

The drop in price just after the meeting of the cotton association, and the declaration that farmers should not sell their cotton for less than 11 cents, means, of course, that all bear influence, including the powerful English spinners, will do its best to break the force of the association's work by sending the price as low as possible.

Disastrous Earthquake in Italy.

All Italy is suffering from terrible depression, because of the news from the south, where one of the worst earthquakes ever experienced occurred today. Although the earthquake was felt all over Calabria and to a certain extent in Sicily, the worst news comes from Pizzo and Monteleone and from eighteen villages, which are said to have been completely destroyed.

Picnic at Mount Prospect.

At Mount Prospect church Saturday, the 2nd inst., the good people of the surrounding country assembled for the purpose of having a good old fashion picnic.

ELEVEN CENTS THE PRICE.

Cotton Association Says Farmers Should Not Sell for Less Than That—The Short Crop Reports Were Lower Than Expected.

The Southern Cotton Growers' Association, in convention at Kenilworth Inn, tonight established a minimum price of 11 cents for the incoming cotton crop. This action was reached after a four hours struggle in the minimum price committee's room this afternoon, and a joint secret conference of the committee and the general committee tonight.

ther states that the chief object of the association is "the industrial development and supremacy of the cotton States," and to this end the government should be urged to build better Southern harbors.

An important feature of this afternoon's session was the adoption of a motion made by E. D. Smith of South Carolina to the effect that all members of the association be urged to market their cotton, even at the minimum price, as slowly as possible, so as to distribute the sale of the staple over the entire year instead of marketing the crop in ninety days as has been the custom.

The association today adopted a resolution levying three cents on every bale of cotton produced by members of the association. One cent of this revenue goes to the national organization and one cent to the county organization within the cotton belt.

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Our Prices for Staple Goods

Are down to low water mark. There is no possibility of their going lower—and the tide is sure to turn before a great while. Long experience and careful study have taught us where and how to buy. As a result of this knowledge we buy in large quantities in the best markets, and pay cash, thus obtaining the lowest prices and the biggest discounts.

- 5,000 yards Apron Gingham, 3/4c yard. Beautiful line of Outings and Flannelettes for saques and kimonos, only 10c yard. New line, pretty patterns, heavy cotton fabric called "Audrey Suiting," looks like wool, especially suited for school dresses and skirts. Extra quality, fast colors, 10c yard.

W. H. BELK & BRO.

Cheapest Store on Earth.

The subject of a big campteeting somewhat on new lines is likely to be discussed a good deal as a result of the article by Rev. W. R. Ware published in last week's Journal. Charlotte has just had a chauntauca that was pronounced a splendid success.

The Cotton Market Yesterday.

The cotton market was generally weak and unsettled, with prices touching the lowest point reached since the September bureau on all positions later than October. The close was just about the lowest of the session, or a net decline of 19 to 22 points. Sales were estimated at 250,000 bales.

Good Things Going on in Buford.

Hope, Sept. 11.—Dr. W. H. Gribble, who has been postmaster at Hope ever since it was established, a period of twenty-six years, has resigned. Mr. W. T. Laney has been recommended to take his place.

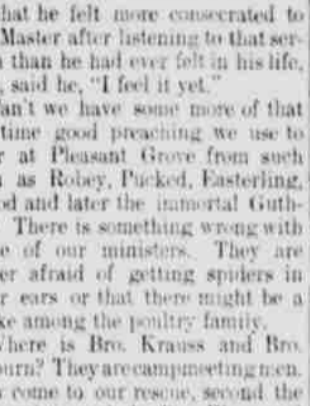
President Jordan appointed.

President Jordan appointed Hickey of Texas, Maxwell of Louisiana, Brown of North Carolina, Love of Arkansas, and Erwin of Tennessee to serve on the finance committee. The association, before adjourning, decided to accept the invitation of the citizens of Waynesville to visit that city Saturday.

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Come to the Rescue, Messrs. Krauss and Ogburn.

I notice in your paper of last week an article written for the Advocate by Rev. Mr. Ware of Monroe station, in favor of the old fashion campteeting. He says men and women are still living whose hearts glow at the mere mention of the word, and whose religious emotions stir whenever they think of the happy days spent at the old campground and of the great and good men they heard preach there.



Meals are on Time when cooked in the roomy oven of a Buck's Range. See our big line before buying.

Can't we have some more of that old time good preaching we use to hear at Pleasant Grove from such men as Robey, Parked, Easterling, Wood and later the immortal Guthrie? There is something wrong with some of our ministers. They are either afraid of getting spurs in their ears or that there might be a strike among the poultry family.

The Oven of a Buck's Range is large, roomy and well ventilated, having white enamel lining to oven doors and oven racks. See our line.

Nothing at All. He declares that where he was last summer the mercury dropped to zero one night. "That's nothing." "What's nothing?" "Zero."—Philadelphia Press.



Extraordinary emergencies often call for unusual and heroic remedies. The following prayer is said to have been used by a brother at High Point who was called upon to pray in public.

Spot cotton quiet and easier, sales, 725 bales, including 323 to arrive.

Quotations lower. Futures opened 10 to 15 points lower than Saturday's closing figures, the decline being attributed to the failure of Liverpool to respond to the advance on this side, and the hammering of prices in New York. Liquidation, after the opening, depressed the local prices still further, the market closing weak with net losses of 16 to 20 points.

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Sully on the Minimum Price.

The minimum price of 11 cents for cotton, as fixed by the Southern Cotton Association of Asheville, N. C., is unquestionably warranted by the conditions existing today, and the Southern Cotton Association will soon see the wisdom of increasing to 12 cents in a reasonable time, and much higher than 12 cents as the season progresses.

Got Off Cheap.

He may well think he has got off cheap who, after having contracted constipation or indigestion, is still able to perfectly restore his health. Nothing will do this but Dr. King's New Life Pills. A quick, pleasant and certain cure for headache, constipation, etc. 25c. at English Drug Co.'s; guaranteed.

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My business is increasing daily! I pay highest prices for chickens, eggs and all kinds produce. I am grateful to my friends for their patronage in the past, and will ever be found doing all in my power to please and serve them in the future.

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W. S. KRAUSS, The Monroe Jeweler.

Violent riots broke out in Tokio, the Japanese capital, as a demonstration of disapproval of the government for making peace on such easy terms. This is a distinct disappointment to those who have been praising the singleness of mind, the unity of sentiment, and the readiness of the whole people to acquiesce enthusiastically in whatever the emperor and leaders did.

Personally Conducted Autumn Tours to the Sapphire Country.

Southern Railway will sell on September 21st round trip tickets Charlotte, N. C., to Lake Toxaway, N. C., at rate of \$23.35. This ticket is good to return for nine days from date of sale and includes seven days' board at the hotels of the Toxaway Company (Toxaway Inn, Fairfield Inn, Sapphire Inn and Franklin Inn) and back ride from Lake Toxaway to Sapphire and Fairfield and return.

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To the Wise:

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New Buggies and Surries!

We have just opened up the largest and nicest lot of Surries and Buggies ever put on exhibition in Monroe. We have some nice jobs in rubber tire goods. Now is the time to buy your new vehicles. See us before buying and we are sure that we can please you in anything you need in our line. THE SIKES COMPANY.