

FIRST ALL-AMERICAN MATTING

GROWN ON MR. HASKELL'S PLANTATION NEAR CHARLESTON.

Experiment Made in Raising of Matting Straw Plant a Success and May Open Up a Brand New Industry in This Part of the Country—Rush Produced Under Government Supervision From Roots Imported From Japan—Matting is of Beautiful Appearance and Fine Quality.

From the News and Courier.

An experiment in raising grass or rush, as it is properly called, used in the manufacturing of matting, having been tried this year on the plantation of Mr. W. E. Haskell, Jr., on the Pon River, near Jacksonboro, and proving a most gratifying success, it is probable that just as soon as some improvements have been made in the methods of gathering and curing a new line of industry will be opened up in South Carolina. A sample of the manufactured product brought to the city by Mr. Haskell has been pronounced by all who have seen it as comparing favorably with matting made from rush grown in Japan and imported into this country.

This is the first all-American matting ever produced in this country. The experiment was made under the bureau of plant industry of the United States Government and supervised by Mr. F. W. Clark, an expert, connected with the bureau. The grass requires soil and attention similar to rice, and can be grown on the former rice lands of this State. Therefore, it is believed, that if planters should investigate the growing of the grass and be convinced that it can be made a paying crop, the hum of labor would be heard on many acres now lying uncultivated and many abandoned rice plantations would again be turned into a source of profit for the planters. The experiment is not entirely completed, but it has gone far enough to cause the experts to continue their work and endeavor to perfect certain things in the curing and harvesting of the crop. When this is done the whole matter will be laid before the public by the bureau of plant industry.

The greatest credit is due this bureau in making it possible for matting to be made from grass grown in South Carolina and much interest has been shown in the experiment by the officials. The bureau, through Mr. David Fairchild, agricultural explorer in charge of foreign corporations, imported into the United States from Japan in 1906 a few roots of the matting straw plant. Great trouble was encountered at the start, as the Japanese were unwilling for the roots to leave their country. But the bureau persisted, and finally won out, and in due course of time the plants were landed safely in California, where they were nurtured and then divided up and a part brought to South Carolina, the rest being sent to Texas and Louisiana, where similar experiments are being made. To obtain these first few roots cost the government many thousands of dollars.

Mr. W. F. Clarke, of Pierce, Texas, was put in charge of the experiment, and he selected an acre of land on the Pon River near Jacksonboro, on the plantation of Mr. W. E. Haskell, Jr. Two varieties of the rush were planted on January 15, of this year, namely, the Juncus Effusus, which is a round, fine straw, and the Cyperus Tegiteformus, which is a heavy three-cornered rush. The former did not do well, conditions being somewhat against it, but the Cyperus grew very rapidly and produced a good sample of finished straw, admirably adapted for the manufacture of matting.

The straw was gathered and cured and shipped to the Goodall Matting Company, of Kennebunk, Maine, and later the manufactured product was returned to Mr. Haskell. Mr. R. H. Sawyer, the general manager of the company, writes that the straw is of a very good quality, and made a fine sample of matting, and, as has already been stated, that from the shipment made to him from South Carolina there has been woven the first all-American matting.

The gathering of the grass was necessarily crude, and improvements will have to be made along these lines and also in the curing. The grass was cut and prepared for curing by hand. The process of curing consumed three days, as the grass was sun cured; with artificial heat, the curing would only take between one and two hours. The bureau will also arrange to have the harvesting done by machinery, which will greatly facilitate the process of preparing the grass for the manufacturer.

It has not yet been ascertained just how the price of the matting will compare with matting made from rush imported from Japan, but full particulars will be gathered on this point by the bureau at Washington. The grass can readily be disposed of at \$80 a ton, and an acre of land will produce five tons of the grass. Even at \$60 the price is cheap, as it only takes 100 pounds of the grass to make 92 1-2 yards of the

matting and the matting produced from the grass raised by Mr. Haskell is said to be worth 32 cents a yard.

