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PLANS FOR BOOSTING PRICE OF COTTON.

Agreed Upon at Conference of Governors—Urge Withdrawal of All Cotton From Market and Gradual Marketing Hereafter—Reduce Acreage.

New Orleans Dispatch, Oct. 31.

The farmers of the South must withhold from the market every remaining bale of the present season's crop of cotton and follow this with a concerted and binding agreement to reduce next season's cotton acreage at least 25 per cent. if they hope to restore the South's great money staple to a normal price level and retrieve the losses sustained by reason of the present low prices.

This is the plan which the conference of Southern Governors adopted at its concluding session today to secure immediate relief from the depression in the price of the staple.

As a means of securing permanent relief from such changes and to guarantee cotton farmers in the future against the necessity of glutting the market with his supplies in the opening of the season, the conference adopted resolutions favoring the establishment in every cotton-growing State of State-controlled warehouses and the collection and periodical publication of statistics bearing upon the world's demand and consumption of American cotton.

The proposal of foreign banking interests to finance a holding movement covering 2,000,000 bales of the present crop was referred to a special committee for further action.

The recommendations of the conference follow:

"We earnestly recommend to the planters of the Southern States to follow the example of Louisiana and so diversify their crops as to produce everything necessary for consumption on the farm, and let cotton be the surplus crop even if the quantity raised shall be 25 per cent. less than the present crop, as then they will get just as much in return for much less labor than this year's crop will yield at present prices, will soon free themselves from debt and be in condition without any financial aid, to sell their crops gradually as the demand shall exist, and not market the work of a year in sixty or ninety days as they have been accustomed to do.

"We call upon our representatives in Congress to have the present crop reporting system so amended to report the periodical publication of reliable statistics of cotton consumption, manufacturing and trade information gathered from all cotton consuming countries and we recommend also, and for ourselves agree, that the commissioners of agriculture in the cotton States gather and publish like information and we suggest to the Legislatures of the cotton States adequate appropriations to this end and uniform legislation enabling the agricultural commissioners to act in concert and to constitute a bureau of cotton manufacturing, cotton trade and cotton consuming information to the end that with the estimates of production which are now furnished by the Federal government, there may also be estimates of demand and thus put the planter in position to fix a fair price for his product.

"The members of the conference have been reliably informed that bulls on the cotton exchanges have been indicted in the United States courts under the Sherman act for conspiring to buy cotton and advance the price and if this be in accordance with the provisions of that act then we respectfully insist that the bears in the exchanges who conspire to sell cotton which they do not possess with the expectation of a decline in price, or for the purpose of affecting a decline, be likewise prosecuted.

"A fair and comprehensive system of future trading is accepted by the commercial world as essential to the proper and advantageous movement and distribution of the crop, but it is urgently recommended that Congress shall pass such laws as will abate abuses and regulate future contract trading in exchanges to the end that it discharge its function as a trade utility, fair

alike to both buyer and seller and to the commodity which is the subject of the future transactions.

"It is earnestly recommended that the several State governments shall take appropriate action to bring about such warehousing system, or systems, as will best serve the interests of the producer of cotton.

"In view of the apparent demand for cotton during the next thirteen months, we recommend that the unsold cotton of the present crop be withdrawn from the market and disposed of by a system of gradual marketing. We urge bankers and business men to co-operate with farmers in this undertaking.

"We report to the cotton farmers that tentative and attractive propositions have been made by responsible financial interests for purchasing some 2,000,000 bales of the present crop. This negotiation is referred for development into practical form to a committee.

"Reduction of acreage in 1912 is urged as a necessary part of any plan of holding and financing the present crop. We recommend and for ourselves agree that the Government of each cotton State proceed at once to appoint a representative in each county, who in turn will appoint representatives in each school district or voting precinct, to secure from every farmer a binding written pledge to reduce his cotton acreage in 1912 twenty-five per cent below his acreage in 1911.

GADDYSVILLE.

A Prosperous and Fast-Growing Community—Some of its Prominent Citizens—An Old Lady's Track Preserved—Other Items.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Gaddysville, Oct. 31.—As I have heard traveling folks ask where and what is Gaddysville, and if it's a town, I will tell you: it's not a town but a fast-growing community, settled by the most sturdy farmers of the State. Among the business concerns are Messrs. Curtis & McGirt, who run a large time and cash business, and a large ginners belonging to Mr. J. W. Burns & Son. Among the large farmers is Mr. H. L. Curtis, senior member of Gaddysville's large mercantile firm. J. W. Burns & Son have a large farm and some of the finest cotton I ever saw. Mr. Ellis Miller, the first taxpayer of the county, has some fine cotton and also he has some that was planted on the 8th day of June and it is just as fine as that which came up early. Mr. Miller has some of the best farming land in the country, also he has some round long-leaf pine which is not common in this section.

