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LANTERS WILL COMBINE.

HOLD MEETING IN JANUARY.

ton Growers' Protective Associa-on Will Discuss Maiters of Vital iterest to the South and Will En-navor to Amalagamate Southern gricultural Interests-An Opinion the Cotton Situation-The Visit the President to New Orleans.

of the President to New Orleans. birrespondence of The Observer. New Orleans, Dec. 24.—Secretary Henry Inton yesterday, received a letter from resident Harvie Jordan, of the South-rm Cotton Growers' Protective Associa-ion, thanking the union for the tender of its hall for the meetings of the as-osiation, January 24, 25 and 23, when the ubjects of great moment to Southern notion growers will be discussed and an malgamation of various Southern agri-ultural associations formed. The letter s as follows:

ultural associations formed. The letter "Monticello, Ga., Dec. 18, 1904. "Monticello, Ga., Dec. 18, 1904. "Mr. Henry M. Mayo, Sect'y., Progres-sive Union, New Orleans. "Dear Sir: I beg to acknowledge re-relist of your very kind favor of the 16th nst., tendering the use of the rooms of the New Orleans Progressive Union for the meetings of the Southern Cotton Browers' Protective Association. January 4, 25 and 25, 1905, and to thank you most ardially for your interest and kindnessa. We aspect to have a large attendance We expect to have a large attending. From every cotton growing section of the Bouth, and I am sure every dele-inte will appreciate, as I do, the cour-esy of your great civic organization. The Breveport convention accomplished much esy of your great civic organization. The Shreveport convention accomplished much rood and at New Orleans we propose to follow this up with a same and business like organization, free from prejudices and operated solely in the interest of the security of the cotton grower. We will come to New Orleans prepared to bring the observations accounteral organisome to New Orleans prepared to bring together the various agricultural organi-nations of the South and weld them into a strong central body and upon this unit-ed body will reat the responsibility of or-ranizing the bureau of statistics and in-formation which is expected to be of di-rect and hasting benefit to the farmer. In this connection I must repeat what I have said before. The organization of this bureau is not intended and will not be used in criticism of the bureau of statistics of the United States Depart-ment of Agriculture. It is projected for the purpose of supplimenting the work of that bureau, but with information coming direct from our own membership, and in addition, giving facts concerning the epinner and manufacturer which will be used one with the bureau of the purpose of supplimenting the work of the bureau but with information coming direct from our own membership, and in addition, giving facts concerning the epinner and manufacturer which will spinner and manufacturer which will tell the producer what is being done with his commodity. The statistical and intell the producer what is being done with his commodity. The statistical and in-formation bureau will furnish the pro-ducer with reliable information as to the acreage, the average condition of the growing crop, the prospective yield and the actual yield. Also the actual cost of the delivery of his cotton to the spin-ner, the prices at which the manufactured goods are sold, the consumption of Amercoods are sold, the consumption of Amer-can cotton by the mills of the world and he amount of surplus carried over, if any.

LABOR PROBLEM.

"Other questions of economic interest "Other questions of economic interest will be discussed and none is of more im-portance than the South's labor problem. Fortunately for the cotton planter, the world seems to have produced a man who has taken a great step forward in who has taken a great step forward in who has taken a great step forward in solving this vexed question, and while I did not witness the test of the Lowry picker at Shreveport. I note from the press reports that the result was so sat-isfactory that some sixty-five or seventy of the most manufactor planter. of the most responsible cotton planters and business men of north Louisiana, many of whom I have the pleasure of knowing personally, passed resolutions unqualifiedly endorsing it. This is a tre-mendous victory for the cotton grower, for the reduction in cost of labor and production will be immense, as the picker is asserted to do the work of from three to five men a day. At Shreveport the ac-counts show that each one of the four counts show that each one of the four arms of the machine ploked an average of 126 bolls a minute. This is at the vate of 3,000 pounds of cotton per day per machine. If this machine of Mr. Lowry's can do such things as these, half the battle has been won for the far-mer, for this ploker will take rank as the greatest improvement in the cultiva-tion of cotton since the invention of the rotton gin. Since the Shreveport meet-ing disbanded, its members have spread the watch word. Hold your cotton.' to where have fallen in line and announce that they will wait for better prices. In that they will wait for better prices. In liberal co-operation of the Southern press, pur filmeral equ usin low every en low pur friend equ una leur areq an leur this work of conveying word to the far-and but for their prompt and generous as-sistance our work would have been clog-ged and slow. Southern editors arose to the occasion and from the biggest of our rity dailies to the humblest of our country weeklies, they have thrown all their infelligence and activity into the task of helping their own people and giving voice to the Southern planters-letting each community, each State, know what each community, each State, know what the other is doing and a most remarkable unanimity has been the result. It is a current belief that the farmers will not stand together—that they current be welds ed into a co-ordinate body. There has been much foundation for this belief, but the physiological moment seems to have arrived when a spontaneous demand has gone up for the object upon which we have now woulding, and the New Orleans meeting will have a work cut out for it, the importance of which has not been could in the cotton history of the the importance of which has not been equalled in the cotton history of the South. Assuring you of ny hearty ap-preciation of the kindness of the Progres-sive Union and anticipating a closer per-sonal acquaintance with its energeture membership. I beg to remain, "Very sincerely yours. "HARVIE JORDAN, Pres."

