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The Cotton Convention.

The Cotton Convention at New Orleans met and adjourned. There was a strong division of sentiment on the proposal to prohibit, by state legislation, the production of cotton for the season of 1915. After much discussion the convention finally resolved to recommend to the cotton states a plan to call together the several legislatures and pass prohibitory laws.

If the convention has created a sentiment that will cause a curtailment of the crop for 1915, it has accomplish all that could resonably be expected of it.

Two reasons are advanced in support of legislation for no crop in 1915—the war situation and the eradication of the boll weevil. The first reason will find support in all the cotton states, but on the question of starving out the weevil, some of the states will be found opposing the plan, for the reason that they no longer consdider the weevil a factor. Texas, for instance, claims that she can make a crop, notwithstanding the insect, and eastern states are not yet infected. The scheme would be a success if it could be unanimously adopted, but it never will be carried out, and that will be the end of the whole matter. Each state and each individual will leave it to his neighbor to do the experimenting.

Our advice to the planters is to come home home and begin preparing land for oats, grain and feed for man and beasts.

A Warning Vote.

The signficant feature of the house adoption of the senate $20,000,000 rivers and harbors bill substitute, was the vote of 130 to 174 for reducing it to $5,000,000. As we take it that vote emphasizes the warning carried by the general break down of the bill, as it was reported by the senate commerce committee. That warning is notice to the engineer crops to exercise more restraint and rigidity in the future approval of projects, and the senate commerce committee to keep much more closely within the limits of their approvals, and of the house bill.

The New Orleans Item seems quite proud of the use made of its factious and prejudicial attacks on the rivers and harbors bill by Senator Kenyon, in his speech for its destruction. It was only the fact that there attacks appeared in a New Orleans paper that made them serviceable in the infliction of a severe blow upon delta and New Orleans interest; a fact which the New Orleans people doubtless appreciate.—Vicksburg Herald.

Mr. W. M. Scott attended the convention at New Orleans, and on his return stated that all at the convention were in favor of reduction of acreage and higher priced cotton. Texas held out for a while because they thought that the plans before the convention would not work. When the last resolution was introduced, to prohibit the raising of cotton altogether, they were won over.

It is about time for some enterprising politician to jump up a state issue. War news is becoming desultory and the people need shaking up. Way can't the New Orleans bunch whoop up some of our legislative members for lieutenant-governor? They carried enough of them up on the mountain last session to justify their bringing out some of them for the actual campaign.

Secretary McAdoo has withdrawn three million dollars from certain banks which failed to use it to assist in moving crops. He will deposit with other banks, who, most likely, will, in turn, loan to the bunch that first had it. There is only one way to get along with a banker, and that is to let him have his own way. Mr. McAdoo is fast learning this fact.

Mr. W. H. Harvey has been exhibiting some fine corn at the Tallulah State Bank. The ears are large and well filled. We did not learn the yield he made to the acre, but judging from the size of the ears, it must have been large. When corn of this kind can be raised, it has the weevil and war cotton beaten a long ways.

In the death of its mayor, Dr. A. A. Forsythe, Monroe has suffered a great loss. His death occurred at 11:30 o'clock Tuesday morning after an illness lasting two weeks. Dr. Forsythe was 53 years old, was one of Monroe's most progressive citizens, and was largely instrumental in its upbuilding.

The late war news from the east shows that the siege of Antwerp not as vigorous as the earlier assaults on the Belgium cities by the Germans. This shows that Germany has evidently weakened since the beginning of hostilities.

Add War News—General October has smashed through the center and crumpled up both wings of the Straw Hat Brigade.—N. O. States.

The present weather does not seem to get any better, and if it continues any longer, what cotton is in the fields will be in about the same condition as that of last year.

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JUDGE A. L. SLACK.

The following is to be presented to the Supreme Court on October 5, 1914, by the undersigned committee of the Bar Association:

To the Honorable Chief Justice and the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of Louisiana:

Your committee, appointed by the Louisiana Bar Association to prepare resolutions on the death of Aylmer Leake Slack, a member of this Association, who died at his home at Tallulah, Louisiana, on September 11th, 1914, respectfully report the following:

Aylmer Leake Slack was born at Germantown, some ten miles east of Memphis, Shelby county, Tennessee, on the 7th of April, 1841. On his father's side his ancestors were Dutch, who originally settled in New York, New Jersey, or Deleware. His early days were spent in Memphis, where his father was President of the University of Memphis. From there the family moved to Washington, Arkansas, where his father again engaged in teaching. About the year 1852 they moved to Minden where they built the Minden Female College. At Minden Aylmer attended the male academy where he received his primary education.