Mr. Miller has a curiosity sure enough—that is a track that was made about 27 years ago by an old lady one wet dewy morning when returning from the field. Beat that, "Happy Jack."

Mr. J. B. Branch was a Fairmont business visitor Tuesday.

Master Billy Burns Page is spending a while with his grandfather and grandmother, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Burns.

Mr. J. W. Gaddy was a Fairmont business visitor Tuesday. Mrs. Katie Williams is re-covering her old home, which has been standing about 85 years. Guess it needs it.

Mr. Coke Gaddy is taking in the fair at Columbia, S. C. Little Will.

Yuan Shi Kai Appointed Premier—Important Administrative Changes.

Peking, China, Dispatch, 1st.

The appointment of Yuan Shi Kai today as premier of China will be followed by a cessation of hostilities on the part of Imperialists and the opening of negotiations with Gen. Li Yuen Heng, leader of the revolutionists at Hankow.

An Imperial edict providing for important administrative changes also accepts the resignation of the ministers, but until Luan Shi Kai returns to Peking Prince Ching will continue to perform the duties of premier and the present cabinet will remain in office.

RAFT SWAMP RAFTS.

The Kind of Farmers Needed—The "Live-at-Home" Plan—Personal and Other Items.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Buie, R. F. D. 1, Oct. 31.—The Philadelphia minstrel show, which was given at Raft Swamp the 20th of October, was attended by a very large crowd, and was enjoyed by all. The show was a complete success, and we all hope to have the pleasure of another such a jolly night.

Among those who attended the Mt. Eliam quarterly meeting Sunday at West Lumberton were Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Tyner and little Miss DeLesline, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Tyner and Miss Belle, Mr. J. C. Baxley and Miss Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Davis, Messrs. Rowland, James, Atlas and Ira Davis, Berry Tyner, Clarence, Berry, Archie and Malcom Odum, E. T. Prevatt, and a good many others too numerous to mention.

Mr. W. L. Parham, manager of the Carolina furniture store, Wagram, spent Sunday with his home folks.

Miss Myrtle Prevatt is attending school at Pembroke and staying with her uncle and aunt, Dr. and Mrs. N. H. Andrews.

Mr. Cleveland Walters of Barnesville spent Saturday night with Mr. Atlas Davis.

Miss Mollie Ratly, who had been spending a few weeks with Miss Nancy Davis, left Wednesday a-m for her home at St. Paul.

Miss Phillips, a young lady from the Thomasville Orphanage, is making her home with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Baxley. We are glad to have her with us, and feel sure that our Sunday school will be benefitted by her having become one of its members.

Cotton picking is yet the order of the day, but hope it will soon be over. Though the price is very discouraging, yet a good many are pressing the market with it, for fear the price will go lower. But the writer thinks every bale which is made now is a stepping-stone to lower prices. When the farmer makes his own supplies at home and lives by the "live-at-home" plan, he can then roll every bale under a shelter and sell it when the price goes up. Our country needs to be filled with this kind of farmer and then they would not have to take less than what it costs to make the staple. "Polly Ann."

Republican National Convention Will be Big Body.

New York Dispatch, Oct. 29.

The call for the Republican national convention to be issued by the national committee when it meets in Washington December 12 will provide for 1,064 delegates to be increased to 1,072 if Arizona and New Mexico become States before the convention is held.

The increase from 980 delegates which comprised the Chicago convention of 1908 is the result of the reapportionment by Congress, which increases the size of the House of Representatives from 391 to 433 members or 435 with the two new States.

The basis of delegates for the Republican convention is four at large in each State and two for each congressional district.

Throne Accedes to Demand for Constitutional Government.

Peking, China, Dispatch, Oct. 30.

The demand of the National Assembly for a complete constitutional government has been acceded to by the throne. An Imperial edict was issued today, apologizing for the past neglect of the throne and granting an immediate constitution with a cabinet from which nobles shall be excluded. A second edict grants pardon to political offenders connected with the revolution of 1898 and subsequent revolutions and to those compelled to join in the present rebellion.

There is little danger from a cold or from an attack of the grip except when followed by pneumonia, and this never happens when Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is used. This remedy has won its great reputation and extensive sale by its remarkable cures of colds and grip and can be relied upon with implicit confidence. For sale by all dealers.

RICHARD NORRIS PASSES.

End Came at Memorial Hospital in Wilmington Tuesday Night—A Unique Character.

