

WOLLENS AND MARKETS

COMPETITION DOESN'T HURT

Notwithstanding Progress of the Industry in 1907 South the Manufacture of Cotton Goods in Massachusetts Shows Great Increase in Past Year.

Boston, Dec. 14.—The manufacture of cotton goods, notwithstanding the growth of the industry in the South and the effect of competition from that quarter, shows a progress in Massachusetts greater than that of any other leading industry in the Commonwealth, according to Charles F. Gettemy, chief of the bureau of statistics of labor, in his annual report.

While it may be, says Mr. Gettemy, "that some of the increased value of goods is to be attributed to increased cost of materials that it is not altogether due to this source is evident by the increase in the average number of wage-earners over 1903 from 26,836 to 34,529 in Fall River; from 17,855 to 21,324 in New Bedford, and from 29,303 to 40,738 in Lowell."

The gain in the value of manufactures of all kinds in the three well-known cotton centers—Fall River, Lowell and New Bedford—amounts in the aggregate to \$52,658,296, or 48.95 per cent. over 1903.

The report states that the total value of manufactured products in this State in 1907 was \$1,264,421,253. Of this amount \$322,025,182 was in boots and shoes. The value of the cotton goods produced was \$193,276,574. Including cotton, woolen and worsted goods the product value of textiles was \$328,206,933.

The total average number of wage-earners in the State was 539,982. Out of this number 162,425 were employed in cotton mills.

Aetna Mills Will Go to Mr. L. W. Parker. Special to The Observer.

Greenville, S. C., Dec. 14.—At a meeting of the creditors of the Aetna Cotton Mills, of Union, held before Referee Julius H. Herald to-day, the creditors decided to accept the offer of Mr. Lewis W. Parker for the property. Details of the sale are not yet known, but a statement will probably be made by Mr. Parker within a few days, stating for whom he bought the property.

New York Produce. New York, Dec. 14.—Flour, receipts 21,045; dull and nominally lower. Rye flour quiet. Buckwheat flour dull. Buckwheat quiet. Corn meal quiet. Rye duu. Barley steady.

Wheat, steady; No. 2 red 106 1/2 to 108 elevator; options closed weak and 1/4 to 1/2 net lower; Dec. 1909; May 1909; July 1909.

Corn steady; No. 2 red 65 elevator; options net unchanged; Dec. 65; May 68 1/2; July 69 1/2; Sept. 69 1/2.

Oats steady; mixed 55 to 55 1/2. Rye steady; cut meats steady. Lard firm. Pork easy. Tallow steady. Roasin steady. Turpentine easy 4 1/2. Rice quiet. Molasses strong.

Sugar, raw nominal; fair refining 8 3/8. Coffee quiet; Rio No. 7, 6 1/4 to 6 1/2; No. 4, 5 1/4 to 5 1/2; No. 3, 4 1/2 to 4 3/4; mild dull; Cordova 3 1/2 to 3 3/4.

Butter, fancy, table grades firm; other sorts slow; creamery specials 23 (official price) 21 1/2; extras 21 to 21 1/2; to first 22 to 23; held common to special 21 to 23; State dairy, common to special 21 to 23; process common to special 18 to 23.

Cheese firm; State full cream specials 16 1/2 to 17 1/2; do. Sept. large and small colored or white 16 1/2 to 17 1/2; skims full to specials 14 to 15 1/2.

Eggs firm; State, Pennsylvania and nearby selected white 48 to 50; do. fair to choice 45 to 47; brown and mixed fancy 45 to 47; do. Sept. large 45 to 47; do. small 44 to 46.

N. C. CONFERENCE ENDS

THE APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED

Last Day of the Methodist Convention a Very Busy Period—Bishop Wilson Remarks Upon the Progress of the Session by Laymen For Young and Inexperienced Preachers in Responsible Pastories—The Conference Just Closed Marked by the Great Attendance of Laymen—Resolution to Use Choirs in the Sacrament Laid on the Table—Debate Over the Controlling Interest in the Raleigh Christian Advocate.

