

The Barnwell People,
AND W. HOLMES, Editor & Prop'r

BARNET COUNTY CIRCULATION

TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 1908.

COTTON MILL CONDITIONS.

A representative meeting of cotton manufacturers was held in Spartanburg on Saturday, and resolved that they will accept no further orders for cloth at present prices, or that they will shut down their mills indefinitely not later than July 1, 1908.

The mills have been worried for several months. They have been making high priced cotton into low priced cloth. There was no profit in sight for their stockholders.

The original purpose of the Saturday resolution is to make cloth scarcer and force higher prices for it. It will have several other effects in which there is more public interest than in dividends for the mill owners.

There are in Spartanburg county 37 cotton mills, employing 19,000 operatives. The cotton-mills in the State number 14, giving employment to over 50,000 men, women and children. The population of the mill towns is about 125,000.

The closing of the mills will throw thousands of people out of work, with no chance to get other employment. They must remain idle until conditions change and the mills resume work.

The business of the mill towns will be badly crippled by this suspension of mill work, for the prosperity of their merchants depended in large measure on the trade of the mill hands.

The price of the cotton crop now being planted will be brought lower by the stoppage of the mills, and every cotton grower and merchant in the State and the South will suffer. But if the mills can put up the price of cloth and put down the price of cotton, they will make money faster than they have ever done. They will soon own the State, with the help of a few allies.

The cotton growing interests, and that means the farmers who make the cotton and the bankers and merchants who finance them, can save themselves by cutting down acreage and curtailing cotton production. If they will "shut down" too, and make cotton scarce the mill men will have to buy at prices that will put the South on Easy Street.

A BEFORE THE WAR WAY.

Farmers W. O. Sturkey of Abbeville's County is going to make a plenty of corn this year. He will follow the plan his father practised before the war. His cotton is planted in the usual way. Then he runs furrows across at intervals of 20 feet and plants a hill of corn in each cotton row. This amount of corn will not decrease the cotton crop more than ten percent and if August is wet it will not cause any reduction. This plan will make an average from five to ten bushels to the acre, enough to run the place.

The trouble with the average farmer is that he plants too little corn, and then he neglects it. When the rush time comes the average man will neglect his corn rather than his cotton. By this plan the corn will get just as good attention as the cotton, and there will be plenty of corn made all over the South, if all the farmers will adopt it.

"What every body says must be so," Every body says that cotton will be cheap next Fall and Winter. Every sign in the business sky, at home and all around the world, points in that direction.

The wise and prudent man seeing the evil that is coming will hide himself in a larger corn field. There he will find security and safety, while the cotton-tot will be out in the open without protection from the pitiless blight.

The Roosevelt panic is not over yet, it has been a long time gathering, and the end is not in sight.

The salvation of the South and all its business people depends on cotton crop reduction. We feel that we cannot too strongly advise what we believe to be the only wise way, and so we ask the careful consideration of the article "Why Cotton Acreage Should be Reduced" by every reader, farmers, merchants, borrowers, lenders, office holders and candidates.

WHY COTTON ACREAGE SHOULD BE REDUCED.

The following circular letter has been sent out by Mr. J. A. Taylor, President of the National Gringer's Association:

Cotton has reached the lowest point since Jan. 1, 1903, except from November to May of the big crop year of 1904-5, when it sold two cents per pound lower than this. What has caused this decline of three cents per pound in spite of the fact that the crop of the world is about 4,500,000 short of last year's crop? The only answer that I can find is "Lack of Confidence". The retailer is not buying except as he needs the goods, the dealer is doing the same, consequently the mills have no orders ahead, while last year, and for several years past, they have had orders booked from six months in advance.

What causes this lack of confidence? They are afraid we will raise a bumper crop again this year. Why are they afraid of a large crop? They look at the past. In 1903 we had a short crop and good prices, which was followed by a large acreage and good seasons and a bumper crop. The next year, 1905-6, we had a short crop and good prices, which was again followed by a large acreage and a bumper crop. Had it not been for the September storm in the Mississippi valley and the exceptionally good trade the market would probably have gone eight cents or under for the crop.

