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32 CENT COTTON *seeds*

The above is a field of **Allen's Improved Long Staple Cotton**, which made a bale of cotton per acre this season under very unfavorable conditions, it having been overflowed twice during the season but not killed. This improved cotton of mine is a fine producer; has a long, strong fiber, measuring $1\frac{1}{8}$ inches and longer. It is a nice picker. A hand can pick as much per day as any cotton I ever grew, and pick it cleaner. It is also early in maturing. I planted ten varieties of cotton this season, seven long and three short, and this cotton matured as early as any of these varieties, except the King, which was a few days earlier, but was not as productive. It stood second in yield. The Cook, which stood first, is a short staple variety, and yielded only two pounds per row of 100 yards more than my cotton.

I also planted a row of my cotton on the 6th of June on bottom land, which had been overflowed, and on the 18th of October I found stalks of cotton matured to the top with as many as eighty-six opened bolls to the stalk. This proves that it is an early variety.

I sold a large part of my crop for 32 cents per pound net in Port Gibson. This is the highest price ever paid for upland long staple cotton anywhere. I ginned this cotton on a Munger System with Gullett saw gins, and the ginning was excellent. You can gin this cotton on any saw gin system with good results if you will have your cotton dry.

I would advise any one who plants this cotton to give it plenty of distance, both in drill and row, as plenty of sunlight is necessary to all cotton plants. Cultivate as you would other cotton. It responds very readily to fertilizers. I made a bale per acre on uplands with the use of five hundred pounds of commercial fertilizer per acre, on land that has been in cultivation for seventy-five years.

I have a limited quantity of these seed for sale, which are pure and sound, which I offer to the public in lots of 25 or more bushels at \$1.00 per bushel; in smaller quantities \$1.25 per bushel f. o. b. Port Gibson. Nothing less than a sack of three bushels sold. Address the originator,

JAS. B. ALLEN,
Port Gibson, Miss.