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PATTEN WINS WHEAT FIGHT.

May Wheat Deal Closes Without Fireworks. Impossible to Estimate The Profits Until Holdings Are Sold—Wheat King's firm Has large Accounts for Other Concerns—Close Followers Say He Has Made Vast Profits.

Chicago, May 29.—James A. Patten's wheat "deal," which has excited the attention of the world during the last six months, was concluded at noon today with no pyrotechnics or skyrocketing of prices. Contrary to the opinion of many brokers and traders, the veteran grain dealer allowed the "short" interests, both in Chicago and in the West to deliver their contract wheat to him at comparatively easy figures.

The closing price, \$1.34, remained solitary and alone on the boards of the pit and brokers' office during the closing session of the market. The figure was 1-4 cents below the high price of the option. Less than 100,000 bushels were sold to Patten today and the price never varied.

The scenes on the board of trade were distinctly dissimilar to the closing hours of former deals, or even an ordinary day in the exchange. Trade in other crops, which had a slight reaction over the prices of the last few days, furnished the only bit of interest to the hundreds of visitors who had gathered in the gallery hoping for a demonstration of some sort.

Mr. Patten's May wheat operations have extended over a period of about nine months. Little attention was paid to them, however, until a few months ago, when prices of grain began to mount higher than in many years. Mr. Patten steadfastly denied the existence of a corner, and declared that the shortage of wheat in the United States justified the higher prices. In the opinion of many traders of this city, Patten's view has been proved to be correct.

Huge profits have been made by the speculator in his operation. It is known that he bought wheat when it was quoted near the \$1 mark. His winnings are estimated from \$1,000,000 to \$4,000,000, while his brokerage partners and customers have been equally fortunate by following his lead. The losers are said to be mostly professional speculators, who fought the upward trend of prices since its movement skyward began months ago.

Sitting in front of the quotation board in his office, after the market closed today, Mr. Patten said:

"I have claimed there was no corner in May wheat, and I have proved it. Any time during the last few weeks I could have put the price to \$1.50, but I did not want to squeeze any one or make a fictitious price."

Cleveland Citizen Patents Typesetting Machine.

Shelby, May 28.—Rev. Baylus Cade well known throughout the State and now located at Boiling Springs, this county, claims to have solved the typesetting problem for the country weekly. He has secured a patent on a typesetting machine, modeled somewhat after the style of the regular linotype, which he claims will revolutionize typesetting and greatly reduce the cost thereof. He leaves this week for Philadelphia, having received several offers from parties North to build his machine. When complete these machines will be sold at \$500. The inventor is a practical newspaper man with a decided inventive turn of mind.—Charlotte Observer.

Women Who Are Envied.

Those attractive women who are lovely in face, form and temper are the envy of many, who might be like them. A weak, sickly woman will be nervous and irritable. Constipation or Kidney poisons show in pimples, blotches, skin eruptions and a wretched complexion. For all such Electric Bitters work wonders. They regulate Stomach, Liver and Kidneys, purify the blood; give strong nerves, bright eyes, pure breath, smooth, velvety skin, lovely complexion. Many charming women owe their health and beauty to them. 50c at Hood Bros.

She (romantically)—"All the world loves a lover." He—"Yes, but there are very few who delight in buying wedding presents for him.—Brooklyn Eagle.

FACES OLD PRISON TERM.

May Return to Prison He Escaped From 32 Years Ago.

Atlanta, May 31.—After 32 years of freedom, in which time he had regained a position of honor in his community, had married and raised a family, Walter H. Holcombe, now more than 70 years old, is in Fulton county jail, facing a return to convict life in a penitentiary—which at his age might mean death. Holcombe was charged with stealing a horse and sent to prison for 10 years, escaping after serving five years.

"I am innocent," he said today. "They said I stole a horse and the jury believed the flimsy evidence. A short time ago there came a longing to see my old home and my relatives again and so I determined to return and was warmly received until three men came to my home and told me the State wanted me, that my sentence was not ended and that there was \$50 reward for me. They brought me to Atlanta. I have not long to live, and I couldn't survive that five-year sentence."

