

ABOUT TWELVE MILLION BALES.

Total Product for Year Ending August 31, 1910, Given as 11,985,958 Bales.

Washington, Sept. 26.—The census bureau reports the total supply of cotton for the year ending Aug. 31, 1910, to have been 11,985,958 running bales, made up as follows: Stocks at beginning of year, 1,483,585; ginnings, 10,350,978; imports 151,395 bales. The distribution is 6,339,028 bales exported; 4,707,127, consumed. Stocks at close of year 939,803 bales, of which 518,101 bales were held by manufacturers and 421,705 held elsewhere. The number of active spindles were 28,349,067, of which 10,826,829 were in cotton growing States and 17,522,238 in all other States.

GRUBER FOR SUPREME BENCH.

Distinguished Lawyer Endorsed by Entire Colleton Bar.

Walterboro, Sept. 26.—Yielding to the resolutions of numerous friends throughout the State, the Hon. W. B. Gruber has consented to allow his name to be used as a candidate for Associate Justice of the State Supreme Court if the proposed amendment to the State Constitution is adopted. Mr. Gruber's friends are actively engaged in his behalf and will make an aggressive campaign.

The Walterboro Bar Association, at a meeting held several days ago, adopted resolutions which were signed by every member of the Bar. It is stated that similar action will be taken by members of the Bar in several of the adjoining counties.

The Hon. W. B. Gruber is one of the ablest lawyers in the State and has been considered a leader in matters of legal lore. His practice has been diversified and wide, and the ease with which he presides has convinced his friends and all who know him that it would be no mistake to elevate him to a position on the Supreme Court. In the preparation of his cases he has been thorough, and his arguments are always clean-cut, exhaustive and convincing.

Mr. Gruber has served with ability and satisfaction as special Judge in several counties and has won universal commendation for the fairness and ability with which he has conducted these Courts. These special terms of Court have been held in the counties of Barnwell, Cherokee, Union and Spartanburg, and the resolutions adopted at the close of the term of Court at Barnwell attest the manner in which he has been received in all these counties.

Mr. Gruber served with distinguished ability as a member of the State Senate from Colleton County, voluntarily declining to serve a second term, though urged to run. His character is above reproach. He has lived an open, upright life, enjoying the confidence of all with whom he has come in contact. Mr. Gruber takes an active interest in educational matters and is chairman of the board of trustees of the Walterboro High School. He is an enthusiastic and successful farmer and is first vice president of the County Fair Association.

His friends believe that the Legislature will make no mistake in electing him to this high position, and that the southern part of the State is entitled to a representative on the Supreme Bench, and no more worthy person can be found than the Hon. W. B. Gruber.

RICH GEORGIAN SUICIDE.

Thos. J. Pritchett, of Dublin, Takes His Own Life.

Dublin, Ga. Sept. 26.—Thomas J. Pritchett, one of the wealthiest citizens of this city and former president of the Dublin Banking Company, committed suicide early this morning by shooting himself through the head. Death was instantaneous. Besides being identified with the bank, Mr. Pritchett was president of the Georgia Warehouse and Compress Company and other enterprises. He carried life insurance for about \$11,000. Continued ill health is attributed as the cause for self-destruction.

MILITIA AT NEGRO TRIAL.

Prisoner Charged With Assaulting Eleven-year-old Girl.

Lexington, Ky. Sept. 26.—The Somerset company of the State militia was called out by Governor Willison this afternoon and went to Stanford, Ky., where Shay Pellman, a negro, will be placed on trial tomorrow for an alleged assault on eleven-year-old Nancy Rankin, white three weeks ago. Pellman has been held for safekeeping in the Labanon jail.

Now that Los Angeles has a woman policeman, a new rule against flirting on the beat ought to be adopted before trouble begins.—San Francisco Chronicle.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

Amendments to Be Voted on by People of The State in General Election.

Columbia, Sept. 27.—Six constitutional amendments will be voted on by the voters of the State in the general election, which is to be held in November. One of the most important amendments is the proposition to increase the supreme court to five members. As is well known, the members of the supreme court are overworked, as hundreds of cases are carried to that tribunal each year. With five members of the court, it is argued, there would never be a divided court and an en banc session would not be necessary at any time. The members of the supreme court are: Ira B. Jones, chief justice; Eugene B. Gary, C. A. Woods and D. E. Hydrick, associate justices. It is argued by the attorneys of the State that with five justices in place of four that much more work will be accomplished. Any three of the justices would constitute a quorum. Under the amendment the justices would be elected for a term of ten years, in place of eight years, as is the case at present.

