

THE CONDITION OF COTTON IS NOW RECKONED AT .74

Mecklenburg Farmers in Session To-day Declined to Accept Proposition Made at Last Meeting Regarding a Warehouse for the Storage of Their Cotton.

Reports From all Sections of the County Indicate that the Plant is Small and that the Labor Problem is a Very Serious One.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Mecklenburg Cotton Growers Association the members voted down the proposition presented at the last meeting by Mr. Geo. A. Howell, representing other parties, desiring to build a warehouse for the farmers, somewhat on the co-operative plan.

A special committee had been appointed at the last meeting to report on the matter and they recommended that the proposition be tabled for the present, and this was carried.

The committee is continued for the purpose of getting facts and figures and of suggesting a way if possible to secure a warehouse belonging to the farmers, or of making a satisfactory arrangement with some warehouse already in existence, to handle the cotton of the members, until arrangements are made.

Mr. McD. Watkins in reporting for the committee said that it was considered too late in the season to accept the plan offered by Mr. Howell, and further that the operating of such a warehouse would be very expensive, and that it was deemed best to let the matter go for the present.

The warehouse question was the chief topic of the morning and was discussed by Capt. H. D. Stowe, who thought that if a warehouse was built, it should be put up on a substantial basis.

Mr. C. C. Moore spoke in favor of a warehouse for the farmers and told of the numerous warehouses in the State built by other associations, all for less than \$5,000 and he could not see why this county could not build a warehouse too. He was opposed to giving up the light at all, but rather urged the association to go ahead, and let the committee get all of the information needed and present it at the next meeting.

Several other members expressed their opinions on the subject and it is probable that the county association will keep up their efforts until some feasible plan is devised by which the warehouse can be gotten.

It was stated in the meeting that above all things the farmers should hold their own product now; that insurance in the country was less than in the town, according to one speaker, by 7 1/2 cents; the insurance companies only requiring that the cotton be properly housed.

Mr. Moore wanted provision made so that the small farmer could store his cotton and get a negotiable certificate; that the small farmer would become an important factor in the association just as soon as he learned the banking business connected with the storing of his product.

Capt. S. B. Alexander spoke in favor of the farmers' keeping their cotton at home. He said that was primarily the place for the unsold cotton; that warehouses often gave ground for the circulation of rumors about the amount of cotton in the country that were not true. He thought, however, that if proper arrangements were made with

