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RICHMOND, VA., TUESDAY, MAY 25, 1909.

THE WEATHER TO-DAY—Cloudy.

PRICE TWO CENTS.

SPINNERS HERE TO DEAL WITH BIG PROBLEMS

Members Suggest Richmond as Permanent Home of Cotton Association.

LOGICAL POINT TO MEET EVERY YEAR

Manufacturers from New England and the South to Discuss Matters Which Vitrally Affect Great Industry—Exchange Contract Most Important Topic.

INFLUENTIAL men from all parts of the country have been approaching the night as to the advisability of making Richmond the permanent home of the organization, which meets in its thirtieth annual convention in the auditorium of the Jefferson Hotel this morning at 10 o'clock, honoring Richmond by making this the only city in which it has held two consecutive sessions.

LOOKS FOR GREAT CONVENTION

President Bennett has the head of large cotton mills at Pell City, Ala., and for many years with the Graniteville Manufacturing Company, in South Carolina, was the constant center of a group of cotton men, greeting manufacturers from all sections as they arrived.

DECLARE FOR PROHIBITION

Cumberland Presbyterians Adopt Resolutions Denouncing Prohibition.

BENTONVILLE, ARK., May 24.—Not only did the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, declare its adherence to the principles of prohibition to-day, but went a step farther, adopting resolutions declaring that it would not receive any minister who should receive the votes of Christians men, and any candidate for office who should receive the votes of Christians men, and any candidate for office who should receive the votes of Christians men.

NIGHT RIDERS IN ARKANSAS

Five Well-Known Young Men Under Arrest in West.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., May 24.—A special to the Gazette from Lonoke, Ark., says that Sheriff Fletcher has arrested five well-known young men of this county on the charge of night riding. The arrest follows sensational tales told by negroes, who allege that they had strangled a man through the windows and doors only by lying prone upon their floors. Those under arrest are F. Howard, James Cox, Lyle Ferguson, Henry Cornett and Jesse Jones. Ball was denied.

LUNATIC'S WILD TALE

Said He Had Committed Murder and Nearly Got Lynched For It.

BRISTOL, TENN., May 24.—It developed to-day that the negro, Robert Moore, who was hurried away from Abingdon, Va., on Saturday under heavy guard to prevent a lynching, after being held through the week by James Hines, the sixteen-year-old son of an Abingdon druggist, is insane, and that the boy has not been murdered.

CHILDREN PLAY HANGING

And Little Boy Was Strangling to Death When Mother Cut Him Down.

ALEXANDRIA, VA., May 24.—While playing "moving pictures" this afternoon in the yard of Albert, the five-year-old son of Harry Foss, and attempted to imitate a hanging. The lad's mother was informed of the proceeding and rushed to the state where the hanging was in progress and cut her son down. The boy was strangled, but after much difficulty was resuscitated.

DEATH TO SILENCE HIM

Attorney Says Alcott Was Made to Announce Principles of Witnesses.

Attorney Stanley Moore, of the defense, said that the trial to-day entered on its twentieth week. This afternoon was devoted to the examination of Thomas B. Gibson, a detective in the employment of the United Railroads, charged with the explosion which killed George C. Francis, secretary of the company's legal department, and Luther Brown, a Loganville attorney, active in behalf of the defense.

FINISH WORK SOON

President Confident Congress Will Adjourn Before End of June.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—President Taft is confident that Congress will adjourn before the end of June, and that it will pass a satisfactory tariff bill and a satisfactory revenue bill before the adjournment.

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KANSAS CITY, OKLA., May 24.—Five persons are dead, at least ten are seriously injured, several acres of crops are inundated, and every stream in the northern and eastern part of Oklahoma is raging as a result of heavy rains during the last twenty-four hours. A number of houses were washed away.

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COUNCIL SENDS AWARD BACK FOR NEW VOTE

Lynch Says Bids on Municipal Electric Plant Were Not Fairly Considered

DON LEAVY DID NOT KNOW OF COMPLAINTS

Only Escape from Dilemma Is in Sustaining Mayor Richardson's Action—City Attorney Upheld on All Legal Questions—Chief Executive Twice Overridden.

NOT to uphold the legality of Mayor Richardson's action in vetoing the award of contract for the construction and equipment of a municipal electric light plant, but solely from policy, and to satisfy the many complaints that certain bidders had not been given a square deal, the Common Council, by a vote of 80 to 5, last night recommitted the resolution containing the award, as well as the veto, to the Committee on Electricity.

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