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TO ORGANIZE COTTON MEN

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To Include Capitalists and Cotton Growers.

Economical Methods of Production and Marketing.

The Principle of Intelligent Co-operation and Protection.

Scheme of a Northern Brokerage Firm for Which They Ask the Support of Prominent Men in the Southern States.

New York, Jan. 29.—Price, McCormick & Co., the prominent cotton and stock brokers of this city, have prepared a plan for the organization of the American Cotton Growers' Mutual Protective Association, whose efforts shall be directed to reducing the acreage and increasing the price of cotton in the United States. A circular letter detailing the scheme was prepared last week by the firm and sent to every member of congress from the Southern States. The letter invited the senators and representatives to become members of the advisory committee of the proposed association.

It was learned today that the firm has received replies from a number of congressmen who are willing to become members of the committee. The letter points out the distressing conditions as a result of the low price of cotton, and asks moral and active support in the scheme to bring about a sufficient reduction in the next season's acreage to prevent a repetition of this year's overproduction, thereby placing the South in a position to become practically the price arbiter and to wield their power from Great Britain and the Continent, which they have so long enjoyed. The letter says: "No funds will be necessary. Moral sanction will be brought to bear upon all the leading planters of the South looking toward the desired end through the most influential merchants or bankers in each township in the cotton belt, with whom we shall enter into correspondence just as soon as we shall have been able to enlist the co-operation of such influential gentlemen of the South as will give to the scheme dignity, and thereby entitle it to the fullest confidence of the entire community. Diversification of crops is especially aimed at, inasmuch as this will make the planters practically independent so far as the necessities of life are concerned, and leave to them their cotton crop as a cash commodity."

Theodore Price of the firm that is promoting the scheme said today, regarding the proposed organization: "The idea is that the American Cotton Growers' Mutual Protective Association is to be composed of thorough-going business men of capital both North and South, as well as representatives of the cotton producers. The object of the association would not only be to effect industrial economy but to promote more thorough agricultural education. Sub-organizations to include each cotton producing county in the South would be formed, which as associate communities would exchange views with other such organizations. Better methods of culture would be introduced, the most economical methods of production, marketing and distribution would be availed of, and generally an effort would be made to apply the broad principle of intelligent co-operation and of mutual education."

PROF. AND JEWELRY GONE

The Flitting of the Spiritualistic Medium Maurice

Sad to say from spiritualistic superstition sometimes springs sorrow. Such was the case with several of those who consulted Prof. Maurice who for some weeks had been boarding at the Aldine on College street and claimed to possess healing and spiritualistic powers. A large number of persons permitted themselves to be humbugged, some few being so foolish as to make payments in advance. The doctor told one lady from Washington that she would get a letter containing good news. The letter came and the next day the lady took treatment for rheumatism, the doctor removing her rings and jewelry during the treatment. Three treatments were necessary "to perfect a cure," and she thought would tend to hinder the healing, so they, together with her watch were left in his safekeeping. When the time for the next treatment came the doctor had purchased a ticket to Philadelphia and he chased a gold watch, the diamond ring and the plain ring were gone.

The lady telegraphed to the authorities at Washington to intercept the professor. Rather than let her husband and family know of her loss she will let the jewelry go.

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CRIMINAL COURT

Opens at Marshall Feb 21 and Asheville Feb 28

For the information of the public we make mention of the fact that no matter who is appointed to succeed Judge Ewart the circuit criminal court for this district will be held at Marshall in Madison county beginning February 21. The term can last only one week as the regular term of the superior court opens at Marshall on the 28th. The next term of the criminal court will be a special one for Buncombe county which will begin February 25. This special term for Buncombe will not last longer than two weeks as the term of the superior court will open March 14.

At the next term of Madison county the case of Roberts charged with the murder of Lunford will no doubt be tried, thus giving Judge Ewart's successor a capital case in his first term. Who the new judge will be is a matter of conjecture.

INDICTED FOR FLIRTING

Knoxville, Tenn., Jan. 29.—The Knox county grand jury has indicted the first victim of the "Johnny law," enacted by the Tennessee legislature last year, making it a misdemeanor to flirt with school girls. The case, if tried, will probably go to the supreme court to test the constitutionality of a law which infringes an inherent right to flirt with a girl.

