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COTTON WAREHOUSES FOR CROP

CAROLINA COTTON MANUFACTURERS ENDORSE PLAN.

With Five Million Dollars Capital Chain of Warehouses to Be Organized in South With Ability to Give Guarantees for Loans at Three Per Cent on Cotton Stored.

To be formed by an organization with \$5,000,000 there is being put into shape a proposition for a great chain of cotton warehouses to extend through all the cotton growing States, these warehouses to be available to all who have cotton, farmers, merchants, cotton brokers, manufacturers. This is to be on a plan outlined by Mr. J. B. Duke, and it has been endorsed already by large interests in North Carolina. In charge of it is an organization committee composed of Messrs. Stuart W. Cramer, of Charlotte, chairman; J. W. Cannon, of Concord; D. G. Cooper, of Henderson; C. E. Hutchison, of Mount Holly; John A. Law, of Spartanburg, S. C.; L. W. Parker, of Greenville, S. C.; and J. D. Hammett, of Anderson, S. C.

This committee was named after a conference in Charlotte between Mr. J. B. Duke and a number of representative cotton manufacturers at a dinner given by Mr. Stuart W. Cramer, president of the American Cotton Manufacturers Association. The plan of Mr. Duke in the matter of this great warehousing of cotton is for a cooperative organization to own a chain of warehouses available alike for the use of farmers, merchants and manufacturers; the receipt, weighing, sampling, grading and storage of bales of cotton; the issuance of warehouse receipts therefor; an adequate system of sealing, inspecting, and auditing; a board of directors and managing officers chosen from banking and financial centers that shall be entirely free from connection or alliance with the users of the warehouse; and, lastly, the certifying of the warehouse receipts by powerful and well known banking interests that will guarantee the integrity and quality of the collateral represented by the receipt. On these receipts money to approximate five-sixths of the value of the cotton can be borrowed.

The plan is declared by those who have investigated it to be constructive and along utilitarian lines. Existing warehouses and accommodations are to be utilized and none discontinued or wasted. It is proposed that the new organization take over such proportion of the mills' warehouses as are available and such farmers' and merchants' warehouses as care to come in, supplementing all by building such additional warehouses at conveniently located points as will provide for the warehousing of at least 1,000,000 bales of cotton for a beginning. To accomplish this result a \$5,000,000 warehouse company will be organized, one which can afford a management that will inspire absolute confidence in the integrity of its operation and will insure that its receipts and guarantees are effective.

The men behind the movement plan to raise the needed capital stock by opening this to world. The warehouses having been built or secured, cotton can be stored and money borrowed on this as collateral for about three per cent, the paper to raise any needed number of millions of dollars to be floated in this country and Europe. The proposal is to reduce the present cost of storage of cotton, and to make the cotton stored available for obtaining loans by giving warehouse guarantees as to grade, thus removing this from any dealings by the New York Exchange.

The plan proposed is such that the farmer will be enabled to store and hold his cotton at the cheapest rates of interest if the market price is not satisfactory to him; the cotton merchant and broker will be able to get abundance of cheap money with which to make and carry his purchases; and the manufacturer will be able to select his time for buying and then to store and hold as much of his year's supply as his judgment dictates—all benefited equally and alike by the use of as cheap money as can be had by anybody, and anywhere in the world. The plan is not in the interest of any individual or class, is the declaration of men who have taken up the matter. It is said to be regarded as a simple, clear cut proposition, and it is to be further discussed today at Greenville, S. C., and tomorrow at Charlotte, N. C.

the organization committee, the plan being to have all details ready to present at the annual meeting of the American Cotton Manufacturing Association in New York on April 27.

The Duke plan was heartily endorsed by all present at the Charlotte meeting, it being clearly set out that while the initiative is being taken by cotton manufacturers the purpose is to benefit all who deal in cotton, the support of farmers, merchants and bankers, as well as cotton manufacturers being sought, all being invited to take stock. At the meeting there were present Messrs. Stuart W. Cramer, J. B. Duke, of New York, J. W. Cannon, of Concord, W. H. Erwin, of Durham, D. Y. Cooper, of Henderson, W. S. Lee, C. B. Bryant, and R. M. Miller, Jr., of Charlotte, C. E. Hutchins, of Mount Holly, Capt. Ellison A. Smyth and Lewis W. Parker, of Greenville, John A. Law, of Spartanburg, J. D. Hammett, of Anderson, J. P. Gossett, of Williamston, S. C. These gentlemen after hearing Mr. Duke's plan outlined, voted their hearty appreciation and willingness to co-operate in it.

SPECIAL MEETING DEMOCRATIC STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Call for Dates of Convention Causes - Call for Meeting on March Twenty-four in Raleigh.