THERE'S A DIFFERENCE.

Popular Elections and Their Effect Upon Congress.

Speaking of the people nominating United States Senators, have you noticed, during the tariff discussion, the difference in the attitudes of Senators responsible to the people and Senators responsible to the interests? And, in a larger way, have you noticed the different tone that prevails in the House of Representatives, which is responsible to the people, and the Senate, which as a body is not responsible to the people? Well, there's a reason for this difference. In the House there is a sentiment for real tariff revision—that is, revision downward; in the Senate there is every anxiety to keep the taxes on the shoulders of the consumer, while the owners of great fortunes and of tariff-created monopolies are relieved of their burden.

Here's the reason: The people can use their ax on the Congressman when he comes up for re-election; therefore he is somewhat amenable to their will. In most of the States the people have nothing to say, for good or ill, about the Senator when he comes up for re-election; consequently, he listens to the corporations who do have something to say about his re-election, for they control the legislature that elects him. In Congressional districts where the machine rules, the Congressman pleases the machine. But there are in the Senate a handful of Senators who are directly responsible to the people. That is, the people of their States have, by reason of a direct nominations law, taken the legislature out of the hands of the corporations, have reserved the right to nominate for the legislature's action the candidate for the United States Senate; that this people-made Senator, if you have noticed it, is very anxious to have the tariff revised in the way demanded by the people.

It is the voice of the people that is drawing the sharp line of demarcation now noticed between groups of public officials. The people are set on owning their legislatures and owning their United States Senators. In time they will own the United States Congress, both houses. To prevent the coming of that time, all the politicians, all the corporations and special interests, and all the newspapers which cater to these classes are whooping 'er up against primary reform.—Detroit News.

Ten Killed by Storm.

Oaklahoma City, Okla., May 29.—Ten persons were killed and probably a score injured in a tornado that wrecked the town of Key West, in Lincoln County, near here late today. The storm has wrecked other towns in its path and more are reported killed and injured.

Wires are down in the path of the storm and news is meager.

The storm swept on north and east and is said to have wrecked the town of Depew, in Creek County.

Twelve persons are said to have been killed and many injured. The storm came up without warning.

Only 10 per cent. of Japan's population may be classed as illiterate.

HOUSE PARTY AT SMITHFIELD.

Miss Pou, Daughter of Congressman Pou, Delightfully Entertains Friends.

Smithfield, N. C., June 1.—There is one swell time in progress at the hospitable home of Congressman and Mrs. Edward W. Pou. Their daughter, Miss Annie Irlie, has several of her friends with her in a house party. The guests are: Miss Annie R. Pemberton, of Fayetteville; Miss Fay Pierce, of Faison; Miss Hilda Way, of Waynesville; Miss Ruth Adams, of Four Oaks; Miss Blanche Williams, of Tarboro, Dr. Louis Adams, Mr. Jesse B. Adams, of Four Oaks; Messrs. Burke Haywood, Paul Pittinger and Howell Smith, of Raleigh.

The guests began to arrive last Thursday afternoon, and the "house party" started off in brilliant style that night with an entertainment in the handsome parlor and library, which were decorated and lighted for the occasion. The front porch and yards were lighted with Japanese lanterns. In addition to these making up the house party, there were present Miss Elizabeth Mayo and Miss Margaret Ward, who were here to participate in the Ward-Morgan nuptials next Wednesday; Misses Alice Lucretia Morgan, Carrie Hyman, Rosa Peacock, Annie Peacock, Katherine Woodall, Eula Hood, Annie McGuire, Lucy Hood, Ruth Young, Lucy Sanders, Amelia Myatt, Mildred Sanders, Ava Myatt, Erma Stevens, Ella Myatt, Mary Sanders, Alma Eason, Mattie Sanders, Lillie Watson, Flossie Abell, Elizabeth Blackwell, Mattie Pou; and Messrs. H. C. Hood, R. R. Holt, John C. Hood, Thos. W. Daniels, Jas. A. Campbell, Lee Sanders, R. P. Hyman, H. B. Eason, A. M. Noble, W. M. Grantham, Hubert Woodall, J. J. Broadhurst, F. H. Brooks and Mr. Winston and Mr. Ethridge, of Selma.

