

WASHINGTON PICK-UPS.

The Cotton Crop—General Swain—The Inter-Ocean Canal—Dynamite Outrages—Post-Office Appropriations.

WASHINGTON, June 12.—Return of cotton planting made to the Department of Agriculture indicates that the tendency to an increase of area was checked somewhat in the Southwest by rain and in Tennessee by low temperature in the planting season. Replanting was still in progress to some extent on the 1st of June, even in the lower latitudes. The apparent increase is about 4 per cent. It would have been larger with a better planting season. A comparison of area with previous crop is as follows: Virginia, 83; North Carolina, 101; South Carolina, 106; Georgia, 103; Florida, 104; Alabama, 105; Mississippi, 105; Louisiana, 99; Texas, 105; Arkansas, 106; Tennessee, 101; Missouri, 101.

The temperature in April was lower than the average throughout the cotton States. The rainfall was deficient on the Atlantic Coast, and slightly less than normal in the Gulf States, but rains were excessive in May throughout the Southwest, causing overflows of the rivers, injuring stands everywhere, and causing a large amount of replanting. The latter part of May was warm and clear on a considerable portion of the Atlantic Coast, causing rapid growth and affording an opportunity for thorough weeding and clean cultivation. In the West, the fields are grassy and "chopping out" is not yet finished. The season is one to two weeks late, and plants are generally sturdy and vigorous. The main cause of a relatively low condition is want of size, which a few weeks of fine weather may remedy, yet a continuance of bad weather would now be disastrous. Beyond the Mississippi the general average condition is 87, against 86 in June last year, and 89 in 1882. The figures by States are: Virginia, 90; North Carolina, 95; South Carolina, 97; Georgia, 96; Florida, 99; Alabama, 93; Mississippi, 97; Louisiana, 92; Texas, 97; Arkansas, 97; Tennessee, 92; Missouri, 90. The increase in area of spring wheat appears to be nearly 900,000 acres, or 9 per cent. No part of the Pacific coast area is included as spring wheat. The largest increase is in Dakota, amounting to about 400,000 acres. The condition of spring wheat averages 101 per cent, being up to the standard in nearly every district. The condition of winter wheat continues high; average 95 against 94 a month ago. It was 73 in June last year and 99 in 1882. Since the last report the Illinois average has declined 11 points, Ohio 3 and Kentucky 3. Indiana, Michigan and some other States show a higher condition. The averages of condition in the principal States are: New York, 98; Pennsylvania, 100; Maryland, 96; Georgia, 93; Tennessee, 92; Kentucky, 95; Ohio, 82; Michigan, 91; Indiana, 91; Illinois, 75; Missouri, 90. The increase in area of cotton is four per cent; average condition, 95. It was 96 last year, and 101 in June, 1882. The averages are the highest, as is usually the case in States north of the 30th parallel, coming up to the standard in all the Western States. The general average of rice advanced from 95 to 97. In barley the average has fallen from 101 in May to 98. It was 97 last June and 91 in June, 1882. It is 97 in New York, 90 in Pennsylvania, 101 in Wisconsin, 100 in Minnesota, 97 in Iowa, 100 in Nebraska and 98 in California. These States usually produce four-fifths of the crop.

THE RECORD IN THE COURT OF INQUIRY. The record in the Court of Inquiry in the case of General Swain, Judge Advocate General of the Army, reports the facts as developed by the evidence, and concludes as follows: The court is of the opinion that while it is not prepared to say that any specific act developed by the evidence is actually fraudulent, yet the evidence does show a series of transactions discreditable to any officer of the army, and which especially demands the severest condemnation when engaged in by officers holding high position, and peculiar relations to administration of justice in the army, held by Brigadier-General Swain. The Secretary of War held the report before the President, and it was decided to order a court of inquiry for General Swain. The details for the court will be made in a few days.

THE DYNAMITE OUTRAGES. A cable dispatch received from London states that in the British Commons the under Foreign Secretary stated that representations touching the duty of friendly powers in regard to dynamite had been addressed to this Government, but no reply had been received. This dispatch was shown Secretary Frelinghuysen, and he said it seemed to refer to representations made by the Government touching recent outrages, but that the State Department had not received anything on the subject from the British Government since the commission of the recent dynamite outrages.

