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## THE COTTON WEIGHTS.

### BOTH SIDES GIVEN A CHANCE TO SPEAK.

#### A Mistake Has Evidently Been Made and our Cotton Weigher Corroborates His Position.

In our last issue we were misinformed as to who purchased the bale of cotton from J. S. Shearin and upon further investigation we learn that it was W. P. Neal & Co. instead of McKinne Bros. We learn that Mr. Shearin took this article somewhat personal, which was surely not intended, only as an illustration to justify the cotton weigher at this place and he has requested us to publish a communication which we give you below:

MR. EDITOR:—I desire to make a correction of a statement as published in your paper of last week. You stated that I sold McKinne Bros, a bale of cotton that is not true, for I never have sold them any cotton. You also stated that they had the cotton weighed, and it only gained one pound at one warehouse and two pounds at another — apart of that statement is true. It did gain only one pound at one warehouse, but it gained three pounds at another and five pounds at the Riverside which I can prove. I told Mr. McKinne that the scales there were wrong, and he said he knew they were right. Since then the Standard keeper has been ordered to Louisburg, and found the scales were wrong.

I carried three bales cotton from Centreville which lost from gin weights thirty pounds. The Standard keeper came to Centreville Oct. 7th and tested all the scales at the gin, and found them perfectly correct. The standard keeper told Dr. J. R. Wheeler that one hundred and forty pounds on the Louisburg scales would weigh about one hundred and twenty-eight and a half pounds. This shows who is wrong. The farmers of Gold Mine do not propose to lose 1 1/2 pounds to the bale.

Very Respectfully,

J. S. SHEARIN.

Evidently Mr. Shearin has been misinformed in this matter as will be found in the following statement made by Mr. O. H. Harris, cotton weigher for Franklin county, which is substantiated by Mr. Jones:

MR. EDITOR:—In regard to the statements concerning the weights at the cotton platform here I will say that in August I shipped the weighers scales to N. K. Fairbanks & Co., Baltimore, Md., for them to repair and put in good shape which they did and they were received back here all right.

Then on October 5th Mr. R. G. Winn, standard keeper for Franklin county visited me as ordered by the Board of County Commissioners and tested the scales. In this test weights to the amount of 140 pounds were used and the scales would drop the bit, but at 139 pounds they would go up equally as much as they would down at 140, showing that they were off less than one pound in all.

Mr. Shearin's bale of cotton I saw weighed at one warehouse and it weighed 401 this bale weighed 400 on my scales.

I have several times made other tests of these scales in order to keep them right and shall as heretofore do justice to both buyer and seller.

O. H. HARRIS,

Cotton Weigher.

Oct. 14th 1909.

I in person saw the test made of the weighers scales on the cotton platform by Mr. R. G. Winn and do hereby state that Mr. Harris' statement is entirely correct.

ARTHUR JONES,

of Gold Mine.

mine township was in town Wednesday and he was asked concerning the cotton weights by Mr. Harris, and he furnished the following statement which is being published by request of Mr. Harris.

LOUISBURG, N. C., Oct. 13, '09.  
DEAR SIR: In regard to the rumors concerning the weights at the cotton platform in Louisburg I will say that I have sold many bales of cotton there since Mr. Harris was appointed and I can say without hesitation that I have at all times been perfectly satisfied with the weights he gave me. My cotton has gained in weight as often as it has lost and I can easily say that in my opinion his scales are accurate and the man is trying to do his best for the interest of all concerned.

D. T. HOLLINGSWORTH.

We regret very much that such a matter as this should have come up, but as the rumors concerning the loss of weights is spreading we felt that it would be nothing but right that we should publish the statement from both sides, as requested, that the public might judge for themselves. We were unable however to get a statement from the Standard Keeper in regard to this matter, for for publication this week hence we cannot give you his side of the matter.

#### The State Fair.

We are very glad to notice that everything points to a tremendously successful State Fair this year. We truly believe that this great annual institution will be more instructive and entertaining and more densely thronged during the week of Oct. 18 to 23 at Raleigh than it ever has been in its history, and that is saying a good deal.