about one hundred miles, to connect the Selboard Air Line and a branch to Atlantic Coast Line. Nothing was accomplished under this old charter the fact that it ever existed is al-t forgotten. Just at this time, CoL I. Fries, together with his incorporaate actively at work on this outlet A bill is in course of preparation introduced as soon after the Legis-te meets as possible, asking for a and revised charter for the building railroad south to be known as th ston-Salem South-Bound Railroa i ing from Winston-Salem to Hamlet Anson county, and connecting with the A. L. and A. G. L., south, and the uthern and Norfolk & Western, north, may be said this bill is already comay be said this bill is already com-d and not a day's time will be lost having it enacted into law

killed about 11.30 o'clock to-day by ry Nailor, 13-year-old son of Chas lor, who lives near the Second Presin church. Hudson lived only about ty minutes after the shooting, which ars to have been accidental. Nailor 22-calibre rific and the ball struck on in the abdomen. Noyd Smith, one measage was sent for a physician. . Lockett went out, hut the boy was at when he arrived. Superintendent igher, of the water-works drove out to dam, placed the boy's body in his ay and carried the remains to his ne. Natior and Smith returned to their pective homes. Natior was arrested LERY

afternoon.



"Southern Cotton Growers' Protective As-HOLD COTTON AND COMBINE.

"Hold your estion and combine-form a 'cotton growers' trust'-fight the devil with fire." Thus spake President Harvie Jordan, of the Southern Cotton Growers' Jordan, of the Southern Cotton Growers' Pretective Association, while the boll weevil convention at Shreveport was still hot. In a little dressing room, just off the stage of the Grand Opera House, where the meetings were hold, there gath-ered a little group of the leaders of the movement for holding cotton, and or-ganized fighting. Assembled there with President Jordan, of Monticello. Ga., were E. S. Peters, president of the Taxas Cot-ton Growers' Association, of Calvert, Tex.; N. C. Murray, president of the Far-mers' Educational and Co-Operative Unmers' Educational and Co-Operative Un-ton of America, of Kingston, Tex.; Rob-ert R. Poole, commission of agriculture for the State of Alabama; John P. Alli-son, secretary of the Southern Cotton Growers' Protective Association, of Con-cord, N. C.; Eilison D. Smith a hig cotton

son, secretary of the Southern Cotton Growers' Protective Association, of Con-cord, N. C.; Ellison D. Smith, a big cotton mill owner, of Magnolia, S. C., and a rep-resentative of a New Orleans paper. "Fight the devil with fire"-repeated Mr. Jordan, "and the only way we can do it is by organization-business like, and the organization-business like. mer holds the trump cards if he but real-ized it and he is rapidly realizing it. The past few years of 'frenzied financing' in his commedity has great his rapidly realizing it. past few years of 'frenzied financing' in his, commodity has opened his eyes a bit. He has prospered some and has had time to think and get about. For that reason he is preparing to come in to his own and the object of the New Orleans meet-ing to be held January 24, 25 and 35, is to resemble all Southern farmers' organiza-tions analyzament form a contrast between ing to be beind Southern farmers' organiza-tions, amalgamate, form a central body, appoint a committee on finances, assess and secure the funds, and organize a bu-reau of statistics and information on the lines of the government's department, and furnish the farmers, bankers and mer-chants with information not now obtain-able. It must be plainly understoud that we are not and do not propose to be an-tagonistic to the United States Depart-ment of Agriculture, but are deternained to eliminate as far as possible, the spec-ulative element, from fixing the price of and cotton." Mr. Jordan and his co-workers were an thorough harmony and ut did not take them ten minutes to determine on mak-important in the cotton history of the South.

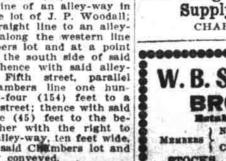
NICE IN FOUR HUNDRED FORMS.

These who are interested in rice both us to culture and food, will be interested in knowing that one of the isrgest clubs in New Orleans will specialize this peculin-by Southern dish and will serve it in some four hundred forms. The ormanization referred to is the Merchants' Chub, com-pused of the leading business men of New Orleans. The kitcl on of this club is is-nized Uniteen stories, bigh, in the top of the high Hilbernia Eank building, and on the field below are the immense distin-

Russia Not Secking Mediation. St. Petersburg, Dec. 24.—The French embassy absolutely denies that the French ambassador, M. Bompard, who has started for Paris, is the bear-er of any letter from the Emperor to President Loubert accounting the me-diation of France in the war. He did bear an autograph letter to M. Loubet, but it is of fulleitating character. M. Bompard left here as convinced as areas of Russia's niprose to prosecute in a subgraph is in achieved.



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