

COTTON MADE KING

Prices Advance Sixty Percent in Four Minutes

Astonishing Jump Caused by Agricultural Report Showing Great Crop Shortage

Washington, Dec. 3.—The department of agriculture estimates the season's cotton crop at more than half a million bales below last year.

New York, Dec. 3.—Cotton futures advanced 30 points today, buoyed up by agricultural reports. The bidding was terrific.

New Orleans, Dec. 3.—The most exciting day in the history of the cotton exchange. Cotton futures advanced nearly 60 per cent. They advanced 40 points within four minutes of the reading of the agricultural report.

Funeral Today.

The funeral of the late F. A. Smith was held from the undertaking parlors of W. T. Rigdon this afternoon, and the remains were given burial at the Odd Fellows' cemetery.

A Fighting Bishop.

On one occasion Bishop Selwyn was going down the river Walkato with a Maori when the latter, who was very lazy, left off paddling the canoe, at the same time muttering that if Selwyn were not a bishop he would—well, "go for him." In a moment the bishop told the man to turn the canoe ashore, where, stripping himself of everything episcopal, he said, pointing to his robes, etc.: "The bishop lies there; the man is here. I am quite ready; come on." The Maori did not "come on," however, but quietly resumed his work without another murmur.—London Tit-Bits.

An Old Legacy.

A Wednesbury (England) resident in the sixteenth century left \$1,000 to provide annually on St. Thomas' day three gowns and three coats to indigent persons of the parish. Following the custom of the times, the money was invested in land (in this case in minerals), and the original legacy has increased in value to \$30,000. Instead of the three gowns and three coats the charity commissioners who administer the funds are able to present 200 gowns and sixty coats.

Her Fathomless Eyes.

It was the hermit Thoreau, whose mistress was wood and stream, who wrote: "The lover sees in the glance of his beloved the same beauty that in the sunset paints the western skies. It is the same diamond here lurking under a human eyelid and there under the closing eyelids of the day. Here, in small compass, is the ancient and natural beauty of evening and morning. What loving astronomer has ever fathomed the ethereal depths of the eye?"

Quick Change Artist.

"Maria," began Mr. Stubb, "last night I played poker, and"—
"Played poker?" interrupted Mrs. Stubb. "How dare you spend your money gambling, sir?"
"As I was saying, I played poker and won enough to buy you"—
"You did? Oh, John, you are so good! I knew those sharps could not get the best of you."
"And just as I was about to quit I dropped it all and fifty more"—
"You brute! To think I should have married a gambler!"—Chicago News.

Soporific.

Mrs. Sharpe—My husband's been troubled with insomnia terribly of late, but he got some sound sleep last night.
Mrs. Nextdoor—Some new medicine?
Mrs. Sharpe—Well, yes. I told him I was sure I heard burglars downstairs.—Philadelphia Press.

A Fish Story.

"There are as good fish in the sea as were ever taken out of it," remarked Small to Young, who had been refused by Moneybag's daughter.
"Yes, I know, but they are not goldfish."—New York Times.

Up in the World.

"Are they progressive people?"
"Well, a few years ago they were nobodies, and now they can snub whom they please."—Detroit Free Press.

To Whom It May Concern:

Adverse to general opinion in regard to pain in dental operations, I can truly say that I had two gold crowns put in without any pain.

MRS. R. C. SHEPARD, D.

Salem, Or.
The work was done at Dr. B. H. Wright's Dental Office, Salem.

WEST INDIAN BELIEFS

Planters Take Advantage of Superstitious Natives

The Obeah Man Who Terrorizes the Natives is Deformed and Dirty but of Immense Power

The French islands have two superstitions which are not to be found in some others of the West Indies. These are a belief in a sort of werewolf or vampire, which lives on the blood of wayfarers, upon whom it leaps when they are abroad in the nighttime, or sleepers whom it finds in lonely huts; and, second, a belief in what is known in the British islands as the "rolling calf," a monster with blazing eyes, which prowls at night, clanking a chain suspended from its neck, and at whose touch men die. The following description is given of the typical obeah man:

"There is something so indescribably sinister about an obeah man's appearance that he can always be picked out by one who has had much to do with his class. Dirty, ragged, unkempt, deformed, there is yet about him an air of cunning authority. His small, piercing eyes peer viciously at the witnesses arrayed against him in court, for all the world like those of a cornered rat. Black men may be seen to turn as gray as ashes under the terror of that baleful gaze, and often it is only with difficulty that incriminating evidence can be dragged out of them. The wizard's awesome presence, however, does not appall an unsentimental British judge. He orders him "12 months' hard" and a sound flogging. Frequently the obeah man appeals against his sentence to the higher court, and in Jamaica it is not at all unusual for him to get off on some technical point, owing to the defective drafting of the law. Of course, he tells the ignorant negroes that he procured freedom by his magical powers, and thus their superstition is strengthened."

