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HOLD COTTON FOR FIFTEEN CENTS

French-English Syndicate Guarantees \$75,000,000 With Cotton As Collateral.—Estimate Of 12,500,000 Bales Reported By States.

Montgomery, Ala., Sept. 13.—Five hundred farmers and as many bankers, Congressmen, United States Senators and business men representing every cotton-growing State in America, declared in convention today that the farmer's cotton is worth 15 cents a pound, and resolved that the farmer should hold his cotton for that price. The resolution followed a committee report that the crop in America would be 12,500,000 bales. For financing the crop of this year, a resolution was adopted to the effect that the farmer should deposit his cotton in a warehouse and use his receipt as collateral until he could sell his production at not less than 15 cents. There was also a resolution that the several State Legislatures provide for bonded warehouses.

The meeting in Montgomery is to be followed by a similar convention in every Southern State, to be called by the Commissioner of Agriculture of each State. By these conventions the action of the congress is to be ratified and reinforced by further steps toward securing a better price for cotton.

It was Senator Smith who made the speech which decided the congress in its naming the price of cotton at 15 cents, for Congressman Heflin wanted to make the price 15 or 14 cents, with 14 cents as the minimum. Congressman Clayton in his speech declared his belief that within ten years the world would be using twenty-five or thirty million bales of American cotton.

President C. S. Barrett, of the Farmers' Educational and Co-Operative Union, delivered an address on co-operation. He denounced as baseless the reports of a bumper cotton crop; denied the charge that the Farmers' Union was a combine to hold up civilization, and asserted that there is a combination for the purpose of hammering down the price of cotton.

W. P. G. Harding, president of the First National bank of Birmingham, spoke on "Financing the Cotton Crop." During his speech he declared that the present crop could at best be only an average one. He advised agreement fixing a minimum price at which cotton should be sold but urged farmers to market their cotton slowly and gradually.

As to the result of a conference in Montgomery yesterday afternoon, President C. S. Barrett of the Farmers' Union announced today that a French-English syndicate has guaranteed any amount of money up to seventy-five million dollars to finance the South's cotton crop. The deal was made through a personal representative of the syndicate. The money is to be loaned at 6 per cent and the cotton is to be put up as collateral. Details of the plan are to be perfected by a committee to be composed of one Southern banker and two members of the Farmers' Union.

The estimate of this year's cotton crop, recommended by the committee on statistics, and adopted by the convention at the morning session, is approximately 12,500,000 bales.

MR. COBB TO PETERSBURG.

Goes There in Promotion to British-American Company.

Mr. J. N. Cobb, who has been with the American Tobacco company in this place, has been promoted to the Petersburg and enters the manufacturing end of the British-American.

Mr. Cobb, the bright-red-headed, very read-headed young man, has won a deserved advancement. Constitutionality blessed with the gift of a golden silence, he is making in every phase of the tobacco business that he has worked, a valuable man and everybody expects to see him continue to move up as long as there are steps on the ladder. —Durham Herald.

There were 194 business failures in the United States for the week ended September 7 against 164 for the previous week.

THE SUPERIOR COURT AT WORK.

Judge Peebles Presiding.—Those Selling Cigarettes to Minors Receiving Heavy Fines.—Three Murder Cases to Be Tried.

The September Term of Johnston County Superior Court convened Wednesday morning, with Hon. Robert B. Peebles, Judge Presiding. The following were chosen as grand jurors to whom Judge Peebles delivered a clear and forcible charge: W. A. Edwards, Foreman, Ashley Boykin, J. H. Edwards, Ralph Hill, J. E. Wall, W. C. Wilson, E. R. Hines, J. B. Smith, C. H. Hill, L. E. Creech, R. B. Barnes, Robert Johnson, J. D. Jeffreys, J. B. O'Neal, R. K. Daugherty, J. B. Davis, Preston Woodall, J. Daniel Stephenson. T. B. Wall was appointed officer in charge of the grand jury.

The following cases were then taken up and disposed of: State vs. Jim Ashford, Sci fa. Dismissed upon payment of costs.

