

Ginning Figures.

The government report of total ginning figures for the past season was issued last Saturday. It shows 11,258,117 bales, as compared with a total of 11,906,480 for the 1918 crop.

The number of ginneries operated this past season was 18,804, compared with 19,259 in 1918.

Ginnings of the 1919 crop by States in equivalent 500-pound bales were:

Alabama 711,646; Arizona 60,081; Arkansas 882,768; California 52,000; Florida 15,925; Georgia 1,658,253; Louisiana 296,858; Mississippi 952,446; Missouri 64,005; North Carolina 828,565; Oklahoma 984,111; South Carolina 1,422,029; Tennessee 308,746; Texas 3,064,997; Virginia 22,378; all other States 4,947.

Ginnings of sea island by States were: Florida 2,779; Georgia 683; South Carolina 3,445.

The cost of picking and ginning the 1919 cotton crop was about \$32.75 per bale, according to the bureau of crop estimates. By States the cost was as follows:

Virginia \$37.56; North Carolina \$28.17; South Carolina \$21.68; Georgia \$25.81; Florida \$22.71; Alabama \$22.96; Mississippi \$30.41; Louisiana \$34.56; Tennessee \$36.82; Missouri \$44.32; Oklahoma \$47.80; South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, sea island, \$46.10.

RECORDER'S COURT

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Alister plead guilty and promptly paid the \$500 fine. This is the fifth time he has been found

guilty of retailing, his last sentence having been a fine of \$300.

Horace Allison, a "news butch" plying between New York and Jacksonville, forfeited a \$150 cash bond. He was caught last week selling a quart of whiskey to a negro, the purchase price being \$15. Chief Braswell required him to put up \$150 cash bond for appearance Monday, but the youth (only 17 years old) no doubt put considerable distance between himself and Hamlet many hours before the appointed time for his trial.

M. R. Sharpe and J. E. Millikin, two citizens of Hamlet, were called before the Recorder for allowing their young sons to drive their cars. The lads were under the legal driving age of 16. They submitted to the charge; no fine or costs were attached.



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SUPERIOR COURT

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fact that Z. V. Pate would probably be drawn into the suit, the plaintiff did not care to bring action in Scotland county, since it is said a majority of the attorneys there are retained either by Mr. Pate or the Seaboard. W. R. Jones, of Rockingham, was employed by Mr. Newton, and Mr. Jones in turn associated with him the firm of Thomas & Phillips, and Stack & Parker, of Monroe.

In the case for the railroad were McIntyre, Lawrence & Proctor, of Lumberton; Nash & Cratch, of Hamlet, and Gilbert Patterson, of Maxton, who appeared for Mr. Pate.

It would appear that Mr. Pate is under obligations to reimburse the railroad as the cotton platform that was burned was built with special advantages to Pate. This contract, however, was unknown to the public and the Court ruled that the general public could not be bound by "secret contracts" made between the railroad company and Pate, as the platform was in general use by the public and the railway.

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TAKE TIME TO SMILE



Learning a Dangerous Lesson.

"Make hay while the sun shines," quoted the joyous philosopher. "It sounds like good advice," replied Farmer Cornstossel; "but scarcely, they tell me, is the cause of high prices. Did it ever occur to you that the more hay you make the lower the price you're liable to get for it?"

Autocratic Inference.

"I guess we'll cut out that line of my speech," said Senator Sorghum, "about my being a public servant."

"It is a good old phrase."

"Yes, but it has had its day. As household relationships go just now, claiming to be a servant sounds just a trifle bossy."

Sure Thing.

"It was a silk umbrella," said the hotel boarder, "and it had a long rosewood handle that was hooked in the end."

"That's nothing," said the hotel clerk. "I had an umbrella with a gold handle once, and it was hooked in the end, too."

His Knowledge.

While being questioned about her first day of school, Elsie, the small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Channey Golvin, confided to her grandmother: "What bothered me most was that George (her teacher) knows so much more than I do."

The Desired Quantity.

"Have you decided on what you shall say in your next speech?"

"Maybe I won't make any speech," said Senator Sorghum. "So many people want to talk now that the surest way for a man to be popular is to help make up an audience."



NO DISLOYALTY ALLOWED.

"Is Grace jealous of her husband?"

"Jealous? Why, on their wedding trip she wouldn't even let him admire the scenery."

Aversions.

Of all the kids I've known, I'll state, These cause most discontent—The ones that try to imitate The comic supplement.

Her Way.

"Our cook is a contrary kind of woman."

"How so?"

"She is a rare creature, yet all her works are well done."

The Varieties.

"The girl I love is the pink of perfection."

"Oh, these pinks of perfection in families would be all right if it wasn't for the popples."

Queer Action.

"Is Maudie color blind?"

"No; why do you ask?"

"Because when she wanted to find the Green family, she looked in the Blue Book."

Tact.

"I suppose this bread of mine is not to your liking."

"It makes me pity father when he had to eat the kind mother used to make."

Naturally.

"There is no use in splitting hairs in that argument."

"Why not?"

"Because it is over bald facts."

Beyond Him.

"What a wonderful linguist that man is! Is there any tongue he hasn't mastered?"

"Yes; his wife's."

His Drawback.

"This new writer has a certain rude strength."

"Then how could he expect to succeed in polite literature?"

Quite Enough.

"The cook says she wants some more crash in the kitchen."

"I must say I don't, since I heard her washing the dishes out there."

He Knew.

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