

The Democrat

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1899

THE LAST PRISONER.

Release of an Arkansian After Six and a Half Years Confinement in a Military Prison.

"TRUTH STRANGER THAN FICTION."

This saying was fully verified last Tuesday on the arrival of the steambark Natoma, for among her passengers was Mr. H. H. Lee, formerly a citizen of Madison, Saint Francis county, in this State, but who has been a prisoner in close confinement for the past six years and a half. So close was his confinement that he never was allowed the privilege of communicating with the outside world, not even his own family, who were in the greatest distress at his sudden and mysterious disappearance, and that too at a time when their worst fears were being daily realized. From a short conversation had with Mr. Lee, we learned the following leading points connected with his abduction and detention in a loathsome prison in the State of Wisconsin.

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WHEAT.—Campbell, of San Francisco,

in his list of August Circular, says: "The receipts of wheat from the new crop have been one-third larger during the present month than at a corresponding period last year, yet there is not sufficient offered on the market to supply the local demand; the greater portion having been purchased in the country and gone directly on shipboard. The stock of old in warehouse is completely exhausted, and there is no new being stored by either farmers or dealers—the former receiving a much higher price than they had anticipated, and the latter, warned by the experience of last year, are unwilling to operate at present figures. The price through the season will be governed by European quotations, and when the results of the harvest are fully ascertained, all the wheat shipped up to the present has been on English orders, while at this time last year, a great portion was shipped on California accounts, in anticipation of higher rates ruling, but which would go up with disappointment and heavy losses to all engaged. The crop in this State is not turning out as well as anticipated, as the rust has done more serious injury in many counties than was at first generally reported, and the consequence is we shall have a large quantity of shrivelled grain. The price opened at \$1.50 and \$1.55, and has gradually advanced to \$1.70 to \$1.75 for best shipping grades."

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