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SOUTHERN COTTON CONSUMPTION AND COTTON TALK.

When we strike the subject of cotton it brings home a question that is extremely vital to the South. For many years that has been true, but to day the people of the South realize the fact in a stronger sense than ever.

Cotton manufacturing in the South has grown to such an extent that our mills and those of the North have tremendously increased the consumption of cotton in America.

Now the increased production abroad as well as in America has greatly eliminated the fear of over-production of raw cotton, and the fact is the manufacturers in the world are alarmed lest the production will not keep up with the demands of consumption.

It is possible that the deficiency between the supply and the demand for raw cotton may cause a resumption of cotton planting in the West Indies. These islands formerly produced an appreciable proportion of the world's supply of raw cotton.

Concerning "Southern Cotton Consumption," this valuable article appeared editorially in Friday's New York Journal of Commerce, which is a high statistical authority and able exponent of commercial questions.

There is nothing new in the facts presented in the monograph on "Consumption of Cotton in the Cotton States" by Mr. Watkins, the cotton expert of the Agricultural Department's Bureau of Statistics, but the facts are brought together and arranged in a manner to make an effective impression.

The man who doesn't make a living now has no reason to congratulate himself that he thus gets rid of the increased cost of living.

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has been something above 10,000,000 bales. The increase in the number of Southern mills, and especially in the number of spindles, has been more steady and much more rapid, with the result of consuming an increasing proportion of the crop in the cotton States.

In twenty years the production of cotton has increased 96 per cent. In the United States, 73 per cent. In India, 79 per cent. In Egypt, and there has been a smaller development in Central Asia and South America.

FOLLOW THE FINGER OF DESTINY.

Judge Alton Brooks Parker has now been in the limelight for months and not a campaign liar has been able to go around and say aught against the sage of Esopus.

The eyes of North Carolina have long ago followed the searchlight to Esopus and North Carolina is for the winner who does his thinking there and will tell us about it later.

The trusts have got to be good just now—not so much on account of the petty annoyance that Roosevelt has given them already but for what real harm the Republican National convention could do to them if it revises the tariff schedules which are trust-makers and fatteners.

Arthur Brisbane asserts that men with blue eyes are most successful. We have, however, seen men leave home with blue eyes and come back next morning with black eyes. They didn't belong to the other fellow either.

"Where is the Land of Gansan?" We decline to give it away. The Roosevelt administration might seize it and put it on an equality with the Panama canal zone or the Philippines.

"Wealth hurts some people," says Andrew Carnegie. We hope it will come along and hurt us so bad some of these days that we will have to lay up for repairs.

TWAS STEDMAN DAY

Thirteen Counties in the State Held Precinct and Township Primaries Saturday.

REPORTS FROM SEVERAL.

Results Generally Are Highly Satisfactory to Friends of Maj. Chas. M. Stedman, Their Expectations Having Been Fully Met.

Thirteen counties in the State on yesterday held their precinct primaries for the purpose of electing delegates to their several county conventions and special telegraphic reports from nearly all of them were received up to Sunday morning by the STAR and are printed below.

FENDER COUNTY.

BURGAU, N. C., May 28.—The primaries in Fender are closed. Thomas is for Stedman for Governor; Thomas for Congress and Hoke for the Supreme Court. The convention will be held Monday, June 6th.

CURRIE, N. C., May 28.—At the primaries in Grady township here to-day the following resolution introduced by Dr. G. F. Lucas was unanimously adopted.

Resolved: That our delegates to the Fender county Democratic Convention on June 6th are hereby instructed to vote for a resolution of instruction for Maj. Chas. M. Stedman for Governor; Samuel L. Rogers for Corporation Commissioner and Charles R. Thomas for Congress from this district.

DUPLIN COUNTY.

RALEIGH, N. C., May 28.—It is reported here to-night that Glenn led in the Duplin primaries to-day. No canvass of the county had been made by friends of Maj. Stedman and the lead of Capt. Glenn was expected.

SAMPSON COUNTY.

CLINTON, N. C., May 28.—Sampson county's primaries were held to-day. North Clinton precinct gives Glenn 49, Stedman 42; South Clinton gives Glenn 43, Stedman 30. The county will be about equally divided between Stedman and Glenn.

COLUMBUS COUNTY.

WHITEVILLE, N. C., May 28.—Only three precincts had been heard from as to the primaries in Columbus today, but those three are 514 for Maj. Stedman for Governor. Whiteville enthusiastically endorsed Maj. Stedman and passed a ringing resolution instructing its delegates to the county convention on June 1st to vote as a unit for delegates to the State convention who favor his nomination for Governor.

WILSON COUNTY.

