

A COTTON PICKER.

LONG DESIRED INVENTION IS CLAIMED.

Machine Patented Said to Pick Ripe Cotton Without Injury to Other.

Washington, July 18.—Patents were issued today to Crawford Elliott, the inventor of the book type-writer, on a cotton picker or harvester which he has perfected as the result of nearly seven years constant effort. The basic patent granted covers forty different claims. The machine has been tested for two years in the cotton fields, and with it one man and team of mules will do the work of forty hand pickers. Only the ripe cotton is picked, and this is done without injury to the green cotton or the flowers. The successful cotton picker has at last arrived and will enable the planters to greatly increase the present acreage under cultivation.

The principle of the machine is a double row of bristle brushes about one and one-half inches in diameter and fourteen inches long, spinning rapidly in such a manner that the revolving brushes are introduced into the plants close to the ground and drawn up in a vertical line through the plants, the brushes penetrating the bushes from both sides of the row. The ripe cotton adheres to the brushes, while the rest of the plant is not in any way affected, the brushes traveling to a receptacle where they are stripped of the cotton and the operation is repeated.

It has been thoroughly tested and demonstrated that it will do the work at a quarter of the cost of hand labor, which means a saving of \$150,000,000 a year to the cotton growers. The invention, which has been purchased by the National Cotton Harvester Company of Chicago, Ill., means much to the growth and expansion of the cotton industry, and it will undoubtedly add immensely to the annual wealth of all the cotton growing States.

\$32,500 FEE TO WOMAN LAWYER.

Largest Ever Granted a Female Attorney in America.

Chicago, July 17.—Mrs. Mary E. Miller, woman lawyer, won a decided victory before Judge Gibbons in the Circuit Court yesterday, when, after deliberating an hour and a half, the jury that has heard her suit for \$50,000 attorney fees against the three Lloyd brothers, grandsons and heirs of John Bross, once Lieutenant-Governor of Illinois, voted for a verdict of \$32,500. This is the largest fee ever granted a woman lawyer in America. The case has been on trial for nearly three weeks, and arguments were completed yesterday.

Mrs. Miller was retained by the Lloyd brothers to conserve and protect the younger brother, John Bross Lloyd, of Boston, who was supposed to be under the control of a designing woman known as the "college widow." Attorney Henry Scott, representing the brothers, declared in his argument that John Bross Lloyd is still with the woman.

Mrs. Miller contended that John Bross Lloyd while a student at Harvard had become enamored of a woman, and had conveyed several hundred thousand dollars to her. The lawyer said she recovered much of this property and kept him from squandering much more. Mrs. Miller also showed that she had administered the affairs of the estate in a businesslike manner and that the property had increased in value during her administration. Several leading members of the Chicago bar testified that her charge of \$50,000 for legal services against the estate was reasonable and fair.

Judge Gibbons, in instructing the jury, ordered that Mrs. Miller should receive the same consideration as a man. "If she has performed valuable services for her clients," said the Judge, "she is worthy of her hire."

LONDON FIRM TO FIGHT JOHN D.

Largest That Ever Tried to Compete With Standard Oil.

London, July 17.—Members of London banking houses and certain American capitalists have formed here the largest organization that ever tried to compete with the Standard Oil Company, \$29,000,000 having already been subscribed.

Sir Westman Pearson, who has just returned from New York, where he was shadowed, presumably by Standard Oil detectives, is not interested in the new combine, it is stated.

Five million dollars in cash is on its way to America, it is understood, to secure options on all available oil property in Oklahoma. The largest pipe line in America will run from these properties.

Members of the syndicate already own immense tracts of oil lands in California. These are developed and are yielding a big revenue.

The combination was promoted by Samuel Untermyer, of New York, who represents the American interests.

AIKEN COUNTY OUT OF DEBT.

Surplus in Treasury—Some Unusually Good Corn.

