

THE PEE DEE CONVENTION.

WHAT THIS GREAT GATHERING MEANS TO THE PEOPLE.

Attention Invites Farmers, Business and Professional Men and the Public Generally and Will Have Much to Keep Them Busy on Nov. 8th and 9th.

From Florence Times.

The programme and schedule for the Pee Dee Section convention in this city on November 8th and 9th next, and the distinguished speakers who are to appear before the convention will make it one of the most memorable civic occasions ever held in the State of South Carolina. The schedule will divide the convention into two main heads. In the first section will be discussed the magnificent natural resources and opportunities that the Pee Dee section affords in the way of agricultural and commercial development and the second section will be devoted to the discussion of farm demonstration work; soil survey; intensive farming; diversification of crops; good roads and inter-county waterways and drainage of lowlands. The Pee Dee Section Convention will afford to every business man, farmer and citizen the opportunity to be discussed in an able manner, by experts in these various important lines, such as has never been offered before. For instance Dr. Seaman A. Knapp, Director of the Bureau of Plant Industry of the U. S. Department of Agriculture and Commissioner Watson of the State Department of Agriculture will discuss the important work of extending farm demonstration and the soil survey throughout the Pee Dee Section and the great importance and benefit to be derived from intensive farming and diversification of crops.

Mr. D. H. Winslow, Superintendent of Good Roads of the U. S. Department of Agriculture will discuss sand-clay road building and make a two day demonstration in good roads work on one of the city streets of Florence; Congressman J. E. Ellerbe and others will discuss the important work of draining the lowlands of the Pee Dee and other low country counties and the development of hundreds of miles of navigable river courses that permeate this magnificent region; Hon. R. Goodwyn Rhett, of Charleston and Mr. F. B. Jacobs, of Roanoke, Va., will address the convention upon the subject of railroad development and the great south-bound railroad, which will bring through the Pee Dee Section its tide of coal from the mountains of Virginia to the seaboard at Charleston, which means so much in the potential development of the Pee Dee Section into a great manufacturing country.

But these highly interesting sessions of the Pee Dee Section Convention are not the only attractions which will be offered to visitors of Fair Florence on the 8th and 9th of November. The town will array itself in gala attire of bunting and electric lights. There will be a full battalion of militia and two good bands of music, special attractions in the way of balloon ascension, acrobatic performances on the streets, and a carnival company will help to increase the gaiety of the city and the crowning feature will be the arrival and parade of the president of the United States, escorted by special details of police and a guard of honor from the A. C. L. station to the Central School building where the President will deliver an address to the public.

The Board of Trade has made elaborate preparations for the entertainment of the thousands of guests who are expected to attend the session of the convention from throughout the Pee Dee Section and the State at large. Special preparations will be made for the comfort of the public upon the streets and the information bureau of which Mr. Landon C. Jones is the efficient chairman, has secured a list of hotels, boarding houses and private houses which will enable our visitors to secure quarters at reasonable prices.

Acceptances have been received from the number of distinguished men who have been especially invited to attend the convention and to meet the president, and everything indicates that the Pee Dee Section Convention in Florence will be the most notable gathering for the development of a region ever held in this State. Let every one come to Florence who can and Florence insures them all a hearty welcome and a good time.

John Wallace was on Wednesday sentenced to be hanged Friday, December 10, for the murder of John Grooms at Lumber, Darlington county, last July, motion for new trial having been withdrawn by Mr. T. E. Stokes, who represented the defendant by appointment of the court.

It is reported that Morse has asked for a private interview with Dr. Cook. There is no getting ahead of the Ice Trust.—Charleston News and Courier.

CAMPAIGN FOR HEALTH.

Effort Being Made to Start Movement For Sanitation and Drainage at Pee Dee Convention.

Health Officer E. I. Reardon, of Sumter, is one of the prime movers in a widespread effort towards the eradication of malaria, and the Hookworm disease in the Pee Dee, and eastern Carolina counties, by the drainage of swamp and other low lands.

