

The Watchman and Southron.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 28, 1894.

Elliott Wins.

The State Board of Canvassers met yesterday, with Gen. Ellerbe and Secretary of State Tindal still absent.

Murray had no case, and asked the board to decide the question on an abstract proposition of law. The board is adhering to the letter of section 186 of the election law. The section is as follows:

"Upon such statements they shall proceed to determine and declare what persons have been, by the greatest number of votes, duly elected to such offices, or either of them. They shall have power, and it is made their duty as judicial officers, to decide all cases under protest or contest that may come before them on appeal from the decisions of the county board of canvassers."

The chairman announced that the board would not consider any evidence not submitted to the county boards below or any appeals, which did not come up regularly from below.

Wheeler, Murray's attorney, claimed that the Charleston Board had declined to receive certain affidavits bearing on the protest in that county.

Col. Elliott stated that Murray should have filed some sort of notice of appeal if he had any case.

After a long discussion, the board adopted the following resolution.

Resolved, That after hearing all points and considering all papers presented in the case between Messrs Murray and Elliott, it is the opinion of this board that the complaint has not been sustained, and the case is therefore dismissed.

In the case of Evans vs. Latimer the following was adopted:

Resolved, That the appeal case of Evans vs. Latimer be dismissed.

In this case also the only question presented was an abstract legal proposition bearing on the counting and color of tickets.

The dispute over the election in the Seventh District was disposed of by the following resolution:

Resolved, That insofar as the elections held at Gadsden and Eastover are concerned in the case of Johnston vs. Stokes, it is the opinion of the board so far as it is now informed that the election was irregular and of doubtful validity, but at the request of counsel on both sides of said case, the board consents to the counting of said votes in said contests, and that they shall be incorporated in the returns.

Meeting of Cotton Growers--The Roddey Plan Discussed.

ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 21.—An important meeting of cotton growers representing several States occurred in Atlanta.

They were called here to consider a plan recently suggested by J. T. Roddey, a cotton broker of New York, for controlling the price of cotton.

The meeting was presided over by Hector D. Lane, commissioner of agriculture of Alabama. After some discussion, the plan as announced by Mr. Roddey was, on motion, recommended, Chairman Lane and one or two others dissenting. A committee was appointed consisting of J. T. Roddey, H. S. Lipscomb, of South Carolina, and J. E. Nunnally, of Georgia, to call county and State conventions for the election of delegates to an interstate convention to be held at a time and place to be agreed upon by the committee.

Mr. Roddey's plan as explained by him, is to form a combination of the cotton growers with a capital of \$50,000,000 or \$100,000,000. Each cotton producer is to contribute one bale out of every five made to the trust. Estimating the crop at 8,000,000 bales, this plan would stock the trust with 1,600,000 bales, the withdrawal of which from the market, it is urged will appreciate the price 25 per cent. One general office is proposed with branch offices and warehouses at all cotton receiving points. The gins in every county are to be listed and if possible, controlled so as to know the exact production and to regulate the supply of cotton.

In regard to the management of the company, it is to have one general or head office, say in New York or New Orleans, with two general directors from each cotton growing State; have one office in each State with one director from each county in that State and have sub-offices in all the principal cities and towns in the different States to control the local cotton, all to be controlled by the general or head office; have either a special insurance company organized, or the present companies brought to a low rate; let company warehouse receipts be issued with insurance policies and if the farmer needs money, let the company advance him five-eighths or two thirds of the value of his warehouse receipts.

So much wheat is grown these days, and the splendid mills convert it into flour so fast, that there is an overproduction of the material for bread. Flour was never cheaper and better than it is now, and yet a clamor is heard in crowded centers for bread. If money is wasted on what is not necessary to sustain life, and the means are lacking to those in need, the blame for it must not be laid at the doors of those who produce enough to satisfy the hunger of all.

The Pride of China's Navy Sunk.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—The Navy Department has an official cablegram announcing that the Chinese battleship Chen Yuen, the most formidable vessel in the Chinese Navy, was damaged by torpedo on leaving Wei-Hai-Wei, the 18th instant, and was beached and is now useless. Commodore Lin, in command of the Chen Yuen, committed suicide after the disaster.

The Chen Yuen was a magnificent fighting machine very much after our own battleship Maine. She was built in Europe in 1882 and was of 7,430 tons displacement. It would appear from the brief statement of facts in the cablegram that the ship fell a victim to one of the torpedoes planted by the Chinese themselves to guard the entrance to Wei-Hai-Wei, which was the last of the great naval strongholds of the Empire save Port Arthur, now tottering to its fall.

It was as well that Commodore Lin committed suicide, for he would doubtless have been decapitated as the result of his error. It is believed here that this loss has deprived the Chinese navy of its offensive power. There remains the Ting Yuen, another powerful battleship, and a few lesser ironclads, but without the aid of the Chen Yuen, they would hardly dare to make an offensive campaign, and probably will remain in port to assist in the defense.