A call for a special meeting of the Democratic State Executive Committee has been issued by State Chairman Thomas D. Warren, the meeting to be held in Raleigh on Wednesday, March 25. The call reads: "On account of conflict of meetings of State Democratic convention and the State Medical Association, which meets in Raleigh, June 16, 17 and 18, and on account of the fact that State Medical Association is unable to change its time of meeting, the State Democratic executive committee is hereby called to meet in the city of Raleigh, in the Senate chamber on Wednesday, at 8:30 p. m., March 25, 1914, for the purpose of planning time of meeting of State Democratic convention and for such other business as may come before the committee."

LIST OF LETTERS.

The following is a list of letters remaining in the postoffice at Louisburg, N. C., March 20, 1914, uncalled for.

Mrs. C. B. Brodie, Mrs. Katty May Crawley, Charlie Elliott, Miss Geneva Green, N. W. Green, J. R. Harris, A. N. Joyner, George Lee, Louis Robinson, Mrs. Mariah Scott, Miss Linnie Williams, Miss Mary Williams.

The following have been returned to writers from the Division of Dead Letters:

Annie Harris. Persons calling for any of the above letters will please say they saw them advertised.

M. W. YARBOROUGH, P. M.

Tuesday Afternoon Book Club.

The Tuesday Afternoon Book Club was delightfully entertained by Mrs. E. S. Ford, March 17th. The club was called to order by the president, Mrs. Turner, and in the absence of the secretary, Mrs. Palmer read the minutes of the last meeting, and called the roll, the members and visitors present answering with a "current event," which feature of the club program this winter has added much to the interest and enjoyment of the meetings.

The subject for the afternoon was Thomas Nelson Page, and a charming character sketch was read by Mrs. Parham, showing him as man and author, giving some new and interesting events in his life, and a number of delightful delineations of his best known characters. Thomas Nelson Page has written many beautiful and touching stories, but none more so than "Meh Lady," which was read in its entirety by Mrs. Turner, and Mrs. Collier.

After the conclusion of this highly entertaining program, most delicious refreshments were served in four courses. The next meeting of the club will be with Mrs. B. G. Hicks, April 14th.

The following members were present: Mesdames J. B. Yarbrough, J. L. Palmer, B. G. Hicks, T. W. Watson, J. R. Collier, S. J. Parham, J. A. Turner, W. R. Mills, D. F. McKimpe, W. H. Ferguson, and Miss Sallie Pleasants. Mrs. Ford had as her guests, Mrs. A. D. Wilcox, Mrs. B. B. Perry, Mrs. Loyd Lyles, and Miss Ethel Early.

The broken plate glass window at P. B. & K. K. Allen's has been replaced with a new one.

County Commencement

Louisburg, N. C.

FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 1914

Big Parade, Brass Band, Declamation Contest, Picnic Dinner, Athletic Contests.

How would you like to see 3,000 school children in a big parade headed by a brass band?

Well, there are 44 public schools in Franklin County and this year there are 3,561 white children enrolled. Every one of them is asked to be in that parade.

We want every school committeeman, every school teacher, and every school as a body to be on hand. And we want everybody who feels an interest in the public school work to come.

\$50 in three prizes to the schools making the best show in the parade. Wouldn't you like for your school to win? Then get busy, help the teacher arrange things, and come yourself.

A gold medal to the best speaker. Wouldn't you like for your township to get it? May be it will.

A dozen or more prizes for the winners in the various athletic contests. List will be published in full next week. Look out for it.

And the boys and girls graduating from the seven grades of the regular public schools will receive diplomas. It will be a new and interesting, and inspiring thing to see.

Program:

10:30 a. m.—Parade.

11:15 a. m.—Presentation of Diplomas.

11:45 a. m.—Declamation Contest.

1:00 p. m.—Basket Picnic.

2:30 p. m.—Athletic Contest.

Place—Graded School Grounds.

Come right along. Tell your neighbor. Help get the children here. Bring your basket, have a great, big, old fashioned picnic, hear the band play "Dixie" once more, and see the little folks who are to be Franklin's men and women of tomorrow.

R. B. WHITE,

County Superintendent.

CONTEST CLOSES

MISS HOLLINGSWORTH WINS THE FORD AUTOMOBILE.

Mrs. C. T. Hudson Gets the Grand Prescott Piano—Interest Intense During the Last Hours.

