

SOUTHERN COTTON GROWERS' CONVENTION

Meet in New Orleans Saturday and Pass Resolutions.

Will Hold 11,000,000 Bales Next Year and Build Warehouses.— Meet at Memphis Next Year.

N. O. Item, Nov. 24.

As the result of a convention of the representatives of the various Farmers' Unions in the South, held at the Commercial Hotel yesterday, it is said the entire cotton market may undergo a mighty change. It is contended that the farmer will absolutely control cotton, something he has never done before.

Briefly outlined the convention resolved to:

"Absolutely control about 11,000,000 bales of cotton next year.

"To hold this cotton for a minimum price of 15 cents.

"To build warehouses in every portion of the South and bond them.

"To make warehouse receipts as good as bank notes.

"To withdraw the deposits of farmers from banks which attempt to force a foreclosure of cotton in order to lower the price.

"To hold one of the biggest rallies of cotton farmers ever held in Memphis, Tenn., on January 7, 1898."

This brief outline of resolutions adopted at the convention yesterday, the cotton farmers believe, will absolutely place cotton in their control, instead of in the power of banks and brokers.

At 10 o'clock yesterday morning fifteen men gathered in the convention room of the Commercial Hotel at a meeting presided over by Mr. C. S. Barrett, president of the National Union of Farmers. Those present at the meeting represented the States of South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas and Oklahoma; in fact, they were the leading lights in the growth of cotton.

The session lasted all day and at 6 o'clock last night J. W. Boyett, Jr., state secretary and treasurer of the Louisiana Farmers' Union said:

"The farmers hold the key to the situation and will control the price of cotton from now on."

He went on to state that in the past farmers had placed their crops in warehouses and had mortgaged the crop to banks. In this way the banks were able in some cases to foreclose on the crop whenever they saw fit and to control the price.

Under the new resolution as made yesterday, he said, the farmer would receive a warehouse receipt which would be made good as a bank note and that any banks, attempting to effect a foreclosure would be black-listed. The farmers would withdraw their deposits and the banks would suffer in consequence.

"We discussed the secret letters of Theodore H. Price," said Mr. Boyett, Jr. "Mr. Price had a regular habit of getting out secret letters to bankers and brokers telling them to force conditions and lower the price. His letters were acted upon and we suffered, but that will not occur again. We will be in a position to offset any such efforts on his part."

Mr. Barrett, National President was even more enthusiastic over the idea than was Mr. Boyett. When seen at the Commercial hotel last night.

"The action taken to-day will force out of business every cotton exchange and bucket shop. It will absolutely place cotton in the control of the man who grows it and that is the farmer. For years the farmer did not know his power until he suddenly awakened.

"When he did realize what he could do by concerted action, he got busy, with the result noted to-day. From now on we will hold rallies in every portion of the South which will lead to the big rally to be held in Memphis on January 7, next.

TRAMPS WHO DO GOOD.

Apple Tree Johnny Has Successor in Nut Planting Hobo.

The story is told of a Pennsylvania tramp who in his wanderings up and down on the earth carries his pockets full of nuts, which he plants as he goes. For three years he has followed this practice, says the Virginia Pilot, and during that time is said to have planted thousands and thousands of nuts, always seeking the out-of-the-way spots—rocky hillsides and abandoned lands at the edges of creeks and streams—so that the chances of the trees being destroyed before they grow up and mature will be minimized. This old tramp is doing something more than guaranteeing the future youth of Pennsylvania against the loss of the joy of nutting. He is setting an example in tree planting which the farmers throughout the land may well follow with profit to themselves and to the country. This nut-planting tramp recalls another member of the wandering tribes. He was known throughout the country as Apple Tree Johnny from his habit of planting apple seeds in fence corners and other nooks. Many a wayside fruit tree is said to owe its existence to Apple Tree Johnny.

THE MORAL OF PORT ROYAL.

Something We Can Learn from the Teachings of History.

It is possible to crush and destroy that which was meant in the mind of God to be a power for good in the church. And it is possible on the other hand, for holy and noble souls to make mistakes and to be overmuch occupied in attention to one aspect of truth, to forget that the whole is greater than the part, and that the whole body must be "fitly framed and knit together through that which every joint supplieth," if the body is to be built up in love. There is nothing which we more neglect than the teachings of history; there is nothing which will at once so cheer and so warm us as those teachings. In a book, the value of which is out of all proportion to its size, an eminent professor of ecclesiastical history has told us how to use these teachings. The diverging tendencies of spiritual thought alike "spring from the teaching of our Lord himself. They are not antagonistic, but complimentary, they are both necessary to the church." When shall we learn this lesson, when will those who keep the Christian creed whole and undefiled recognize that there always must be divergencies? The Puritan, the Catholic, or, as it is so well put in Dr. Bigg's book, the mystic and the disciplinarian, will always be found side by side in the Catholic church. The story of Port Royal is the story of these divergencies in thought—Jesuit and Port Royalist represented two tendencies. The seventeenth century was not ripe for toleration. Port Royal was crushed, and crushed because it stood for what was unworlily as against the worldly world.—From "The Story of Port Royal," by Ethel Romanae.

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Saturday, Dec. 7, 1907

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