In 1856 his father coneluded to abandon teaching, moved to New Orleans where he begun the practice of law. From there young Slack was sent to Central College, Danville, Ky., where he remained one year. He came in 1857 to Monroe, La., to which place his father had moved.

After this he was trained at home under the supervision of his father and became his assistant in his law office. Later he was appointed deputy clerk of the district court.

He continued in that office until the Civil War came on and in 1861 enlisted as a private in the Pelican Grays. On the 23rd of April of that year the company started to New Orleans where it was attached to the Second Louisiana Regiment. Shortly the regiment left for Richmond; from there it was ordered to the Virginia peninsular and remained one year.

From this time young Slack saw continuous active service. He participated in many bloody battles and was badly wounded in the Second Battle of Manassas.

Prior to Chancellorsville he received the appointment of Second Lieutenant in the First Artillery then stationed at Vicksburg, where he went through the fatetul siege, suffering all the privations that fall to a soldiers lot. He later surrendered at Meridian, from thence he returned to his home in Minden where he engaged in teaching until, September 1865 when they again moved to Monroe.

In 1867 he was elected clerk of the district court of Ouachita and administered that office until the Constitution of 1868 turned him out.

In the meantime he had been admitted to the bar and was appointed District Attorney protem. He was elected parish judge in 1879 and moved to Tallulah, where he has since resided.

He was enthusiastic K. of P. and was Grand Chaucellor of Louisiana during 1884-5.

Judge Slack had been married three times. The children of his first wife have died; but there are seven living of the second and three of the last.

Like most old people, Judge Slack lived the last few years with dreams of the past. He often wished he could travel the ground again that he walked over during the War.

He was a good christian man. One that lived his religion every day. He slipped easily across the line over the great divide without any fear for the hereafter, for he had faith and knew at any time he could "wray the drapery of his couch about him and lie down to pleasant dreams."

Whereas, it has pleased the Divine Ruler of the Universe to remove from our midst Judge Alymer Leake Slack after a long and useful life; Therefore Be It Resolved:

That, in the death of Judge Slack, this Association has sufiered the loss of an able and worthy member, and the community has lost an honored and useful citizen, who, in all the walks of life, acted well his part. Beginning the Battle of Life, before he had arrived at Man's Estate, as a soldier under Lee, he gave the first four years to his country and won promotion from the rank to Lieutenant of Artilery. Afterwards as Clerk of the District Court of Ouachita Parish, as prosecuting attorney, as Judge and for many years as practicing Attorney at this Bar and as a citizen, he proved worthy of his trust and after finisning the work allotted to him here, has passed to Wider Fields.

Resolved that, these Resolutions be presented to the Supreme Court of the State, be spread upon the minutes of the Bar Association and that a copy be furnished to the family and to the Madison Journal.

Respectfully submitted,
JEFF B. SNYDER, Chairman,
JOHN B. STONE,
JAMES H. GILFOIL, JR.
Committee.

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Dr. Millard Purnell, of Shreveport, has been the guest of his brother, Mr. H. P. Purnell the past few days. He reports a fine crop of corn and peas on his Tensas plantation.

Mrs. J. W. Cobb has as her guests this week Mrs. Holloway and daughter, Mrs. Wood, both of Rayville, La.

Miss Mabel Lavelle, of Washington, D. C., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Temple Coons.

Mr. Morris Mitchell, of Uniontown, Pa., returned to his home after spending several weeks as the guest of his uncle, Mr. Benj. Mitchell. He will resume his studies at Yale College soon.

Miss Annie Purnell has been on the sick list this week.

The farmers of this vicinity have been very busy the past week putting up lesperdeza hay.

Mr. Benj. Mitchell finished threshing his fine crop of rice this week.

Mrs. Kyle Ferris, a former resident of this place, recently underwent a successful operation at a Memphis hospital.

Mr. J. M. Ballard, of Marion, Ind., expects to spend the next two weeks on his alfalfa farm on Spring bayou. He is anxious to organize an alfalfa growers' association while here.

Mr. Ziegler and family and Mr. Craig and family, of Tallulah, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. H. P. Purnell.

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