State vs. Luther Howell. Wrecking train. Nol pros.

State vs. Jesse Eason. Cruelty to animals. Not guilty.

State vs. George McLamb. Larceny and receiving. Nol pros.

State vs. Preston Blackman. R. W. L. Nol pros.

State vs. Joe Clark. R. W. L. Not guilty, and prosecutor taxed with the costs.

State vs. Lon Pool. Selling cigarettes to minors. Guilty. Judgment reserved.

State vs. Appas David. Selling cigarettes to minors. Defendant pleads guilty. Fined \$250.00 and costs.

State vs. Selma Drug Company. Selling cigarettes to minors. Guilty. Fined \$500.00 and costs.

State vs. H. M. Hodges and Co. Selling cigarettes to minors. Fined \$250.00 and costs.

State vs. G. C. Deer. Obtaining marriage license fraudulently. Fined \$10.00 and costs.

State vs. Willie Richardson. L. and R. Guilty. Prayer for judgment.

State vs. William Henry Todd. House breaking. Guilty. Judge ordered that he be whipped by his grandmother, and upon this being done judgment was suspended.

True bills for murder were returned against Lonnie Blalock for the killing of Walter Watson; Joe W. Whitley for killing Preston Blackman; Jesse T. Jones for killing Jas. Hull; and Alex Jernigan for killing Albert Todd. The first of these cases to be tried is the Jernigan case which is set for Saturday morning. The Jones trial is set for Monday morning of next week, and that of Blalock for Tuesday morning.

NEGROES START THEIR SCHOOL ON SUNDAY.

Sometimes when a church lot is deeded to trustees certain people interested in the building of the church will offer prayers to God to bless the work. When a church is completed and paid for it is usually dedicated and prayer enters as a part of the ceremonies. Sometimes when a dwelling is erected the first thing done is an acknowledgment of the family's dependence upon God. All this seems fitting, but the first meeting held at the colored academy, near the depot, in Smithfield, seems to us like a bad start for a school. On a Sunday evening recently since the building has been framed several negroes met there and did some high class gambling. We forget now whether it was crap shooting or cards that were being played, but in one of the games Lewis Holden was successful over Robert Futrell and took the money. This so angered Robert Futrell that he drew a revolver and shot at Lewis Holden. He missed his mark, but was so frightened at the thought of having shot at a man that he departed for parts unknown. This was the first service held in the new building and it took place on Sunday.

Child Badly Hurt.

Last Saturday little Ila Lee, the two year old daughter of Mr. R. E. Lee, of Bentonsville township, found a bottle of carbolic acid, which was thought to be out of reach of all the children, and taking the stopper from the bottle, spilled the acid all over the front part of her body. This has caused her much pain and at last accounts she was not doing well.

THE NEWS IN BENSON

Benson, Sept. 14.—Mr. L. H. Johnson spent Sunday in Goldsboro.

Miss Mary Barber, of Four Oaks, is spending the week with her aunt, Mrs. Reaves, who lives near town.

Mr. Eli Cavanaugh and family, of Wilmington, have been visiting relatives near town for the last several days.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Boon and Misses Jim and Herman Boon went to Raleigh Tuesday in Mr. Boon's touring car.

Mrs. Martha Dixon, who has been visiting her son, Mr. J. G. Dixon, for a few days, returned to her home in Elevation Sunday.

Miss Mildred Harrington, of Aberdeen, after spending a few days with Miss Emily Canaday, left Wednesday for the State Normal of Greensboro.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Darden, of Clinton, have been spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Britt, of our city.

Quite a number of our citizens have been attending court at Smithfield this week, as witnesses, spectators, etc.

Mrs. L. E. Stevens, who has been visiting relatives at Lucama for several days, returned home Wednesday.

Mr. Stonewall Stewart, of Dunn, spent Sunday in town with his brother, Mr. Z. B. Stewart.

Miss Elsie McNabb, of Baltimore, visited Miss Leola Smith this week. She left Wednesday for Selma.