CONSUL CROWNINSHIELD DEAD.

Passed Away at Naples—Son of Late Admiral.

Naples, Sept. 26.—Casper S. Crowninshield, the American consul, died here today.

Caspar S. Crowninshield was appointed from the District of Columbia, first as consul at Castellamare Di Stabia in 1906, and the year following as consul at Naples. He was the son of the late Rear Admiral A. S. Crowninshield. He married at Naples Miss Grace Snelling, daughter of Mrs. Edward Snelling, of New York.

Consul Crowninshield was active in relief work after the Messina earthquake and for this received a testimonial from the city of Naples.

HASKELL TRIAL BEGINS.

Oklahoma Governor Charged With Conspiracy to Defraud.

McAlester, Okla. Sept. 26.—Quick action today attended the opening of the trial of Charles N. Haskell, Governor of Oklahoma, and other defendants in the Muskogee town lot cases. Within a few hours a jury was selected and sworn, and the Government announced its readiness to proceed. The opening statements will be made tomorrow.

The case against Albert Z. English and E. B. Severs, both of Muskogee, who were indicted jointly with Haskell, were dismissed, the Government announcing that they would be tried under another indictment.

W. T. Hutchings, an attorney, and Clarence W. Turner and Walter R. Eaton are to be tried with Governor Haskell on a charge of conspiracy to defraud the Government in the sale in 1902 of about 600 town lot sites in Muskogee.

Under the terms of the sale persons holding "possessory rights" to the property were each entitled to purchase at one-half the appraised value one town and one residence site. It is charged that Haskell and his associates falsely administered the names of people, having no such possessory rights, and by the payment of small fees for the deeds obtained possession of 600 lots, thus depriving the Creek Indians, who owned the land, out of a fair profit.

The names of persons living in Eastern and Southern States, it is charged, were used for this purpose without their consent. These persons have been summoned as witnesses for the Government.

As soon as the case was called Federal Judge John A. Marshall, of Utah, intimated that later he would give the defense an opportunity to argue for a dismissal of the charge against Governor Haskell.

ADMINISTRATION FLOOR LEADER.

Stated Columbia Attorney Designated for that Post.

Columbia, Sept. 24.—It's somewhat of a novel idea in this State, at least within recent years, to have an "administration floor leader for the House."

The following appears in the local afternoon paper today: "Mr. George R. Rembert, of the Richland County Legislative delegation, will represent the Bleese administration on the floor of the House.

"There is no secret about it," said Mr. Rembert, in discussing the matter. "It is already known pretty well in some quarters that Mr. Bleese has asked me to look after administration matters for him in the House."

"Mr. Rembert led the Legislative ticket in this county in the primary of August. The other members of the Richland House delegation are Messrs. Youmans, Hopkins and Booker. Hon. F. H. Weston is Senator."

TO GET RID OF THE PISTOL.

English Law Suggested, Advertising Armed Citizens.

About every day among our State news dispatches there is one or more that contains an account of a pistol tragedy. On Tuesday there was a dispatch from Abbeville stating that a man, insanely jealous, had killed one woman, wounded another and mortally wounded himself. Why should this man have had a pistol? Why not have laws so strict that it would be a difficult matter for any one to become the owner of a pistol? When our law-makers undertake to deal with the pistol-toting evil they appear to be satisfied with half-way measures.

In England they deal with the pistol evil in a way that keeps the pistol out of the hands of the great majority of the people. That is why there are so few pistol tragedies in that country.

The Washington Post in commenting on a dreadful pistol tragedy at Alexandria, Va., the other day, called attention to the fact that in England a person can not acquire a pistol without undergoing a long and dangerous scrutiny. "There," says The Post, "the man who sells pistols must have a license that costs much, and he dare not sell a deadly weapon to any customer who has not permission from Scotland Yard to carry it. Even in that event, his name is printed in the advertising columns of the newspapers, thus proclaiming him armed to kill."

Why not have a similar law in this country? There would be strong opposition to it, of course, but wouldn't it be better to restrict the sale of pistols than to have so many pistol tragedies? When they think about it frankly most people of good sense will answer this question in the affirmative. Let our lawmakers think about the matter with the view of giving this State similar legislation. There are too many victims of the pistol.—Savannah Morning News.

A Good Roads Map.

Columbia, Sept. 27.—It is highly probable that South Carolina will be the first State to issue a good roads map. Following the improvement of the highways of the State and the introduction of the automobiles, there have been many demands made upon the department of agriculture for a map showing the highways of the State and their condition. Commissioner Watson has called upon the county supervisors of the State to furnish all data concerning the roadways in their respective highways. All counties have been heard from with the exception of two or three. The maps will also show the location of gasoline stations, so that automobilists will never become stranded on the highways.

