

## TO BETTER COTTON CONDITIONS

Farmers, Bankers, Merchants, Business Men Attend Big Meeting.

Columbia, Sept. 28.—Resolutions commending the Montgomery Cotton Congress, in its efforts to bring to its proper level the prevailing price of cotton and the adoption of other resolutions meeting with the views of those present, marked the conference of growers, bankers and business men at the meeting held here this afternoon and evening. With the election of Commissioner Watson as permanent president; J. Whitner Reid, secretary, and W. C. Brown, of Newberry, assistant secretary, the cotton convention commenced this afternoon a determined meeting, actuated by the business-like purpose of marketing the cotton crop in a manner which will insure a reasonable profit to the producing farmers.

The meeting held until midnight, and various resolutions were adopted looking toward the profitable marketing of the crop. Talks were made by a number of business men from various parts of the State, among them being Senator E. D. Smith and President E. W. Dabbs, of the State Farmers' Union.

### Against Exchanges.

The "iniquitous" cotton exchanges were repeatedly attacked on the floor of the House of Representatives and two resolutions of procedure were reported by the committee, formed by one member from each Congressional district and appointed by Commissioner of Agriculture E. J. Watson. W. P. Pollock favored a petition to Congress, asking that the use of inter-State means of communications be denied the exchanges, but this meeting with objection on the ground of possible legal resistance, a substitute motion was adopted after the debate.

An agreement brought about was that Congress be memorialized to regulate dealing in cotton by the exchanges so that real cotton will be the basis of all contracts and actual delivery be had.

### Resolutions Reported.

When the committee made report at the night session, with one exception, all rejected resolutions went by without debate. The exception was the suggestion of J. R. Fairley that a man be designated in each township to report on the number of bales of cotton raised. The committee recommended that the committee be appointed to remove the objectionable feature which seemed to be the section relating to the price. The idea of communication seemed to strike the convention as a happy and practical one.

Later, Senator E. D. Smith advocated the extension of the operation of the resolution so as to place upon the secretary of the Farmers' Union the duty of communicating with secretaries of other unions. Both the Fairley and Smith ideas prevailed.

### Bankers Speak.

During the afternoon session a number of bankers addressed the convention, among the speakers being John M. Leonard, of Newberry; Skottowe W. Vanamaker, of St. Matthews; R. B. Bleser, Sumter, and T. B. Stackhouse. Their words created a spirit of co-operation. Merchants present at the night meeting stated that they had never pressed their creditors into selling cotton at a cheaper price.

The convention consumed about six hours. There were more than a score of speakers who dwelt upon subjects as they arose, for debate. The attendance was sufficient to fill the hall of the House of Representatives, and the interest at all times was unabated. Commissioner Watson announced before adjournment that he planned to have a campaign for the education of cotton growers, and invited Senator Smith and Senator John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi, to take part, to tell the growers the truth about the marketing of the staple and a remedy for the evils that result in the lowering of the price below normal.

### To Canvas State.

The following resolution was also adopted at the night session of the convention:

Resolved, That the County Farmers' Union of the different counties of the State be requested to appoint a committee consisting of not less than three men in each township in each county to canvass the farmers of their county and ascertain how many bales of cotton they will pledge themselves to hold for the agreed minimum price unless otherwise instructed by the State Farmers' Union to sell. That the secretary of the County Unions be requested to forward reports from these committees to the State secretary and that the secretary and president of the State Farmers' Union be requested to cooperate with Mr. Watson to have this plan carried out in all of the cotton-growing States.

Be it further resolved, That the president of the State Farmers' Union be requested to keep the local

## O. W. HALL SHOT AND KILLED.

Was Drinking at Time—Had Been Beating His Wife.

(Anderson Mall 28th.) Oscar W. Hall, a well known farmer, living six miles west of the city, was shot and instantly killed Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock by his son, Walter Hall, aged 18 years, who is ill. He was shot three times with a .22 calibre pistol, each shot taking effect just below the shoulder blade, to the left side of the back and penetrating the heart. Death was instantaneous.

