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BIG MEETING OF COTTON GROWERS

Three Days Session Held in New Orleans Last Week.

ADDRESS BY MR. TOMPKINS

Mr. J. A. Brown Also Makes Interesting Address—President Jordan Given an Oration—Declare for Fifteen Cent Cotton—Also Reduction of Acreage.

New Orleans, Jan. 15.—With a large and representative attendance from the cotton growing states, the Southern Cotton Growers Association opened a three days session here Thursday.

President Jordan was given an ovation when he ascended the platform. The invocation was offered by Rev. Dr. Beverly Warner. Ex-President John M. Parker, of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange, delivered an address of welcome, in which he said the speculator is the greatest enemy the farmer has. He counseled the farmer to not "kill" the golden goose by putting up prices so high as we will soon have a close competition from other countries.

At the opening of the afternoon session of the Southern Cotton convention, announcements were made of members from the various states to serve on the committees which do the actual work of the convention. The committees provided for are on acreage and diversification, pushing the work of organization, and financing the association, warehousing, holding balance of unsold crop, trade relations and statistics.

An address by Hon. H. S. Scott, of Mississippi, on work in cotton fields provoked considerable discussion. Mr. Scott said the conclusion could not be avoided that the negro laborer in the South had finally become a general woe of failure. D. A. Tompkins, of Charlotte, N. C., was introduced to speak on "Cotton Values in Textile Fabrics." He advocated the sale of cotton goods to China instead of the raw cotton to England, and especially emphasized the need of development of a knowledge and skill in manufacture that would lead to the production of better goods than Osnaburg and standard sheetings so that in time cotton would become in a degree a basis for the sale of knowledge and skill necessary to the production of the finer fabrics.

At the conclusion of Mr. Tompkins' address Mr. Brown, of North Carolina, introduced a resolution endorsing the cotton commission bill of Senator Overman. The convention then adjourned until night.

THE SESSION ON FRIDAY.

That the sum of work of the Southern Cotton Association was to be a declaration for fifteen cent cotton, with reduction of acreage, in the form of diversification of crops, was practically settled at the afternoon session of the convention Friday, when Chairman Dancy of the committee on holding, in advance of the presentation of its report, announced that the committee had unanimously decided favorably to that proposition. The announcement provoked the convention to a whirlwind of cheering.

Alexander H. Smith, of Greene county, Ga., urged the sending of a telegram announcing that the South needed no money from Wall street, but had it to lend. He said

the five banks in his county were pledged to absolute support of the farmers, and that not another bale there would be sold under 15 cents. T. E. Masseguill, of Georgia, moved that the president be instructed to send a statement through the Associated Press that the bankers, merchants and farmers were in perfect unison of thought, and that he correct the statements to the contrary circulated by Wall street bear operators, who were doing all in their power to break up the cotton growers' organization. The resolution was adopted.

An address on the newspaper and its relation to the Southern Cotton Association was made by H. Y. Brock, of Lenoir, Ala., and then Chairman J. H. White presented the report of the committee on foreign trade relations. The committee gave a long list of commercial and other bodies which had endorsed the proposed appointment of a commission to go abroad and submit a resolution which was adopted ordering the bills of Senator Overman, of North Carolina, and Representative Richardson of Alabama. Congress was asked for early and favorable action.

Doctors Entertained.

The visiting physicians here Wednesday to attend the meeting of the Robeson County Medical Society, were entertained at the hospitable home of Dr. J. McMillan, who at last meeting resigned as president of the society. An elegant dinner was served. The occasion proved a most pleasant one.

ACREAGE IN STRAWBERRY CROP IS NOT REDUCED.

Truckers and Railways Arranging to Handle Big Crop of Vegetables This Year.

In spite of the losses experienced by strawberry growers last spring, it is understood that fully as large a crop as has been planted out this season last. It was said last summer at many acres of plants were being ploughed up and that acreage would be greatly reduced. This seems to have been false and instead of this being the case, the acreage has been increased.

