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BLAKENEY CONDEMNS PROPOS-ED COTTON WAREHOUSE SCHEME

Monroe Banker Says It Is Plan of New England Mill Men to "Feather State Warehouse Plan Is Best.

The plan of forming a huge corporation, to have as its object the standardization of the cotton compressing and warehousing facilities of the South, as told in a news story sent out from Washington recently, is backed principally by the cotton mill men of the New England states, is the opinion of Mr. W. S. Blakeney, secretary of the Union county brauch of the American Cotton Association.

The story sent out from Washington said in part:
"Rufus R. Wilson, secretary of the

National Association of Cotton Manufacturers, and secretary also of the world cotton conference, recently held in New Orleans, made the announcement of the warehousing project. At the New Orleans meeting it was declared that adequate warehousing was a "paramount necessity" in the han-dling and distribution of the cotton crop. Mr. Wilson says that arrangements have already been made for acquiring various compress plants in the southern states and the entire field of "The general association has warehousing and compression of cot-

"that sufficient facilities already exist gard to supply and demand, but the to house most of the cotton offered main factor to control the price liefor storage. However, the location of in the warehouse movement. Cotton these warehouses is such that they do ought to be marketed only when there not adequately serve the storage need is sharp competition for it and the of the producer, merchant and spin- mills actually need it to supply the They are not located with respect to distribution so as to best vent congestion and leverage for the serve the needs of the trade. For this bear speculators. This can only be reason much cotton that ought to be stored is now kept in open lots, on system. There is a federal system prostreets and on platforms, with the re- vided by act of Congress, the details sult that each year's crop suffers millstructed and carelessly operated that insurance rates for cotton stored in cases, unsatisfactory collateral for

"In addition, arrangements have been made to take over a large number of warehouses scattered throughout the cotton belt, and to erect ad-

and acceptances, thus facilitating the financing of cotton in storage."

in fact, it was advanced at the last ton Association," Mr. Blakeney said. He pointed out to The Journal that should the mill men of the New England States get control of the cotton compressing and warehousing system of the South that they could control the price of the staple to a considerabie extent

Mr. Blakeney seemed to have formed the opinion that the New England men were bent on feathering The naming of their own nest. Southern men as officers in the proposed corporation is only camouflage, he thought

The story from Washington clared that bankers would gladly lend money on cotton receipts issued the proposed corporation. Blakeney showed how the State System of North Carolina was much preferable to this, as receipts issued under the state system would bear the stamp of the state.

Mr. Blakeney expressed himself as follows regarding the construction of warehouses in the county under the state system:

'Let me preface anything I may say with the statement that I have made no special study of warehousing and am therefore not setting up to be an authority on the subject. Being secretary of the Union county branch of the American Cotton Association, I am naturally interested in the erection and operation of one or more cot-



COMMANDER CRAIG.

Captain Gilliam Craig, commander of the Melvin Deese Post No. 27, of will attend the meetings at the place the American Legion, saw service in the war as an artillery captain. He was a member of the A. E. F. for over a year. Commander Craig was toastmaster at the Legion banquet, which was held at the Joffre Hotel Friday evening. He is a son of Rev. Braxton Craig, former pastor of the First Baptist church of Monroe, and is a mem ber of the law firm of Stack, Parker

ton warehouses in Union county. I do not believe that the Association will at all perform its proper function to the producers and business interests of the South unless it gives all possible encouragement and support Their Own Nest"-He Maintains to the construction and operation of the necessary warehouse facilities, in every cotton producing county in the South. In fact, the Association will utterly fail in its mission unless these facilities are promptly afforded. The great bulk of the profits made in cotton in the past has gone into the pockets of people other than the producers. Cotton is an onerous and te dious crop to produce and yet singularly enough the producers have devoted nearly all their energies to the production of the crops and paid but little attention to what is equally im-portant, namely, the best methods of marketing the crop.

"The present association is based upon the need for an awakening along this line and if the cotton farmers particularly fall to become members and do not co-operate with those similarly situated over the whole South, then they will only have themselves to blame for whatever evil results may follow for lack of co-operation and co-ordination.

"The general association has a number of methods deemed helpful to on is now under survey.

