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For Balance of Cotton Crop—Memphis Cotton-Growers' Conference Adopts Strong Resolutions—Meeting Stirred Up Over Night-Riding.

Memphis, Tenn., Dispatch, 12th.

Denunciation of "night-riding," and a fiery defense of the "night-riders" threw the convention of the Southern Cotton Growers' and Ginners' Association into disorder to-day, and nearly terminated the session before the programme had fairly begun.

President Jordan finally brought a semblance of quiet and made a plea for order.

Walter Clark, of Clarksdale, Miss precipitated the trouble by wandering from the subject of the "better baling and handling of cotton," and bitterly denouncing "night-riding." He called the night-riders, "curs" and men who shot people in the back. A. C. Roane, a resident of northeast Mississippi, jumped on his chair and called Mr. Clark to order. He said the night-riders were an oppressed people, fighting for what they believed to be right, working against overwhelming odds, but always from the best motives. His words created a sensation. Men stood on their chairs and the greatest confusion prevailed. President Jordan refused to entertain the motion of Mr. Sisson to adjourn, and requested Mr. Clark to proceed. This he did.

TEN CENTS AS MINIMUM.

The general committee on resolutions presented their report, which was unanimously adopted, recommending that so far as possible in each individual case, none of the crop of 1908 still in the ownership of the producer, be sold below 10 cents per pound for short staple cotton, and urging growers to hold the crop so as to prevent selling in excess of one-tenth per month of the remaining crop of 1908. The cotton growers are urged to apply to the local banks for loans secured by warehouse receipts representing cotton to be held for purpose of being marketed only when demanded for actual consumption. The suggestions offered toward organizing of a holding corporation are referred to the permament committee, consisting of Chairman Jordan, Charles Gay and Dr. Pierson. They recommended to the immediate attention of Southern bankers and financiers the inauguration of a great cotton bank at some banking centre in the South, for the purpose of establishing a clearing house to aid in financing and marketing the cotton crop each season.

MORE COTTON FACTORIES.

The report also urges a continuation of the agitation for "cotton factories enough in the South to manufacture our cotton," and commends the efforts by the States of Georgia. Texas and Mississippi in the establishment of textile departments in their agricultural colleges. The report recommends a diversification of crops, claiming that this can only be brought about by scientific preparation of the soil and practical rotation of crops. The extension of warehouse facilities at local market points and all large interior cotton markets and ports, and especially commending and endorsing the building of the proposed warehouse at the port of New Orleans; that the Congress of the United States and State Legislatures enact laws requiring that the cotton exchanges revise their contracts, making contracts fair and just, and that the cotton delivered on the same be restricted to not more than five grades and that none below middling be deliverable; condemns speculation and gambling in futures as encouraged and practiced through all exchanges; approves of the continuation of the United States cotton statistical reports when based upon tangible facts, "but we do not approve of reports based upon calculation and guess work."

MUST FIGHT BOLL WEEVIL.

The report recommends that the farmers in States now threatened with the boll weevil prepare themselves in advance for the coming of the weevil, and asks for a continuation of government and State aid in combating the weevil.

On night-riding the report says:

"The meeting condemns in unmeasured terms the recent lawlessness throughout a number of our Southern States, known as 'night-riding,' and we urge that the government of the various States where this evil is threatening the welfare of the people to take immediate and decisive action for effectually suppressing the same."

The report requests the press of the South to assist in bringing about the results that are hoped for from this report.

T. U. Sisson presented a resolution, which was adopted, providing that President Jordan shall have complete charge of the new organization of cotton growers which will include Southern farmers and men in all walks of life. It provides for appointment of one man in each State to perfect the organization in the counties of his State.

The purpose of the organization is to collect data as to the quality and yield of the cotton crop in each county and data as to the financing of the crop.

PLAN TO LOAN MONEY.

Another resolution was offered by H. H. Rogers, of Louisville, Miss., providing for the appointment by President Jordan of two other delegates to form with him a committee to act with a like committee from the Farmers' Union, to work out a plan to capitalize a legitimate corporation, the purpose of which shall be to loan money on, or buy up the crop of all distressed cotton growers in order to keep prices from going below cost.

A resolution condemning dealing in futures and calling on Congressmen, United States Senators and Christian ministers to aid in suppressing it, was adopted.

Dr. A. R. Yarborough, of Mississippi, introduced a resolution which was adopted, that members of the conference study, agitate and educate in an effort to establish the feasibility of the cotton growers manufacturing their own staple into cloth and to petition the Legislatures of the various States to pass such laws as will enable the growers to do so.