The raising of the grass may be said to be still in the experimental stage, as changes in the harvesting and curing would have to be made should the industry be attempted here. But the experts are enthusiastic over the experiment, so far, and have no doubt but that it would prove a success on the rice fields of South Carolina. Mr. Clark is following the matter closely and will in time make his report to the bureau, and full information will then be given out. There is no doubt that a new industry in this State as suggested by the experiments made would prove a boon to this part of the State, and would result in the reclaiming of the rice lands long since abandoned. It would be necessary to replant the rush only once in every five years.

Mr. E. H. Sawyer, of the State Fair Association, has written to Mr. Haskell as follows:

"You have no fault to find with your first experiment at raising this grass, and you have the odd distinction of having the first rolls of matting made from American grass ever produced by power looms in the United States. The variety that was shipped is the Cyperus Tegiteformus. The growth was fine, and two cuttings could have been made from this acre. If you see fit you may place it on exhibition at the State Fair."

A sample of the matting is on exhibition in the business office of the News and Courier.

GOOD NEWS.

Many Sumter Readers Have Heard It and Profited Thereby.

"Good news travels fast," and the thousands of bad back sufferers in Sumter are glad to learn that prompt relief is within their reach. Many a lame, weak and aching back is bad no more, thanks to Doan's Kidney Pills. Our citizens are telling the good news of their experience with the Old Quaker Remedy. Here is an example worth reading:

Mrs. Louis Jeffords, living at 14 Owen St., Sumter, S. C., says: "I am pleased to say that Doan's Kidney Pills have proven of great benefit to me. I was a victim of kidney complaint for over two years. My kidneys were very weak and I had great trouble in controlling the secretions, being compelled to arise often during the night. My back ached and pained me all the time, and frequently I would be so lame that I could scarcely dress myself. I read about Doan's Kidney Pills and finally procured a box at China's drug store. I used them as directed, the backaches and pains vanished, my kidneys now act regularly, and the secretions are clear. I rest much better at night, and am feeling a great deal stronger in every way. I am pleased to give Doan's Kidney pills the credit for the great change in my condition."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other. No. 69.

LOOKING FOR THE LYNCHERS.

Region About Reel Foot Lake Tragedy in Tennessee Under Martial Law.

Union City, Tenn., October 22.—Following the arrival of State troops, who reached their place of encampment on Reel Foot Lake today, this district has been proclaimed under martial law and the search for members of the night rider band, which put to death Capt. Quentin Rankin on Monday night, was actively begun, with civil and military authorities working in perfect accord. The military base has been established at the settlement of Samburg, the most central point in the disturbed section. Governor Patterson was accompanied to Samburg today by a posse of twenty-five men and will remain on the scene to personally direct the investigation, having cancelled all campaign engagements for next week.

Letter to T. S. Doar, Sumter, S. C.

Dear Sir: Twelve words state the fact: Every job painted Devoe takes less gallons than of any other paint.

If any one doubts this statement he may paint half his job Devoe, the other half any paint he likes.

If Devoe half doesn't take less gallons, no pay.

Yours truly

F. W. DEVOE & CO. P. S.—Dusant Hardware Co. sell our paint.

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The average yield per acre, the world over, is only 12.7 bushels of wheat.

*Ring's Little Liver Pills for biliousness, sickheadache. They keep you well. 25c. Try them. Sold by Sibert Drug Co.

BRANDENBURG ARRESTED.

Held on Charge of Forgery and Grand Larceny.

Dayton, Ohio, Oct. 22.—As he was boarding a train for New York city here this afternoon, Broughton Brandenburg was arrested by local detectives on the charge of forgery and grand larceny. A telegram from the New York city police department advised the local department to hold Brandenburg. He is alleged to have sold the New York Times a letter which he represented to have been written by Grover Cleveland, in which the dead statesman predicted the election of Taft, and which letter is now declared to have been a forgery.