While our local health officer is more directly interested in the draining of low lands in the vicinity of Sumter, and Sumter county, nevertheless he realizes the importance of co-operation between the health departments, city and county officials, farmers and physicians of every city, town, village, and in the rural districts of the Pee Dee counties. He has written a number of articles on the importance of stamping out malaria by the eradication of the anopholes mosquito, and all other varieties of this insect by doing away with their breeding places in the low lands, swampy and marshy lands, because it is now an universally accepted fact that the mosquito is the intermediate host by which malaria is conveyed from one individual to another. His articles have attracted attention outside of Sumter.

Mr. James D. Evans, Secretary of the Florence Board of Trade has requested Mr. Reardon to take the necessary steps to interest the health officers, members of health boards, and the State Health Board, county officials and city councils, and physicians of the eastern Carolina and coast counties in attending the big Pee Dee Convention at Florence on Nov. 8th, and 9th, at which the question of general and systematic drainage of the low lands of the Pee Dee, the eradication of malaria, and the checking of the spread of tuberculosis will be discussed with the hope that a permanent organization may be formed with a view to doing something of a permanent and general nature along these lines. Congressman J. E. Ellerbe will deliver a lecture entitled, "Internal Waterway, and Drainage in the Pee Dee Section" at the Florence convention, and provision will be made for Secretary of Agriculture James Wilson, and Honorable James Cosgrove, of Charleston, to be heard on the subject of drainage.

The Sumter health officer maintains that it is a hopeless fight against malaria, tuberculosis, and the "Hookworm" disease where the incorporated cities and towns are making the fight alone while the rural districts are totally unorganized, and doing absolutely nothing towards suppressing communicable diseases.

Hundreds of people suffering with tuberculosis are moving into the cities and from houses infected with contagious disease germs in which neither the houses nor their contents have ever been disinfected. He also contends that while it is possible for cities and towns to do away with breeding places for mosquitos, that the fact remains that many cities and towns are suffering from breeding places of these insects outside of the incorporated places, and beyond the jurisdiction of city authorities.

Rural sanitation, drainage, segregation of communicable diseases, disinfection, and quarantine, with county and township health boards to enforce regulations are necessary not only for the general preservation of public health, but are of as much importance to incorporated places, as city and town health departments and city drainage.

Dr. C. F. Williams, State health officer has written the Sumter health officer that he will co-operate in the fight against malaria, tuberculosis, and the "Hookworm," and that as soon as he returns from a trip to Richmond he will take up the matter with all of the promoters of the movement.

The United States government is very much interested in this matter, and so is Commissioner E. J. Watson. The various chambers of commerce, boards of trade, city, county and State officials, are joining hands with the boards of health, and health officers and physicians.

Science and commerce have locked arms, and the agricultural interests have come together for better sanitary methods, and better health. Not only in incorporated places but in the rural districts as well.

The Pee Dee convention programme embraces discussion of railroad and industrial development, natural resources, good roads and drainage, improved sanitary methods, agriculture, commerce and other important subjects of interest to the Pee Dee section.

The final Iowa crop bulletin of the season says that over 85 per cent. of the corn is beyond danger of injury by frost, and over 90 per cent. of it will be safe with another week of warm weather. It also states that the late corn has been improved in condition one to two points during the month.

TAFT WAS HOODWINKED.

HERMAN RIDDER POINTS OUT JOKER IN PAPER SCHEDULE.

Head of Publishers' Association Says President's Mistake May Cause Retaliation by Canada.

Chicago, Oct. 19.—President Taft apparently was led into a serious blunder in the closing days of the recent session of congress when he changed his attitude on the print paper schedule, according to an open letter addressed to the chief executive and signed by Herman Ridder, of New York, president of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association.

Mr. Ridder's letter, written some time ago, was made public today, following its indorsement by the International and Daily Press Association. Mr. Ridder's letter follows:

"The full text of your address at Winona, Minn., on the tariff bill passed just came to hand. With the utmost respect we submit that your statement respecting the paper schedule shows that you could not have correctly read or understood what the print paper paragraph contained, as it passed the house of representatives.

"You were apparently misled by designing men into a serious blunder when, in the closing days of the tariff conference, they induced you to reverse your previous attitude on print paper, and changed your notions of what the Mann committee recommended and of what the house of representatives had approved. The Mann committee, after a 10-months investigation marked by unusual thoroughness, reported that a rate of \$2 would cover the difference in cost of production at home and abroad. The draft proposed absolutely safeguarded American paper mills against the serious conditions which the advance by the tariff conferees has since precipitated.