WILSON, N. C., May 28.—The Wilson county primaries were held to-day. From best information obtainable from all precincts Maj. Stedman will secure two-thirds of the county's vote in the State Convention, with Glenn next and Turner with a small following. The County Convention will be held on Wednesday, June 1st.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., May 28.—Primaries in the country precincts of Cumberland county were held to-day. While all precincts are not in, with two or three yet to hear from, the following is a conservative estimate of Cumberland's total eighteen votes in the State Convention: Stedman, 123; Glenn, 41. The County Convention will be held Saturday, June 4th.

Glenn, however gets about three fourths of the county.

RALEIGH, N. C., May 28.—In the primaries in Red Springs precinct to-day Glenn received 51 and Stedman 44 for Governor. Maxton secured eight delegates for Stedman and one for Glenn, at the County Convention at Lumberton June 2nd. Lumberton's vote was Glenn 55; Stedman 4. MAXTON, N. C., May 28.—The primaries in Robeson passed off quietly. The town conventions were well attended while the country precincts hardly had enough present to send as delegates. The preference for Governor is between Stedman and Glenn.

The early closing of country's phones makes it impossible to get accurate news from a large part of the county. Maxton gives Stedman 3, Glenn 1; Smith's gives Stedman 1, Glenn 5; Red Springs gives Stedman 7, Glenn 3, Lumberton gives Stedman 1, Glenn 11, Lumber Bridge gives Stedman 7, Glenn 4, Saddle Tree gives Glenn 4, Total, Stedman 94, Glenn 38. While House, Britts, and Stierlins are reported to be solid for Glenn. Thompson's and Alfordville are divided. Howellsville, St. Paul, Burnt Swamp, Back Swamp and Blue Springs cannot be heard from to night.

ASSOCIATION OF TRAINED NURSES.

Second Annual Meeting in Raleigh—The London Label Law.

RALEIGH, N. C., May 27.—The second annual session of the North Carolina Association of Trained Nurses adjourned this afternoon to meet next week in Winston-Salem. Miss Selma, of Durham, was elected President, and Miss Ethel, of Winston-Salem, secretary. Twenty new members were elected. The membership is now seventy-two.

CUMBERLAND FOR STEDMAN.

Cross Creek Primaries Yesterday Endorsed and Instructed—Patience for Congress. [Special Star Telegram.]

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., May 27.—Cross Creek township, including the city of Fayetteville, in the primaries to-night elected all Stedman delegates. Precincts one and two endorsed Maj. Stedman for Governor and Hon. G. B. Patterson for Congress. Precincts three and four instructed for Maj. Stedman for Governor and Mr. Patterson for Congress. The primaries in the country precincts will be held tomorrow.

RICHMOND'S VIEW OF IT.

Election of Dr. Strange to Co-adjutorship in East Carolina Being Discussed. Referring to the election of Dr. Strange as Bishop co-adjutor of the East Carolina Diocese, the Richmond Times Dispatch of yesterday says: The election itself caused no surprise. The name of the Richmond cleric has for some time been mentioned in connection with the bishopric of East Carolina, and as long ago as the date upon which Dr. Strange came to Richmond it was predicted that he would be elected to the office. The Wilmington people, it is said, declared at that time to the more fortunate Richmond church that secured him that they would bring Dr. Strange back by electing him Bishop. This threat they have now carried out, and it remains to be seen if the effort will be that anticipated in Wilmington.

Big Charlotte Excursion Going.

Secretary James Kyle, of the Chamber of Commerce, is advised that the Pritchard Memorial Sunday School of Charlotte, will again run its annual excursion to the city, reaching here over the S. A. L. at 3 P. M. on June 2nd, and leaving the following day at 8 P. M. Mr. V. O. Willis, chairman of the committee of arrangements for the excursion, says that the school expects to bring between 800 and 1,000 people to Wilmington on that occasion and has asked Secretary Kyle to furnish him with a list of hotels and boarding houses in the city with the number of visitors each can accommodate and at what rate. Secretary Kyle would be glad for those interested to communicate with him at once by letter or phone, giving number, name, location, etc.

His Wrist Severely Cut.

Friends of Mr. S. F. Yopp will regret to know of a painful accident which befel him last yesterday afternoon at the Fore & Foster mills, where he is employed as a frame maker. Mr. Yopp was working at a rip saw, when in some way his hand was thrown into the machinery and his wrist was severely cut. He was taken at once to the hospital, where Dr. Akerman dressed the wound. Later, he went to his home at 115 South Ninth street.

Wilson News: "That was a good one, that Dr. Newbury got off last night on Mr. Job Farmer's son—when the boy who had been sitting in his father's lap while riding in a street car in Wilmington. A lady entered the car and the youngster politely arose and offered her his seat."

