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THE WAKE COUNTY FARMER'S MEETING

MUCH BUSINESS IS TRANSACTED AND SOME IMPORTANT RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

HAD A SMALL ATTENDANCE

The Convention Scored The Method of Reporting Sales in The Cotton Market.—The Farmers Advised and Urged Not To Sell Cotton Seed.

Raleigh.—Wake County Farmers' Convention met in regular session in the court house and besides transacting the regular routine business passed some important resolutions relative to the work of the convention.

The resolution in question scores the method of reporting the delivery sales in the various cotton markets and the same as being unfair. The convention also urged the farmers not to sell their cotton seed to the oil mills while the present insufficient prices prevail. It is claimed the prices now do not even pay for fertilizer value.

The convention was called to order by President J. M. Templeton, of Cary. It was a postponed one and there was not a very large attendance on account of the condition of the roads. The officers of the convention are: President, J. M. Templeton; Vice-president, C. N. Newcomb; secretary-treasurer, T. Ivey; executive committee, L. J. Atkins, W. G. Crowder and P. H. Mangum.

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Baptist Sunday School Institutes.

Baptist State Sunday School Secretary E. L. Middleton of Raleigh has about completed the arrangements for a series of Sunday school institutes that will run right along each week from now until June 1, the first one being at Sanford. There will be at least one institute for each association throughout the state before the year is out. Those already arranged to take place before June 1 are to include Red Springs, Witserville and Wilmington. And Mr. Middleton is to be assisted in this work by Rev. Hight C. Moore, editor of The Biblical Recorder; L. E. M. Dreeman, J. H. Highsmith, N. B. Broughton and others.

Authorizes Exchange of Courts.

An exchange of courts is authorized by Governor Kitchin between Judge M. H. Justice and Judge H. A. Foushee so that Judge Justice will hold Rutherford court, beginning February 5; Burke county, March 11; and Yancey court beginning March 25. Judge Foushee will hold Craven court beginning February 5, February 12; Carteret court, beginning March 11; Pitt court, beginning March 18; and Jones court, beginning April 1.

Has Ordered Release of Hodgin.

Judge Cook ordered the release of Ed Hodgin upon bail of \$1,500 for his appearance at the February term of superior court. Hodgin has been in jail for more than a month upon a grand jury indictment charging the murder of John Love near Jamestown last October, and his release was the result of habeas corpus proceedings instituted by his counsel.

Members of Crew Clinging to Masts.
Six or seven men of the crew of an unidentified schooner which was wrecked on Diamond Shoals, are clinging to masts and rigging of their sunken vessel while life savers and revenue cutters are making frantic efforts to rescue them.

Electric Chair For Negro.

The jury in the case of Will Logan, colored, who was charged with the robbery and murder of Fred Hendrickson, at Blawett Falls, some time ago, brought in a verdict of murder. Unless Judge Whedbee sets the verdict aside or some commutation is made by the governor, Logan will suffer death in the electric chair. The case of Thomas Flake, charged with the shooting of Sam Smith at Lilesville last October was called and the defendant pleaded guilty to manslaughter and was sentenced to 10 years.

MAY LOSE THE NORFOLK LINE

Charlotte Must Wake Up—Should Adhere to The Request for Terminal Sites in This City.

Charlotte.—Charlotte stand a very good chance to lose the annexation of the Norfolk Southern. This is what Mr. W. S. Alexander, chairman of the special committee from the Greater Charlotte Club, has to say about it and he speaks not to unduly alarm, but duly to interest the people and the business interests of Charlotte in the opportunity. "The Norfolk Southern has not determined to come to Charlotte," says Mr. Alexander. "It can get its line to Knoxville, Tenn., more directly by leaving Charlotte out, but its directors would like to get a local connection. They think that the people of Charlotte should furnish terminal sites if they go to the additional expense of building a line from Concord to this city. As I understand their plans, it is the aim of the directors to build from Raleigh to Concord, to connect with Rutherford and then directly run to Knoxville, Tenn. The building of a road to Charlotte means that the additional distance between Concord and Charlotte must be covered whereas the more direct route would be from Concord to Rutherford.