Mr. Richard Norris, a unique character and a familiar figure on the streets of Lumberton for many years, died at the Memorial hospital in Wilmington, where he went for treatment for blood poisoning about a week ago, Tuesday evening. The remains were brought to Lumberton yesterday evening and taken to the home of his wife, on the western edge of town, and interment will take place this afternoon at Meadowbrook cemetery. Services will be conducted by Rev. R. E. Steele, pastor of the Presbyterian church. His only daughter, Carrie Norris, arrived last night from Georgia to attend the funeral.

Mr. Norris was about 60 years old. Many years ago he was in the mercantile business here and owned considerable property in town. He sold out here and went to Georgia, where he was in the mercantile business for some years, and some four years ago he returned to Lumberton. Since his return to Lumberton he had been doing odd jobs about town. He was quite a genius in a way, poet and philosopher, and wrote some verses showing considerable talent. Of him, as of Abu Ben Adhem, it might be said that "he loved his fellow-men."

Bank Changes—Mr. A. T. McLean Becomes Vice President and General Manager of the Robeson Development Company.

Mr. A. T. McLean, who resigned his position as assistant cashier of the Bank of Lumberton some time ago, to take effect November 1st, severed his connection with that institution yesterday. He resigned his position with the bank for the purpose of becoming vice president and general manager of the Robeson Development Company, which owns large real estate and timber holdings in Bladen and Robeson counties. He will also continue as treasurer of the Virginia & Carolina Southern Railroad Company.

The Robeson Development Company will increase its capital and enlarge its business as dealer in real estate, stocks, bonds and other investments. This corporation will have offices in the second story of the Bank of Lumberton building, next to the offices of McLean, Varser & McLean, in the office formerly occupied by W. H. Humphrey.

Mr. McLean's place in the Bank has been supplied by the employment of Mr. W. L. Peace, previously mentioned in the Robesonian and who began work some weeks ago, and Mr. Shepherd Nash, formerly employed as collector for the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Lumberton, who began work yesterday. Mr. Wayne Caldwell succeeds Mr. Nash as collector for the Farmers & Merchants Bank.

Contract Let For State Building.

Raleigh Dispatch, 1st.

The contract for the erection of the fire-proof State building to face the South side of Capitol Square, was awarded by the State Building Commission here tonight to the Jno. T. Wilson Co., Richmond, Va., for \$197,000. The building will be four stories, the walls of Indiana limestone, reinforced with inner walls of brick and with reinforced concrete floors, all of fire-proof construction.

Hon. Ashley Horne is chairman and W. E. Springer, of Wilmington, secretary of the building commission.

—At the conclusion of a hearing in Fayetteville yesterday Judge H. W. Whedbee appointed Mr. S. N. Ferguson of Bladenboro temporary receiver for the Clarkton Planing Mills. Mr. R. E. Lee of Lumberton represented a number of the creditors, the majority of whom live along the Wilmington-Hamlet branch of the Seaboard. The liabilities are about \$35,000, the assets are not yet known. Another hearing will be had as soon as the temporary receiver is ready to report the result of his findings.

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CARDWELL-WEISS.

Miss Florence Rebecca Weiss Becomes the Bride of Rev. Foster R. Cardwell—A Beautiful Church Wedding.

There was a beautiful church wedding at the Gospel tabernacle Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock when Miss Florence Rebecca, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. F. Weiss, became the bride of Rev. Foster R. Cardwell, Rev. E. M. Hoyle, pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church, performing the ceremony, which, despite the very disagreeable weather, was witnessed by a large crowd. The bride was given away by her uncle, Mr. Oscar Weiss of Philadelphia, Pa., and the groom was accompanied to the altar by Mr. R. R. Carlyle, best man. Miss Janie Carlyle was maid of honor and Miss Gertrude McConaughy bridesmaid. Messrs. S. F. Caldwell, E. B. Freeman and Sam and Pink Page were the ushers. The bridal party entered the church to the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March, which was rendered by Mrs. W. W. Carlyle, and during the ceremony "Melody of Love" was softly played by Mrs. Carlyle. The flower girls were little Misses Hazle Carlyle and Caroline Shooter.

The bride was beautifully attired in white crepe de chine over taffeta silk trimmed with messaline bands and silk fringe and carried bride's roses tied with tulle. The maid of honor wore white marquisette over pink and carried pink carnations tied with pink tulle. The bridesmaid wore white chiffon batiste and carried pink carnations tied with pink tulle. Immediately after the ceremony the bridal party with many more invited guests left for the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Carlyle, corner Fifth and Water streets, where a big reception was given.

The happy couple had intended leaving Tuesday evening immediately after the ceremony for New York and Philadelphia, but on account of the critical illness of the father of the bride the trip had to be postponed. Mrs. Horman of Philadelphia, an aunt of the bride, was present at the marriage.