TELLER RESOLUTION

ADVERSE REPORT AND IMMEDIATE VOTE ON MONDAY.

Attitude of the Republicans in the House Towards the Measure—Committees' Action.

Washington, Jan. 29.—After consultation the leading republican members of the committee of ways and means and of rules of the house of representatives decided today that the Teller resolution should be reported adversely to the house on Monday and a vote taken without debate.

Some republicans would prefer that the committee should recommend an amendment repealing the declaration contained in the bill repealing the purchasing clause of the Sherman act, that it is the policy of the government to maintain all forms of money at parity, and after adopting that in the house, let the senate wrestle with the situation thus created.

There is little doubt, however, that the house will sustain the report of the committee as Reed and all the republican leaders have reached an understanding that the resolution must be smothered.

ARE WE PROSPERING OR NOT?

Washington, Jan. 29.—Another day was spent in the house including this evening threshing over the old straw, the democrats and populists asserting that prosperity had not returned, the republicans contending it had. There was considerable criticism of the speech McKinley delivered at the banquet of the National Manufacturers' association. Mr. Allen of Mississippi, expressed his yearning for the time when some man would be found in the White house who would declare that there should be no scaling up of debts, as well as no scaling down. The passage of the Teller resolution in the senate was announced amidst applause on the democratic side.

TO BUY SMOKELESS POWDER

Large Appropriation to be Asked for This Purpose.

Washington, Jan. 29.—The naval appropriation bill, now being framed by a house sub-committee, will contain three important items, namely, \$1,000,000 for smokeless powder, \$500,000 for reserve ammunition, and \$98,000 for the establishment of a government powder factory. The matter of having an ample supply of powder in order to meet the requirements of our naval vessels in any emergency has received careful consideration from members of the committee. As long as the old style of black powder was in use the many private companies, making this article gave assurance that a supply could be secured on short notice. Now, however, with the general adoption of smokeless powder, the opportunities for speedy supply are said to be much reduced. For that reason it is proposed to allow \$1,000,000 for the purchase of this article, and at the same time provide a government factory which will thereafter produce an ample supply.

The item of \$500,000 for reserve ammunition will cover all classes of our naval material, large and small, to meet requirements of vessels nearing completion and of such emergencies as may arise.

TOUGHY EMPEROR BILL

Several Persons Imprisoned for Criticizing Him.

Berlin, Jan. 29.—The prison sentence of the veteran editor of the Trojan for satirical references to Emperor William's speeches, has aroused the deepest resentment, but none dare express his feelings. An architect named Biel was given three months, and a shoemaker two months today for speaking mildly against the kaiser. Two others, Schmidt and Watson, publishers of a paper in Alsace-Lorraine, were indicted for printing an article headed "The Kaiser's Birthday," that was deemed to reflect frivolously on the emperor.

DOWN A STEEP EMBANKMENT

Bad Accident on the Maine Central Road.

Passenger Train Leaves the Track at a Curve.

Two Women Killed and 15 Persons Seriously Injured.

President Wilson's Car Remained on the Rails.

Two Coaches and a Pullman Destroyed and the Passengers Imprisoned Among the Mass of Debris.

Bangor, Me., Jan. 29.—One of the worst railroad accidents in recent years in this state occurred this afternoon on the Maine Central. The passenger train bound for Vanceboro and St. John, was wrecked near Orono station. The train carried a large number of passengers and few escaped injury. Two persons were killed, both of them women, and fifteen were seriously injured, a number of whom will die. The train consisted of a baggage car, two coaches, a Pullman and the private coach of President Wilson, of the Michigan Central road.

At a curve near Orono station, while the train was going thirty-five miles an hour, the baggage car left the track, carrying with it the two coaches and the Pullman. President Wilson's car, containing Mr. Wilson, his family and several friends, remained on the track.