AFFIANTS ATTACHED.

Judge Peebles Says "Jail" for Three Who Testified Against Him Personally.

EXCITEMENT IN LUMBERTON.

Contempt Proceedings in Robeson Sententious—Respondents and Their Attorneys Will Stand by Their Unfortunate Witnesses.

[Special Star Telegram.]

RALEIGH, N. C., May 28.—An climax came in the contempt proceedings at Lumberton to day when Judge Peebles, with the order before him for removal of the case to Judge Brown, awaiting his signature, suddenly turned on three witnesses for respondents, E. W. Kerr, of Sampson, C. F. Carroll, of Duplin, and R. O. Southard, of Sampson, and ordered them to jail for direct contempt in that their affidavits charging him with drunkenness were corruptly false. The Lumberton bar are preparing to come to Raleigh and apply for habeas corpus for imprisoned witnesses. Mr. Kerr is also fined \$300 and Southard \$100. All the parties will be arrested Monday.

Sheriff McLeod, of Robeson, was mentioned by Judge Peebles as having made an objectionable affidavit, but the judge said he would deal with him later. Sheriff McLeod explained and retracted satisfactorily. Mr. Tillett, of Charlotte, of counsel for respondents, remarked that the affidavits regarding drunkenness seemed to "stick in His Honor's craw," but he realized the gravity of the remark as a contempt and retracted with apologies, so that the remark was overlooked by the judge. Judge Peebles says he will send the case against the Lumberton bar to Judge Brown, as agreed, but will himself deal with these witnesses and others to be arrested, as they could not be convicted before another judge under the rule.

Report from the Scene.

LUMBERTON, N. C., May 28.—An astounding culmination to a not uninteresting day in the contempt proceedings of the Lumberton bar here came this afternoon when Judge Peebles stated that he would transfer the case of the bar to another judge but would himself deal with the affiants. But since only four had sworn to things of their own knowledge, he said he would now deal with them, postponing the attachment of others. Having no substantiating evidence to rebut Sheriff McLeod's affidavit about seeing whiskey in Judge Peebles' room at Fayetteville, he said he would postpone sentence in his case, but he proceeded to sentence E. W. Kerr, Esq., of Olinton, C. F. Carroll, of Wilmington, and R. O. Southard, of Olinton, to jail for 30 days with fines of \$300 because of direct contempt in presenting their affidavits in open court, about irrelevant matters.

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL NOTES.

Miss Eaton Returns from Raleigh—Assistant to Surgeon—Sprunt Annex. Miss Edith Eaton, superintendent of nurses at the James Walker Memorial Hospital, has returned from Raleigh, where she attended the annual meeting of the North Carolina Association of Trained Nurses.

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Seast Line Promotions.

It is announced at Atlantic Coast Line headquarters here that effective June 1st Mr. Robert Scott, of the auditing department, is promoted to the office of Insurance Agent with headquarters in Wilmington, succeeding Capt. J. P. Russell, who is transferred to Richmond, Va., as superintendent of the Richmond district, succeeding Mr. M. R. Riddle, who is transferred from Richmond to Savannah and made Assistant Chief Engineer. The promotions are well deserved and the friends of the gentleman named are gratified at their appointment, but all regret that the absence makes it necessary for Capt. Russell and his estimable family to remove from Wilmington.

RECEIVER MEARES.

Judge Purnell Throws Affairs of A. & N. C. Railroad Into Federal Courts.

FINAL MEETING BEFORE JULY.

Wilmington Was Honored With Position of Trust and Great Responsibility. Leaves To-day for Raleigh to Quailly and Give Bond.

[Special Star Telegram.]

Wilmington was honored with the position of Trust and Great Responsibility. Leaves To-day for Raleigh to Quailly and Give Bond. Capt. Thomas D. Meares, of this city, was on Saturday appointed temporary receiver for the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad and the probabilities are that the receivership will be made permanent at the final hearing on or before July 1st unless the receivership is vacated in the meantime as Judge Purnell intimated he might do, should the State in the meantime get a proposition for a lease which is considered a safe one. Capt. Meares was for 30 years general agent for the S. A. L. in this city and is in every way qualified to fill with credit to all concerned the important position to which he has been elected. He will leave this evening or to-morrow morning for Raleigh, where he will qualify and proceed at once to Newbern to take charge of the affairs of the road. The following Associated Press telegram was received by the STAR Saturday night:

RALEIGH, May 28.—A temporary receivership was to-day granted by Judge Thomas E. Purnell in the Federal Court in the case of the complaint of Cuyler, of New York, owner of 37 shares of K. S. Finch, New York, owner of 47 shares, against the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad, two-thirds of which belongs to the State. The first receivership made some months ago with E. McBees as receiver was vacated by Judge Edmonston and to day Thomas D. Meares, of Wilmington, formerly agent of the Seaboard Air Line at Wilmington, was named as temporary receiver. "The further hearing of the case is set before Col. G. Ryan, of this city, as special master, to take evidence, which will be completed by the first of July, when action is to be taken as to a permanent receiver. Judge Purnell in his order announced that if the State in the meantime has a proposition for a lease which is considered a safe one, he will vacate the receivership if he approves the lease as a safe one."