The convention adjourned sine die.

There is no Conflict at All.

Charlotte Observer.

The Chatham Record, the editor of which is a good lawyer and a gentleman of acquaintance with public affairs, having long been in politics and several times a member of the Legislature, clears up in a few words a matter which has been discussed for several days by a part of the State press as a complication. The confusion has arisen from the statement that the new county of Lee has elected a Representative in the lower house of the General Assembly, giving to that body one hundred and twenty-one members whereas the constitution, while providing that each county shall have at least one Representative, at the same time limits the whole number to one hundred and twenty. Major London sets it all straight by this statement in his paper:

"The truth is that Lee county voted with Moore county for one Representative (as provided in the act of the Legislature creating Lee) and that Representative is Mr. D. A. McDonald, of Carthage. Although the constitution provides that 'each county shall have at least one Representative,' yet the total number cannot exceed one hundred and twenty, and whenever a new county is created it votes with one of the old counties until the next apportionment, which can only be at the first session of the Legislature after a census has been taken. See sections 4 and 5 of article 11. of the constitution. Ever since the constitution was amended by the convention of 1835 our General Assembly has been composed of fifty Senators and one hundred and twenty Representatives."

Religion Balks Cupid.

Wilmington Special, 12th, to Charlotte Observer.

On account of reported ecclesiastical differences between the religious denominations represented, the prospective groom being a devout Catholic and the bride-elect being a devoted communicant of the Protestant Episcopal Church, the wedding of Miss Tallulah Low DeRosset and Mr. John B. Peschau, both prominent young society people here, was declared off yesterday afternoon at 4:15 o'clock after all the arrangements had been made and guests were actually arriving for the ceremony, which was appointed to have been held at the home of the bride's father, Capt. Armand L. DeRosset, on South Second street. Both friends of the bride and of the groom declined to discusss the unusual proceeding, which has caused great interest among the friends of the young people here, and for whom the deepest sympathy is expressed, and regret that the ecclesiastical differences could not be reconciled to a devotion to one another that has been marked for several years.

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PICKED UP HERE AND THERE.

A prominent young society man of Lumberton escorted a charming visiting young lady to church Sunday evening—to the Presbyterian church, to be as exact as one dares tobe in telling this—and the young society man aforementioned was of course all bows and smiles and anxious to please. He handed the young lady to her seat with courtly grace and got through the service with proper decorum. So graceful and easy was his manner that other young men watched him with despairing envy and made mental resolves to go and do likewise, but Alas and Alas! so intent was the young man upon doing the honors properly, leaving no ceremony out, that, when the service was over, he quite forgot his top piece until he struck the cold air outside and had to dart back inside after the missing hat. Not that he cared anything about the hat for use on that particular occasion, though: his defenceless head was covered with the shadow of a great admiration just then and such a prosaic thing as a hat was entirely superfluous.

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Two old friends from different parts of the county met on the streets here Monday. "How are you, Bill?", said John. "Oh, don't ask me", said Bill; "I've been the sickest man you ever saw." "I know you have not been as sick as I have", said John; "I've been nearly dead for a week." "Well, anyway", chirped Bill, "God knows I've got the sickest cow in Robeson county."

And John, not being able to match Bill's last plaint, changed the subject to the weather and crops.

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To people who cannot go to bed election night until they know the result of the election in nation, State and county it seems strange to find a man who has remained in ignorance of the result for a week. Such a man questioned Chief of Police F. J. Floyd on the street Monday and Chief Floyd patiently explained that Mr. Taft was elected and that W. W. Kitchin would be the next Governor.

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Justice A. E. White had his very first experience in performing the marriage ceremony Monday in the office of the register of deeds. John W. McKinnon and Annie Pearl Evans, a couple of color, presented themselves before Register Nash as candidates for matrimony, obained the license sought and wanted the knot tied at once. Justice White was the man on the spot and he proceeded to tie them up. He did not have the ceremony before him in written form, but he pulled it out of his head extempore, putting in a few quirks and turns not dreamed of in the form as made and provided by law, which made it much more beautiful, and he wound up his spiel by ordering the groom to salute the bride, which he did with right good will. The report of John's osculatory performance on Annie there before the assembled few who witnessed the ceremony was so loud that it startled the prisoners in the jail up stairs—the register's office, you understand, is in the jail now. And when the last echoes from that smack died away in the distance Justice White solemnly assured John W. that Annie Pearl was his'n and assured Annie Pearl that John W. was her'n and they went on their way rejoicing.

