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SOUTH CAN FIX IT.

HON. ASHLEY HORNE TALKS ON COTTON SITUATION.

Calls on the Farmers to Stand Firm and not to be Whipped Out by Gamblers and Speculators in Cotton Who Feed on Them.

Will cotton go up or down? Is the crop to be larger or smaller next year? Will the farmers get together and hold? Will they stick? These and other interesting questions are uppermost in the cotton world now, and here comes a clarion call to the Southern cotton growers.

Mr. Ashley Horne, of Clayton, is a man who keeps thoroughly in touch with the cotton market, one who studies causes and crops, and one whose judgment is sound. As a farmer, a merchant, a banker, a manufacturer and a capitalist he is a success, and finding him in Raleigh a reporter of this paper "talked cotton" at him, and had the following interesting interview:

The reporter led off by asking him "What do you think will be the result of the great slump in cotton?"

To this Mr. Horne replied: "Oh, I can't tell. Nothing but time can solve such a grave problem. I fear the merchants, bankers and business men generally don't realize what may be the result of the sudden decline in cotton. It is sure to make money matters tight for awhile."

"Will the farmers hold the balance of the crop?"

"Yes, don't you see them lining up for the fight that is now on?"

"Can they do it?"

"Yes, sir, by the help of the merchants, bankers, newspapers and public sentiment."

"Do you think the South will be able to control the balance of the cotton crop?"

"Yes, sir."

"Why do you think so?"

"The small one and two horse farmers, who represent nearly half of the crop, have sold, paid their debts and are out of the shuffle, which will strengthen the price of the balance still unsold. It will not require any \$25 a bale to carry the balance of the crop from the fact many of them will need no assistance."

"Will the farmers stand together and put the cotton on the market slowly?"

"Yes. It has been demonstrated in the South for the last few years that our progress comes from agricultural prosperity, hence you see the whole South with its varied industries, manufacturers included, will stand together for a while at least to maintain our present progress. It would be a shame for them not to do it. We cannot take a step backwards because the gamblers and speculators seem to be determined to get the balance of the crop under its value."

"What do you think of the government report of December 3rd?"

"I think it a very full estimate."

"Were you surprised at the report?"

"Yes, I was surprised at its coming so late in the season after the government, and the authorities and experts making such efforts to get at the quantity. It could not have come at a better time for the people of the South because it gave the opportunity to the small farmers to sell their crops and have a lesser quantity left behind for us to control. Besides the bulk of it went to England and the continent, with high priced goods and high priced cotton, and the American spindles which have been standing idle for a year or two, with goods piled up in their mills at high priced cotton, therefore it would not be to their interest from a business standpoint to want cotton so extremely low."

"What do you think will be the ruling price for the balance of the crop?"

"Oh, I can't tell, this will depend on the combined action of

the South. I rather think 8 1/2 to 9c. in the near future, or as soon as the operators can catch their equilibrium and hold their caucuses and see the combination and determination of the farmers of the cotton belt. This will settle the price of the balance of the crop."

"What, with 12,162,000 bales?"

"Yes, sir. You take Hester's report of seven million bales for consumption ordinarily, and the famine conditions for the past two years, and the million bales that will be hid away in the woods, and the spindles that are standing idle and have not run in two years, and Roosevelt's prosperity, and if you don't mind you will have a scramble now at 10c. for cotton in August. Go back to your office and tell the people throughout our Southern land that the time has come for the farmers to stand together again for agricultural prosperity, and not to be whipped out by the gamblers and speculators who make their money by the labors of others."

"You failed to mention your views as to the acreage?"

"Well the train is coming and I haven't time but that is in the distance, and that will be determined by our action in managing the crop between now and planting time. I would recommend taking hold of the wolf that is at the door and this will settle the acreage question."

And Mr. Horne had gone with the train. Behind him he left much good advice, advice and reasoning that is worth pondering over for Mr. Horne is a man of sound judgment.—News and Observer 15th.

Brilliant Leap-Year Party.

Benson, Dec. 20.—One of the most beautiful and elaborate Leap Year receptions was given last Thursday night by Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Boykin, to Miss Virginia N. Neal, of Richmond, Va. The reception was at the lovely home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Boykin which was most artistically decorated, the color scheme being green and white. Those who were received in the parlors were Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Boykin, Mrs. Wm. A. Neal, of Richmond, Miss Virginia M. Neal, of Richmond, and Mr. D. Y. Cooper, Jr., of Henderson.

