

Officers of Cotton Manufacturers' Association and Board of Governors



SPINNERS HERE TO DEAL WITH BIG PROBLEMS

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every detail of local arrangements was carried out with precision and forethought, the board of governors received invitations from a number of cities North and South. The convention itself being flooded with badges and literature advocating Atlanta as a meeting place.

Went from New York.
The board decided to hold the meeting in New York City, where conferences might be held and efforts made at close range to adjust the differences between the manufacturers and the Cotton Exchange. But the Richmond Chamber of Commerce renewed its invitation, pressed the advantages of Richmond as a convention city, the convenience of the Jefferson Hotel as a meeting place, the central location of Richmond for the cotton men, and as an added inducement, merely promised to outdo its hospitality of last year. The board of governors, at the request of many members, met in special session, reconsidered its action and accepted Richmond's invitation. In looking to the social side of the program the Chamber of Commerce has arranged a smoker in the auditorium of the Jefferson this evening, when there will be informal speeches and an opportunity for acquaintanceship, and a man-to-man discussion of trade conditions, as well as lighter amusement. The feature of the city's entertainment will be a trip on James River on Thursday to Jamestown Island, on the steamer Pocahontas, the boat returning to Richmond in time for the members to take the night trains in all directions.

Launched will be served on board and a stop of an hour or more made at Jamestown Island, the point of the original settlement of English-speaking people on the American continent.

Businesslike Program.
President Rennie's remark last night that the association meets this year for business is amply borne out by the program as finally passed upon by the board of governors. Papers of importance on topics of live interest are to be presented by men of standing, whose names command a hearing in the business world. Preliminaries are cut short. There will be no extended addresses of welcome and responses, such as last year took up the first half day of the convention. Following the opening prayer by Rev. George W. McDaniel, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist Church, Mayor Richardson will briefly welcome the visitors, and Colonel L. D. Tyson, of Knoxville, will as briefly respond. The convention proper will then open with the annual address of President T. H. Rennie, and during the morning session will hear and discuss three papers on subjects of technical interest by specialists, time being given in each case for discussion and for the asking and answering of questions.

Smoker To-night.
The afternoon session will largely be given over to a discussion of the report of the committee on uniform sales contract, presented by Vice-President L. W. Parker, and on account of the smoker there will be no business session to-night. According to the program, the business of the convention will be concluded to-morrow morning, although if the discussion of the report of Captain Smyth from the committee on cotton exchanges is extended, an afternoon session will be held for the election of officers and transaction of the business of the association, largely digested and prepared by the board of governors.

Group Photograph.
Immediately following the morning session to-day, and before the scattering for luncheon, members of the convention will assemble for a group photograph, which will be taken in front of the Franklin Street entrance of the Jefferson Hotel.

Manager Stevenson, of the Western Union Telegraph Company, has notified members of the association that all personal messages will be handled by his company free of charge. Full telegraph reports will be received at the Jefferson Hotel from the New York and New Orleans cotton exchanges during trading hours to-day and to-morrow.

To-day's Program.
The official program for to-day, as announced after the meeting of the board of governors last night, is as follows:
10:30 A. M.—Call to order by President T. H. Rennie; prayer, Rev. George W. McDaniel.
10:45 A. M.—Address of welcome, Hon. D. C. Richardson, Mayor of Richmond.
11:25 A. M.—Reply to address of welcome, Colonel L. D. Tyson, Knoxville, Tenn.
11:45 A. M.—Annual address, President T. H. Rennie.
12:15 P. M.—Address, "Development of Foreign Cotton Goods Trade," R. L. McKelvey, assistant freight traffic manager, Southern Railway Company, Louisville, Ky.; discussion.
1:15 P. M.—Address, "Cotton Waste Manufacture," W. A. G. Clark, special agent, Department of Commerce and Labor; discussion, led by E. H. Rooney, White Machine Works.
2:15 P. M.—Address, "Baling and Handling Cotton," Aug. W. Smith, president Cotton Buffalo Light Company; discussion, led by Harvie Jordan, president Farmers' Gin Company and Cotton Company, Adjutant.

Afternoon Session.
8:00 P. M.—Call to order by President T. H. Rennie; address, "The Tariff on Cotton Textiles," D. A. Compkins, discussion.
8:45 P. M.—Report of committee on uniform sales contract, L. W. Parker, chairman; discussion.
9:00 P. M.—Smoker, Auditorium, Jefferson Hotel, corner elements of Richmond Chamber of Commerce.

