

WILLS AND MARKETS

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Luther Conant, Jr., under whose direction the commissioner's report was made up, has already appeared before the committee on a number of occasions, at which there was a lively interchange of views. The Exchange has given such hearty intimations of its desire to meet all just criticisms that the discussion has taken on the character of a cooperative movement between it and the Government authorities.

An immense amount of work has already been done by the committee in getting at the facts and collecting statistics relative to the question raised by the commissioner's report. Hearings have been had with spinners, merchants, producers and members of the Exchange in the endeavor to get at all possible points of view on the question involved.

The chief criticism made of the Exchange by the commissioner in his report was of the fixed difference system of grading cotton for delivery on contracts at so many cents a pound, on and off delivery, as being un-economic and giving the skilled few an undue advantage, and as being liable to abuse by individuals on the grading committee for personal advantage.

FOR BETTER CONTRACT.

Meeting of Committee Held in New York to Consider Better Cloth Contract.

Textile Manufacturers' Journal. A meeting of the committee appointed by the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association at its last meeting in New York to consider the question of a more equitable contract for the sale of merchandise was held Tuesday of this week at the office of Paulson, Linker and Co., 87 Leonard street.

The work of the committee is necessarily slow and arduous. Many letters have been written to leading factors in various branches of the textile industry, asking for suggestions, and in receipt of these suggestions has necessarily meant a mass of detail in connection with their collation and consideration.

It is now necessary to make a final report to the committee. It has been arranged that Mr. Parker shall be a member of both committees. It is very evident from the thorough and painstaking work that is being done on this subject that every care is being taken to produce an instrument which shall be eminently fair to both parties to the contract, and it is the general opinion of the committee as well as of those who have been consulted in the matter that the final draft of the proposed contract will meet with general approval by both buyers and sellers.

ADOPTS NEW BILL OF LADING.

National Industrial Traffic League Frames Simple Form.

St. Louis Dispatch. The National Industrial Traffic League, at its meeting here, adopted a simple form of non-negotiable bill of lading and instructed its Washington committee to formulate bills for introduction at the next session of Congress covering the right of shipment to route freight, the responsibility of carriers for rate quotations and the requirements that tariffs be approved by the Interstate Commerce Commission before becoming effective.

The members are confident that their action will result in a final settlement of the controversy over the question of a uniform non-negotiable bill of lading in restriction were adopted. "Whereas, The National Industrial Traffic League is of the belief that the proposed uniform bill of lading is in restriction of the statute and common law rights of both shippers and carriers; and, "Whereas, The carriers in the

Western classification territory have recognized this by abolishing rule 4 of the Western classification, and have substituted therefor a rule that they will transport property subject only to statute and common law liability, and, therefore, cannot adopt the proposed uniform bill of lading, which would be in conflict with their classification as a matter of fact. "Whereas, The National Industrial Traffic League hereby reaffirms its previous position that a plain bill of lading, subject only to statute and common law liability, should be used until the National Congress legislates on this subject; therefore, be it "Resolved, That we advise all members to print and use the following form of (non-negotiable) bill of lading when offering property to the carriers for transportation, as the carrier cannot refuse to accept and forward property subject to their legal obligations.

BUSINESS SITUATION.

Improvement Day by Day Seems Slow, But Considerable Gains Made Over a Little Time Back.

Wall Street Journal, 21st. To close range observation on day-to-day developments, the recovery in general business remains disappointingly slow and irregular. If comparison is made, however, with some little time back, a distinct gain can be measured. It is not well distributed; some lines, such as steel, display a considerable improvement, while in others the uplift can hardly be said to have fairly started.

Conditions beneath the surface are all in favor of industrial betterment. There are no surplus stocks anywhere, innumerable requirements that cannot be much longer delayed are encountered on all sides, costs are lower, money easy, and labor efficiency high. The heightening of the political campaign is credited in most business circles with causing the hesitation and conservatism still in evidence.

PLAYGROUND OF ENGLISH RICH.

Twenty Special Trains From London For Scotland in a Day.

Harpers Weekly. The great playing ground of the British aristocracy and of the sporting rich is Scotland. There is no country in the world which depends so much for its living on sport.

Millions of acres that fifty years ago were let at a peppercorn rent, now bring in vast sums as grouse moors and deer forests, and the time is not far off when all Scotchmen will be gillies, caddies or beaters, or will serve in some other capacity in the vast and expanding organization that ministers to sport.

Personally, as a man of very moderate means, I would rather go anywhere for a holiday than to Scotland. To be invited as a guest to some great Scottish mansion with its private golf links, its sprawling trout and salmon stream, its unequalled staking, and its intoxicating scenery is, of course, another matter, although even under such circumstances the expense of the journey and the prodigality of the tips expected from one making the acceptance of hospitality anything but a cheap undertaking.

The Charm of the Hatless Girl.