The lettuce crop is in and in fine condition a little farther south and east. The acreage fuller 25 per cent larger than usual. The prospects of a large potato crop are good. Last year the crop of potatoes in Michigan was a failure and many being shipped here from Ireland.

The Atlantic Coast has promised a night express service from Wilmington. The service will commence early March and last through the season. This will mean much for the growers and shippers, thus giving them early New York and Philadelphia deliveries.

NEW OFFICERS INSTALLED.

At Meeting of Odd Fellows Thursday Night.

At the meeting of the Odd Fellows in their hall Thursday night the new officers were installed as follows:

Wade Wishart, Noble and; J. P. Stansel, Vice Grand; G. Thomas, Recording Secretary; M. McNeill, Financial Secretary; R. O. Edmund, Treasurer.

During the evening and cigars were much enjoyed. The occasion was most pleasant and all who were present. The spring of other officers will take place Thursday night, the 18th

PLANNING FOR MORE RAILROADS.

Out of Many Rumors Something Definite is Appearing.

MEANS BETTER FACILITIES.

Proposed Raleigh and Charleston Railroad Will Pass Through Lumberton—Seaboard is Placing Heavier Rails on Road—May Build Line.

The discussion of proposed railroad extensions and improvements continues and if rumors are to be believed Lumberton will in a few months have doubted its railway facilities. Mention has already been made in these columns of the proposed Raleigh and Charleston Railroad the company having already secured a charter.

If this plan is carried into effect the Mills' road will be extended to Lumberton, and here connect with the Carolina Northern, which extends to Marion, S. C. A new line from Marion to Charleston would be built, thus connecting the Capital of North Carolina with the principal seaport city of the Palmetto State.

Another bit of railway gossip, equally as interesting, is concerning the improvements the Seaboard is soon to make upon the line from Charlotte to Wilmington. Of this movement the Manufacturer's Record says:

"The announcement that the Seaboard Air Line will lay ninety-pound rails on its line running southeast from Hamlet, N. C., to Wilmington, N. C., is accepted as indicating a purpose of the company to operate in connection with the South & Western Railway that is now being extended to Rutherfordton, N. C., and Spartanburg, S. C., both of which are on the Seaboard system.

"It has been anticipated for a long time that the construction of the South & Western's extension would result in the making of another great coal terminal either at Wilmington, N. C., or at Southport, but this declaration that a section of the Seaboard which has heretofore been of minor importance would be brought up to a high state of track efficiency is the first sign to indicate that some such terminal plans are under serious consideration. Reports from Wilmington say that the Seaboard is making surveys for an extension, possibly to Southport, which is about thirty miles south of that city."

These improvements and proposed extensions of rail roads are not based on rumor alone, however, for the indications are that the improvements and extensions will be made at no far distant date. The line spoken of would prove a most direct course for carrying coal from the fields of West Virginia to the coast, while the line from Raleigh to Charleston would mean much to both states and the country through which it will pass.

EMANUEL—THOMPSON.

Two Popular Young People Married at Rowland.

Rowland, N. C., Jan. 15.—At five o'clock Wednesday evening, January the tenth, the friends of the happy couple assembled in the beautifully decorated parlor of the Merchants Hotel, Rowland, to witness the ceremony which made Miss Willie Atrell Thompson the bride of Mr. Robert Cothran Emanuel, of Mallory, South Carolina.

The sweet strains of Mendels-

son's wedding march was rendered by Miss Estelle Pitman, of the Presbyterian College, Charlotte. The bridal party entered in the following order: Dr. Robert Graham with Miss Lena Esten McCormick, Dr. Livingston F. Johnson, of Dillon, S. C., with Miss Delilah Hamer, of Clif, S. C., Mr. Charlie Sinclair with Miss Bessie Wyghtman McCormick and Dr. Jesse W. Pamer, of Clif, S. C., with Miss Ruth La Valle Smith, of Edenton, N. C.

