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Selling No Cotton.

A special to News and Courier from Lancaster, January 7, says: While the farmers of this county are not foolishly burning any cotton, they are doing all in their power to help the price by holding on to the staple. They are carrying out in good faith the resolutions of their county convention, held a few weeks ago, advising against the sale of cotton at present prices. Scarcely any cotton, in consequence, is seen on the market nowadays. Only one bale was sold here yesterday.

Among Lancaster's corporations which paid dividends to stockholders on the 1st instant was the Bank of Lancaster, it paying its usual semi-annual dividend of six per cent. This bank is unquestionably one of the most prosperous in the State, owing to its exceptionally fine management. It has never lost a dollar on bad loans and enjoys the unbounded confidence of the people, as evidenced by its large volume of business and gradually increasing deposits. The latter now amounts to considerably over $316,000, an increase of nearly $50,000. Col. Leroy Springs is president of the bank and Mr. L C. Harrison, cashier.

Mr. J. Reece Blair of Troy was painfully hurt in a wreck on Pages road between Troy and Aberdeen last Monday. He was on a gasoline motor car going to Aberdeen to take the S A L train for Raleigh, when an engine pulling a special train struck him, knocking him a considerable distance, breaking a rib and badly bruising him. The injured man was taken to Rex Hospital, Raleigh, where he was given medical attention. Yesterday had been named as Mr Blair's wedding day and for awhile it looked as if the wedding would have to be postponed, but the groom-elect thought that wedding day had been postponed long enough and therefore he had Miss Ada Allen of Troy, to whom he was engaged, go to Raleigh yesterday and in the hospital they were married. Dr J M Blair of Monroe attended the wedding. Mr Blair is a Monroe boy and has lots of friends here to wish him well.—Monroe Enquirer.

John Dees, a white man living on Dr J B Eubank's farm in Lanes Creek township, while in a drunken condition, shot his wife early this morning. The weapon used was a 32 calibre pistol. The ball entered the groin and it is not known how serious the wound is. Dees has been arrested. Mrs Dees was at the phone talking when her husband in his maudlin drunkenness concluded that she was conversing with a man and he became insanely jealous and he shot her as above stated, and struck her on the head with the weapon. When not drinking Dees is a hard working, good citizen and is peaceable and quiet in his family. Liquor does bother folks who do not bother it. A good woman must suffer and in all probability meet death on account of liquor she never touched. —Monroe Enquirer.

Will Springs, col., who killed Rural Police Officer S. E. Cole near Charlotte last week was arested near Fort Mill Thursday and is now in the Charlotte jail.

Number of the Prisoners.

Completed List at Port Arthur Includes 878 Officers and 23, 491 Men.

Washington, Jan 8.—The Japanese legation today received the following cablegram from the Foreign Office at Tokio under date of today:

"General Nogi on Sunday reports that the delivery of Russian prisoners under the capitulation was completed on Saturday. The total of the prisoners were 878 officers and 23,491 men, whereof 441 officers and 229 orderlies gave parol so far. Gen Smirnoff, Gen Fock, Gen Gorbalvosky and Admiral Willmann preferred to be sent to Japan as prisoners of war"

Ware Housing Cotton.

Waco, Tex., Jan. 5.—The business Men's Club, of Waco, has called a conference of merchants of the cotton growing States to meet in New Orleans on Jan 25, at the same time the Inter-State cotton committee meets in that city.

The merchants are expected to act in conjunction with a committee from the Cotton Growers' Convention and a committee of bankers attending the convention, and devise a plan for the warehousing of cotton in the whole cotton growing area.

Cotton Statistics.

Washington, January 7.—The House committee on census to-day authorized a favorable report on a joint resolution, submitted by Representative Burleston, of Texas, requesting the Secretary of Commerce and Labor to direct the director of the centus "to collect and publish on the same dates, and at the sametime he makes publication of the ginners' report of cotton production annual statistics of the surphus consumption of cotton, of the surplus of cottor held by the manafacturers, and the quantity of cotton exported.

It is important for more than one reason to hold cotton. In the first place the farmers should by rights receive better prices than are now offered; no less to his interest is it that the country should not be flooded and the store houses filled with cotton goods made with 6 1-2 and 7-cent cotton. That will disturb the market, tending to reduce the price of cloth to the injury of all manufacturers who bought early in the season at advanced prices, and will leave the mills with small orders from a glutted market when the next crop comes in, giving the bears an opportunity to manipulate their hammers at the opening of the season.—The State.

Ex-Gov. Lowndes Dies Suddenly

Cumberland, Md., Jan. 8.—Former Gov. Lloyd Lowndes of Maryland died suddenly at his home here today. He arose at 8.30, took a bath and began to dress preparatory to attending church services. A sudden fall attracted the attention of Mrs. Lowndes, who was in the room. She summoned assistance, and the unconscious form was placed upon the bed. Death was due to heart failure.

Give the southern cotton growers a thorough organization one time, and instead of being floor mops for Wall street, as they have too often been in the past, they will thenceforward become complete masters of the entire industrial and financial world.—Yorkville Enquirer.

—Pay your subscription.

Call to Cotton Growers: Association of Lancaster County, to Meet at Lancaster Jan. 14th, 1905.

For the last 30 or 40 days the farmers of the South, especially all those who raise cotton, have been thrown on their mettle by the sudden and unlooked-for slumps in cotton, their great money crop. They have been busy organizing as if for a great battle, which, it seems, now to be inevitable. The farmers are organized in almost every county in the cotton belt. And taking the time of year, condition of weather, roads, etc., it is remarkable that an organization of such proportions could have been effected in so short a time. But the causes that have driven the farmers to organization were imperative, and nothing but a want of manhood and appreciation of their rights and property could have prevented them from making a determined effort to save themselves from the distress and ruin consequent upon the present policy of the cotton speculators and manipulators.—The thing for the farmers to do just now is to hold all cotton in their hands for 60 or 90 days, or until we can get 10c. or more for it. It does not matter how low it may go; it will go up again. It is only a matter of time and necessity. There is no undisputed reason for the present low price of cotton. The next thing for the farmers to do is to reduce the acreage of this year's crop 25 per cent. This is simply a business proposition, and one that if not carried out by the farmers will result in greater loss to them than the present low price, for it is evident that more cotton will be carried over than at any time before, and this cotton will be thrown upon the market at or about the time the new crop comes in; and if we should have anything like a large crop we cannot expect to get more than 5 or 6 cents for it.

The matter of getting up money enough in the South to handle the cotton crop is now being worked and we think of all the plans and propositions that claim the attention of the Southern people this is the most important, and if it can be effected will result in the greatest good. There is no class of our people but that are affected by the oppression of our agricultural people, there are none who should hold themselves aloof and not give us all the influence they may have, for we are all in the same boat and must sink or swim together. This is not the first time in the last 20 years that we have been systematically robbed by the same system that is now being worked, but we have never been in condition to make a successful fight before. Now, taking everything into consideration we are alone responsible for the furtherance and success of our cause. In the language of the President of our Association, "We have the brains, the manhood and the will to win." Let every local Association in the county send delegates to the county meeting Jan. 14, as there will be business of interest to every one; and we can then more thoroughly complete our organization. We will also have to attend to business called to our attention by President Smith of the State Association.

T. J. Strait, Pres.
Geo. W. Jones, Sec.

—Judge J H Hudson was unanimously elected to the Senate from Marlboro county last Monday to succeed Senator McCall whose death was recently noted.