Fox & Son to Get Contract.
The Board of Fire Commissioners met in special session last night and considered six proposals submitted for the erection of an engine house for Engine Company No. 1, on Twenty-fifth Street, between Broad and Marshall Streets. The matter was referred to a committee to confer with James Fox & Son, the lowest bidder, with the view of arranging certain details before the contract is finally awarded.

Governor Swanson Aways.
Governor Swanson left last night for Galax, in Grayson county, where to-day he will address an educational rally. He will leave for a special speech at the unveiling of a Confederate monument at Warwick Courthouse on Thursday.

Judge Mann, Mr. Tucker and a number of other candidates for State offices will attend the unveiling.

Building Permits.
Building and repair permits were issued yesterday as follows:
Hymen and Rosa Blank, to repair a frame dwelling, 1313 West Leigh Street, to cost \$1,000.
Andrew Anderson, to repair a frame dwelling, 320 West Nicholson Street, to cost \$1,250.
Robins and Luskhard, to erect four two-story frame tenements, to be used for eight dwellings, on the east side of Third Street between P and Q Streets, to cost \$7,200.

Condition Little Changed.
A. R. Holderby, Jr., was reported to be resting quietly at the Memorial Hospital last night. His condition early yesterday morning was more favorable than on Sunday, but there was little or no improvement during yesterday. He is still a very ill man, although chances are slightly in favor of his ultimate recovery.

VIRGINIA'S LOSS THREE MILLIONS

Expert Tells Business and Insurance Men How to Check This Waste.

Proper Construction of Buildings Prevents Wholesale Ruin by Fire.

Frank Lock, United States manager of the Atlas Assurance Company of London, delivered an address before the Chamber of Commerce and members of the insurance convention in the assembly hall of the Chamber last night, on the subject of "The Great Fire Waste in the United States."

Although the subject was necessarily a dry one, the address dealing largely with statistics, Mr. Lock held the closest attention of his hearers, being loudly applauded when he concluded.

He was presented by Frank D. Williams, president of the Chamber of Commerce, who said:

"There is absolutely no question which vitally interests so many business men as fire insurance. Every one has got to insure, and every one ought to insure fully. A business that cannot afford to insure the banks cannot afford to lend to. The people who don't insure or don't insure fully, generally do so because they say the rate is too high. They take the risks that

the companies don't want, as is shown by their rates. "You can put it down that the companies know more about insurance than you do. It is generally conceded that the fire insurance of to-day is conducted on very high lines of ability and economy. It is of immense importance that the public understand the expert viewpoint of the underwriters, and that it co-operate to bring about better conditions of safety, which alone will cause a reduction of rates."

American System at Fault.
Mr. Lock opened by declaring that his subject, though one of great importance, was yet one which might not prove highly entertaining. He defined fire waste, passing then to the question of its cost. Excluding forest fires from his calculation, he gave some startling figures concerning losses in the United States during the year 1907. He placed the figures at the enormous sum of \$487,000,000. He said the losses in Virginia for the same period had been \$3,000,000, and in this city \$371,281.

"Confirgations can be prevented," he said, "and therefore they should be prevented." In speaking of the cause of the enormous fire waste in the United States, Mr. Lock declared that reckless carelessness on the part of the people was largely responsible. He compared conditions here with those in Europe, producing statistics to show that in the latter country the people as a rule displayed greater foresight and precaution in the matter of protecting their property against fire waste than did those of the United States.

"The European system is much more economical and efficient than that of the United States," he continued, "and the large sum of \$386,000,000 per year could be saved to the people of the United States if they would only adopt European methods."

Mr. Lock dwelt at length upon the carelessness of Americans in the construction and care of their buildings, incidentally observing that the insurance companies would always be glad

NAME STREET FOR DAVIS

Resolution to Change Designation of West End Thoroughfare.

If Councilman Hatfield, of Lee Ward, is successful in carrying through his resolution, there will shortly be a street in Richmond named for the president of the Confederacy, Mr. Ratcliffe's idea is to change the name of Cedar Street, which is divided by the Davis Monument, to Davis Avenue. The thoroughfare is being broadened to beautify the neighborhood, and many residents have expressed approval of the change. The representative is backed by the local Confederate organizations.

ASK MONEY FOR ANNEX

Addition to City Home Will be Used for Treatment of Contagious Cases.

Councilman Rouse, chairman of the Council Committee on Relief of the Poor, last night presented for reference to the Committee on Finance a resolution asking the appropriation of \$1124 for the construction of a five-room annex to the City Home. The proposed department is to be used for the treatment of contagious and infectious diseases.

WILL CROSS HOT SANDS

Acce Temple to Initiate Fifty Candidates Thursday Night.

