

MANY REFORMS URGED BY ZAYAS

Cuban President Delivers First Message to Congress Before Both Houses
Havana, May 21.—Drastic financial measures looking to economy in governmental administration, constitutional reforms, including election of the President by direct vote and methods by which the government can aid banking institutions to rise from the present chaos to normal are included in recommendations which President Alfredo Zayas, inaugurated yesterday, made in his first message to congress, delivered this afternoon at a joint session of both houses.

Economy measures include the reduction of the proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1 from a total of approximately \$125,000,000 to between \$50,000,000 and \$60,000,000. Slashing of appropriations is called for in every governmental department except that of education.

The constitutional reforms advocated include:

Non-re-election of the President; election of the President by direct vote of the people; abolition of the rule for a two thirds quorum in both houses of congress before sessions can be opened; creation of a federal district, to be governed by a commission, to include Havana and nearby suburbs; abolition of the constitutional immunity for members of the legislature, leaving them liable to prosecution for certain major crimes and offenses; authorization for larger cities to organize a new form of municipal government.

In connection with his recommendations of financial matters the President reiterated the necessity of initiating negotiations for a revision of the commercial reciprocity treaty with the United States, especially in so far as it affects Cuba's principal products—sugar and tobacco. The growing need for a department of communications and another of labor also emphasized.

The troublous Cuban political situation appears to have ended temporarily at least with the inauguration of Zayas; the port congestion has been eliminated, and the recommendations of President Zayas in his message to congress show what means the administration hopes to adopt to lift the country from its present banking and commercial difficulties.

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FLUCTUATION IN COTTON NARROW

Trend of Prices in Market Last Week Was Anything but Decided.

New Orleans, May 22.—The trend of prices in the cotton market this week was anything but decided and fluctuations were narrow, the range for the week being only 42 to 55 points. On the close prices were 15 points down to nine points up, compared with the close of the preceding week. July traded as high as 12.71, fell off to 12.16 and closed at 12.25. In the spot department, middling gained 13 points in the net results, closing at 11.75. A year ago middling closed at 40.25.

The even balance of the trading factors of the week accounted for the narrow price changes. The weather over the belt was at once favorable and unfavorable, there were favorable and unfavorable reports in foreign news and the same thing might be said about reports from textile centers of this country, although, on the whole, the trade was inclined to look upon business among the mills as making at least slight improvement. Sales of 189,000 pieces of print cloths in the Fall River market for the week were regarded as encouraging but much of their effect was lost because of the claims of a much larger business doing which was not confirmed in the official returns at the close of the week.

The weather reports of the week indicated that over a considerable portion of the belt the absence of rainfall and seasonably high temperatures were favorable for crop work and development but there was much complaint of poor stands, slow growth of plants and practically every state in the belt reported much planting yet to be accomplished. Toward the end of the week, large sections of Texas and Oklahoma commenced to complain of drouth.

This coming week much interest will be centered in the first condition report of the season, the May condition period ending Wednesday. The figures from the government will be issued on the second of June and from Wednesday on, it is likely that private bureau estimates of condition will be numerous. Most traders have abandoned the idea that the percentage of condition will be anywhere near as low as the report of last year on May 25th, and when the figures were 62.4 of normal, but the average bullish trader clings to the idea that the report will be well under the ten-

year average for May 25th of 76.7. There will be no Saturday session this next week and the market will not reopen the following week until Tuesday morning because of the observance of Memorial day on the 30th.

LANFORD NEWS

Lanford, May 23.—Rev. Robertson preached a good sermon Sunday morning delivering the rules and regulations controlling the Methodist church, also a history of its origin.

The membership of the Baptist church rejoice in the fact that Rev. J. W. Watts has accepted the pastorate of their church. His first message in this new relation was brimming full of valuable suggestions that will prove a great blessing to both pastor and people.

Both ministers were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Waldrep at dinner Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Langston and Mrs. Reid, of Cross Anchor, and Mr. O. C. Cox, of Bramletts, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. DeShields Sunday. They attended services Sunday afternoon, and Mrs. Reid accompanied her son-in-law, Rev. Watts, home to spend some time with her daughter.

Mrs. Carrie Lester, of Florida, is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Lillie Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Drummond, of Laurens, spent the week-end with Mrs. Mamie Drummond.

Mrs. O. F. Fowler has been very sick for a few days. We hope she will soon be well and in her usual health.

Mrs. D. W. Douth, of Troy, is visiting her sister, Mrs. M. W. Fowler. They were guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Drummond Sunday. They all went to Woodruff Monday afternoon to visit Mrs. Bob Bryson, Mrs. Frank Pearson and other relatives.

Mrs. L. M. Cannon and Mrs. J. D. Johnson were guests of Mrs. Mary Parson and Mrs. Alice Moore last Thursday.

Mrs. Stella Bomar was in Woodruff last Monday on a shopping visit.

Miss Ruth Cooper spent last week with her sister, Mrs. Bobo, of Cross Anchor.

Mr. Flay and Miss Gena Compton have moved from Enoree out on the farm.

Miss Carrie Fowler has been appointed the representative from the Rural Improvement Association to attend the short course given at Win-

throp college in household economics. Miss Mary Drummond has not regained her health since her operation as rapidly as her many friends had hoped.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Burns of Barksdale spent the week-end with Mrs. O. F. Fowler.

