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\$1.00 A YEAR

## Spot Cotton Above 14; May Futures 15 Cents

### Belief in Short Crop Makes Prices High

Jump of \$5 to \$6 per Bale Last Week—Patten, Gates, Haynes, Scales, Brown and Others Reported Big Buyers—Mills are Curtailing—Excitement in Wall Street.

During the past week cotton has passed the 14 cent level and 16 or 17 cent cotton has been predicted. Already May deliveries have sold at 15 cents, while spot cotton sold in Charlotte Saturday afternoon for 14.75. The Associated Press's weekly review of the cotton market, sent out from New York Friday night, says: It has been a wild week in cotton with a jump of \$5 to \$6 a bale. This was based on a growing conviction that it is a short crop and that there is nothing for it but much higher prices before the season is ended. Whether this advance will culminate by the end of the calendar year is of course a matter for the future to determine, but bulls are talking of a crop of only 10,000,000 to 10,500,000 bales and a consumption of 13,000,000 to 13,500,000, though to many it is not clear how the consumption can reach such a quantity unless the present crop estimates are too low. Only 1,400,000 bales of American cotton were carried over from last season. But while there may be a disagreement as to the precise size of the crop and the consumption the belief is almost universal that the yield is at any rate only moderate and inadequate to the needs of the world's cotton trade. It is argued, too that the cotton crop of the south is to be worth this year some \$800,000,000, the purchasing power of the south will be greatly increased and with the high prices which western farmers are obtaining for their grain it will greatly stimulate the use of cotton goods and enable manufacturers to obtain prices more than commensurate with the high price of raw material. There are those who think a new era of cotton values has set in and that there is not likely to be much permanent decline in the price until there is a radical increase in the production through an increased cultivation of a vast area at the southwest suitable for cotton culture.

The story is that Patten, Gates, Haynes, Scales, Brown and other interests have been big buyers, and though taking profits from time to time are still very bullish in their convictions. Many other operators in Chicago, New Orleans, Memphis, Wall Street and Liverpool have also bought, followed by the general public. The Waldorf-Astoria contingent and people in the tobacco and metal trades have also, it appears, still been buying. Cotton is one of the chief topics, rivaling steel at the clubs and big hotels. Exports have been large, cotton goods active and rising and Liverpool straddlers, in some cases at least, appear to have got hold of the hot end of the poker. In other words, it is said there was a very large amount of this arbitrage business originally done by selling in New York and Liverpool. The liquidation of such straddles by buying here and selling in Liverpool explains in part the strength of late in prices here and the sluggishness or weakness of Liverpool.

On the other hand it is feared that this speculation is too much of a wild fire affair. There is said to be less pyramiding than there was last spring and summer, but for all that the market is considered by many dangerous. They seriously doubt whether the recent advance is justified. Prices are some \$25 a bale higher than a year ago, and the actual size of the crop is as yet undetermined.

Mr. Ed Page and Miss Eliza Jane Williams were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Williams, at Clement, Sunday afternoon, Oct. 24th.

### 1,000 Soldier Boys To Greet Mr. Taft.

When He Visits Wilmington Nov. 9—List of the Military and Naval Organizations to be Present.

One thousand men representing the United States and State military establishments will participate in the magnificent Taft Day parade when President Taft makes his memorable visit to Wilmington Tuesday, November Ninth.

There also will be numerous bands, including the following crack musical organizations: United States Coast Artillery Band, thirty pieces, from Fort Caswell; First South Carolina Regiment Band, twenty-five pieces, from Spartanburg, S. C.; Third North Carolina Regiment Band, twenty-five pieces, from Raleigh, N. C.; the Degado Band of Wilmington, sixteen pieces, and others.

The inspiring military pageant with its pomp, its bands, its drum corps, and its colors flying; the ensemble of two thousand school children, dressed in red, white and blue to form a human United States flag, the spectacular marine parade, an exhibition drill by United States troops, profuse decorations, magnificent illustrations, and other features will indeed make the Taft visit a red letter day for North Carolina. Wilmington will be the beauty spot of North Carolina—the municipal gem of Dixie—the Mecca of countless throngs.