John C. Calhoun's Nephew Dead.

Edward Calhoun aged 70, died at 6 o'clock Friday afternoon at his residence, 94 Ponce DeLeon Ave., Atlanta, Ga. He was an attorney at law and well known in Atlanta and in South Carolina, where his family was one of the most prominent in the State. His father was John Ewing Calhoun, the well-known statesman, and he was a nephew of John C. Calhoun, the senator.

Mr. Calhoun was born at Fort Hill, S. C., and served during the Civil war as a captain of a company of artillery stationed near Charleston. For the last ten years he had been a resident of this city. He leaves a wife and three daughters, Mrs. Allen Schoen, Mrs. Macon Martin and Miss Willie Calhoun. The remains will be carried to Abbeville, S. C., Sunday for funeral and interment.

The common or garden variety of voter seems to need nothing more than a course in a correspondence school to learn the proper use of direct primaries.—Indianapolis Star.

Czar Nicholas has donated \$40,000 to a church in New Jersey. He's about decided that they don't appreciate his kindness at home.—Cleveland Ledger.

Baltimore has dropped from sixth to seventh place among the great cities of the country, Cleveland, O., now being sixth with a population of 560,633 to Baltimore's 558,485.

No, it isn't true that the Savannah City Council put up the circus license tax in anticipation of the Colonel's trip South in October.—Savannah Morning News.

Through the courtesy of Congressman Lever the Health Officer has received several books relating to medical subjects, which will no doubt prove a great help to him.

Graham Graded School of Brogdon, opened Monday with the following teachers: Miss Estelle Lawrence, principal, Miss Lessie Jones, assistant.

HIS AUNTIE JULIA.

She Is Really a Wonderful Woman in Her Own Way.

A GREAT HAND WITH YARBS.

She Can Brew Them Into a Medicine That Hits the Spot Every Time and Is Better Than a Doctor's Visit. How She Made Old Pulfifer Jump.

"My Aunt Julia is really a wonderful woman," exclaimed the low browed man, placing his feet on the manager's desk. "She hasn't any diplomas from medical colleges, but when it comes to curing a sick man she can give the ordinary doctor a start of ten years and beat him around a block. Aunt Julia has firm faith in yarbs."

"You mean herbs," interrupted the professor.

"I don't mean anything of the kind. I mean yarbs. You go over to Aunt Julia and mention yarbs, and her eyes will brighten up and she'll ask you to sit down and eat a piece of pie, but if you began talking about herbs she'd paste you one with her trusty saucapan and knock off a corner of your scalp. Aunt Julia is pretty touchy about some things."

"One day old Mrs. Doolittle blew into the house to spend the afternoon, and Aunt Julia happened to say that something happened in April. Mrs. Doolittle thinks she knows more than Webster's unadulterated dictionary because she taught school about 150 years ago, when she was a young woman, and she called my aunt down and said that there was no such word as April."

"You mean April, my dear," says she.

"I don't mean any such doggone thing," says my aunt. "I mean April, and if you don't like it, Mrs. Doolittle, you can lump it, and be blamed to you."

"Well, they fanned away for five minutes or so, and their language began to make the shingles fall off the roof, and I was thinking of sending in a hurry call for the cops, when Mrs. Doolittle left the house by way of the window and jumped three fences without touching them in her haste to get home. A lot of saucapans and other household utensils whizzed past her ears and seemed to stimulate her."

"That's the sort of woman Aunt Julia is. Now, if you want to go over and talk to her about herbs I won't interfere."

"If there's anything my aunt delights in it is doctoring people. She hasn't a bit of use for drug store medicines. She brews her own remedies, and she doesn't think anything will help a sick person unless it tastes like the royal palace of Abyssinia. A dose of her colic medicine will make a man's insides feel as though he had swallowed a porcupine."

"I had the colic last summer, and the medicine she made for me had smoke on it. I can taste it yet. Sometimes I dream that Aunt Julia is handing me a spoonful of her colic medicine, and then I always wake with a yell. She is an old fashioned woman. She gathers her yarbs at certain stages of the moon, and when she is brewing her medicines she mutters incantations and makes passes with her hands and does a lot of tricks that make your blood run cold. But her remedies hit the spot."

