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The Cotton Farmers Showed Much Zeal.

A Very Fine Meeting Held in Columbia Tuesday

Constitution and By-laws Adopted and the Permanent Organization Perfected in Harmony.

The State, Feb. 22.

The State convention of cotton farmers yesterday endorsed the action of the big convention at New Orleans, perfected its organization and started the work of placing the cotton farmer in a position independent of the cotton speculators. Great interest was displayed and at times the enthusiasm was so unrestrained that it reminded one of an outdoor campaign meeting. Every county in the State was represented except five and 200 of the most patriotic business men of the State gathered to take part in the deliberations of a convention which may go down into history as the beginning of a new commercial era.

It was stated yesterday that the south makes 80 per cent. of the world's cotton and yet has not a word to say in controlling the price of the staple. It is also a matter of record that the south reaps greater benefit from a 10,000,000 bale crop than from a larger crop, not so much because of "overproduction" as because of the fact that speculators take advantage of the argument of increased production. It is within the power of the people of the south to dictate the terms, and it was decided yesterday that the best way to accomplish this is by conservative action.

When the meeting assembled in the State house at noon yesterday, the president of the organization founded in this State last November, Mr. E. D. Smith, announced that the purpose of the meeting was to ratify the constitution and by-laws of the Southern Cotton association. Mr. Smith stated that by agreement the organization perfected last November would hold until today, when there would be an election of officers to perfect the organization under the new constitution.

Dr. J. R. Hopkins, the secretary, called the roll of the counties and the delegates were properly enrolled with the assistance of Col. T. C. Hamer and Mr. J. S. Wilson.

On motion of Mr. R. M. Cleveland of Greenville the officers of the former convention were re-elected unanimously.

Mr. E. D. Smith in accepting the presidency of the convention, made a stirring speech congratulating the people of South Carolina upon the burying of factional feeling. Harmony prevails throughout the country regardless of political creed, profession or creed of any kind.

Mr. H. R. Tindal of Greenville, the vice-president-elect, thanked the convention for the honor of his election. We have won the fight, he said. Wall street has been popping the whip over us, and now we are popping the whip over them. He had been a member of the committee on organization at New Orleans and had stood out for a cut of 35 per cent. in fertilizers and 25 per

cent. in acreage. He had not trusted Texas for that State had not acted in good faith in the past, but they had agreed to reduce 25 per cent. and he urged South Carolina now to ratify the action of the New Orleans convention. Mr. Tindal made a very pleasing address.

Mr. Hyatt accepted the election of treasurer if the convention would stand by him. There is no use to pass resolutions, is no need for a temporary organization. He wants the convention to give the treasurer authority to circulate literature.

Mr. H. S. Lipscomb of Spartanburg, with enthusiasm, moved that the treasurer be given the "sinecure of war." This was received with applause and the motion was passed.

Mr. A. C. Lyies of Union nominated Mr. E. D. Smith and Mr. W. Sam Lipscomb of Gaffney and they were elected members of the executive committee of the Southern Cotton association.

On motion of Senator Manning it was decided to appoint a committee on resolutions consisting of one member from each county. Mr. Weston amended that there be two from each delegation, in order that all interests might be represented. The amendment was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Hyatt the president was authorized to appoint a committee of five on finance.

On motion of Mr. Ellerbe the president was authorized to appoint a committee of five on warehouses. Mr. Smith explained that the warehouses are not an immediate necessity, but may be needed in the future.

President Smith named the following standing committees: Finance: F. H. Hyatt, R. M. Cleveland, R. I. Manning, A. J. Matheson, W. J. Roddey, W. A. Strom.

Warehouses: J. S. Connor, L. W. Youmans, R. Harris, W. E. Burnett, Leroy Springs, T. B. Stackhouse, E. W. Robertson.

Mayor T. H. Gibbes was presented in a very graceful speech by President Smith, who paid a tribute to Columbia and her interest in this movement.

Mr. Gibbes declared that Columbia is indeed interested in this work. For whatever is of benefit to the farmer helps all classes. As a representative of the banking institutions he declared their willingness to cooperate now as they have done in the past and are even now doing.

Gov. Hayward was too unwell to come from his home yesterday, as much as he would have liked to do so.

On motion of Dr. W. W. Roy, Mr. John L. McLaurin of Bennettsville was asked to tell of his trip to Washington in the interests of this movement. Mr. McLaurin made a very captivating address.

NIGHT SESSION.

The sub-committees of seven who drew up the report on the resolutions was R. I. Manning, T. B. Stackhouse, W. J. Roddey, George Johnstone, Richard Singleton, H. S. Lipscomb and J. E. Wannamaker.

Mr. Spencer of Yorkville moved the adoption of the re-

port, which motion was carried unanimously.

