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COTTON STILL ON UP GRADE.

Sold in Raleigh Saturday at 11 3-16 Cents—About Half the Wake Crop Marketed.

Post, 14th: The Raleigh cotton market on yesterday made a new high price record for the season, the fleecy staple having closed at 11 3-16 cents per pound. The prices for the day ranged from 10 7/8 to 11 3-16.

The receipts for the day were 218 bales against 172 last year on this date. The prices last year were 7 5/8 to 7 15-16.

A prominent dealer expresses the opinion that about half of the Wake County crop has been marketed to date and that it is rather surprising that the sales are not even larger than they are. The considerable spurt in receipts yesterday, however, would indicate that the sales will be considerably more free now as the market holds up. The receipts until yesterday have held around about 150 bales per day, but on yesterday they ran to 218 bales.

The great bulk of the cotton now being held in the county is in the hands of the larger planters who are manifesting a disposition to take chances in seeing how high prices will finally range even at the risk of the chances for a sudden slump, for which, however, there is not now the slightest indication. In fact, the market is decidedly bullish. Experienced dealers are expressing the opinion that fourteen and fifteen cents is not at all improbable before spring. The opinion prevails that while the crop is not short of last year, the needs of the trade are so far in excess of the supply that much uneasiness is really felt in manufacturing circles.

Senator Smoot.

At the opening of Congress, the protests against the seating of Senator Smoot, of Utah, will be presented to the Senate, and probably petitions for his expulsion will be coming in all winter. There is very slight prospect that the demands will be heeded. The case of Brigham H. Roberts is not parallel, for there is

no proof that Smoot is or has been a polyamist. The charge brought against him by those who oppose his seating in the Senate is that as an apostle of the Mormon church he has assumed obligations and taken oaths which are incompatible with loyalty to the United States and proper performance of senatorial duties. Much hearsay testimony and not a little evidence taken in Utah courts years ago have been published in pamphlets by Smoot's opponents, but it is generally thought unlikely that the Senate will go into the matter. There are probably many oaths required by secret organizations and obligations demanded by some religious bodies which place some other objects of loyalty above the government. To decide upon such a question impartially would require a careful balancing of evidence and avoidance of all religious bias. Smoot's election is certainly a Mormon challenge which shows the growing political power of that sect; but since he was not defeated in the true American way, by political opposition before election, it is now probably impracticable to dislodge him. The most strenuous advocates of such a course would probably hesitate at some of the future consequences which such a precedent might involve.—The World To-day.

The Alliance in Martin County.

Just as we go to press we receive from Bro. T. B. Parker, written from Robersonville last Friday, the following brief note:


"A red letter day for the Alliance here to-day. Organized County Alliance with ten subs, composed of the best farmers. Officers: President, R. R. Revis; Vice-President, W. M. Green, Secretary-Treasurer, T. N. Reddick, Chaplain, H. Brown; Lecturer, W. S. Vick; Stewart, O. E. Smith; Door-keeper, L. A. Taylor; Assistant Door-keeper, Henry Smith. I go to Pitt to-morrow."

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