British law punishes obeah with flogging and imprisonment. Nevertheless, obeah is practiced by the white planters almost as a matter of necessity in order to frighten the negroes and prevent them from appropriating the produce of the plantations.

You may walk through your friend's banana plantation and notice a skull stuck on top of a stick, a small bottle full of dead cockroaches tied to a branch, or a miniature black coffin placed on a mound. "Hullo, old man!" you say; "working obeah—eh? I'll come and see you flogged at the jail." He tries to laugh it off shamefacedly, saying there is really no other way to make "those wretched natives" keep their hands off the crops. That is true. It is needless, however, to go to the trouble of placing these things about the plantation. If some night prowler has stolen your bananas, all you need to do is to say next morning in the hearing of the natives, "It's all right; I don't care. I've got the footprint." You will see them whisper among themselves in an awe-stricken way, and presently one will come up to you, nearly weeping with terror, and confess him self the thief. The superstition is that if you dig out the earth upon which the robber has impressed his foot and throw it into the fire he will waste away and die unless he gives himself up and take his punishment.—New York Commercial Advertiser.

James Smithson, whose bequest brought into existence the Smithsonian institution in Washington, led a lonely life and died among strangers and was buried at Genoa, Italy. The authorities of that city are going to use the ground where he was buried for another purpose and have called for the removal of his remains. The regents of the Smithsonian institution arranged for reinterment in another part of Genoa, but there is a general feeling in Washington that the remains should be brought to Washington and buried in the Smithsonian grounds. The suggestion is a reasonable one and may well be followed.

England Bought Them.

London, Dec. 3.—The admiralty this afternoon announced that Britain had purchased the Chilean war ships, thus putting an end to the circulated story that Japan was the buyer. Chile makes \$5,000,000 by the transaction.

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SOME GOOD WORK

Southern Pacific Furnishes Gravel to Fill a Bad Street

Street Commissioner Griswold requested the Southern Pacific officials at Portland to supply the necessary gravel for repairing Trade street along their track between Commercial and Front street, proposing to grade the material into place. He received a reply today, after several weeks' waiting that the gravel would

ers are now offering to pay the board bills of the new comers, provided they won't work until the strike is settled. The increase in the output over yesterday was 400 tons.

Ignorance Not Bliss.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Dec. 3.—An explosion of gas wrecked the interior of the Pennsylvania colliery No. 14 this morning, killing the driver, a boy, and perhaps fatally injuring three Hungarian miners. An ignorant Hungarian disobeyed orders, and walked into the gas pocket with a naked lamp.

Swedish Ship Aground.

Lewes, Del., Dec. 3.—The Swedish ship Dharwur is hard aground off Ocean City, Md. Five members of the crew succeeded in reaching shore in a boat. Eleven others, and a woman and two children, are still on the vessel.



"Said Pasha," Richard Stahl's famous comic opera, will be presented at the Grand Opera House Friday night. This cleverly put together piece of opera-bouffe, from the pen of the great composer, is without doubt one of the best light operas that has ever been offered for the delectation of local playgoers, and will doubtless draw an immense audience upon its presentation by the far-famed Olympia Opera Company, which is headed by the most charming little prima donna soubrette, Lottie Kendall. Miss Kendall is one of those accomplished little actresses to whom

any audience involuntarily leans, because of her beauty, grace and exquisite good taste in the manner in which she handles her art. Miss Kendall is surrounded by a company of exceptionally clever people, among the most prominent may be mentioned Eunice Clarke Drake, soprano; Theresse Barker, contralto; Carl Haydn, tenor; Carrick Cajor, baritone; Lao Adde, basso; Robert G. Pitkin and John B. Young, comedians. The chorus is said to be a thing of beauty. It has been picked from the best in the land, and is both talented and educated. Seats on sale Friday at 9 a. m. Curtain at 8:15.

PERSONALS.

Otto Hansen left last night for Bernholm, Denmark, for an extended visit to his brother, Valentine Hansen, whom he has not seen for many years. He expects to be absent from Salem about four months.