Numerous games were played, and then the guests were ushered into the dining-room by Mrs. Alonzo Parrish, of Benson, and Mrs. Wm. A. Neal, of Richmond, where many delicacies were served. Miss Virginia M. Neal, presided at the punch bowl. The event was one, the enjoyment of which will not be forgotten and its complete success proves Mrs. Boykin as one of the most accomplished and charming hostesses in Benson.

WANTED: 50 MEN AND WOMEN.

To Take Advantage of Special Offer Made by Hood Bros.

Hood Bros., the enterprising druggists, are advertising today for fifty men and women to take advantage of the special half price offer they are making on Dr. Howard's celebrated specific for the cure of constipation and dyspepsia, and get a fifty cent package at half-price, 25 cents.

So positive are they of the remarkable power of this specific to cure these diseases, as well as sick headaches and liver troubles, that they agree to refund the money to any customer whom this medicine does not quickly relieve and cure.

With Dr. Howard's specific at hand, you can eat what you want and have no fear of ill consequences. It strengthens the stomach, gives perfect digestion, regulates the bowels, creates an appetite, and makes life worth the living.

This is an unusual opportunity to obtain 60 doses of the best medicine ever made for half its regular price, with the personal guarantee of a well known business firm to refund the money if it does not give satisfaction.

CLAYTON NOTES.

Rev. J. W. Smith preached at Pine Level and Sardis Sunday.

Miss Gertie Lancaster spent last week with her aunt, Mrs. C. H. Ellis.

A number of the High School pupils and some of the teachers went to Raleigh Saturday.

We are glad to see Mr. Hubert Penny, who is home from Oak Ridge, to spend the holidays.

Mr. James R. Williamson, of near Archer, has accepted a position with Mr. D. H. McCullers for the year 1905.

We are grieved to learn of the death of Miss Nannie Belvin, which sad event occurred in Baltimore last Tuesday. Miss Belvin was a sister to Mrs. Chas. W. Horne.

Some very fine hogs have been killed here lately. The best one we have heard of was killed by Mr. W. I. Whitley, and at 10 months and 10 days old, weighed 347 pounds.

Pastor Blanchard preached one of his best sermons Sunday. We feel like some of his remarks will have the desired effect on those who make it a habit to take a little whiskey at Xmas.

We are indebted to Prof. D. L. Ellis, of the Clayton High School, for the excellent letters, or items of Clayton news, for the past four or five weeks, which have given credit to our "Nom de plume."

Many changes will be made in the commercial circles of our town after January first. It is also rumored that changes will be made in domestic circles. Well, if what we hear is true, it certainly looks like it ought to be satisfactory.

Clayton will not have hogs next year, the issue being put before the people in the shape of a petition, everybody was given a chance to vote for or against. The vote against hogs carried by a majority of seven. The law goes into effect after March 1st, 1905.

Hon. Ashley Horne is the recipient of a solid silver berry set, which gift was tendered him by the State Fair Association, of which he is President, as an expression of their appreciation of his noble services. Mr. Horne's speech of acceptance was a gem of oratory.

Prof. R. T. Cecil's business school here was a great success. The young men who attended are very much improved in penmanship. One man on entering the school, could not write his name, now he writes a first-class hand. Prof. Cecil has the praise and commendation of this community.

YELIR.

Allen-Williams.

The following invitation has been issued: Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Williams request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Leona Helen to Mr. Charles Nicholas Allen, Jr., Wednesday evening, December twenty-eight, nineteen hundred and four at 2 o'clock at the Baptist Church at Clayton, North Carolina.

A REMINDER TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

We have been sending THE HERALD to a number of subscribers who have not yet paid their subscriptions. We hereby remind them that the end of the year is drawing near and that we need the money due us. Please look at the label on your paper and if you owe us anything send it before January 1st. We want to straighten our books and get things in good shape by that time. Please send a check or money order at once.

MOTHERS, BE CAREFUL.

of the health of your children. Look out for Coughs, Colds, Croup and Whooping Cough. Stop them in time. One Minute Cough Cure is the best remedy. Harmless and pleasant. Sold by J. R. Ledbetter, Benson Drug Co., Hood Bros.

SMITH-WOOTEN.

Prominent North Carolinian and Charming Young Woman Wed at LaGrange.

LaGrange, Dec. 15.—The wedding of two popular and prominent young people here to-night at Grace Methodist Church was a social event of great importance and was witnessed by many friends.

