

LOCAL NEWS.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 8, 1897.

Cotton Growers' Convention.

A meeting was held in the Opera House last Monday for the purpose of organizing a Cotton Growers' Convention in pursuance of a call made from a meeting held in Columbia during the State Fair, the object of which was to interest the cotton growers of this State, and in fact throughout the cotton growing States, in a more perfect organization which would enable them to more perfectly protect their interests in the growing and marketing of their cotton crop.

A. C. Latimer stated the object of the meeting in a very interesting speech, in which he showed the loss to the farmers in this County in the decline of the price of cotton of \$500,000, and insisted that it was quite possible for the farmers to control, to a very large extent, the price of their cotton by a repeal of the iniquitous Lein Law and by rigidly adhering to the rule of not furnishing more than \$25 to the horse in supplies to renters, and by a closer attention to the raising of home supplies. He instanced the success of the farmers in breaking the jute trust, stating that the price was forced down from 14 1/2 cents per yard to 7 and 6 cents; making a saving of \$25,000 to this country alone on bagging, and insisted that by self-denial and close economy, coupled with a determination to so manage as to hold the cotton crop, the monopolies could be broken and the price of cotton forced up. He went on to show that the next year crop of cotton is now being sold at 5 1/2 per pound and that this was made possible by the want of organization and the precedents our people had established by making obligations without due regard to the income from their crops and to mature early in the fall. He insisted that the people obligate themselves only to the extent of \$25 per horse and make their obligations to mature in January. He strongly denounced the Lein Law, and insisted that the repeal of this law was necessary to bring about the result sought.

Mr. J. J. Fretwell wanted to know if Congress could not give relief by passing laws which would check the dealing in cotton futures. Mr. Latimer replied that Congress was controlled by capitalists and lawyers sent there by the people, and no relief could be had there. The only hope was for the entire cotton growing States to thoroughly organize, put themselves in a position to hold the cotton and in this way defeat the schemes of the cotton manipulator and speculator.

Dr. C. V. Barnes moved to proceed to permanent organization, and Hon. A. C. Latimer was elected temporary Chairman and Hon. J. E. Brezazale Secretary.

Interesting speeches were made by Dr. C. V. Barnes, L. E. Campbell, Geo. E. Prince, Esq., S. N. Pearman, J. Belton Watson, J. W. Ashley, P. K. McCully, J. H. Grant and others.

Much time was consumed in organizing permanently and a good deal of unnecessary talking was done, but the Convention finally got down to business, and Hon. D. K. Norris was elected President, Dr. C. V. Barnes and J. S. Fowler Vice Presidents, and Hon. J. B. Leverett Secretary.

The following committee was appointed to draft resolutions and by-laws and report at next meeting: S. N. Pearman, R. P. Clinkscales, J. H. McCloy, J. H. Grant and W. H. Glenn.

A resolution was adopted to appoint one man in each Township as an organizer, and the following gentlemen were nominated and appointed: J. R. Anderson, Broadway; J. J. Vaughn, Belton; Brushy Creek; T. H. Burris, Centerville; J. L. Jackson, Corner; J. M. Broyles, Fork; T. T. Wakefield, Garvin; A. T. Newell, Hopewell; J. W. Ashley, Honea Path; H. M. Tate, Hall; R. E. Parker, Martin; W. H. McWhorter, Pendleton; L. O. Willford, Rock Mills; R. P. Clinkscales, Savannah; J. A. Hall, Varennes; Capt. B. C. Martin, Williamston.

There will be a meeting held in Atlanta next Tuesday, the 14th instant, which will be composed of delegates from the Congressional districts of all the cotton growing States, and it is confidently believed that much benefit will be derived from this meeting, and that it will mark an important epoch in the history of cotton growing and particularly in cotton selling. It is possible for thorough organization to accomplish that which legislation cannot or has not reached, and there is a man in the cotton growing States, whatever may be his vocation, who should not be deeply interested in this organization of cotton growers and in the results of the meeting to be held in Atlanta next Tuesday.

In Memoriam.