The attendants having arranged themselves about an altar of palms and ferns, the bride, in a beautiful gown of soft steel grey silk with chiffon and applique entered with the groom and stood amid friends and lovers, while the Reverend J. W. Bradley repeated the solemn sacred words which made them one.

Immediately after the ceremony the bridal party repaired to the dining hall to partake of a sumptuous repast.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. W. B. Thompson, and is a young lady of rare intellect and refinement, and a talented musician. The groom is one of Mallory's finest young men, liked and esteemed by all. The gifts were numerous and valuable, attesting the high esteem in which they are held.

At 6:25 the happy couple boarded the southbound train for Jessup, Ga., thence to points in Florida for a ten days stay in "the land of flowers." With them goes the wish of their many friends that the light of love may illumine their pathway as did the sun on the day they plighted their troth.

MR. J. W. BULLOCK DIES AT AGE OF SEVENTY-SEVEN

Passed Away at Rowland Saturday—Funeral Sunday And Interment at Ashpole.

Mr. J. W. Bullock died at his home at Rowland, Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. For several months his health has been very feeble and his death was not unexpected. Mr. Bullock was in his seventy-seventh year, and until some months since, he had been strong and active and carried his age wonderfully well.

He was married 52 years ago to Miss Sarah McCallum, daughter of Mr. Archie McCallum, and few married lives have been more harmonious in every respect than theirs. He was the father of 13 children—eight daughters and five sons, as follows: Mrs. J. T. Barker, Lumberton; Mrs. Alex. McGirt; Mrs. W. C. Alford, Mrs. Frank McLean, Mrs. Agnes Stubbs, Alfordville; Mrs. F. A. Floyd, Ashpole; Mrs. Robert Hamer, Maxton, and Miss Katie Bullock; Messrs. Evander, J. B., A. L., D. W. and W. F. Bullock.

Mr. Bullock was a consistent member of Ashpole Presbyterian church, and was held in high esteem by all who knew him. He has been very successful in life, and was one of the foremost planters in his section of the county. A few years since he rented his farm and had a nice home erected at Rowland, where with his wife and one daughter, Miss Katie Bullock, he spent his last days.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. T. Walker Sunday morning at eleven o'clock and the remains solemnly interred in Ashpole church cemetery.

Miss Addie Tyner, who has been teaching at Barnesville for the past several months, was in town Saturday.

BANK OF ASHPOLE CLOSES FINE YEAR

Splendid Showing is Made by this Young Financial Institution.

ALL OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

Pythian Lodge Installs New Officers—Floyd and Thompson Open New Store—Improvements Upon Store Building—New Houses Being Built.

Ashpole, Jan. 15.—The Bank of Ashpole is in most flourishing condition, as was shown in the meeting of stock holders last Thursday. The report of the Cashier, F. L. Blue, was very gratifying to all, showing profits for the year of something over 18 per cent. after paying the 6 per cent. dividend declared, the Bank has quite a nice sum to carry to undivided profits. The old officers were unanimously re-elected, as also were the directors. Our little Bank is the pride of our town and all rejoice in its success.

The installation of officers who were elected at the December meeting was an enjoyable Pythian episode last Monday night, held in the Castle Hall. The following were installed:

O. I. Floyd, C. C.; F. L. Blue, V. C.; Thos. M. Sewell, Prelate; J. D. McLean, M. of E.; E. W. Floyd, K. of R. and S.; E. V. McDaniel, M. of F.; Dock McLean, M. of A.; W. F. Mitchell, O. G.; M. Y. Fisher, I. G.

The new brick stores of Thompson, Thompson and Brown on Main street are being fitted with cement floors which is quite a curiosity to most of us. They look substantial enough to last out all our days.

The new firm of E. W. Floyd and C. B. Thompson is doing well. They are both popular young gentlemen and their many friends wish them great success.