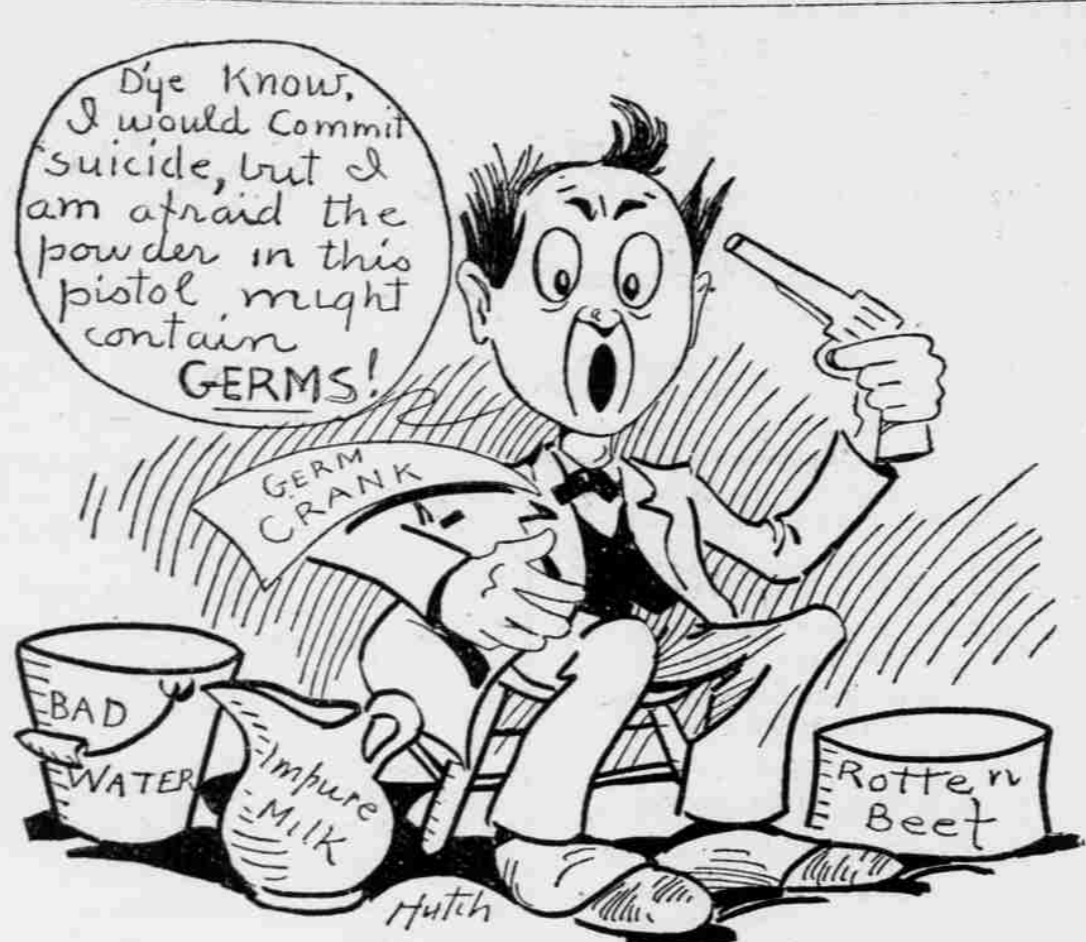
CHARLOTTE GETS ANOTHER BIG PLUM

Mr. J. L. Lemon, the New Engineer of Maintenance of Way, is to be Located Here. He was Formerly Roadmaster of the Atlanta Division of Southern.

The Southern Railway has announced the appointment of two additional engineers of maintenance of way in the offices of the assistant general superintendents named to take charge of the two new districts.

J. L. Lemon, who was roadmaster of the Atlanta division, has been made engineer of maintenance of way on the eastern district with headquarters at Charlotte and T. H. Gatlin, who was in the office of D. W. Lum, chief engineer of maintenance of way in Washington, has been appointed engineer of maintenance of way on the middle district with headquarters in Knoxville. P. S. Fitzgerald will remain in Birmingham in the same position he has held for the past two years.

Thomas Bernard will be stationed at Danville, Va., in the office of Mr. E. H. Cozmann in charge of the northern district. He has formerly located in Birmingham as engineer of maintenance of way and later occupied the same position on the eastern district.



Dye Knows, I would Commit suicide, but I am afraid the powder in this pistol might contain GERMS!

Mr. W. A. Grier said that he had gotten a rate from insurance companies of 17 1/2 cents per bale, which was cheaper than the charges at the warehouses; the 17 1/2 rate being on cotton at the farmer's home.

A letter was read from Mr. T. B. Parker of the State Association at Raleigh, asking for a report of the conditions in the country, to be sent to Mr. Jordan by the middle of the month. He stated in the letter "that the government report had made a complete bust of the thing," and that in making reports the farmers were requested to take 100 as the normal and make their calculations on that basis.

The secretary then called the sub-organizations of the county, of which there are 23, for the data asked for in this letter and the report was made out.

It shows that the average condition of the crop in the county is 74. The average reduction of acreage in the county as compared with last year is 6 1/2 per cent.

The size of the plant was found to be small and the labor available unusually small, compared with former years.

These figures were called for by sub-divisions throughout the county, and 13 answered.

The best conditions were reported from Clear Creek No. 1, where an average condition of the crop of 85 was reported, with a reduction of 7 per cent. in the acreage as compared with last year.

From Morning Star came the report of rains that amounted almost to floods and good deal of cotton had been washed away while the lands were also terribly washed in places.

Most of the other sub-divisions reported an average condition close to 75, with a decrease of from 6 to 7 per cent. in acreage as compared with last year, with smaller plants this year and some cotton not yet having a "stand."

