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NO COTTON LOWER RATES

TO BE SOLD THIS WEEK ON FREIGHT OBTAINED

Farmers Vote to Sell No Cotton This Week.

The farmers of Number Four met again Saturday afternoon with increased numbers and enthusiasm. Twenty seven names were added to the list of those who "will hold cotton until a market is established at a living price." This addition swells the list to 73 members. It was a lively meeting and much progress was made.

A resolution was adopted asking the merchants and business men to "buy a bale." And by a unanimous vote it was decided not to sell any cotton this week at any price. The effects of the holding movement are so evident and good that the farmers believe that a very satisfactory market can be established by holding on for awhile yet. When the first meeting was held two weeks prior to Saturday cotton was a slow sale at 6 to 7 cents. One week later it was worth about 8 cents and at this meeting ten cents was reported from Gastonia and Bessemer City. At the first meeting ten cents sounded awfully good but almost hopelessly distant. Now it has arrived and is prophetic of better times.

"I have about decided not to take less than ten cents for my cotton. Before I will let the sheriff sell it, and if any of you are present at the sale and have any pocket change I want you to make it bring ten cents," was a statement made by S. S. Weir. The universal satisfaction with which the statement was received was evinced by the hearty applause which it called forth.

Some wanted to know how they would know when they could sell. The matter was discussed and a "Market Committee" appointed whose duty it is to keep posted on the market conditions and report at each meeting. The committee consists of J. B. Thomasson, Longstreet Goforth and G. D. Hambricht. J. B. Thomasson is chairman of the committee which was to see the merchant in regard to taking cotton on account, extending accounts etc. He reported that he had seen the merchants and that they were willing to do anything in reason but that nothing definite had been worked out.

In absence of President G. S. Ware, J. N. Smith called the meeting to order and was made temporary chairman. S. S. Weir was elected vice president and took charge of the meeting.

Another meeting will be held Saturday afternoon at the same place, over Patterson Grocery, at three o'clock. A meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers Warehouse will be held in same hall at 2 o'clock.

Grover Farm Follows Suit.

D. J. Keeter & Co. of Grover have adopted the Plunk & Floyd plan and have issued posters stating that they will buy a bale of cotton at ten cents per pound from each of their customers owing them on note or account. Their proposition holds for fifteen days only. Let everybody fall in line and create a cotton market.

Progressive Association Saves Town \$10,000.

We are again in receipt of good news for Kings Mountain merchants and shippers. The Progressive Association has kept backing at the block until it has secured a very satisfactory schedule of freight rates. In our recent article on this subject we stated that with a three per cent average reduction we would be on a competitive basis with our neighboring towns. Now we have that three per cent reduction and a little more.

After secretary Leslie Mc. Ginniss visited the Freight Department at the head offices of the Southern at Washington a few weeks ago he received a letter that didn't savor much of the desirable but we received further consideration from the railroad and have now all we could expect. The merchants and shippers of Kings Mountain will now pay from eight to ten thousand dollars a year less freight on the same number of pounds than they did before the agitation started. Does the Progressive Association pay?

Communion At Long Creek.

Communion service will be observed at Long Creek Presbyterian church on the second Sunday in October. Rev. W. F. Minter D. D. of Lincolnton will assist Pastor C. L. Bragaw in the preparatory service on Friday and Saturday preceding.

County Schools

By Supt. J. Y. Irvin.

It has been said that "A public office is a public trust", and there is no office of which this may be more truthfully said than that of school committee. Too many people minify this office because they do not see its importance and because there is no salary attached. The importance of this office may be measured somewhat by the fact that these committees employ 166 white teachers who instruct 8000 white children. They are engaged in handling one of Cleveland county's biggest interests.

We begin to appreciate the importance of this office when we think how much the health of the boys and girls depend on the committee in looking after the water supply, the sanitary condition of house and grounds, the supply of fuel and a thousand other things. A poorly lighted room or a shiny blackboard may in a short time impair the vision of some of the pupils for life, while impure water may spread disease throughout the entire school. The selection of an immoral or inefficient teacher may do damage beyond repair.

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Choirs To Sing

The following choirs are within the bounds of the singing convention recently organized at Patterson Grove. Grover Baptist, Baptist Bethlehem, Baptist Elbethel, M. E. South Oak Grove, Baptist Patterson Grove, Baptist Mary's Grove, M. E. South King's Mountain, Baptist Kings Mountain, M. E. South Kings Mountain Presbyterian Grace M. E. Cora Mill, Kings Mountain Lutheran Kings Mountain A. R. P., Kings Mountain Wesleyan M. E. Mountain View, Dixie School house Long Creek Presbyterian Bessemer, Baptist Penly Chapel Methodist, Shady Grove Baptist Concord, Methodist Bessemer M. E. South Bessemer Presbyterian. Also any other church of any other denomination located at Bessemer City. Also all the churches about six in number, located at Cherryville. Any of these choirs who did not participate in the last convention and would like to take part in the next one to be held in Dec. can do so by sending notice to the Pres. not later than Nov. 1st. When sending the application send also title of each song you expect to sing. It is hoped that each choir within the bounds will be represented at the next meeting, either with a full choir, or part songs, such as male quartett, mixed quartett, duets, solos etc.

All the choirs participate and lets have a rousing good time.
G. G. Page Pres.
C. P. Gardner, Sec.

Communion At Bessemer City.