"The fixing of the rate on print paper at \$3.55 per ton, which you advised, has decided the Province of Quebec to prohibit the exportation of its pulp wood and many American paper mills must close or move to Canada to obtain their supplies of raw material. The country is now in a fair way for a trade war with Canada, because of your apparent failure to read correctly the Mann committee's recommendations. We are threatened with an industrial disturbance which will involve business interchanges with Canada amounting to \$285,000,000 per annum.

"We sincerely trust that you can find some method of rectifying the mistake into which you were led. We fully appreciate the difficulties and responsibilities of your exalted office, and we believe you are trying to do the best you can. We know that you must rely upon others for your information. We feel that every citizen is under obligation to help you. Therefore, we write this letter to you.

"Very respectfully,
"HERMAN RIDDER,
"President, Newspaper Publishers' Association."

EXCURSION TO CHARLESTON.

On Account of the Visit of President Taft.

For the above occasion the Atlantic Coast Line offers very low round trip rates to Charleston from Sumter, Florence, Hardeeville, Young's Island, Ehrhardts, and Intermediate Points.

Tickets will be sold for trains scheduled to arrive Charleston by 5.18 p. m. November 5th, limited to return until the following day.

Mr. Taft is due to arrive Charleston Friday afternoon November 5th and will meet and address the people that evening, thereby giving every visitor an opportunity to see and hear him.

Inquire of M. F. Dukes, Agent Sumter, S. C., or any Agent of the Atlantic Coast Line for information as to rates schedules and other preliminaries.

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PRESIDENT TAFT'S VISIT TO FLORENCE, S. C.

The President is to visit Florence the evening of November 8, and address the people of that city and section of the State. For this auspicious occasion and the

PEE DEE INDUSTRIAL CONGRESS which convenes in Florence, November 8 and 9, the Atlantic Coast Line will sell round trip tickets at very low rates from Wadesboro, Bennettsville, Rowland, Chadburn, Lanes, Sumter, Clio and Intermediate stations.

Tickets will be on sale November 7 and 8, limited to return on or before November 10, 1909.

Rates, schedules, tickets and any desired information can be procured from M. F. Duke, Ticket Agent, Sumter, or by addressing the undersigned:

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ARRESTED FOR RAFFLE.

Maryland Editor Accused of Violating Postal Laws.

Cumberland, Md., Oct. 18.—Col. John W. Alverett, editor of the Cumberland Evening Times, was arrested by United States Deputy Marshal Jacob D. George on a warrant sworn out by Postoffice Inspector James B. Robertson, of Washington, charging him with violation of the postal laws in sending through the mails the Evening Times of October 11, containing an advertisement of the raffle of a piano.

Colonel Alverett was given a hearing before United States Commissioner Thomas J. Anderson in his office, in the Federal building, and was held in \$200 bond for the action of the United States grand jury at the next term of Federal court. Col. Alverett was represented by ex-Judge Ferdinand Williams, who made a motion to quash the warrant, because, he alleged it did not comply with the statute in that it did not say that Col. Alverett had "knowingly" committed the offence. Commissioner Anderson overruled the motion.

Harry E. Weber, president of the Third National Bank, Cumberland, testified that he received through the mails a copy of the Evening Times of October 11, containing the advertisement of the raffle. Postmaster William Pearre testified that the Evening Times circulates through the Cumberland postoffice.

Col. Alverett testified that he had no knowledge of the publication of the notice of the raffle. He explained that the raffle of the piano was for the benefit of Alexander H. Washington, a colored man, who had been in his employ as pressman for some years until a few months ago. Washington was poor and his household goods had recently been sold for rent. The raffle, Col. Alverett said, was to help Washington along. Not a cent was charged for the advertisement in the paper, he said. Col. Alverett added that he had been in the newspaper business in Cumberland 25 years and notices of raffles had been used by papers constantly. He showed a copy he had received today of notice of a fair at which articles were to be raffled.

The penalty is a fine of from \$100 to \$500.

Col. Alverett took the matter pleasantly. Many of his friends believe political persecution is behind his arrest.

