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It will be remembered that some six weeks ago Daniel J. Sully, the temporarily dethroned cotton king, announced that he had quit the "pit" forever and would henceforth devote himself to the work of introducing improvements in cotton raising and handling. In accordance with this determination, all the papers were signed here today in the organization of a gigantic company, whose object is to develop cotton-handling on a vast scale. The Southern Cotton Corporation will be the name of the company, with a capitalization of \$20,000,000—\$5,000,000 preferred stock and \$15,000,000 common. Sully will be president. The company is being financed by men of undoubted strength and prominence in the financial world, who will be actively identified with its management. The fundamental feature will be baling at the ginhouse, Sully having some time since secured control of the Whitman square bale cotton press, which it is proposed to manufacture and sell. Other operations of the company include further radical improvements in cotton handling all the way from the field to the factor. Improved methods of culture, better ginning, a process of final baling at the gin which obviates the necessity for further compressing, and a great wear-housing system—extending over the whole country's territory, which will store cotton and issue receipts on which local as well as outside banks can loan with absolute safety are among the innovations which the company will introduce.

After an examination of the Whitman square cotton-bale press and its products Mr. John E. Searles, the one-time sugar king and later the promoter, if not the father, of the round cotton bale made admissions to his friends today regarding the superiority of the Whitman baler that were of utmost importance to the entire cotton world. Mr. Searles, still one of the largest stockholders in the American Cotton Co., which owns the patent for producing the round bale, has recently been invited by many leading stockholders of the American Cotton Co. to return to the management of that company, and he has had under consideration the acceptance of the offer and the probable reorganization of the company.

Announcement in the Manufacturers Record some weeks ago concerning the organization by Daniel J. Sully of a cotton-handling company, together with Mr. Sully's declaration that in getting hold of the Whitman square-bale press he had secured the machine for making the only perfect bale, induced Mr. Searles to personally examine the Whitman press and bale before going any further with plans for again taking an active part in the affairs of the round bale company.

Accordingly, Mr. Searles came to St. Louis, where the Whitman cotton press is made, and where it is exhibited in the Agricultural Palace of the World's Fair. In company with a mechanical engineer of international reputation Mr. Searles today made a most exhaustive examination of the press and the bale, and it has leaked out through a close personal friend and business associate of Mr. Searles that at the conclusion of the inspection he wired to William N. Cromwell, attorney for the American Cotton Co., New York, to the effect that the Whitman process is entirely practicable; that it is thoroughly protected, and in strong hands would be so dangerous a competitor that the American Cotton Co. must control the Whitman press if that company is to continue in business.

To his friends Mr. Searles unhesitatingly admitted that the Whitman bale does all he had hoped to do with the round bale, antagonizes nobody meets every objection which he had to fight with the round bale in changing the form of the package. He practically admitted that it would be fully to try to push the round bale against this newer and better invention. Another point recognized by him as of great value in the proposition as outlined by the Sully company is the determination to attempt no monopolistic control of the Whitman press, but to put them on sale to everybody. By the way, as showing the popular favor it is receiving, Mr. Edward Alkinson, the cotton insurance expert of Boston, has suggested as a fitting name for the Whitman-Sully bale the "Underwriters' bale." It is understood that the suggestion will be adopted.

ALBERT PHENIX.

[The above dispatch of the organization of a company with Mr. Sully as president and with some of the leading financial people of the country as active managers is one of the most important announcements which has been made for a long time connected with the development of the South. It is important in that after the most thorough investigations of the Whitman press it has been found that it meets every requirement for putting up a square bale of cotton at the gin, and thus avoiding the expense of rehandling and recompressing, doing in this respect what the round bale was expected to do in the saving of recompressing charges without the radical revolution in the shape of the bale. The world has been accustomed for a century to the square bale, and the Whitman press, according to these reports, meets that requirement in a 500-pound bale of the same shape and form as the present square bale of commerce. It is equally important that Sully and the men who have joined with him in this undertaking have determined not to undertake to monopolize the baling of cotton, but to sell the press, as well as all other machinery which they may develop, in the open market to every ginner who may desire to buy. Connected with the movement, however, is the equally important undertaking of the establishment on a large scale of a warehouse system, covering the whole cotton region, where the farmer, the factor or the millman can store cotton in

an absolutely safe warehouse, whose cotton receipts would be gilt-edge collateral in local banks, as well as financial centers, as grain elevator receipts are today. However great was the good which Sully's fight for higher-priced cotton brought to the farmers of the South, we believe that in this organization there are possibilities of still greater good through the improvement of cottonseed, which will be a part of the company's business, the development of better ginning and compressing systems, as well as in the establishment of a broad warehouse system.—Ed. Manufacturers' Record.]

**COLUMBUS ITEMS.**

F. L. Weaver was one of the busy men about town Monday and Tuesday.

County Commissioners, T. M. Ruppe and W. Y. Miller, spent Monday night at the home of F. L. Weaver.

H. G. Cannon, of Lynn, was in town Monday, and judging from the way he was hustling about, he had plenty of business that required his attention.

J. T. Waldrop was among the out of town visitors here Monday. Mr. Waldrop spoke encouragingly of the conditions of crops generally in his section and seemed to be especially elated over his own prospects for a big harvest in the fall.

County Superintendent of Education, W. M. Justice, spent Monday in town.