Special to The Observer. Durham, Dec. 14.—The seventy-second session of the North Carolina Conference closed to-day after a very busy day. This meeting of the Conference will always be remembered as one of the busiest and one of the most interesting in the history of the body. The attendance of the laymen at this meeting has been unusually large and their interest in the Conference has been especially marked.

John Pepper, of Memphis, Tenn., who is superintendent of the largest Sunday school in the M. E. Church, South, has been one of the most popular lecturers; his attendance at the conference was the most highly commended of the many addresses heard at this session. Speaking of the successful Sunday school, he emphasized first the five cardinal points to this end:—The Sunday school must be first, interesting; second, instructive; third, devotional; fourth, practical; and fifth, enterprising. He showed next that the successful teacher will follow this rule in teaching the lesson: He will refer to the title, the text, the context, date, geography, lesson questions, reading references, difficulties, analysis, truths, central truth and application. The other point he made was with reference to the seven symptoms of successful Sunday school, which he designated as follows: First, inflammation of the heart; second, enlargement of the head; third, dilation of the eyes; fourth, good grip of the hand; fifth, suppleness of the knees; sixth, nervousness of the feet; seventh, stiffness of the backbone.

Bishop Wilson called the Conference to order at 9:30 this morning, and Dr. W. F. Wood, of the Western North Carolina Conference, conducted the devotional service, after which the minutes of Saturday's session were read and approved. The report of the committee recommending that the presiding elders arrange the date of meeting for the district conferences so that no conflict will occur.

A collection amounting to \$87.61 was taken for a preacher in the Warrenton district whose salary was not paid in full the past year. The committee on books and pamphlets reported a report which elicited considerable discussion on the Conference floor. The recommendation that the Conference purchase a controlling interest in the shares of The Raleigh Christian Advocate, already owned by the body was stricken out, after which the report was adopted. Later one layman offered \$1,000 and another proposed to take \$100 worth of the same. Rev. T. N. Ivey, D. D., was re-elected editor of The Advocate, receiving 163 votes, and he addressed the Conference in the interest of the paper.

After the reading of the report of the board of missions, Mrs. F. D. Swindell, corresponding secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society for this Conference, submitted the report of that society, showing the women have raised more than \$10,000 this year.

The temperance committee recommended that effort be made to enforce fully the present State prohibition law, and recommended also that effort be made to suppress the use of cigarettes and cocaine, morphine and similar drugs.

A special resolution was offered recommending that the sacrament wine only be used in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, but it was laid on the table.

The theme of Bishop Wilson's remarks just before the reading of the appointments was the danger that is being brought to the Church on account of the demand of laymen for young and inexperienced preachers in responsible pastories.

Methodist Orphanage—J. N. Cole, Supt. DURHAM DISTRICT. J. B. Hurley, Presiding Elder. Durham—Trinity, G. T. Adams; Memorial, M. Bradshaw; Carr church, J. A. Dickey; Hanson, H. C. Forney; Duval, M. Mansum; H. B. Spencer; West Durham, W. P. Constable.

Durham, Circuit—G. W. Fisher. Chapel Hill—W. R. Royall. Hillsboro—N. M. MacFarland. Mount Zirkel—J. B. Thompson. Leasburg—N. C. Coltrane. Lenoir—F. A. Bishop. Tar River—G. W. Starling. Granville—C. W. Robinson. Oxford—L. S. Massey.

Oxford Circuit—A. E. Barnes. Director Correspondence Schools—J. L. Guntagins. Raleigh Christian Advocate—T. N. Ivey, editor. Methodist Orphanage—J. N. Cole, Supt. DURHAM DISTRICT.

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AMUSEMENTS

"The Right of Way" Coming.

Mr. W. H. Brill, advance agent for J. W. & E. Bringer's production of "The Right of Way" is in the city to-day. The presentation of the drama, which will occur here January 4th and promises to be a source of pleasure to theatre goers. Guy Standing and Theodore Roberts are the stars in the company, which with few unimportant exceptions, is the original cast. "The Right of Way" has made a great hit in the cities where it has played.