Miss Nellie Lina formerly a popular Milliner of our town is visiting Mrs. C. A. Floyd.

Mr. Silas Griffen has bought a lot from A. J. Floyd on Ionia Avenue and will build a house for rent.

Rev. J. N. Cole, of Rockingham is expected to preach in the Methodist church Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. O. I. Floyd are keeping house in the Floyd cottage on Ionia avenue.

Dr. McPhaul attended the Oliver-Atkinson marriage at Marietta last Wednesday.

Mr. Sam J. Smith and family moved into their home on Cottage street last Thursday.

Eclipses in 1906.

There will be five eclipses in 1906, three of the sun and two of the moon. The first will be a total one of the moon on the night of February 8, and will be visible in North and South America. The beginning will be at 1:57 o'clock in the morning of the 9th and ending at 8:36. The second is a partial eclipse of the sun February 22, invisible in the United States. The third is a partial eclipse of the sun on July 21, not visible in the United States. The fourth is a total eclipse of the moon on August 19 not visible in the United States but in Alaska.

A Baraca Class was organized at the Baptist Church Sunday morning, with twenty nine members. Mr. E. J. Britt has been selected as teacher.

BERCHET-HOLCOMB.

Home Wedding Near Purvis Wednesday—Elrod News.

Elrod, Jan. 15.—Miss Minnie Holcomb and Mr. Will Berchet were quietly married at the home of the bride near Purvis, Wednesday Jan. 8, Rev. J. W. Bradley, officiating.

It is with regret that we chronicle the death of Mrs. Kate Hubbard nee Paul, which occurred Sunday, Jan. 7 at her home at Sellers, S. C. The family have the sympathy of the community.

Misses Tiny Chappell and Berta Bullard spent a few days very pleasantly at the home of Mr. Gaitley near Rowland.

Miss Louanna McCall has been on the sick list for a few days but we are glad to report her convalescence.

Mr. A. W. Pate and family and Mr. C. T. Pate attended the family reunion at the home of their father, near Gibson, Thursday.

Mr. Fred McRae and family moved to Rowland this week where they will make their future home.

Miss Lizzie Bullard is spending a few days at Pates, visiting her sister, Mrs. McRae.

Miss Tiny Chappell is very sick with measles. We trust she may soon recover.

Pastors Conference.

Pastors' Conference will be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week at the Baptist Church and there will be public services on Tuesday and Wednesday nights at 7:15 o'clock. The day services will be of especial interest to pastors.

TO CELEBRATE BIRTHDAY OF GEN. ROBERT E. LEE.

Daughters of Confederacy Planning For Public Meeting Friday Evening in Opera House.

The members of the Robeson Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy are planning to have a public meeting on Friday evening in the interest of the proposed monument to the Confederate dead of Robeson county. This date was chosen as an appropriate one, January 19th, being the birthday of General Robert E. Lee, who was leader of the Confederate forces in the war.

The committee will complete the arrangements for the meeting and prepare the program this week. The Rev. C. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church, will make the principal address.

Entertained at Mrs. Breece's.

Messrs. F. P. Gray, A. A. McLean, and J. P. Stansel, who have rooms in the home of Mrs. L. R. Breece, were tendered an elaborate supper by her Thursday evening. The young men invited a few of their lady friends and the evening was a most enjoyable one. The young ladies with their escorts were, Miss May Ketchen with Mr. J. P. Stansel; Miss Annie Neill McLean with Mr. A. T. McLean; Miss Jessie Fuller with Mr. F. P. Gray.

Passed Examination.

Messrs. Frank Morrison and Willie Stone who went to Raleigh last week to stand examination as telegraph operators, passed successfully. They are now only waiting on the dispatcher, to begin work. Mr. Stone is at present acting as relief operator at Kingsdale for Mr. Crawford, who has gone to old Fort on account of sickness.

A negro near Moncure, Chatham county, is rejoicing in the birth of his 20th child.