

## THEN AND NOW.

### What Eight Bales of Cotton Would Buy Twenty-Seven Years Ago.

#### MORE PROFIT NOW.

#### Cotton Has Declined But not as Other Articles.

The following is from the Hallettsville, Tex., Herald:

"The Herald has on its table an 'account sale' of eight bales of cotton sold by Mrs. Wm. Dillard to Morgan, Judd & Williams of Petersburg, (then the capital of Lavaca county), in 1867. The eight bales weighed 3751 pounds, and brought 29 1/2 cents per pound. The total value was \$1053.34, which would have been a very nice sum if Mr. Dillard had been permitted to pocket it; but before the money was paid there had to be deducted a government (Republican) tax of \$108.02, a weighing fee of 60 cents a bale, and other small items, government officers' commissions, brokerage, etc., which made the sum total of expenses to be deducted \$231.33. That left Mr. Dillard \$802.01, still a neat sum—but wait! There is the question of whether he will take gold or currency. He decides to take gold, and for this \$136 more is deducted, leaving \$664.41 of the \$1053.34; the eight bales of 29 1/2 cent cotton were valued at, to say nothing of the cost of picking, planting, chopping, etc. The seed of course was worthless in those days.

Now, when that cotton was marketed bacon sold at 25 cents a pound, sugar 15 cents, calico at 25 cents, domestic at 25 cents flour at \$14 per barrel, etc. Suppose Mr. Dillard had bought then 50 pounds of bacon, 20 pounds of sugar, 20 yards of calico, 20 yards of domestic and 1 barrel of flour. These articles would have cost \$100. Now deduct \$100 from \$664.41, leaving \$564.41 left after picking, chopping, etc.

Today cotton is worth 10 cents and we will find that it will bring 7 1/2 cents more than it was marketed for. It will bring \$267 for labor and \$14 for the price of the land.

Now, \$1; 20 yards of domestic, \$1.40; barrel flour, \$4; total, \$12.40. This will leave, after deducting \$20 more for ginning and other incidentals, \$210.42.

Out of the eight bales of 29 1/2 cent cotton there is \$464.91 left, with the necessities of life selling three, four and five times as high as at present, as will be seen by the two bills of calico, bacon, etc., are computed at, while now we have \$210.42 left, with the necessities of life, lower than ever before in the history of this country. The \$464.91 then bought 1859 1/2 pounds of bacon, while \$210.42 will now buy 2104 pounds—a gain of 244.39 pounds. The \$464.91 then would buy about 38 1/2 barrels of poor flour, while now the \$210.42 will buy 52 2/3 barrels of the very finest flour. The \$494.91 the eight bales brought then would buy 1859 2/3 yards of calico or domestic, while the \$210.42 the eight bales bring today will buy 4208 1/2 yards of either of these commodities, or a gain of about 2349 yards. Read these figures carefully and then you will say that 6 1/2 cent cotton today (about 1/2 less than the 1867 cotton) under our Democratic administration is not more profitable than the 29 1/2 cent was? The croaker will do well to cut this out and read it carefully every day. What would you say if you had to pay \$231.33 to market eight bales of cotton now?

An Arkansas man the other day rapped on his coffin just as the minister was about to begin the burial service over him. A man in the room, who thought some one outside was knocking at the door, yelled "Come in," hearing which the supposed dead man in the coffin exclaimed: "What's the matter with you? I am in already, and want to get out." He finally became so obstreperous that the funeral had to be postponed.—Tupelo Times.

## Low Cotton and the Cause.

The probability, verging upon certainty at present, that the cotton crop of the present year will be marketed at very low figures has brought about some agitation of the time-honored proposition that cotton producers shall combine to restrict production. This is the most impracticable of all magnifiable plans and is needless besides, for the sensible planters of the South are already organized into a combine of one to effect this object, by dint of directing more attention to corn, hay and stock; and the financial fool-killer is attending to the cases of those who cannot recognize and accept the inevitable, just as rapidly as he can get around to them. When they are retired from business their successors will profit by their example. The experience of the present season will doubtless be sufficient to induce many others to engage in conservative agriculture, as distinguished from speculative. When Southern planters realize that the day of 10 cent cotton has passed away and that there is no probability of its return, the tide of their fortunes, already turning, will rise rapidly. Bonanza cotton raising is dead beyond all resurrection, but there is money, and there always will be money, in the business for the planter who raises his corn, meat and work stock at home and who keeps his eyes open for any opportunity of profit. The only combination required may be effected on any plantation in the cotton belt not already hopelessly incumbered by the devotion of its owner to the all cotton theory. —Vicksburg Commercial-Herald.