"Twixt night and morn, upon the horizon's verge between two worlds, the life of our dear departed friend, Mr. J. Ed. Griffin, hovered like a star, then flutered out just as the new born day was girding a sleeping world with a mantle of light, leaving brothers, sisters and friends heaved and dreading. Death is sad under any and all circumstances, but when it enters and removes one of its brightest jewels, and one so young and in the bloom of manhood, it is doubly so. He was a young man of excellent moral character, high toned in his sentiments, clear in his habits, cultivating at all times the most friendly relations with all with whom he mingled. We feel inadequate to the task of any way doing justice to our friend's worth. And feel it would only be just to say the influence he exerted and the halo of light that emanated his noble soul while on earth, can only be measured by eternity, and though his handsome form lies to-day silent in Dorchester Cemetery, his memory still lives, and will be a living witness bearing testimony that wisest philosophers can not invalidate nor the wisest foes destroy. To the grief stricken ones we extend our tenderest sympathy, and we can only stand with tearful eyes and bowed heads and say "they will be done."

"Bear it slowly away, O, most gently I pray, That much loved form; Face it low in the grave where the grasses may wave, Away from harm. Do you ask why I weep? 'Tis a last long sleep. 'Till the trump call. And so often we'll yearn our dear friend's return. The tears must fall. Earth to earth. Let him rest where no storm can molest, Under the sod. The grave's yet ours to cover with flowers, The soul's not there. For a few lonely years we may guard it in tears. With tender care, But the dear ones above singing songs of pure love, His life work done."

Death of Dr. Whitefield.

When called upon to chronicle the death of those who have reached their three score years and ten the duty is fraught with feelings of sadness and through the mind rushes thoughts of loneliness and bereavement of those dear and dear and bring out the tender sympathy of our nature, but when called upon to chronicle the sufferings and death of one whose life has just begun and all that is beautiful and attractive in life has just taken possession of a matured, manly mind, when hope is at its full, and the responsibilities of the happiness and future of others has been assumed with a confidence based upon youthful strength, tempered with a complete trust in God; when the aches and pains and disappointments of old age are unknown and the fires of youth have just been kindled and are burning brightest, we stand in awe and feel impelled to cover our head and cry, "have mercy upon me, oh! God, a sinner."

Dr. John C. Whitefield was just 26 years of age. He had just begun in life in his chosen profession, and had only a year ago assumed the responsibility of husband. His young wife had been brought from the land of her birth in Tennessee, full of hope and expectancy, and promised so much; but alas, man's life is but as grass. It springeth up to-day and to-morrow is cast into the oven. Dr. Whitefield is dead. His noble heart is still, but those who loved him still live, and it is to them that the sympathy of the and it is to them that the sympathy of the entire community goes out. Anderson full of business push and energy, and beneath all this a tenderness and love which flows unceasingly, and back of the buffets of trade are sighs and heaveches which go out to the young wife and still younger son. How past finding out are the ways of God and how tender, after all, are his chastenings. How carefully he gathers together the bleeding tendrils of the heart and soothes and heals them. The husband is gone, but before God he lives in a full of possibilities and whose baby cooings will turn back the tide of grief and whose more mature years may recompense for the great loss the mother has sustained in the death of a husband.

Dr. Whitefield was born October 25, 1871. He graduated in dentistry at Vanderbilt University in 1896. He was educated by Prof. Ligon, Col. Patrick and the W. Ford Fitting School. On the 23rd of August, 1896, he was married to Miss Ella C. Cox, of Columbia, Tenn. His entire life has been spent in Anderson, and he was known by our people as an upright and faithful young man. He was a consistent member of the M. E. Church. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias, and there was no more worthy and efficient member. His death occurred Friday afternoon last after an illness of five weeks, and his remains were interred in the Silver Brook Cemetery Sunday afternoon with ceremonies of the Knights of Pythias, the entire Lodge escorting the body to the Church and to the grave. The funeral was held at the Methodist Church by Rev. W. K. Richardson, assisted by Rev. J. N. H. Summerall, of the Presbyterian Church. Almost the entire town was present at the funeral, and they last respects to all that was mortal of him who was an honor to the city in which he was born.

