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THE RAILROAD CONVENTION AT MEMPHIS.

Advices received in this city induce us to believe that the Railroad Convention to be held here on the first Monday in February, will be largely attended. We are authorized to invite all men interested in the construction of a railroad to the Pacific to be present. From Virginia, Georgia, the Carolinas, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana, representatives of various railroad interests will be present. Let every road east of the Mississippi send delegates to the February Convention. The west will be largely represented. Missouri, Arkansas and Texas more immediately interested than other States, have through the officers of their railroad companies, already signified their intention to participate in the deliberations of the convention.

The chief subjects of discussion will be the speediest and best mode of building a road to the Pacific; the consolidation of the Texas roads so richly endowed by that State, and the best mode of securing governmental aid. The stockholders in the Southern Pacific, and Memphis, El Paso and Pacific roads will, as we are advised, send special delegations to Memphis. The Presidents of both roads will be present, and it is hoped that terms of consolidation will be finally fixed.

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COMPLIMENTARY.

For the Memphis Appeal.

A member of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Convention, which met in this city on the 24th of November last, in speaking of the kindness and hospitality shown to the delegates by the citizens of Memphis, mentions, in most complimentary terms, the Worsham House, and its gentlemanly and courteous proprietor. He writes, that "the doors of the Worsham House were opened wide open for the reception of delegates, and about fifteen were entertained during the Convention, and a greater number would have been taken had it been necessary. Mr. J. J. Worsham, the proprietor, gave every attention to those who shared his hospitality, leaving nothing undone which was calculated to render their sojourn in the city pleasant and agreeable. Truly, he is a host who anticipates all the wants of his guests, and provides for the wants of the same with that promptness which gives entire satisfaction. All those visiting Memphis will find the Worsham House worthy of their patronage. A DELEGATE."

London and Liverpool Tobacco Markets.

Oxley & Co.'s Circular, dated London, December 2, says:

Since our last monthly advices the London Tobacco market has shown no positive or general activity, although it is found, on summing up the month's business, that the necessities of the trade, met as they have been by decided concessions in price, have led to a larger aggregate of sales than for some months past.

The business of the month, in all, altogether exceeds 1,000 hhds. the largest proportion has been of factory dried Western Leaf, while the transactions in Stripe of that country have been extremely limited, and chiefly confined to selections of light colory descriptions. Virginia Tobacco, both leaf and stripe, has been in good request, while Maryland has been in rather less demand.

The general character of the market is much the same as reported last month, but the tendency to decline is still apparent, and points to such an adjustment of prices for the various kinds of Tobacco as is warranted by present and prospective supply. The sooner this is accomplished the sooner may we look for a more wholesome and settled state of the trade, particularly as regards Western Strips, and other dry qualities required for the consumption of Great Britain.

Liverpool Cotton Market.

Wright & Co.'s Circular, dated Liverpool, December 3, says:

The same features reported in our circular advices of 26th ult.mo, per *Persia*, have continued the ruling characteristic of our Cotton market this week. Holders have been anxious, and special delegations to Memphis. The Presidents of both roads will be present, and it is hoped that terms of consolidation will be finally fixed.

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