"I am still hopeful that the business interests of Charlotte will respond to the call for subscriptions. We hardly expect to raise the full amount that will be necessary to procure the terminal sites that are desired, but we do want to be in a position to confront the directors of the road with a respectable donation as an evidence of the public interest in the enterprise."

Forsyth County Needs Road Bonds.

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An Attempted Jail Delivery.

The prompt action and forethought of Jailer John Branch of Wilmington and the ready assistance offered him by one of the negro prisoners are all that prevented the probable escape of twenty-five men confined in the county jail awaiting trial in superior court. Jailer Branch suffered no injuries other than some painful bruises and scratches. Robert Hennigan, a big negro, held on a charge of store-breaking, was the leader in the attempted delivery.

Elkin and Alleghany Railroad.

The work of building the Elkin and Alleghany Railroad is proceeding and would have made greater headway had not the weather been bad. Some three miles of the road bed at the upper end is to be surfaced and the weather continues so cold that this work has been suspended during the cold frozen weather. A tariff schedule has been made out and adopted by the state corporation commission. We understand the passenger rate will be three cents the mile this rate is admissible under the law for short lines.

Will Try and Get Another Bond Issue.

The chamber of commerce of Greensboro has begun agitation of another bond issue for street improvement, the amount desired being \$100,000. At present the priority assessment will not permit of this issue and it is hoped by the bond promoters that the next assessment of property will show sufficient increase of taxable wealth as to legalize a bond issue for the \$100,000. At present only \$50,000 could be issued were the people to vote for it.

Judge Makes Interesting Decision.

In connection with a bankruptcy case, Judge James E. Boyd at Asheville, made a decision of vital interest. It was that partners should not be allowed a personal property exemption of \$500 out of the partnership property until the debts of the partnership had been paid. He held that the partnership is an entity, and would not come under the exemption provision of the state constitution. The ruling is all the more interesting because Supreme Court of North Carolina has rendered a contrary decision.

CUMMINS ANOTHER G. O. P. CANDIDATE

ANNOUNCEMENT FOR PRESIDENTY BY IOWA SENATOR CAUSES FUROR.

PROGRESSIVES FIGHT TAFT

Fight in Republican Party for Presidential Nomination Complicated by To Incidents.

Washington.—The fight in the Republican party for the presidential nomination was complicated by two incidents that caused a great deal of excitement among the national legislators and politicians. The first was a story from Denver, saying that J. S. Temple, a leading Progressive Re-

publican of Denver, had received a letter from Gifford Pinchot, saying a working agreement has been made between the supporters of Roosevelt and LaFollette, with the idea of concentrating Progressive strength in the Republican national convention to bring about the defeat of President Taft for renomination.



ALBERT B. CUMMINS, United States Senator from Iowa.

The plan, as set forth, is for a meeting of Progressive delegates to the national convention to be held several days before the convention, and there determine which of the two, Roosevelt or LaFollette, will have the stronger support, and place the stronger in the field for nomination for presidential candidate.

The second was the formal announcement of the candidacy of Senator Albert B. Cummins of Iowa in a statement in which he says that, if the Republicans of Iowa believe him a fit man to urge before the Chicago convention, he will accept their decision.

The formal announcement by Senator Cummins is regarded here by many politicians as a part of the Progressive plan to hold in line, either for Roosevelt or some other candidate, states where it is apparent that Senator LaFollette has not been able to swing things his way.

On this theory, it would not surprise Republicans here if some other favorite sons of a Progressive character are trotted out in other states.

CENTRAL BUREAU OPPOSED

Cotton Exchanges of South Do Not Like Liverpool Plan.

New Orleans, La.—The New Orleans cotton exchange, through its president, E. J. Glenny, issued a very strong appeal in the form of a letter addressed to bankers, shippers and others interested to renew the fight against the bureau for the validation of cotton bills of lading which grew out of the Liverpool conference last year. The letter of President Glenny is of especial interest at this time, because of the conference on the central bureau plan which is to be held at Memphis on the request of the Liverpool leaders in the movement to establish the bureau.

New Orleans will have three strong representatives at the Memphis conference to oppose the plan in Mr. Glenny, W. B. Thompson, former president of the New Orleans cotton exchange, and Sol Wexler.