This was the marriage of Miss Daisy Louise Wooten of this place, and Hon. Allen K. Smith, of Smithfield, two prominent and popular young people. The Methodist Church was elaborately decorated for the happy occasion, and the scene when the bridal party gathered was one most beautiful and artistic.

The musical features of the wedding were exquisite. Miss Lizzie Taylor rendered "Dreams of Love" and a quartette the "Bride's Chorus" the contribution of Miss Mabel Kennedy being "Love's Old Sweet Song." All these selections were greatly enjoyed. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. M. Johnson, of Greensboro.

The ushers were Messrs. E. B. Wooten and R. A. Creech. The attendants were Miss Betsy Green, of LaGrange, with Mr. R. M. Nowell, of Selma, Miss Lula Daniel, of Elm City, with Dr. N. T. Holland, of Smithfield, Miss Rowena Watson, of Wilson, with Mr. S. P. Wooten, of LaGrange, Miss Fanny Sutton, of LaGrange, with Mr. F. K. Broadhurst, of Smithfield, Miss Lalla Harper, of Wilson, with Mr. Shade Wooten, Jr., of LaGrange.

The bridesmaids were Mrs. W. A. Carter and Mrs. J. E. Wooten, of LaGrange, while the groom's best man was Hon. J. O. Ellington, of Smithfield.

The bride was exquisitely attired in white crepe de chene over white taffeta, and she carried a pretty bouquet of bride's roses. She is a lovely young woman and to-night her charms captured all. The bridesmaids were all pictures of beauty and were attired in white organdie, with bouquets of white carnations.

Many handsome wedding gifts were received by the popular couple, and after the wedding Mr. and Mrs. Smith were showered with congratulations and good wishes. They have gone to Jacksonville and points South on a wedding trip from which they will return to Smithfield.

The bride is a beautiful and accomplished young woman, the daughter of Mrs. J. S. Wooten. Her lovely manners and winning personality have given her many friends. The groom is one of the State's best citizens, being the president of the Bank of Smithfield and a solid business man. As State Senator from Johnston county he was an able representative and the many in North Carolina who know him will send best wishes to him upon his happy wedding to so charming a young lady.—News and Observer.

A Costly Mistake.

Blunders are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally life itself is the price of a mistake, but you'll never be wrong if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills for Dyspepsia, Dizziness, Headache, Liver or Bowel troubles. They are gentle yet thorough. 25c, at Hood Bros. Drug Store.

—Arthur Raiford, a young negro boy, about 19 years old, was found dead here Sunday morning at the corner of the house in which lives Henry Underwood, colored. He was subject to epileptic fits and it is supposed that during one of these fits Saturday night he fell and either was strangled or froze to death. When found he was lying on his face in a hole of water.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE TABLETS. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure.

E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

SELMA NEWS.

Mrs. J. A. Spiers went to Raleigh Tuesday.

Mr. M. A. Hooks, our cotton buyer, spent Sunday in Raleigh.

Mrs. R. B. Carrington and Mrs. W. H. Call spent Monday in Raleigh.

The machinery for the Cotton Mills has come and will be put in at once.

Mr. Hartwell V. Scarborough was in town Monday and left for his home in Murfreesboro Tuesday.

Mr. Sam Godwin, of the firm of Godwin, Futrell & Co., left Tuesday for the west to buy horses and mules for the Selma market.

Mr. John A. Narron, Mrs. Narron and Master John, Jr., were here Tuesday on their way to Raleigh—to see Santa-clause I guess.

Miss Annie R. Scarborough, of Murfreesboro, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. R. J. Noble, left for her home Tuesday morning.

All the teachers of our graded school will go away to spend Xmas. We have now two hundred and eighty-one white children of school age in this district.

The Methodist conference made Selma a station and returned to us Rev. J. O. Guthrie for which our people are much pleased. There will be services every Sunday at the Methodist church. Mr. Guthrie will also preach at Sanders Chapel.

Mr. Eugene Stephens, of Clayton, was before Squire John H. Parker Monday on the charge of cruelty to animals. Hon. Ed. S. Abell appeared for the defendant and Mr. Charles U. Harris appeared for the state. After hearing the evidence Squire Parker sent him on to court under a \$50.00 bond.

All of our young folks are returning to spend Xmas. Mr. A. M. Noble came in Saturday; Wm. Richardson, Jr., and Geo. D. Vick, Sunday; Miss Annie S. Noble and Robert P. Noble will come Wednesday and Friday; Miss Maggie Whitley will be here Friday and all the others Saturday and Sunday.