Messrs. Jas. and Herman Boon, who have splendid positions with drug companies at Wilmington and New Bern, respectively, spent a few days in town with their father, Mr. J. H. Boon, this week.

Mr. Joe Allen, who is in the United States Army, and has been stationed at Washington, D. C., has been spending some time in the city recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Syke Campbell, of Madison, and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Campbell, of Pittsburgh, Penn., spent Sunday with their sister, Mrs. Zeb Stewart.

Rev. Mr. King, of Raleigh, assisted by the pastor, Rev. E. J. Rodgers, is conducting a series of meetings at the Baptist church this week. Great interest is manifested and quite a number have decided to give their lives to God.

Of those who have left this week to attend college we note: Misses Julia Canaday and Mattie Smith, to the State Normal; and Messrs. Claud Canaday, H. D. Lambert and Jesse Turlington, to the University.

The Primitive Baptist Association meets this week at Bethesda church, 2 miles west of Benson. Quite a large number of people have already arrived to attend, and a very large crowd is expected.

Walter Norris, the 14 year old son of Mr. John Norris, who lives between Benson and Dunn, suffered a severe cut on his leg while riding a bicycle by running against the end of a fence rail Saturday night. Dr. Utley was called and rendered Medical aid.

Prof. Jas. Mehegan is here this week to organize a band. At the present he has about twenty-four members. Orders have been given for instruments and within a few weeks we hope to furnish splendid music.

We understand that Benson is to have another bank real soon, the charter having already been secured. The incorporators are Messrs. R. T. Surles, R. F. Smith, R. V. Cooper, J. L. Hall and Orus Matthews.

FARMERS' BULLETINS FREE.

If You Want One of These Mentioned Below Write to Congressman POU.

I have received from the Agricultural Department at Washington two hundred copies of each of the following Farmers' Bulletins: No. 369, "How to Destroy Rats;" No. 379, "Hog Cholera;" No. 383, "How to Destroy English Sparrows;" No. 411, "Feeding Hogs in the South;" No. 464, "The Eradication of Quackgrass." I will be glad to send a copy of any or all of the above bulletins to any one who may be interested in the same. In writing for any of these bulletins it will only be necessary to mention the number of the bulletin desired. EDWARD W. POU. Smithfield, N. C.

WENDELL HAPPENINGS

Wendell, Sept. 12.—Miss Clyde Daniels, of Wakefield, has been spending some days with the Misses Bullock.

Mr. Jack Todd had Dr. Allen to operate on his dog, which proved to be a success.

Miss Annie Owens' friends are glad to see her back from Durham, Oxford and other points of interest. We are glad to see J. E. May out again.

We are glad to see Mr. Harris Price out again and planning to go off on the train to take a job making tobacco hogheads at Zebulon.

It is very sad to look in the papers and see so many people killing themselves, as well as one another.

It is with much pleasure to the relatives and friends of Rev. W. C. Nowell to see him and wife back home in Wendell, after a long and extensive trip this summer among churches and friends of years ago.

We learn that Rev. J. W. Nobles, of Wendell, filled the pulpit at Selma for Rev. T. H. King last Sunday.

Some of our farmers say more than one-half of the cotton crop is now open.

Tobacco is coming on our market very rapidly and the opening sale seems to be very satisfactory so far as we have heard. The merchants are very busy hauling all kinds of merchandise in and out.

Friends and relatives of Mr. N. A. Parker are glad to see him on our streets after being away for a few weeks on business, at his old home in Randolph county.

It was said by some of the members of the Wendell Baptist church that Rev. T. H. King had the largest crowd at church that had been there before, on last Sunday night, and his text was on the "Busy World for Money—a Man Buying Land; the Man Buying Oxen; and the Man Married a Wife, and no Time to Serve God."