Coroner Beasley went to the scene last night in company with Dr. J. C. Harris, and held an inquest, at which Dr. W. O. Pepper, who is attending young Hall, ill from gastritis, and who was at the home when the coroner and Dr. Harris arrived, was a witness. A verdict was returned that the death of Oscar W. Hall was due to gun-shot wounds inflicted at the hands of Walter Hall.

According to the evidence brought out at the inquest, the elder Hall had been in the city during the day, and had returned home in an intoxicated condition. He attempted to give whiskey to the sick boy, when his wife interfered. He then secured a broom, it is said, and attacked Mrs. Hall, beating her over the head. She ran from the house and around to the front, entering and passing through the room in which the boy lay ill.

From a window in the yard Mrs. Hall said she saw her husband take a rifle from a rack on the wall. She then entered the house, passing through the son's room and hiding behind a door in another room. After she had been there for some little time, she said, she heard shots, and on re-entering Walter Hall's room, saw him come staggering in with a pistol in his hand. He said he had shot his father.

Both doctors who testified at the inquest said that Hall had been killed instantly. His body was found lying partly within a wheelbarrow in the yard, he having been shot by the son through an open window. By the position of the body when found, it is presumed that Mr. Hall was seated on the wheelbarrow at the time he was shot.

Dr. Pepper told Coroner Beasley last night that it would be dangerous to have young Hall out on bail. He has been out on bail since the death of his father, but a warrant against him was issued by Coroner Beasley and served by Deputy Sheriff V. B. Martin. It is understood that attorneys will be employed and bond asked for young Hall.

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### Life Term for Autoist.

Toronto, Canada, Sept. 29.—The court of General Sessions here has found Alexander Tracey, of Port Huron, Mich., guilty of criminal negligence in operating an automobile. The penalty is imprisonment for life. Tracey was driving a motor car at a furious rate on September 4, and ran into a crowd of people, injuring four or five, some of whom had to be taken to the hospital. Tracey pleaded that the brake on his car would not work, but witnesses thought he was intoxicated.

## Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

unions posted as to the number of bales of cotton pledged in the different States in conformity to this resolution.

Be it further resolved, That the chairman of this body be and is hereby authorized to name from each county a special committee of business men and bankers to represent each and every bank in said county, designating which banker is to be the chairman of said committee, the duties of this committee being as follows: They are promptly to ascertain from every special committee appointed to canvass the cotton growers the number of bales of cotton to be held, promptly arrange for financing as many bales of the said cotton as possible.

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## CROSS-COUNTRY ELECTRIC LINE

Interesting Rumor in Connection With Merging Power Companies.

Atlanta, Sept. 29.—One of the early developments incident to the recently announced consolidation of all the hydro-electric development in the Piedmont section of North Georgia, it is understood, will be the construction of an interurban electric line crossing Georgia to the South Carolina line, where it will connect with the lines now projected by the company of which James B. Duke is at the head.

The Duke interests have already begun the construction of interurban lines in North and South Carolina, which will ultimately be extended on to Washington, D. C. From Washington interurban lines have already been constructed practically through to Boston, Mass.

Another five years, it is said, will see the completion, therefore, of interurban electric lines extending all the way from Georgia to New England, so that it will be possible to make the entire trip by trolley.

When announcement was first made that the new Georgia Railway and Power Co. had applied for a charter with a capital stock of \$27,000,000 there was belief in some quarters that a rival concern to the Georgia Railway and Electric Co. was about to come into existence; but it now seems that the former has planned to absorb not only the latter, but all of the electrical development in the northern section of the State, including the \$10,000,000 Georgia Power Co., which has just begun the development of Tallulah Falls as a source of electric power.