Amid the most intense interest the Times Auto Contest came to a close on Saturday night at nine o'clock. The managers had secured the Spruill building adjoining the Times office and early in the afternoon had placed the piano therein and otherwise arranged for the ending of what had been a most successful subscription campaign. The beautiful Ford automobile had been placed upon the court house square in front of the office, in which place it was delivered to the successful contestant. An alarm clock had been secured and set to alarm at nine o'clock and when the hour arrived and the judges had taken their places nothing but quiet reigned in the room. The count began and lasted for an hour and a half or more during, all of which time the most eager interest was showing itself from all parts. The contestants, most of whom were present, showed plainly whether to rejoice or to show sorrow or surprise. Immediately upon the completion of the count Capt. L. L. Joyner, one of the judges announced the winners in the following order:

The winners of the beautiful gold watches as district prizes were:

First District—Miss Oda Strickland, of Louisburg, with 1,308,285 votes.

Second District—Mrs. H. T. May, of Franklinton, with 308,200 votes.

Third District—Miss Annie Grace Harris, of Harris township, with 737,700 votes.

Fourth District—Miss Floy Moore, of Spring Hope, with 327,550 votes.

Fifth District—Miss Annie Culpepper, of Cedar Rock, with 621,148 votes.

The winner of the Grand prize, the fine, sweet-toned Prescott Piano, Mrs. C. T. Hudson, of near Louisburg, with 4,606,900 votes.

The winner of the Capital prize, a beautiful Ford Touring Car, Miss Marion Hollingsworth, of Louisburg, with 6,530,250 votes.

In many cases the contest was close for the district prize, but all ended in splendid feeling and much rejoicing among the winners.

The contest was a most successful

venture from the papers standpoint, and we are thoroughly appreciative of the work done by the several contestants who have our best wishes. We rejoice with those who won and feel even sadder, if possible, than those who lost in their failure to capture a prize, as we are fully aware that it was not due to a lack of either interest or hard work. To each and every one of the contestants we wish to extend our thanks for the work they have done.

We publish below letters from contestants.

Mr. A. F. Johnson, Louisburg, N. C.

Dear Sir:—I wish to thank all of you for the fair and impartial way in which you conducted the recent contest and to express my appreciation for the Ford Touring Car which my daughter was so lucky in winning. I wish also to thank those of our friends who so generously assisted her in winning this the Capital prize.

J. W. HOLLINGSWORTH.

We wish to express our appreciations to the many people of Louisburg, and Franklin county who so generously assisted us during the recent Auto Contest of the Franklin Times, and the editor of the Times and the Contest Company for the courtesies and fairness extended us. While we had for our aim the Ford Automobile we are pleased with the Piano and extend our congratulations to the other winners.

Again wishing all much success, we are,

Yours truly,

MR. AND MRS. C. T. HUDSON.

We wish to thank the public who so willingly assisted us in winning the prize for the fifth district in the Franklin Times Auto Contest and especially the Peck-Barrett Co., their assistants and the editor of the Times. Nothing but fairness in every particular was evident to us and we are well satisfied with the results and gratefully appreciate the prize.

ANNIE CULPEPPER, W. R. FULGHUM, E. S. FULGHUM.

East Carolina Teachers Training School News.

A large and appreciative audience from Greenville and the neighboring towns were present at the performance of the Greek play, "The Masque of Pandora," which was presented by

the Senior class on the evening of March 9th. The performance as given was Longfellow's play, adapted and staged by the coach, Miss Mabel V. Rivers, of New York.

The principal characters were remarkably selected and acted well. Miss Corinne Bright of Washington, N. C., as Pandora, wonher audience completely by her really wonderful acting.

The most charming feature of the play was the natural and symbolic dances. Nature was symbolized in groups who represented waters, forests, mountains, and roads, the groups were very effective. The graces danced to express joy while the furies danced to express indignation.

The costumes were in lovely color schemes and in Greek lines. They were designed in New York, but made under the direction of Mrs. Beckwith.

The scenery, a Greek interior and a garden scene, will be left to the school as a gift from the class.

Miss Maria D. Graham, class adviser, was manager of the play. The money cleared off the annual Senior plays is always left to the school in some form. It is usually added to a student's loan fund.

A commission of education from China, sent by the government to visit the best schools in America and Europe and to investigate the educational systems, spent two days visiting the Training School. They are visiting the schools over here with a view of introducing the best ideas from the western world into the schools of China.

It is indeed a great tribute to this school that the United States Commission of Education not only recommended this school as one of the best normals of the country, but urged upon them the importance of visiting this one especially.

The visit of these men meant much to the school as it brought the students in close touch with big international ideas.

Dr. B. F. Sledd, of Wake Forest College delivered a literary address on "Lanier in Baltimore," Monday evening in the auditorium.

By special request he stayed over until Tuesday noon, and told very interesting stories from "Uncle Remus," to the school.

CLARA LONG, BEULAH STALLING.

At the Methodist Church.

The revival services will begin at the Methodist church on next Sunday morning and will last for two weeks with a possibility of the third.

