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TON PRICE LITTLE LOWER

CHANGE IN PRICE DURING THE PAST WEEK, BUT THE TENDENCY IS STILL SLOWLY FORWARD.

has been coming in steadily and a good deal has been sold although the price has continued with slight fluctuations day to day.

splendid weather has continued the crop is being rapidly gotten

standing the low prevailing of cotton local merchants' business good. There has been a reduction in many lines in the drop in cotton, all the fall in price in other lines has not been nearly so great as in cotton. At the price of cotton there is little doubt that the greater part of the crop has been produced at a loss, lower prices in other lines are a reflection of the situation already sustained by the farmers.

report of the four gins up to Thursday morning is as follows:
Gin—Last report, 824 ginned since last report 277 total to date 1101 bales.
Gin—Last report, 1003 ginned since last report, 264 total to date, 1230 bales.
Gin—Last report, 880 bales; since last report, 350 bales;

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LAW VIOLATORS BEING CHECKED

EFFORTS BEING MADE TO LESSEN THE AMOUNT OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS SOLD IN CITY.

Regardless of the fact that Durant is one of the cleanest towns in the state as regards to bootlegging and kindred violations of the rules and regulations in such cases made and provided an effort is being made to better even its splendid record in the past.

To this end a court of inquiry has been holding several sessions but has brought very little to light in the matters under investigation.

Testimony before the court of inquiry which has been delving into the alleged violations of the various prohibition laws, having been to the effect that Crowder Bros., Second Ave. groceryman had been lax in the sale of flavoring extracts containing a "kick" County Attorney Phillips applied to the court for an order closing the place of business of the firm. Judge March refused to issue the order asked for but placed the firm under \$1000 bond to refrain from selling flavoring extracts for beverage purposes.

Dr. Gilliam, who represents a Waxahachie, Texas, medicine Co. was also placed under bond for the same purpose.

A big response for the Fourth annual Red Cross Roll Call, November 11-25 will help safeguard the health of this community.

OUR POPULATION NOW 105,683,108

INCREASE DURING LAST DECADE 13,710,842, OR 14.9 PER CENT—OKLAHOMA'S POPULATION IS 2,027,214.

Director Rogers of the Census Bureau, in making the announcement of the country's population, said that while the figures were preliminary and subject to correction, the final official population as transmitted to Congress in December, for apportionment purposes, was not likely to be greatly different, although it might be slightly larger through the addition of population for small sections of territory claimed not to have been properly canvassed by the census enumerators in January and which are now being investigated.

Effect of Immigration.
"The large falling off in the rate of growth for the country as a whole as shown by these figures," said Mr. Rogers, "is due mainly to an almost complete cessation of immigration for more than five years preceding the taking of the census in January, last, and in some degree also to an epidemic of influenza and to the casualties resulting from the world war."

"The results of the census of population are somewhat disappointing and open to question possibly, but the substantial accuracy of the enumeration in January is fully borne out by comparison with estimates based upon the probable excess of births over deaths throughout the decade and the excess of immigration over emigration. From all available data it may be roughly estimated that the annual excess of births over deaths throughout the United States is approximately 1 per cent."

The first census of the United States was taken in 1790, 130 years ago and the population was found to be 3,920,214. There are now eleven states, each of whose population exceeds that figure.

Oklahoma, with a population of 2,027,564, ranks 21st among the states falling between Virginia, the 29th and Louisiana, the 22nd.

Texas ranks 5th with a population of 4,661,027.

The number of farms in the United States, according to a bulletin issued last week, is 6,459,998, an increase of 98,469 of 1.5 per cent. A farm for census purposes is all the land directly farmed by one person either by his own labor or that of his family and hired help. The greatest number of farms is recorded for Texas, which is 435,666, a gain of 17,972, or 4.3 per cent, compared with ten years ago and an increase of 83,476 compared with 1900.

Oklahoma's farms number 191,791, an increase of 8 per cent, compared with 76 per cent for the previous ten years. Other Southwestern States: Arkansas 232,602, increase of 8 per cent; Louisiana 135,455, increase of 12 per cent; New Mexico, 29,841, a loss of 16 per cent.

Year	Population
1920	105,683,108
1910	91,972,266
1900	75,994,575

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ARE DESTROYING MUCH COTTON

TEXAS FARMERS INCENSED AT THE OUTRAGEOUSLY LOW PRICE OF COTTON DESTROY COMPRESS, GINS, COTTON.

Night riders are busy in various parts of Texas and considerable over million dollars worth of property has been destroyed there during the week. Cotton gins and cotton seem to be the only objects attacked with the exception of the compress at Cameron. The object of the lawless raids is to prevent cotton being sold at the present ruinous prices.

Reports of some of the outrages follow:

Fire of unknown origin beginning at 1:30 o'clock Sunday morning totally destroyed the plant and all buildings of the Cameron Compress Company together with 5,000 bales of cotton. Two thousand bales of cotton were saved.

The compress was owned by A. J. Dossett of Waco and was valued at \$150,000. It was insured. The plant was considered among the best-equipped in Texas.

The cotton destroyed included twenty-six carloads ready for shipment. The cars also were destroyed.