Mr. Brill has been for years a journalist of ability and experience, being for a long time connected with the Associated Press in New York, in charge of the night service.

"THE TEST." Miss Etienne Walsh, who will be seen at the Academy of Music Monday night, December 28th, is one of the few great successful actresses who made her start in a school for acting. Miss Walsh attended the old Lyceum institution in New York, but at the age of sixteen went on the road, and a few weeks later appeared in the leading role in "The Right of Way".

It is seldom that male co-stars have been presented on the American stage, but those that have thus been presented have made a mark in dramatic history that will never be erased. Booth and Barrett, Jefferson and Florence, Robson and Crane—these names will ever live in the history of the theatre in America. To this all too brief list may be added the names of Guy Standing and Theodore Roberts, who are playing in their second successful season in Eugene W. Presbury's dramatic version of Sir Gilbert Sullivan's most powerful novel, "The Right of Way".

"Perhaps one reason for the unusualness of male co-stars is the fact that two characters of equal importance are the main characters in the story. Mr. Standing is a young man of noble birth, a French-Canadian 'habitant' who is to-day what he was a century ago. Never in their unusually successful careers on the stage have Mr. Standing and Mr. Roberts done work which is comparable with that which they do in "The Right of Way".

Mr. Standing's versatility is called strongly into play in depicting the character of Steele in his thousand phases and Mr. Roberts' 'habitant' is one of the most important characterizations this splendid actor has ever given. "The Right of Way" will be the original New York cast and production will be seen in this city within a short time.

MILTON—1909, DECEMBER 9, 1909. I pace the sounding sea beach and behold, How the voluminous billows roll and run, Upheaving and subsiding, while the sun, Shines through their sheeted emerald far unrolled. And the ninth wave, slow gathering fold by fold, All its loose-flowing garments into plunges upon the shore, and floods the pale reach of sands, and changes them to gold. So in majestic cadence rise and fall The mighty undulations of the song. O sightless hand, England's Moon-idea! And ever and anon, high over all, Uplifted, a ninth wave superb and strong, Floods all the soul with its melodious seas. —Henry W. Longfellow.

(From New York World, April 17, '08) RICH AND POOR RUB ELBOWS IN COMMON CAUSE. Westerner Says Society People Have "Nerves" From Modern Conditions.

L. T. Cooper, the man who claims that Americans have weak stomachs and who is meeting the public of this city, seems to be attracting an unusual amount of attention.

Each day New Yorkers are calling to hear about his theories and medicine in greater numbers and for the past few days his headquarters has presented a novel sight.

A remarkable feature, to an on-looker, of the varied types of people whom Cooper is attracting, they range from prosperous-looking business men and fashionably dressed women to day laborers and their plainly dressed wives. All rub elbowed in a common cause—the pursuit of health, or as Cooper puts it, "sound digestion."

In an interview Thursday afternoon when the striking difference in the various visitors was called to his attention, Cooper said: "Why not? Because a man has a million dollars that does not mean anything if he does not eat right. I sit at a desk all day, riding back and forth in an automobile and stuffing myself full of rich food will put his entire system out of order, as mine is. Most of the men and women of this class whom I meet tell me they have been seeing nerve specialists. The well-to-do seem to attribute all their troubles to nerves. It is the modern conditions that have produced the thousands of half-sick people among rich and poor alike in this city and every other city in America. It's broken-down, over-worked, stuffed-up digestive organs—that's where the trouble is."

"I am going to make a lot of people realize these facts before I leave New York. Many who are calling now have been sent here by friends. To-day a prominent woman said she had come because her maid told her that my medicine was doing wonders for her. I have had a great many cases of indigestion, caused by nervous exhaustion, and I have had the same trouble for three years."