"It has long been well known in the cotton industry," says Mr. Wilson, and dissemination of literature in repecially mentioned control of acreage trade. This is the only way to preaccomplished through the warehouse

sult that each year's crop suffers mill-ions of dollars' worth of loss from 'country damage.' Many of the exist-Carolina we have a system which is ing warehouses are so poorly con- simple and not fettered by too much tape. We propose to begin now to subject. sell stock to organize a corporation them are abnormally high and re- for the erection of a standard wareceipts for stored stocks are, in many house at Monroe with a capacity of at least 5000 bales and to have this ready for operation by the time the next crop comes to maturity. It is estimated that at the present time to

out the cotton belt, and to erect additional ones both in the south and the east. Detail announcement of the east. Detail announcement of these will be made shortly.

SCHEME OF NEW ENGLAND MILL. MEN.

TI is also planned to organize a subsidiary corporation whose business will be to buy and sell cotton receipts and acceptances, thus facilitating the state Warchouse and acceptances, thus facilitating the sold and all our ditional ones both in the south and the crossings and the receipts will be sold and all our people will have an opportunity to this enterprize and trake to this enterprize and trake and the constant and the receipts will be least of this enterprize and trake to the success. Of course the facilities as down into the Dismal Swamp. Across the swamp is a narrow plank, following our mood for adventure, we bravely, but carefully sway across the subsidiary corporation whose business will be leased to the State Warchouse and the receipts will be leased to the State Warchouse and the receipts will be leased to the State Warchouse and the receipts will be leased to the State Warchouse and the receipts will be leased to the State Warchouse and the receipts will be leased to the State Warchouse and the receipts will be leased to the State Warchouse and the receipts will be leased to the State Warchouse and the receipts will be leased to the State Warchouse and the receipts will be leased to the state Warchouse as the facilities to this enterprize and trake to the occasion. Two years with the British and American Constitute that the depth and the cleam of the tracket is the substitute that the claim will be as the indicate that the deam of the receipts will be as the receipt that the claim will be ancing of cotton in storage."

I have heard of this plan before: fact, it was advanced at the last no farmer will be compelled to self New Orleans Conference, where it his cotion to meet his obligations be cars and vehicles have had narrow appreciation of the spirit in which the more, it was later borne out ward, who in company with a sercause he will be able to borrow on these receipts as collateral and sell into the dismal swamp, being deceivwhen he thinks the market right. The warehouseman will be a bonded officillis trap.

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probably be easily used for other pur-

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with reasonable returns in any event

We hold options on lots contigu-

ous to that on which the cotton plat-

form is to be erected alongside of the

proposed spur track of railroad and if

e are to ever have a standard ware-

house in keeping with the needs of

the county and the movement to reg-

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Notice to White Teachers.

There will be held teachers' meet

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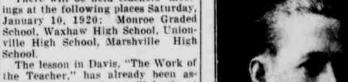
provided to save the State and the For I got lost and bogged up and had holder of the cotton, her member, to call lustily for assistance. The cor and all soms of safeguards will be but it must not be understood that the people who subscribe the stock are good dollars for pulling him up out

of the street and back into civilizadoing so for the general welfare alone and are to receive no income from tion. the money invested. On the contraabout the street—it is a fine place to ry. If the patrenage is only sufficient grade the tows of the town. In sumfor half capacity of the building on

reasonable compensation and if the flies Looking down into the meadow tofarmers or others fail to store cotton to any appreciable extent on account of a favorable market the space could

Dear Mr. Mayor and Mr. Aldermen, we love "our side" of town, but we can't get up much civic enthusiasm, when every day, this street looms up before us like a big giant.

blowing bubbles into the air!-O. M.



The meetings will begin at eleven o'clock. It is very important that every eacher in the county attend one of these meetings. A very important question will be brought before the teachers at each of these meetings. We want your opinion and advice on

the measure to be presented. There will be only two other meetings besides this one Saturday. To receive credit on the Reading Circle work a teacher must attend all five of these meetings. I sincerely trust that every teacher will do the work required for the renewal of certifi-County second grade certificates will be given credit just as State

certificates. If there is any teacher "ho as yet has not attended one of these meetings, let him attend at any of the places mentioned above. Teachers

where they first enrolled.

RAY FUNDERBURK.

The city aldermen, in session last night, decided to release all soldiers who did not return until after May 1 from paying poll taxes.

Mr. T. J. W. Broom will be at the Junior hall, Roughedge, Friday night.



MAJOR W. C. HEATH

The members of the Melvin Deese post of the American Legion count Major Heath as one of their best friends, and as a token of their esteem, presented him with a handsome 17-jewel watch at their banquet Friday night. Major Heath, an exshowing his partiality.

