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EDITORIAL

Futures and Options.

An exceedingly interesting debate was recently waged in Congress over Senator Washburn's bill to prevent future contracts in the staple crops of the country.

Without having a definite opinion on the subject, the views of the opponents of this bill are so striking, that it seems to us very doubtful that it will pass.

Some interesting data may be gathered from the debate over this question. Dealing in futures began about the year 1870.

The prices of cotton prior to that year show much greater fluctuations than since. During the period from 1860 to 1880 the war and changes in our currency caused unusual disturbances in prices.

Table with columns for Year (1850-60, 1880-90), High price, and Low price. Shows cotton price fluctuations over time.

The smallest cotton crop for the last fifty years was in 1842, amounting to 1,684,000 bales.

The largest crop was that of 1891, estimated at 3,674,000 bales.

How to Vote.

Some misunderstanding seems to have arisen in regard to the rules governing the primary election in regard to erasure. The following regulation adopted at the last meeting of the County Executive Committee ought to make the matter perfectly plain.

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commissioners to be voted for. If the voter scratches all the names except one, or two, instead of leaving three names, the ballot with respect to that office shall not be counted.

RULES FOR GOVERNING THE PRIMARY ELECTION.

The following rules shall govern the membership of the different subordinate Democratic clubs of this State, the qualification of voters at the primary elections held by the party, the conduct of the primary elections to be held on the last Tuesday (the 30th day) of August, A. D. 1892, and the second primary held two weeks later, if one be needed.

Rule 1. The qualification for membership in any subordinate club of the Democratic party of this State, or for voting at a Democratic primary, shall be as follows, viz: The applicant for membership or voter, shall be twenty-one years of age, or shall become so before the succeeding general election and be a white Democrat, or a negro who voted for General Hampton in 1876 and who has voted the Democratic ticket continuously since.

Rule 2. Every negro applying for membership in a Democratic club, or offering to vote in a Democratic primary election, must produce a written statement of ten reputable white men who will swear that they know of their own knowledge that the applicant or voter, voted for General Hampton in 1876 and has voted the Democratic ticket continuously since.

Rule 3. Each County Executive Committee of the Democratic party in this State shall meet on the second Monday in July of each election year and shall appoint three managers for each primary election precinct in their respective Counties, who shall hold the primary election provided for under the Democratic Constitution, in accordance with the Act of the General Assembly of this State regulating primary elections, approved December 22nd, 1888, the Constitution of the Democratic party of this State and the rules herein set forth.

Rule 4. Each voter in said primary shall vote but one ballot, on which shall be printed or written or partly written and partly printed the names of the person or persons voted for by him for each of the offices to be filled, together with the name of the offices. The tickets to be voted shall be in blank in the following form, with spaces to suit the different Counties.

For Congress, District. For Solicitor, Judicial District. State Senator. House of Representatives. Sheriff. Judge of Probate. Clerk of the Court. County Commissioners. Treasurer. Auditor. Trial Justices.

Rule 5. The managers of election shall open the polls at 8 o'clock a. m. and shall close them at 4 o'clock p. m. After tabulating the result, the managers shall certify the same and forward the ballot box, poll list and all other papers relating to such election, by one of their number, to the Chairman of the respective County Executive Committee, within forty-eight hours after the close of the polls.

Rule 6. The County Democratic Executive Committee shall assemble at their respective Court Houses on the morning of the second day after the election, at 11 o'clock, a. m., to tabulate the returns and declare the result of the primary, so far as the same relates to delegates to the Convention, members of the General Assembly and County officers, and shall forward immediately to the Chairman of the State Executive Committee at Columbia, S. C., the result of the election in their respective Counties for Congressman and Solicitors.

Rule 7. The protests and contests (except in the election of Congressmen and Solicitors) shall be filed within five days after the election with the Chairman of the County Executive Committee, and said Executive Committee shall hear and determine the same. The State Executive Committee shall hear and decide protests and contests as to Congressmen and Solicitors, and ten days shall be allowed for filing the same.

Rule 8. Candidates for the General Assembly and for County offices shall, ten days previous to the primary election, file with the Chairman of the County Executive Committee a pledge in writing to abide the result of the primary and support the nominees of the party. The candidates for other offices shall file such pledge with the Chairman of the State Executive Committee. No vote for any candidate who has not complied with this rule shall be counted.

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Rule 10. In the event of a tie between two candidates in the second primary, the County Chairman if it is a County office and the State Chairman if it is a State office, or for Congress or Solicitor, shall order a third primary.

Rule 11. The credentials of delegates to the State Convention shall be certified to by the Chairman of the respective County Democratic Executive Committee within five days after the result is declared and forwarded immediately to the Chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee at Columbia, S. C.

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