

MINIMUM PRICE FOR COTTON.

Important Steps Taken by the Cotton Growers' Convention at St. Louis.

At the Cotton-Growers, Convention in St. Louis, Mo., recently, representing the entire South, after thoroughly canvassing the condition of the crop and the prospect for yield, urged the farmers of the entire South not to sell their cotton at less than 10 cents, fixing this as a minimum price to be accepted. If individual farmers are compelled to realize on a part of their crop they will be urged to sell as little as possible and to market the balance slowly. Such action by this convention will unquestionably have a very marked effect in strengthening the views of planters on 10 cents as a minimum, against the organized effort of the planters, who are in better financial shape than for years, it will be difficult for the bears to make any serious break in price. The South is practically assured of receiving for this crop, including seed, at least as much as last year, or \$660,000,000, with some prospects of going to \$700,000,000.

The convention discussed warehousing from every point of view, and accepted, without dispute, the supreme need of warehouses throughout the South. Many plans were discussed as to an outcome of this agitation, and some broad proposition will be accepted everywhere as the solution of the greatest problem connected with cotton handling. Individual warehouses will be established here and there, and efforts will be made by promoters of various schemes to organize co-operative warehouses to be owned and operated by farmers, but visionary as such enterprises are, they serve to awaken the world's attention to the importance of a better system of marketing cotton.

Bronchitis for Twenty Years.

Mrs. Minerva Smith, of Danville, Ill., writes: "I had bronchitis for twenty years and never got relief until I used Foley's Honey and Tar which is a sure cure." Sold by J. W. Bell, Walhalla; W. J. Lunney, Seneca.

In a recent statement sent out by State Superintendent of Education Martin it is shown that the \$5,000 appropriated by the last Legislature is not yet exhausted. There is still on hand \$1,890, which means that 189 more rural libraries may be established throughout the State. Oconee is entitled to two more libraries we understand.

We Are Not "Diggers."

[Toccoa Record.]

A good friend of the Record said to us this week: "Why don't you light in and give the town a dig every now and then about its religious affairs?"

We asked our friend if he took us for a digger. We dig sometimes out on our editorial farm, and we may have to dig all year out there next year, for our subscribers are awful slow, but we desire to state that professionally we are not diggers. We have tried to be editors, though we know in this effort we have failed considerably.

As to our lighting in upon the religious side of Toccoa, we want to say again, as we have often said in the past, we do not consider it our editorial duty to reform anybody's morals. We have a job trying to hold our own down, according to Hoyle. We never "light in" upon people's religion but what we get lit upon ourselves. The last time we undertook editorially to spur up religious matters in Toccoa we lost 14 subscribers, got expelled from the church and came near getting ridden on a rail out of town, not to mention the several and various private lectures we had from church members themselves.

We know that in Toccoa, as elsewhere, a great many men's religion is in their wife's name, but how can the Record prevent this any more than it can prevent a man from doing business in his wife's name? And after all we suspect lots of men folks would go dead broke altogether on religion unless he did put it in his wife's name.

A man can't be so confoundedly good now-a-days any how, no matter how hard he tries. He's built wrong. No, please let us light in, and dig at another place where its easier digging. We'd strike nothing but rocks digging into people's religion. The preacher has that job. All we can do is to stand by and encourage him with our editorial smile.

We argue that this country is going to be better off this year than ever before, for we have never seen so much hay gathered and the fields are still rich with it. The high price of wheat ought to induce somebody to plant for home-made flour this year. We expect to see more cattle than ever before through this country this fall and we have been told by wise men that what we need most here is more hay and more cattle to eat the hay. We are getting on pretty well, thank you, in this Pee Dee country.—Florence Times.

The Governor and the Lynchings.

The year has not yet closed, but in less than twelve months there have been seven lynchings in this State, or rather that number of killings are to be charged to mob law. It is a pretty bad record, but it could be worse. It is no worse than the record of other States, but that is very small consolation. It distresses Governor Heyward very much that these violations of the law should occur from time to time. He has the consciousness of doing his full duty in trying to prevent lynchings, and he has been prompt and emphatic in every effort to that end. There has been no mistaking the policy of Governor Heyward, and if there has been any fault, it cannot be attributed to him, for he has worried more about these than anything that has occurred during the year.

Governor Heyward appreciates as much as does any one else the almost hopeless efforts that are being made to punish those who participate in these violations of the laws of the State, but he does not propose to let up an instant in his purpose of at least forcing every one known to be in a lynching party to trial, and then for the juries to decide the issue between the lynchers and the laws of the State.

Last January Governor Heyward reported two lynchings to the General Assembly, both of them in Dorchester county. Then followed the lynching at Scranton, and soon afterwards the outrage at Eutawville.

While Governor Heyward was in St. Louis there was a lynching in Chesterfield and recently there have been lynchings at Kershaw and one in which Laurens and Greenwood are in a dispute as to where the deed was actually committed.—August Kohn in News and Courier, October 8th.

CASTORIA.

Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

Freight Conductor Wise, of the Southern Railway, whose home is said to be in Savannah, and Jack Godhaul, a negro switchman, and Walter Ziegler were killed on the outskirts of Charlotte, N. C., last Wednesday night. The train, which was south-bound No. 73, on the Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta division of the Southern, was being pushed by a switch engine when suddenly all the brakes became set and the engine crushed into the rear of the caboose. Conductor Wise was in the rear of the caboose and the other men between the caboose and engine.

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Held Up Near Greenville.

J. B. Simpson, an employee of the Easley Cotton Mills, started to walk to Greenville last Wednesday morning about 4 o'clock. When about three miles east of Easley two negroes endeavored to rob him. They advanced on him, commanding him to surrender his watch and money, and when he refused one of them took hold of him. Mr. Simpson managed to get his knife out of his pocket and after cutting one of them pretty badly he extricated himself, but not until he had received several bad gashes from the would-be-robbers. There is no clue to the identity of the negroes.

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Balks at Race Issue.

Jesse M. Littleton, Republican candidate for Governor of Tennessee, brother of Borough President Littleton, of Brooklyn, in a speech in Chattanooga on September 29, disclaimed the attitude of President Roosevelt on the race question and said: "The race question is not a political question. The Democrats and the Republicans of the South feel exactly the same about it, so far as social equality is concerned. When Mr. Roosevelt invited a negro to dine with him he was endorsed for that action in the East, but not by the people of the South, Democrats or Republicans. The negro knows that the Southern people are his best friends. The Southern people have civilized and christianized him."

Programme of Union Meeting.

The union meeting of the second division of the Twelve Mile River Baptist Association will convene with the Baptist church at Pleasant Grove, N. C., on Friday, October 28, at 11 a. m. Introductory sermon will be preached by Rev. Samuel Reed. First query, What is the duty of the pastor to his church? Opened by Rev. D. Hudson. Second query, What advantage is the Sunday school to the progress of the church? Opened by Rev. L. M. Lyda. Other subjects may be discussed during the meeting. The missionary sermon, which is to be preached on Sunday, will be provided for by the committee. J. B. Colley, For Committee.

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