Rev. Thos. H. King, of Smithfield, assisting the pastor, Rev. J. W. Noble, in a series of meetings at Wendell Baptist church, was a guest of Mr. J. C. Collins at the Hotel, on Thursday night, September 7th, and was delightfully entertained before services by Mr. M. C. Todd, Misses Mattie Mattox, Julie Todd and Julia Nowell; and after services several more of the leading young people and their visiting friends, Misses Stella and Florence Fitzgerald, of Selma; Miss Clyde Daniels, of Zebulon; Mr. Tyre C. Bailey, of Kenly; Misses Jessie White, Annie Lee Bullock; Messrs. Geo. Roland, H. P. Hester and J. T. Allen, of Wendell. Both vocal and instrumental music was rendered very beautifully by Misses Pluma and Annie Owens, Mattie Mattox and Pauline Griffin.

The party was ably assisted by Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Morris and Dr. J. L. Moore. Such parties as we have and the way they are carried out is uplifting to any town or community. We are proud of our leading young people and their way of entertaining visitors.

HITCHED HIS WIFE TO PLOW.

Ohian Confesses And Gets 90 Days In Workhouse.

Lisbon, Ohio, Sept. 9.—Jacob Zimmerman, of Wellsville, Ohio, today pleaded guilty in the Probate Court here to a charge of hitching his wife to a plow and beating her because she failed to pull it. Zimmerman sought the mercy of the court, but was sentenced to 90 days in the workhouse.

Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., was found guilty of murder in the first degree at Chesterfield Courthouse, Va., Friday.

The jury was out fifty-eight minutes. The penalty is electrocution. Judge Watson sentenced Beattie to be electrocuted at Richmond, Va., November 24th.

The government report on the condition of crops for August shows only a slight improvement over a month ago.

The numbers of women in the United States who smoke tobacco in some form or other is estimated at 2,000,000.

PRETTY HOME WEDDING.

Miss Mary Peterson, of Raleigh, Becomes the Bride of Mr. Sanders, of Smithfield.

There was a pretty home wedding solemnized at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Dobbin yesterday morning at 11 o'clock, when Miss Mary Peterson, Mrs. Dobbin's niece, became the bride of Mr. De Berniere Hooper Sanders, of Smithfield, the vows being taken before Rev. Father Griffin, pastor of the Church of the Sacred Heart, in the presence of a number of friends.

The decorations for the occasion consisted of golden rod in the parlor and hall, suggestive of the approaching autumnal season, while about the nuptial altar were numerous lighted candles, shedding a soft glow about the room and forming a beautiful background for the wedding ceremony, which was said in a most impressive manner, being that of the Catholic church.

The bride was handsomely gowned in white chiffon, with a wedding veil, her bouquet being of bride's roses and lilies of the valley.

Miss Dee Duncan, of Raleigh, who was maid of honor, was attired in a gown of white lace and carried bride's roses. The ribbon-bearers were Miss Ethel Wynne and Miss Helen Briggs, who formed an aisle through which the bridal party passed to the altar. These young ladies were attired in white lingerie dresses.

The groom was attended by his best man, his brother, Mr. Robert Sanders, of Smithfield, and the bride was given away by Mr. Dobbin, her uncle.

The groom is a well-known and highly esteemed farmer of his section, while the bride was originally from Smithfield, but for the past few years has made her home with her aunt, Mrs. Dobbin. She is well known and has a large circle of friends and acquaintances in Raleigh, who wish her much happiness.—News and Observer, 13th.

NORTH CAROLINA COTTON.

Commissioner Graham Estimates the Crop for 1911 At 650,000 Bales.

Maj. W. A. Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture, has made public the estimate of the cotton crop of North Carolina for 1911, as follows:

"Estimate of the North Carolina cotton crop for 1911, made by the State Department of Agriculture, upon reports made by delegates to the Farmers' Convention at Raleigh, August 29, 1911, ult., and correspondence with counties not reporting, 650,000 bales. Reports since the session of the convention have add declined."

SHE IS A GRANDMOTHER AT 29.

Case of Mrs. E. W. Bender Is Considered Remarkable.

Atlanta, Ga., September 10.—A grandmother of two children at the age of twenty-nine, and of three at thirty years, is the record of Mrs. E. W. Bender, of this city. It is claimed that Mrs. Bender is the youngest grandmother on record, and her case one of the most remarkable outside of tropical countries.