We got a good average price for the good grades in the crop, and a large acreage was set aside for cotton last season, but owing to the weather dur-

DEATHS IN BARNWELL.

Mrs. Mary Lawson Simms' Kinloch died suddenly of heart failure on Sunday morning at the residence of her brother Charles Carroll Simms, Esq. She was spared long suffering and the last message sent her ready for translation to the better land. A son and a daughter survive to cherish with much kindness and loving memory a fragrance and a failing monument of a life that grew in the sweetness of childhood to the last hour.

The funeral services were held on Sunday afternoon by Rev. A. E. Nelson and her remains carried to Charleston on Monday to rest in Magnolia Cemetery, the beautiful city of the dead, beside the peaceful sea.

On Monday morning the white spirit of little William, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lemon, passed into the keeping of the gentle Savior, who in life took little children in His arms and blessed them, and in eternity gives them the love that passeth all understanding.

OBITUARY.

On Monday, March 23d, 1908, at 1:45 P. M., after a long and protracted illness, at Warrenville, in Aiken County, S. C., Mr. John Smith Hair, older son of Mr. and Mrs. Marion M. Hair, fell asleep, at the age of about thirty years.

He was a member of Long Branch Baptist Church, in Barnwell County, while he was sick, as well as before, and gave evidence of the sincerity of the faith he had professed. He evidently expected his afflictions—grippe, measles and typhoid fever—to be more than he could bear; therefore, before it was too late, and even while some of us hoped for his recovery, he expressed his wishes concerning his burial etc.

May the God of all comfort, comfort them in their inexpressible sorrow.

Let your will to the Master's hand,

To comfort you forever more.

And lead your feet to yonder shore.

Granville, S. C. — J. W. B.

CLUB MEETINGS.

The Great Cypress Democratic Club: Dr. N. F. Kirkland Jr. was elected Chairman, B. S. Jenkins Secretary.

Delegates to County Convention, Dr. F. Kirkland Jr., Dr. S. R. Hickson, W. H. Hogg, B. S. Jenkins, W. Riley All.

Savannah Democratic Club No. 1 met at Bethel Church April 25th, elected the following officers:

J. W. Jenny, President.

S. E. Bellay, Vice

W. H. Mixon, Secretary.

J. W. Mann, Treasurer.

J. D. Jenny, Member, County Executive Committee.

Committee on Registration—Dr. G. W. Loughlin, J. M. Brant, W. H. Mixon.

Delegates to County Convention—J. W. Jenny, J. M. Brant, V. W. Mann.

W. H. Mixon, G. M. Main.

Alternates—J. D. Jenny, C. D. Loughlin, J. H. Williams, S. E. Bailey, L. G. Hart.

Heronette Democratic Club met on the 25th inst., by order of the Chairman and organized and elected the following officers:

G. W. Morris, Chairman.

W. R. Morris, Vice

J. O. Sanders, Secretary.

Nelson Black, Secretary.

J. E. Lain, Executive Committee member.

J. D. Miles, Nelson Black, W. R. Morris, L. B. Creech, J. E. Lain, Delegates to County Convention.

Bull Pond Democratic Club was reorganized on Saturday by the election of the following:

President, J. C. Keel.

Vice President, E. W. Brunson,

Secretary, J. L. Box.

Executive Committee—J. C. Keel

Registration Committee—W. C.

Gray, J. W. Gray, W. Z. Bryan,

Misses J. J. Walker, J. D. Box and J. C. Keel were elected delegates to the County Convention.

THE STORM KING'S WRATH.

On Friday and Saturday three separate tornadoes swept through different sections of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia causing appalling losses of life. To Sunday night the authentic death list amounted to 63. That others were killed in remote localities and not reported is sure. Probably 1,300 other persons were injured, and thousands were left homeless. Forty six towns and villages report 2,500 residence and business houses destroyed. Many more negroes than whites were killed, their houses being more fragile.

Mississippi suffered the greatest loss of life. In Georgia about 30 persons were killed.

