

DELEGATES ELECTED.

COTTON GROWERS MEET IN ATLANTA, GA. DEC. 13.

THE PLANS PERFECTED.

At S. C. Convention Yesterday Organization to Be Extended to Every Township.

The South Carolina Cotton Growers convention convened in the court house yesterday morning at 10 o'clock with about a hundred delegates present. The same earnest air characterized the proceedings, which had a successful result.

In accordance with the plan made yesterday before the convention, yesterday elected two delegates at large and one delegate from each congressional district to represent the state at a convention of all the cotton growing states to be held in Atlanta the second Tuesday in next month.

The meeting opened with the reading of the report of the committee appointed Wednesday to map out a plan of action.

The committee incorporated in its report the resolution of the preceding day, looking to a general convention in Atlanta on the first Tuesday in January, 1898, to the appointment of delegates from this state and recommended organizations.

Over-Production Theory.

The second resolution the committee recommended adopted read as follows: "That it is further the sense of this meeting that over production is one of the leading factors which tend to depress the price of cotton and subject the producer to the influences and control of speculation."

Mr. John T. Duncan introduced the following as a substitute, which was adopted, Senator Butler alone voting "no": "Notwithstanding the theory of overproduction as a justification for low prices, the crop is taken and consumed; yet in order to more readily accomplish our purpose of controlling prices; we recommend the increase of other crops and the cutting crop; thereby lessening the dependence on cotton crop, and increasing the value of our cotton."

Mr. Butler's Questions.

The several questions raised yesterday, which were as follows, were then taken up: "That this meeting should adopt a plan of action to secure the cooperation of other growers in other cotton growing states, or in the absence of agricultural organizations, request the governor of such states to call similar meetings in their respective states, for the purpose of discussing the situation and electing delegates to the interstate cotton growers' convention."

On motion of Mr. Duncan that portion of the paragraph reading, "in reducing the acreage and production of cotton," was stricken out.

Report As Amended.

Then on motion of Senator Butler the committee's report as amended was unanimously adopted as a whole, as follows:

"Having had under consideration the resolution of this association instructing it to prepare the order of business for the meeting, your committee beg leave to report the following resolution:

"1. That it is the sense of this association that any and all efforts made to advance and promote the interests of the producers of cotton, by enhancing the price, establishing and maintaining stability of markets and securing remuneration to the producer, should have and receive the cordial endorsement and support of this association.

"2. That notwithstanding the cry of over-production as a justification for low prices, the crop is taken and consumed; yet in order the more readily to accomplish our purpose of controlling prices, we recommend the increase of other crops and the consequent reduction of the cotton crop; thereby becoming less dependent on cotton for supplies, and more independent in the care of our cotton.

"3. That this meeting should adopt effective measures for securing the cooperation of cotton growers in all sections of the country in adopting some system by which prices can be maintained, so as to give the producers fair remuneration.

"4. Looking therefore to the adherence of the above recommendations we adopt as a part of our report the preamble and resolutions adopted on yesterday by this convention, viz:

"In view of the magnitude of the organization necessary to meet, with any promise of success, the disastrous condition that confronts the producers of cotton, involving the active co-operation of the individual producer from North Carolina to Texas; and in view of the necessity for a full representative meeting at every stage of the organization:

"Be it resolved, 1. That the president of the convention be authorized to call an interstate cotton growers' convention to be held in the city of Atlanta the first Tuesday in January or as soon thereafter as practicable, at which meeting each cotton growing state be requested to send as many representatives as it now has members of the United States house of representatives, for the purpose of devising ways and means to avert the disaster that threatens.

"2. That a delegate from each congressional district be appointed to said convention from this state.

"3. That the president of this meeting call upon agricultural organizations in other cotton growing states, or in the absence of agricultural organizations, request the governor of such states to call similar meetings in their respective states, for the purpose of discussing the situation and electing delegates to the interstate cotton growers' convention.

"4. That in the opinion of this body, in view of the fact that the organization of the country in reducing the acreage and production of cotton, and adopting some system by which prices can be maintained, so as to give the producer fair remuneration."

"And we recommend that delegates from the several congressional districts in the state and two delegates at large be elected to represent this association."