About 9:30 o'clock the guests were asked to find a partner and promenade to the hall, where they were helped to orange punch by Misses Lucretia Morgan and Annie Peacock. The game of the occasion was "Progressive Love," being conducted by Mrs. Hugh Landis Skinner, the winners being Mr. Hal C. Hood and Miss Fay Pierce, who were ushered into the parlor to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, and were immediately married by Parson (?) F. H. Brooks.

On Saturday afternoon the members of the house party were driven to the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Adams at Four Oaks, where they were entertained at supper.

To say that these boys and girls are having a nice time is putting it mild. The house is one of laughter and song from early morn to the wee hours of the night. Mrs. Pou is a grand hostess, and with her charming daughter, they are doing everything in their power to make the stay of the boys and girls most pleasant. The girls,—well they are a fine set, jolly, whole-souled and good-looking. The boys are a gentlemanly set of fellows, good natured and full of fun.—News and Observer.

Mrs. C. E. McCullers Dead.

The friends of Mrs. C. E. McCullers will be pained to learn of her death, which occurred at her residence, corner Hargett and Dawson streets, yesterday afternoon at six o'clock. She was in her fifty-first year and is survived by her husband two sons, Messrs W. E. and T. C. McCullers; three brothers, Messrs W. A., C. A. and J. M. Turner, and five sisters, Mrs. F. J. Tilley, Mrs. J. J. Young, Mrs. R. W. Wynne, Mrs. J. H. B. Tomlinson and Mrs. J. S. Johns.

The funeral service will be held in the Edenton Street Methodist church this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The following gentlemen will act as pallbearers: W. W. Wynne, W. E. Dewar, B. S. Dunn, J. E. Redford, Joseph G. Brown, and T. W. Lemay. The interment will be in Oakwood cemetery.—News and Observer, 2nd.

Her Intentions.

"Do you think your sister will marry me?"

"If you keep comin'."

"Have you heard her say anything about it?"

"I heard her tell ma that if you didn't stop comin' here so often she'd make things unpleasant for you."—Houston Post.

Turkey's Future.

The chief result of the campaign carried on by the Young Turks since 1878 to Europeanize Turkey has been the gradual conscious growth of an Ottoman people irrespective of original race or of difference of creed. The army that took Constantinople in April presented the usual spectacle of Moslem and Christian, Greek, Albanian, Bulgarian, and Turk, sleeping side by side in a common tent and camping in the same tents without quarreling. Such leaders as Chevet Pasha, Enver Bey, Ahmed Riza, and others are performing wonders in reconciling the Sheriat, or religious law of Moslem, with the modern European codes and raising economic and social interests to a level with Moslem religious zeal and Oriental military caste. They have already admitted a Greek and an American, both Christians, to the cabinet, for the first time in the history of Turkey. The parliament party lines freely cut across the lines of race and religious cleavage, and the utterance of the Young Turk leaders all repudiate any intention of exalting the Moslem at the expense of any of the various "Glaour" people under Turkish rule. The new empire, we are promised, will take stock of social, economic, and political forces as well as of religious and racial ones in its national life.

With the accession of Sultan Mahmud V., Turkey stands on the threshold of a new era. Whether or not the Young Turks will be able to organize and consolidate the entire Ottoman Empire on a constitutional basis will depend not only on the way they have met the test of an effective self-restrained military organization, but upon whether they will successfully meet the more difficult test of statesmanship required by the new order of things.—From "The Progress of the World," in the American Reviews for June.

Final Closing Exercises at T. G. S.

The final exercises of Turlington Graded school took place last Friday night with the exercises of the graduating class, the annual address, reading of honor rolls, promotions, etc.

The exercises were opened with prayer by Rev. T. H. Spence, pastor of the Presbyterian church. The class then began with the address of the President, Miss May Robinson Moore. She was followed by the class history by Miss Meta Earle Luncford. Next the class prophecy was read by Miss Addie Johnson. Mr. Mayo Bailey, class orator, spoke on the subject, "The call of Life." Each did well and elicited much applause from the large and appreciative audience.

