

THE COTTON CONVENTION

Trying to Formulate Plans to Keep Up Prices

A STIR AT THE FIRST SESSION

A Shreveport Delegate Charged That a Number of Delegates Were Attempting to Inject Politics in the Convention.

Shreveport, La., Special.—After being almost hopelessly deadlocked in a parliamentary tangle over the question of permanent organization, the first session of the national cotton convention adjourned until 8 o'clock Monday night without selecting permanent officers.

Governor Blanchard on behalf of the State welcomed the delegates to Louisiana, and among other things said: "The question that has brought you here to hold this great convention is growing in importance."

"Its culture and harvesting, its preparation for the market, its transportation to market, its marketing, its manufacture and the sale of its fabrics give employment to millions of people in our country."

"The future market opened quiet and from 8 to 10 points down, influenced by bearish crop movement and lower Liverpool, also by dispatches from Texas exhibited by the bear element to the effect that country bankers of that State will only advance 2 1/2 per cent on cotton when fully insured."

"The cotton crop of the South is worth to the people of the South in the raw 200,000,000 per annum. It is worth four times that when manufactured. The gold mines become exhausted in time. The soil of the South that produces the cotton does not exhaust."

A. C. L. Syndicate Closed.

New York, Special.—It was announced that J. P. Morgan & Co. have given notice to members of the Atlantic Coast Line syndicate formed to underwrite the bonds issued to pay for a controlling interest in the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company.

The Time Extending

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THE DEAF DUMB AND BLIND

Capt. N. F. Walker's Annual Report as Superintendent Submitted to State Superintendent of Education.

State Superintendent Martin has received the 56th annual report of the State institution for the education of the deaf, dumb and blind.

The institutions has departments for white and for colored children. There are nine teachers of the deaf and four for the blind. In addition there are teachers of painting, drawing and music, foreign printing office, foreman of a shop, master of wood shop, master of shop for blind boys and instructor of industrial department for girls.

"It is very gratifying for us to know," says Superintendent Walker, "that a large number of our alumni are worthy and self supporting citizens and taxpayers of the State—preachers, teachers, housekeepers, etc."

General Cotton Market.

Table with 2 columns: Month and Price. Includes entries for December, January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November.

Charlottesville Cotton Market.

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes entries for Good middling, Strict middling, Middling, Tinges, Stains.

South Carolina Items.

The railroad commission's decision on the petition of the various commercial bodies of the State for the reduction in inter-State rates on the ground that these rates are excessive and oppressive and above what they are in North Carolina and Virginia.

Negro Boy Shoots Father.

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Charters and Commissions.

A commission was issued to the Parr Shoals Power company of Newberry, capitalized at \$50,000. The incorporators are H. L. Parr, Z. F. Wright, W. G. Housack, C. H. Cannon, and W. K. Sligh of Newberry and A. L. Scott of Greenwood.

SOUTH CAROLINA MATTERS

Many Newsy Items Gathered From all Sections.

Will Order "Calhoun" Election.

At a late hour Thursday night Gov. Heyward announced that he had decided to order an election for the new county of "Calhoun," which is to be taken if established from the counties of Edgefield, Abbeville and Greenwood.

Met Peculiar Death.

Edgefield, Special.—Mr. T. B. Bailey, a son-in-law of the late Hon. G. D. Tillman, met with a tragic death last week while out hunting. He shot a squirrel which lodged in the limb of a tree.

Palmetto Items.

Facts and information brought out at the annual meeting of the State board of health show that the smallpox situation is rapidly growing more serious throughout the State.

The Smoot Matter.

Three witnesses were heard Monday in the case of Senator Reed Smoot before the Senate committee on privileges and elections, the committee resuming its investigations after a long recess.

Sub-Committee Named.

Washington, Special.—Chairman Tawney, in accordance with the action which the House committee on industrial arts and expositions took last week, providing for the appointment of a sub-committee of which he is to be chairman.

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Dr. James H. Confield, librarian of Columbia University, has just received a valuable addition to the collection of Americana, says the New York Sun.

Light-Headed.

She-Miss Flippant wears tearfully heavy curtains, doesn't she? Well, Miss, she had to—her husband, Duke, had to.

CONGRESSIONAL DOINGS

House Gets Busy.

The House transacted quite a large amount of miscellaneous business Monday, starting with pension bills and considering the Hill financial bill later in the day.

Port Arthur Squadron Annihilated by Metro Hill Guns.

Four Naval Guns of the Japanese Army on 203 Metro Hill Accomplish Task Begun by Their Navy Weeks Ago—Estimate Harbor Now at Mercy of Foo's Cannon—Jap Losses Heavy.

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The speaker at this time announced a number of committee assignments, including Mr. Keffin of Alabama, Mr. Spencer of Georgia, and Mr. Bacon of Georgia, leading in the criticism.

Two Bills in the Senate.

The Senate had under consideration the pure food and Philippine government bills. The debate on the former was confined to calling attention to the inadequacy of the protection afforded the people of the United States against impure foods and drugs.

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Tokio, Japan.—A bulletin from General Nogai's headquarters indicates that the Russian fleet in Port Arthur has been wholly destroyed. The army has accomplished that which Admiral Togo's ships could not do.

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TREASURY REPORT ISSUED

Secretary Shaw Informs Congress of the Nation's Financial Standing.

Suggests a Federal Law For All Trust Companies—The Deficit in 1904 and Its Cause—Report on Optiums.

RIOT IN ST. PETERSBURG

Troops Called Out to Quell Demonstration of Students.

MOUNTED POLICE CHARGE CROWD

St. Petersburg, Russia.—A popular anti-government demonstration, the participants in which included large numbers of students of both sexes, began at midday in the Nevsky Prospect and lasted about two hours.

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The police on the Nevsky Prospect were sextupled, and the dronkas of house porters were marshaled in front of their respective buildings.

I suggest the propriety, therefore, of a law giving trust companies of large capitalization in large cities the privilege of incorporating under Federal law, with corresponding restrictions.

Our currency system, though somewhat complicated, has been proved safe and reliable under every practical test. The exchange of gold for all forms of money issued or coined by the States has no corresponding restrictions.

To meet a demand for paper money of small denominations, I recommend that national banks be permitted to issue a large proportion of their authorized circulation in denominations of five dollars, and that authority be given to issue one-eighth of the aggregate volume of gold certificates in denominations of ten dollars.

The report shows that the receipts from all sources for the fiscal year 1904 were \$684,214,873.74. The total revenue was \$1,458,582,624.34.

The expenditures for the same period were \$725,084,915.05, the postal item being the same as in the receipts. This shows a deficit of \$4,777,741.31.

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