

THE 15-CENT LIMIT

Committee Agrees to Report Favorably

AMID BOUNDLESS ENTHUSIASM

In View of Reports Alleging Discord Sent Out by Supposed Agents of New York Bears, Decision of Holding Committee is Announced Before Due and Resolution to Make Fact of Harmony Known is Passed

New Orleans, Special.—With a large and representative attendance from the cotton-growing states, the Southern Cotton Association opened a three days' session here. The hall was crowded when President Jordan called the convention to order. A feature that attracted attention was the presence of a negro delegation from Hines county, Mississippi. Secretary Woods of the Mississippi association said they were regular delegates and entitled to seats. President Jordan was given an ovation when he ascended the platform. The invocation was offered by Rev. Dr. Beverly Warner.

John M. Parker of New Orleans, planted 7,000 acres in cotton last year, and one of the most progressive and successful men in the entire South, as chairman of the reception committee, welcomed the delegates to the Southern Cotton Association convention.

New Orleans, Special.—That the sum of work of the Southern Cotton Association was to be a declaration for 15-cent cotton, with reduction in the form of diversification, was practically settled at the afternoon session of the convention when Chairman Daney, of the committee on holding in advance of the presentation of its report, announced that the committee had unanimously decided favorably on that proposition. The announcement provoked the convention to a whirlwind of cheering.

The premature announcement of the conclusions of the committee was forced by advices from New York to the effect that newspaper dispatches and Wall Street reports printed and circulated there indicated a lack of harmony among the elements making up the convention and dissensions over the 15-cent proposition.

Secretary of War At Charleston.

Charleston, Special.—Secretary Bonaparte and a party of officers of the cruiser Charleston visited the navy yard, which followed an excursion around the harbor on the light house tender Wistaria. The reception committee had looked carefully after the wellbeing of the guests and the trip was a very pleasant event. At the navy yard full honors were paid the distinguished head of the navy. A specially fitted car was prepared for the party and they were wheeled over the grounds, visiting each of the buildings in turn and the dry dock. Secretary Bonaparte followed the government work with keen and intelligent observation. Commandant Nickles and the engineers and inspectors of the navy yard were on hand to enlighten the visitors about the work. The secretary and officers of the ship seemed well pleased with all that they saw. Secretary Bonaparte did not hesitate to express his interest and satisfaction in the construction of the yard, and his favorable comments were greatly appreciated by the Charleston people in the party. The kindly criticism, coming on top of Admiral Dickins' hearty commendation of the harbor and the ability of the largest battleships to enter the port, which is capable of sheltering scores of ships the kind, proved a source of pleasure to those interested in the welfare of the port.

Negro Murderers Executed at Kingstree, S. C.

Columbia, S. C., Special.—John Burrows and Arthur Williams, two of the three negroes convicted of the brutal murder of Julian Wilson, a prominent citizen of Williamsburg county, were hanged. Robert Scott, the third negro convicted of the same crime, has been respited for 30 days.

Dividends by Dallas Mills.

Dallas, Special.—At a meeting of the stockholders of the Moroweb Cotton Mill Company Tuesday, the regular 4 per cent. semi-annual dividend was paid, and Mr. J. B. White was elected vice president and Mr. Fred Smyre, of Gastonia, a director to succeed Mr. C. B. Armstrong. At a meeting of the stockholders of the Dallas Cotton Mill, on the same day, a 4 per cent. semi-annual dividend was paid and the following gentlemen elected directors: John O. Rankin, J. O. White and H. B. Moore, all of Gastonia.

Serious Fire at Pantha, W. Va.

Roanoke, Va., Special.—Meagre reports were received here that a fire is raging in the little town of Panther, McDowell county, W. Va. The telegraph wires have been burned and details of the conflagration are not obtainable. The Ritter Lumber Company's large plant is located at Panther, near the railroad depot, which building is believed to have been destroyed.

STATE'S TEXTILE STATUS

Highly Interesting Document Issued by The Department of Labor and Printing.

Raleigh, Special.—Commissioner Varner has issued the following summary as to cotton woolen and knitting mills in North Carolina:

"The following table indicates the present condition of the cotton, woolen, silk and knitting mills now being operated in the State, 287 of these being represented. There appears to be a strong tendency toward the consolidation of textile institutions in several counties and a number of instances of the kind have occurred since the publication of the department report of 1904. The reason assigned for this is scarcity of labor, a condition which is not confined to any particular section of the State. A number of new mills have been constructed and are soon to be operated, but the list does not appear in this as it was impossible to obtain from these such information as the tables present.

