continuing he stated that he would take up but one feature of the republican party platform, namely, that the republican party had displayed a high capacity for rule and government, which had been made conspicuous by the incapacity and infirmity of purpose of the Democracy. Judge Parker said, he would just compare Cleveland's administration with any administration of the Republicans since 1860. Comparison he said will show that under Democratic control the administrative purity of the father's had been observed in the conduct of the government that not one of its departments had been perverted, as of late, with corruption rivaling the day of the star route fraude, that a successful effort had been made to check the growth of expenditures, that it resulted in each instance in cutting down expenses within the control of the executive department of government below that of preceding administrations. After 1868 the Republicans had increased expenses and in some instances so greatly as to indicate reckless extravagance and waste of the people's money. He concluded with an appeal for perfect harmony in the conduct campaign.

## THE FREIGHT RATES CASE.

Important Matter to Be Settled in a Short Time Now.

Columbia, Sept. 7.—The freight rate case, which has been so long pending, will now be settled by the railroad commission within forty days. Today the railroad commission notified the attorneys on both sides that all arguments must be filed in the next thirty days, and that fifteen days additional would be given for further written amendments to the case.

The prospects of the case being settled will be a gratifying statement to every merchant in the State. The case has been pending for several months, and it was necessary once to go over all of the second day's proceedings. The petition calls for a general reduction in many classes of goods in this State and claims discrimination in favor of North Carolina and Virginia. On account of the slowness in filing the arguments and the fact that Chairman Garris was busy with the campaign, the case was not decided recently, because time was wanted to study the matter thoroughly. Mr. Garris, however, stated this morning that he wished to settle up all matters pending before going out of office, so that the new member would have a clean sheet to start with. The order filed today will bring replies at once, and as soon as a date is fixed within the required time the case will be decided once for all. Just which way it will be is, of course, a matter of conjecture, but the board has several precedents to study up and the arguments submitted will have careful attention.

The order is as follows: Messrs. Miller & Whaley, Attorneys, Charleston, S. C.—Gentlemen: It is this day ordered by the board of railroad commissioners that attorneys for petitioners in the case of the chamber of commerce of Anderson, chamber of commerce of Columbia, chamber of commerce of Spartanburg, chamber of commerce of Charleston, board of trade of Greenville, board of trade of Greenwood, board of trade of Newberry, the Piedmont Wholesale Grocers' Association and the bureau of freight and transportation of Charleston, be allowed thirty days from this date to complete their testimony before this board. Thereafter fifteen days will be allowed for argument. This notice has been served on the various representatives of the railroads.

By order of the board,  
C. W. Garris, Chairman.  
George Williams was legally executed for rape at Moundsville, W. Va., Friday. The crime was committed in July.

## PROMINENT VIRGINIAN HELD FOR WIFE MURDER.

Arrested and in Jail in Charlottesville on the Charge.

He Claimed that He was Assaulted in His Own Home and His Wife Killed.

Charlottesville, Va., Sept. 7.—Ex-Mayor Samuel T. McCue was arrested this afternoon on the charge of willfully and premeditatedly murdering his wife on the night of Sunday, September 4. The arrest was made while citizens generally were attending a public session of the coroner's jury which had rendered no verdict at midnight. The warrant was sworn out by Police Justice A. D. Dabney and served by two policemen of the city. Mr. McCue made no resistance and is now in the city jail. When McCue was arrested he submitted to being searched by the officers and kissed his four children good-bye. He said to them: "By the grace of God I will come out of this trouble all right." McCue stated that he was assaulted and his wife murdered on last Sunday night. His story immediately aroused suspicion. His testimony and that of others before the coroner's jury strengthened the suspicion against him and the arrest followed.

Crowds are gathering in the city tonight but no mob violence is feared. The city militia being absent from the city at the army manoeuvres at Manassas a special jail guard of 30 men was summoned.

## NEGRO LYNCHED IN ALABAMA.

Mob Fired the Jail and Defied the Officers of the Law.

Huntsville, Ala., Sept. 7.—After setting fire to the jail and smoking out the prisoner while the fire department was held at bay with guns and the sheriff, his deputies and the soldiers outwitted, a mob estimated at over 2,000 persons lynched Horace Maples, the negro accused of murdering John Waldrop, by stringing him to a tree on the court house lawn tonight.

This action of the mob was taken notwithstanding strong protests made by Solicitor Erle Pettus and H. Wallace, Jr., in stirring speeches in which law and order were pleaded for eloquently.

The crowd began to gather this afternoon and tonight as soon as the details of the crime spread throughout the country in which Waldrop had a number of friends and before the militia, which was ordered from Birmingham by Gov. Cunningham arrived, the mob had swelled to enormous proportions. The sheriff and his deputies pluckily stood their guard but they were powerless before the mob and the fire. The local military company was called out but they were outwitted by the men who conceived the idea of smoking out the prisoner.

At 10.25 o'clock the jail was fired in the back yard and burned fiercely, a dense smoke spreading through the upper stories and cells of the building. The fire department was not allowed to approach within a block of the scene and was driven away with bullets. The command on the outside would allow nobody to enter or come out until the person of Horace Maples was surrendered to the crowd. The sheriff and his guards would not give in but in some manner the negro got through a window and jumped out of the building into the crowd. He was chased down and a rope thrown around his neck and he was pulled up to the county court house. There was an immense crowd on the lawn.