Mr. L. W. Youmans introduced the following, which was adopted without dissent:

"Resolved, That the secretary of this association be instructed to serve a copy of these resolutions on Mr. Hector B. Lane, president of the Southern Cotton Growers' Protective association."

Delegates to Atlanta.

Then on motion of Senator Butler, the convention went into an election of delegates to the

Atlanta convention which resulted as follows:

Delegates at large—M. L. Donaldson, of Greenville, and Dr. J. W. Stokes of Orangeburg.

First district—Thomas M. Martin.

Second district—L. W. Youmans.

Third district—J. E. Bradley.

Fourth district—Dr. J. B. Stepp.

Fifth district—J. C. Wilborn.

Sixth district—J. E. Breeden.

Seventh district—E. D. Smith.

Alternates were chosen as follows: Second, T. S. Allen; fourth, J. H. Wharton; fifth, T. J. Cunningham; sixth, J. O. S. Dura. The delegates of the first, third and seventh districts were authorized to appoint substitutes in case they were unable to attend.

Thanks to Mr. Bradley.

Mr. Donaldson introduced the following, which was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That the thanks of this convention are due and are hereby extended to Mr. J. T. Roddy for his valuable advice and assistance during the meetings of this convention.

As to County Convention.

After considerable discussion and offers of amendments, the following, introduced by Mr. T. L. Gantt, was adopted:

"Resolved, That one committeeman from each county in the state be elected by this convention to organize a movement in their respective counties, and that said committeeman be instructed and empowered to appoint a sub-committee in each township in his county to meet in convention on salesday in December."

Following are the chairman selected in accordance with the resolution:

- Abbeville, John R. Blake.
- Aiken, Arthur Cushman.
- Anderson, A. C. Latimer.
- Bamberg, S. G. Mayfield.
- Barnwell, L. W. Youmans.
- Beaufort, Senator Talbird.
- Berkeley, J. B. Morrison.
- Charleston, R. A. Love.
- Chesterfield, W. P. Pollock.
- Cherokee, W. D. Camp.
- Columbia, J. E. Tinent.
- Calhoun, M. R. Cooper.
- Darlington, J. J. Lewton.
- Dobson, C. J. Allen.
- Edgefield, S. B. May.
- Fairfield, J. G. Waring.
- Flora, J. W. McCowan.
- Georgetown, LaGrand Walker.
- Greenwood, Mike Kinard.
- Greenville, John R. Harrison.
- Hanilton, W. J. Gooding.
- Horry, J. A. McDermod.
- Kershaw, J. C. Roberts.
- Lancaster, J. P. Knight.
- Lenoir, John H. Wharton.
- Lexington, D. S. Eild.
- Macon, J. R. Eild.
- MARSHALL, W. D. Evans.
- Newberry, R. T. C. Hunter.
- Orange, S. B. Barns.
- Oconee, W. L. C. Chester.
- Piedmont, W. P. O'Dell.
- Richland, J. T. Duncan.
- Salem, N. A. Bates.
- Southburg, Joseph T. Johnson.
- Sumter, J. Harvey Wilson.
- Union, H. C. Little.
- Williamsburg, Dr. A. H. Williams.
- York, W. N. Elder.

Must Act at Once.

Mr. Duncan moved to reconsider that part of the resolution fixing the Atlanta convention for the first Tuesday in January and make the date of that meeting the second Tuesday in December, his object being to have the convention as soon as possible, so as to influence the next crop. This met with approval, and his motions were carried.

On motion of Mr. W. D. Evans, it was resolved that each county chairman raise \$1 for the future expenses of the general state association. The president was also authorized to make another such call for funds when necessary.

The following introduced by Mr. J. W. King, was adopted:

Resolved, That the county chairman have the resolutions adopted at this meeting printed on their respective county papers.

After adopting the following, introduced by Hon. M. R. McSwain, the convention adjourned and did not wait out to look at the military parade.

Resolved, That the thanks of this convention are due and are hereby heartily tendered to Col. J. O. Wilborn, the presiding officer of this body; Col. E. B. Wilson, vice president, and also to the efficient secretaries for their faithful services."

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