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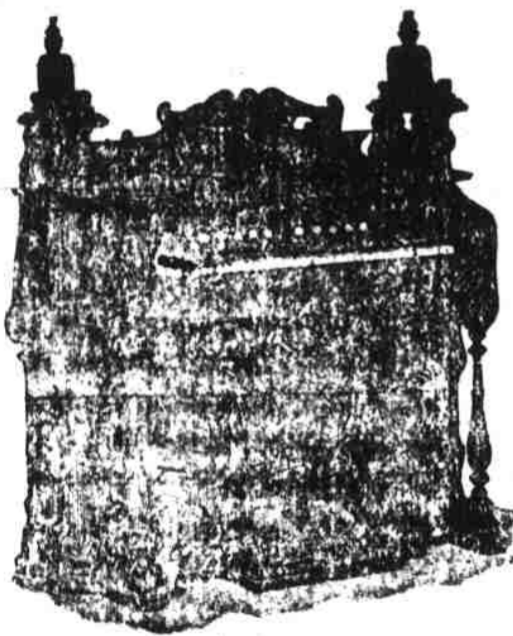
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### PLACED ON RECORD.

#### Discriminations Against Southern Mills Condemned.

Philadelphia, Pa., May 16.—Much business was crowded into the concluding session of the American Manufacturers' Association's convention which opened yesterday. Besides the many interesting papers that were read by members of the association on subjects pertaining to the cotton industry, there was an address by President Finley of the Southern Railway Company, the election of officers and reports from the committees. The report of the secretary and treasurer showed the organization to be in a prosperous condition. Among others who addressed the convention were Congressman Burleson, of Austin, Texas, James T. Fuller of Charlotte, N. C., who spoke on "combed cotton;" E. F. Hathaway, of Boston, Mass., who took for his subject closer relations between producers and manufacturers; William Whitman, of Lawrence, Mass., and W. H. H. Carrier, of Buffalo, N. Y.

This afternoon will be given over to sightseeing and tonight the annual banquet will be held at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel. Among the guests will be Vice-President Fairbanks.

Arthur H. Lowe, of Massachusetts, presided at the closing session and introduced President Finley of the Southern Railroad. Mr. Finley was warmly greeted.

President Finley called attention to the assistance rendered by the railroads in the development of Southern industries, and pointed out that the demands for railway service in the Southern States have almost reached the maximum capacity of the roads and that if Southern progress is to continue, there must be an early increase in the facilities of Southern transportation agencies.

He said that if the roads were to provide these facilities they would require large amounts of new capital, for the obtaining of which the maintenance of earning power was a fundamental requisite. Unfortunately, the legislation enacted in some of the states and proposed in others, he said, was tending to make it difficult for the roads to sell their bonds to provide funds for new construction.

Mr. Finley said the railways were asking no special favors. They only asked that they be given the same degree of protection under the law that is given to business enterprises of other kinds. He said that laws subjecting common carriers to proper regulations such as might be necessary to prevent discrimination or unreasonable charges, were proper and could not be objected to on any ground but that when legislation went beyond this proposed field of regulation and proposed to reduce charges arbitrarily, and to impose penalties for failure to perform impossible services it became destructive and the inevitable result was to cripple the ability of the carriers to provide the additional facilities so badly

needed.

W. D. Hartshorn, of Boston, president of the National Association of cotton manufacturers a sister organization, made an address in which he said he without suggestion of amalgamation of the two bodies hoped the two organizations would work harmoniously for the good of the industry. One of the popular addresses of the session was made by President Whitman of the National Wool Manufacturers' Association who spoke on "American Business Honor." He deprecated the cry set up by the "army of agitators" who under the guise of reformers could see nothing but evil in the land. He said the standard of business honor in this country today is higher than ever before.

After the program had been disposed of the convention went into executive session for the purpose of electing officers and action on resolutions.

The committee having in charge the matter of the controversy with the New York cotton exchange over the grading of cotton reported that it had a conference yesterday with a committee from the New York exchange. The committee said there was a harmonious exchange of views in regard to the establishing of cotton warehouses in the south and the advisability of making changes in contracts and the classification of cotton. No conclusion was reached, however, and because of the absence of the representatives of the New Orleans cotton exchange who were to have been present the committee recommended that another committee be appointed to take up the matter during the year. The report was adopted and the present committee.

One of the resolutions adopted was as follows: "That this association place on record its disapproval of the action of the interstate commerce commission in the case of the rate on trans-continental shipments of southern mill products to the Orient."

The cotton referred to was on a rate case on southern goods to the Orient in which suit was brought by exporters against southern railroads to collect the differences between 88 cents, the rate from New England and \$1.25, the rate from the south. The commission decided in favor of the railroads.

Resolutions were adopted favoring the establishment of national forest reserves in the southern Appalachian and White mountains.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

President—S. B. Tainter, Henrietta, N. C.

Vice-President—T. H. Renne, Graniteville, S. C.

Secretary and Treasurer—C. B. Bryant, Charlotte, N. C.

Chairman of the board of governors—T. A. Blythe, Philadelphia.

Will Gray and John Cummings, of Greensboro, were caught beneath a pile of falling wood at Bain's lumber yard, Thursday and seriously hurt. The high stack of wood fell over on the men as one of them drew a stick from the bottom.

### Four Thousand Present at the Convention.

Richmond, Va., May 16.—The Southern Baptist convention met in its fifty second session here with an attendance of about 4,000. The great body was called to order in the new and magnificent city auditorium at 8:15 o'clock and was formally welcomed to the hospitalities of the city in a thrilling speech by Mayor McCarthy. The auditorium seats 3,800 people and when the convention opened the hall was packed. Eighteen hundred, regularly elected delegates were present at the opening, which number it is believed, breaks the record. The proceedings of the convention were begun with prayer by Rev. Dr. S. M. Province, of Alabama. Rev. Dr. Truitt, of Texas, then nominated the Hon. E. W. Stephens, of Missouri, the incumbent, for re-election as president, and Dr. Stephens was unanimously chosen to preside for the third time over the convention.

The following vice-presidents were chosen: E. R. Pollard, of Virginia; Joshua Levering, of Baltimore; Dr. S. Y. Jameson, of Georgia.

Dr. J. Lansing Burrows, of Nashville, Tenn., and Dr. O. F. Gregory, of Staunton, Va., were unanimously re-elected secretaries.

Mr. George W. Norton, of Louisville, Ky., was made treasurer, and Rev. Dr. William P. Harvey, also of Louisville, auditor.

### Pythians Organize Lodge.

A Knights of Pythias Lodge was established at Elizabethtown Tuesday night with twenty members of Clarkton Lodge, fifteen from Council, and a number of other Pythians, in attendance. The exercises took place in the court house, the long passage was of which had been turned into a dinner hall, a table extended from end to end loaded with good things to eat. After eating, they went into the court room to begin the initiation, which lasted throughout the night, when a recess was taken until the next night, when the members of the new lodge were to meet and elect officers.

### On to Richmond.

Persons desiring to attend the Reunion of Confederate Veterans at Richmond are requested to hand in their names at once to Mr. M. G. McKenzie. If fifty persons will go, a special car will be provided and will leave Lumberton on the morning of May 29th. The fare for the round trip will be \$5.50 and at Richmond arrangements have been made to board and lodge the Veterans.

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There were guests from Lumberton, Mr. and Mrs. M. Blacker; Mr. and Mrs. J. Blacker; the grand parents of the little son from Chester, Va. and also from Petersburg Va., Mr. Baker, from Baltimore, and a score or more of town friends. A fine table was spread and the company was entertained till late at night.

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