Capt. S. B. Alexander announced that on July 17, at Hickory Grove, there would be a big meeting of farmers, and that the members of the association were all heartily invited to be present.

Several invitations were also extended the association from other parts of the county to meetings during the latter part of July and during August.

After the transactions of some matters of routine nature the meeting adjourned to meet again on the first Saturday in August.

JAS. J. WOODWARD DEAD. Died of Heart Disease on Train of Canadian Pacific.

By Associated Press. Washington, July 7.—A telegram was received at the Navy Department from Rear Admiral Brownson dated Banff, B. C., saying that Naval Constructor Joseph J. Woodward of the board of inspection and survey, died suddenly of heart disease on a train of the Canadian Pacific railroad near Banff yesterday and that his body will be prepared for shipment to the West. Woodward was on his way to Seattle on business in connection with the government trial of the battleship Nebraska.

MR. AND MRS. BRYAN Are Spending the Week-End as Guests of Ambassador and Mrs. Reid of West Park.

By Associated Press. London, July 7.—Mr. and Mrs. Bryan are spending the week-end as the guests of Ambassador and Mrs. Reid at West Park, to which place they rode in an automobile this morning. Among the guests invited to meet Mr. and Mrs. Bryan are Lord Goschen, Miss Goschen, Lady Herbert, Lady Evelyn Ward and Lord and Lady Monson.

SAYS HE IS AMERICAN. August Rosenberg, Formerly of Seattle, Affirms That He is American.

By Associated Press. Altona, Prussia, July 7.—August Rosenberg, formerly of Seattle, arrested here yesterday as a suspected anarchist, affirms that he is an American citizen who sold his property in Seattle and returned here in the intention of passing the remainder of his life in the village of Luetjenburg, where his wife was brought up. He says he has passed the time of life for energetic deeds, even if he believed in them. His wife has been liberated.

MR. HEARST STATES POSITIVELY HE IS NOT A CANDIDATE

"I Would State very Positively that I Am not a Candidate for the Democratic Presidential Nomination for 1908," so Says Mr. Hearst.

Says he Would be Satisfied with Either Bryan, Folk or Bailey, but Should Substitute Stevenson for Baily. His Tribute to Bryan.

By Associated Press. San Francisco, Congressman Hearst said last night: "I would like to state very positively that I am not a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1908."

Mr. Bryan said the other day in London that there were others besides himself who had claims on the nomination, through services rendered the Democratic party, and mentioned pleasantly Messrs. Folk, Bailey and myself.

"While appreciating Mr. Bryan's compliment, I must decline to be considered a candidate. Let the list stand if Mr. Bryan pleases, Bryan or Folk or Bailey. For my part I would substitute Stevenson for Bailey."

Mr. Bryan's services to Democracy are too well diagnosed to be rehearsed. He has led the party conspicuously in two presidential campaigns and one senatorial campaign. In the national house of Congress he has made issues himself and expounded them with brilliancy, unapproached.

Passengers Detained. New York, July 7.—Fifty-seven passengers arriving on the steamer Monterey from Havana were detained at Hoffman Island as a precaution against yellow fever.

—Mr. Gilmer Irwin has been kept at home by illness for several days, but is reported somewhat improved today.

Rev. Dr. Shearer is in the city today.

MR. JORDAN'S STATEMENT. Says Reports That He is Thinking of Resigning Presidency of Cotton Association Are Unauthorized.

By Associated Press. Atlanta, July 7.—Harvie Jordan, president of the Southern Cotton Association, in reply to published rumors, made the following statement: "Any publication of my probable resignation from the position I now hold as president of the Southern Cotton Association is unauthorized. I shall continue actively to discharge the duties of my office during the term for which I was elected and am now busily preparing for the strongest campaign this fall for the maintenance of good prices, ever made by the association."

"MRS. WARREN'S PROFESSION." Was Not Violence of Pen Code is Decision.

By Associated Press. New York, July 7.—The production of George Bernard Shaw's play, "Mrs. Warren's Profession," during the last theatrical season was not a violation of the pen code, according to the decision handed down by justices of the court of special sessions today.