From what we see in the newspapers and from what we are hearing from various quarters, we base the belief above stated. Cotton is up and most of the farmers of the State are doing well. Official statistics show that North Carolina during the first half of the year 1909 made greater industrial stride than any other State in the union. The management of the State Fair has been successfully endeavoring for many years to approach nearer and nearer to the original purposes of the Fair, the exhibition of the best products of the State along all lines, enlivened by wholesome, legitimate amusements. We understand that never before has there been such a rush for space on the part of exhibitors; for instance, there was doubt at one time that there would be stalls enough for the live-stock, but it is learned that sufficient accommodations have been provided; that several counties will have elaborate separate exhibits; and that altogether the exhibits will be on a magnificent scale.

As for the entertaining side of the Fair, Mr. George Harden, one of the State's foremost horsemen, vouches for the racing being the best ever seen in North Carolina, he having just returned from a visit to the fairs in Virginia, on the circuit of which the Raleigh Fair is a member. He also speaks in the highest possible terms of the attractions that are to be in Raleigh.

Among the latter are Kemp, Sisters' Wild West Show, which will give many free acts, including the overland stage coach; the great davenport, who dash over a slender wire eighty feet above ground on a wheel of fire, free; Freed and Genette as Happy Hoshgan and Louise Ann in the box car trick and as aerialists on trapeze and Roman rings, all free; and novel balloons race, two balloons ascending to dizzy height and each dropping two parachutes at the same time; the Merriman and Monitor show that made the great hit at Jamestown; Ferris' trained wild animals; the trained flea; the infant incubator exhibit with real live babies under glass; and others too

numerous to mention.

Then the improvements at the grounds; the midway has been modernized; twenty-five new horse stalls have been built since last year; lots of new bleacher seats have been built, there being seating capacity now for about twenty-five hundred outside of the Grand Stand; and everything put in shipshape.

There will be more special trains than ever before, with the usual low rates, and extra cars on regulars. The street cars in Raleigh will charge only five cents to the grounds.

#### Notice to Teachers.

By mistake the meeting of the Teachers Association was announced for Saturday, October, 23rd.

It should be Saturday, October, 30th. Teachers will please take notice.

#### Lost an Arm.

We regret to learn that Mr. R. E. Aycock had the misfortune to lose his right arm between the elbow and wrist, by having it cut off by a circular saw. Dr. Peete completed the amputation, and Mr. Aycock is getting on as well as could be expected from such a wound.—Warrenton Record.

#### Death of Mrs. Mary Sledge.

Mrs. Mary Sledge died at her home, the Carr place, near Laurel on Tuesday morning of this week. She was the widow of Mr. Sherrod Sledge and leaves no children, but two brothers and one sister. She was 89 years of age and was a Miss Carr before marriage. Her remains were entered in the family burying ground on Wednesday afternoon amid a number of sorrowing friends and relatives.

#### Items From Sandy Creek.

There will be a baptizing at Corinth Baptist church on the Second Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. This church has previously, this year added thirty-two members to its roll at one time. After the baptizing services will be held at the church, Rev. E. D. Poe, presiding. All are invited to come. There will also be prayer services for 30 minutes at 7:30 o'clock that night.

There will also be prayer services on the fourth Sunday night at 7:30 at Cornith church. All are invited to be present and take part.

#### Now one of the Firm.

The head of the firm had told the new assistant to try his hand at window dressing. "I want you to make every woman in the street look at that window," he said.

The assistant went at it. He made a curtain of solid velvet and hung it inside the plate glass.

"What on earth are you doing?" asked the senior member.

"Making a mirror of the window," said the assistant. "If the women won't look at that they won't look at anything."

The assistant is a member of the firm now.—Penny Pictorial.

#### Joshua Simpkins, not Here but Coming.

"Joshua Simpkins," a rural comedy which has been presented continuously for several seasons on the road, will play an engagement in this city, Saturday October, 16th.

"Joshua Simpkins" is a comedy drama, well acted by a company said to possess more than ordinary merit, in addition to which several pleasing specialties are introduced. A complete orchestra composed of professional musicians discourses incidental music, which assists to make the play the success it is. This feature is claimed by the management to be gilt edged, and it is said, far exceeds the usual orchestra by theatrical companies. Their fine band will give a burlesque parade about noon on the day of the engagement.