"Old man Pulfifer, you know, was a hopeless invalid for a year. He sat in a wheeled chair, and his wife fed him with the fire shovel, and all the members of the family were kept so busy waiting on him that they hadn't time to wind the clock or prime the pump. He said he had paralysis of the worst kind, and everybody believed him. Aunt Julia went over there one day and looked at the old man's tongue and poked him in the ribs and tapped him with a tuning fork and said she could cure him up so quick it would make his head swim."

"If you can cure that man so he'll be of some use in the world," said Mrs. Pulfifer. "I'll give you the silk crazy quilt my grandmother gave me when she was dying."

"Aunt Julia gathered a lot of yarbs at the dark of the moon in the southeast corner of a graveyard and stewed them over a slow fire, and the broth she made from them would have warped the armor plate of a battleship. I knew by the smell of it that it was the real stingo, and you can't imagine how glad I was that I didn't have to take it. When she went over to dope old Pulfifer she insisted on my going along to help hold him down."

"The old man didn't want to take it. Anybody could see that. He got a smell of the stuff when Aunt Julia took the cork from the bottle, and a pale green sweat broke out on his brow. But I seized him by the top of his head and pulled his mouth open, and my aunt poured down about forty kilometers of her redhot dope, and when it had sizzled into his stomach he let out one warwhoop and streaked out of doors like a professional Marathon runner. When we found him a couple of hours later he was standing in the creek, which was full of ice water, trying to get his vitals cooled off."

"I defy any regular practitioner to make a quicker cure than that."—Walt Mason in Chicago News.

Easily Said.

"Some of these tongue twisters are really very hard to enunciate—for instance, 'the sea ceaseth and it sufficeth us.'"

"That 'th eathly thald." Hthpingly thmltd Mth Ellthabeth. "You thimply thay it tho: 'The thea theatheth and it thudltheth ut!'"—Life.

Nothing is more disgraceful than insincerity.—Cicero.

GUN EXPLODES ON BATTLESHIP.

Big Rifle Wrecked on the Georgia—No One Hurt.

Washington, Sept. 23.—While the battleship Georgia was attempting to hit a target at a distance of six miles yesterday during battle practice of the Atlantic fleet, the left 12-inch gun in the forward turret exploded without injuring any of the 12 men in the turret. A brief report on the accident received today from Rear Admiral Schroeder stated that the muzzle of the gun as far back as the jacket was blown off and that the big rifle had been injured beyond repair. No further details had been received from the admiral at the department up to a late hour tonight.

WHAT OF DISPENSAR WORK.

Will Result of Primary Retard Commission's Labors?

Columbia, Sept. 23.—Is the dispensary commission to be hampered in its work? This question was asked among the members today at a secret meeting of the commission, in the office of the Attorney General. It was a natural question, too, following the interview which Attorney General Lyon gave out during the campaign between Cole L. Bleese and C. C. Featherstone, in which Attorney General Lyon decidedly "came out" for Mr. Featherstone and left the impression that the work of the commission would be interfered with if Cole L. Bleese were elected Governor.

Today the commission met in the office of Mr. Lyon. Present were: Attorney General Lyon, Clifford L. Anderson, T. B. Felder, of the firm of Anderson, Felder & Roundtree, of Atlanta; W. J. Murray, chairman of the commission; Avery Patton, of Greenville; John McSween, secretary of the commission, of Timmonsville.

One member of the commission told The News and Courier correspondent:

"We did discuss today the future work of the commission. We are very much embarrassed at the result of the recent gubernatorial election. We feel that we will be very much hampered in our work, but we are going ahead just as heretofore. In one particular claim that we considered today we are especially worried because of the election. We discussed the situation today at the meeting."

The names of the claimant that does so embarrass the commission was not given out by the member.

It was stated by Attorney Stevenson, for the commission, that certain claims were gone over and one or two practically settled, others being held in abeyance. One member of the commission added the information that the attorneys had announced the terms of settlements with the commission, and that the commission was acting on the claims in this way. Mr. Stevenson also stated that all claims would be pushed.

The name of Cole L. Bleese, was mentioned frequently in the meeting, according to one of the commission. His name was directly connected with the discussion of the question as to the future course of the commission.

The meeting of the commission was behind closed doors, as have been so many other meetings of the dispensary commission.

BELIEVE TEXAS CROP BUMPER.

Reports Indicate Overflow from Galveston to Other Ports.

New Orleans, Sept. 24.—Cotton men attach much significance to dispatches received from Galveston today to the effect that such a vast quantity of Texas cotton is beginning to pass into that city that there will be an overflow to other ports. They say that it confirms the reports of a bumper crop for Texas, and that it also goes to show that cotton is going abroad in large quantities in spite of fears that the bills of lading question will interfere with the movement.