The paper is as follows: "Your committee to whom was referred the resolutions introduced in the convention, begs leave to submit the following which they suggest shall be adopted as a substitute for them all.

"First—The reduction in acreage to be planted in cotton during the present year as contrasted with that planted in 1904 by 25 per cent.

"Second—A like reduction in the amount of fertilizers that should be used in connection with cotton. To these two points your committee insists that there shall be no exceptions, directly or indirectly, and these shall be requisites for membership in the association.

"Third—The holding of cotton now on hand and its judicious marketing in accordance with plans and recommendations at New Orleans.

"Fourth—The increasing by every means possible of the enlarged market for our cotton products.

"Fifth—The committee further recommends that our farmers and gineries co-operate with the agricultural department of the government in obtaining correct statistics of our cotton production and consumption. Your committee in the interests of harmony and unity recommends that all other questions be referred to the State executive committee."

By the adoption of this paper, the various resolutions offered which were not taken up in detail—and would have taken all night and two nights in the discussion—were referred to the executive committee.

Mr. Hyatt submitted the report of the finance committee. This recommended that a tax of 10 cents be asked for each farmer for every horse or mule owned by him and used in cotton production, that 10 cents a ton be asked of fertilizer companies as their contribution and that the farmers now holding cotton be asked to pay 10 cents a bale to the movement which had already raised the price of their cotton \$4 per bale.

There was a long fight on this report. Good speeches were made by Messrs George Johnstone, J. E. Ellerbe, H. S. Rose, A. B. Stuckoy and R. A. Sublett in opposition to taxing the people who are holding cotton, and by Mr. Hyatt, Mr. Strom, Capt. Peterkin and others in favor of the proposition. The convention adopted Mr. Ellerbe's substitute providing that all fertilizer companies be asked to contribute 5 cents a ton to every ton of fertilizer sold last year (as a basis of sales for this year.) This would mean a contribution of \$23,000 if all would respond. It was agreed that improved agricultural conditions would benefit the fertilizer factories.

When the constitution was presented for ratification there was a fight on the paragraph relating to ginners. The paragraph provided that the ginners should collect 10 cents a bale from all farmers wanting to join the curtailment movement. Mr. W. L. Gray of Laurens and Col. L. W. Youmans of Barnwell seemed to think this a doubtful expedient. Mr. John D. Harrison of Fairfield spoke in favor

of the paragraph as reported. Ex-Senator Gaines of Greenwood suggested that the ginners would not be collecting but merely receiving the contribution.

Mr. Geo. W. Jones of Lancaster suggested that it would be better to let the treasurer of the clubs collect this money. Mr. Gray and Mr. John F. Bolt of Laurens urged that the matter be left to the county organizations. Mr. George Johnstone offered an amendment to let the State executive committee suggest the manner of collecting this 10 cents. Mr. A. B. Stuckey favored the provision in the constitution as it was. This is not compulsion. It is merely a method of collecting that 10 cents. Rev. R. A. Sublett opposed making any changes in the constitution. Col. Johnstone withdrew his amendment when President Smith explained the reason for the adoption of this section at the New Orleans meeting. No other section having been questioned, the constitution of the southern cotton association was adopted as a whole for the constitution of the South Carolina Cotton association.

The by-laws were also adopted, the executive committee being empowered to name the amount of the bond of the treasurer and the salary, if any, of the officers. The members of this committee are: Messrs R. M. Cleveland of Greenville, F. M. Farr of Union, T. N. Griffin of Lee, Richard Singleton of Richland, R. M. Pegues of Marlboro and A. C. Lyles of Union.

The convention unanimously adopted the following, introduced by Congressman J. E. Ellerbe.

"Whereas we have heard with great pleasure from Hon. J. L. McLaurin of the kind reception which President Roosevelt gave his committee and the friendly interest which he has shown in our efforts to secure larger markets for our products. Therefore be it

"Resolved, That we request the president of this convention to wire President Roosevelt an expression of our appreciation."

The convention adjourned at 1 o'clock to meet at Greenville in August, on motion of Maj. G. H. Mahon of that city.

Col. John C. Cary delighted the convention with a forceful argument in favor of the mills cooperating with the farmers.

There was one colored delegate, J. R. Smith of Lee county. He was deeply interested. Capt. Peterkin declared on the floor that the negro farmers in his section are anxious to help the movement.

CASORIA.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the Signature of
Charles H. Fletcher

PUBLIC AROUSED

The public is aroused to a knowledge of the curative merits of that great medical tonic, Electric Bitters, for sick stomach, liver and kidney. Mary H. Walters, of 547 St. Clair Ave., Columbus, O., writes: "For several months, I was given up to die. I had fever and ague, my nerves were wrecked; I could not sleep, and my stomach was so weak, from useless doctors' drugs, that I could not eat. Soon after beginning to take Electric Bitters, I obtained relief, and in a short time I was entirely cured." Guaranteed at Crawford Bros., J. F. Mackey & Co., Fundebank Pharmacy, drug stores; price 50c.

