

A Dream Within a Dream.

CHAPTER I.

Cotton Mill Men in Convention.

First speaker: "Gentlemen, a fearful state of affairs confronts us. Fifteen cent cotton stops our mills, throws out of employment thousands of operatives, and brings a train of woe; for we cannot manufacture cotton at the selling price of the finished products. We must seek a remedy." "Combination", says one. "No; that won't do, for we cannot control the world of spinners throughout America and Europe." "Well, raise the price of cloth." "No; there is the same trouble; the world is too large to manage." "But we must do something—what is it? We must have more cotton; cheaper cotton! But how? The South is straining every nerve now to make all she can." "We must import foreign labor by the thousands; by the million!"

"Scatter laborers from North Carolina and Tennessee to Texas and Indian Territory. Yes; import enough to make 20 million bales; revolutionize the whole fix; the seed alone will pay for it all!" All right! Good! Hallelujah! Join Hands!" Let's have a merry go round! Prosperity!"

"Here's to 20 million bales of cotton and 20 million dollars fund to bring it about; bring in the wine and let's drink to the toast." "Hurrah."

CHAPTER II.

Board of Trade in Council.

"Gentleman of the Board of Trade: The cotton mill men have struck the nail on the head, struck the key note of Prosperity." "Yes! yes! Bring in the teeming millions of foreign laborers; 20 million bales cotton and double the amount of seed, Trade! Trade! Billions of trade!" Hurrah for Prosperity!"

CHAPTER III.

Rail Road Magnates in Session.

"Resolved: That we are delighted with the action of the board of trade and the cotton mill men, for the prospect of full supplies of American cotton, and that we will do all in our power to forward the great move of prosperity; doubling the business of handling cotton and seed and fertilizers and freight traffic generally. We may need double tracks on many of our lines, and a proportionate increase of rolling stock."

CHAPTER IV.

Retail Merchants in Parliament.

"All hail to the wave of prosperity through the importation of millions of foreign labor for the cotton fields of the South."

We hereby send a fraternal greeting to the cotton mill men, the railroads and the business world.

We congratulate our farmer friends and toast the coming wave of prosperity!"

CHAPTER V.

Farmers in Conclave.

"I rise, brother farmers, to felicitate with you on the eve of great prosperity. We have seen how the cotton mill men, the rail roads and the great business world seem to have united for the prosperity of the farming interest; and we owe it to ourselves to chime in with this great move to double our resources. Hundreds of thousands of immigrants are knocking at our doors to come in and do the work for us, double the cotton, double the seed. Just think what a pile of seed; how it will cheapen hog's lard!"

2nd speaker: "Brother farmers, have you carefully weighed both sides of this question? It

seems to me it is not more cotton we want. No; it is less cotton. Twenty million bales would mean 3 cent cotton; you could not get cost for it.

"It reminds me of encouraging a man to commit suicide. It's a case of 'you take the buzzard and I the turkey; or I'll take the turkey, and you the buzzard'." "It may bring prosperity to the mill men, the railroads and commercial business men; and the fertilizer trusts, but make serfs; and servants of the farming class. Three-cent cotton. This would mean no money for the farmer. His lien would more than exhaust everything, and he'd never see a dollar. The millions of immigrants will work for themselves and for the capitalists who sell them homes; absorb part of the present labor and sell the output of cotton, until 3 cents is about all you would get for it."

"No! No!" says another, "you have jumped clear across the argument. You forget that the seed alone would be a fortune."

"But see here, gentlemen. you are getting mixed—badly mixed. What's the matter the farmers never will pull together. You have waked me up out of a dream of ten bales to the horse and 15 cents labor."

I am so bamboozled I scarcely know whether to sign myself in South Carolina or

POSSUM FORK.

EMERGENCY MEDICINES.

It is a great convenience to have at hand reliable remedies for use in cases of accident and for slight injuries and ailments. A good liniment and one that is fast becoming a favorite if not a household necessity is Chamberlain's Pain Balm. By applying it promptly to a cut, bruise or burn it allays the pain and causes the injury to heal in about one-third the time usually required and as it is an antiseptic it prevents any danger of blood poisoning. When Pain Balm is kept at hand sprain may be treated before inflammation sets in, which insures a quick recovery. For sale by Dr D C Scott, Kingstree; Lake City Drug Co., Lake City; Dr W S Lynch, Scranton.