Graded School Honor Roll for November.

SCHOLARSHIP ROLL. Second Grade—Paul Clarke, Arthur Davis, George Fant, Thomas Hill, Charles Nabers, Robert Todd, Dessie Martin, Janie Thornton. Third Grade, Advanced—Sam Gilmer, Sam Tribble, Nardin Webb, Bessie O'Bryant, Eleanor Todd. Third Grade—Mell Glenn, William vonHasseln, Bertha Duckett, Georgia Rogers, Cora Wilhite. Fourth Grade, Advanced—Olive Brownlee, Hattie Divver, Eva Mayfield, Lydia Orr, Nina Sullivan. Fourth Grade—Lila Brownlee, Stacey Russell, Ruth Stevick, Bessie Tolly. Fourth Grade, Advanced—May Macaulay.

Fifth Grade—Herbert Nowell, Addie Brown, Annie Gary, Sallie Giles, Mattie Hill, Frances Ligon, Lizzelle Willis. Fifth Grade, Advanced—Earle Greene, E. B. Murray, Mary Acker.

Sixth Grade—Wm. Russell. Seventh Grade—Bessie Simpson. Eighth Grade—Eva Murray, Allie Simpson.

Irregular—Della Cater, Eleanor Cochran, Evie Lewis, Mary Parker, Daisy Riley, Nan Sloan.

DEPARTMENT ROLL. First Grade—Joe Broyles, Ned Cathcart, August Dattilo, Joe Duckett, Cowan Fant, Furman Hand, Clifton Ligon, Archie McConnell, Walter Skelton, Ham Webb, Lucius Webb, Ciso Bailey, Vivian Moody, Kate Garrison, Kate Henderson, Edna Seigmuller, Althea Sullivan, Antoinette Ullman, Annie Williams, Clarkson Russell, Billie Sherard, Goodlett Thornton, Frummas Todd, Edward vonHasseln, Jas. McGee, Martha Bonham, Bessie Beckin, Catherine Cox, Ruth Fretwell, Alpha King, Millwee Talbert.

Second Grade, Advanced—Geo. Archer, Boyce Gaites, Jno. Will Hubbard, Furman Lindsay, Geo. Losse, Garland McGregor, Leland Payne, Jim Reed, Lawrence Reed, Ollie Nally, Inez Allen, Evie Caudle, Emmie Fant, Louise Gilmer, Carrie Gray, Alice Hayes, Jean Harris, Lois King, Louise Ligon, Sarah Wilhite, Bessie Norris.

Third Grade—Herbert Chesire, Paul Clarke, Arthur Davis, Frank Dobbins, Bessie Dobbins, Arlington Fant, George Fant, Ethan Frierson, Robbie Frierson, Thomas Hill, Foster Jones, Charley Long, Jno. Major, Charlie Nabers, Emile Ortmann, Jno. Peoples, Jno. Prince, Carol Reddie, Ned Sloan, Starke Sullivan, Robert Todd, Oze VanWock, Charlie Watkins, Gedy Wells, Florella Beck, Bertie Boykin, Mattie Carlisle, Nobia Collins, Jessie Jeans, Ruth Jeans, Susie Johnson, Dessie Martin, Rachel Rogers, Raymond Sherard, Hilda Schrimp, Lucile Sloan, Janie Thornton.

Fourth Grade, Advanced—Halbert Acker, Frank Broyles, Marshall Craig, Leonard Cummings, Charlie Fant, Claude Gaines, Sam Gilmer, Claude Harris, Ramsay Holleman, Jesse McGee, Jno. McGrath, Willie O'Donnell, Frank Reed, Theodore Richardson, Sam Tribble, Nardin Webb, Linda Hays, Edie King, Eleanor Todd, Bessie O'Bryant, Adella Ullman.

Fifth Grade—Lawrence Caudle, Wightman Davis, Mell Glenn, Duff Murray, Charles Norris, Helen Austin, Maggie Archer, Helen Carlisle, Bessie Collee, Helen David, Bertha Duckett, Hattie Fant, Mary Belle Lee, Georgia Rogers, Effie Welch, Cora Wilhite.