## THE MOVING PEOPLE.

### THEIR MOVEMENTS IN AND OUT OF TOWN.

#### Those Who Have Visited Louisburg the Past Week—Those Who Have Gone Elsewhere for Business or Pleasure.

Miss Marv Judd, of Texas, is visiting at the home of Chief D. C. High.

Mr. B. B. Ezerton returned one day this week from a visit to Lumberton.

Miss Lillian High left Wednesday to visit Miss Ruby Eldridge, at Greensboro.

Mr. T. M. Avent, of Aventon, visited his daughter, Mrs. J. M. Person, the past week.

Mrs. J. M. Cutchin, and daughter, of Whitakers, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. M. Person.

Mrs. F. L. White and children, of Mebane, visited the family of W. E. White the past week.

Mrs. W. E. Uzzell and Mrs. Dr. J. W. Jackson left yesterday for a short trip to Richmond.

Dr. and Mrs. M. C. Chamblee, of Wakefield, were in town Wednesday, guests of Mr. W. E. White.

W. F. Beasley returned Wednesday from an extended trip to Baltimore and other northern cities.

Mrs. Geo. T. Andrews, of Enfield, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. W. B. Cooke, returned to her home Saturday.

Rev. E. H. Davis, of Goldsboro, who has been assisting Rev. F. A. Bishop, pastor of the Methodist church here for the past ten days, left yesterday for his home.

Mrs. Loyd D. Lyles, of Charlotte, who has been visiting her people here, returned home Monday. She was accompanied on her return by her sister, Miss Annie Green, who will visit her a short while.

#### Mrs. Barnes Dead.

Mrs. B. J. Barnes, mother of Mrs. M. F. Houck, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. L. Cummins in Henderson on Monday of last week. She was 84 years of age and leaves a host of friends and several children. Her remains were buried on Tuesday.

#### Interstate Meeting of Tobacco Growers.

By request the officers of the Virginia Farmers' Union we call attention of the farmers in the tobacco growing territory of North Carolina, to the Interstate Meeting of Tobacco Growers to be held in the Court House at Danville, Va., Tuesday, October 19th at 10 o'clock a. m. Leading tobacco growers and leaders in farmers' organization movements from Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina and Virginia will make addresses, and tobacco growers from all the states are expected to attend in large numbers.

Wednesday the Farmers' Union will meet in Executive session but on Tuesday the meeting is public and tobacco growers from all these States will take council together as to the best means of getting satisfactory prices for their product.

#### A Good one on a Lawyer.

During court last week a certain lawyer was putting up a stiff fight for his client. He had his ducks all in a row and when the evidence was in he arose and immediately began to address the jury, not waiting to find out what the solicitor had in his heart to do. This certain lawyer spoke long and well. It was a noble effort. He lifted up his voice in eloquent pleading and tore things into shreds; his voice was now like the roll of thunder, now soft as a caress. For the space of three-quarters of an hour by the clock,

this certain lawyer held forth in impassioned appeal, and then, perspiring at every pore—for it was a hot afternoon—he resumed his seat with the consciousness of duty well performed.

And then Solicitor Sinclair cut the solicitor which fell upon the roof after the certain lawyer's peroration, with the quiet announcement that as he had failed to make out a case against the defendant he would not ask for a verdict. A little gale of laughter shook court, jury, bar and spectators, and the next case was called. It was one on the certain lawyer.—Lumberton Rebeonian.

#### Union Meeting and Picnic.

It was the privilege and pleasure of the writer, to be present at Pine Ridge, on the above mentioned occasion. While not attempting to describe the excellent arrangement and management of everything connected with the meeting, will mention some.

I was particularly impressed with the evidences of thrift and development that could be seen throughout the entire community, with the general cordiality of the people, and last, with the well loaded and well served table, proved conclusively that the ladies of the community were well up in the culinary arts.

After the immense throng of people (trou far and near) had partaken of all they could eat, there remained not a few, but scores of baskets untouched. Another impressive thing was the good order and good humor of the entire throng. It was said there was not a drop of ardent spirits on the grounds hence the good order. The union is down on drinking. The school is under the management of Mrs. Nohn and Miss Pippin, two experienced, capable ladies, who have the support and encouragement of the entire community. It is said to be one of the best managed schools in the county.