## Income Tax.

Uncle Sam is deriding the tax. A good many ladies will have to cut down their pin money, too providing the legislation becomes a law. Thirty-eight fair possessors of fortunes ranging from \$40,000,000 down to \$2,500,000 have been named among the heavy taxables. Among them are two Countesses, two Duchesses and one Lady. If Hetty Green doesn't succeed in keeping out of the tax-gatherer's clutches she will be forced to plank down \$40,000 annually. It will cost Mrs. Bradley Martin, Mrs. Anson Phelps Stokes, Clementina Furness and Sophia R. Furness about \$10,000 each.

## BUTLER'S FRIENDS

### Determine to Run a Full Anti-Ticket.

Columbia, S. C., Sept. 1.—At a meeting of Gen. Butler's friends held here last night, it was determined to run an independent Democratic ticket against the regular Democracy, which is known as the Tillmanites. A legislative ticket favorable to Butler will be nominated in every county and it is probable that a convention will be held to nominate a full State ticket from Governor down.

This action is arousing much bitterness and the Democratic executive committee of which Senator Irby is chairman, has been called to meet on Tuesday next to consider the political situation. When the independent convention will be called has not been decided. Republicans will take advantage of the divided Democracy and run candidates in most of the Congressional districts.

† Captain Leathers is the name of a woman who is captain of the Natchez, a Mississippi river steamer.

## Notable Resolutions.

way off down in Lawrence county the following resolutions were adopted by a Democratic county convention last week:

"We re-affirm our allegiance to the Democratic party and to its principles, as enunciated in the Chicago platform; we heartily endorse the wise, patriotic and honest administration of the national government by President Cleveland; we desire to express our regret at the course taken by a number of Democratic newspapers in condemning the course of President Cleveland.

The following resolution, offered by J. J. Denson, was adopted:

"Resolved, That we endorse the course of the Hon. Thos. R. Stockdale in Congress.

Every few days Congress passes a bill authorizing the Secretary of War to restore to some Northern State certain battle flags in his custody. For instance a bill passed Monday to restore three or four regimental flags to the State of Massachusetts. This legislation is all Greek to many readers particularly the younger generation, and they may be surprised to know that all the flags asked for are the colors of Federal regiments captured by the Confederates during the war, in battle, and that fell into the possession of the Government when the Confederate capitol, Richmond, was surrendered. The flags given back to Massachusetts Monday, were those of her 15th, 11th, 23rd and 58th regiments, captured by act of congress.—Aberdeen Examiner.

## Quit the Pops.

Hallettsville, Miss., Aug. 30.—C. Longcroft, a prominent populist of this county has severed connection with the party and joined the Democratic fold. He states that he found the party composed of deluded ignoramuses, chronic office seekers and serious anarchists; that instead of being the friend of the poor the party is a deadly menace to government. The action of Longcroft is the beginning of a new era in this county and district.

## Confederate Veterans

There will be a meeting of Wilkesboro Camp No. 445 Confederate Veterans at the court house on Saturday, Sept. 29, 1894. All members are urged to be present for the more perfect organization of the Camp, and for the transaction of important business. Brethren, bring a little cash to pay dues &c. All Confederate Veterans cordially invited to attend and participate in the meeting. At this meeting we will have reports from our Delegates to the Re-union at Birmingham, Ala.

By Order of  
C. H. Campbell,  
Commander.

J. P. Brown, Adj.

## Notice to Teachers.

The fall examination for white teachers will be held the 21st and 22nd of September, and the 19th and 20th of October; for the colored teachers the 23rd and 29th of September, and the 26th and 27th of October.

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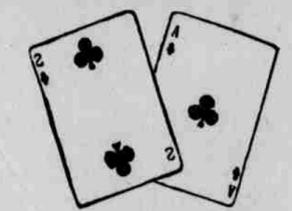
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