MONROE HAS DISMAL SWAMP

so Bad Is One Particular Street That Stuck Up.

To the Editor of The Journal;-Noticing that our broad minded as he had not served in the army, istrator of his estate. Definite as-mayor invites critical discussions of which fact would remain a life long surance flas been given that the our alleys and streets, I have sharp-regret. After recounting the impor-amount will be paid in full or in part. ened my pencil for an essay on that

We live on a most wonderful city like appearance which leads us to the bow-wows. The broad paved street abruptly narrows down into a bypath of rocks over which we stumble, running into proavoid any debt stock to the amount of struding fences. As we travel west-ward we need rubber boots to plow

escapes from plunging head-forward by the broad avenue leading into

A few nights ago a merry, little assistance charged him four perfectly

the mer it is thickly dotted with cattle dividends to stock olders would be which furnish us with music

> day, I see one patiently standing among the tall dead weeds

We would like so much to be able to hold up our heads and feel that we were city folks too. But I wonder if am not just blowing bubbles-just



ADJUTANT HUDSON

Legion, saw service in France with some of the hardest fighting in which the American forces were engaged.

Subject: Soil building and fertilizer, township, on February 28,

UNION COUNTY VETERANS

Several Kinds of Spirits Run High Around Festal Board, and Sumptuons Banquet Follows Parade Around City.

Two hundred Union county men who saw service in the world war, members of Melvin Deese Post No. 27 of the American Legion, banqueted at the Hotel Joffre here Friday night, and spirits of several kinds ran high. At 8.05 the bugler sounded the drill call and the former doughboys "fell in," as they had been wore the do in the days when they wore the in," as they had been wont to The old familiar order. "Attention," was heard, followed by "Count Off." Then, headed by the Icemorice band, the boys marched through the principal streets of the city, singing the old army songs, and. no doubt, their minds reverted to the days when "shave tails" and ser-geants were deemed to be the most cantankerous creatures in existance

Back at the hotel after the hike, the ex-Sammies were ushered into the dining room. There, gazing from the table at each man, was a glass of the best looking punch ever brewed. But, oh boy, the smell. It was real inter-esting. Quite the most interesting thing a few of the fellows had met since the beginning of dry times. service man himself, is strong for the of the rare stuff were heard. But the soldier, and makes no bones about officers in charge said, "No." However, a few, who evidently had learned quite a few things in the army, made sly trips rearward and returned ONROF, HAS DISMAL SWAMP

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Capt. Gilliam Craig, 10 the Merry that he felt somewhat like an intruder father of the late Consul, and admintant part which Union county men It may be sometime, however, before had played in the winning of the war, the matter is finally settled. he declared that, "Nothing succeeds It begins attractively with a like success, and the man whom the people of the United States wish to

Often-times innocent travelers in of the exemption board, expressed his men should, and you come home victorious." Major W. C. Heath, official mascot

of the Melvin Deese Post, and formerly major in the old state guard, contrasted the heroism displayed by the American boys in France, with the heroism shown by the men of the pedoed. south in the war between the states, pointing out that the men who served of Consul McNeely, according to Mr. with such distinction in the past war Love, will be paid from money se-were descendents of the heroes of the cured by the sale of German prop-

tinguished service medal of tin to G. says Mr. Love, will be refered to a S. Lee, Jr. The cross of metal was gracefully tied with a blue string. following: "Gentlemen, we among us a hero tonight of whom you have not heard. Congress, however has at last recognized the merits Consul McNeely really lost his life of his distinguished services and has Some thought that he had lived until thrown the responsibility of present- the Egyptian coast was reached, and ing him with a medal on me. Our was there captured by the wild tribes. hero, ex-parleyvours, did not cross the The facts gathered by Mr. Love, howpond, but it was not his fault. If he ever, put an end to such ideas as had gained his heart's desire and been this. sent over. Congress has decided that he would have most assuredly won knock out blow to the talk that Conthe battle of cognac, single-handed sul McNeely being captured by the were treated from the time we arrivhave unflinchingly faced a barrage of a telegram from Second Lieutenant popping corks, and the most severe H. A. Churchward, of the British of communication of the western of the offensives of the Madamois- army, reporting the discovery and frontier, but also of his staff officer, elles. Therefore, it gives me pleasure burial of a body, which from a watch Lt. Stern, and the squadron and troop to present him with this honor. Mr. Lee replied that he thought Congress that of Consul McNeely. Upon diswould sooner or later recognize his covery the body was buried in a catrn Dragoons) who formed our covering merit, and honor him forthwith, so it of rocks, according to information in was not a surprise.

