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THE COTTON CROP.

The government report issued last week shows that the estimate of the cotton crop is just a little above the nine million bale mark, which is much below the supply of the world, and all the cotton mills of the world are short with their supply on hand.

This last report made the price of the staple go high, and the possibilities are of higher prices as the season advances. The cotton crops has been short for the last few years, and with a short crop again this year, will make the demand brisk and the supply scarce.

The present condition of affairs is a safe guide to the cotton planter, that it will require several good crops before the supply can exceed the demand, therefore, we can see good reasons why all our planters should plant a part of their land in cotton, and in order to get the best result, the advantage of early market, to avoid the possible ravages of the caterpillars, the planter should prepare his land during the winter, and make planting as early as the spring season will permit.

The advice from all sections infested with boll weevil is early planting, in order to have the crop mature before the weevil can do its work of devastation.

The time for diversification of crops is ripe with this section, and the planter who wants to be successful and become prosperous, has to diversify his crops.

This year all the crops are very short, rice was a complete failure cane was very short, but cotton though also short, reaching hardly more than sixty per cent of the ordinary crop, sold at good prices, we can even say fancy prices, and this crop is made without expense, nothing but the labor of the cultivator is exposed, while all other crops require large expenditures.

The acreage of land in rice will be largely reduced the coming year, and from all information we get, we learn that the acreage of cane will be considerably increased.

But all the planters should always plant a few acres of cotton, it is a cheap, early crop, which supply the planter with some cash early in the fall. Plant a few acres of cotton.

A Frightened Horse,

Running like mad down the street dumping the occupants, or a hundred other accidents, are every day occurrences. It behooves everybody to have a reliable Salve handy and there's none as good as Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Burns, Cuts, Sores, Eczema and Piles, disappear quickly under its soothing effect. 25c, at T. J. Labbe drugstore.

THE LABOR QUESTION.

There is a scarcity of labor in this section that is becoming very serious, to the planting interest of the country and to the local industries, and we note that every year our sugar refineries have to get their labor outside when there are lots of idle, lazy men refusing work at good wages.

The plantations report that on Mondays they can never have all their men at work, and they get very poor work from the ordinary negro of the country, they are be-

coming independent to a degree that cannot be tolerated, they are not giving work for the wages they receive, and are a constant menace to the planting interest unless there is a change in the system of working.

The State, parishes and municipalities will have to pass strict laws against vagrancy, and the town people will have to stop feeding the lazy negroes who come to town to live from the kitchens of our people taken away in the baskets of the cooks.

This practice is being carried on a high scale, and it should be stopped.

All the good industrious negroes of this country are in good conditions, some having accumulated a great deal of property. But we have nothing to say about this class of men, but we are of opinion that all the lazy ones who seek the town to live at the expense of the white men's kitchens should be made to go to work or put to work on the streets and ditches of the town. Idleness and laziness should not be tolerated in the towns. All should be made to work for a living.

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MARRIED.

Tuesday the 8th inst., Dr. J. R. Olivier, a prominent young dentist of St. Martinville, was married to Miss Rita Young, the charming daughter of Dr. C. C. Young of Royville, Rev. C. C. Kramer of New Iberia, officiating. Messrs. F. E. and Edwin Delahoussaye, Jr., P. A. Bihvenu, Henry Olivier and Miss Eliza Olivier of St. Martinville attended the wedding. A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, and a limited number of relatives and friends were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Olivier came home, to St. Martinville, the same night, by carriage.

The Gumbo given by the ladies Thursday night for the benefit of the sick family of Mrs. Hilaire Broussard, was very successful, everything used for the gumbo was given by our people, and the ladies were well patronized, by gentlemen and ladies, and the demand exceeded the supply. The amount realized will be about \$40.00 net. Had the ladies only supposed of such liberal help by our people they could have nearly doubled this amount, because the demand for cakes particularly was very large. We are pleased to say that the prompt relief given that distressed family by the good ladies have saved their lives, two of them, the mother and one of the girls will be able to leave their beds next week, the other two girls are yet seriously sick, but good hope of their recovery is entertained by the attending physicians.

The celebration of the transfer of Louisiana territory by France to the United States, will take place in New Orleans on December 18, 19 and 20. This celebration will be one of the grandest affairs ever held in the Crescent City.



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We copy the following from the Savannah (Ga.) Morning News:

The Tolson Stock Co., gave its opening production "The Princess of Patches" last night before an audience much larger than might have been expected in the inclement weather. The audience was good tempered from the beginning and enthusiastic to the point of excitement by the time the third act was reached, and not without justice for the play was well put on and breezy, and full of humorous situations. The star part was carried with considerable spirit by Miss Lorena Tolson. None of the characters familiar in plays of this type were missing the heavy villain two of them in this case, the ingrate the hero, the benefactor, and the tramp and most of the parts were well sustained. Mr. O. C. Ruf as the philosopher in rage redeemed the hackneyed role much of its usual vulgarity and made it one of the best in the piece. The specialties between the acts were all good in particular some piano-forte solos by a talented woman pianist and the performance on the whole was creditable and promises well for the success of the Company during the week it holds the Savannah Theatre.

All the indications in this campaign point to a complete victory for Gen. Jastremski, Judge Barksdale, Mr. Jonas, and Will A. Stiedly for state treasurer. The other candidates, except Michel and Aswell, who have no opposition, are doubtful.

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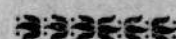
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