The interests back of the new company are practically the same as those which organized the Georgia Power Co. for the development of a number of water-powers in North Georgia, including Tallulah Falls, the Etowah river, the Chattahoochee, near Gainesville, and the same river in Heard county, near the Alabama line. It was stated in former announcements that this company proposed to develop a maximum of approximately 200,000 horse-power from these various sources.

It was this company's work at Tallulah Falls which brought on a contest before the Legislature and a general movement to prevent the development of the Georgia Power Co. in that section of the State. It was charged the legislative department acting more or less as an attack on the Georgia Power Co. The new company, however, had absorbed both of these interests, and so far as they are concerned that ends the fight.

Organizations of Georgia masses have, however, taken up the fight for the preservation of the falls, but it is doubtful if they will now be able to do anything in that direction, because all the rights have been secured and title to the lands and falls have passed into the hands of interests which are engaged in their development.

Strangely enough the capital for all this hydro-electric activity and extensive combinations of electrical interest comes from Canada. The names of the Canadian citizens given in the application for charter are J. M. McWhinney, Charles Magee, R. Matheson and George A. Kingston, of Toronto, Canada; and these are presumed to be practically the same or representatives of the same interests which formed the Georgia Power Co., since the capital of this organization all came from Canada.

Perhaps the biggest feature of the new organization is the absorption of the Georgia Railway and Electric Co., of Atlanta, which owns and controls all the electric lines in and around the city. This company has a capital stock of \$10,714,000 and outstanding bonds of \$13,579,000. It is stated, however, that the company's organization is in no sense to be affected, and that the new company takes it over and will operate it as it is, guaranteeing 8 per cent dividends on its stock.

Other companies taken in include the Atlanta Water and Electric Power Company, which owns the big plant at Bull Sluice on the Chattahoochee river, from which the Georgia Railway Company now secures the greater part of its current, and the Atlanta Hydro-Electric Co., the Louis B. Magid development in the Tallulah Falls section.

**James C. Dahlman, "Cowboy" Mayor of Omaha, "Throws the Lariat."**

Mayor Jas. C. Dahlman started his career as a cowboy, and is at present mayor of Omaha, and has the following record: Sheriff of Dawes county, Nebraska, three terms; mayor of Chadron, two terms; Democratic National Committeeman eight years; mayor of Omaha six years, and in 1910 elected Governor of Nebraska. He is now with Foley & Co., Chicago, he has taken Foley Kidney Pills and they have given me a great deal of relief, so I cheerfully recommend them. Yours truly, (Signed) James C. Dahlman. J. W. Bell.

## W. M. MULKEY FOUND DEAD.

Coroner's Verdict Death from Acute Alcoholism—Was Bankrupt.

(Atlanta Journal, Sept. 28.) William M. Mulkey, contractor, 44 years of age, was found lying dead on a couch in his office, 616 Austell building, by a negro janitor early Wednesday morning. He was under Federal indictment and, had he lived, would have faced a jury Friday on the charge of having held back funds he was supposed to have repoted in a bankruptcy case. The coroner's jury returned the verdict that Mr. Mulkey had come to his death from acute alcoholism.

On August 14 Mr. Mulkey and his associate in business, L. C. Townsend, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the sum of about \$6,000. Soon after this he and Mr. Townsend went to New York on a pleasure trip. It is said that in New York Mr. Mulkey was arrested on a misdemeanor charge.

It is alleged that since July 11 Mr. Mulkey had spent \$15,000, which has not been accounted for by his family or friends. On July 11, it is claimed by prosecuting attorneys, he drew \$6,500 from the account of Mulkey & Townsend in the Fourth National Bank, and had never accounted to the trustee in bankruptcy for this sum.

Alleged failure to account for this caused his arrest and indictment some weeks ago. At the time of his death he was under bond of \$2,500.

It is also said that at later dates Mr. Mulkey drew from his personal account in the Third National Bank the sums of \$4,500 and \$4,000. It was stated by members of his family that they had received practically none of this and that they had no idea in what manner the money had been spent.

