

A WORD TO COTTON PLANTERS.

It is a singular fact, but none the less true, that many of our planting friends will risk in the cultivation of their fields their own ready means, or if needs be borrow the necessary money from their factors, work hard from the first breaking up of the land to the final ginning and baling of their crops, and when once this has been accomplished pay as little regard to the proper care and housing of their cotton as if it had been procured without the expenditure of a dollar or a single day's work.

Once the cotton is baled it is in many instances placed in some lot corner exposed to all weather, or if a pretense of sheltering it is made so little trouble is taken that the rain wets it, the mud stains it, the sun dries it, and in the end the cotton reaches market in a damaged condition, much to the annoyance of the factor and greatly to the disadvantage of the shipper. The present year, when the tributaries have been so low, cotton has been detained longer than usual on the plantations along such streams; and many a shipment has in consequence on arrival here been sent to the pickery, or where the damage did not positively necessitate that, the stained coating of the bales was removed when passing through the scales.

Again, cotton in perfect condition is hauled to some landing; it is piled, not like it is done here on end and on skids, but merely rolled out on the bank, where it quietly rests until a boat chooses to land and take it aboard. How frequently it happens, we all know, that a rainy spell sets in. The bales are wet, till sometimes the water can be squeezed from the cotton; gullies are made here and there, and little streams of dirty water go coursing in and around these bales. The ground is soft and slushy, yet nevertheless the cotton is rolled over and over, or slid down the bank, plowing it way through the mud to the boat's staging. Indeed we have been reliably told that bales of cotton have been actually floated down creeks and small bayous some miles to a convenient shipping point.

Where all such evils are unavoidable, there is, of course, no reason in complaining; but in many instances, in most all, a little forethought and care would prevent what invariably proves a matter of worry and of actual damage. It might be supposed that the pecuniary loss would of itself effect a cure; it may in time but such carelessness has been and still is a source of trouble to shipper, carrier and receiver.—[N. O. Picayune.

Lands in Sumter, Marion, Clarendon and Williamsburg counties, S. C., which eighteen months ago were offered at \$2 per acre without purchasers, are now selling freely at \$10 per acre. One northern farmer, who bought land in Sumter county, claims to have made last year thirty bushels of wheat to the acre of better quality than he had ever raised in the North, and more salable in the markets, and had also raised fifty bushels of oats to the acre.

A bill is before the Virginia Legislature to amend the criminal law so as to include razors in the act in which concealed weapons are defined, and to make it a misdemeanor to carry a razor habitually, the penalty of which shall be a fine of fifty dollars.

Courting Under Difficulties.

He came up a little late, stepped in without ringing, and striding softly into the parlor, dropped into an easy chair with the careless grace of a young man who is accustomed to the programme. "By Jove," he said to the figure sitting in the dim obscurity of the sofa. "By Jove, I thought I was never going to see you alone again. Your mother never goes away from the house nowadays; does she, Minnie?" "Well, not amazingly frequently," cheerfully replied the old lady from the sofa. "Minnie's away so much of the time now I have to stay in." In the old hickory at the end of the house the moping owl complained to the moon much in its usual style, the katydids never sang more clearly, and the plaintive cry of the whip-poor-will filled the night with poetry, but he didn't hear any of it, all the same. "And, by George," he said to a friend fifteen minutes later, "if I didn't leave my hat on the piano and my cane in the hall I'm a goat. Think of 'm? Forget 'em? Strike me blind if I knew I had any clothes on at all. What I wanted was fresh air, and I wanted about thirty acres of it, and mighty quick too!"

WHO RULE THE NATION!

The Senate of the United States consists of seventy-six members, and of this number fifty-nine are practicing lawyers. Of the 293 members of the House of Representatives 219 are lawyers. The President and Vice-President of the United States are lawyers, and nearly all the government departments are headed and directed by the same profession. In the Senate there is only one physician, and in the House there are but six. There are among the Senators eight business men or merchants, one editor, two planters, two farmers one banker, one mine owner and operator and one of no profession or business.

Besides the 219 lawyers in the House there are 25 merchants, 5 bankers, 3 capitalists, 2 inventors 5 manufacturers, 2 teachers, 12 farmers, 6 physicians, 1 architect and builder, 4 editors, 2 millers and 3 owners and operators of transportation lines. The oldest member of the House is Mr. Wait of Connecticut, who is 69 years of age, and the youngest member is Mr. Frost, of St. Louis, who is 28 years of age. Fernando Wood has been longer a member of the House than any of his associates, and next in point of long service is Judge Kelly, of Pennsylvania. Mr. Stephens, of Georgia, is generally spoken of as being older than any other member of the present House but Mr. Wait has about one year the advantage of him in that respect.

In spite of Kansas fever and all other devilish designs against this country's prosperity, agricultural labor is about as plentiful as usual. Nearly all farmers that we have heard from have as many hands as they want.—[Monroe Bulletin.

Missouri seems to be the banner State for the commission of atrocious crimes—such as murder, arson, burglary, rape, and every conceivable species of abomination.

In Dennison, Texas, last week, a young man bled to death at the nose.

Two female tramps have recently visited Brookhaven, Miss.

The St. Louis Globe Democrat will die with disappointment if Grant is not re-elected.

The Mouth-Marks.

Some California people undertook to scare a Chinaman into owning up to stealing a shirt, by putting him to listen at a telephone, and telling him that the voice he heard commanding him to own up was that of the Deity, and, while the racket was being worked, some one stole up behind the fellow who was doing the talking at the other end of the line and jabbed a brad-awl into him, which resulted in the believing but unterrified heathen's remarking that the Lord "talks vely muchee like Melican man."—[Boston Post.

A sale by auction of a tract of land fifty-one by thirty-eight miles in area, in Kansas, is to be made to satisfy a mortgage of \$5,000,000.

U. S. MARSHAL'S SALE.

Timothy B. Edgar vs. Miss. Valley Navigation Company of the South and West. No. 8585.

In the United States Circuit Court for the fifth Circuit and District of Louisiana.

By virtue of a writ of fieri facias, to me directed in the above entitled suit, I will proceed to sell to the highest bidder on

SATURDAY, the 6th day of March, 1880 at 12 o'clock M., at the main entrance to the court house, in the town of Bastrop, parish of Morehouse, State of Louisiana, the following described property, viz: In township twenty-two, (22) north range seven (7) east in land District north of Red River. The north half of southwest quarter, section (6) six, also in township twenty-two (22), north range six (6) east, in same district. Lot eight (8) and the east half of southeast quarter of section one (1). Also lots 2, 7, and 8, and the south-west quarter of the northeast quarter and the west half of the southeast quarter and the southwest quarter of section twelve (12). Also the southeast quarter of section eleven (11). Also the north half of the northwest quarter, and the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section thirteen (13). Also the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter and the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter, and the south half of the southeast quarter of section fourteen (14). Also lots 5 and 10, and the east half of the southeast quarter and the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section twenty-one, (21). Also the southwest quarter and the west half of the southeast quarter of section twenty-two (22). Also the west half of the southwest quarter and the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section twenty-six (26). Also the northwest quarter and the west half of the northeast quarter and the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter and the north half of the southeast quarter and the southwest quarter of section twenty-seven (27). Also lot one and the south half of the northwest quarter and the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter and the north half of the northeast quarter and the southeast quarter of section twenty-eight (28). Also the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section thirty-three (33). Also the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section thirty-four (34) in all 2421 69-100 acres.

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