Brandenburg was locked up in the police station, as the amount of his bail was not fixed. It was said by his attorney tonight that if his client was not released tomorrow he would institute proceedings.

In a statement issued tonight Brandenburg says he had the proper authority from Mrs. Cleveland and from Mr. Hastings, co-executors of the Cleveland estate, before he sold the article to the Times and furthermore asks if it is reasonable that any sane man would falsify the utterances of an ex-president of the United States for \$120. At the time he was arrested he says he was on his way to New York city to give District Attorney Jerome additional evidence. He says the arrest was made by those interested in offsetting the influence of Mr. Cleveland's utterances, who wished to secure a dramatic climax just before election.

Through his attorney, Brandenburg tonight issued the following statement:

"Yesterday I wired District Attorney Jerome that I had new evidence to present on Friday, and as I stepped aboard the train for New York to fulfill my agreement, I am arrested as a fugitive from justice, though my attorney, Joseph Williams, and I myself, informed the district attorney of my purpose and destination on this journey."

"This allows those who are interested in offsetting the influence of Mr. Cleveland's utterances to secure a dramatic climax just before election. The entire matter is all fitting in nicely with Col. Watterson plan, announced before the article was published, that it must be discredited by any means. It remains to be seen if the American public is to be bulldozed on one hand, while I am victimized on the other."

Habeas corpus proceedings are now being brought.

Bradstreet's Trade Review.

New York, Oct. 23.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say:

"Retail trade still reflects the influence of warm weather and the approach of election breeds conservatism as regards heavy buying and the projection of new enterprises. However, there is more doing and more confident buying of raw material by manufacturers, who apparently forecast a change for the better in the latter part of this year or the early part of next."

"Effects of the drought are shown in almost total suspension of steamboat traffic on the Ohio river and its tributaries by holding up of large quantities of coal along that stream, the prevalence of destructive forest fires and the low stage of water supplies. Reports as to collections vary, being best in the Northwest and poorest in the South."

"The Southern textile situation is interesting and not without encouragement. While jobbing trade is confined largely to small immediate shipments or filling-in orders there is fair activity in the Chicago district and further West, where the breaking of the drought has helped sentiment. In the cotton goods line one feature early was a reduction in shirting prints, but later an enlarged demand was reported for print cloths at Fall River and prices advanced 1-8 to 1-4. Confident buying by a large printing interest is the reported basis for the strength in demand and price. Records of men's wear goods are reported of good volume."

"Business failures in the United States for the week ending Oct. 22 number 231 against 244 last week and 220 in the like week of 1907."

SENATOR TILLMAN RETURNS.

Comes Back to This Country After Summer's Rest—Will Not Participate in Campaign.

New York, Oct. 20.—United States Senator Benj. R. Tillman of South Carolina, accompanied by Mrs. Tillman, returned today on the steamer Kroonland from a summer spent abroad in recuperation. The senator said he would take no part in the political campaign now closing.

A Boon to Elderly People.

*Most elderly people have some kidney or bladder disorder that is both painful and dangerous. Foley's Kidney Remedy has proven a boon to many elderly people as it stimulates the urinary organs, corrects irregularities and tones up the whole system. Commence taking Foley's Kidney Remedy at once and be vigorous. Sibert's Drug Store.

REPUBLICANS PLAN FRAUD.

NEW YORK DEMOCRATS WILL FIGHT ILLEGAL VOTING.

Five Hundred Attorneys, Headed by Judge Parker, Will See That Balloting is Honest.

New York, Oct. 22.—Charges were made today by W. J. Conners, chairman of the Democratic State committee, that the Republican organization in up-State counties had padded the registration rolls with from 10,000 to 20,000 names and that to prevent the casting of a fraudulent vote the executive committee had appointed a State law committee with former Judge A. B. Parker as chairman. Mr. Conners said that the law committee would be composed of about 500 attorneys, and that on election day these attorneys would be assisted by special deputies in each election district to see that ballots were honestly cast and counted. Mr. Conners said: "There will be no voting of dead men by the Republicans in this election and the State committee will see that our opponents are not permitted to run men over from Pennsylvania and Canada to vote them in this State. Already we have discovered hundreds of names fraudulently registered up-State and have succeeded in having the names stricken from the list."