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Last fall 'possums that had been raiding chicken coops were caught in the very act right in the heart of the residence portion of town, and now they have begun their depredations again. The other night a great commotion was heard in the chicken house at Miss JosephineBreece's, corner of Elm and Second streets, chickens squalling at the top of their squalls, and Miss Breece sallied forth "for to look see." One of the young ladies at Miss Breece's held a lamp to light the way withal, the other followed afar off and Miss Breece herself, armed with two of the most dangerous weapons at all—a rolling-pin and a hat pin—led the way. If the chicken thief had been a mere man he would have vamosed at once, not standing on the order of his going, but it was just a fool 'possum. When Miss Josephine saw that 'possum grinning at her, her excited voice calling to Mr. A. B. Small, who lives hard by, for assistance was added to the squalls of the chickens; for, look you, the brave front fell down before that grinning thing with a tail like a file, and there was a hasty retreat, Assistance from Mr. Small's arrived speedily and that marsupial marauder that was intent upon feasting on Miss Breece's chickens is now being fattened at Mr. Small's to furnish a feast itself.

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What a day may bring forth is uncertain; like-wise what a home-talent play may bring forth is uncertain. The play given at the Opera House last Tuesday evening was gotten up by Miss Critchfield primarily to add some shekels to her own store, of course, but so much histrionic ability was displayed by those who took part and so much pleasure was derived therefrom that a dramatic club will be organized here some time in the near future. Which will, no doubt, result in the giving of other plays from which both pleasure and profit will be derived.

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COUNTRY LIFE REVIEWED.

President Roosevelt's Commission on Country Life Holds a Conference at Raleigh.

President Roosevelt's commission on country life held a conference in Raleigh last Thursday at the Agricultural and Mechanical College at Raleigh, two members of the commission—Editor Walter H. Page, of The World's Work, a native of Wake county, and Mr. Henry Wallace, a well-known newspaper man and editor of an agricultural paper—being present. The commission is composed of five members and it has divided in order to cover all the States in the time allotted before reporting to the President the result of its investigations into the conditions that surround country life. More than 150 persons were present at the hearing Thursday and a number of speeches was made during the conference, which lasted six hours.

Dr. Stiles, an eminent authority in the bacteriological world, who was one of the speakers, said that his investigations showed that an astonishingly large number of persons in the country and in the mill settlements have the hook-worm disease and in general their blood vitality was very low. He has been in a great many farm homes in North Carolina and finds that the inattention to sanitation, great enough among whites, is appalling among negroes, much more than 80 per cent. of the homes of the blacks being without any sanitation whatever. He declares that the negroes are the prime promoters of disease and that, left as they have been without proper instruction in this important matter, they are a menace to the whole people of the State, of whom they form a third of the the population. Dr. Stiles spoke of the great prevalence of typhoid in North Carolina, this State standing 12th in the census list in this respect. Dr. Tait Butler, State veterinarian, confirmed the statement that this disease, which causes so many deaths, is worst in the mountain districts, where the natural conditions favor the most perfect health. In that region the people use spring water, which too often is polluted. Dr. Templeton, of Cary, made some statements supporting strongly much of what Dr. Stiles had said, and he says that in the country districts not one house in fifty was screened against flies, which are such terrible purveyors of disease, notably typhoid fever. Another thing he said which tended to lower the vitality of the people was the constant use of greasy foods, fat meat and soda biscuit. Dr. Stiles said that the United States had in Porto Rica practically stamped out the hookworm disease, and that it seemed to him that what the government had done there, it could do in the United States proper, and it ought to do it.

Mr. Clarence H. Poe, editor of The Progressive Farmer, Raleigh, was called on for his views. He spoke about the great necessity of teaching the laws of health in the rural schools; the need of postal savings banks, and the parcels post, and the necessity for the general government, which appropriated money for the liquid highways, to do the same thing for the solid ones, In other words that the government should pay one-third of the cost of building the main roads, the State a third, and the community the remaining third. He said that one of the things to be combated as a menace to information, proper life in the country homes and higher ideals, is isolation, now so prevalent. Mr. Poe said that unprofitable work on the farm and isolation had been two of the great drawbacks. The direct statement was made that the conclusion not to be avoided is that the death rate in the South today and certainly in the recent past is largely due to unsanitary conditions among the negroes.

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