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### The Great Cotton Convention.

The cotton convention which assembled in the city of New Orleans this week and sat for three days, 24th, 25th and 26th, was perhaps the largest gathering ever held about this important industry of the South. Fully 3,000 delegates, farmers, merchants and bankers, were present, and many important measures were discussed, and it is thought much good will result from their deliberations.

A wide range was covered in the discussions, but it is at this time impossible to comprehend and make intelligent comment upon their significance and utility. The results as thus far summarized may be stated to be an agreement to reduce the cotton acreage, decrease the use of fertilizers, hold present crop for higher prices, and organize the farmers so as to protect the vital interests at stake.

The convention was deluged with a flood of recommendations, such as the insidious circular letter of Cotton Speculator Theodore H. Price, of New York, suggesting that the planters stimulate consumption by selling their cotton to spinners at present low prices, thus giving away this year's surplus, which he says is the "gift of God" to the planter, "and costs him nothing!" Then we have Capt. Richmond P. Hobson, the hero of the Merrimac, who declares the Russo-Japanese war to be the precursor of a world's war, which would destroy the market for cotton altogether, and the only hope to prevent such war is a big U. S. navy, and all Democrats are urged to endorse the demand for increased naval appropriations!

Aside from all the chaff, however, we see a silver lining to the present dark cloud of distress, and we believe our people will again soon emerge into the daylight and sunshine of prosperity. Ours is a country of wonderful recuperative powers, and our people are brave enough and intelligent enough to meet and overcome any difficulty that confronts them.

In order to make room for the big advertisements of two of our progressive business firms we this week issue the Chronicle with six pages. Our readers will do well to note these advertisements and take advantage of the splendid bargains that are being offered.

At the sale of the Colfax Press Brick plant on the 14th inst., Mr. Hugh Corry offered \$7,500 for it, on behalf of the Big Pine Co. Mr. J. N. Fletcher, the receiver, declined to accept the bid, it being only a little over two-thirds of the appraisement. We understand that legal action was taken in the matter, and the court has ordered the receiver to accept the \$7,500 bid.

United States Court.  
(Town Talk Jan. 26th.)

The U. S. Court adjourned yesterday at 5 o'clock to meet again here on the fourth Monday in May, the 22nd.

Before adjourning John McKinney, accused of robbing the Pollock postoffice, plead guilty to the charge, saying that he and his uncle, A. E. Donaldson, had planned and executed the affair by themselves, also saying that W. B. Adams and W. R. King, the other accused, had nothing to do with the robbery. The Judge was about to pronounce sentence on McKinney when District Attorney M. C. Elstner, asked that sentence be postponed until the court meets in Shreveport the 2nd Monday in February as the prisoners would be needed as witnesses against the others. The Judge agreed to leave Adams here, on application from his wife, but the others were ordered to the Shreveport jail.

Paul Ransome, a colored boy aged 14 years, who was convicted of stealing \$2.05 from the Lake Charles postoffice, was sentenced to serve seven years in the Cheltenham, Maryland, House of Correction.

J. W. Davis plead guilty to selling liquor at Simms, La., without a revenue license, and was sentenced to jail for thirty days. As he had been in jail for that length of time he was discharged.

### Reciprocal Demurrage.

The question of railroad demurrage has been given a good deal of attention in these columns, and on two or three occasions during the late State campaign we wrote articles on the subject. Also Representative S. R. Lee made it an issue during his canvass, but his efforts before the Legislature seem to have amounted to very little thus far, as nothing has come out of it.

Shippers and receivers have long desired something in the shape of reciprocal demurrage on the part of the railroads, but the State seems to be unable to do anything in that line, owing to the strong lobby influences the railroads have always ready to thwart all efforts in this direction. Of late, however, there seems to be a better chance for success in getting some law on the subject, and it is probable that the railroads will be required to do something as an offset to the demurrage they enforce against shippers and receivers.

A proposition is now before Congress, backed by the National League of Commission Merchants, to even up with the railroads by securing the passage of a national law compelling reciprocal demurrage. Such a law will be of far greater benefit than if it was passed by any of the States.

The railroads charge and collect a penalty, or demurrage, on cars that are held by receivers for a time longer than the time specified by the railroad companies, which is usually ample for releasing them under ordinary circumstances. The railroads do not make demurrage charges as a source of revenue, but rather as an inducement to receivers to release cars promptly.

The shippers and receivers, represented by the organization mentioned have decided that it is a poor rule that won't work both ways, so they want the railroads penalized when cars are not furnished promptly upon requisition or are delayed in transit.