THE INTER-OCEAN CANAL. The sum required by Secretary Frelinghuysen to buy for the Government certain rights which it is understood the Nicaragua Government has conceded, for the construction of an inter-ocean canal, is \$250,000, not \$200,000 as heretofore reported. It is embodied in a paragraph in the Consular and Diplomatic bill attached to it by the Committee on Appropriations. It was this paragraph which was under discussion in the secret session of the Senate. No action was taken.

THE POST-OFFICE APPROPRIATION. The conference on the Post-office Appropriation bill resulted in agreement upon the proposition regulating the compensation to railroads and those relating to letters and postal clerks. Remaining differences were adjusted. The House conferees acceded to the Senate amendments in all the more important features.

DEJECTED RAILROAD MEN. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., June 12.—Several days ago it was announced upon the authority of Messrs. Talmage and Wade, of the Wabash system, that the pay car would recover the Indianapolis, Peru and Chicago Division either Saturday or Monday, paying for April. Up to night no car has made its appearance and so far as the men can learn has not started on its trip. They claim that it went out to Moberly, Mo., and Springfield, Ill., to pay off the strikers there, to prevent the interruption of business, but that there has been no intention of sending out the car as promised. The indications are that the men all along the line, from here to Michigan City, who have not been paid for several months, will strike. It is stated here that the Court will not permit the receivers to let the Indianapolis, Peru and Chicago Division revert to the bondholders, as the Division managers intended to do, believing that it is too valuable a piece of property to be sacrificed.

A St. Paul Blaze. ST. PAUL, June 11.—At 12:20 the large Union Depot was discovered in flames. The fire caught in the kitchen of the restaurant connected with the depot, third floor, and spread so rapidly that twenty waiter girls and employes escaped with only night clothes. The building is owned by a stock company, in which the railroads centering here are the principal stockholders. The loss will be in the neighborhood of \$200,000. Temporary sheds will be put up at the foot of Third street for the accommodation of passengers of the roads. This being the only depot in the city, the inconvenience will be great. Later—the depot is a total ruin, but the fire is under control and no further loss apprehended.

PERSONAL AND LITERARY.

Whittier tells an inquirer that his poem of "Barbara Fritchie" is founded on fact. Philippe D'Ennery author of "The Two Orphans," is said to have amassed a fortune of \$2,000,000 from the nearly three hundred plays he has written. The productions of the press, fast as steam can make and carry them, as show through the land, silent as snow-flakes, but potent as thunder.—Chapin.

Mrs. John Jacob Astor has given a gold watch and one hundred dollars to each one of her servants as a thank-offering for the recent recovery of her health.—N. Y. Times. Sarah Bernhardt wears a jersey when she plays "Lady Macbeth." When the French Macbeth first saw her in that costume he involuntarily exclaimed: "Is this a dagger I see before me?"—N. Y. Morning Journal.

John C. Eno, the late New York Bank President who made way with some four millions of the bank's money, is described as a very young man, who prides himself on his fuzzy little mustache and his good looks. There has lately appeared a book called "A Lover's Dictionary—a poetical treasury of lover's thoughts, fancies, addresses and dilemmas, and a complete guide to the study of the tender science." An English newspaper suggests that they might have called it "The Complete Angler" and be done with it.

As soon as it was announced that the late Mr. John F. Slater had set apart \$1,000,000 for educating the freedmen of the South, letters began pouring in begging him to give money for this, that and the other schemes of alleged benevolence, and before he died he had received bushels of such communications from all parts of the world.—Boston Post. When Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher was reminded that Henry Irving, a tor, had in his book on America described her as at first cool in her reception of Ellen Terry as a guest, but had at the end of the visit been so entirely captivated by the actress as to impulsively embrace her and weep in her arms, she simply answered: "Non-sense."—N. Y. Tribune.

Loving, the brilliant Harvard student who worked himself to death, has been known to make \$1,200 in two months just before the mid-year examinations. His custom was to give lectures in his college-room to large groups of students who were behindhand in their studies, and his lectures were so valuable that students were willing to pay a large admission fee.—Hartford Post.

The only daughter of Minister Russell Lowell is the wife of Edward Burnett, son of the famous cocaine manufacturer. She is a demure little lady, and bears a slight resemblance in looks to her distinguished father. She is noted as one of the best horsewomen in New England. Last summer she went across the ocean alone, in order to spend a few weeks with her father, and returned as she went.—Boston Herald.

HUMOROUS.