The bride is a most estimable young lady who has won a host of friends during her few years residence in Lumberton. The groom came to Lumberton some months ago as assistant pastor of the Gospel tabernacle, of which the father of the bride is pastor.

Superior Court Next Week.

A week's term of Robeson superior court for the trial of criminal cases will convene Monday of next week. There are about 80 cases on the docket at present. This criminal term will be followed by a week of civil court, special. Judge Frank Carter of Asheville will preside at both terms, Judge H. W. Whedbee having exchanged courts with him in order to hold court at his home town, Greenville. The special civil term which will begin on the 13th makes the fourth special term for the county for this year, two of these terms being made necessary by reason of the fact, mentioned heretofore in the Robesonian, that while Robeson's representatives in the Legislature were asleep or not looking Robeson's October court was stolen by Brunswick county.

New Bottling Plant.

Mr. C. D. Hutaff, of Fayetteville, spent yesterday in town with a view to locating a bottling plant here. In fact Mr. Hutaff says for a certainty that he is going to start a bottling business here, that the name of the concern will be Lumberton Coca-Cola Bottling Works, and that the only thing now to do is to decide on a site for the plant. This he thinks will be determined within the next day or so. Mr. Hutaff operates a bottling plant at Fayetteville.

Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets do not sicken or gripe, and may be taken with perfect safety by the most delicate woman or the youngest child. The old and feeble will also find them a most suitable remedy for aiding and strengthening their weakened digestion and for regulating the bowels. For sale by all dealers.

LOCAL BRIEFS

REV. F. WEISS IN EXTREMIS

Rev. F. Weiss, the popular pastor of the Gospel tabernacle, has been critically ill at the church parsonage on 7th street for the past week and at the time of going to press, 2:45 p. m., his death is expected at any moment. He is suffering with acute laryngitis and a complication of diseases.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Mary Etta Bessie Henly and F. F. Purvis.

—Dr. R. M. Norment's many friends will regret to learn that there has been a decided change for the worse in his condition during the past few days.

—Mr. B. H. Rogers, of Mullins, S. C., was in town this morning for a short while making arrangements to move here about the first of January to run a dray business.

—Mr. McKay Byrd, of Singleton's Cross Roads, was a Lumberton visitor Monday. Not long ago Mr. Byrd killed out his way a rattlesnake that had 14 rattles and was 4 feet and 4 inches long.

—Quite a number from here are attending the Baptist Association at Fairmont this week. Among those who left this morning for Fairmont were Messrs. S. McIntyre, L. R. Varser and C. B. Skipper.

—The Sunday morning service at Chestnut Street Methodist church will be devoted to the baptism of children and the celebration of the Lord's supper. This will be the last communion services for this year.

—The Starkey Players, who are holding the boards at the opera house for the entire week, have been presenting good plays, it is said by those who have witnessed them. Tonight the bill will be "A True Kentuckian."

—An oyster and ice-cream supper will be served at the school house at McDonald tomorrow evening to the public is cordially invited. The proceeds will go to the school and it is desired that a large crowd attend.

—Jno. T. Biggs & Co., buyers for Alexander Sprunt & Son of Wilmington, bought practically all the cotton sold on the market here yesterday, paying 8½ cents while other buyers were offering 8 1-4. Today they are paying 8½ and 8.62½.

—Any from this section who care to hear the Marine Band at Fayetteville tomorrow afternoon can make the trip and return over the Virginia & Carolina Southern tomorrow evening. The concert will be over before the evening train leaves Fayetteville.

—Mrs. T. A. McNeill went Tuesday to Fayetteville, where she will spend some time at the Highsmith hospital undergoing treatment. She was accompanied by her daughter, Miss Mary, who remained with her, and her son, Mr. T. A. Jr., who returned Tuesday night. Judge McNeill and another daughter, Miss Cammie, went to Fayetteville this morning to spend the day with Mrs. McNeill, who will undergo a slight operation.

—Mr. C. H. Randall, who recently resigned his position as local plant foreman of the Bell Telephone Co., effective November 1st, has accepted a position with the Kingsdale Lumber Company. He will be assistant to Mr. W. E. Jackson, manager of the company, and will begin work tomorrow. Mr. E. Hood, of Dillon, S. C., is Mr. Randall's successor in the phone business and he arrived yesterday to enter upon his duties as plant foreman.

Six masked men held up a Rock Island passenger train between Memphis, Tenn., and Hurlburt, Ark., yesterday morning, ransacked mail pouches, fired seven nitro-glycerine caps into the "way" safe of the express car, which not only tore away the safe doors but wrecked the car, and in the midst of their work were frightened away when a switch engine approached. It is said that little of value was secured.