Over-Sea Railroad Opened.

Key West, Fla.—Monday was the greatest in the history of Key West—the opening of the over-the-sea railroad to passenger traffic. The over-sea road is one of the costliest railroads ever constructed. Work on the over-sea extension of the Florida East Coast railway was begun from Homestead in 1904. Four years were required to construct this extension to Knight's Key. Four more years of strenuous labor were required to complete the road to Key West, only 46 miles.

HERE'S A REASON



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ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY

PRESIDENT MAKES RADICAL PROPOSALS IN A MESSAGE TO CONGRESS.

Says That Government Affairs Are Not Being Properly Looked After.

Washington.—How the people of the United States may have saved for themselves millions of dollars annually in the operation of their governmental machinery was outlined by President Taft in a message to congress on "economy and efficiency in the government service."

"What the government does with nearly \$1,000,000,000 each year," said the president, "is as of as much concern to the average citizen as is the manner of obtaining this amount of money for the public use."

Probably the most radical proposal advanced by the president in the message was that all administrative officers of the government in the departments at Washington and in the field be put under the civil service; be removed from the influence of politics and that their terms of office be not limited, as at present, to four years. Such officers should not be appointed by the president with the necessity of senate confirmation, he said, but upon merit.

The president did not attempt to explain in detail the work of the economy and efficiency commission created by act of congress a year and a half ago. He sketched the outlines of improvements that he said could be made in government service; declared that they would effect a saving of many millions of dollars and asked that congress continue the commission by granting an appropriation of \$200,000 with \$50,000 for printing its reports. From time to time, he added, reports of the commission proposing particular reforms would be sent to congress.

To date the president said, the commission has cost the people about \$130,000. Without having put in effect more than a few reforms it has suggested changes that will save \$2,000,000.

DEMOCRAT LEADS SENATE

And That Democrat Augustus O. Bacon of Georgia.

Washington.—The sight of a Democrat presiding over the deliberations of a Republican senate probably will be a common sight during the remainder of the present session. This peculiar situation was virtually insured when Senator Gallinger announced that he would not at this time press his motion for the election of a president pro-tempore of the senate. He is the candidate of the regular Republicans for the place, but the Democrats in coalition with the Insurgent Republicans have supported Senator Bacon and there has been a long deadlock. Therefore Senator Bacon has been occupying the chair during the absence of Vice President Sherman. He directed the senate for three days during the vice president's recent absence in New York.

Wreck Kills 4; Injures 100.

Louisville, Ky.—Four trainmen are dead and two perhaps fatally injured as the result of a head-on collision at Long Run, eighteen miles east of here, between an inbound Louisville and Nashville passenger train and a Chesapeake and Ohio train of empty cars. Practically all passengers on the Louisville and Nashville train were more or less injured. Both engines exploded, according to passengers, bits of the wreckage falling on the roofs of the coaches and terrorizing the passengers.

WILL DEVELOP DAIRYING

Southern Railway Will Send Dairy Demonstration Car Over Its Entire System.

Washington, D. C.—Realizing the need of the South for more and better dairies and the large profits which can be made in that favorable region by dairymen who will fill the great demand of the cities for dairy products, President Finley of the Southern Railway company, following the custom of that company in furthering in every way the growth and development of its territory, has equipped a special dairy car, which beginning the first of February, 1912, will be run over the length and breadth of this great system, spreading the doctrine of more and better cows and, by means of lectures, demonstrations and exhibits, doing everything possible to develop and improve the dairy industry along its lines in the Southeastern states.

This dairy special will be under the direct supervision of Dr. C. M. Morgan of Washington, D. C., the Southern railway's dairy agent. Doctor Morgan will be assisted by two regular dairymen in conducting the work, and from time to time the car will be occupied by dairy experts from the United States department of agriculture, the state boards of agriculture and from the agricultural stations of the various states along the Southern railway.