The military and musical features, in charge of Col. J. Van B. Metts as Chairman of the Parade and Escort Committee, are being announced on a scale that will prove a source of great attraction to Wilmington's thousands of visitors. Already he has received definite acceptances from twenty or more military companies, and others on the eve of making up their decision to come and take a place in the parade. The following military organizations have been booked and will be here:

United States Coast Artillery Corps, from Fort Caswell, three hundred men, under command of Captain Hancock, U. S. A. Twenty companies North Carolina National Guard, representing the First, Second and Third Regiments, Naval Reserves, Marines, etc., as follows: Company F, Fayetteville, Capt. E. R. Mackethan; Company E, Goldsboro, Capt. J. W. Bizzell; Company B, Kinston, Capt. A. L. Hill; Company H, Clinton, N. C., Capt. Faircloth; Company L, Lumber Bridge, Capt. J. B. Malloy; Company C, Rocky Mount, Capt. J. S. Lewis; Company A, Tarboro, Capt. Paul Jones; Company B, Raleigh, Capt. W. F. Moody; Company L, Concord, Capt. Louis A. Brown; Company F, Franklinton, Capt. I. H. Kearney; First Company North Carolina Coast Artillery, from Newbern, Capt. J. H. Weddell; Second Company North Carolina Coast Artillery, from Wilmington, Capt. E. A. Metts; Newbern Division, North Carolina Naval Reserves, Lieut. C. J. McSorley; Wilmington Division, North Carolina Naval Reserves, Lieut. Cuthbert Martin; Wilmington Boys' Brigade, Capt. W. R. Doshier; Donaldson Military Academy Cadet Corps, of Fayetteville.

Col. H. C. Bragaw, of Washington, N. C., Second North Carolina Infantry, will be here with his staff and will command the State troops. Other State Military officers who will also be in Wilmington are: Major J. J. Bernard, of Raleigh, Third North Carolina Infantry, and staff; Major T. B. Pace, of Wilson, Second North Carolina Infantry, and staff; Capt. T. C. Daniels, of Newbern, commanding North Carolina Naval Battalion, and staff.

Wilmington, N. C., Oct. 26.

#### Superior Court.

Cumberland Superior Court for the trial of civil cases is still in session. We will give an account of the more important work of the court in next issue.

## Week of Throngs in Fayetteville

Cumberland Fair and Wild West Shows Bring Thousands to the Cape Fear City—The Fair a Success Financially and Otherwise.

Fayetteville was the center of attraction for all the upper Cape Fear section last week. It was a gala week in LaFayette town. The Fayetteville Fair Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and Buffalo Bill's Wild West and Pawnee Bill's Far East shows Saturday brought perhaps the largest number of people to Fayetteville that has been seen here in one week since the Centennial. From every part of Cumberland, from Robeson, Bladen, Sampson, Harnett and elsewhere they came by hundreds and thousands, on trains and by private conveyances. The Atlantic Coast Line, which gave special rates, brought train loads over all its five lines leading into Fayetteville. It operated a special train from the north that brought hundreds from along its line between here and Selma. The Raleigh & Southport brought great crowds at special rates from Harnett and upper Cumberland, while the Virginia & Carolina Southern and the Aberdeen & Rockfish operated through trains from Lumberton and Aberdeen, respectively, at reduced rates and brought train loads from southern and western Cumberland and from Robeson. About the noon hour on Thursday and on Saturday six trains came in from as many directions bringing their loads of human freight—from Wilmington, from Jacksonville, from Bennettsville, from Aberdeen and Wagram and from Raleigh. Thursday was the big day of the fair and the crowd that came Saturday, attracted by the circus, was still larger perhaps.

The fair was a success. The exhibits were never better nor was the racing ever surpassed. And the officers say it was a success financially. The agricultural exhibits were said to be the largest and best ever seen here in the 47 years history of the fair. Mr. D. K. Taylor, of Seventy-First, who had charge of the Cumberland exhibit at the State fair and did so much to show up the county to advantage there, had one of the finest—if not the finest—exhibits ever seen at the Fayetteville fair. It was a very valuable object lesson as showing what can be done here in Cumberland county in the way of improved and remunerative farming. Other agricultural exhibits that were very meritorious were those of Messrs. John Owen, L. H. McArthur and L. L. Pate, of Seventy-First; M. Bill, of Carver's Creek; W. C. Fields, of Cedar Creek, and others.

The officers of the fair were rather discouraged at the lack of interest taken in the corn growing contest. Forty premiums were offered, amounting to \$250, and yet there were only 38 contestants and 20 of these were from Cumberland county. The fair management saved money but it was the farmers' loss. Unless there is more interest shown in this department next year it will probably be eliminated after that. Let's have a hundred contestants in the corn growing contest next year.

The exhibits in floral hall were splendid and very meritorious. Worthy of special mention was a splendid piece of tapestry by Mrs. C. B. Riddick. There were many other fine exhibits of art and fancy needle work and other works of beauty by the ladies.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Oates had on exhibition a couple of large and luscious looking grape fruits which were grown at their home on St. James square. Several others were left on the plant, which is about six feet tall. Mrs. N. A. Sinclair had an excellent display of garden products. Mrs. W. H. Powell and Mrs. C. E. Ayer each had a fine display of potted flowers.