A CHAOTIC CONVENTION. Wildest Confusion Reigned in Convention—"Liar Scoundrel, Rascal" Hurled at Speakers.

Special to The News. Greensboro, July 7.—The Republican County Convention began rowing a few minutes after organizing by reason of the fact that Chairman Douglas refused to put the Blackburn report to add to the credentials committee, additional names making a majority for Blackburn. Douglass announced an adjournment to two o'clock for the report of the credentials committee when Ragan of High Point, declaring he'd not stand for such rascality, and others shouting to Douglass to get out, and literally drove him from the speakers stand pandemonium reigning.

Mr. Ragan was at first declared temporary chairman but it was later determined to simply hold a mass meeting till two o'clock. Bradshaw, Blackburn, Ragan and Adams made bitter speeches, Adams being greeted as "Liar" from Blackburn and Bradshaw several times, the whole house being in confusion. Mr. Adams denounced them as cowardly scoundrels, saying they dare not insult him on the street and that he had never been insulted in a Republican convention before. Mr. Bradshaw had to be held by a policeman while Adams was

speaking and the whole convention at times was a mob. Blackburn's speech was very bitter, he being plainly much excited or over stimulated.

The first vote upon the reassembling of the Republican Convention at 3 o'clock was on the report of the credentials committee favoring Adams' delegates from North High Point, and Adams' precinct in Greensboro. The report was rejected 52 to 12 and Blackburn delegates, amid another row, on motion, were seated. The convention is now in a turmoil.

DURHAM REPUBLICANS. Opposing Factions Have Hot Time—Convention Breaks Up in a Row.

Special to The News. Durham, July 7.—The Republican county convention was held today at noon in the court house. The convention was a two-sided one. The party divided and one side appointed a chairman in opposition to the present chairman and made an attempt to rule the convention. Many hot words passed between the party members and it almost came to blows between the opposing chairmen.

Republican Chairman Pearson was placed in charge and the other chairman and his party adjourned and left the house. A committee was then appointed and delegates elected to the State, Judicial and Congressional conventions. After a number of speeches the party adjourned. Chairman Pearson, on leaving the court house, had a street fight with a Mr. Smith, one of the Republicans who was with the opposite Republican faction.

It was the most exciting convention ever held in this county.

A FAITHFUL HORSE. Old "Billy" Had Been in Service Over Thirty Years.

By Associated Press. Washington, July 7.—At the auction sale of the condemned animals by the depot quartermaster, horse, "Billy," great army favorite which had been on the government's list of public animals over thirty years, was put up at auction with the relics, rather than allow "Billy" to fall into the hands of some bidder who might abuse him in his old age, the older clerks of the depot quartermaster's office banded together and purchased him. They will put him on a farm for the remainder of his life.

TRANSPORT THOMAS ON REEF. Has Great Supply of Gold and a Number of Army Officers and Civilians.

By Associated Press. Washington, July 7.—Cablegrams from Guam to the Navy Department says the ship supply was unable to move the transport Thomas, which is on a reef near Guam. It will be at least a week before a suitable vessel can reach the location of them as from Manila. The Thomas is lying easy and if the present weather conditions continue is in no danger. She has one million and three-quarters of Philippine gold, ten army officers, 79 civilians and four army nurses aboard.

REV. J. L. FOSTER INJURED. Was Seriously Hurt in Runaway This Afternoon.

Special to The News. Raleigh, July 7.—Rev. J. L. Foster, register of the summer school here, was painfully and perhaps seriously hurt this afternoon. He mounted a wagon loaded with desks and horses ran away and he was thrown out. One arm was broken and he received a bad wound on the head and many bruises. He is now in the Rex Hospital.

THE LAUREL IS SAFE. There Was Some Apprehension as to Her Safety But She is Thought to Be Safe.

By Associated Press. Washington, July 7.—The lighthouse tender Laurel, about which there has been some anxiety, is reported safe. She did not leave Key West until several days after the schedule time on account of wind and storms.

GUILTY OF CONSPIRACY. Gets Two Years and Fine of \$7,500.

