

25 Per Cent. Reduction

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Hobson to speak, R. H. Jenkins' of Texas, was recognized to read the report of the committee on the acreage, which the convention had voted to be of paramount importance. The report follows:

REPORT ON ACREAGE.

To the Hon Harvie Jordan, Chairman Inter-State Cotton Growers:

"We, the committee on acreage and fertilizers, do recommend that acreage planted in 1905 shall be 25 per cent less than in 1904 and that there shall be a reduction of 25 per cent in the use of commercial fertilizers in growing cotton. We recommend the following plan for the accomplishment of said reduction:

"First. That the vice presidents of this association call a meeting of all persons interested in cotton on the 11th day of February 1905 in the county seat of each county not already organized, on the plan hereinafter set out, at which meeting there shall be elected a county chairman and a chairman for each school district or other small political subdivision of the county.

"Second. That there shall be held in each school district or other small political subdivision of the county on the 18th of February, 1905, at 1 o'clock p. m., a meeting of all citizens of said district or small political subdivision who are interested in the growing of cotton, which meeting shall elect a committee of three on acreage and membership.

AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED.

"Third. At said precinct meeting the farmers and land-owners present shall be asked to sign the following agreement: 'We the undersigned farmers or land-owners, living in school district or precinct No. _____ county of _____ State of _____ hereby pledge ourselves to reduce the acreage planted by us in cotton and to reduce our consumption of fertilizer in growing cotton as shown by the statements set opposite our names.'

"Fourth. That said committee on acreage and membership shall immediately canvass said district and ask all farmers and land owners in said district who do not attend such meeting, to sign said pledge, and said committee shall return said pledge to the chairman of said precinct.

"Fifth. Said precinct chairman shall preserve said pledges, and they shall immediately report to the county chairman showing the total number of acres planted in cotton in said precinct in 1904, and the total number to be planted in cotton in said precinct in 1905, the total amount of fertilizer used in growing cotton in said precinct and the total amount to be used in said precinct in said years.

TO FORWARD STATEMENT.

"Sixth. The county chairmen shall immediately forward to the State vice president of their respective State a written statement showing the total number of acres planted in cotton in their respective counties in 1904 and the total amount to be planted in 1905 and shall make a like report as to the fertilizer used, and to be used, in said years.

"Seventh. The vice president of each State shall, immediately upon receiving the reports of the county chairmen, forward to the president of this association a report showing the number of acres planted in cotton in his State in the year 1904 and the amount of fertilizer used in said year in growing cotton and the amount of cotton to be planted and fertilizer

to be used in 1905.

"Eighth. The president of this association, upon receiving these Reports, shall immediately tabulate the same and send a copy thereof to the county chairman.

"Ninth. If any county not already organized should fail to organize, the vice president of the State in which the county is situated shall cause said county to be organized as herein provided and if any precinct should fail to organize, the county chairman of the county in which such precinct is situated shall cause such precinct to be organized as herein provided.

"Tenth. It shall be the further duty of the officers of this association to report the names and addresses of such persons who refuse to sign the agreement to reduce acreage for 1905, together with the number of acres of cotton planted by such persons in 1904 and the number they will plant in 1905, and to make a like report as to fertilizers."

NO NEGATIVE VOTE.

Martin V. Calvin and Bert Miller, of Georgia, wanted the report made a special order for tomorrow, the latter expressing the belief that the reduction might have gone to the extent of 33 1-3 per cent, but T. E. Massengale, of the same State, rallied the convention to immediate consideration, on the ground that this was the most vital business that could come before the convention, and by an overwhelming vote the convention decided upon action, finally adopting the report with a thunderous aye and without a single vote in the negative.

The Planters Organize.

Southern Cotton Association is Created, With State and County and Precinct Subdivisions, to Regulate Production, Financing and Marketing.

New Orleans, Jan. 26.—With the unanimous adoption of the plan reported by its committees for a permanent organization, headed by Harvie Jordan, of Georgia, as president and E. S. Peters of Texas as vice president, the Southern Inter-State cotton convention finally closed its successful three days session tonight. A committee of three was named to confer with the president in the matter of the enlargement of the American cotton trade.

TO CONFER WITH MILL MEN.

At the afternoon session the committee on closer relations between manufacturers and producers made a report in the interest of the elimination of the speculator in cotton. The committee said that the wide fluctuations are alike disastrous to the manufacturer, making it impossible for the manufacturer to promulgate prices for cotton products based on a uniform cost of the raw staple and for either the farmer or the manufacturer to maintain his prices. It was recommended, therefore, that a committee consisting of one cotton producer from each State be appointed to confer with mill men, asking that they join hands with the producers in effecting a plan whereby the producer can sell his cotton direct to the manufacturer, and thereby eliminate the speculator from the market. The report was adopted.

The report of the committee on permanent organization followed. It provided for the creation of the Southern Cotton Association, embracing all the cotton production, cotton supply and financing, and especially cotton marketing, using every effort to secure broader markets and to limit the production

to demand at remunerative prices and reduce to a minimum all expense of handling cotton and its products from the time it leaves the field until it reaches the consumer. There are to be State and Territorial, county and parish and sub-divisional associations, all related to the parent stem. Officers are to be elected once a year.

The funds of the organization and its operation are to be derived from initiation fees, annual dues and a charge on each bale of cotton produced by its membership.

WANT ENLARGED TRADE.

The report was unanimously adopted by the resolution committee through ex-Senator McLaurin, and adopted:

"That a special committee be appointed by this convention to confer with the President of the United States, the Secretary of Agriculture and the manufacturers of cotton goods, to obtain such concerted action as well as enlarge our trade in cotton products in foreign countries."

J. A. Brown, of North Carolina, offered this resolution, which was adopted: That the officers of this convention will be required and instructed to immediately formulate a plan to pool 2,000,000 bales of the present cotton crop, and retire the same until after October 1, 1905."

A resolution by T. C. Smith, of South Carolina, was passed, providing for the appointment of an inspector by each county in interest of the effective carrying out of the pledge to reduce acreage.

CENSUS DIRECTORS THANKED.

There had been very little in the way of criticism of the government reports during the convention, and a resolution offered by J. A. Brown of North Carolina, was unanimously adopted, expressing it as the desire of the convention that the government reports on cotton statistics should be continued. A resolution by John Boswick of Georgia was passed, asking land-owners who have their land rented to agree to accept as part payment for rent corn, wheat, oats or any other staple products at market prices, provided the tenant will reduce his cotton acreage.

At the night session, President Jordan named as the committee to visit President Roosevelt in the interest of an enlargement of the cotton trade: Ex-Senator McLaurin; John M. Parker, of New Orleans, and E. Ashcraft, of Atlanta.

M'Cue Must Hang Feb. 10.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 26.—The Supreme Court of Appeals has denied the supplementary appeal in the case of ex-Mayor McCue, of Charlottesville, convicted of wife murder. He was sentenced to be hanged January 20, and was respited by Governor Montague until February 10.

A Georgia editor had to leave home because he said in his paper he was going to hold his cotton. He had a sweetheart named Sarah Cotton, and her father chased him out of town with a shot gun.

Col D. R. Norris Dead.

Clemson College, January 24.—A telegram from Baltimore announces the death of Col D. K. Norris in that city at Johns Hopkins Hospital last night at 9 o'clock. Col Norris was a member of the Clemson board. He will be buried at Pendleton.

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