A great many of our State papers have copied my article about the factory to manufacture cotton duck for cotton bales. And several inquiries have been made in regard to it. It is now with the farmers as to whether it will be started or not. The largest stockholders say they are willing to put their money in it if the farmers will agree to use their product. Now why not use it? If used it will consume about one million bales of cotton. Let's all pull together.

The outlook for an advance in the price of cotton is not very promising. The Bears led by Theodore Price are doing their best to put it lower; and unless the farmers organize and refuse to sell they will succeed. Now the whole thing is with the farmers. Mr. Price and the Bears have sold futures and a time will come when they must deliver the cotton or pay the difference. Just suppose they can't buy the cotton to deliver. Prices will go up; and the Bulls are going to demand cotton when they know that the Bears have not the cotton—so it is the duty of the farmers to hold their cotton. It is a fight between the Bears and the farmers and the farmers ought to win. The Bear element broke Sully, the friend of the farmer, now let the farmer break the Bears, their enemy.

SENEC.

A Frightened Horse.

Running like mad down the street dumping the occupants, or a hundred other accidents, are every day occurrences. It behooves everybody to have a reliable Salve handy and there's none as good as Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Burns, Cuts, Sores, Eczema and Piles, disappear quickly under its soothing effect. 25c, at Hood Bros. Drug Store.

KENLY NEWS.

Mr. Claude Darden, of Falcon, is visiting relatives here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Edgerton made a business trip to Richmond Monday.

Mr. L. W. Richardson, of Selma, attended the Bazaar and Play here Friday night.

Mrs. Dora Gilbreth, of Smithfield, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. W. Darden, this week.

Dr. J. T. Justice moved into D. T. Perkins' new dwelling on Main street near the Academy, Monday.

Miss Nannie Liles, of Tarboro, who has been visiting friends here for several weeks, returned home Saturday.

Mr. Ashley Edgerton, of Princeton, spent Saturday and Sunday here with his brothers, J. T. and W. H. Edgerton.

There will be a Sunday school Christmas tree and entertainment at the Presbyterian church here Monday night Dec. 26th.

The Methodist Ladies Aid Society held a bazaar here last week, opening Thursday and closing Friday night. Although it was very disagreeable weather, there was a very good attendance each day and night. The bazaar was held in Mr. Henry Edgerton's new brick store. The room was very tastefully and beautifully decorated and lighted by gas lamps and Japanese lanterns. A nice dinner was served Friday and also supper served Friday night. The play entitled "The Last Look," was very creditably rendered in the Academy Hall and everybody enjoyed it. The Ladies Home Journal booth was admired by all. It was decorated with red and black and presided over by Mrs. H. F. Edgerton. The fruit and candy booth was very beautiful, being of green, red, white and blue. This booth was managed by Misses Eva High and Helen Pierce and Mrs. S. S. Earle. Many beautiful and some costly articles were displayed on the fancy work and notion booth. This was in charge of Miss Emma Matthews and Mrs. R. T. Renfrow. The net profit for the two days was about \$60.00.

Fight Will be Bitter.

Those who will persist in closing their ears against the continual recommendation of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, will have a long and bitter fight with their troubles, if not ended earlier by fatal termination. Read what T. K. Beall of Beall, Miss. has to say: "Last fall my wife had every symptom of consumption. She took Dr. King's New Discovery after every thing else had failed. Improvement came at once and four bottles entirely cured her. Guaranteed by Hood Bros. Druggists. Price 50c, and \$1.00. Trial Bottle free.

The Greensboro aldermen have adopted an ordinance making it a misdemeanor for the owner of a billiard or pool table to allow any game to be played where any money or property was staked, and a misdemeanor for those playing to wager anything on the result of the game.

Revolution Imminent.

A sure sign of approaching revolt and serious trouble in your system is nervousness, sleeplessness, or stomach upsets. Electric Bitters will quickly dismember the troublesome causes. It never fails to tone the stomach, regulate the Kidneys and Bowels, stimulate the Liver, and clarify the blood. Run down systems benefit particularly and all the usual attending aches vanish under its searching and thorough effectiveness. Electric Bitters is only 50c, and that is returned if it don't give perfect satisfaction Guaranteed by Hood Bros. Druggists.

—The fall session of Turlington Graded School will close today.