Washington Herald. We do not know—we almost fear to hope—whether it is the setting in of a new fashion, this charming custom of girls going about hatless, but if it is not we know it is exceeding joy. She is becoming ubiquitous, this girl without a hat, and in the street or on the street car, in the parks, wherever she may be, she adds beauty to the landscape and interest to the scene. More welcome to the new-old custom of the fair sex be it one of its results is the dethroning of that awful monstrosity, the Merry Widow, and the coming of a new hat that mows a swath of discomfort through our thoroughfares and which has added to the burdens of a torrid summer.

A Traveling Man's Experience.

"I must tell you my experience on an East bound O. R. & N. R. R. train from Pendleton to Le Grande, Ore., writes Sam Yate. "I was in the smoking department with some other traveling men when one of them went out into the coach and came back and said, 'There is a woman sick into death in the car.' I at once got up and went out, found her very ill with cramp, cold, her hands and arms were drawn up so you could not straighten them, and with a deathlike look on her face. Two or three ladies were working with her and giving her whiskey. I went to my suit case and got my bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. I never travel without it, ran to the water tank, put a double dose of the medicine in the glass, poured some water into it and stirred it with a pencil; then I had quite a time to put the ladies to let me give it to her, but I succeeded. I took it once in the effect and I worked with her, rubbing her hands, and in twenty minutes I gave her another dose. By this time we were all into Le Grande, where I was to leave the train. I gave the bottle to the husband to be used in case another dose should be needed, but by the time the train ran into Le Grande she was all right. I received the thanks of every passenger in the car." For sale by R. H. Jordan & Co.

JOHN AERONAUT SMITH

HOGBACK RIDGE HEARD FROM

Jack Jones, With Melhousus Words and Season's Flowing Sentences, Compares the Congressional Candidates of the Ninth Tar Heel District—An interesting Spelling Symposium Submitted to the Voters' A. S. Jones, Editor of the Observer. The Foreign Vote of the District—Who and What Yates Webb is—A Balloon Ascension by the Aeronaut November 3d.

To the Editor of The Observer:

As the time approaches for the election of a Congressman from the ninth district it behooves the people to lay aside partisan passion and prejudice and calmly weigh the merits of the opposing candidates. Who is the better equipped man—Webb or Smith? Who can better serve the public, who can accomplish more for the people, who will reflect more credit on the State at large? It is not a question of who shall draw the salary, but it should be rather a question of patriotic pride; and into this enters, more or less, the idea of selfishness, a selfishness that should prompt us to support him who can really do things for the people of the district.

Who is Smith? The training he has had in public or governmental affairs? What has he ever done to differentiate him from the ten thousand other Smiths in North Carolina? It is said that his reputation in putting him in nomination, boldly declared that Smith "would not only meet Webb on every stump, but would cut him down without salt." Well, John—I think John is a cognomen—was nominated and he at once proceeded to declare that he would not meet Webb; but I hear that he has changed his mind and will meet Webb. It is said that he operates a cotton mill and is the duly elected and qualified mayor of Bessemer City, and that he runs a newspaper and is an editor also. Well, John (that is, this patriotic Georgian of the clan Smith) is supposed to furnish the deep-thoughted foundation and the heavy superstructure of the editorials, while the editor—that is, the editor in propria persona—does the weatherboarding and painting, and occasionally some veneering and gilding.

Not being a scholar and never having heard of any John Smith who was a hero; and also being in doubt as to the proper spelling of his name, I wrote to a number of my Democratic and Republican friends for enlightenment. Some of them could recall a John Smith who had figured in war, statecraft or song. But the answers to my letters as to the proper spelling of his name make an exceedingly interesting symposium.

J. G. Grant, the Latin scholar of Haywood, declares in favor of Johannes Smithus, while Dick Hand, with his smooth Italian back, informs me that it is Giovanni Smithi. Heriot Clarkson, with a flavor of French in his veins, insists that it is Jean Smeit, while Gus Self with his warm Dutch blood says it is Hans Schmidt. John F. Smith, the Great-grandson of Madison, writes that in the Welsh mountains he would be called Jihon Schmidt, and Clyde Hoey, acquainted with the Mexican tongue, calls him Jonit F. Smithi. The classic William S. Pearson gives him the rich Grecian name of Ion Smilkton, and the gifted Walter Henry says that, in Turkey, he would be utterly disguised in Yoe Seef.

As there are many foreigners in the district it could be wise in John to have tickets printed with these various names and scattered among the voters. This would insure him a most honorable vote, for, of course, any honest foreigner who could count all such tickets for our John.

Who, outside of Bessemer City, ever heard of John Smith?—of course, I mean this special and particular John—will you be so good as to discover or invent him?

I am reminded that there is an A. In Smith's name, and as I do not intend to rob him of a single laurel, he shall benefit John A. I appeal to the public to remember this. Can you tell me what A stands for? Possibly it is John Adams Smith, but that doesn't ring well, and I shall worry no more about it.

Every one who sees John A. will be more than pleased with his style of personal architecture. He is somewhat of a prototype, rather than a willow; and while there is rather too much land about the equator, the face is not only peaceful, but what the sculptors would call "harmoniously symmetrical." It is a style of personal architecture that was much admired during the period called the "corporeal renaissance."