SENATOR QUAY DEAD.

Subscribed to a Long Illness at His Home in Beaver, Penn.

By Telegram to the Morning Star. BEAVER, Pa., May 28.—Colonel Matthew Stanley Quay, senior senator from Pennsylvania, slept peacefully into death at 2:45 this afternoon after an illness which had been more or less persistent for the past few days, which took a turn for the worst ten days ago and which the doctor diagnosed as chronic gastritis. The funeral will be at 8 o'clock on the afternoon of Tuesday, May 31, and the remains will be interred in the historic family burial plot in Beaver Cemetery.

Stever Swindle, This.

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SPIRITS TURBIDINE.

Greenboro Telegram: Laborers began yesterday the clearing of the trees and excavating for the new Centenary Methodist E. Church, which will be located at the corner of Fayetteville and Arlington streets.

Newbern Journal, May 28th: One of the largest catches of crabs ever made in these waters was made in the river Neuse, near the mouth of South river yesterday. Will Harris and Simon Jones, two dragnet fishermen, struck a large shoal of fish and drew out 6,000 at one haul. They were brought to this city and shipped to different points.

Winston-Salem Sentinel: Although Judge Boyd has been rather free in his remarks about North Wilkesboro, the tin-pan armadillo given him by a crowd of boys the other night was bad behavior and unfortunate. The citizens, in condemning this conduct and taking steps to punish the offenders, make all the amends in their power.

Charlotte Chronicle: The Continental Manufacturing Company, operating the old Victor Cotton mill, posted notices to-day informing the operatives that the plant would be shut down after this week. The suspension is due to unsatisfactory market conditions—the high price of cotton and the low price of yarns. Mr. A. C. Hutchinson, secretary and treasurer of the corporation, informs the Chronicle that the suspension will probably be for a period of 60 days.

Raleigh News and Observer: The report that Dr. Charles Baskerville will accept the position as head of the University Department of the College of the City of New York will be heard with profound regret in this State and city. The reputation made by Dr. Baskerville has gratified North Carolinians. Personally he is one of the most accomplished of gentlemen and the State will deeply regret to lose him and his charming wife, daughter of the late Hon. Geo. H. Snow, of Raleigh.

The Raleigh Times speaking of the statement that sentiment is in favor of sending to the St. Louis convention a "big four," consisting of Governor Aycock, Senator Simmons, Senator Overman, and one of the candidates for governor, says: "If any extensive discussion has been had of who should represent North Carolina in the national convention it has not been in the papers. To send three office holders and a candidate for an office to the convention would lay the Democratic party open to the same criticism that the republican party has received from the papers of the State, that the convention at Greensboro was attempted to get possession of the A. & N. C. Railroad in the receivership business, or the suggestion that the receiver should still be appointed. Nothing could please the Republican party more just now in its attack upon Governor Aycock's administration than the Raleigh Times contention that the present administration could not be touched in the West, on account of the low prices for fuel and labor which are the principal expense in mining. The wonderful deposit of tin ore near Gaffney, near the State line will do much to show the resources of the State as we are now depending on the tin mines of England, and the valuable metal." "Keep your eye on the mining industry of North Carolina," said Mr. Greene.

A shocking accident occurred Thursday afternoon shortly after 5 o'clock about three miles north of Asheville, when Will H. Masters, of Asheville, had the right side of his head blown off. Mr. Masters had been shooting early in the afternoon some distance from the scene of the accident, and on his return stopped at the dairy of Bob Greenwood. In the barn, engaged in the evening's milking, were several men, including Mr. Greenwood. Mr. Masters sat down on a box in the barn and placed his gun on his right side. The men began a general conversation, when in an instant the deafening report of the gun was heard and Masters fell over dead with the side of his head torn away and blood and brain matter oozing out. So close was Mr. Greenwood to the man that blood and portions of the head and face were scattered on his vest. Mr. Masters was employed by the government as a rural tree delivery carrier and was very popular. He is survived by his wife and two children.

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"Say," remarked the village lawyer as he entered the general store, "I want a ribbon for my typewriter." "All right sir," responded the new clerk. "Do you want one for her or for it?"—Philadelphia Inquirer.