By Associated Press. Portland, Ore., July 7.—S. A. D. Putter was found guilty yesterday of conspiracy to defraud the government of its public lands and sentenced to two years in jail and to pay a fine of \$7,500.



Excuse Haste Yours Truly

I'm in a hurry

23 for you!

Tuberculosis Germ

Dr. Fisher

Skidoo!

Passed the 5,000 Mark THE CHARLOTTE NEWS Average for May 5,282 Average for June 5,386 The Times-Democrat And then, too, the old reliable farmers' paper, THE TIMES-DEMOCRAT, is keeping ahead of the procession, as the following figures show: THE TIMES-DEMOCRAT Average for May 5,855 Average for June 6,221 News Publishing Co. W. C. DOWD, Pres. and Gen. Mgr.

GREAT PRECAUTION TAKEN AGAINST SPREAD OF FEVER

Workmen are Preparing House Boat to Use at Mouth of Mississippi River in Carrying Out Yellow Fever Quarantine Regulations.

Will Aid Fruit Steamers in Rushing Perishable Cargoes to Docks at New Orleans. The Greatest Precaution Taken in Checking Disease.

By Associated Press. New Orleans, July 7.—Workmen are preparing the first house boat for use at the mouth of the Mississippi river in carrying out the yellow fever quarantine regulations and at the same time enabling the fruit steamers to rush their perishable cargoes to the docks at New Orleans without the costly delay now caused by the remarkably strict quarantine system.

The house boat is for use both in isolating the cross and in enabling the second crew to bring their fruit steamers from the quarantine to New Orleans without danger of infringing on the city.

The fruit ship having the privilege of the house boat will proceed to sea under the following regulations: No men of the crew can come ashore at New Orleans except the captain to clear his ship and that must be done during daylight; unloading crew is taken off at the quarantine and placed aboard the house boat while the seagoing crew which has been isolated on the house boat is placed aboard the steamer; from the time of leaving New Orleans until completing the round trip to the fruit port and return, the steamer is fumigated four times with sulphur and pyrethrum.

At the fruit port the seagoing crew is not allowed on shore, the captain again being the only man to go ashore; returned to the quarantine this crew is again isolated on the house boat and supplied by the unloading crew. The unloading crew is kept continually under guard by the State board of health to see that no men get ashore by stealth.

PLANS FOR BATTLESHIP. Ship Designers and Ship Builders Invited to Submit Plans for New Battleship.

By Associated Press. Washington, July 7.—Secretary Bonaparte has issued a circular inviting ship designers and ship builders to submit plans for the 20,000 ton battleship authorized by Congress. The naval bureau has also been instructed to prepare like plans for comparison with those submitted by the private bidders. The preliminary are plans to be submitted by November 1, next.

CHOLERA SITUATION. Situation is Unchanged—Two Americans Were Victims.

By Associated Press. Manila, July 7.—The cholera situation is unchanged. Joseph Melabone and W. H. Hart, Americans, are dead. The health authorities believe if the disease is confined to the present proportions an epidemic is unlikely. The general health conditions are improved and the water supply which has not been contaminated is guarded by the regular troops.

LADY MISSIONARY WORKERS BARRED. Counsel for the Defense of Harry Thaw Protest Against Annoyance of Missionary Workers with Mrs. Thaw on her Visits to Tombs Prison.

By Associated Press. New York, July 7.—The women missionary workers in the Tombs were requested not to annoy Mrs. Thaw when she makes her daily visits to the prison to see her husband. The request was made by Warden Flynn at the suggestion of Thaw's counsel, Attorney Tols Warden. He does not care to take the chances of spies for the prosecution coming in contact with Mrs. Thaw by representing themselves to be missionary workers. Dr. Allan McLane Hamilton, the alienist who made the examination of Thaw yesterday for the defense called upon her husband before the alienist left. When Mrs. Thaw entered the prison she was surrounded by women missionaries who greeted her cordially and accompanied her up the stairs. It was when one of the attorneys for the defense who chanced to be present at the time saw the party going through the corridor that the protest was made.