Acce Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, will hold its last meeting of the spring Thursday night, when about fifty candidates will be made acquainted with their peculiar and entertaining methods of making new members. The illustrious potentate, Thomas B. McAdams, has notified the faithful throughout his oasis to be on hand promptly at 8 o'clock Thursday evening, leaving their troubles and cares behind and promising to banish the cares of the sand and the common city called "unregenerates" for all time and bestow upon them "radiant bliss and indomitable joy as their permanent possession. This is expected to be the largest meeting of the year.

HEAVY VERDICT AGAINST COMPANY

Maximum Damages Allowed in Case of Wheeler's Administrator vs. Clinchfield Corporation.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
TAZEWELL, VA., May 24.—After being on trial for an entire week, the case of Wheeler's administrator against the Clinchfield Coal Corporation, a suit for damages, the jury brought in a verdict at Lebanon, the county seat of Russell county, to-day for \$10,000, the full amount asked, and the largest amount that can be recovered under the Virginia law in such cases.

Wheeler's son was killed in the mine owned by the C. C. and O. Railroad by a runaway electric motor on April 10, 1906. The verdict of the jury in the first trial was in favor of the plaintiff, allowing \$10,000. Upon appeal to the Supreme Court the case was sent back for retrial. The suit involved the maximum safe grade for traction locomotive coal hauling, and upon this question both plaintiff and defendant introduced an expert some of the best known engineers in the United States. The motion of the defendant to set aside the verdict of the jury was immediately overruled, and judgment was entered for the plaintiff. The latter was represented by William H. Werth, of Tazewell, and the company by Judge A. A. Heizer, of Bristol, and C. C. Burns, of Lebanon, Va.

This is said to be the largest amount of damages allowed by a jury in a case of this character in Southwest Virginia in years.

AMUSEMENTS

Academy—"Lord Dundreary"
Lubin—Continuous Vaudeville.

The Jokes of Dundreary.
That "old" friends are the best friends" holds true in plays as well as in people, and that's why "Lord Dundreary" received such a warm welcome at the Academy last night.

Not that the Page players are not capable and clever for they are, but the ancient jokes, the almost forgotten skip of Dundreary and the touch of other days recalled to some at least the performance of the older Sothorn, who he made himself famous in a single night. The play was called "Our American Cousin" in those days, but E. H. Sothorn has seen fit to change the title, despite which fact "The Cousin" holds the centre of the stage and is the strong part, no matter how misnamed the comedy may be.

There are always those who build up a high wall against the invasion of anything like pleasure by continually telling you that nothing is ever quite as good as "when I was a boy"—or maybe "a girl." To those favored few who long ago saw the great Sothorn, the play last night was received with the hypocritical term, "Christian fortitude," but to others who have not inhabited the vale of tears to the three score years and ten limit, the play seemed quite all right and afforded immense amusement. That the jokes are adroven with whifors, as luxuriant as Dundreary's, makes the laughter all the more hearty; indeed, the laughter of one in the audience was

REAL FLOWERS ON HAT

Smith College Girls Had Stunning Creations That Cost 35 Cents.

NORHAMPTON, MASS., May 24.—Smith College girls have been disporting themselves of late with an endless variety of hats, at a cost of only 15 cents each, and they were gorgeous creations.

At last the secret is out. The frames came untrifled from a fashionable milliner, and the girl trimmed them with flowers picked in the fields. Thus they had a bouquet-trimmed hat for every day in the week.

Some of the girls bought many different frames, and had as many as ten on a dozen now hats a week. The Northampton milliners are in a panic over the fad, which has seized upon the whole college.

TWELVE GRADUATES AT BARTON HEIGHTS SCHOOL

The Rev. Gley C. Kelly, of Broad Street Methodist Church, will deliver the annual address before the graduating class of Barton Heights High School next Friday night. Diplomas will be delivered by John Stewart Bryan. On Thursday class night will be celebrated, and closing exercises of the primary and grammar grades will take place Friday morning. The commencement will take place in the assembly hall of the High School building.

Those to receive diplomas are Elizabeth Maude Kirk, Henry Magruder Taylor, Ralph Carline, Ed. of "Lord, Best, Raines, Lizzie Dorsey Ruskel, Mamie Haverman Harris, Ruth Cleveland Hopkins, Charles Nicol Davenport, Mary Edith Graham, Rebecca Allen Davis and Marian Buchanan Moffat. The total enrollment for the past session, which has been the most successful in the history of the school, was 840.

Rosenthal Goes to Jail.
J. L. Rosenthal was sentenced to fifteen days in jail in the Hustines Court yesterday morning on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. He was accused of working the fake photograph enlarging scheme.

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