But the winning card at this memorable meeting was the personality and speech of our most worthy State President Dr. H. L. Alexander, of Mecklenburg county. When we think of the daring deeds of the Alexanders, Grahams, Burkes and others of Revolutionary fame we feel like doffing our hats when we meet descendants of any of those old heroes.

Early on the morning of the 8th a large delegation was sent to Zebulon to meet and escort Dr. Alexander to the grounds, he was met some distance from the school grounds by a large procession of Union men and others in ranks, with flying banners and escorted to the Auditorium in the school building where for more than an hour and one-half he kept the vast audience spell bound, with his words of wisdom soberness and truth. All honor to Dr. H. Q. Alexander and "long live the Union" with its principles of Justice, equity and the Golden Rule.

H. D. EZERTON.

#### Robert Hoe, Dead.

From New York comes the announcement of the death of Robert Hoe, the son of Robert H. Hoe and grandson of Robert Hoe, who founded the celebrated house of Robert Hoe & Co., whose reputation as builders of printing presses stands unique in the history of the art preservative.

The representative of the third generation, who has just passed away, was in many respects the most remarkable man of them all, and it may well be doubted if any one man has done so much for the art of printing, and hence for the cause of civilization since the days of Gutenberg and Faust.

While still a young man he entered the firm which his grandfather had established and began to perfect the Hoe press by a series of improvements which transformed the art of

printing.

The Hoe cylinder, patented in 1846, was regarded as something marvelous when young Hoe entered the firm. He began by applying to it the use of curved stereotyped plates, which was the one radical departure by which successive improvements in speed became possible. He continued his improvements, in matters of details, however, until he attained the present maximum in a double octuple press, which, it has been whimsically said, can meet every possible requirement "except, to swear to the circulation."

It is as far beyond the "marvel" at which the contemporaries of his grandfather wondered, as the Manhattan is beyond the Clermont.

But it was not to speed alone that he directed his attention. He invented the processes of color printing, which have made the colored supplement an important feature in all the leading newspapers of the country, taking high rank in a class by itself.

There have been many instances in which the business of an old and well established firm has been carried on by successive members of the same family, just as the London Times, for instance, is nominally in the hands of a descendant of the first John Walter, who founded it. But there has never been an instance, perhaps, when the original genius and ingenuity of the latest member of the firm was so far superior to that of any of his predecessors, for if Robert Hoe, who passed away on yesterday at the age of seventy, had begun his career without antecedent prestige, he would have been regarded none the less as one of the greatest men of his time.

Mr. Hoe was one of the founders of the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the National Academy of Design. He always took a paternal interest in the welfare of his employees and made his system of apprenticeship one of the most notable features of his great business.

His contribution to the sum of civilization gives him an enduring place in the history of the world, and as a man his death will be sincerely mourned.—Atlanta Journal, Sept. 24th.

#### Pocomoke Items.

It is usually a difficult task to carry on the work of an experienced and well qualified person, as was our deceased editor, but we are glad to know that the present management of the FRANKLIN TIMES seems to be giving satisfaction. The TIMES is still interesting and is a welcome visitor to the homes of our people. Every one ought to be conversant with the county news, but, to make the most interesting part of our paper is the home circle column. Study it, if you have not and see if it does not bring comfort to your heart.

Messrs. Hallie Haswell and Cecil Holmes are preparing to build a work shop at Pocomoke.

Mr. C. W. Jones left Friday for his home in Burden, Kan.

Rev. M. L. Winston and his daughter, Minnie, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rogers, all from near Creedmores, have been visiting at Pocomoke.

The many friends of Mrs. Mabel Moss Rogers will be pained to learn that she is ill.

Mrs. Herbert Holmes, Misses Lucie Jones, Audrey Fuller and Zelma Holmes spent last Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. W. S. Ray, near Rogers' Store.

Mr. Wesley Holmes, who has been relieving the operators through the summer, is now in the office at Creedmores. He expects to be there several months.

One of Mr. Ed. Haswell's little children died last week from the effects of diphtheria.

DAMES.