CENTRAL AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

Nicaraguan Revolutionary Leader Having Proclaimed Himself President, Sends Force to Repulse Troops.

Bluefields, Nicaragua, Oct. 19.—Gen. Estrada, the rebel leader, who has proclaimed himself provisional president of Nicaragua, returned to this city today after having established outposts to the north of Rama and sent a detachment of 500 of his best men to meet the expected approach of the government forces.

President Zelaya's army is reported to be moving toward the interior from the western coast but to be impeded by heavy rain.

The rebel movement is a serious one, despite the tenor of official dispatches emanating from Managua. Schooners arriving from the south brought 10,000 rifles for the insurgents.

Bluefields, Oct. 19.—More than half of the republic of Nicaragua is in the hands of the revolutionists. Confirmatory dispatches have been received here that Rivas, Corinto, Leon and San Juan del Sur have been taken by the insurgents. Gen. Chamorro, who is now at Greytown, has mined the San Juan river in several places.

Recruiting has been going on with great success, many thousands along the Atlantic coast flocking to the aid of Gen. Estrada.

Lopez y Martinez, a prominent firm of Bluefields who have been enriched by concessions received from President Zelaya, have been seized by the revolutionists. Senor Lopez, who was formerly governor of Bluefields, has been placed in jail and will be held until he pays \$20,000 to aid the revolution.

"The pleasant purgative effect experienced by all who use Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, and the healthy condition of the body and mind which they create, makes one feel joyful. Sold by W. W. Sibert.

"When Dr. Cook sighted land," says a contemporary, "his heart bulged with emotions." And when Peary sighted the headlines his vocabulary bulged with invective.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

"It is in time of sudden mishap or accident that Chamberlain's Liniment can be relied upon to take the place of the family doctor, who cannot always be found at the moment. Then it is that Chamberlain's Liniment is never found wanting. In cases of sprains, cuts, wounds and bruises Chamberlain's Liniment takes out the soreness and drives away the pain. Sold by W. W. Sibert.

TO CHANGE PLANS.

Yarn Selling Commission Among Southern Mills to Take the Place of Northern Houses.

Charlotte, Oct. 18.—Developments during the past two days practically assure the success of the movement started on Thursday afternoon by the executive committee of the Cotton Manufacturers' Association of North Carolina looking toward the establishment of a yarn-selling commission agency among Southern yarn mills and the elimination of the yarn commission houses of the North, avoiding the demoralization of the market brought about in part by the accumulation of the thousands of pounds of yarns in Northern warehouses.

A. C. Phelps, a well known mill man with a fine knowledge of the markets, was selected to formulate a plan for the proposed agency and it was stated that the mill men meant business. It is seen now that more manufacturers than the members of the executive committee had been considering the plan for the proposition now has met a response that is surprising in its promptness and heartiness. It has been indicated here during the past two days that the spinners of the South, and certainly of the two Carolinas, are ready to back the movement almost to a man. Not only this, but the bankers of Charlotte, Richmond, Columbia and other cities have indicated their willingness to back the proposition so that the mills will not be inconvenienced financially by holding their yarns in their own warehouses instead of consigning it to Northern houses to secure a small advance on it.

The plan of organization has not been worked out of course, but in the rough it contemplates the organization of a stock company of the mill men with capable executive officers for selling the products of the mills and handling other business in the interest of the mills.

MADE RICH FINDS IN EGYPT.

American Expedition Reports Great Discovery of Antiquities.

Philadelphia, Oct. 18.—What are said to be the most valuable antiquities discovered in the Nile Valley of Egypt this season were secured by the Eckley B. Coxe expedition at Belsen, a large town of the eighteenth Egyptian dynasty, according to a report received by the University of Pennsylvania Museum.

The excavations were carried on by Dr. David Randall MacIver and C. Leonard Wooley. The report says:

"We cleared around the walls of the town, which consisted of a very interesting series of fortifications, a deep moat and a triple wall of about a mile in extent.

"Within the eighteenth dynasty walls were discovered a series of unique and very valuable tombs of the twelfth dynasty, from which were obtained the most valuable finds of the season. Outside of the town was found a large cemetery of the New Empire, 1600, 1,000 B. C.

