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Gordan's Plan

To Put Cotton up to Fifteen Cents--Representatives to be Sent to all Counties in the South to Secure Pledges From the Farmers.

New Orleans, Nov. 15.—Following the arrival of President Harvie Jordan, the Southern Cotton Association today perfected plans for taking off the market 3,000,000 bales of cotton by means of a series of pledges which the farmers will sign themselves, stating their name and address, and the amount of cotton they will thus hold. The cotton held will not be sold for less than 15 cents a pound, according to the pledges. A representative of the association is to be sent into every one of the 317 cotton producing counties of the cotton belt at once. When the pledges are signed they will be sent to the central office of the association in Atlanta.

President Jordan says that half of the crop has already been sold at an average of 10 cents, and the spinners must have all the remainder. He believes that 15 cents for the remainder is a fair price, and it will only average the spinners 12 1/2 cents, while they have based all their calculations on 14 cents cotton.

The Burned Mother and Child

The Former Slightly Improving--The Husband Now Down with Fever.

Mrs. John Hinson and her baby, who were so horribly burned recently, at their home in the Taxahaw section, as heretofore published in The News, are still living, and it is now thought that the mother may recover.

Since the terrible accident that befel the unfortunate woman and her babe, Mr. Hinson, the husband and father, has been stricken down with fever and is now quite ill. It is indeed a sorely afflicted household.

Blacksburg Man Injured.

Special to The Observer.

Gaffney, S. C., Nov. 16.—Reports from Blacksburg state that Mr. A. M. Bridges, of that place, was painfully injured in a runaway accident while driving near Kings Creek. Dr. J. T. Darwin, of this city, attended the injuries of the wounded man and reports his condition at this time to be favorable.

School Dormitory Burned.

Moultrie, Ga., Nov. 16.—Fire swept away the boys' dormitory of Norman Park this morning. It was a wooden structure and, with the furnishings, was valued at \$8,000.

Filthy Lucre "Floating Free"

In Fort Lawn--The Town on a Boom--Work on the Railroad to the Falls.

Charlotte Observer.

Mr. J. B. Daniel of Fort Lawn, S. C., was a visitor in the city yesterday. To an Observer reporter he stated that his native village was on a boom. "Money is floating free," said he, "and trade is very brisk. More than 90 per cent. of the cotton has been picked and ginned and a large amount of this has been marketed. The country, as well as the town, is in a very prosperous condition."

Mr. Daniel added that the prime factor in the business growth of Fort Lawn was the Southern Power development at Great Falls, ten miles distant.

"The railroad, which is being built to connect the two points, Fort Lawn and the river, is moving along in fine shape. Two miles of it has been finished and more than 300 laborers and some 500 mules, are being employed to finish it by the first of the year. These darkies employed are being paid \$1.25 per day and additional help is coming in on every train. The employes at the Falls are paid good wages, all of which, in the course of time, finds its way into the stores of Fort Lawn. The village is moving forward and in the course of a few years, it will be a little city.

The railroad which is now being built from the river to Fort Lawn is to be extended to Catawaba Junction as soon as possible, so as to connect with the Seaboard Air Line. It is understood that when this has been done, the road may be stretched further so as to run into Camden, thereby opening up one of the finest sections of South Carolina.

Mr. Daniel stated further that the blind tizers were doing a big business among the negroes employed about Fort Lawn. "On Sundays, the sight is something fierce. Liquor by barrels is being sold, but all of this is away from the town, and no damage is done."

Big Cotton Fire.

Over Two Thousand Bales Burned in Columbus, Ga.

Columbus, Ga., Nov. 16.—More than two thousand bales of cotton were destroyed, about one thousand bales badly scorched and several hundred bales damaged by fire which started in grounds used jointly by the Central of Georgia Railway and the Atlantic Compress Company today. The fire started from a spark from a switch engine about 12:30 this afternoon and is still burning although under control at 7 o'clock this evening. The total loss is placed at not less than \$150,000, fully insured.

The Cauthen-Ruff Nuptials

The Marriage Wednesday of Mr. J. Claude Cauthen, son of Mr. J. T. Cauthen, of Kershaw, and Miss C. E. Ruff, of Rock Hill.

Rock Hill special to the News and Courier:

Miss Christine Elliott Ruff, the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Ruff, of this city, was married yesterday evening at the First Presbyterian church to Mr. J. Claude Cauthen, formerly of Kershaw, now of Rock Hill, one of the city's young business men.

The beautiful church was elaborately decorated for the occasion. The ceremony was performed by the pastor, the Rev. Walter L. Lingle, and Miss Eloise Woodward Elliott, of Winnsboro, presided at the organ. The ushers were: Messrs. Chas. L. Cobb, Henry Elliott Ruff, John T. Roddy and Rufus M. London. The maids and their attendants were: Misses Nell Gooding, of Winnsboro; Lottie Blake, of Gastonia, N. C.; Minnie Friedheim, Carrie Adams, Mrs. C. L. Cobb, and Messrs. Heyward Moore, Theodore Moore, Crawford Moore, Floyd Phillips and Dr. Walter Twitty. Miss Helen McDonald, of Winnsboro, was the maid of honor and Mr. Morris Cobb the best man.

