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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR.

UNION SAYS FIFTEEN CENTS.

National Organization Sets This as a Fair Price for Cotton Crop This Year.

An Associated Press dispatch from Salina, Kan., says:

The high cost of living will be higher as a result of the action of the National Farmers' Union here today in fixing the price at which members will sell this year's crop of cotton at 15 cents a pound. The present price is approximately 12 cents.

The action of the convention binds every member of the union to hold his cotton until the market reaches the figures set. Although in the past repeated efforts have been made to have a similar resolution passed by the convention, the advocates of the proposal always failed to muster the necessary votes. This year there was no opposition to the plan.

Several of the leading cotton growers wanted minimum figures fixed at 17 or 18 cents and pointed out that owing to the tightness of the money market and the unsettled conditions in Europe and this country prices of all products would soar and cotton would bring that price if the members of the union held out. Experts employed by the union estimate this year's yield at 14,074,500 bales. Last year it was 14,200,000 bales and the price averaged twelve cents.

There are nearly 2,000,000 members of the union who are cotton growers and leaders in the movement, and their neighbors who are not members of the union will join in holding the crop until it can be marketed at 15 cents a pound. The minimum price at which cottonseed will be sold was \$30 a ton and the members were pledged to hold out for that figure. Last year's price ranged around \$26 which is approximately the present market figure.

Consolidation of rural schools as the best method of improving the educational system in rural communities and thus make farm life more attractive, was endorsed in a resolution which also called for an increase in the length of the rural school term and compulsory attendance. Other resolutions urged greater protection for animals and birds and a chair of marketing in the agricultural departments of the State universities. Education in improved schools, lectures and the press was endorsed as the foremost factors in the advancement of the farmer.

CAR STRUCK PIC NIC CROWD.

Accident at Mt. Holly in Which Two Lives Were Lost—Others Injured and Team Killed.

One of the most horrible accidents in the history of Gaston county occurred last Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 at the Costner crossing in Mt. Holly when northbound P. & N. car No. 16, in charge of Motorman Johnson and Conductor Griswold, crashed into a wagon load of Sunday school picnickers bound from Belmont to Riverside Park, killing two, Miss Emma Sanford and Ike Brymer, and injuring three others. The injured are Miss Cora Sanford, Mr. Lloyd Sanford and Miss Jennie Howell, of Charlotte, sister, brother and cousin respectively of the dead girl. The horse and the mule hitched to the wagon were also killed.

The Sunday schools of the Methodist and Baptist churches in Belmont and from the South Point Methodist church had united in a joint picnic to Riverside Park and were making the trip in wagons and buggies. Between 150 and 200 people were in the crowd. The majority of the people had reached the park and the ill-fated wagon in charge of Mr. Jerome Hagerty was the third from the last in the procession and was about 150 yards in advance of the next one behind. In this wagon there were those named and one other, Mr. James Hagerty, a brother of the driver. He was sitting in the back of the wagon and escaped injury by a backward jump from the rear end. Eye witnesses in the wagon to the rear and those living nearby as well as those in the party say that on nearing the car tracks, the Brymer boy stood up in the wagon to watch for a car. Those in the wagon say that the parties were discussing the chances of being hit by a car and were therefore on the lookout. Mr. Brymer neither seeing nor hearing a car instructed the driver to go ahead. When too late to stop or turn back the car bore down on them with the fearful results as given. After striking the wagon and team, converting the former into kindling wood and hurling the latter in the air as high as the trolley wire, the car ran 393 feet before being brought to a stop. A man living near the scene of the accident measured the distance from the crossing to where the car was brought to a standstill and found it to be a distance of 11 rails, or 393 feet. This will serve to give an idea of how fast the car was running, and with the brakes applied. Opinion differs as to the rate of speed at which the car was going, from the 12 miles an hour in the published account of The Charlotte Observer to the 40 miles an hour rate of the excited eye witnesses.