Aiken, July 16.—Aiken County is out of debt and has \$80,000 in the treasury to be used for school and county purposes. This is a very unusual state of affairs and is one to be proud of.

Last week the annual settlement was made with the Comptroller General by Auditor Wise, and at the request of this correspondent he made out a special itemized report of the county's condition. The statement gives to the county a cash credit of \$80,770.96.

One item of special interest is that of the receipts from the dispensary, a total of \$65,155.27 being paid into the combined city and county funds.

The consensus of opinion in the county is that this money should go towards building better schools and better roads; very few opinions being heard in favor of a reduction of the taxes.

AGE 117, RIDES HORSE 60 MILES.

Veteran of Every War Since 1812 Strong and Active.

Galveston, Texas, July 16.—James Parkerson, aged 117 years, accomplished the feat of riding horseback 60 miles.

He is a resident of Eastland county, near the town of Clisco. He rode 35 miles over the country, stopped and had dinner and rested an hour, then rode 25 miles to the home of a relative.

The following day he walked nearly a mile to attend a political rally, and has on several occasions walked two miles to hear a political debate in the present campaign.

He is a native of Tennessee, near Knoxville, born in 1793, and has fought in every one of his country's wars since 1812. He is drawing a pension for service in the Black Hawk war of 1831-32.

His wife, past 94 years, is alive and active. Five children are living.

CENSUS FIGURES CAUSE ALARM

Republicans Would Prevent Expected Southern Increase in Congress.

Washington, July 18.—Because the population figures of a few Southern towns, taken under the new census, have shown big increases over the figures of 1900, leading men in the Republican party have become thoroughly alarmed and have begun a movement to keep the representation from the Southern States in the 63rd Congress from being increased.

Two places in Virginia, Lynchburg and Christiansburg, have shown big increases and the same is true of two Georgia towns, Fitzgerald and Hawkinsville. In Texas nearly all of the fifteen or twenty counties which have had their population figures made public, show big gains. The same is true of Oklahoma and Tennessee.

It is said that these, being widely scattered, indicate that the general growth all over the South has been large; in fact, much greater than any one expected, and that if the same ratio is kept up representation from that section must of necessity be increased. To forestall such an increase in membership it is proposed to begin the downward movement now.

Efforts made here today to ascertain whether or not President Taft was interested in the movement failed to disclose anything tending to show that he was cognizant of it, but it is understood that Congressman Bennett, of New York, and others, who are leading in the proposed cut, made him acquainted with their plans before he went to Beverly. That the movement is on in earnest is not denied.

Mr. Box has decided not to run for congress in Texas. He probably got wise to the fact that his name would appeal more strongly to the voters if it were Barbel.—Allentown Democrat.

With so many presidential booms, Mr. Bryan has the variety that he likes.—Atlanta Constitution.

A new science hall and gymnasium will be ready for use when the University of South Carolina opens this fall.

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NEBRASKA PARTIES DIVIDED

PROHIBITION CAUSES A SERIOUS POLITICAL BREACH.

Bryan Stands Almost Alone—"The Peerless One" Favors County Option And Had Read Out of Party Nine State Senators.

Omaha, Neb., July 15.—Prohibition has split the two old parties wide open in this State, and while there is no prospect that a third party will stand the ghost of a show in electing a single candidate for office, yet there is no telling what planks the anti-saloon sentiment may place in the platforms of the Democratic and Republican parties at the State conventions which will be held on July 26.

The Prohibition party leaders have issued instructions to Prohibitionists all over the State not to place candidates in the field, but to attempt to secure the nomination by both the Democratic and Republican parties of candidates with prohibition leanings.

William J. Bryan is making the fight of his life for the county option brand of prohibition, but in the county conventions yesterday he was decisively beaten.

Republicans as well as Democrats, as a party, are afraid of the prohibition question in this State. In the main, the Republican leaders have managed to keep clear of the subject and have not found it necessary to declare themselves either for or against the proposition.