Why are pawnbrokers like pioneers of progress? Because they are always ready to make an advance.

The gentle spring and the mellow autumn go for nothing with soldiers. All they ask for is good March weather.

An exchange asks: "What will make a lamp chimney bright and clear?" Soap and water ought to.—N. Y. Graphic.

Thomas Burch writes to ask a Massachusetts paper if the editor recollects him. The Burch we remember was not spelled that way.—Chicago Herald.

"John, what is the best thing to feed a parrot on?" asked an elderly lady of her bachelor brother, who later parrots "Paris green," gruffly answered John.—N. Y. Ledger.

"How fresh and green everything looked," murmured Cartlett, as they wandered along the road. "Everything," questioned Adolphus looking down into her violet eyes. "Yes, everything," she replied, abstractedly. He wanders with another girl now.—Boston Post.

Mr. Whackem, a fiery schoolmaster, lost another scholar yesterday. The class was parsing a sentence, "What is the imperative of the verb to know?" said Whackem to Johnny Fizzleton. "I don't know," "Go!" shouted Whackem. "Thank you, sir," replied Johnny, and he was two streets off before the teacher could catch his breath.

"Poor Spooks," said one gentleman to another as the young man referred to staggered by: "he has gone to the bad entirely." "Yes," replied the other, "he is most certainly lost." "Can you tell me," asked the first speaker, "why he is like a commandment?" "No, I can not; why?" "Because nearly every body has given him up."—Atlanta Constitution.

"I wonder what gives her such a glorious voice," murmured Ethel, as Fatti bowed off the stage, and the roof rose and fell with the violence of the applause. "Because," whispered Cuthbert in her shell-like ear, "because, like Cleopatra, she has been drinking precious tomes." "And Ethel was so shocked that she ate up every one of the caramels without stopping Cuthbert's solitary bite.—Stockland Courier.

"There is no animal that can resist moths," says a scientific writer. Wrong, brother! seals kin. That is the very best reason to be urged in favor of buying a sealskin cloak, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt and enough money can be raised upon its summer board with an uncle to go abroad on. No family should be without one of these useful and suggestive garments. This may seem far-fetched, but it cannot.—Detroit Free Press.

"Papa, what is a hat?" "It is what base-ball players use, my child." "I know that; but isn't there another kind, papa?" "Yes, there's a bird called a hat." "I know that, too, but isn't there another one?" "No, I guess not, dear, why do you ask?" "Because I heard Uncle John tell mamma that you went on a frightful hat last night." "Papa said nothing, but made up his mind to give Uncle John a laying-out next time he saw him.—N. Y. Journal.

Mysteries of the Soda Fountain.

Under the caption of "A Business that Pays," a large dealer in soda water apparatus thus enlightens the trade on "the profits which dealers in carbonated beverages may reasonably hope to make," which he says, "can be readily inferred from the following accurate estimate of the cost of manufacturing each beverage." That is, selling from the fountain—the following are the actual costs: One glass of plain soda water costs one-tenth of a cent. One glass of soda water with syrup costs one cent and a half. One glass of mineral water costs one cent. One glass of root beer costs one cent. One glass of ginger ale costs one cent and a quarter. One glass of fine draught champagne costs four cents.

In the "bottling department" the following scale of costs prevails: Plain soda water, best quality, put up in bottles with cork and fasteners, costs eight cents per dozen. Soda water with syrup, in bottles closed by cork and fasteners, costs fifteen cents per dozen. Dito, with gravitating stoppers, costs three cents per dozen. Mineral waters in siphons costs three cents per siphon. Sparkling champagne domestic, best quality, costs twenty-five cents per quart bottle. From a simple comparison of the foregoing scale of costs, and the well-known retail charges for the same articles, the inference drawn by the manufacturer that it is "a business that pays," appears to be a correct one.

Then a list is given of the materials included in the outfit for this business. We find in this catalogue the following items: Sulphuric acid and marble dust to make the carbonic acid gas, which gives the sparkling quality. Chemical extracts for the flavors. Coloring to imitate raspberry, strawberry and other fruits. Gum foam to give it an artificial foam which enables the retailer to sell half a glass of soda as a brimming glassful. Tartaric and citric acid to do duty for lemon soda. Coloring for making something sold for sarsaparilla.