Dr. Robert Henry Davis Dead. New York, Dec. 11.—Dr. Robert Henry Davis died to-day at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Adolphus Rutherford Andrews, in Brooklyn. Dr. Davis was related to Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederacy, and fought with the Confederate army during the civil war. He was born in Mississippi in 1837, but previous to coming to Brooklyn, a year ago, lived in Texas.

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LAWYERS ADOPT RESOLUTIONS

By a Rising Vote the Bar of Caldwell County Expenses Recieve From Judge Murphy is in Retire From the Bench.

Special to The Observer. Lenoir, Dec. 14.—By a rising vote of the members of the bar and the officers of the court the following resolutions are adopted, as the request of the members of the bar the aims are spread on the minutes of the court:

Be it resolved by the members of the bar of Caldwell county and the officers of the court that it is with the kindest and most sincere regret that we learn that Judge James D. Murphy is to retire from the Superior Court bench of North Carolina. His resignation from the bench the State loses one of its ablest and purest judges, and which retirement will be a distinct loss to the State.

Resolved, further, that we recognize in Judge Murphy an able, pure and learned judge. His manner on the bench is always courteous alike to the lawyers, officers of the court and litigants, and he is a learned judge and an able jurist no one who has ever seen him preside over a court will doubt.

Resolved, further, that he has been an ornament to the bench of North Carolina, and in the short period in which he has served as judge he has won the distinction of being one of the ablest in the State. That we wish Judge Murphy the highest degree of success in his profession, and assure him that when he leaves this court he will leave every member of this bar his staunch friend and will carry with him the respect and esteem of us all.

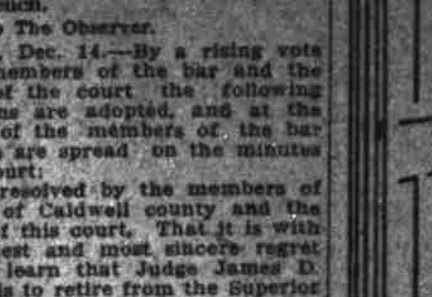
LAWRENCE WAKEFIELD, Chairman. W. C. NEWLAND, Secretary. COTTON AT LOW EBB. Descents to 8 Cents on the Yorkville Market—Farmers Holding Much of It in Warehouse.

Yorkville, S. C., Dec. 14.—Saturday the price of cotton on the local market was 8 to 8 1/4 cents, the lowest of the season. Very little is being sold and unless there should be a material improvement in the price in the near future, sales will continue light, as the bulk of the distress cotton and some that was not, has already passed out of the hands of the producers and the majority of those who now have it are unable to play the waiting game. Ordinarily Yorkville is one of the best cotton markets in this section, but for some reason during the greater part of the present season the price offered here has been from one to three-eighths less than at Clover and Rock Hill. The local buyers claim that owing to lack of mill orders that will enable them to pay competing prices they are not in position to handle cotton in larger quantities than they have been buying. There are three standard cotton warehouses here, all being owned by local cotton men, with a combined storage capacity of about 3,000 bales, and they are pretty well filled at this time with cotton belonging to farmers.

Semi-Annual Gathering Tomlinson Chair Company Salesmen. Special to The Observer. High Point, Dec. 14.—Commencing to-day the semi-annual meeting of the salesmen of the Tomlinson Chair Company is in order and will continue through December 17th. This company is winding up a very successful year's business and they expect to do fifty per cent. more business in 1909. Tomorrow night an elaborate banquet will be given the salesmen and office force of this well known manufacturing enterprise at the popular Elwood Hotel. These banquets are held once each year and are always a source of much pleasure and profit. Quite a large number of their splendid force of salesmen will be on hand.

Clark Shoe Company, at High Point, in Receiver's Hands. Special to The Observer. High Point, Dec. 14.—The Clark Shoe Company, of this city, has been placed in the hands of a receiver upon petition of its creditors, and Mr. D. Stern, of Greensboro, is in charge. September 18th this company was ordered out of business and a receiver was appointed, and they realized part payment on same, enabling them to pay only part of their creditors.

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