"The 287 mills reporting show an investment of \$37,494,625, and the employment of 2,267,625 spindles, 45,663 looms, 3,933 knitting machines and 107,058 horse power. Seventy-nine per cent. have consumed 251,796,884 pounds of raw material. Twenty-one per cent. do not report this feature of their business. Total number of employees reported by eighty-five per cent. of the mills is 44,222, of which 19,793 are males and 16,874 are female adults, and fifteen per cent. do not report the number employed: 113,363 persons are dependant upon the mills for a livelihood; 88 per cent. of adults read and write, and 79 per cent. of the children.

"In response to the question with reference to children under twelve years of age working in the factories, 76 per cent. of the manufacturers answer in the negative, one per cent. in the affirmative and twenty-three per cent. express no opinion upon the subject.

"The average number of hours constituting a day's work is 10:4-5. Highest average wages for men \$2.67; lowest average for men 68 cents; highest average for women 99; lowest wages for children about 43 cents. Forty-three per cent. of the mills pay wages weekly; forty-eight per cent. semi-monthly; six per cent. pay monthly; one per cent. on demand and two per cent. do not report upon this matter at all. Sixty-nine per cent. report that wages have increased during the year; twenty-two per cent. say there has been no change, and nine per cent. do not answer the question. Sixty-seven per cent. report financial condition of employes as being good; twenty per cent. say it is fair; two per cent. say excellent, and nine per cent. failed to respond to the inquiry.

This summary has been prepared in two tables, showing first the mills by counties, year of incorporation, post office, capital stock, class and name of mill, name of officers or owners, capacity, power, hours worked, etc., while the other indicates class of goods produced, with number of employes, male and female, their condition intellectually and financially and the amount of wages paid. The report also embodies expressions of mill men with respect to compulsory education, the child labor law and other questions suggested in the original blanks sent out by the department of labor.

North State Brevities.

Governor Glenn has ordered Judge T. S. McNeil to hold the Columbus county court in the absence of Judge C. M. Cook, who is detained at his home by illness.

A Voluminous Document.

Winston-Salem, Special.—Register of Deeds Lindsay received a voluminous document to be put on record. It is an agreement between the Norfolk & Western Railway Company and a Philadelphia Trust Company for \$1,000,000 for the purchase of five passenger locomotives, 500 box cars, 300 hopper cars and 175 steel coke cars.

New Trust Company For Concord.

Concord, Special.—The stockholders of the Southern Loan and Trust Company met and organized for business. The following directors were elected: D. B. Coltrane, W. C. Houston, J. P. Allison, W. R. Odell, E. P. Wharton, of Greensboro; Martin Boyer, J. F. Goodman, J. W. Cannon, J. A. Cannon, B. E. Harris, C. W. Swink, W. W. Flowe, Dr. R. S. Young, L. J. Foil and W. M. Smith. These directors are leading business men and, under their direction, the new company cannot but succeed.

20 Per Cent. Increase.

Morganton, Special.—The stockholders of the First National Bank of Morganton, held their regular annual meeting Tuesday and elected officers for 1906. The affairs of the bank were found to be in excellent condition, as was shown by the report of the cashier, and the stockholders were well pleased with the business transacted during the year. The books showed an increase of 20 per cent. in the number of depositors.

NORTH STATE NEWS

Items of Interest Gleaned From Various Sections

FROM MOUNTAIN TO SEASHORE

Minor Occurrences of the Week of Interest to Tar Heels Told in Paragraphs

Charlotte Cotton Market.

These figures represent prices paid to wagons Jan. 8.

Good Middling	1 1-4
Middling	1 1-8
Strict Middling	1 1-4
Good Middling	1 1-8
Strict Middling tinges	1 1-4
Stains	1 1-2 @ 10 3-4

General Cotton Market.

Galveston quiet	11 1-2
New Orleans quiet	11 9-16
Mobile easy	11 1-4
Savannah nominal	11 1-4
Norfolk steady	11 1-2
Baltimore nominal	11 5-8
New York quiet	11 80
Boston quiet	11 80
Philadelphia	12 05
Houston easy	11 1-2
Augusta steady	11 1-16
Memphis quiet	11 7-16
Memphis quiet	(P 2)
St. Louis steady	11 5-8
Louisville firm	11 3-4

Tar Heel Items.

The report of the North Carolina Grand Lodge of Masons shows only three lodges voluntarily surrendering their charters while new lodges were instituted in the various counties over the State. Charters were restored to each of the following three lodges: Wake Forest No. 268 at Wake Forest; Linville No. 480, Montezuma, Mitchell county; Mecklenburg Lodge No. 170, Davidson, Mecklenburg county. The report further shows 15,528 master Masons in North Carolina against 14,578 the year before. Other interesting figures are 1,174 raised to the degree of Master Masons; 1,154 past, 1,250 initiated. Of deaths there were 243, exclusions 238, expulsions 18 and 40 suspensions.