There is one item called an "acid dispenser" which appears to be essential in handling "acids and other corrosive" ingredients. We are also informed if such acids and corrosive substances are eliminated during the manufacture or during their passage into the human stomach. Such facts remain among the mysteries of a "business that pays."—N. Y. Sun.

Bleeding at the Nose.

This complaint is much more frequent among thorough, or very highly bred horses, than those of a coarser character, probably from the nature of the exertions such horses are put to. It is not, however, improbable that the fineness of the blood vessels in high-bred horses may in some way contribute to their rupture when unusually excited. Be it so or not, it is an exertion that brings on it. To what extent a liability to this casualty affects the value and utility of the animal, depends in a great measure on the purposes for which he is intended. Great liability to this occurrence would reduce the value of a race horse—that is, as one in training—from five thousand to perhaps five hundred dollars; in fact, as a race horse, however superior, he would be comparatively worthless, and he could not be depended on. It can scarcely be called dangerous to the animal, as it seldom causes sufficient loss of blood to be more than a temporary inconvenience.

A horse subject to bleeding at the nose when racing, might never have a recurrence of it when ridden as a lady's horse, or in harness for moderate work. If, therefore, one subject to this casualty were particularly desirable in other respects, there is no objection to purchasing less exertion; but on no account by him at any price, if wanted for the work that brought on the bleeding, whether wanted for riding or driving, though by using him very moderately one might prevent a recurrence. Knowing the condition of horses and their inflammatory habits, fed and used as they are, we would rather have a horse faint and drop from loss of blood than have even a slight attack of internal inflammation. Weakness from loss of blood is easily and surely to be remedied, but inflammation is most difficult to be subdued.—Prairie Farmer.

CURE OF RHEUMATISM.

No. 45 FULTON MARKET, NEW YORK CITY, Jan. 30, 1884.

I have been a martyr to inflammatory Rheumatism for thirty years. I am a provision dealer in Fulton Market, and the dampness of the place caused my trouble. Standing on the stones, my feet used to swell up almost as big as cushions, then my rheumatism would affect my shoulders and arms. I have tried almost everything, but without avail, until I began using BRANDRETH'S PILLS. The most I ever took was six pills at a dose, and soon as the medicine operated, the pain would begin to pass off. I then took two pills every night for a week, and would be entirely cured for some months, until I had another attack; then the same treatment always cured me. BRANDRETH'S PILLS never failed me once. I have been using them for upwards of thirty years. I daily recommend them, and I lately cured my clerk of rheumatism; he took the pills the same as I did. I am now 72 years old, strong and vigorous, and I am sure BRANDRETH'S PILLS are the cause. Anybody afflicted with rheumatism can come to me, and if they will take BRANDRETH'S PILLS, I will surely cure them. C. W. DYER.

No. 3 FULTON MARKET, NEW YORK CITY, Jan. 30, 1884.

I have been using BRANDRETH'S PILLS for the last 10 years. They are a wonderful medicine. There is nothing equal to them as Blood Purifiers and Liver Regulators. But I wish to state how remarkably they cure Rheumatism, and how easily: I was affected by Rheumatism of the legs. My business (wholesale fish dealer) naturally leads me to damp places. I was so badly I could not walk, and at night I suffered fearfully; I tried Balsams, Sarsaparillas, and all kinds of tinctures, but they did me no good, and I was afraid of being a cripple. I finally commenced using BRANDRETH'S PILLS. I took two every night for ten nights, then I began to improve; I continued taking them for 40 days, and I got entirely well. Now, when ever sick, I take BRANDRETH'S PILLS. They never fail. J. N. HARRIS.

HER SECRET TROUBLES.

The Unknown Trivia Which a Woman Endured Without Complaint—Why They Vanished.

Near the close of one of the most trying of the few hot days of the present year a pale, care-worn woman might have been seen at the window of her dwelling apparently in a condition of complete exhaustion. Her efforts to meet the accumulated duties of her household had been great, but she had done much for her husband and in her youthful days she had been not only beautiful but the possessor of health such as is seldom seen. But home and family duties and the depressing cares which too often accompany them had proven greater than her splendid strength and she felt that at that moment not only that life was a burden, but that death would be a relief. It is a fact, a most common every-day occurrence, and a great prayer is constantly ascending from thousands of homes for deliverance from the depressing power of Nature had done much for her and in her youthful days she had been not only beautiful but the possessor of health such as is seldom seen. 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