The communion service will be held at Bessemer City Presbyterian church the fourth Sunday in October. Pastor C. L. Bragaw will be assisted in the preparatory service by pastor G. A. Sparrow of Union church. Some repairs will be made upon the church before that time.

Washburn

Mr. Joe M. Washburn died yesterday morning at 10:30 after a long but patient suffering from rheumatism and Bright's disease. He passed away at his home in Shelby and the end was expected by friends for his condition was critical for many days. For three weeks he has been in bed carefully watched over by his brother, Mr. Robert Washburn and good neighbors. Mr. Washburn was a man of highest character and as a friend said yesterday was "one of the best men that ever lived." He was born in Missouri, November 5, 1856 and was nearing his 56 birthday. He was reared in the New House community on a farm where he lived until he moved to Shelby and conducted a grocery store up until the time of his death except a few months spent in Texas where he went in a vain effort to regain his health. He was married to Miss Norrie Williamson, a daughter of Decatur Williamson. She died a few months ago and left him practically alone as his daughter Mrs. Swearin lives in Greer, S. C. and his son took charge of the store during his illness. Besides the two children, two brothers, Robert of Shelby and Thomas M. of Charlotte also survive.

The remains will be taken to Rehobeth church today where the interment will take place at 11 o'clock, Rev. W. D. Abernethy conducting the funeral.—Star. Sept. 18

Wants To Locate Daughter.

My daughter Laura Huntsinger, left our home in Greenville, S. C. about eight months ago with one, Luther White. If anybody knows where she is please notify the undersigned as her mother is sick and she is wanted at home.

J. L. Huntsinger
Kings Mountain N. C.

A Blow Out

Last Saturday afternoon soon after the Journal force had "knocked off" for the week just as the editor had settled back in his easy chair, easy to fall through as there is no seat to it, entertaining hallucinations and imagination of the Limosine that we faint would be driving, and debating with ourselves just how long we should tarry at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel when we visited New York in a specially chartered train of Pullman cars, reveling in the riches that is so fast and furiously coming our way, one of our subscribers stepped in upon us and knocked our dreams into a cocked hat. His countenance foretold disappointment while determination lurked in his eye. He did not keep us in suspense very long but soon unfolded his terrible mission. The Journal he said, was carrying too much advertising to suit him, and that he wished to have his copy of the same stopped. As soon as we recovered from the terrible shock the subscribers name was gently erased from our records and he went out on his way rejoicing with the satisfaction that we no longer would wax fat on his scrap iron, leaving us to face and bear the curtailment best we could. Of course, in the face of such a financial loss and business reverse, we will not attempt to procure the automobile now, nor will we entertain further the Pullman (or the) New York. However, we would like to say right here that any gumptionless guy even with a smiling head ought to know that it would be an impossibility to run a local newspaper without advertisements. The ads are what make the local newspaper possible. Without ads the subscription price would have to be something like \$25 per year and of course this would be out of reach of this erstwhile subscriber. Yes, our pompous bank account is crippled and our sumptuous roll of the long green cutshort, and we will remain afoot, but the Journal will still be published at the same old stand.—Bessemer Journal

FORESTRY AID

IN PREVENTING EROSION

State Forester Holmes Investigated Last Week.

The Kings Mountain Progressive Association is interested not alone in the development of Kings Mountain but in the general welfare and progress of the community at large. It, therefore is taking an active part in the prevention of erosion in the Buffalo Drainage District. Some of the land being drained are very tender and wash easily. The commissioners are anxious to find some plant that will grow on these erosive areas that will prevent the destructive washing and also be merchantable in after days. The Progressive Association appreciates the situation. The secretary, therefore wrote Congressman E. Y. Webb regarding the situation asking him to see if a man could be sent from the Forestry Department to make investigation and recommend what plants to use. The letter below explains Mr. Webb's action in the matter.

Hon. E. Y. Webb,
House of Representatives.
Dear Mr. Webb,

Your letter of July 24, enclosing a letter from Mr. Leslie McGinniss, Secretary, Kings Mountain Progressive Association, N. C., is received. I regret very much that it will be impossible to detail any one from the Forest Service during this summer for making an examination on the ground of the land adjacent to Kings Mountain and giving advice as to the trees and shrubs to plant on it for preventing erosion. Most of the men are now in the field and are not going to be in the vicinity of North Carolina during this field season, I am, however, referring a copy of Mr. McGinniss request to Mr. J. S. Holmes, State Forester, Chapel Hill, N. C., who cooperates with the Forest Service in the study of forest conditions in North Carolina with the suggestion that he make an examination of the land at his earliest convenience.

The section of the country to which Mr. McGinniss refers is fairly well known as regards its soil and climate. In my judgment, the best tree to plant there would be the shortleaf pine (Pinus echinata). While the seed of shortleaf pine is expensive and it is difficult to secure large quantities of planting stock at reasonable prices from any commercial nurseries, the species is a native of North Carolina and there are good many areas in which young seedlings of shortleaf pine are in great abundance. These, if carefully pulled out from the ground, may be used for planting on the area subject to erosion. The loblolly pine (Pinus Taeda), may also do well in some places which are not too dry. The planting of shortleaf pine will serve two purposes at the same time; it will hold the soil in place and will always be a source of revenue since shortleaf pine timber is very much in demand and is now marketable in North Carolina to very small sizes.

There are several other trees which might be grown on that land, but I doubt if any other species will be as well adapted and useful as the shortleaf pine.

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