The First National Bank of Lancaster has been designated as an active depository of the United States government and was recently allotted \$25,000 of the 2 per cent money the treasury department is putting out.

MR. J. W. ASHCRAFT.

Fuller Particulars of Death of a Well Known Citizen of This County.—Terrible Suffering From Lockjaw Caused by Nail Stuck in Foot.

Last week The Journal was barely able to announce the death of Mr. J. W. Ashcraft, which took place at eleven o'clock Tuesday morning, a short time before the paper went to press. The details of how he had stuck a nail in his foot and developed tetanus just nine days thereafter, were given. From the time that the attack began on Saturday, till he died on Tuesday morning, Mr. Ashcraft suffered agony. No one possessing less magnificent physical strength than he could have held out so long. He was a man of perfect and powerful physique, and in perfect health before the misfortune. So terrible and sudden a death of a man so vigorous adds tragedy and shock not accompanying death under ordinary circumstances.

The body was brought to Monroe Tuesday night and funeral was held next day from the residence of Dr. H. D. Stewart, brother-in-law of the deceased. Rev. Messrs. J. H. Bradley, J. A. Bivens, M. T. Steele and T. J. Huggins were present and took part in the services. The Woodmen of the World, the fraternal order of which the deceased was a member, held an additional service at the grave.

The deceased was 55 years old, and a son of the late Mr. Calvin Ashcraft of Marshville township. He was a brother of Dr. J. E. Ashcraft of Monroe, Messrs. H. C. Ashcraft and F. W. Ashcraft of Marshville, and Mrs. S. A. Redfern and Mrs. H. H. Marsh.

His wife, who was Miss Laura Stewart, daughter of the late Jno. D. Stewart, and his three children, the youngest of whom is three years of age, survive.

Mr. Ashcraft came from the old family homestead in Marshville township, where he had already been farming and merchandising, to Monroe about twenty-seven years ago. He engaged in business enterprises and later served a short time in the revenue service and then became chief of police of Monroe. Ten years ago he decided to go back to farming, and moved to his farm six miles southwest of town. He quickly developed into a fine farmer, adopting all the new methods and principles and making a thorough study of the business. He also took an active part in the work of the school and church in the community.

Two Marriages and Two Deaths. Pageland Journal.

Mr. Wesley Melton, now of Buford township, son of Mr. D. J. Melton of Pageland, and Miss Eula Starnes were married Sunday at the home of Mr. D. C. Montgomery, who performed the marriage service. They will make their home temporarily with the groom's brother, Mr. Henry Melton.

Mr. J. Burl Deese and Miss Sadie Lowry were married last Sunday at Mt. Croghan by Magistrate J. Clifton Rivers. Mrs. Deese is a daughter of Mrs. Joe Lowry of Plains, and is a popular young lady. She was visiting at Mt. Croghan at the time of the marriage, which comes as a surprise to their friends. Mr. Deese is a son of Mr. John Deese of Lanes Creek township, but he has lived in Pageland several years and is well and favorably known here.

Mrs. Adeline Pigg, wife of Mr. W. A. Pigg, Sr., died at her home just south of town last Friday night about 10 o'clock. She had been in poor health for some time, but had been confined to her bed with fever about three weeks. The burial services were held at Pageland Baptist church Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock by W. M. Huggins. A large crowd of sorrowing friends and relatives attended the services.

Miss Annie Harrell died at the home of Mr. John Robinson three miles from Pageland last Tuesday morning, and was buried at Philadelphia church Wednesday after services had been conducted by Rev. R. H. James. She had a stroke of paralysis about a year ago, from which she had not entirely recovered when the second stroke came a few days ago. She was 71 years old, and was a daughter of the late Joel Harrell, and there were several brothers and sisters, all of whom are dead.

Popular Burnsville Farmer Married in Union.

Wadesboro Ansonian. Mr. E. D. Preslar of Burnsville township and Mrs. Margaret Rushing of Wingate were married Sunday morning, returning in the afternoon to Mr. Preslar's home where a reception was given the bride and groom. Mr. Preslar is an excellent citizen and successful farmer. His bride is known and admired by a large number of friends in Anson and Union counties. The Ansonian extends very best wishes.

