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SEVENTEEN CENTS COTTON NOT A DREAM, SAYS BROKER.

Little Rock, Ark., Oct. 2.—The statement sent out by a New York cotton broker to the effect that "17-cent cotton will be here soon," is regarded as an extravagant joke by many local farmers, who declare that the short crop, emphasized by the storm of Monday night, will justify almost anything within reason in the cotton market.

An increase in the price of cotton is also expected, based on the increased price of nearly every other commodity. "If the farmers, particularly in the Arkansas hills, were to get 17 cents for their cotton they could stand it all right," declared an attache of the state house, who has just returned from a jaunt through several counties. The valley country, however, is not so bad, and 17-cent cotton there would make a noise like sure enough prosperity.

In fact, latest reports from the state farm on the Arkansas river, indicate that the crop will be very good. Col. J. C. Colquitt, of the auditor's office, has just returned from a week's vacation at the farm and asserts his belief that the crop will average three-fifths of a bale per acre. This would mean a production of 1,200 bales on the farm.

Another redeeming feature in the crop shortage is the fact that cottonseed is bringing top prices, about \$18 per ton. A few years ago cottonseed would hardly be hauled away from the gins, and regulations had to be passed requiring ginners to keep their yards clean of seed in order to protect stock. Now it is different, and recently, when a large planter proposed to rent his land to a tenant if the renter would give him the cottonseed as rental, the offer was promptly declined as the value of the seed will run from \$4 to \$10 per acre.—News-Scimitar.