COTTON GROWERS FORM STATE ORGANIZATIONS.

Meetings Were Held Tuesday Throughout Cotton Belt.

All Agree to Reduce Acreage—President Jordan Addressed Georgia Convention—The V.-C. Co Donates \$1,000 Toward the Movement.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 21.—Fifteen hundred cotton growers, manufacturers and bankers gathered here today and organized the Georgia branch of the Southern Cotton Growers' association. The meeting which assembled in the hall of representatives at the State capitol included regularly appointed delegates from nearly every county of the State, and many others interested in the forming of the organization.

An address by Harvie Jordan, president of the Southern Interstate association, reviewed the action of the New Orleans convention and resolutions were adopted unanimously endorsing the action of the New Orleans convention, which called for a reduction of acreage of at least 25 per cent. this year and pledging the producers to hold their surplus cotton for 10 cents a pound.

The State organization will establish headquarters in Atlanta at once and begin a thorough organization of the counties in Georgia.

During the convention a telegram was received by Harvie Jordan, president of the Southern Cotton association, from S. F. Morgan, president of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical company of Richmond, Va., contributing \$1,000 to the movement to hold cotton, reduce acreage and fertilizer. The telegram was read to the convention amidst great applause and a vote of thanks was tendered the donor. The convention was adjourned late this afternoon.

ALABAMA.

Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 21.—Cotton planters of Alabama met here today in response to the call of the Southern Cotton Growers' convention which met recently in New Orleans. Thirty-eight counties were represented. Resolutions were passed reducing the acreage of cotton for this year and curtailing the use of fertilizers.

TENNESSEE.

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 21.—The Tennessee branch of the Southern Cotton Growers' association perfected organization here today by the election of T. C. Long of Madison county as president. Eight counties were represented by accredited delegates and a number of other counties were represented by men not regularly appointed by county organizations. Resolutions were adopted confirming the action of the New Orleans convention regarding the reduction of acreage.

TEXAS.

Austin, Tex., Feb. 21.—"Texas may be depended upon to reduce its cotton acreage this year." This is the statement given out tonight by the Texas Cotton Growers' association, which perfected its State organization here today as a result of the cotton

growers' association organized at New Orleans.

This State organization pledged itself to perfect county organizations as rapidly as possible and a carefully compiled list of Texas farmers will be made and published weekly, showing those who agree to reduce their acreage and how much and those that refuse.

ARKANSAS.

Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 21.—Twenty-seven counties were represented in the State convention of cotton growers here today. B. H. Burnett was elected president of the permanent State association, as an auxiliary of the Southern Cotton Growers' association.

The convention carried out the instructions of the county meetings, at which the plan of reducing the cotton acreage 25 per cent. was commended.

MISSISSIPPI.

Jackson, Miss., Feb. 25.—The cotton growers' convention of the State met here today at noon, pursuant to a call issued by the New Orleans convention.

Walker Clark of Coahoma county was elected permanent chairman, and M. A. Fisher of Claiborne county, secretary. Committees were appointed to draft a form of permanent organization. The report provides that the president shall receive a salary of \$1,200 per year, the secretary \$1,000, and the treasurer \$250. The president is to appoint a State financial agent and a State organizer for every supervisor's district in the State. The resolutions adopted endorse the action of the New Orleans cotton convention, provide for a reduction of acreage to the amount of 25 per cent. The action of the executive committee of the New Orleans convention in deciding to hold 2,000,000 bales of cotton was also endorsed.

A Night Alarm

Worse than an alarm of fire at night is the brassy cough of croup, which sounds like the children's death knell and it means death unless something is done quickly. Foley's Honey and Tar never fails to give instant relief and quickly cures the worst forms of croup. Mrs. P. L. Cordier, of Manning, Ky., writes: My three year old girl had a severe case of croup. The doctor said she could not live. I got a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar, and the first dose gave quick relief and saved her life. Refuse substitutes. Sold by Funderburk Pharmacy.

New Federal Court District for South Carolina.

Washington, Feb. 21.—The Senate today passed the bill authorizing sessions of the Federal Court at Albany, Ga., also the bill providing for the appointment of a district judge and the creation of the western judicial district of South Carolina.

Capers Wants The Job.

Washington, Feb. 21.—Capers presented Ernest Cochran to the president today. Capers told the president that if he could not be appointed, he would prefer Cochran to anybody. The president said no matter was still open.

Take Murray's Horehound, Mullein and Tar and stop coughing. 25c for large bottle. Your drug-gist or Murray Drug Co., Columbia S. C.