Mrs. Lizzie Vance died last week at Copper Hill, Tenn., and was buried there. She was the widow of General Robt. Vance and a sister-in-law of the late Senator Vance. General Vance was a resident of Buncombe county and for some years represented the Asheville district in Congress.

BAD SHAPE IN TEXAS.

Letter from That State Tells Journal Readers That Both Corn and Cotton are Short—No Rain During the Whole Growing Season.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Clifton, Texas, Aug. 30.—I know that your readers will be interested to learn something about weather and crop conditions in Texas at first hand, and so I will tell you some of my observations. We have had no rain in this section since the 28th of June, and that rain made the corn come up. In Central Texas the corn is good but the price is a dollar a bushel. That is high for Texas, but with a failure in Missouri, and Arkansas will make it higher here.

As the water is dried up it takes farmers a good part of their time to haul water to save the stock. In some parts of the State stock is starving for water and grass. Cotton is short in all parts of the State and it is too late for rain, even if it comes, to do any good. Through central Texas it will take from three to ten acres to make a bale. On the train the other day I saw a man from west Texas who said that he had two hundred acres in cotton and would take ten bales for the whole crop. After the rain that brought the plants up there had been no other rain and with the stalk about six inches high, with a boll or little bloom in the top. With the very short crop and continued dry weather most of the cotton will be gathered in September, for they are getting the better part of it with the first going over.

I am glad to see in the paper that crops are good in the Old North State. I wish everybody there good luck and good health. My health is good and I am having a nice time in the West. I guess I will be in the Old North State about Christmas. J. W. BYRUM.

Stop Gambling in All Agricultural Products.

Raleigh News and Observer.

The Congress of the United States will be wise in its day and generation if it passes a measure which will put an end to gambling on cotton, or in any agricultural product. The ruin which has come to great numbers of people of this country can be traced directly to gambling in futures. It is in cotton gambling that there is to be found a hurt to the farmers and to the men who engage in the transactions.

DEATH OF MRS. TADLOCK.

Mr. Ashcraft Secures License to Practice Law—Several Marriages. Marshville Home.

Mrs. Mary Tadlock, wife of Mr. Uriah Tadlock, died Sunday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Snyder, in Charlotte. Mrs. Tadlock suddenly became ill of acute indigestion a few days before her death. She had been visiting relatives in this community for some time prior to leaving for Charlotte. Her home is in Crawford, Texas, but she is a native of Union county and moved to Texas a number of years ago. Mrs. Tadlock was a noble Christian lady, a member of the Methodist church. She was 73 years of age and is survived by her husband and three daughters, Mesdames J. P. Rushing and John Rogers of Marshville township, and Mrs. J. W. Snyder of Charlotte. The remains were brought to Marshville and interred in the cemetery at Gilboa, 3 miles south of town, yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, Rev. T. J. Huggins conducting the ceremony.

Mr. F. W. Ashcraft of this place was one of the successful applicants for license to practice law that took the examination before the Supreme court at Raleigh last week. Mr. Ashcraft has had a general idea of law for some time and attended the law school at Wake Forest this summer. He will make a good lawyer.

Mr. Hoyle Simpson, son of Mr. G. W. Simpson of New Salem township, and Miss Vista Stator, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Stator, also of New Salem, were married Wednesday. They are popular and deserving young people who have a large circle of friends to wish them well.

Mr. A. J. Little, whose marriage to Miss Edna Grubb, daughter of the late H. Clay Grubb, was announced in last week's issue of the Home, has moved to the Grubb home near Salisbury to make his home.

Esq. Zeb M. Little united Mr. Frank Manus and Miss Tully Mullis in the bonds of matrimony Sunday. The groom is a son of Mr. Wm. Manus and the bride is a daughter of Mr. Elisha Mullis, all of north Marshville township. They are popular young people and we wish them well.

