

**BIG CORPORATION TO STORE COTTON**

**Gigantic Company Formed to Extend Over South, Buys In This State.**

Washington, D. C., Jan. 1.—Arrangements are practically complete for the formation of a gigantic corporation to combine and standardize a large portion of the cotton compressing and warehousing facilities of the South and to establish new ones on an unlimited scale throughout the cotton belt, effective Charleston, Columbia and Greenville. Announcement of the undertaking was made today by Rufus R. Wilson, secretary of the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers. Mr. Wilson is also president of the World Cotton conference which, at its recent meeting in New Orleans, declared adequate warehousing to be a "paramount necessity" in handling and distributing the American cotton crop. Identified with the undertaking are many prominent Southern and Eastern cotton spinners, producers, brokers and bankers. Arrangement already has been made, declares Mr. Wilson, for acquiring established properties worth millions, including no fewer than 65 compress plants.

The corporation in process of formation will be known as the Union Warehouse Compress. The organization is being perfected by the Union Cotton Warehouse Organization corporation which has had experts survey the whole field of warehousing and compressing of cotton and work out plans of development that have been approved by the backers of the enterprise. Options have been taken on scores of compresses and warehouses as well as sites for new ones in various localities of the South, where additional facilities are needed.

"It has long been well known in the cotton industry," says Mr. Wilson, "that sufficient facilities already exist to house most of the cotton offered for storage. However, the allocation of these warehouses is such that they do not adequately serve the storage needs of the producer, merchant and spinner. They are not located with respect to distribution so as to best serve the needs of the trade. For this reason much cotton that ought to be stored is now kept in open lots, streets and on plantations with the result that each year's crop suffers millions of dollars worth of loss from 'country damage,' many of the existing warehouses are so poorly constructed and carelessly operated that insurance rates for cotton stored in them are abnormally high and receipts for stored stocks are in many cases unsatisfactory collateral for bank loans.

"Many Southern bankers declare they would rather loan money on cotton than on real estate but the trouble has been and still is with the character of the warehouse receipts as evidence of the cotton's safety, ownership, weight and delivery ability.

"Fully conversant with these conditions and the need for improving them both in the interest of the grower and spinner, a group of men concerned from various angles with the cotton industry are organizing a corporation for the purpose of standardizing warehouses in both the South and the North."

Inasmuch as cotton warehousing and compressing are allied operations the Union Warehouse and Compress companies will enter extensively into the compression of cotton with the view of compressing as many bales as possible to an even density. High density presses will be installed in those plants where such presses are not used.

**MUCH INTEREST IN WILSON "GREETING"**

**President's Plan to Send "Word of Greeting" to Democrats Causes Speculation.**

Washington, Jan. 5.—Announcement from the White House that plans to send "an important word of greeting" to the Democratic dinner here on Jackson day, January 8, aroused great interest among Democratic leaders arriving today to attend the love feast and the quadrennial meeting of the party's national committee, both of which are to be held Thursday.

Prominent Democrats said they had no information as to the message of the President beyond the brief announcement from the White House and there was wide speculation as to whether the "word of greeting" would take up the question of a third term or would outline the President's views on party policies.

The first of the delegations from the six cities bidding for the party's national convention arrived tonight in a body for Kansas City boosters. The delegation was headed by Fred W. Fleming, president of a Kansas City insurance company, and F. M. Clendenning of the Kansas City chamber of commerce. Gavin McNab of San Francisco, also arrived during the day to prepare the way for the delegation enroute to present the claims of the Pacific Coast city. Representatives from Chicago, Indianapolis, Cleveland and Cincinnati—the other cities which are expected to ask for the convention—will reach Washington tomorrow or Wednesday.

The members of the national committee already in Washington were augmented during the day by Vice Chairman J. Bruce Kremer of Montana, and committeemen A. R. Titlow, the new member from Washington succeeding Hugh C. Wallace, now ambassador to France, and A. F. Mullen, of Nebraska.

Committeeman Mullen soon after his arrival announced that he would introduce a resolution at the meeting Thursday of the committee recommending to the national convention that the two thirds rule for making nominations for president and vice president be abrogated and the majority plan be adopted.

**GINNINGS NEARLY MILLION BEHIND**

**Census Bureau Reports 9,402,520 Bales Ginned Prior to Dec. 13, Compared With 10,281,139 Last Year.**

Washington, Dec. 20.—Cotton ginned prior to December 13, the census bureau announced today, amounted to 9,402,520 running bales, including 103,926 round bales, 27,906 bales of American-Egyptian, and 6,421 bales of sea island.

Ginning to December 13 last year was 10,281,139 bales, including 139,984 round bales, 13,098 bales of American-Egyptian, and 31,238 bales of sea island.