For about three weeks Mr. Mulkey had remained away from his home, one of his sons saying that he would not come home because of shame attending his arrest.

Mr. Townsend, his partner, stated that he had not seen Mr. Mulkey since Thursday, and had no idea where he had spent the week. He stated that Mr. Mulkey had been drinking heavily, but that he had been optimistic.

When the negro janitor went into Mr. Mulkey's office late Tuesday afternoon he was lying on a couch apparently dead. Later that night he was found in the same posture, and was not disturbed. When the janitor went into the office early Wednesday, Mr. Mulkey had not moved, and it was discovered that he had been dead, apparently, for six hours or more.

In one of his pockets was found a pint of whiskey, out of which apparently three or four drinks had been taken.

Mr. Mulkey's home was on Oakland avenue, Oakland City. He leaves a wife, Mrs. Janie Mulkey, and five small children. He formerly lived at Anderson.

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## WOMAN ESCAPES OPERATION

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Elwood, Ind.—"Your remedies have cured me and I have only taken six bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I was sick three months and could not walk. I suffered all the time. The doctors said I could not get well without an operation, for I could hardly stand the pains in my sides, especially my right one, and down my right leg. I began to feel better when I had taken only one bottle of Compound, but kept on as I was afraid to stop too soon."—Mrs. SADDIE MULLEN, 2728 N. B. St., Elwood, Ind.

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## WINTHROP'S ENROLLMENT 732.

Largest in History of Institution—Some New Features.

Winthrop College, Sept. 30.—Special: Winthrop College began her seventeenth session with the largest enrollment in her history—732 students. Dr. Johnson conducted the exercises, and in his remarks showed the high standard, mental, moral and spiritual, held by the college. His words were calculated to inspire best effort during the coming months of work. He mentioned the plan of self-government which will be inaugurated during this year, and said that he believed much good will result therefrom.

At the last meeting of the Legislature they decided to give six scholarships to girls who have received A. B. degrees. These girls are to teach three hours a day in the departments in which they have received the scholarship.

A new banking system has been started this year. The girls are to deposit their money with the college book-keeper and receive check books. This system insures the safe keeping of money and gives the girls an excellent opportunity to learn business habits.

A reception was given the new students Saturday night. The reception was held on the front campus. Ice cream and cake were served and the occasion was much enjoyed.

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### BOY KILLS RIVAL AND SELF.

Marriage License Found in Pocket—Slayer Laughed Over Deed.

Charlotte, Sept. 29.—Resenting, it is said, the efforts of his alleged rival, to persuade his sweetheart to leave him, Clyde Childers shot and killed Hank Morse at the girl's feet last night at Rockingham, N. C., and then turned the pistol upon himself, inflicting probably fatal wounds.

Competition for the hand of pretty 20-year-old Beulah Stone had been keen for months, and on the strength of a promise that she is said to have given Morse, he secured a marriage license last night and started to her home, accompanied on a walk with Childers and when Morse, in an angry outburst then he ignited a revolver to persuade the girl to go with him. To this Childers demurred, drew his pistol and fired at Morse. As Morse staggered away desperately wounded Childers fired two more shots into his sinking foe and then shot himself twice, falling within a few feet of his victim. The marriage license was found in Morse's pocket.

Rallying on his way to the hospital, Childers laughed over his deed and declared he had no regrets except that he had not finished himself.

### AUTO STRUCK LITTLE GIRL.

Five-Year-Old Child at Easley Probably Fatally Hurt.

Easley, Sept. 27.—About dark last night an automobile, driven by Warren Smith, of Liberty, struck and probably fatally hurt little Fay Smith, aged five years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Smith.