"A conical hill in the neighborhood was honeycombed with long gallery tombs of the eighteenth dynasty, which contained hundreds of burials. From the twelfth and eighteenth dynasty cemeteries were obtained the most valuable antiquities discovered in the Nile Valley this season.

"The excavation of a number of churches in the neighborhood brought to light early Christian antiquities of great interest, which, by the terms of our agreement with the Anglo-Egyptian government, were allotted to the museum at Khartoum, while the pre-Christian antiquities, with a few exceptions, have come to the University museum."

A GREAT FEATURE.

Of the South Carolina State Fair at Columbia Will be the Visit of President Taft.

The Atlantic Coast Line announces very low round trip rates from all points in South Carolina to cover the above occasions, tickets to be on sale October 31 to November 6 inclusive, with return limit to leave Columbia up to and including, but not later than, midnight of November 8, 1909. Tickets will include admission to the fair and transportation to and from Fair Grounds on local trains of the A. C. L. which will make frequent trips.

Saturday, November 6th, will be TAFT DAY.

When the President will meet and address the people at the Fair Grounds and review the Military and Civic Parade.

Inquire of M. F. Duke, Agent, Sumter, or any Agent of the Atlantic Coast Line, for information as to rates, schedules and tickets.

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Alaska is working for a legislature. It does not know what it is asking.—Minneapolis Journal.

DELEGATES TO CONVENTION.

Men Who Have Been Appointed to Attend Pee Dee Convention.

The following citizens of Sumter county have been appointed by the Chamber of Commerce to attend the big Pee Dee convention at Florence on Nov. 8 to 9th:

- Hon. J. H. Clifton, Hon. T. B. Fraser, Hon. C. E. Stubbs, Hon. G. W. Dick, Mayor W. B. Boyle, Aldermen H. D. Barnett, J. R. Ligon, R. L. Wright, W. G. Stubbs, P. P. Finn, H. C. Haynsworth, R. F. Haynsworth, Willie Bultman; Peter M. Pitts, county supervisor; L. E. White, city superintendent of public works; W. W. McKagen, superintendent of water works; H. Lee Scarborough, D. R. McCallum, Jr., Neill O'Donnell, Dr. E. S. Booth, president board of health; Col. Thomas Wilson, C. T. Mason, Major Marion Moise, Col. R. D. Lee, G. A. Lemmon, Hon. A. K. Sanders, J. K. Crosswell, H. G. Osteen, F. D. Knight, J. W. McKiever, A. A. Moses, J. W. Allen, F. E. Thomas, J. I. Brogdon, E. T. Mims, W. J. Young, Geo. D. Shore, E. W. Dabbs, J. A. Mood, L. D. Jennings, C. G. Rowland, E. I. Reardon, R. I. Manning.

MUSICAL ELEPHANTS

Are One of the Novel Features With the Wild West and Far East.

AMONG the numerous special features which contribute to the general excellence of the exhibition presented by Buffalo Bill's Wild West and Pawnee Bill's Great Far East is the remarkable performance of Rossi's Musical Elephants—an attraction which alone represents an outlay of \$1,000 weekly. These mammoths are trained to a point of perfection never before attained; they play horns and bells, producing harmony in correct musical attitude; they dance the stately minuet, march and counter-march, and perform other wonderful feats under the direction of four pretty girls, beautifully costumed. Never before has an attraction of this kind been presented in an exhibition arena; never before in the annals of animal training.



has their performance been even attempted. The Oriental Spectacle, of which they form a part, brings the Far East into comparison with the heroic and historic Wild West; two halves which contribute in authentic display. Types and scenes, correct in every essential, contribute to the world wide character of the exhibition. The Occident and the Orient come into sharp contrast; men and animals, costumes and customs, and methods and manner of life on two hemispheres are depicted. Methods of barbaric warfare are shown in the Battle of Summit Springs, the risk of pioneer railroading are illustrated in Perils of the Iron Trail; horsemen from earth's four corners display different styles of equestrian expertise. Riding at the head of the cavalcade, the hero horseman, Col. Wm. F. Cody, the only and original "Buffalo Bill," appears twice daily, no matter what the weather, personally directing and positively appearing at every performance.

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