The exhibits in all departments were pronounced by prominent parties who had been visitors and exhibitors for many years to have

## 909 To Die To-day of Consumption!

Over 900 of These Deaths Might Have Been Prevented—Why Not?—Cumberland County Anti-Tuberculosis Association to Organize Nov. 15.

THE INDEX is pleased to publish herewith the call of Dr. J. F. Highsmith, secretary of the Cumberland County Anti-Tuberculosis Society, for a meeting to be held in Fayetteville Saturday, November 13, for the purpose of perfecting the organization of the society. Some startling facts are presented by Dr. Highsmith in his call. The ravages of the Great White Plague have reached a pace that justifies alarm, and the sooner our people realize the importance of action directed toward preventing the dread disease the better for us. Let every teacher and minister and parent who possibly can do so attend the meeting next week and use his or her influence to have others attend. Tell those who do not see this notice. Read Dr. Highsmith's open letter:

As secretary of the Anti-Tuberculosis Association of Cumberland county I am authorized by the President of the State Association to call a meeting in this county on Saturday, Nov. 13, 1909, at 12 o'clock, for the purpose of organizing and electing officers for said Association. Many have already given their names for membership. The public is urged to come and join with us in making ours the Banner Association in this State.

We are so fortunate as to have with us at this meeting the secretary of the State Board of Health, Dr. W. S. Rankin. Dr. Rankin is a fine speaker and an enthusiastic worker.

This is an age of preventive medicine. Remember that 150,000 Americans die annually from tuberculosis and that three-fourths of this is preventable. At all times in the United States about three million persons are seriously ill. Fully half of this illness is preventable. If we appreciate each life lost at \$1,700.00, and each year's average earnings for adults at only \$700.00, the economic gain from prevented diseases, measured in dollars, amounts to one and one-half billions.

As an evidence of the general interest being taken in preventive medicine, Mr. Rockefeller has just contributed \$1,000,000 for the study and treatment of the Hook-Worm disease, said to be very common throughout the South. Remember the date—Saturday, Nov. 13, 1909, at the Court House, Fayetteville, N. C., and lend your presence and help in this great and worthy cause.

J. F. HIGHSMITH, Secretary.

been the best in twenty years' except live stock, which was very good. Cotton and fruit exhibits were especially notable.

The Johnny J. Jones' Exposition Shows furnished the midway attractions and these were said to be of the highest class ever seen here.

The fair was formerly opened Wednesday with a spectacular street parade, consisting of decorative floats, automobiles, carriages, advertising floats, about a hundred mounted marshals, etc., that did credit to Chief Marshal C. N. Dunn, who is to be congratulated upon its success. The first prize for decorative automobile floats in street parade was won by Dr. Seavy Highsmith, while the second prize went to Dr. J. V. McGoogon's machine. First prize for decorated buggy was won by Mrs. Belle Carson's turnout, driven by Miss Annie T. McMillan. The Manchester school float, which was artistically beautiful, won first award in its class. This float was pure white, and drawn by two fine iron gray horses furnished by the Croatan Club of Manchester. In the center of this float stood the statue of liberty, holding the torch in her hand, like the one in New York harbor. This statue was in the person of Mrs. W. A. Nicholson, who was well known

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## Who Will Own and Play That Beautiful Piano?

### Annual Session of Presbyterian Synod

At Red Springs Last Week—Meets Next Year at Rocky Mount—Needs of Davidson College presented—Sunday Newspapers assailed.

The Presbyterian Synod of North Carolina, after a four days annual session at Red Springs, adjourned Friday afternoon to meet next year at Rocky Mount. The sessions were held in the auditorium of the Southern Presbyterian College.

The Synod convened Tuesday with Rev. Dr. J. M. Wells as moderator. The feature of the first day was the sermon by the retiring moderator, Rev. A. R. Shaw. The attendance was good.

Wednesday the attendance was larger. Rev. A. A. McGeachy and his committee on special orders had arranged a splendid program. Memorial services were held in which tributes were paid to the memory of two ministers who had departed this life within the year, these being Rev. K. M. McIntyre, D. D., and Rev. Peter McIntyre. A number of interesting visitors were introduced to the Synod.

Thursday the needs of Davidson College were set before the Synod. President Henry Louis Smith and Dr. T. W. Lingle, of the college, presented to the body the necessity of a larger endowment for the college, if it is to do its most efficient work. Editor P. R. Law spoke in the interest of the Presbyterian Standard. Reports were heard on contributions to home and foreign missions from various sources. Rocky Mount was then selected as the next meeting place.