T. C. Mills, of Tryon, was a visitor to Columbus Monday.

M. A. Cornwell, of Green's Creek township, was a business visitor here Monday.

J. A. Hines, of Collinsville, spent Monday with the people of Columbus.

A Mrs. Klincks, of Charleston, S. C., is stopping at the Columbus hotel.

Mrs. Westlake and daughter, Helen, went on Thursday to Log Cabin Inn to spend a few weeks on top of the mountain.

J. G. Hughes and his assistants, Messrs. L. H. Cloud, W. E. Hill and T. E. Walker, have begun to erect the addition to the young ladies dormitory of the Central Industrial Institute. The work is getting well underway and will be pushed along as rapidly as possible.

Register of Deeds F. M. Burgess, is now busy working on the tax list.

Rev. W. M. Whiteside and his mother, are visiting friends and relatives in Gaston county. Mr. Whiteside is also traveling in the interests of the Central Industrial Institute. He will probably return about Monday, 18th.

N. T. Mills, of Poplar Grove, stopped on his journey through town Wednesday long enough to subscribe to the Asheville Semi-Weekly Citizen and THE POLK COUNTY NEWS. Follow his example and do likewise, ye who are not subscribers. You will never regret it.

Mrs. W. M. Whiteside and children are visiting Mrs. Whiteside's father, Mr. "Benny" Wilson on Green River.

**PROTRACTED MEETING AT TRYON.**

The protracted meeting for the Methodist church in Tryon is announced to begin Thursday night of this week at the school house.

The Quarterly Conference is to be held in the new church by Rev. J. H. West, P. E., Saturday and Sunday. Rev. G. W. Churchfield, pastor of West End Methodist Church, Asheville, is to be present Monday night to assist the pastor, Rev. W. H. Perry, in the meeting.

Rev. Churchfield is reported by his presiding elder as being a most excellent man and a good preacher.

**Advertise in THE NEWS.**

**MILL SPRING NEWS.**

Martin Walker's baby has been sick for a week. It is reported critically ill at present.

Miss Carrie Fleming, of Rowan county, near Salisbury is up on a visit to her sister Mrs. H. K. Finger and is expecting to remain during the summer.

Mrs. Canady is here from New York City to rest during the summer. She is formerly from England and has been in this country about two years.

Mrs. Delia Mitchell, Mill Spring's invalid has moved to the home of Mrs. Hague, her sister. She seems very cheerful and contented to have been bed-ridden so long—20 years or more.

One hundred teachers from Rutherford county and twenty-five from Polk will make quite a little company of boarders for our little city if they all attend as they should. Our people are pleased that the institute is to be held here for the two counties and that it begins next week. But why has Polk so few teachers?

The protracted meeting begins for Bethlehem Methodist Church next 2nd Sunday. We understand that Rev. W. H. Perry, the pastor has invited Rev. W. M. Whiteside of the Baptist Church to join him and hold a meeting together for both denominations. Rev. W. H. Perry evidently has a liberal spirit and is working for the salvation of souls more than for denominational aggrandizement; and is, therefore, willing to cooperate with others for the accomplishment of the greatest good. It is not yet learned whether Mr. Whiteside will be able to arrange to join him or not.

The horse of Mr. Perry has been lame for seven weeks or more and he has been walking

a good deal lately to make his appointments. He walked from Lynn to Bethlehem last Sunday. He came up through the woods and old fields with his Sunday shoes ripped, muddy and bottom of one nearly off, having come through fields, and along by-paths to make time. But after all, he was cheerful—apologizing for his plight—and preached with his usual vigor and earnestness.

**NOTICE.**

North Carolina, } Superior Court.  
Polk County, }  
Mary E. D. Blanton,  
vs.

J. W. Gardner and wife Maggie A. Gardner.

The defendants above named, J. W. Gardner and wife Maggie Gardner, will take notice: That an action entitled as above has been brought against them in the Superior court of Polk county, North Carolina, by the plaintiff above named, for the purpose of compelling said defendants to execute to said plaintiff a deed for certain land lying in Polk county, N. C., under contract for conditions broken. And said defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear before the Judge of the Superior court, at a court to be held for the county of Polk, at the court house in Columbus, N. C., on the 4th Monday after the first Monday in September 1904, and answer or demur to the complaint of the plaintiff which will be deposited with the Clerk of the Superior court of said county within the first three days of the Term, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

J. P. ARKIDGE,  
Clerk Superior Court, Polk County.  
This July 12th, 1904. 8-4

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**NOTICE.**

Notice is hereby given to the public that the Governor of North Carolina has ordered a Special Term of the Superior Court for Polk County, for the trial of civil cases only, to convene on Monday, July 18th, 1904 and continue until the business of the court is disposed of. All litigants having causes standing for trial on the civil docket of the Superior court of said county and all witnesses under subpoena to attend the regular term of said Superior court, to testify in civil cases, are notified to be present at said Special Term. J. B. LIVINGSTON, Chm. Brd. County Coms. This 23rd day of June, 1904.

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**APPLICATION FOR PARDON.**

Notice is hereby given to the public that application will be made to the Governor of North Carolina for the pardon of John Bruce and Shed Shehan, convicted at September term 1902 of the Superior court of Polk county for the crime of manslaughter and sentenced to ten years in state prison. This July 1st, 1904. 7-14

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