Some Democrats with seared consciences and reckless tongues insist that John A. has, at some time, swallowed a wasp, but his friends insist that he has only swallowed a good-sized kettle drum, and feel that he is fortunate in having this air reservoir in his abdominal regions, as it can be used for campaign purposes. His committee, to be as reliably informed, intend to put John A. on the top of Mount Mitchell, attach a fog horn to his kettle drum, by which means he can speak to all his constituents at once, to wit: "Dear Brats and Taff's phonographic stunt all hollow, and is, besides, a distinct triumph of genius. Amazing that neither Webb nor Wade Harris nor any of the Democratic committee ever thought of this. Has Clyde Hoey, Heriot Clarkson and the whole bunch of them gone asleep? Do they realize what a lead this will give John A. in the race? Right in the beginning of the contest they allow John A. to get entranced in the strategic stronghold of Mount Mitchell and from its storm-seamed and tempest-torn heights not only speak to all his constituents on the same day, and at the same hour, but distil to them a marvelous triumph of economics, a device that saves time, travel and expense. I had been doubtful about calling on John A., but I tell you, sir, this kettle drum and fog horn business has mighty nigh made me solid. I do wish, however, that somebody had heard of him before "By George" trotted him in the ring.

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Excursion Rocked and Conductor's Suit Case Stolen.

Special to The Observer. Statesville, Sept. 21.—An excursion from Statesville to Winston-Salem, operated under the auspices of the Sunday schools of Race Street Methodist church and Western Avenue Baptist church, carried about 500 people into Winston Friday, and the excursionists report that the day was very pleasantly spent in the Twin City. About 300 of the excursionists were Statesville and Iredell people and the remainder were from points between here and Winston. The excursion was a success financially and may be made an annual event with the Sunday schools. As the train was returning Friday evening some scoundrel threw a rock into the baggage car at Mocksville and Mr. Lon Thompson, of Statesville, was struck on the thigh, a painful bruise being the result. After the train had reached Statesville and the passengers were being unloaded a suit case belonging to Conductor Vest, of Winston, was stolen. The contents of the case were valued at \$25. There is no clue to the guilty party.

Bingham of Asheville Has 140 Boys Enrolled.

Special to The Observer. Asheville, Sept. 21.—The one hundred and sixteenth session of the Bingham School began September 2d, and the present enrollment has now reached about 140 boys, and present indications are that the school will have more than it can accommodate, as boys are still arriving almost daily. All the faculty have returned with two exceptions—Capt. Andrew Bramlett, who is now professor of mathematics at Clemson College, and Capt. W. H. Pittman, who is professor of English at Marion Institute, Marion, Ala. The new instructors this year are Capt. E. E. Greenwood, who was instructor of modern languages at Trinity College last year, and Capt. D. M. Myers, a recent graduate of the South Carolina Military Academy.

Boxing Bout at Fair.

John L. Sullivan Will Be an Attraction at Yadkin Valley Fair at Salisbury. Special to The Observer. Salisbury, Sept. 21.—The managers of the Yadkin Valley Fair Association have booked some star attractions for the Salisbury fair, October 20th, 21st, 22d, 23rd. The leading sporting event of the fair, and one in which thousands of North Carolinians will take interest, is the boxing bout between the original John L. Sullivan and his fiercest opponent in the ring, Jake Kilrain. The second attraction will be that of Charles J. Strobel with his flying machine. Over one hundred horses have already been entered for the races. Three bands, one of which furnished music for the Jamestown Exposition, will be on hand.

Pink Pain Tablets—Dr. Shoop's—stop Headache, womanly pains, any pain, anywhere, in 20 minutes sure. Formula on the box. Ask your druggist or doctor about this formula—it's fine. Mullen's Pharmacy.

Advertisement for 'BOTTLED IN BOND WHISKEYS'. It features a portrait of a man and a list of various whiskeys and their prices. The list includes: Lazarus Club, 'Cream of Whiskies'... 4.00; Virginia Mountain (str., 7 yrs. old)... 4.00; Albemarle Rye, 'fine'... 3.00; Cabinet Rye... 2.50; XX Red Rye... 2.25; Red Cross Malt Whiskey... 3.50; Yadkin River Corn... 2.50; Georgia Corn, pure white or yellow... 2.25; Virginia Apple Brandy... 2.50; Shoemaker Rye (bottled in bond) 5 full Qts... 5.00.

Large advertisement for 'The Safe Way' featuring 'CARDUI'. The text reads: 'The Safe Way When Threatened with a mishap, the safe way is to take Cardui and prevent the trouble from occurring. Weak women need Cardui before confinement, to strengthen their system and help them through this trying period. Thousands have tried it, and found it of wonderful benefit, at that and other trying times of their lives. Mrs. Fannie Nichols, of Mexico, Mo., writes: "Last year I was threatened with a mishap and Wine of Cardui helped me more than any other medicine. Now I have a fine healthy boy. I think Cardui the finest medicine I know of, for female troubles, and I wish all suffering women would try it." Cardui is sold by all reliable druggists, with full directions for use, in six languages, inside the wrapper. VALUABLE BOOK FREE. Take CARDUI'.