Friday, the last day, was filled with interesting addresses and reports. Rev. Dr. R. C. Anderson, pastor of the church at Gastonia, made a caustic attack upon the Sunday newspaper. While pleading before the Synod for a strict observance of the Sabbath, he called upon all Christians to withdraw their support from papers issuing a Sunday edition. He said he believed the Sunday newspaper is doing more to deprecate the Sabbath than anything else.

Capt. J. H. Currie, a ruling elder from Fayetteville Presbyterian, said he was opposed to such condemnation as coming from the Synod. He said he knew many of the editors of secular papers in North Carolina to be Christian men and that in the entire State there is not a paper that comes under the head of yellow journalism.

#### WATKINS JURY HUNG

No Agreement After 50 Hours of Deliberation—Trial Lasted a Week

All North Carolina has watched with interest the trial of Constable Watkins of Black Mountain, charged with killing John Hill Bunting. The trial consumed all last week. An Asheville special to the News and Observer, dated Monday night, says:

After being out more than 50 hours, the jury in the case against F. C. Watkins, the Black Mountain constable, charged with the murder of John Hill Bunting, seems as hopelessly a sea as ever. The case went to the jury at 3:15 Saturday afternoon and up to 7 o'clock to-night they had not agreed.

As far as could be learned to-night the jury stands exactly where it has stood all the time, six for conviction and six for acquittal, and neither side seems to show any sign of giving in. The report that the jury stood five to seven was correct at that time, as one jurymen made a mistake and voted other than he intended.

Sunday the jury spent the day alternately in the jury room, walking about the streets and lounging in the court house yard. Last night and this morning it is said the jury wrangled right sharp.

Don't fail to vote when you pay your subscription.

## 1500 Votes for a Dollar for a Week.

500 Extra for Every Dollar Sent in Before Monday, November 15.—The Last Time Such an Offer Will be Made—The Field is now Ripe for Harvest.

Late last night we decided to make one more bonus offer in THE INDEX Big Popular Contest. For every dollar received in the contest between 2 p. m. to-day (Wednesday) and 2 p. m. Wednesday, November 10th, we will give 1,500 votes for every 50 cents (50 votes) and for every 25 cents 375 votes. This is positively the last chance that will be given to get this many extra votes for the money.

Since last report new contestants have entered the race and some of those who were behind have made rapid progress. We shall not be surprised if some of those who had but few votes last week turn out to be prize winners. You may just put this in your pipe and smoke it: the prizes are going to those who work for them; not to those who depend upon getting them without much hustling. That \$300.00 Kimball piano is just ready and waiting to be sent to the home of the lady who is determined to win it. That is what it is going to take to get it—DETERMINATION, DETERMINATION, DETERMINATION! That's it. No half-hearted work is going to win it. The reason is that some are determined to win. But there are yet many chances for big surprises.

There are five counties in the territory of THE INDEX—Cumberland, Robeson, Bladen, Sampson and Harnett. In these counties are hundreds of thousands of people. Less than 3,000 are taking the paper. Figure a little. How many are left? Now isn't the field a good one for you? There is no good reason why almost every family in the five counties should not have THE INDEX. Many, yes hundreds, in all these counties are already taking it and enjoying its weekly visits. And with the growth in circulation the paper is going to improve and become more interesting to the people of these five counties. We have aims and aspirations that we have not announced. We are determined to make THE INDEX a newspaper in a class by itself in North Carolina. We have only just begun the task that our ambition marked out when we started. You can well afford to push THE INDEX.

Did you see the piano last week that we are going to give away? It is a thing of beauty and to her who wins it it will be joy forever. It is on exhibition at the music house of W. F. Blount, from whom we bought it especially for this contest. Read:

Mr. A. B. Pearsall, a prominent citizen of Red Springs, says:

"If anybody wants to know how durable the Kimball Piano is, let them be referred to me. We have used one about 15 years, and the children have played on it constantly during that time. The tone is about as good as ever."

If you have not seen the desks we are going to give away, you have no idea of their beauty. Do go to the Fayetteville Furniture Company's store when you are in Fayetteville and see them. They are genuine beauties. They are not cheap. They sell at \$21 each anywhere. One of them is going to find a home in Harnett, one in Sampson, one in Robeson, one in Bladen and three in Cumberland—no matter where the piano goes. The desks are just like the one awarded to Miss Baulah Averitt as the grand prize in the contest last spring.

Get busy! The names and standing of the contestants will be published next week.

WHERE THE PRIZES GO. For the purposes of this contest we have divided our territory into seven districts, and will give one desk to some woman or girl in each district. The districts are as follows:

FIRST DISTRICT—Cross Creek township.

SECOND DISTRICT—All of Cumberland county west of the Cape Fear river ex-

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