Reciprocal demurrage, in some States is already in effect by mutual agreement or by State law; the railroads paying demurrage on cars that are not supplied within four days or not moved within the same time, or do not move faster than fifty miles a day while in transit. The commission men also propose a provision compelling the railroads to collect demurrage when due them, which is now of course optional with the railroads, thus affecting the trust companies who hold thousands of cars out of circulation at a time.

It is claimed by its promoters that the plan will benefit the railroads as well as their patrons, but the railroad companies may take a different view of it, and if they do a lively contest may be anticipated.

State Sunday School Convention.

This special notice is given to superintendents and teachers that the Nineteenth Annual Convention of the Louisiana Sunday School Association will be held in Shreveport, March 21-23.

The membership of the convention will be made up of the following: First, pastors of all evangelical churches; second, four delegates at large from all parish associations; third, one delegate for every twenty-five members of all the Sunday schools of all the denominations.

I am informed by the State office that the railroads have been asked for the usual reduced rates, and that the people of Shreveport will do the proper thing in the way of entertainment.

I am also informed that expert help of international reputation will be secured, and that the convention will, in reality, be a great school of methods in which many of the difficult problems of Sunday school work will be discussed.

Permit me to urge all superintendents to bring the matter to the attention of their schools at an early date, and to take such steps as may be necessary to send a delegation to the convention.

Yours in the work,  
W. P. ROBINSON, Sec'y.

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### Removal of Centenary College.

The controversy over the removal of Centenary College from Jackson, La., to Shreveport, is attracting wide spread attention. This famous Methodist college takes precedence in point of age and the eminent prominence of its graduates over any college in the State, having turned out more judges, doctors of law and divinity, and other public functionaries than any Southern institution. Its removal to Shreveport is asked by the progressive citizens of that city, and the great majority of the clergy of the conference approves the project. Bishop Keener, and some of the old-time preachers oppose the movement, and of course the people of Jackson are making the most of their influence to retain the college in that town. It is more than probable, however, that Shreveport will secure its removal to that city, as there is every good reason why it should be done, and no valid reason against it. A good deal is said about some court decision which would prevent the removal. The lawyers who have investigated the matter say there is nothing in the decision which would apply to the case in point. We hope and believe that Shreveport will finally get the college.

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**The Cabbage Snake Lie.**

Early last year some individual, evidently a disciple of Joe Mulhatten, circulated through the newspapers a story to the effect that a small snake had been developed in the heart of the cabbage plant grown in the West, and the reptile was of such a poisonous nature that many persons who had eaten the vegetable died of the poison the snake had deposited in the leaves. It is estimated by the trade papers and produce merchants of the West that this lie has caused a loss of \$5,000,000, resulting in the falling off in the demand for cabbage by the public.

Mr. J. W. Brown, a produce dealer of Des Moines, says that in his small city thousands of dollars' worth of cabbages lie in storages, decaying, and there is now no demand for this erstwhile popular vegetable. The cabbage raisers and other interested parties are of one mind in thinking that the originator of the lie ought to be caught and punished. Everybody knows that the cabbage worm is quite common, but it was the twist of calling the harmless thing a snake that sent a chill of fear down the spine of the public and brought on a disastrous slump in the consumption of cabbage which has cost the raisers and dealers \$5,000,000, as some have figured the loss. The chase of the fellow who started the cabbage-snake lie cannot begin too soon, but even if he is run down and punished we doubt if it will have any effect in discouraging the Mulhattenism of certain rural correspondents of metropolitan newspapers. They rather rejoice in inventing and circulating startling lies, no matter what loss or injury they may cause innocent people. The responsibility, however, for the harm done, should really be laid at the doors of the newspapers that publish the stories which on their faces bear the imprint of their falsity.—Daily States.

Mr. J. M. Ferguson, of Atlanta, Winn parish, was among the visitors to Colfax on last Monday.

The Town Talk is reliably informed that the man found dead recently in the Lincoxon mill pond was E. B. Woodcock, and was a member of Diboll Lodge, No. 527, Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Diboll, Texas. He disappeared about Christmas, and it is supposed fell in the mill pond and was drowned. The body was found on Jan. 21st. He was buried at Pollock on the 22nd inst., by Pollock Lodge, No. 73, I. O. O. F.—Town Talk Jan. 26.

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7:00	Monroe	7:30
7:30	Colfax	7:50
8:00	La. Land	8:15
8:30	Westland	8:45
9:00	Alexandria	9:30

FIELD.	P. M.
7:30	Winnfield
8:00	Albion
8:30	COLFAX
9:00	Ar. Alexandria
11:30	Barto

Between Alexandria and Barto.	Time
1:10	Alexandria
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