WATTS MILLS NEWS

Watts Mills, May 23.—Rev. H. C. Martin returned home last week from the convention which was held in Chattanooga, Tenn., and reports a very fine trip.

On last Wednesday afternoon at Laurens Mill a very quiet wedding occurred at the home of the bride, when Miss Bertha Baldwin and Mr. J. W. Morrow were happily united in marriage by Rev. H. C. Martin. After the ceremony a very nice supper was served for the friends and relatives present. The young couple has the sincere wishes of their many friends for a successful and happy life.

Mrs. Hattie Hill and daughter, Miss Vivian, of Habbysville, visited Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Lanford last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cogsdill visited relatives at Enoree on Saturday and Sunday.

We wish to announce again the singing convention will be held here on the Fifth Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Everybody is invited to attend and bring well filled baskets and enjoy the good singing.

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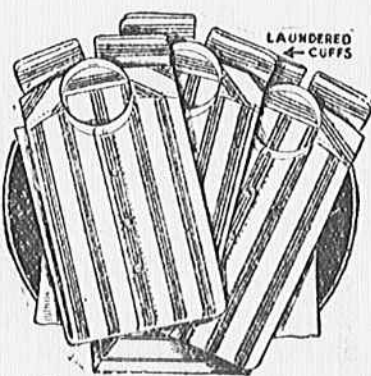
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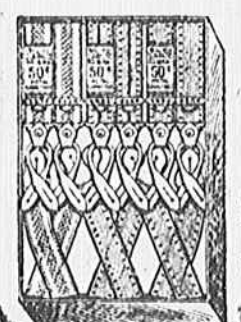
MAY SALE--RECORD-BREAKING PRICES AT BOTH STORES



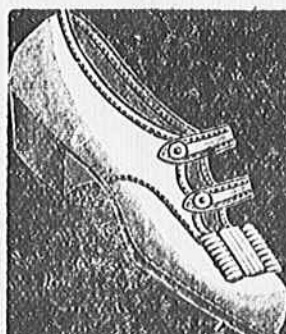
Men's Summer Suits at Red Hot prices. \$1.98 up to \$12.50



Special Shirt Sale—98c to \$2.98



25c to 69c



Slipper Sale \$1.00 to \$2.98



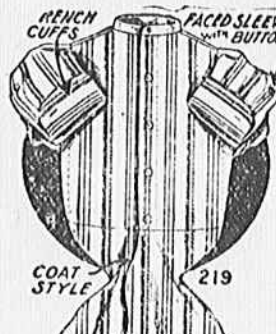
Fine Soap, 3 for 25c



Tie Sale, 25c to 89c



Special 98c



\$4.00 Shirt this week \$2.00



39c Table

1 table Gingham, this week 10c

1 table Gingham, this week 15c

Special values.

- \$2.50 quality Men's Work Pants, sale price \$1.48
- Special Dress Shirt Sale this week.
- \$3.00 Shirt, this week \$1.50
- \$4.00 Shirt, this week \$2.00
- \$5.00 Shirt, this week \$2.50
- \$6.00 Shirt, this week \$3.00
- Boys' Suit Special Sale this week.
- \$8.00 Suits \$4.00
- \$10.00 Suits \$5.00
- \$12.00 Suits \$6.00
- Ladies' White Oxfords, Reginskin hand sewed, special this week \$2.25
- Men's White Oxfords \$1.48 up to \$2.98
- Men's Dress Oxfords this week, special sale 1-2 price.
- \$8.00 Shoes, this week \$4.00
- \$10.00 Shoes, this week \$5.00
- Ladies' Oxfords, this week Special Sale.
- \$6.00 Shoes \$3.00
- \$8.00 Shoes \$4.00
- \$10.00 Shoes \$5.00
- 36-inch solid colors Organdies, nice quality \$3.00
- 50c quality heavy Blue Denims, good for men's and boys' pants 25c
- Ladies' Silk Dresses, special sale this week, \$8.98 to \$16.75

- 50c quality heavy Khaki Cloth, good for men's and boys' pants 25c
- Big line of Boys' Knee Pants 45c up to \$2.43
- Big stock Boys' Suits closing out sale this week \$2.98 to \$9.50
- \$2.25 Misses' Middy Blouse, fine Twill, sale price \$1.25
- 1 lot Ladies' White and Fancy Wash Skirts, sale price 98c
- \$1.00 quality Ladies' Shirts \$1.49
- \$2.00 Watch, this week \$1.39
- \$2.00 Alarm Clock, this week \$1.39
- 50c quality Curtain Goods, now 25c
- 75c quality Curtain Goods, fine quality, this week 39c
- 45c quality Table Oil Cloth 35c
- \$1.25 Men's Union Suits, this week 75c
- \$4.00 Dress Shirts, this week \$2.30
- 75c quality Men's Undershirts and Drawers, this week 39c
- 5 boxes Matches (worth 40c), this week 25c
- 6 pkgs. Washing Powders, this week 25c
- 6 cakes Washing Soap, this week 25c
- 6 pkgs. Arm and Hammer Sod, this week 25c
- 5 balls Sewing Thread, this week 5c
- 40-inch fancy flowered Voile, this week 25c
- 1 lot Ladies' Slippers, sizes 2-12 to 4-12, close out \$1.00
- \$25.00 Men's Suits, this week \$12.50
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