Prof. Turlington then introduced Prof. M. C. S. Noble of the State University who delivered the annual address. His address was largely reminiscent, dwelling particularly on the newness of things. It was a good address and well received. Prof. Noble is a Johnston county man who has made good.

At the conclusion of Prof. Noble's address the next half hour was taken up in reading the lists of those not tardy during the term, present every day, honor rolls, promotions, etc.

The Essayist's medal given by Mr. T. J. Lassiter, of The Herald, was awarded to Miss Julia Canaday, daughter of Supt. of Schools, J. P. Canaday.

The ninth grade, through Prof. Turlington, then presented to their teacher, Miss Flossie Abell, a nice present showing their love and esteem for her. Rev. T. H. Spence, on behalf of the graduating class, presented to Prof. Turlington a handsome present. In a few appropriate and feeling words Prof. Turlington accepted the gift, thanking the class for this token of their esteem and good will.

At the conclusion of the concert on Thursday night the Reciter's medal was awarded to Miss Addie Johnson and the Declaimer's to Albert Coats.

The session just closed was one of the best in the history of the institution.

River Veteran Father of 23.

Dubuque, Ia., May 28.—Captain Kimbel, a riverman, aged 75 years, today became the father of his twenty-third child. His present wife, his fourth, is 19 years old. They were married a year ago.

A BRILLIANT MARRIAGE.

Miss Alice Lucretia Morgan Becomes The Bride of Mr. Edmund Ward.

At the Methodist church of this place Wednesday at high noon there was solemnized one of the prettiest weddings witnessed here in a number of years, when Mr. Edmund Farris Ward led to the Hymeneal altar Miss Alice Lucretia Morgan, and they were united in holy wedlock by Rev. J. Marvin Culbreth, the pastor.

Long before the appointed hour had arrived the church was filled with friends and admirers of the young couple, who were delightfully entertained by Miss Annie Irlie Pou, sweetly singing "Melody of Love."

Promptly at the hour set the ushers, Mr. Jesse B. Adams and Mr. Albert M. Noble proceeded down the centre aisle to the altar. Then came Miss Kate Estelle Woodall, maid of honor, wearing white lingerie dress, white picture hat and carrying white bride's roses, who was followed by Mrs. Frank K. Broadhurst, dame of honor, and sister of the bride, dressed in blue rajah silk, wearing black picture hat and carrying pink roses. Following came the bride gowned in white lingerie suit elaborately trimmed in baby Irish lace, wearing a white picture hat, trimmed with willow plume with pearl ornaments, and wearing a handsome diamond brooch, the gift of the groom, and carrying a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley tied with white chiffon, leaning on the arm of Mr. Frank K. Broadhurst, her brother-in-law, and proceeded to the altar, where she was met by the groom, who, with his best man, Mr. Archibald Ward, of Lumberton, brother of the groom, entered the church from the vestry-room.

The bridal party entered the church to the sweet strains of Lohengrin, artistically rendered by Miss Amelia Myatt, while the recessional was the famous Mendelssohn.

During the ceremony "Hearts and Flowers" was impressively rendered by Mr. J. A. Campbell on the violin, accompanied by Miss Amelia Myatt on the piano.

The church was beautifully decorated with ferns and palms.

After the wedding the bridal party repaired to the home of the bride's parents where luncheon was served, and the bride changed her wedding gown for a going-away suit of china blue chiffon cloth, with hat, gloves and shoes to match, and the bride and groom left on the 1:30 train over the Coast Line for Norfolk, where they take the Old Dominion steamer for Washington. After the adjournment of Congress Mr. and Mrs. Ward will return to Smithfield, where they will reside for a time with the parents of the bride.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julius A. Morgan, a young lady of rare beauty, attractive and of sweet disposition, and admired by all who know her. The groom is the oldest son of Mrs. Rebecca C. Ward, of Lumberton, who, after the death of her husband, married Gen. T. F. Toon, sometime State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Mr. Ward is a young man of fine appearance, high character, a graduate of Wake Forest and A. and M. College, and a lawyer by profession. He is at present acting secretary to Congressman Edward W. Pou.