H. D. Patton and E. C. Patton returned last evening from a visit to Portland.

Paris, Dec. 3.—The Nationalist party this afternoon sent a protest against the re-opening of the Dreyfus case.

Hule Wing Sang Co. Fancy Dry Goods

Made up in a new line of heavy wrappers, all colors. White underwear. All kinds of waists, fancy goods, silks, gowns and ladies' furnishing goods, silk handkerchiefs, chinaware. New line of winter goods for sale cheap. 100 Court street, Salem, Or. Corner of alley.

BUTLER TYPHOID CASES

Six Deaths Within the Past Twenty-four Hours

Venerable Catholic Priest Among the Victims—No Improvement in the Conditions

Butler, Pa., Dec. 3.—There have been six deaths in the past 24 hours. The first death this morning was that of Father Walsh, the venerable Catholic priest, who was warned by physicians, and though stricken with disease, continued administering the rites of the church to the dying, until he fell by his bedside, and expired a few hours later.

Will Fight for Swamp.

Governor Chamberlain is in receipt of a letter from the general land office at Washington, D. C., conveying the information that the state's claim to 92,378.09 acres of swamp land, lying within the boundaries of the Klamath Indian reservation, has been rejected. This land was claimed by the state under the last administration, and was rejected because the lands were held to be subject to allotment to the Klamath Indians. The information was at once laid before the state land board, and it was determined to appeal from the decision of the general land office to the secretary of the interior, and Attorney General Crawford was instructed to take the appeal. The appeal will be taken on the ground that the swamp land grant of 1860 takes precedence of the Indian allotment. The state has 60 days within which to perfect the appeal.

"Portland and Return Only \$2.20."

The Southern Pacific is now selling round trip tickets to Portland from Salem for \$2.20, good going Saturday or Sunday, returning Sunday and Monday, giving all day Sunday and Monday in Portland. The same arrangement applies from Portland, giving all Portland people a chance to visit valley points at greatly reduced rates.

W. E. COMAN, G. P. A.

How a Custom Was Started.

When Fox, the first of Quakers, was sitting in church and the preacher said anything he disliked, he moved solemnly, put on his hat and kept it on until the disagreeable remarks were concluded. Hence arose the Quaker custom of wearing hats in church.

State Balls in Norway.

At Norwegian state balls the ladies who intend to dance wear white. Those who do not are expected to appear in black.

LAW ENFORCEMENT LEAGUE

Endorses the candidacy of the following, from both Republican and Citizens' tickets:

- FOR MAYOR. P. S. KNIGHT.
- FOR ALDERMAN, FIRST WARD. J. H. CAMPBELL.
- SECOND WARD. W. T. SLATER.
- THIRD WARD. O. J. WILSON.
- FOURTH WARD. F. A. ERIXON.
- FIFTH WARD. G. B. JACOBS, ENOS PRESNALL.
- SIXTH WARD. O. WHITE.
- SEVENTH WARD. J. N. SKAIF, P. A. THOMAS.
- JOHN BAYNE, H. S. JORY, AMOS VASS.

The Law-Enforcement League is a non-partisan organization of citizens who believe in the enforcement of existing laws. They appeal to the citizens of Salem, irrespective of party, who have the moral welfare of the city at heart, to make their selection from the candidates above named.

THE STAMP OF TRUTH.

Salem Residents Know It Well.

There is the stamp of truth on a statement endorsed by people we know by our friends and neighbors. The following experience of a citizen is but one case of scores right here at home:

Charles Beadle, veteran of the civil war, member of Co. I, N. Y. Infantry, residing at 423 West Sixth street, Eugene, Ore., says: "I was afflicted with kidney complaint for a great many years, I might say, ever since I came out of the service in the army. I never knew the moment when any over exertion of the contraction of a cold would bring on an attack, and on more than one occasion I have been so bad that I was almost helpless. The last severe attack I had was about six months ago when the lameness across the small of my back set in so dead earnest and felt as though there was a heavy weight over each kidney. There was a weakness of the bladder and kidneys and the secretions were not under proper control. Some of the numerous remedies I used gave temporary relief but that was all. Learning about Doan's Kidney Pills I got a box. I felt their beneficial results after a few doses. I shall always keep them on hand to have in case of need. I met one of my old comrades, Mr. Stowell, who was complaining of his back and kidneys. I told him to get Doan's Kidney Pills. He took my advice and a day or so after I asked him about the pills. He said they were the finest thing he had ever used and that they straightened him up in a hurry. Plenty more proof like this from Salem people. Call at Dr. Stowell's drug store and ask what his customer report.

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