Notice.

I will be in Kingstree on Sept. 20th and will remain in my office two weeks. Parties desiring my services will find me at my office. R J McCABE, Dentist.

When troubled with constipation try Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They are easy to take and produce no griping or other unpleasant effect. For sale by Dr D C Scott, Kingstree; Lake City Drug Co., Lake City; Dr W S Lynch, Scranton.

A man is out of spirits when there isn't a drop in the house.

POPULAR COUPLE WED.

Capt. Ladson B. McCutchen Leads to the Altar Miss Emma J Gordon.

LANE, September 13.—On Thursday afternoon, September 8, at 2 o'clock, Miss Emma J Gordon and Capt Ladson B McCutchen were very quietly married at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs M H Gordon. Only immediate members of the family were invited and a few intimate friends. The ceremony was simple but beautiful in its solemnity. The Rev O D Loving of Virginia officiated.

Miss Gordon devoted four years of her life to teaching in the schools our neighboring towns, and proved herself a sincere friend to all. She is a superior and estimable woman, and we are grieved to have her taken from our community. Capt McCutchen is a popular conductor of the Atlantic Coast Line and a gentleman of great strength of character.

Among those present were: Mrs T M McCutchen, mother of the groom, Miss Hattie McCutchen, Jim McCutchen, Miss Nettie McCutchen, Miss Genia McCutchen, all of Mayesville. Mrs W D Owens, of Sumter, and Miss Mary Brunson, of Manning.

Dinner was served at 2 o'clock at the home of the bride. The decorations of the dining hall and tables were beautifully and artistically arranged. Mendelssohn's Wedding March was beautifully rendered by Miss Mary Brunson. The bride was dressed in plain white organdie, very becomingly made, with a sunburst of diamonds at her throat, a gift of the groom, bearing in her hands a large bouquet of roses. Owing to the popularity of this young couple, they received quite a number of handsome presents, mostly in silver and cutglass. We are all interested in the happiness of this young couple.

THE NEWS AT BENSON.

Death and Burial of Mrs J R Brockinton—Other News.

(Written for last week's issue.)

BENSON, Sept. 8.—Rev H F Oliver, pastor of Cedar Grove Baptist church, has been conducting a series of meetings for the past week and will probably continue them this week for some days. The church has been greatly revived spiritually and much good is apparent as the result.

Mrs J R Brockinton, who has been extremely ill for several weeks, died at the home of her parents, Mr and Mrs W M McCrea, last Sunday morning at 1 o'clock, and was buried at Turkey Creek Baptist church today.

A large number of sorrowing relatives and friends attended the funeral, which was conducted by Rev Mr Darnell. The sympathy of the community is extended to the bereaved husband and family.

A new store is being built here by our genial friend, Capt J F Scott of Central. This makes three for this place.

The cotton crop is being devastated by the onslaughts of the army worm. W S G.

The cashier should be known by the company that keeps him.

BUCKLEN'S ARNICA SALVE

Has world-wide fame for marvelous cures. It surpasses any other salve, lotion, ointment or balm for Cuts, Corns, Burns, Boils, Sores, Felons, Ulcers, Tetter, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Chapped Hands, Skin Eruptions; infallible for Piles. Cure guaranteed. Only 25c, at Dr W V Brockinton's, Druggist.

GRADED SCHOOL OPENING.

Patrons and Friends of the School Invited to be Present the Opening Day.

As will be seen in another column the Kingstree Graded School will begin work next Monday, September 19. In this connection let me urge that every father, mother and friend interested in the welfare of the school meet at the new school building promptly at 10 o'clock in the morning. Let us see and be seen. A short, but an appropriate programme has been prepared.

With regard to the children, let us have them all the first day. Many parents have unfortunately formed a habit of entering their children after the school has been regularly organized and class-work begun. This is an injustice to both child and teacher, and nothing good result from it.

Let every body be present at the opening next Monday. In behalf of the faculty and Board of Trustees I cordially extend this invitation.

P. P. BETHEA, Supt.

Letter to a Kingstree Lawyer.

Kingstree, S. C.