While Maples was confessing his crime and implicating a white man and two negroes, John H. Wallace, Jr., and Solicitor Erle Pettus delivered impassioned addresses trying to dissuade the mob. They were hoisted down in turn but finally when Solicitor Pettus called on all who were in favor of the law taking its course to hold up their hands, about half in the big crowd of several thousand did so. There was cheering for a moment but the men with the rope pulled the negro away, threw the end of the rope over a limb and drew him up. The negro was dead in a few moments. A crowd will make an effort to capture the negro's accomplices but no more disorder is feared tonight.

During the attack on the jail United States District Judge Shelby issued an order for the United States deputy marshal to protect United States prisoners in the burning building and obtain names of all parties engaged in endangering the prisoners' lives.

## Fearful Odds Against Him.

Bedridden, alone and destitute. Such is brief was the condition of an old soldier by name of J. J. Havens, Versailles, O. For years he was troubled with kidney disease and neither doctors nor medicines gave him relief. At length he tried Electric Bitters. It put him on his feet in short order and now he testifies, "I'm on the road to complete recovery." Best on earth for Liver and Kidney troubles and all forms of Stomach and Bowel Complaints. Only 50c. Guaranteed by J. F. W. DeLorme's druggist.

## JAPANESE CAPTURE VALUABLE MILITARY RUSSIAN STORES.

Gen. Kuropatkin Abandons Guns, Provisions and Other Valuable Munitions in His Hurried Retreat from Liao Yang.

London, Sept. 8.—The Rome correspondent of the Exchange Company wires that news has been received there of the capture of a large quantity of guns and ammunition by the Japanese during the retreat of the Russians from Liao Yang. The Mikado's forces are said to have captured one hundred and thirty-two wagons of provisions and thirty-eight wagons of ammunition at Pankiaupu, and ninety-seven field guns, most of them unspiked, and several thousand small arms at Chang Kiapusho.

From We Hai Wei it is reported that heavy cannonading was heard last night in the direction of Port Arthur, and that boats outside the harbor report seeing flashes distinctly. Nothing further has been obtainable.

## ANOTHER GREAT BATTLE IMMINENT.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 8.—A brief dispatch was received this afternoon from Gen. Kuropatkin dated at 6.30 yesterday. The dispatch says that Gen. Kuroki is 27 miles east of the railway and Gen. Oku 20 miles west of it. The general staff expects a general battle within the next day or two. Gen. Kuropatkin adds that his rear guard extends several miles south of Mukden. Fighting has been continuous.

Tokio, Sept. 9.—According to a dispatch received at Tokio today 3,000 Russian corpses had been found by the Japanese up to Wednesday. Many more are believed to have been taken north by the retreating Russian army. This is taken to indicate that the Russian losses were terrific. The opinion expressed by a majority of papers is that another battle will occur north of Mukden.

## Rumor of a Russian Disaster.

Paris, Sept. 6.—The Petit Parisien has a dispatch from St. Petersburg containing the rumor that General Kuroki has succeeded in isolating a force of 30,000 of Gen. Kuropatkin's rear guard and that they have been forced to surrender.

Rome, Sept. 9.—The newspaper Italia Militare has a dispatch from Tokio reporting that the Japanese forces have reached Mukden. The dispatch adds that no serious fighting occurred in the immediate vicinity of the strong hold, the Russians having retired beyond that place.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 10.—Advices from the front indicate that there will be a long lull in the fighting while the Japanese replenish stores of ammunition and bring in reinforcements. A new European Brigade, has just reached Gen. Kuropatkin, who is thereby able to give a rest to the troops recently engaged. Experts here do not expect the Japanese to make any real progress before cold weather sets in, which is liable to stop everything until spring, when the Russians will be ready to begin offensive operations.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 10.—Ordinary camp life set in at Mukden today and prevails along the whole of the immense front of the Russian army. The Japanese advance from the south and east has been stopped and Russian baggage trains have been proceeding uninterrupted since Wednesday. Thousands of the Russian wounded have been sent northward, but the Red Cross nurses are still working night and day at Mukden to bring relief to the most seriously injured. The inactivity of the Japanese is ascribed to the absence of mountain roads by which they could make the advance. On Thursday Mukden and the neighborhood were flooded by a terrific rain storm, but the roads are now drying.

London, Sept. 10.—The Chefoo correspondent of the Renter Telegraph Company reports that the Japanese losses at Port Arthur during the past few days exceed twelve thousand.

## Sour Stomach.

When the quantity of food taken is too large or the quality too rich, sour stomach is likely to follow, and especially so if the digestion has been weakened by constipation. Eat slowly and not too freely of easily digested food. Masticate the food thoroughly. Let five hours elapse between meals, and when you feel a fullness and weight in the region of the stomach after eating, take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and the sour stomach may be avoided. For sale by China's drug store.

Greenville, Tenn., Sept. 7.—Early today several robbers entered the Greenville postoffice and blew open the safe. They made