

J. S. WANNAMAKER SUGGESTS CHANGES

Columbia, Jan. 24.—The general assembly of South Carolina is urged in a statement issued last night by J. Skottowe Wannamaker, president of the American Cotton Association, to make certain amendments in the South Carolina Warehouse act. Mr. Wannamaker urges that a commission of seven, one from each congressional district, be created co-operate with the warehouse commissioner and that the commissioner be given authority to license warehouses.

"The South Carolina legislature," said Mr. Wannamaker, "by making certain amendments to the warehouse act can make an act that will furnish model warehouses for the entire cotton belt."

"The present act has many admirable features. At the annual convention of the South Carolina division of the American Cotton Association, however, it was decided to urge the General Assembly to amend this act to permit the state warehouse commissioner to issue licenses for warehouses."

"The cotton industry is gradually being put upon an economic basis. A bale of cotton should have the grade stencilled upon it; we should have licensed graders, men who have taken a thorough course in grading, stapling and fibering of cotton. The time is fast approaching when our colleges will put on courses on the business side of agriculture. Europe has been for years past spending vast sums in this way, the great universities turning out men thoroughly equipped for the business side of life. As an example, Oxford University, England, with Prof. Todd at the head of a department of economics, teaches its young men in addition to a regular commercial training, every phase of the cotton industry."

"We export from 60 to 65 per cent. of our cotton. This cotton is bought subject to acceptance in Europe so that today, although we have been producing cotton since 1735 in South

Carolina we only produce and fail to market.

"With an amendment to the South Carolina warehouse act creating a commission of seven men, one from each congressional district, to cooperate as a board with the warehouse commissioner, licenses could be issued to men who are thoroughly equipped for handling the business side of the industry, as well as the business side of our products. It will be necessary that we follow the course followed in England, which is the best of its kind in the world. We must teach grading, fibering and stapling, and every detail of the cotton industry."

"An act requiring that cotton be graded and the grade stencilled upon the bale would bring tremendous benefits to the cotton industry. It would be the first step toward the handling of the business side of this great product."

"With a chain of warehouses throughout the entire cotton belt, uniform warehouse receipts and bonded warehousemen, tremendous benefits would accrue. The final result would bring almost unthinkable benefit to every line of the cotton industry, even including the man who buys the cot-

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CHICAGO HAS 10,000 CASES OF INFLUENZA AND PNEUMONIA

Influenza and pneumonia continue to spread in Chicago, latest reports indicating that more than 10,000 persons in that city are now ill from these two diseases. Among the victims are said to be ten per cent. of the conductors and motormen on the surface lines and nearly ten per cent. of the police force.

The influenza epidemic is of a mild form, according to Dr. John D. Robertson, the City Health Commissioner, who stated this morning that the death list yesterday in such cases

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dropped nearly fifty per cent. He further stated, however, that the deaths from pneumonia, forty-three, increased more than one hundred per cent.

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PEOPLE TRAMPLED IN ATTEMPT TO BUY CHEAP MEAT IN VIENNA.

The announcement in Vienna of the sale of a limited supply of meat at the Central Market, three ounces being allowed to each person, caused a stampede in which many women and children fainted and were consequently

trampled under foot. Forty thousand people, it is reported, gained entrance to the market at six o'clock in the morning and 20,000 more tried to get in. Pickpockets added to the perils of the occasion.

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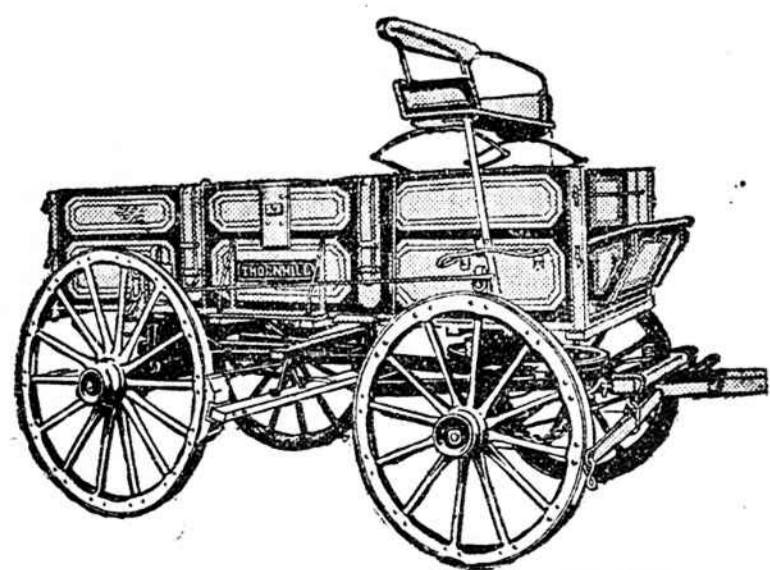
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