Last week the tenth Oratorical contest between the best speaker students of the state colleges of the State was held at Greenwood, Hardin, a Wofford boy, won first honor, Hicks of Furman, coming second. Not one of the nine contestants parted his hair in the middle.

Since the death of Bishop Ellison Cope only three of the thirty-three general officers in the Confederate army from this State lie buried in the ground of the living. The survivors are Lieutenant Stephen D. Lee of Millwood, Major General M. C. Butler of Edgefield and Brigadier General T. M. Logan of Richmond.

On Saturday the American passenger steamer St. Paul soon after leaving Portsmouth, England, in a blinding snow storm, for the United States, struck and sank the British war ship Gladiator. Twenty-eight of the British crew were drowned. Thirteen damaged the St. Paul returned to Portsmouth and landed her passengers safely.

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WE KILLED SOME RATS.

Mr. L. M. Smith of Kinston has been bothered with rats in his barns. They have destroyed a great deal of corn and done other damage, and he set out to get rid of them. From the 25th to the 27th he killed 133; of these 31 were killed in one night. The way he got them was to fill a wash pot nearly full of water and then cover it over with a thin layer of cotton seed hulls, the rats going into the hulls and falling through into the water and drowning.

—Newbury Observer.

PLenty of TROUBLE.

is caused by stagnation of the liver and bowels, to get rid of it and headache and rheumatism and the poison that brings jundice, take Dr. King's New Life Pill, the reliable purifiers that do the work without grinding or gripping.

at C. N. Burkhalter's drug store.

Clarissa L. Bush, Executrix.

April 25th 1908.

CONFEDERATE PENSIONS.

Comptroller General Jones has sent out to the clerk of court of various counties in the State the sum of \$251,270 as pension money for the Confederate veterans.

The appropriation amounts to \$250,000, but there was a refund of \$1,270, due to the fact that a number of veterans or widows died since last year.

There has been an increase of 214 pensioners since last year. The number now amounts to 9,278. Of this number, 1,277 are women, being about one half of the total number of pensioners. These widows draw \$10,316.

Those veterans who are paralyzed or totally disabled come under class A and receive \$36 each. Class B, those who have lost a leg or arm during the war, get \$72 each. Class C, those wounded in the war or suffered disabilities, receive \$45 each. Class D, those whose husbands died or were killed in the war, receive \$45 each.

The remaining two classes receive \$21 each.

Excluding the pensions of \$251,270, the State has paid out \$1,000 for artificial limbs.

Barnwell County Pension Roll For

Year 1908.

Class A.—\$93.

Creech, S. J. — Oar.

Williams, C. P. — Tuton.

Class C, No. 1—\$48.

Aug'ev, G. H. — Attendale.

Barnes Wiley. — Blackville.

Creech, J. S. — Barnwell.

Crott, H. J. — Ulmer.

Dickinson, F. H. — Blackville.

Deik, J. E. — Barnwell.

Hoover, D. M. — Tuton.

Husto, N. G. — Blackville.

Scott, W. T. — Williston.

Sease, J. D. —

Class C, No. 2—\$21.20.

Askew George N. — Blackville.

Bailey, W. M. — Robinst.

Buck W. G. —

Benson Bailey. —

Bettison, P. — Williston.

Black F. J. — Barnwell.

Brown J. W. — Seigling.

Baxley, B. F. — Weatherbee.

Bonds Wilson. — Williston.

Bixby J. S. — Barnwell.

Black A. — Oar.

Barnes J. H. — Appling.

Bennett W. H. — Martins.

Bowers Edmund. — Calix.

Bixley J. Jr. — Elko.

Creech L. B. — Barnwell.

Crotch G. W. — Kline.

Carroll William B. — Blackville.

Carlton Jones. — Allendale.

Dickinson H. C. — Ulmer.

Edkins C. B. — Martin.

Fennell G. M. — Seigling.

Gilliam Thomas. — Barnwell.

Grubbs Samuel. — Ulmer.

Hastford D. Staff. — Tuton.

Hutto Starting. — Ulmer.

Huso W. M. — Barnwell.