Read The Journal next week.

COLONEL R. T. BENNETT'S WILL.

Copy of a Peculiar Legal Document Probed in Anson County Last Week.

Wadesboro Ansonian.

I yearn to express my deep sympathy with all animate nature. Hence my children and grand children are persuaded to keep in their integrity the haunts of birds of the air and fields, not to fell the trees of original growth but keep them as tired nature's sweet restorer. I am so devout in this that I put it in the forefront of my devotion to the universe and to my creator.

I give, devise and bequeath my estate and property of every sort and kind to my children share and share alike enjoining it upon them and charging upon the estate a reasonable annuity to be paid yearly to my wife. She has an estate of great value, but it is not of liquid assets, but is her very own.

My daughters are now named to execute this will and are clothed with power to sell privately.

I wish my graveyard denominated "Magnolia Summit," to be kept in perfect condition—adorned with flowers. Let the supply of roses be prodigal.

I have had but one great sorrow, the fall of the Confederacy. If our people had been true to it through and through we would have conquered our secession and left to future ages a government as chivalrous as the Crusades—intolerant of hypocrisy in which men of religion carried the banner of the brave.

I recoil from the future of this government gauged as it is to low-water, to violence and the domineering over land and sea.

I take back all Testaments made and stand by this as my last and best.

Witness my hand and seal May 29, 1895.

R. T. BENNETT. (Seal) In presence of J. O. A. Craig and J. M. Wall.

If I should fail to put in order a written expression of my determination to convey some of my father's homelands to my beloved brother, Wm. O. Bennett, these are to command my executors to convey to him eight acres of said tract, situate and being on the right side of the Concord road as you go north thereon from our capital town toward Concord; Beginning some 200 yards from the cultivated land in the middle of said new road and runs thence as straight as practicable to the line betwixt David Bennett and myself, about the colored graveyard; thence with that line northerly; then back to the New Road; then to the beginning, so as to make an area of eight acres. The easement of the public in said road is reserved.

My dear brother is to have access to the Allen Spring to quench thirst in its waters, to enjoy it as he likes.

All of this in consideration of his company and a broom corn, the receipt of which is acknowledged.

Witness my hand and seal March 12th, 1910.

R. T. BENNETT. (Seal)

Five Cars on the Seaboard.

The Seaboard Air Line was the first line in the Southeast to operate electrically lighted trains, also the first line to operate all steel trains, showing that they are the most progressive road in the Southeast. There has just been received from the Pullman Company (builders of fine cars) and known throughout the country for its handsome steel sleepers, some new steel diners which are considered the finest, most complete and up-to-date built. These cars are all steel, 72 feet long, with tile floor, sunken-in electric lights, paddle fans and enamelled bright mahogany finish. The pantry and kitchen are ample and thoroughly equipped for providing the best dining car service in the South. All through trains on the Seaboard are provided with these new steel dining cars. This together with the other all steel equipment on through trains gives its patrons a solid steel train electrically lighted throughout and one that is a pleasure and comfort to ride on.

LOW ROUND TRIP FARES

Via Southern Railway, Premier Carrier of the South, to Knoxville, Tennessee, for National Conservation Exposition, September 1st to November 1st, 1913.

For this occasion the Southern Railway will have on sale daily from August 30th to November 1st extremely low round trip fares from all points, final limit ten days from date of sale with privilege of an extension of final limit until Nov. 3rd by depositing ticket and payment of \$1.00.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays of each week still greater reduction will be made, these tickets to be good in coaches only and limited to return within five days from certain points and seven days from more distant points, including date of sale.

For fares and other information apply to any Agent Southern Railway or R. H. DeBatts, Division Passenger Agent, Charlotte, N. C.

A fellow named Jones, living at Pendleton, S. C., went home drunk, ran his family away from home, built a roaring fire, lay down and went to sleep. The house caught fire and Jones was burned with it.