Charters have been issued to the Richfield Manufacturing Company, at Richfield, Stanley county, D. A. Frick, E. L. C. Miller and others being the stockholders. The company will manufacture from wood and iron, also farm products, capital stock \$20,000 with \$5,000 subscribed, another wood-working industry is that of the Moore Furniture Company, at Lenoir, with a paid in capital of \$25,000, which is subscribed by J. C. Moore, J. P. Coffey and others in that section. The Corbett Buggy Company, at Henderson, amends its charter by increasing the capital stock from \$60,000 to \$100,000. The officers of the company are: A. C. Zollincoffer, president and R. J. Corbett, secretary.

The legal aspect of the sensational shooting of John C. Dockery by policeman Isaac W. Rogers in Raleigh last June came to an end in Wake county Superior Court, Judge George D. Ward, pronouncing judgment against the defendant for \$50.00 and costs. The original bill of indictment was so amended as to charge secret assault at a hearing in July before a magistrate. Rogers was released on \$5,000 bail.

Dr. J. F. Miller, superintendent of the Eastern Hospital for the Insane at Goldsboro, died on Tuesday night. Dr. Miller was an excellent superintendent as well as a splendid Christian gentleman, and his place will be difficult to fill.

Struck By Train; Fatally Injured

Caroleen, Special.—Mr. Burgess, a well-known magistrate of this place, was fatally injured at the Cliffside railroad junction, being struck by a passing train. The top buggy in which the old gentleman was riding was demolished; the horse was only slightly injured. It is feared that Mr. Burgess will not survive his injuries.

Killed by His Friend.

Washington, Special.—One of the saddest accidents that has ever taken place in this city occurred when Hartwell Thompson, the 17-year-old son of Rev. L. E. Thompson, accidentally shot and killed his friend and playmate, David Nelms, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Nelms, of this city. It seems that Nelms had purchased a new pistol and he and young Thompson were out in the yard, trying it. Thompson was holding the pistol and, in some way, it was discharged, the load taking effect in Nelms' head. The ball entered at the chin and, passing upward, pierced his brain.

Suit By Ex-Convict.

Charlotte, Special.—Through his attorney Brevard Nixon, Frank McDon, an ex-convict has entered suit against P. A. Hartman and others of Rowan county, for alleged cruelties to him while McDow was serving a sentence. He asks \$5,000 damages, alleging that he was forced to toil with a shovel about a month in mid winter until his hands were swollen and terribly lacerated.

NEW IMMIGRATION IDEA

Secretary Bruner Believes the Suggestion Made by Dr. McIver Would Solve the Immigration Problem.

Raleigh, Special.—Secretary T. K. Bruner, of the North Carolina board of agriculture, has something to say regarding immigration into North Carolina, after having attended the meeting of the Piedmont Association at Greensboro. When asked what in his judgment was the most helpful step taken or idea advanced at that meeting of free lands in North Carolina. This was the suggestion of Dr. Charles D. McIver, and his plans as outlined are about as follows: That land owners who have lands for sale and who want a colony of industrious people to settle about them so as to create a community interest and to promote the sale of adjoining lands, should unreservedly donate say ten acres upon something like the following conditions: that the party accepting them, would, on his part, agree to build a home and improve the property by proper cultivation; and that he would live upon it for a term of five years, with the understanding that at any time during the five years the adjoining lands, ten twenty or thirty acres, may be purchased at so much per acre. The price of the additional lands being fixed at the time the donation is accepted, becomes really a part of the contract and would preclude any advance in the price during the five year period. Should the tenant have the holding before the time, the improvements would become the property of the donor.

For instance, a land owner having 40 acres for sale, values the land at \$15 an acre—\$600, for the lot. He proposes to give ten acres to a bona fide settler, who will build a home and occupy the land for five years. This small holding would enable the donor to secure the part of the time of the tenant and his family, when the conditions on his own farm demanded extra help. The tenant would soon want to expand and to acquire more property. The donor having this in view has already offered the tenant the adjoining 30 acres at \$20 an acre—thus making a total of \$600—the original valuation of the 40 acres.

This plan appears to be the most effective form of advertising, since the great ambition of the white man is to own land, and his own home and fireside. Several persons in the Greensboro meeting at once agreed to give lands on such conditions. There may be others who are not members of the organization, and not even in territory who are willing to do the same thing. To all such the Department of Agriculture extends an invitation to record with it such lands and thus permit the Department to advertise such donations to all enquirers seeking a home in North Carolina. This would draw to us many young men of ambition, whose ready money is only limited.

Mill Officers Elected.

Gastonia, Special.—The stockholders of the Modena mills met in the office of the secretary and treasurer Monday afternoon and elected Mr. L. L. Jennings vice president, in place of Mr. J. H. Craig, resigned. Mr. S. N. Boyce was elected a director in place of Mr. Craig. Mr. J. O. White was elected president and Mr. H. B. Moore secretary and treasurer. Messrs. H. B. Moore, J. O. White, L. L. Jenkins, J. H. Kennedy, T. L. Craig and H. B. Parker were elected directors. The Modena Company, in addition to spending \$103,250.03 on plant extensions, paid a 4 per cent. dividend last year.