Ginnings by states this year follow:  
 Alabama . . . . . 658,221  
 Arizona . . . . . 40,846  
 Arkansas . . . . . 658,403  
 California . . . . . 33,577  
 Florida . . . . . 16,643  
 Georgia . . . . . 1,608,364  
 Louisiana . . . . . 281,049  
 Mississippi . . . . . 777,621  
 Missouri . . . . . 44,130  
 North Carolina . . . . . 755,515  
 Oklahoma . . . . . 683,825  
 South Carolina . . . . . 1,389,414  
 Tennessee . . . . . 219,598  
 Texas . . . . . 1,232,135  
 Virginia . . . . . 19,663  
 All other states . . . . . 3,526

Ginnings of sea island by states:  
 Florida . . . . . 2,793  
 Georgia . . . . . 635  
 South Carolina . . . . . 3,001

**DEMPSEY ACCEPTS OFFER FOR FIGHT**

**Kearns Agrees to Offer of \$400,000 for 45-Round Fight with Carpenter.**

Los Angeles, Jan. 4.—Jack Kearns, manager of Jack Dempsey, heavy-weight champion, announced here tonight he had accepted an offer of a \$400,000 purse from James W. Coffroth, for a 45-round fight between Dempsey and George Carpentier at Tijuana, Lower California.

"It's up to Coffroth now to sign up Carpentier," said Kearns, "and I understand he has a representative, Charles Harvey, in Europe now, trying to do just that."

"This is the most satisfactory offer we have had. We are willing to accept it on a winner or loser basis, perhaps \$300,000 for the winner and \$100,000 for the loser. These details will be worked out later."

"Coffroth may not want the motion picture rights, but whether he does or not, we will want a percentage of them and all other privileges."

Kearns' announcement was made after he had been asked if he would accept an offer to Dempsey of \$200,000 and a ten weeks' theatrical engagement in Europe at \$5,000 a week, announced in Chicago today by Chas. Cochran, an English theatrical manager.

**WATTS MILLS NEWS.**

Watts Mills, Jan. 5.—On Sunday morning at 10 o'clock Miss Leona Patton and Mr. Oscar Haynes were happily married at the residence of and by Rev. H. Haddock. The bride is a charming young lady of this place while the groom is from Lanford. They have a host of friends who wish them a long and prosperous life.

Rev. Mr. Johnson, the new Methodist pastor, filled his regular appointment here on Sunday morning.

Rev. H. Haddock filled his appointment on Sunday night also.

Mrs. W. E. Burns, of Greenville, visited relatives and friends here last week.

On Sunday afternoon, a little crowd gathered at the home of W. S. Gaston and enjoyed singing for awhile.

Mrs. Oliver Waddle visited relatives in Enoree on Saturday and Sunday.

Engraved Cards and Invitations. Advertiser Printing Co.

**Card of Thanks.**

We wish to express our deep appreciation to those who were so attentive and sympathetic during the illness and death of our dear mother, Mrs. Amelia Hill. That God's richest blessings may rest on each of them is the wish of  
 Her Children.

**Hanging Too Good for This Man.**  
 The meanest man has been found. He was in Philadelphia the other day. He robbed an old woman, at the entrance of the receiver of taxes office in the city hall, of her pocket book, which contained her tax bill and \$73 with which to pay it; and two hours later matted her the bill, after writing on it, "Ha! Ha! Pay your taxes."

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1 lot good heavy Cotton Sweater Coats, worth \$2.00	2 papers of pins . . . . . 5c
Clean up sale price . . . . . \$1.25	1 lot fine Plaid Bed Blankets, per pair . . . . . \$6.50
Other Sweaters, good values . . . . . \$2.25, \$2.48 to \$5.98	Special values in Men's and Women's Raincoats \$7.50 to . . . . . \$14.50
Special values in Men's Jeans Pants . . . . . \$3.25	Men's Work Shirts, special . . . . . 98c up to \$2.98
Big values in Men's Pants . . . . . \$2.48 up to \$8.39	Men's Overalls, worth \$3.00, special . . . . . \$2.45
Special values in Men's and Boy's Overcoats . . \$10.00 to . . . . . \$18.50	Boy's Overalls . . . . . \$1.45 to \$1.98
Special January prices on all Ladies' Dresses, Coat Suits, and Coats. Clean-Sweep Sale.	Men's Gloves . . . . . 45c to \$2.98
Special values in Hosiery . . . 10c, 15c, 20c up to \$1.98 a pair	Special values in Ladies' Gloves . . . . . 50c to 98c
1 lot Bed Blankets, special value, per pair . . . . . \$3.98	5 cakes good Laundry Soap for . . . . . 25c
Men's and Boy's Caps, special . . . . . 48c up to \$1.98	5 packages Grandma's Washing Powder . . . . . 25c
Special values in Men's Hats . . . . . 98c to \$5.00	2 sticks Good Luck Bluing . . . . . 5c
Big values in Men's Suits . . . . . \$19.50 to \$39.00	Wampoles' Cod Liver Oil, special . . . . . 84c
Some small sizes in Men's Suits closing out \$7.50 to \$15.00	McElree's Wine of Cardui, special . . . . . 84c
Special values in Women's Shoes, sizes 3, 3 1-2, 4, 4 1-2, and 5, closing out . . . . . \$1.98	S. S. S. for the Blood . . . . . 90c
	Women's Rubber Overshoes . . . . . \$1.00
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