KILLED MEXICAN OFFICER.

Americans Call the Bluff of the Gentleman Who Rode Over the Border to Shoot 'em Up.

El Paso, Tex., Sept. 6.—Lieutenant Acosta, an officer in General Salazar's Federal command at Juarez, crossed the Stanton street international bridge this afternoon and was killed by United States Customs Inspector T. F. Jonah and Immigration Inspector Thomas N. Helfron, after he had opened fire on them with a rifle.

He was shot through the mouth and arm, and his horse, from which he had dismounted, was shot through the side. The American officers were uninjured. Before crossing the bridge the Mexican had remarked that he was "going to kill a gringo."

Helfron was standing at the American side of the bridge when Acosta first opened fire at him. He fired back, using his automatic pistol. Jonah hastened to his assistance and began firing at the Mexican. The Mexican officer was within 30 feet of the American before he was killed.

TROOPS ORDERED READY.

Two troops of the Thirteenth Cavalry were ordered to the bridge following the shooting, in order to restrain the 1,000 Mexicans who had gathered on the Mexican side of the bridge.

General Hugh Scott, commanding the United States troops, was notified of the shooting and he ordered all troops to be prepared for movement to El Paso from Fort Bliss in case of trouble.

To-night a detachment of cavalry was stationed at both international bridges and army officers and troops have been ordered to remain at quarters in case of an outbreak among the Mexicans.

A bitter feeling against Americans was manifested in Juarez by Salazar's Federal troops following the shooting.

L. Olsson of El Paso crossed to the Mexican side with a party of American men and women and later reported to American army officers that a Federal officer drew his pistol and threatened to shoot. Olsson stated that the American women were insulted by the Mexican officers. They escaped injury by putting their automobile at full speed and hurrying to the American side. They stated that several Mexican soldiers threatened them and shook their fists at them as they were going through the streets of Juarez. Other Americans also were threatened.

May Stop the Collection of Tare.

Washington, Sept. 6.—The Interstate Commerce Commission has called on the Louisville & Nashville Railroad to know its authority for penalizing cotton \$1 a bale when it does not conform to the 27x54 inch standard bale established by the steamship companies.

The notice filed by the railroads that this advance would be made on September 1, at the demand of the steamship companies, does not conform to the commissioner's requirements. It is not a legal tariff and has not been regularly filed and cannot be enforced. Therefore the commission has made a sharp demand on M. P. Godwin, general freight agent of the Louisville & Nashville, to know why its agents are collecting the penalty.

Mr. Godwin's circular letter to agents of the road repeats the specific instructions as to the standard bale, and the requirement that it have a density of 22 1/4 pounds a cubic foot. They are instructed to bill cotton and linters in a way to show the condition and make markings of the bales received for shipment.

Most of the Southern railroads are understood to have been collecting this penalty since September 1. While the Interstate Commerce Commission is thoroughly in sympathy with the new regulations, it would be compelled to hold that the collection of this penalty is not provided for in any regularly filed tariff. The explanation is thought to be that, while the railroads favored the new rule, they induced the steamship companies to make the formal demand. Then, at a meeting held in New Orleans six months ago they made arrangements to make the penalty effective September 1.

Rival road delegations appeared before the Cabarrus county commissioners Monday and while the attorney for one side was speaking a lender of the rival delegation called him a liar. "Liar" was passed a second time and then the two went together but they were separated without damage.

Near Hanging Dog, Cherokee county, last week, lightning struck a school house in which there was a teacher and 30 children. A boy was killed, a girl severely burned and others severely shocked. The interior of the building was practically demolished and those who saw the structure consider it almost a miracle that any of the inmates escaped alive.

Pa's Idea of Heaven.

Boston Transcript. "Ma," inquired Bobby, "hasn't pa a queer idea of heaven?" "Why do you ask that?" "Cause I heard him tell Mr. Naylor that the week you spent at the seashore seemed like heaven to him."

Two New Reminiscences

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