The cars rolled over and down a steep embankment into a ditch. The cars were badly smashed, the passengers being crushed in the debris. So bad was the wreck that some hours were consumed in the work of rescuing the injured from the heap of tangled wood and iron. The dead are:

JENNIE S. MURPHY, Pittsfield, Me.
MRS. D. CUNNINGHAM, Troy, N. Y.
The fatally injured are the following:
J. CUNNINGHAM, Troy, N. Y.
TUCKER, R. THOMPSON, Pittsburg, Pa.

HOWARD MADDOX, a student in the state university.

D. FRANK ATHERTON, Augusta, Me.
MRS. JOHN TRET, Enfield, Me.

Among the seriously injured is J. E. L. Levitt, cashier of the Old Town woolen mills, whose jaw was broken and he is internally injured.

The terrible cold weather, 30 degrees below zero, which has prevailed is supposed to have affected the rails and caused them to spread.

BEARDSLEE STEPS DOWN

The Famous Rear Admiral Goes on the Retired List After This Week

Washington, D. C., Jan. 29.—Two of the most important retirements from the navy of the year will take place next week. They are Rear Admiral L. A. Beardslee, who retires on Tuesday, and Rear Admiral Thomas O. Selfridge, who leaves the navy February 6. Admiral Beardslee has been in the navy ever since 1850, when he was appointed acting midshipman. In 1855 he was attached to the sloop Plymouth for



service in the East Indies, and in that year he participated in some of the actions and in at least one battle with the Chinese army at Shanghai. In 1856 he was made passed midshipman and detailed for service on the Merrimac. In 1863 he was attached to the Nantuxet, and he participated in the attack on the ironclad fleet in Charleston harbor on April 7, 1863. After the war Lieutenant Beardslee, for that was now his title, commanded the gunboat Aroostook. Subsequently he was transferred to the command of the steamer Saginaw of the Pacific squadron, and later to the command of the steam sloop Lackawanna of the same station. In 1869 he was commissioned a commander. He served a

year in the hydrographic office in this city. Since that time he has steadily risen in the service. Admiral Beardslee is a most efficient officer, and is brave, gentle and popular. He has been a rear admiral since June 27, 1885.

AT CHAPEL HILL

A Track Athletic Contest to be Held on Field Day

Chapel Hill, Jan. 29.—The graduating class are arranging for class day exercises at commencement, which will be of more than usual interest. Caps and gowns—becoming more and more the academic uniform in this country will be worn. The officers were elected and Mr. J. G. McCrick made statistician. The class is considering the matter of leaving beards a gift at the university—as was so handsomely done by the "class of '97," in presenting the bust of R. E. Lee.

It is announced by "The Tar Heel" that a field day has been appointed, April 15, when a track athletic contest will be held here between the preparatory schools of the state. "The University" (the athletic association of the University) will give the prizes, but will not defray the expenses of the teams, as the track is not enclosed, and there is no way of collecting gate receipts. Several schools have already accepted the invitation and will send teams for contests, such as running, long, short and hurdle pole vaulting, throwing the hammer, putting the shot, etc. The visitors will have the opportunity of witnessing the game with Harvard, which occurs in the afternoon of April 16.

HOW ARAGUREN DIED

FURTHER DETAILS OF THE KILLING OF THE CUBAN.

His Hiding Place Revealed by a Negro Insurgent—Brutal Treatment of His Body.

Havana, Jan. 29.—Further details of the killing of Gen. Araguren received today state that his hiding place was pointed out by a negro insurgent captured by the Spaniards. The Spanish colonel offered him \$500 to show them Araguren's hut and death if he refused. He accepted the money and led the soldiers to the hut. A boy of the family with whom Araguren was stopping saw the soldiers first. He was shot down and a girl coming out of the hut was slain. A volley was then poured into the hut. Araguren and his sweet-heart were pierced by several bullets and his orderly Hernandez was killed. Araguren was still alive, but was killed by bayonet thrusts from several soldiers and his body mutilated.

ARMOR PLATE FACTORY

Bids Opened Yesterday for Constructing the Plant.

Washington, Jan. 29.—Bids were opened today for constructing the government armor plate factory and for a site for same. Twenty-nine bids were received. The Huntington, W. Va., chamber of commerce offered to erect the plant and furnish land for \$3,325,000. Most of the other bidders offered to give sites for nothing. Long will not make any award, but will send the bid to congress for consideration.