"We want a square deal. We are not going to buy the election, and we have not got the money to buy it with anyway. We don't propose to have the Republicans rob us as they have done in the past."

National Chairman Mack declared tonight that the change in Mr. Taft's plans, by which he will speak in 34 cities and towns in this State, instead of speaking in only a few of the larger cities, as previously announced, indicated that the Republican managers felt the necessity of carrying this State, which was virtually acknowledging that they felt that they were losing Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin and Kansas. Mr. Mack said that if the Republicans were certain of the middle Western States they would not need New York.

Speaking of the letter of President Roosevelt demanding that Mr. Bryan declare himself on the labor questions of the day, Mr. Mack said today that if there was any labor man in doubt about voting for Bryan the reading of the president's letter would convince him that he should cast his vote for the Democratic ticket. Mr. Mack said he had received reports from Ohio that the reception tendered Mr. Bryan in the Buckeye State yesterday was the greatest demonstration ever given a presidential candidate.

Mr. Bryan's meeting in the city next Tuesday night, when he will speak at Madison Square Garden, is to be made the occasion of a Democratic rally in every assembly district in New York. Not only has Tammany Hall arranged for an overflow meeting at the Garden, but there will be mass meetings in Cooper Union, Hamilton Fish park and in scores of halls throughout the city.

The demand for tickets to the Madison Square Garden meeting quite exhausted the supply and stands will be erected outside the amphitheatre for overflow audience.

Mr. Bryan, Gov. Hoke Smith, Congressman H. D. Clayton of Alabama and former Congressman John J. Lentz of Ohio will address the meeting.

A WARNING FOR MILLINERS.

Columbia Merchant Who Displayed for Sale Hats With Heron's Feathers on Them Fined for Violating Game Law.

Columbia, October 33.—Mr. A. G. Douglass, president of the A. G. Douglass Company, which conducts a fashionable dry goods and millinery establishment in Columbia, was fined \$2 today by Magistrate Fowles on a charge of violating the game law of the State. The warrant was sworn out by Secretary Rice, of the Audubon Society, under the act of 1905, and states that Mr. Douglas has in his possession and offers for sale the feathers of a non-game bird, which is a violation of the statute. The feathers in question are that of a heron on a stylish hat in the Douglas window, and there are lots of others of the same kind in the stock, which Mr. Douglas will have to dispose of in some legal way. When the case was called in the Magistrate's Court he entered a plea of guilty and paid the fine. If the Audubon Society undertakes to enforce the law throughout the State it is likely that a good many stocks of millinery in other towns than Columbia will be depleted of some of their choicest fall offerings.

Chronic Constipation Cured.

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Carolina Hardware Co.

Years of Experience

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The Bank of Sumter.

The Farmers Bank and Trust Co.

Is prepared to make loans to its Farmer Friends on cotton stored in Warehouse.

WARSHIPS TO ESCORT ABRUZZIS.

No Member of Elkins Family to Attend Ceremony in Rome.

Rome, Oct. 22.—The Italian cruiser Fieramosca has been ordered to await the Duke of the Abruzzi at New York, whither the cruiser Etruria also will be dispatched. It is understood that the two warships will escort the Duke and his bride to Italy. The statement is made also that no member of the Elkins family will attend the official ceremony of the trans-

scription of the marriage deed in Rome, and that when Senator Elkins visits Italy later, he will be given the title of chevalier of annunciate.

The cruiser Fieramosca is at present in New York waters, having arrived here Saturday from Bridgeport, where she took part in the Columbus Day celebration.

The dispensary sales in the State for the last three quarters have exceeded two and one-half million dollars.