The dairy special is fitted up with a complete farm dairy, every piece of machinery and apparatus necessary to the economical production of milk, cream and butter having been installed under the direction of Doctor Morgan. There will be a separator, testers, churns, sterilizer, Pasteurizing apparatus and exhibits of various kinds of improved machinery for dairying. On the walls of the car will be charts and large views dealing with dairy subjects, showing the fundamental principles of breeding dairy types, feeding animals, the care of dairy cattle and pictures of famous animals in the dairy world. No feature has been omitted for instruction in better dairying.

REGULATE COTTON DELIVERY

Proposed Legislation Would Help the Farmers in Delivering.

Washington.—Senator Hoke Smith and Representative Bartlett, both of Georgia, are working on what they believe to be a brand new plan for helping the cotton farmers of the South, through the regulation of the New York Cotton exchange. They propose to introduce a bill in congress, and press for its passage, requiring the exchange to deliver the same grade of cotton that is sold on future contracts in the exchange.

The Georgians believe congress has the power to enact legislation denying the cotton exchange and its members the use of the United States mail if they persist in selling one grade of cotton. Moreover, they believe it possible for congress to enact legislation that will also deny them the use of the telegraph wires for transmission of their business on the same basis.

Freeze Kills Texas Orange Trees.

Houston, Texas.—Nurserymen attending the Texas Land Exposition, which is being held here, say that young citrus fruit stock in Texas was killed by the recent cold weather, while the more mature—more than a year's growth—was but slightly damaged. The damage was far less than expected, they say. The permanence of the orange industry in Texas has been successfully demonstrated in the recent cold weather, the nurserymen declare.

RELEASE PAPERS GIVEN TO MORSE

SENTENCE OF NEW YORK BANKER COMMUTED TO PRESENT SERVICE BY PRESIDENT.

HE IS GLAD TO BE FREE

Mrs. Morse Brings Release Papers From Washington, Acting as Government's Agent.

Atlanta.—Suffering from incurable disease, and his death a matter of a few months, in all probability, Charles W. Morse, New York financier, who has served two years of a sentence of fifteen years in the Federal prison for violation of the national banking laws, is now a free man.

Messages were received in Atlanta, announcing that President Taft had commuted the sentence of the prisoner to present service. The official notification was received by the warden, and by him taken to the bedside of Morse, at the post hospital at Fort McPherson, where he has been an inmate for several months on account of the condition of his health.

"I am glad to be a free man again," was the only comment made by the prisoner, when informed by Major Baker, the post surgeon, of the action of the president. It was uttered in a weak voice, which carried little or no relation, for the bed-ridden banker realized that no mortal authority could release him from the clutches of his disease.

Warden Moyer, who has been Morse's jailer at the Federal penitentiary since January 3, 1910, formally released the former banker. At the same time he turned over to him the sum of \$84 and a number of small trinkets in his possession at the time he surrendered his liberty.

Morse will be removed from the post hospital as soon as he is able to stand an ambulance journey to an infirmary within the city.

It is extremely doubtful whether Morse ever will leave Georgia alive. While his condition is not critical as physicians understand the term, he is suffering from three diseases regarded as incurable, and the end may come at any time. On the other hand, it is said, he might live for a year under favorable conditions predicated on his release from confinement.

LIVINGSTON SERIOUSLY ILL

Georgia Statesman in Dangerous Condition in Washington.

Washington, D. C.—Col. L. F. Livingston, for twenty years the representative of the Fifth Georgia district in congress, and one of the most picturesque figures in Washington politi-



LEONIDAS F. LIVINGSTON.

cal life of the past generation, is desperately ill in this city.

The announcement that "Uncle Lon" is believed to be dying will bring regret to thousands.

For two decades he was one of the most conspicuous figures in Georgia's political life. In the days of the old Farmers' Alliance, in the free silver fight of 1896, and later for his work as dean of the Georgia congressional delegation and ranking Democrat on the appropriations committee of the house, he bore a man's part.

Persia Will Bar Americans.

Teheran.—A statement given out here by the Persian government denies that it has threatened to punish the American customs officials. A copy of a letter shown by M. Stornard, the treasurer-general, to Mr. Cairns on the subject is appended. This alleged copy, however, bears a different signature from the original and differs in other respects. It is generally believed here that the government is trying to induce the Americans to leave the country.