Sixth Grade, Advanced—David Sherard, Joe Simpson, Robert Sullivan, Lavelle Dean, Lee Henderson, Eva Mayfield, Ola McKinney, Lydia Orr, Dot Payne, Adele Prevost, Saidee Strickland, Nina Sullivan.

Seventh Grade, Advanced—Webster Boleman, Bertha Cashin, Fannie Earle, Olive Brownlee, Hattie Divver, Ethel Gary.

Eighth Grade—Charlie Bowie, Curran Glenn, Willist Sloan, Nellie Archer, Lila Brownlee, Bessie Caudle, Maggie Cox, Mabel Johnson, Eliza Major, Linda McKinney, Lilla Sherard, Nonie Smith, Bessie Tolly, Ruth Vaughn, Archie Catcart, Stacey Russell, Emma Acker, Mary Lee Breazale, Evie Eyrum, Annie Chapman, Mamie DuBoise, Margie Johnson, Eleanor McGregor, Erlaine Prevost, Lizzie Sherard, Ruth Stevick, Bessie Tribble, Nellie Watkins.

Ninth Grade—Irwin Breazale, Walter Dobbins, James Dobbins, James Farmer, Ayer Glenn, Lucy Barton, Addie Brown, Eva Burris, Harley Burris, Cora Byrum, Martha Clarke, Dot Coffee, Myrtis Fant, Herbert Nowell, Alice Gaines, Annie Garv, Sallie Giles, Kathleen McGregor, Edna Morryce, Sue Pinckney.

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Eleventh Grade—Max Giesberg, Sam Orr, Wm. Russell, Wm. Todd, Ernest Watkins, Mamie Craig, Mary Lewis, Genevieve Simpson, Meta Sullivan, Eubank Taylor.

Twelfth Grade, Advanced—Daisy Acker, Pearl Dahn, Emma Gaines, Cora Mauldin.

Thirteenth Grade—Frank Todd, Clara Fant, Edith Jones, Eunice Russell, Bessie Simpson, Janie Lee.

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ALICE ITEMS.

It is with sorrow that we chronicle the death of our highly esteemed old friend, Mr. James C. Hall, which occurred on the 1st inst., of heart failure. On the preceding morning he told his family that he would live only a short time. "I was warned of death last night," he said, but his family told him it was a notion and endeavored to turn his thoughts in another direction. He got up during the night and sat up awhile. A short while after he went back to bed Mrs. Hall heard him breathing hard and making a peculiar sound. She called a son to come to his father, but when he reached his bedside he found him dead. Mr. Hall was 67 years of age, and was twice married. His first wife was Miss Rebecca Miller, and five children blessed this union. His second wife was Mrs. Mary Burris. The deceased had been a member of Rocky River Baptist Church for more than forty years, and for a long time served the Church faithfully as deacon. This Church has certainly lost one of its best members and the community a most excellent citizen. His remains were interred in the Rocky River Churchyard on Friday, 3d inst., but as the pastor was sick there no funeral services. Messrs. J. B. McAdams, C. H. Taylor, Edward McMahan, Parker Alewine, Vess. Campbell and Clayton Hampton acted as pall bearers.

Mr. John Hall, one of Greenville's efficient policemen, came down to attend the burial of his father.

It looks like the peddlers and collectors will capture the country.

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You need Clothing. We need the money and the room for Spring Stock. A few dollars will dress you up in good shape. Let us induce you to invest in one of our \$7.50 or \$10.00 Suits. We would do a good thing for you. We would prefer the money and the room to the Suit. We can fix up the Boys in Long or Knee Pant Suits. Your money will interest us. Don't you see the point?

Mens' and Boys' Hats.

Yes, we are better at ourselves than ever before when it comes to supplying Men's Headgear. We are prepared to please you, whether you want Nobby Dress Hats, plain Business Hats or Broad Brim, Low Crowned goods.

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Just received a new line. Big line of Gents' Handkerchiefs at from 5c. to 75c. Gents' Silk Handkerchiefs, plain and initial, at from 25