DEMOCRATS OUSTED

From Collector's Harbors Office and Republican Appointed.

Yesterday was execution day in the United States collector's office. The political guillotine was freely used. The heads of several democratic officials were decapitated, among the victims being T. C. Starnes, general storekeeper and clerk, James Coleman and Robinson, clerks. Frank Lawson of Madison county has been appointed to succeed T. C. Starnes as general storekeeper and gauger.

CONDITION OF ROM COLE.

Doctor J. D. Jay of Barnardsville was in the city yesterday and reported the condition of Rom Cole as unimproved. The father of Cole was also in town and gives the information that his son while attempting to cross a foot log a few days ago became overbalanced and fell a distance of several feet into a creek and narrowly escaped drowning. Cole has been partially paralyzed in his limbs since the blow he received at the hands of his step mother and his mind is to some extent affected, so his physician says.

AGREEMENT AS TO CHINA.

Berlin, Jan. 29.—The Tageblatt today reports that according to the terms of the agreement that has been concluded between Great Britain and Russia the former withdraws her demand that Talenbener be made a free port and Russia ceases her opposition to British control over the customs collected by China on warborne imports.

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GOMEZ REPLIES TO BLANCO

Not in Need of a Steamer for Flight From Cuba.

Will Remain and Avenge His Son's death.

Declares all Negotiations With Spain off Forever.

Tells Blanco He Better Provide a Steamer for Himself.

The Aged Insurgent Declares That the Revolution is Stronger Than Ever and the Future is Full of Hope.

Havana, Jan. 29.—Gomez has written a letter to Governor General Blanco in reply to the latter's proposition of peace on the basis of autonomy. In Blanco's letter he stated that a steamer would be placed at Gomez's disposal at any part of the Cuban coast Gomez may designate, to transport him to any port outside of Cuba. He may desire to go, and at the same time offering such "monetary resources" as he may ask for in the expenses of the trip and the maintenance of himself and family in any foreign land. Gomez expresses his surprise that a general commanding a Spanish army could design to offer him a bribe. He refers to the death of his son, Francisco, and declares he will live to avenge his death and finally achieve independence on the island, for which he has fought thirty years. He concludes by declaring all negotiations off forever, and says: "I am not in a position, General Blanco, which requires that I should be looking for a steamer to take me from the island. You had better look for a steamer yourself, for of the two, you need it most. Up to the present day I am on the winner's side. I represent a revolution that is stronger than ever, after three years of war. You represent Spain, weaker than ever, humiliated by the American government, with only a limited time before you by which to end his war."

"The days to come are not full of threatenings for me, but they are full of hope, and, furthermore, while your cause has prejudice and tradition as its only support, the cause of Cuba has the full sympathy of the world over, of every lover of justice and liberty."

THE NEW EAST RIVER BRIDGE.

New York, Jan. 29.—The East River Bridge Commission have adopted the plans and specifications of the towers submitted by Chief Engineer Bock, and bids for the work will be asked for at once. The estimated cost of the towers is \$700,000. The commission also decided to retain Mr. Bock permanently as chief engineer.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

New York, Jan. 29.—To-day's prices in the stock market showed only fractional changes from yesterday, when the gold sentiment proved a bull factor. New Jersey Central closed to-day at 94 1/2, New York Central, 118 1/2; Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, 100; Southern Railroad, 9 1/2; preferred, 31 1/2.

NORTH CAROLINA GEMS.

The rare beauties of nature, so well represented in Western North Carolina, are becoming better known every day as people who are better educated in the formation and utility of minerals have from time to time shown their appreciation of these Gems by using them in all kinds of adornment.

We have decided to close out some of these gems and offer them at prices that should make them all sell in a very few days.

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- One lot of 40 gems at 70 cents each.
- One lot of 169 gems at 65 cents each.
- One lot of 40 gems at \$1.00 each.
- One lot of 32 gems at \$1.25 each—Sold.
- One lot of 5 gems at \$1.50 each.
- One lot of 3 gems at \$2.00 each.
- One lot of 5 gems at \$2.50 each—Sold.
- One lot of 3 gems at \$4.00 each.
- One gem for \$6.00.

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