

Letter From the South.

CULLMAN, ALA., Nov. 30, 1889.

The cotton plant is without doubt, from an economic point of view, the most important of any that has been made the object of domestic culture and manufacture. The amount invested in the United States and England, in this respect, is astonishing, in the world it is fabulous.

In 1870 the value of the cotton produced in the U. S. was \$327,784, in 1888 the number of acres planted was 9,722,584, valued at \$164,451,680. The amount invested in mules, horses and other utensils, amounting to \$163,892,258, and \$81,946,129 was paid as wages. The product of manufactured cotton was \$177,489,000, the capital invested in mills and machinery was \$140,706,291, while the wages paid was \$39,441,182.

In England in 1860, the manufactured products were valued at \$178,445; the capital invested was \$70,000,000, and the wages paid was \$7,500,000. In the same year the English consumption of cotton was 422,000 bales, and the remainder of Europe consumed 4,388,000 bales, making the value of the cotton consumed in Europe alone a grand total of \$569,000,000. Add to this the capital invested in manufacturing, and wages paid for labor, it will be seen that the cotton plant is the basis of one of the world's greatest industries.

Cotton seed is usually planted in this latitude from the 10th to the 15th of April, in drills from three to four feet apart; the distance between the plants averaging about 18 inches. It is cultivated much after the manner of corn.—It is a branching plant, growing from two to three feet high, and commencing to bloom in June, at which time a field presents the appearance of a vast flower garden. The bloom resembles the clove in shape, but is rather smaller and more delicate. It possesses the peculiarity of changing its color from a pure white at noon to a clear pink in the morning, fading white again at noon. The flower of the sea-island remains a pale pink color without change. The pods, about the size of a holly-hut pod, commence to open in October, and at this time to the end of the season, the plants are covered with globes of the purest white, bursting from the bolls, alternating with unripe pods and flowers. A man can pick about 300 pounds of seed cotton per day, which is equal to 100 lbs. of lint cotton, which cotton separated from the seed.

The cotton gin invented by Whitney in 1793 consists of a large shaft revolving on which are placed from 30 to 60 circular saws about half an inch apart, with a diameter four inches larger than the roller. These revolve between rollers so close that the seed can pass through. The teeth of the revolving saws seize the lint and pull it from the seed, while a roller revolving in an opposite direction cleans the teeth as fast as the lint is drawn through the bars.

The lint when free from seed is pressed into bales averaging not far from 500 pounds, each, and is covered with a coarse cloth or bagging, and bound with iron hoops.

To export a number of bales are pressed by powerful machinery into a close package, so as to occupy little space as possible.

Plant short-stable cotton yields about one-half bale or 250 lbs. per acre, and is worth on an average 9 or 10 cents per pound, but the use of fertilizers the production is nearly doubled.

The seed is valued about 15 cents a bushel of 30 lbs. in the market, its worth considerably more to the farmer as feed for stock. The various oil mills consume a large quantity of the seed product. Experiments prove that a fibre of flax in fineness and lustre can be obtained from the stalk.

Plantation farmers in the South are generally as plantation farmers; two, or three horses and oxen, or more, and furnish all the labor and hire the labor, or rent land in small portions, generally negroes. The others are small farmers who furnish their own supplies, and rent their land only; either a stipulated rent or for a share of the crop, generally one-fourth.

There are many immigrants who come to this country with their own property on a wagon pulled by one ox, representing their own possessions, and who in a few years have become owners of 100 acres of land with two or three hundred dollars owing their property to the cotton crop. Cot-

ton land in this section before being cleared, can be bought for from \$4 to \$5 per acre. The new land is the best, and a profitable crop of cotton can be raised the second year giving of a half bale per acre.

The "black" or cotton belt extends from North Carolina through South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi, and was originally the richest cotton soil in the world, but now owing to insect enemies, careless cultivation and a long series of exhaustive crops, the land produces but little more than the higher, healthier plateau sections.