As the punch went down, the hilarity and good fellowship of the occaand other army French, formerly emthe Madamoiselles de belle France, were heard from every quarter of the

Hinde, whose subject as placed on the program read "duds," presented Maj. C. Heath' with a gold watch as a token of esteem from about forty members of the Post. He said:

speak for a few moments tonight on of Consul McNeely reads as follows: Melvin Deese Post of the American all our hearts. Now I'm on my feet

sives in the shape of a beating mech- PRICE RESIGNS AS CHAIRMAN OF THE WAR HAVE BANQUET anism that is so delicate, so true that it's easy for some one who knows the secret to set it off with a gentle pres sure of the hand. A delicate mechan-ism has however by the help of a number of the comrades been provided, all wound up and chained in place, and carefully covered in gold and velvet. We hate to bust the is a shell that despite repeated exwork again, for years we trust, as

well as ever. "You sir, are the Dud, and here's the mechanism the lads who love you Please don't explode until I get my

distance from you.' In addition to the members of the American Legion, the following guests were present: Mayor John C. Sikes, Major W. C. Heath, Charles Iceman, and the members of the exemption board, R. B. Redwine, Dr. S. A. Stevens, and B. C. Asheraft.

GERMANY IS TO PAY \$30,000 FOR DEATH OF NEY MCNEELEY

Attorney W. B. Love, Will Probably Be Successful In His Suit to Collect \$30,000 Damage for Estate of the Young Consul—Hitherto Unknown Facts Concerning Finding of Body in Far Away Arabia.

A claim for thirty thousand dollars damages against the German government for causing the death of the late Consul Robert Ney McNeely of extended a welcome to the members Mr. W. B. Love, on behalf of Mr. of the legion. Mayor Sikes declared W. R. McNeely of Jackson township, Mr. Love has been working on the

ase for several months, and has colected a great mass of evidence relaback to-day is the ex-soldier, for he tive to the discovery of the body of succeeds in his undertaking." the Union county man who was Hon. R. B. Redwine, who served as chaigen of the exemption board for Unich county during the war, expressed he appreciation at having been invited, to the occasion. "Two years with the British and American Conago," he said, "I little thought that suls at various cities in Egypt, and I should be present at each a meeting.

numerous British subjects. Furthermen had received the work of him-that a German submarine did self and colleagues. "You went like the deadly work, when an officer of a German undersea craft after he had been captured. sometime after the sinking of the vessel there was considerable discussion as to whether she had been tor-

The claim for damages in the death erty seized during the war by the Much merriment was afforded by Alien Property Custodian. All claims the presentation of an enormous dis- of the nature of the McNeely case, commissioner appointed for this purpose, and he will decide upon the The presentation was made by Archie justice of the claim, and the amount Fairley in words somewhat like the to be allowed. When the case will have be settled it is not known.

When the "Persia" was torpedoed here was some doubt as to whether

The information which gives the He would wild tribes of the coast is a copy of ed at El Dabaa, not only from Colonel and clothing, was later identified as the hands of Mr. Love. The burial of the body in rocks was made necessary by the nature of the coast sion went up. Cries of "On la, la," Later the Vice Consul of the American Legation at Alexandria, in comployed to good effect in hombarding pany with British officers, visited the coast for the purpose of recovering the body. The found, however, that beavy storm had in the meantime-Amidst this scene Major Hugh destroyed the rock calm and carried the body out to sea.

A cope of a letter addressed to Arthur Garrels, American Consul at Alexandria, Egypt, received by Mr Love, gives the following account of 'Comrades, it was my privilege to the efforts made to recover the body

Mr. Joe Hudson, Adjutant of the a sad subject, one however, close to "Dear Sir: I beg to report as follows "In accordance with your instrucagain and my subject. Duds, -not tions and in pursuance to arrangeclothes, my friends, but unexploded ments made with the British Military the Third Division, classed as one of shells. I propose to burst a 'dud' Authorities to exhume and to convey the few regular army outfits. He was here to-night, the explosion of which to Alexandria, the remains of the late in the infantry, and went through will be heard down at the denot, or I Consul New McNeely, assigned Ameram very much mistaken. A 'dud,' my '-n Consul at Aden, I left Alexan-friends, is as I have stated, an onex-drin on March 13th, 1916, at 9:05, ploded shell. It may contain bigh evels, "for El Daban on the coast of for El Dabas on the coast of He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J.