Mrs. Bender, who is thirty-one years old, was born in 1880 in South Carolina. She was married to E. W. Moore at Columbia, S. C., in 1892. She was only thirteen years and three months old when her first child was born. This child, a daughter, was married in 1909 to Edward Sinclair, and in January, 1910, gave birth to twins, the mother being barely sixteen and the grandmother not yet thirty.

In January of this year Mrs. Bender's daughter gave birth to another child, the third of Mrs. Bender's grandchildren.

Mr. Moore died when Mrs. Sinclair was an infant. Later his widow married E. W. Bender, and that union has been blessed by several children. Physicians claim it is rare in this part of the world that a woman becomes a grandmother even in the early thirties.

Building operations gained 11 per cent in August as compared with the corresponding month last year. Philadelphia led in the number of permits, with Los Angeles second and Chicago third.

STATE OF MAINE WILL DRY REMAIN

Small Majority Against Repeal of Prohibition. Day Full of Surprises. Latest Figures Show 335 Majority.

Portland, Me., Sept. 12.—After a day of almost constant surprises, during which the result was many times hanging in the balance. It appeared tonight on the face of official returns from town and city clerks in all but 196 towns and plantations that prohibition had won in the special election of yesterday by 465 votes. Most of the towns yet to be heard from have been unofficially reported with small majorities favoring retention of the prohibitory amendment in the constitution and any change in the vote of these places is likely to help the prohibitionists.

In addition to the 465 majority shown by the clerks' returns, there are 50 more "dry" votes known to exist in Portland, which are not included in the city clerk's report because of an admitted error. If necessary the anti-repealers will petition for a recount.

The change from an apparent victory for the "wet" side by 700 votes, to 500 votes in favor of the "drys" came as a big surprise. The prohibitionists had practically conceded defeat, while reports of those who sought repeal had sent out numerous statements on the strength of their apparent safe majority.

Of the other referendum questions before the people yesterday, that proposing to make Augusta forever the capital of the State and that favoring the direct primaries act were carried by large majorities, according to returns at hand to-night.

Mrs. L. M. Stevens, president of the National W. C. T. U., made the following statement to-night:

"On September 9 England cabled: 'Hold the fort, the world watches.'"

"We have held the fort against the terrible assaults of the united forces of the liquor-makers, liquor-sellers and their allies, and the world will rejoice."

"The remarkable campaign just closed has revealed that there is world-wide interest, not only in total abstinence, but in prohibition and the day of final overthrow of the liquor traffic has been hastened."

Portland, Me., Sept. 13.—Reports received by the Associated Press at 6 o'clock tonight from all of the 521 cities, towns and plantations, a large majority of the returns having been revised by mail returns from the city and town clerks, indicates a majority against repeal of 335 votes—that is, for the continued existence of the prohibition amendment in the State's Constitution.

MAN KILLED AT CLAYTON.

Mr. Marvin Williamson Killed Instantly at Planing Mill.

The news of the death of Mr. Marvin Williamson was received at The Times' office to-day by a telephone message. The message stated that early this morning Mr. Williamson was working at a planing mill at Clayton, and, in some way, a plank was caught in some part of the machinery. When he went to remove the plank, the machine started and threw the plank out, striking him in the side, causing an injury from which he died immediately. Physicians were called in hurriedly and did what they could, but death resulted in a very few minutes.—Raleigh Times, 8th.

SALARY TOO HIGH, SAYS PASTOR

Resigns \$2,000-A-Year Pulpit To Accept \$1,800.

Cape Girardeau, Mo., Sept. 12.—Eugene F. Abbott, of the First Presbyterian Church here, resigned to-day, giving as one reason that his salary of \$2,000 a year was excessive considering the amount appropriated in charitable and other church work.

He has accepted a call to a church at Fulton, Mo., where his salary will be \$1,800 a year.

The price of refined sugar was advanced ten points in New York Friday.