Paying Taxes.

All Taxes Now Due--Town Taxes Must be Paid During This Month.

The people are paying their state and county taxes more promptly this year than they did last year. Treasurer Blackmon has collected about \$1,500 more than was paid in up to this time last year. It is a good idea to pay your taxes while you have the money and before the inevitable rush during the latter days of tax paying time. The largest tax payers usually wait until the last day before settling with the treasurer, but this year quite a number of them have already paid.

There are not many more days, by the way, in which town taxes can be paid without penalty, the time expiring on the 30th instant. A penalty of 15 per cent will be added to all town taxes unpaid on Dec 1st, as will be seen by the Mayor's notice elsewhere.

Shooting in Atlanta Hotel.

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 16.—As a result of a quarrel between Frank B. Meador, a well-known young business man, and Mindel Rawak, clerk at the cigar stand of the Kimball House, the latter was shot and seriously wounded by Meador this evening.

Barn and Stables Burned

Mr. J. H. Weir, Whose Barn and Stables and Two Mules were Destroyed by Fire Nearly Three Years Ago, Again Sustains a Similar Loss.

Mr. John H. Weir, who lives just across the state line, in Union county, sustained a heavy loss by fire Thursday morning, between 4 and 5 o'clock. His large new barn and stables, all of his fodder, peay-vine hay, some corn, farming implements, etc., were burned. He managed to save his stock, four mules and a cow, and his buggy and wagons.

While engaged in rescuing the mules from the burning building both Mr. Weir and his son, Order, were severely kicked by the frightened animals.

The origin of the fire is not known, but it is thought to have been either the work of an incendiary or of rats and matches. The fire started in a corner of the loft, which was filled with roughness. Mr. Weir had been to the barn but a short time before the discovery of the flames, to feed his stock. He did not go up into the loft, however.

The loss is fully \$800, which is only partially covered by insurance.

Mr. Weir, it will be recalled, met with a similar misfortune last spring was two years ago, when he lost not only his barn and stables but a pair of mules as well; also his entire corn crop. That fire also started in the loft. Its origin has never been discovered, but the impression then, and is yet, that the building was set afire.

Mr. Weir had no insurance at all at that time, the destruction of his property being a total loss.

To The Cotton Growers of Lancaster County.

When cotton went to 9½c I begged you to not fool your cotton away at or around 10c. Now for God's and your family's sake do not fool your cotton away at or around 11c. This depression is simply a bait to catch suckers--cotton is almost certain to go to 12 or higher. T. J. Strait, Pres., Cotton Growers of Lancaster county.

Anti-Liquor League Organized at Dixie.

An Anti Liquor League was organized at Dixie on the 11th instant, with thirty members. W. G. A. Porter was elected President and B. F. Adams Secretary.

The League will meet again Saturday afternoon, Nov. 18th, at 4 o'clock, to perfect the organization. B. F. Adams, Sec.

Library Day.

State Superintendent of Education Martin Gives Official Notice of the Day, December 15th--Entertainments by the Schools.

County Superintendent, Teachers and Trustees:

The legislative appropriation for this year will allow for the establishment of 200 more libraries and for the increase of a great many of those established last year. The establishment of 200 new libraries and the increase of 100, would mean that at least 25,000 first class books would be placed in the hands of the public school children before the year closes.

When the new year begins, we shall have to wait about two months for another legislative appropriation, even if this year's appropriation is not exhausted. I have therefore designated December 15th as

Library Day, to be observed by the schools of the state with the hope that we may arrange on that day for securing the 25,000 books. I suggest, therefore, that you use that day for some form of public exercises, recitations, lectures, charades, dialogues, oyster supper, phonograph, stereopticon or some other form of public entertainment of your own choosing, to which an admission fee should be charged. Let us do all we can to arouse interest and provide funds for this important work before the year closes. After December 31st this appropriation will be no longer available. We shall have to wait until after the adjournment of the legislature before next year's appropriation can be used. Let us have a grand rally on December 15th and a good report from every section of the state.

O. B. Martin,
State Supt. of Education.

Wrecked at Donalds

Columbia Record 16th inst.—Southern passenger train No. 16 from Greenville to Columbia was struck by a freight train last night near Donalds and a number of people were slightly hurt. There were no serious injuries and the train crew and passengers, after being brought to Columbia, were allowed to go on to their various destinations.

Burglars have an easy time of it in Peru. When a man decides to rob a house he goes to it at night with a bucket of water instead of a jimmy. With a sponge he moistens the walls, which are made of mud, until a section becomes soft enough to remove. Then he pulls it out and crawls through the hole instead of troubling with a window fastening.