A number of Republican county conventions have instructed delegates to the State convention to vote against placing a prohibition plank in the State platform. And an almost equal number of county conventions have instructed delegates to put a county option plank into the platform at all costs.

Not a single Republican leader of any prominence, however, has declared for or against the measure.

In Democratic ranks the opposite condition is found. No candidate conventions have yet been held, and the fight is altogether among the leaders. The county option side of the question is espoused by William J. Bryan, who is practically alone, so far as the old-line leaders are concerned. Mr. Bryan is engaged in a desperate effort to "save the party from itself," and he is reading out of the party ranks many of the leaders who oppose him.

Whether these men will remain outside, at Mr. Bryan's behest, is a question. Since opening his campaign Bryan has publicly notified nine Democratic State senators that they are not true Democrats, and he has called upon the rank and file of the party in their districts to repudiate them. The offense committed by these men is that they are opposed to Bryan and in favor of whiskey.

Among those leaders who are opposed to Bryan and prohibition are Governor Shallenberger, Mayor Duhlman, of Omaha, Congressman Hitchcock, ex-Mayor Love, of Lincoln, and "Bill" Maupin, State Labor Commissioner. Maupin was formerly editor of Bryan's Commoner.

Governor Shallenberger is seeking re-election on an 8 o'clock closing programme for saloons. Dahlman is a candidate for Governor on an out-and-out whiskey platform, while Hitchcock, who is editor and owner of the Omaha World-Herald and a candidate for the United States senate, is opposed to county option. Whether the Democratic voters will follow Bryan into prohibition or will stand pat for "personal liberty" will not be known until election night.

And even among the Prohibitionists there is conflict. Six of the 17 members of the State Anti-Saloon League executive committee have resigned because of differences with the other members, and there has been organized by these six deserting members the Nebraska State County Option League. This league will fight the Anti-Saloon League in every way possible, and in turn will receive no support from the anti-saloon people.

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The description of the cotton picker said to have been invented and patented by Crawford Elliott reads like a description of the cotton picker invented and put on the market more than twenty years ago by Mr. C. T. Mason, of this city. The principle and manner of operation appear, from the description, to be identical with that of the Mason cotton picker, and it seems as if Mr. Elliott has done no more than re-invent a twenty year old machine.

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NEGRO TEACHER DIVIDES TOWN

Creates Factions and Embarrasses Board of Education.

Elizabeth, N. J., July 15.—Protests against the installation in office of Richie Maison, 19 years old, a negro, as teacher in Public School No. 7 next September are dividing the persons interested into factions and embarrassing the Board of Education. Richie has never posed as of white birth and resents the term "mulatto." She says she is a negro and her father and mother are negroes. They are in comfortable circumstances.

"I finished at the head of my class and received an appointment which I believe I merited," she said.

Dr. F. R. Bailey, chairman of the teachers' committee of the Board of Education, said: "The young woman was graduated with first honors. As she was permitted to study to become a teacher and was graduated, I believe she is entitled to appointment."

That the woman was of negro blood, it appears, was not known to the members of the Board of Education at the time she was recommended for appointment.

MUST PRODUCT BOOKS.

Steps Taken for Fuller Inquiry Into Alleged Cotton Pool.

New York, July 18.—Steps were taken today by the special Federal grand jury for a fuller investigation of the alleged recent cotton pool. Under orders from Judge Hand, in the United States Circuit Court, three firms of brokers will be required to produce their books and tell of their transactions with speculators.

Judge Hand made his ruling when the grand jury returned a presentment against Walter L. Johnson, of the brokerage firm of Shearson, Hammill & Co., who had declined to produce books or testify regarding the accounts of customers unless directed by the court to do so. Counsel for Johnson argued that as indictments have already been returned against James A. Patten and others, in connection with the alleged pool, the grand jury had no power to issue such subpoenas. He also claimed that the transactions between the broker and customers were privileged. The court held otherwise.

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