A cotton market town in October presents a unique appearance. Hundreds of vehicles of all kinds, loaded with cotton, some in bales, some with high side-boards packed with cotton ready for the gin, some piled high with sacks, each representing so much ready cash. Cotton is "King" in commanding ready sales and cash in hand at harvest time. Ox teams are used by a majority of the immigrants for the first few years, but are rapidly being discarded for horses and mules. The housewife and children all come to market, and on their return carry back all kinds of articles of domestic necessity and comfort. Here is one who has a new wagon behind his old one, a stove, a plow, bundles of cotton cloth and calico, sundry hand-boxes filled for the girls, and boots and shoes for the children. Another has a new buggy, a set of harness, a saddle, a bedroom set, and sundry bundles for the women folks; all bought with the product of the cotton field. Even the one-ox farmer takes home many an evidence of industry and thrift, beside the prompt payment of his mortgage indebtedness.

Whoever has visited the Terra Sancta district of Northern Alabama, and has seen the thousands of bales of cotton, which a black finger has never touched, brought to market by enterprising and thrifty farmers, the product of their own handwork, the owners and tillers of their own soil, will not for one moment doubt that cotton can be more successfully and profitably grown with white than with colored labor.

For the benefit of the subscribers of this paper who have never seen cotton grow, we will, on the receipt of a self-directed, stamped envelope, send some cotton with seed, which seed can be planted in March in a pot, and then transferred to the open ground after frost. These plants will produce ripened cotton at any place in the North. Address S. A. F., Cullman, Ala.

ST. ELMO HOTEL, NOS. 317 & 319 ARCH STREET, PHILA.—Rates reduced to \$2.00 per day. The traveling public will still find at this Hotel the same liberal provision for their comfort. It is located in the immediate centres of business and places of amusement and the different Railroad depots, as well. All parts of the city, are daily accessible by Street Cars constantly passing the door. It offers special inducements to those visiting the city for business or pleasure. Your patronage respectfully solicited. Jos. M. Feger, Proprietor.

BANK NOTICE.

OFFICE OF COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY, WASHINGTON, November 12, 1889.

WHEREAS, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned it has been made to appear that "The First National Bank of Middleburgh," in the Borough of Middleburgh, in the County of Snyder, and State of Pennsylvania, has complied with all the provisions of the Statutes of the United States required to be complied with before an association shall be authorized to commence the business of Banking.

Now THEREFORE I Jesse D. Abrahams Deputy and Acting Comptroller of the Currency do hereby certify that "The First National Bank of Middleburgh," in the Borough of Middleburgh, in the County of Snyder, and State of Pennsylvania, is authorized to commence the business of Banking as provided in sections fifty one hundred and sixty nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF witness my hand and Seal of office this 12th day of November, 1889.

J. D. ABRAHAM, Deputy and Acting Comptroller of the Currency, Nov. 20, 1889, 2m.

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE Lett-ers of Administration on the estate of Simon Erdley late of Middleburgh township, Snyder county, Pa., dec'd, having been granted to the undersigned, all persons knowing themselves indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, while those having claims will present them duly authenticated to the undersigned.

SUSAN ERDLEY, Administratrix, Nov. 25, '89

PUBLIC SALE OF REAL ESTATE!

The undersigned, agent for the heirs of Rev. J. P. Shindel, late of Middleburgh, Snyder county, Pa., dec'd, will expose to public sale at the Court House in Middleburgh, on

Saturday, December 14, 1889.

The following described Real Estate to wit:

TRACT NO. 1.—A HOUSE and LOT situated in the Borough of Middleburgh, bounded by lots of Israel Bachman and John W. Orwig, Main Street and an Alley. The House is a good double, two-story frame DWELLING, good BATH, and other outbuildings, used for fruit and a well and Cistern.

TRACT NO. 2.—Another LOT in the same Borough, situated immediately back of Tract No. 1, containing 1/2 ACRE, more or less, bounded by an alley, public road leading from Middleburgh to Paxtonville, and land of George Kern and G. M. Mott. This is a FINE YOUNG ORCHARD.

TRACT NO. 3.—Situate in Franklin township, Snyder county, Pa., containing 75 ACRES, more or less, bounded by lands of Henry Dotts, John S. Hassinger, Henry Bearick and Church property, on which is erected a TWO-STORY HOUSE, Bank Barn, and other necessary outbuildings.

TRACT NO. 4.—Is a tract of WOODLAND situated in Franklin township, containing 5 ACRES, bounded by lands of Wm. Hassinger, and heirs of Samuel Bowersox, et al.

Sale to commence at 10 o'clock, A. M., when due attention will be given and terms made known by J. Y. SHINDEL, Agent for the Heirs, November 29, 1889.



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