Fire was seen by the Rockdale night watchman on the cotton platform of the Farmers' Warehouse Company where several thousand bales of cotton were stored. The fire was extinguished with damage to only two bales.

Several bales of cotton were also reported to have been burned at Thorndale, in the same county.

The gin at Mertzon, Irion County caught fire Sunday, and but for the timely aid of the citizens of the town the plant would have been destroyed. It is not known how the fire originated. The gin will resume work Monday on the large crop now being picked.

The Hamlin warehouse was destroyed by fire at 5:30 o'clock Sunday Morning. About 800 bales of cotton was burned, entailing a loss of \$60,000 which was partly insured. The cotton was held over from last year's crop and was owned by farmers and buyers. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Gins in Arkansas Warned.

Two cotton gins at Lavaca, Ark., near Fort Smith Monday night were found to have been posted with warnings. Armed guards were placed about the gins. The notices read: "Do not start this gin until sixty days. If the wheels turn you know the results—unless the price gets right."

Gins Close After Being Warned.

Several additional cotton gins in Morgan County, Ala., are reported to have closed Tuesday after receiving warnings from night riders, according to the Albany, (Ala.) correspondent of the Banner.

Gin Destroyed at Pursley, Texas.

A gin belonging to G. B. Moore at Pursley, in Navarro County, near

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CUBA NOW IN GRIP OF PANIC

SPECULATION IN SUGAR, WITH OTHER CAUSES, PRECIPITATES FINANCIAL PANIC MORATORIUM IS DECLARED.

Blame for the Cuban financial crisis was placed on "exaggerated estimates" of banking conditions in the decree issued Sunday night proclaiming a moratorium. Under the decree, the Government reserves the right to rescind the moratorium, which will expire legally on Dec. 1, or to extend the period, if deemed advisable.

Present conditions in Cuba are said by the decree to be "due in large part to the mass of business transacted during a state of prosperity, the tightness of foreign markets and the fall in the price of sugar." The amount or current deposits in Cuban banks is estimated at more than \$400,000,000, and the assets, including stocks, bonds, sugar and other credits at more than \$1,000,000,000.

During the moratorium period depositors may demand only 10 per cent on current accounts and 12 per cent on savings deposits of less than \$2,000. Creditors, however, may check against their accounts to cover payments of customs duties taxes and other State and municipal requirements, which checks shall be cashed within twenty-four hours after issuance.

The moratorium does not affect the obligations of the National Bank of Cuba as Government fiscal agent

A NEW MUNICIPAL BAND ORGANIZED

TWENTY FOUR PIECES ARRANGED FOR. FREE CONCERTS ONCE A WEEK IN MAY, JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST.

The organization of the Durant Municipal Band, which has been a live subject here for several weeks, has at last been realized.

The organization has been fostered by the Chamber of Commerce and the Lions and Rotary Clubs of this city, each putting in enough money that the band will have an annual revenue of about \$2,400.

Present plans call for free weekly concerts during the month of May, June, July and August each year, with others as occasion requires. The first public appearance will be a concert to be held at one of the local theatres in March next year.

Officers have been selected as follows: L. N. Morrel director and librarian; W. E. Rhoads, president; J. D. Grafa, vice president; E. G. Villers, secretary; J. R. Hannah, treasurer.

An initial number of twenty-four pieces have been signed up for the band, with more expected. Out of this number of musicians, an orchestra and quartette will also be picked.

and depository. Officials of this bank, which met all demands of depositors during the run yesterday, today reiterated their statements that that institution is perfectly solvent and that all its loans on sugar are protected, in addition to the sugar itself, by the property of those to whom loans were made.

Special Values in Piece Goods

We are making prices on cotton piece goods at from 10 per cent to 30 per cent less than the early season price—if any further reductions are quoted on cotton goods, our customers will be the first to reap the benefit of them.

- Towels worth up to 75c at per pair 49c
- Table of Cotton and Wool mixed Dress Suiting, former prices 40c to 65c per yard now 28c
- 10 pieces of Gingham, some worth up to 50c at per yard 25c
- 15 pieces of all wool serge values up to \$1.50 per yard now 79c
- 100 yds. of shirting, values up to 50c per yard, 35c
- Extra heavy Outing flannel, former prices 40c to 45c per yard now 28c to 35c
- Ladies' Swiss Ribbed Vests, pale pink only worth 50c, our price each 29c
- One lot of good weight Huck towels, big size, 50c value, per pair 35c
- Several Bushels of Crochet thread, 15 to 20c sellers, at per ball 12 1-2c
- Regular \$2.50 Overalls—Heavy Denim, our price \$1.95

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Our business experience reminds us of "Nigger Rastus" Old Race Mare. She "got off" Hoss' and a half behind, but Rastus poured the whip to her from the "White of her eye" to "the root of her tail."

She passed the quarter-mile post gaining every jump. "Go it, Nancy." "Go it, Nancy," she passed the half-mile post running neck-and-neck with the leader.

Oh! Boy, she' steppin' off. "Go it, Nancy." "Go it, Nancy." She passed the three-quarter-post givin' her dust to ever other Hoss' in the race, and by the time she passed under the home wire she was 60 yards ahead, and low and behold she went around the track five more times before Rastus could get her stopped.

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