The presents received by the happy young couple were numerous and handsome, in a small way attesting the esteem in which they are held, the most substantial being a check for one thousand dollars, given by the bride's father.

On Tuesday night before the wedding, Mr. and Mrs. Julius A. Morgan gave a delightful floating reception at their home, complimentary to the bridal party. The house was beautifully decorated with cut flowers, carnations predominating in the parlor and gift room, while sweet peas had full sway in the dining room. The guests were received at the front door by Mr. and Mrs. Harry P. Stevens and ushered to the parlor door where they were turned over to Miss Katie Estelle Woodall who introduced them to the bride and groom to be and the bridal party and escorted them to the gift-room. From here they were ushered to the vine-twined veranda where they were served with orange punch with cherries and bananas by Misses Elizabeth Mayo and Amelia Myatt. They then repaired to the dining room where they were served with ice cream and cake by

Misses Ione Abell and Ava Myatt, Mrs. Ed. S. Abell and Mrs. Hugh Landis Skinner assisted the hostess in serving the refreshments.

Out of town guests present to witness the marriage were Miss Margaret MacRackan Ward and Mr. Archibald Floyd Ward, of Lumberton, sister and brother of the groom; Miss Elizabeth Mayo, of Washington, and Miss Frances Ingram, of High Point, school friends of the bride; Miss Lila Broadhurst, Mr. J. C. Broadhurst and Mr. Chas. Broadhurst, of Goldsboro.

Why is the Sea Salt?

Sea water contains about 3½ per cent of sodium chloride and other salts. The evaporation of all the oceans would leave a mass of salt sufficient to cover the entire globe to the depth of 200 feet, and equal to the bulk, above sea level, of North America, or one-fourth that of the whole earth.

The theory that this enormous quantity of salt has been dissolved from continental rocks, and carried down to the sea by streams, is not tenable, because the salts found in solution of lime and only 7 per cent of chlorides, while common salt, or sodium chloride, constitutes 89 per cent of the salts of sea water. Moreover, the evaporation of inland seas which has taken place in central Asia has left saline deposits very different in composition from the salts of the ocean.

It appears, therefore, that salinity must be regarded as an original property of the ocean. Suess has advanced the theory that the salts now found in the sea have been ejected by volcanoes in early stages of the earth's formation. Even now every eruption increases the quantity of water vapor, carbonic acid, and compounds of chlorine and sulphur in the atmosphere, and these substances ultimately find their way to the ocean. After every eruption of Vesuvius the crater is covered with a gleaming white layer of common salt, and the volcanoes of South America eject enormous quantities of hydrochloric acid—estimated as 30 tons daily for the volcano of Purace, in Columbia.

This volcanic activity, now restricted to a few points of the earth's surface, must have been general in remote ages, before life appeared on the globe. The gases confined within the thin solid crust burst their bounds and found their way to the surface, bringing with them the millions of tons of chlorides which we find today in the oceans. Yet the transfer of these millions of tons is a relatively insignificant change, for on a terrestrial globe of a diameter equal to the average height of man (66½ inches), 1-16 inch would represent the greatest depth of the ocean, and the waters of the ocean contain only 3½ per cent of solids.—Cosmos.

Conference at Carter's Chapel.

The Baptist Ministers' and Laymen's Conference held the most successful session since its reorganization, a year ago, with Carter's Chapel church Friday night, Saturday and Sunday. There was a large crowd at each meeting. Then, too, every speaker—save one—was present and performed the part assigned him. There were some very fine addresses made and every speech was of high order. The conference left an impress upon the community that will bear fruit for months to come. During the conference three deacons were ordained and ten members received into the fellowship of the church.

Those who took part in the program were Rev. T. H. Thornton, of Clayton, Mr. J. M. Beaty, of Smith-Rev. O. R. Mangum, of Selma, Rev. W. C. Royal, of Micro, Rev. J. W. Nobles, of Kenly, Mr. J. T. Holt, of Wilson's Mills, and Rev. Worley Creech.

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He is oft the wisest man who is not wise at all.—Wordsworth.