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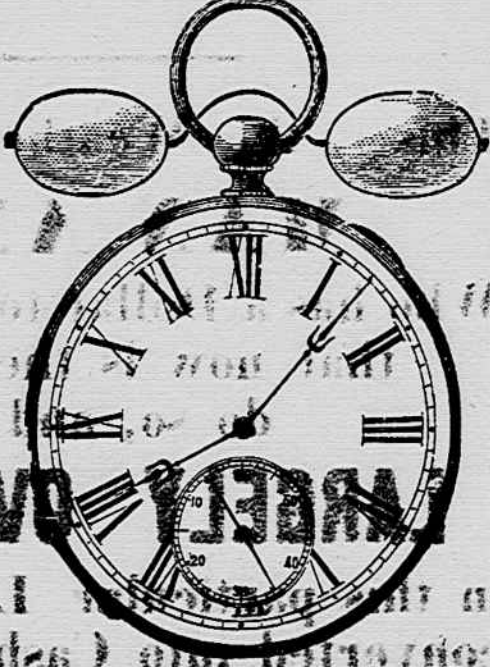
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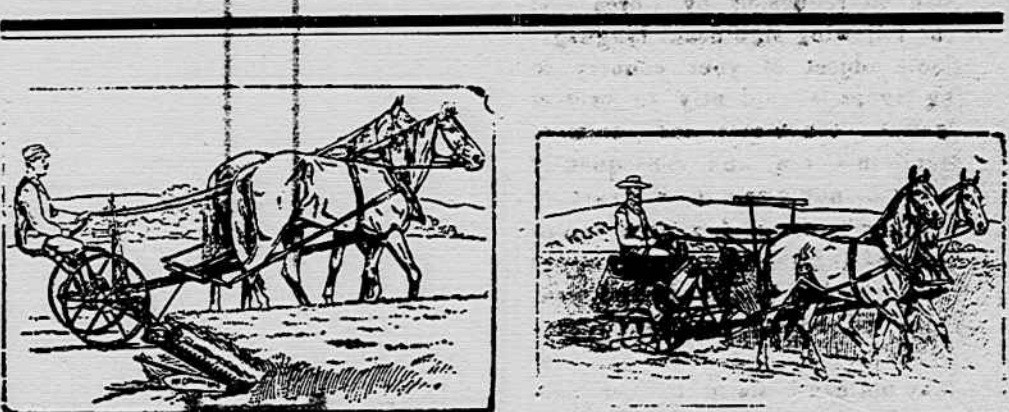
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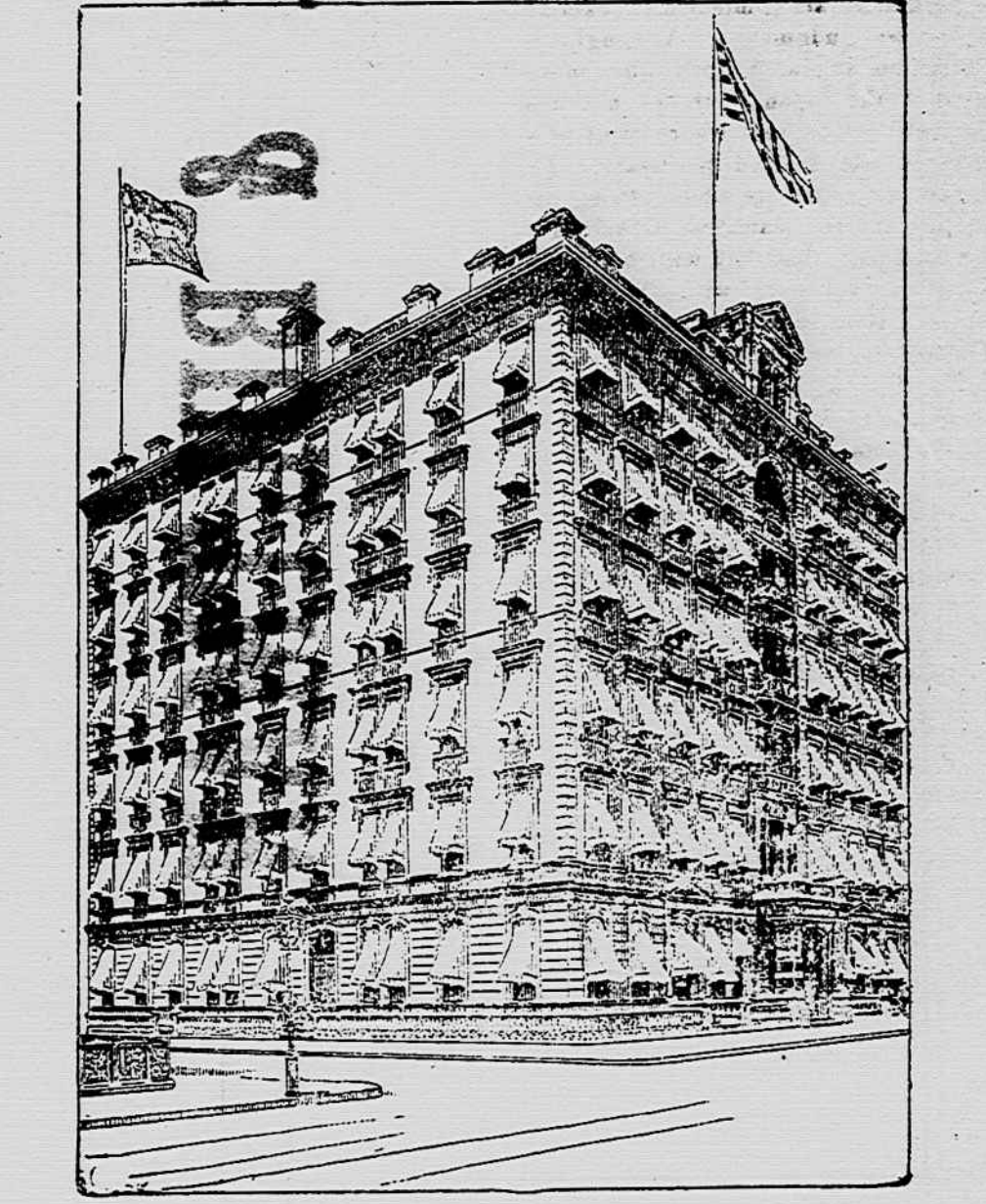


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