Hudson of Monroe.

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COUNTY COTTON ASSOCIATION

His Desire to Make Race for Sheriff, It Is Believed, Actuated His Retirement.

Mr. J. N. Price resigned Monday as chairman of the Union county cotton the association, and the directors of the shell, gentlemen, but thank God, this organization immediately elected Mr. T. J. W. Broom as his successor. Mr. plosions can be re-loaded and will Price resigned, it is understood, because he intends to enter the Democratic primary for the nomination of sheriff, and did not care to embroil the cotton association in partisan polhave prepared to explode you with. Itics in any way. He has headed the association since its organization in the early fall.

Mr. P. P. W. Plyler, who recently resigned as vice-president of the Bank of Union, was employed by the cotton association directors to sell stock in the proposed \$60,000 cotton warehouse to be erected at Monroe. He enters upon his duties at once. A site for the warehouse has already been secured. The lot lies near the railroad, and will adjoin the fertilizer warehouse which will be erected in a short time. The directors of the cotton association plan to build a warehouse with a storage capacity of between 6,000 and 8,000 bales. will be so constructed as to permit additions from time to time.

Several subscriptions for stock, ranging from \$100 to \$500, have already been pledged, and Mr. Plyler does not expect to experience any particular difficulty in disposing of the allotted \$60,000. State cotton association authorities believe the warehouses will return a 20 per cent annual dividend, and they point out that the erection of warehouses not only does the community a great deal of good, but returns a neat sum every year to the investors.

exhuming of the body. at El Dabaa, rail head, at 2:20, p. m., that afternoon, and were met at the station by Colonel T. M. C. Pitt, the officer commanding the lines of com-munication at El Dabaa, and his Staff Officer, Lieutenant Stern. After some consultation with Colonel Pitt, it was decided that our party was to proceed in armored motor cars the following to the spot some sixteen miles due west from El Dabaa, on the coast where the body had been discovered on February 5, 1916. Colonel Pitt also made arrangements for covering squadron of calvary to leave for the place to act as protection to the armored motor cars against the

"On our arrival at the indicated place of temporary burial, no traces of the body could be found. We renot been the mark of a German bul- a German submarine which sent the then telegraphed you the result of "Persia" to the bottom, resulting in my investigation, and again consulted the death of Consul McNeeley, and with Colonel Pitt. It was decided that 2nd Lieutenant H. A. Churcha German submarine did geant and patrol, had originally discovered the body, and buried should be recalled from Alexanderia, admitted that it was his sub-marine that fired the torpedo; this and that he should accompany us For personally to the coast.

"Our party again left El Dabaa on Thursday, March 16, 1916, at 5 a. m., in armored cars, similar measures being taken at that time. We arrived at the port on the coast some few hours later. Second Lt. Churchward pointed out to me the spot where he and his patrol sergeant had come the body. He showed me across where he obtained the stones to cover it, and called to my attention the very rocky character of the coast, and the practical impossibility of burying the body in the usual manner. No sign of the body or of the Cairn of stones, with which he had originally covered it remained.

"It is evident that the recent heavy storms on the coast had inundated the spot where the body was temporarily buried and carried away the body with the covering.

"Our party returned to El Brbaa and left for Alexandria again the afternoon of March 15, 1915, at 2 p. m.

"I feel that I cannot close this report without calling to your attention the extreme kindness with which we commanders of the One-Half London Yeomanry Regiment (Westminister parties. Very respectfully yours, S. Pickney Tuck, Jr., American Vice Consul, Alexandria. The report of Lt. Churchward, who

was a member of the party, follows:
"I, the undersigned, H. A. Churchward, Second Squadron, county

London Yeomanry, hereby certify and declare that on the 16th day of March 1915, in company with S. P. Tuck, Jr., American Vice Consul, Alexandria, E. F. Valenza of the Alexandrian Municipality, I visited the exact spot, some siveen sport due west of El Dabaa, where on February 5, 1916, in the company of Sergeant of the 1-2 County of Yeomanry I discovered and buried to the best of my ability a male body, later identified to be that of the late Consul Robert Ney McNeeley, assigned American Consul at Aden, and known to have been drowned on the 30th of December, 1915, on the P. and O. Steamship 'Persia,' and after identifying the exact spot, found no trace of the above mentioned body, or the cairn of stones, with which I covered the same. I further declare that