Rev. Mr. Wilcox, the pastor, will do the preaching and he will have for his assistant Mr. H. N. Price, of Chattanooga, Tenn., an expert singer, who will have charge of the song service. He enjoys the distinction of being one of the best singers in the country. A large temporary platform for the chorus choir is being erected to accommodate those who will take a part. The services during the week will be at night only. Prayer meetings will be held at the church and at homes during the day, of which announcements will be made later. The public is invited to go out and attend all these meetings and it is hoped that much good may result.

The Short Lines Enter Protest.

Washington, March 18.—Capt. L. C. Nichols, of Chester, S. C., representing the Short Lines Association of the Southeast, appeared before the Senate committee on Postoffices and Post Roads today and protested against the adoption of the proposed bill which would allow the carriers pay for carrying mail on a space basis instead of weight as at present.

Mr. Nichols told the committee that his railroad, as well as many others, is now carrying the mail at a great loss; that he parcel post had increased this loss and to adopt the bill now before the committee would work an additional hardship upon the railroads of the country and especially upon the short lines.

New Rural Routes.

The following rural delivery routes will be established May 1:

Boulaiville, Duplin county, route No. 1, length 27.32 miles; Castle Haynes, New Hanover county, route No. 1, length 19.15 miles; Garysburg, Northampton county, route No. 2, length 23.75 miles; Marshville, Union county, route No. 6, length 16.08 miles; Tar-

bor, Columbus county, route No. 3, length 26.19 miles; Wadeville, Montgomery county, route No. 1, length 22.62 miles; Williamston, Martin county, route No. 5, length 16.55 miles.

RALEIGH GETS STATE CONVENTION

THOS. D. WARREN OF CRAVEN MADE CHAIRMAN.

Primaries to be Held May 16th—County Conventions May 23rd—State Convention June 17th.

Raleigh, March 10th.—By an unanimous vote in both instances the State Democratic Executive Committee last night chose Raleigh as the place and June 17 as the time for holding the Democratic State Convention and elected Thomas D. Warren of New Bern, Craven County, as State chairman to succeed Charles A. Webb of Buncombe, resigned.

Saturday, May 16, was chosen as the date for holding all precinct meetings or primary elections, and the following Saturday, May 23, was named as the time for the holding of all of the Democratic county conventions in the state.

These are the two biggest items of importance that claimed the attention at the meeting held in the Senate chamber last night. The meeting was a however, full of interest in many other respects. The only matter that provoked any lengthy discussion was that of fixing the date for the precinct elections and the county conventions, but this was finally settled upon as called for in the resolution that was introduced by Ed. S. Abell, of Johnston.

Fifty-Four Answered Roll. Chairman Webb called the committee to order at 8:47 p. m., and immediately got down to business. Secretary W. E. Brock, of Wadesboro, was present and the roll of members was called. Fifty-four members of the committee were present in person or proxy, which made a quorum and the business of the meeting was taken up.

At the instance of chairman Webb, Secretary Brock read the call for the meeting as issued by the chairman.

Dates are Fixed.

Chairman Webb called for the next business before the meeting, stating that this would be the fixing of dates for the holding of the next Democratic state convention, the county primaries, or precinct elections, and the Democratic county conventions. Mr. Ed. S. Abell, of Johnston county offered a resolution naming Raleigh as the convention city, and fixing the dates as called for. The resolution follows:

"Resolved, That the Democratic State Convention of North Carolina for 1914 is hereby called to meet in the city of Raleigh on Wednesday, the 17th day of June 1914, for the purpose of nominating a Democratic candidate for the United States Senate, and Democratic candidates for State offices to be voted for in 1914, and to transact such other business as may properly come before it.

"That Saturday the 16th day of May, 1914, be, and is hereby fixed as a common day on which all precinct meetings or primary elections, shall be held throughout the state for the purpose of ascertaining the choice of democratic electors for the candidates for State, Congressional, Judicial and state senatorial offices, and for the election of delegates to the county conventions.

"That the 23rd day of May, 1914, be, and the same is hereby fixed as the common day for the holding of all county conventions in each county in the state for the purpose of declaring the result of their precinct meetings, or primary elections, or for ascertaining the choice of all electors in mass convention, and for appointing delegates to the state Congressional, Judicial and state Senatorial conventions.

There was a variance of opinion as to the date for holding the state convention. Secretary of State J. Bryan Grimes reminded the committee of the fact that there would be two other important gatherings in Raleigh on the day named for the convention, these being the unveiling of the monument to the women of the Confederacy, and the subsequent occasion of the convention of the Confederate Veterans, and for that reason he wanted the date changed to one week later.

These speeches were of a high order and showed a great meeting for the good of the party.

Rev. A. D. Wilcox returned Tuesday from Washington, N. C.