Lexington is having a mad dog craze. Seventeen dogs have been killed in the last few days, and the police force is still armed with shot guns for the purpose of canine destruction. Last Sunday a dog manifested madness near the cotton mills in west Lexington, and on his way through town is said to have bitten 27 dogs in all, and was finally killed. As yet only dogs have been bitten.

Governor Glenn is being urged to commute to imprisonment for life the negro Jess Mitchell, of Bertie county, who is sentenced to be hanged on the 22nd of this month.

Charters were issued last week to Ray-Good Co., Selma, for the conduct of a general merchandise business, with R. L. Ray, C. Goodwin and others as incorporators; \$5,000 is subscribed out of \$10,000 capitalization. Kelly Suspendor Co., Fayetteville, was incorporated for \$25,000, with \$5,000 paid in. V. F. Kelly and others are interested; the company will manufacture suspenders, garters and other kindred goods.

The twentieth annual meeting of the stockholders of the National Bank of High Point was held in the office of the bank. The report of the president, Mr. W. J. Armfield, Sr., was read, reviewing the operations of the bank for the past twenty years, it having been organized March 13th, 1886. The report disclosed the fact that the net profits above all expenses, taxes and losses, were \$176,000, and that \$102,000 had been paid out in cash dividends to the stockholders.



New York City.—So many fancy blouses are of necessity closed at the back that it becomes a relief to the woman of practical mind to find a



fashionable one which can be closed at the front while it retains the essential features of style and smartness. Here is one that fulfills the conditions and that takes one of the most

yards of banding to trim as illustrated in medium size.

Misses' Eton With Vest. The jaunty eton coat is a favorite for the young girls as well as for the more mature women and is to be noted made in various styles. Here is one of the prettiest and that includes a narrow vest, a wide collar and quite novel sleeves. As shown it is made of dark red Venetian cloth combined with silk, while the trimming is straps of the material embroidered with simulated button-holes and held by handsome buttons, but it is an available model and can be utilized in various ways. The vest and cuffs appropriately could be of velvet, of silk embroidered in some simple design, of the richer Mandarin embroideries or of cloth braided or, indeed, of almost any contrasting material that makes a good effect, while for the jacket itself all seasonable suitings are appropriate.

The Eton is made with the plain back, fronts that are cut in two portions each and the vest. The vest is joined to the fronts and the closing made at the centre while the neck edge is finished with the collar. The sleeves can be either long, as illustrated, or cut off in three-quarter length and allow a choice of scalloped or plain cuffs.



DESIGN BY MAY MANTON.

desirable of all forms, occupying a place midway between the severe shirt waist and the elaborate blouse. In the illustration it is made of a pretty, simple figured silk trimmed with banding and matches the skirt, but it also is adapted to the separate waist and will be found available for almost every-thing seasonable. It is full below the yoke and must take soft folds, but this season so many fabrics are of the "chiffon" order that in spite of that fact the list is long and generous. The shaped yoke and the deep pointed cuffs make especially noteworthy features and could be of contrasting material if better liked.

The waist is made with the fitted lining, which is optional, the yoke and the full fronts and back. These last are gathered and joined to the yoke and the waist is arranged over the lining, the closing being made invisibly at the centre. In this instance the plain stock is covered with a crushable one of chiffon, but the collar without fullness has certain advantages which are self evident. The sleeves are full above the deep pointed cuffs and are arranged over fitted linings.

The quantity of material required for the medium size is four and one-eighth yards twenty-one, three and one-quarter yards twenty-seven or two and three-quarter yards forty-four inches wide, with seven-eighths yards of silk for belt and four and three-eighth

The quantity of material required for the medium size (sixteen yards) is three and five-eighths yards twenty-seven, one and seven-eighths yards forty-four or one and five-eighths yards fifty-two inches wide, with one yard



of silk for vest and cuffs and five and one-half yards of banding.

Hand Bags.

On some of the newest hand bags the handles are attached by means of tiny buckles. This is generally the case when there are double handles, one on each side of the opening. The little envelope bags that are long and rather narrow, and have a strap along one side so that they may be slipped over the back of the hand, are very popular and for some reasons are more easily carried than the ordinary hand bag.

Extremely Popular.

Girdles are so extremely popular that everybody seems to wear them, and keep a variety of them at hand, for the various garments with which they may be worn. Their popularity is due to the fact that they make the waist look small and graceful and the figure trim. A snug girdle gives a woman a more youthful figure than a loose low one; and the tight-fitting silk-girdle belts are certainly very neat and becoming.