Warren Smith was returning in his car from Greenville and was entering East Main street when the machine struck the little girl. It seems that two children were standing on the sidewalk watching a passing train when little Fay Smith started across the road. It is probable that above the noise of the locomotive she could not hear the approaching automobile, but when she had gone about half way across the road she observed the car and started to turn back. She then became so frightened that she stood still. When Mr. Smith first saw the child he was in a few feet of her, as she had run out from the shadows into the road. He immediately turned his car as far to one side as possible and thus avoided running over her. However, the fender struck her on the left cheek bone and knocked her to the ground. She was picked up and carried into a residence and two physicians were immediately summoned. The child was unconscious. The injured child was moved to her parents' home last night barely alive.

An encouraging dairy note from the Wichita (Kans.) Beacon: "Bessie, a Guernsey cow, has broken the world's record for milk and butter fat. During the year past she produced 12,195 pounds of milk, containing 1,755 pounds of milk solids, and 956.2 pounds of butter fat. Bessie is only three years old, which speaks for her a long and useful career in her chosen field."

### HELPFUL WORDS.

From a Walhalla Citizen.

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## LETTER FROM ROUND ROCK, TEX.

Recalls Some Incidents of the Past. Texas Crops Hurt.

Round Rock, Texas, Sept. 22.—Editor Keowee Courier: Several months ago I saw in The Courier an article written by our old friend S. K. Dendy, in which he brought up happenings and doings fifty years ago. I knew about it all, and it was quite a pleasure for me to read about the past, while I was a boy. I hope never to forget the past. Then from Richland I had the pleasure of reading several good and thoughtful articles of that section; in fact, I never lay the old Courier down until I look it through.

I am not writing this article to make any corrections. I only want to write about two occasions that our friend Dendy failed to note. The first was a school exhibition at Old Clearmont Academy, as we called it then. The close of school (taught by Uncle Kit Spears) was a great day. The children did well their parts, but the part that was most interesting to me was that performed by the clown and the music, the latter furnished by S. K. Dendy and Thomas Jaynes, and they did their parts well also. I felt then that was the best part of all. Now, let me ask one question: How many are around there now that were there on that day? I can think of four others besides myself that might (or should) have been there—Mrs. Sallie Gillison (Miss Sallie Burns then), Mrs. Elizabeth Hughes, Mrs. Warren Stribling and S. K. Dendy.

The next was a Sunday school picnic at Old Westminster Baptist church. That was all the Westminster there was then. That was another great day. The several Sunday schools formed a line down the road that led to Sam'l Addiss's, the column headed with the same two boys, S. K. Dendy and Thomas Jaynes. I was enjoying the music very much, but I had it fixed in my mind that when the boys got to the steps one would occupy one side and the other the other side; but they went right in with their fiddles, playing, and I thought then that a fiddle in the church would give me the "all-overs," but they went in all the same. This was in my boyhood. We all looked then as though age could never gray our hair. But most of us have gone, and those that are left have become gray with age.

But let me say something about Texas—this part of the State at least. This was ruined out with rain. In March and April, with a yield of only about 30 bushels per acre; corn is short, say 20 bushels per acre. As to cotton, I will place that as a problem for you and your many readers. We have a fine gin plant at Georgetown, ten miles north, running ten gin stands; one fine gin at Hutto, nine miles east; another at Leander, twelve miles west, and we have two at Round Rock—one big gin, eight 70-saw gins. On six stands for the last three weeks the big gin made an average of ninety bales per day, running three days a week. The big gin ginned one day 99, another day 100 and the third day 107. They commenced at 5 o'clock in the morning and run till 11 o'clock at night. There are about three farmers that live over five miles away from the gin. You may wonder or figure how much cotton they make.

Before I forget the important part of the story I will say something about the rainfalls. During this season we had very good rains up until the 10th of May, then no more fell till the 17th and 18th of July, and it has been very dry and hot till today, the 22d of September.

Now, Mr. Editor, when you meet those lovely correspondents from Richland and Walhalla please say to them not to stop writing up the old times. Keep it up. We older fellows away from the old home enjoy them. I will close by asking God's greatest blessings upon you and your many readers. B. T. Clinckscale.

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