Dear Sir: As your business is to get people into and out of trouble, suppose you consider their paint; it makes 'em almost as much trouble as money, except of course matrimony.

They buy poor paint a good deal; they don't mean to; they don't know any better; they buy without thinking. Bad paint isn't good. It looks good-enough for a year; then begins to get rusty; but changes so slowly, one don't notice it.

Looking isn't all. The business of paint is to keep a house dry inside, the wood and iron of it; keep it from rotting and rusting. Takes good paint to do it.

Good and bad paint are sold at one price or about that. One can't go by the price at all, as with lawyers, the price has nothing to do with goodness or badness; and costs are worst yet; the painter and sheriff come-in for their share.

But the probability is that a man, who paints Devoe, will come-out on top.

Yours truly,

F. W. Devoe & Co.

16 Dr. D. C. Scott sells our paint.

IN PRAISE OF CHAMBERLAIN'S COLIC, CHOLERA AND DIARRHOEA REMEDY.

"Allow me to give you a few words in praise of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy," says Mr John Hamlett, of Eagle Pass, Texas. "I suffered one week with bowel trouble and took all kinds of medicine without getting any relief, when my friend, Mr C Johnson a merchant here, advised me to take this remedy. After taking one dose I felt greatly relieved and when I had taken the third dose was entirely cured. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for putting this great remedy in the hands of mankind." For sale by Dr D C Scott, Kingstree; Lake City Drug Co., Lake City; Dr W S Lynch, Scranton.

A woman's strength lies in her silence, that is why she is naturally weak.

THE VOTE AT KINGSTREE.

Earle Led For Railroad Commissioner and Ellerbe For Congress.

The second primary election held here Tuesday was not marked by special incident or feature save the comparatively large vote polled, amounting to 199, which is just 8 votes less than the number cast in the first primary. The vote was distributed as follows:

Railroad commissioner: Earle 134, Mobley 62.

Congress, 6th district: Ragsdale 90, Ellerbe 107.

House of representatives: Stoll 157, Wall 41.

Treasurer: Johnson 165, Baldwin 34.

County supervisor: Graham 113, Chandler 81.

Coroner: Burrows 73, Gamble 126.

County commissioner: Blakeley 147, Fitch 118, Eaddy 127.

WHAT IS LIFE?

In the last analysis nobody knows but we do know that it is under strict law. Abuse that law even slightly, pain results. Irregular living means derangement of the organs, resulting in Constipation, Headache, or Liver trouble. Dr King's New Life Pills quickly readjust this. It's gentle, yet thorough. Only 25c, at Dr W V Brockinton's Drug Store.

About Bonds.

Why put yourself under obligation to friends by asking them to go on your bond, when for a few dollars a year you can secure a bond from the U S Fidelity & Guaranty Co. of Baltimore, Md. We make a specialty of writing bonds of county officials on short notice. Bonds for administrators, executors, guardians, etc., executed literally "while you wait."

C W Wolfe, Agent, Kingstree, S. C.

SOUR STOMACH.

When the quantity of food taken is too large or the quality too rich, sour stomach is likely to follow, and especially so if the digestion has been weakened by constipation. Eat slowly and not too freely of easily digested food. Masticate the food thoroughly. Let five hours elapse between meals, and when you feel a fullness and weight in the region of the stomach after eating, take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and the sour stomach may be avoided. For sale by Dr D C Scott, Kingstree; Lake City Drug Co., Lake City; Dr W S Lynch, Scranton.

Wanted at Once

Young man to take charge of commissary and attend to general farm work. J B CLARKSON, 3t. Gourdens, S. C.

When a woman starts out to reform, she always begins on some man.

North Carolina THOROUGH BRED CATTLE.

I will have a carload of fine Jersey Milch Cows at Stuckey & Flowers' Stable, Lake City, S. C., on Monday, September 19 1904.

All fine milkers with young calves. Come early and get first choice as they are bound to go fast.

M. F. Heller.

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 WHEN IN NEED OF FLOUR, GRITS, CORN, OATS, MEAL, RICE, BACON, COFFEE, CRACKERS, TOBACCO, LYE, LARD, SUGAR, TOMATOES, SALTON, STAPLE DRY GOODS AND NUMEROUS OTHER GOODS. CALL ON ME AND SAVE MONEY.