According to the reports, the Texas crop is being moved in what may prove record-breaking time, and naturally there are not enough steamer reservations to care for all of it.

EX-SOUTH CAROLINIAN KILLED.

Nicholas Myers, Formerly of Winnsboro, Assassinated at Ocala, Fla.

Nicholas Myers, who was assassinated at Ocala, Fla., last Saturday, was formerly of Winnsboro, having had to leave that place on account of connection with the Ku Klux Klan.

Mr. Myers was a son of Dr. J. J. Myers, deceased, one of the wealthiest men in Fairfield county in the ante-bellum days, and closely connected with several other prominent South Carolina families, among them the Peays and Watsons.

His assassination at Ocala, Fla., created great excitement there where he was a highly respected citizen. He was over 70 years of age.

The Charlotte Observer is trying to find out whether one should say "termatyoes," "termarters," or "termaters." Take a hint and say "Ter-mats."

NEW DAILY FOR COLUMBIA?

Possible Establishment of Another Morning Newspaper Reported.

Columbia, Sept. 25.—Matters upon which interest centres here during the coming week are: The possibility of the establishing of a new morning daily. It is stated that the commission will probably be secured during the week. Common report links the names of Geo. R. Koester, formerly editor of the Record; Geo. Rembert, member of Richland's legislative delegation; A. F. Lever, Congressman from the 7th, and others, with the enterprise. The proposed capital stock is placed at \$250,000. The meeting of the Republican Convention tomorrow. The probability of a decision of Commissioner Watson as to the Federal position offered him. The meeting of the Asylum commission on the 30th, when very probably the new site for the buildings to be erected will be named, and subsequently purchased by the commission.

MISCARRIAGE OF JUSTICE.

Judge Gage Expresses His Opinion of Verdict to Lexington Jury.

Lexington, Sept. 24.—Erastus Risinger, who has been on trial in the General Sessions Court here for the greater part of two days for the murder of Henry Mitchell, a negro, at Fredonia on the night of May 30 last, has been acquitted of the charge.

The case was given to the jury at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and it was a little after 10 o'clock last night when an agreement was reached. Judge Gage instructed the sheriff to keep the men together until half past 9 this morning, saying that he would not receive the verdict last night. To most of those who had heard the evidence, or to a great many of them at least, the verdict evidently was a surprise. To no one was the surprise greater, it seems, than to Judge Gage, and in dismissing the jury he delivered a brief address, the like of which, perhaps, has never been before uttered in the Lexington Court room.

He said: "Gentlemen of the Jury, the Constitution has conferred upon you powers quite as high as my own. You have exercised them. It is not my duty to desire to unbraud you therefore, but I would not be true to my convictions if I failed to tell you that the testimony in this case reveals a shocking state of public morals in Lexington County. I trust the day may come when this stain shall be washed away. Your verdict ends the case in the Courts. It may not end it with an earnest and enlightened public opinion. May that opinion not be that justice is turned away backward and righteousness standeth afar off, for the truth is fallen in the street and unrighteousness cannot enter."

It is said that from the beginning the jury stood ten for acquittal and two for manslaughter, the two finally turning over to the majority.

It might be of interest to state that the Court records show that the foreman of the jury, W. M. Wilson, of Peak, has been twice indicted in the Courts of the county for selling whiskey. At the February term of the Court for 1895 he was convicted. This is not given to disparage the jury who heard the case, but as a matter of public record.

TROUBLE AT WEST POINT.

Cadets Punished for Administering "Silence" to Officer.

West Point, N. Y. Sept. 25.—Near-mutiny is rampant among the corps of cadets at the United States Military Academy. Twice administering the "silence" to Capt. Edwin Landon, an instructor, caused the trouble, and last night and throughout today the cadets have been under severe measures of discipline.

It appears that Capt. Landon, stationed here since September 11, as a tactical officer, incurred the displeasure of the cadets when he entered the mess hall last night. He was greeted with the indignity of silence. Immediately the offending cadets were ordered to bed supperless, but despite their hunger the "silence" was repeated this morning, and once more the offenders were locked in their rooms, after having been forced to march with arms five times around the barracks.

Because of the performance of last night, the hop, which had been arranged was cancelled, greatly to the embarrassment of a number of young women who had come from New York, Albany, Poughkeepsie, Newburg and elsewhere.

The cotton receipts on the local market Saturday totaled a few bales more than nine hundred.

The roads are better than they were a few years ago for more bales of cotton are hauled at a load than formerly.

Many would like to see Prexy Wilson elected Governor of New Jersey just to show that college professors really amount to something.—Cleveland Leader.