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COTTON TO GO HIGHER.

SENATOR SMITH EXPECTS TO SEE FAMINE PRICES.

The Junior Senator is informed by Statistician Neal that the crop will probably be about ten and a half million bales—Mr. Smith explains the mill curtailment movement.

Florence, Oct. 30.—United States Senator E. D. Smith is in receipt of a letter from Statistician R. L. Neal, with advance sheets of a circular to be sent out showing that, after a trip over the South, the most careful estimates of the cotton crop this year indicate a possible cotton crop of 10,520,000 bales, agreeing with a recent estimate issued by Senator Smith.

From exporters Senator Smith fears that it is expected, if the government report issued next week on cotton, confirms private advices, cotton will be bound to reach famine prices. Speaking of the recent curtailment of production by the mills, the senator today said:

"The curtailment by the mills is not because of the high price of the staple, nor the depression in the price of goods, but because the spinners see that there is not going to be cotton enough to keep the mills busy until the next crop, and a shutting down is inevitable. They make a convenience of necessity now in the hope such action will depress cotton, while they buy greedily wherever they can, despite their argument.

"The farmers now have an opportunity to see how corporations stick to their organization when business interest demands individual action. Just as was the case with the farmer when he rushed his cotton to market, to their amusement, despite the farmers' organization.

"This is now the farmers' day, thank God."

15 Cents at Manning.

Manning, Oct. 30.—The cotton market at this place, which has held up well all this season, got into the 15 cent column today. About three weeks ago the price was 10 cents and sold, however, and the high price will not benefit a great many. Quite a number of farmers in this county sold cotton early in the season for fall delivery at 10 cents and it makes them sick to see the price going up. Many have been selling at the higher prices recently prevailing are buying new horses, buggies, pianos, organs, etc., and trade generally has been quite brisk, while the merchants are having better collections than in any fall for several years past. A good crop of corn, hay, oats and feed stuff generally has combined to place the farmers in position to actually enjoy the good prices for cotton.

15 Cents at Laurens.

Laurens, Oct. 30.—Cotton reached the 15-cent mark here today. However, the bulk of the day's receipts, something like four hundred bales, was bought at 14 3/4c.

Cotton King at Abbeville.

Abbeville, Oct. 30.—Cotton is king in Abbeville today. It sold on the Abbeville market during the day for 15 cents per pound.

Will Close Two Days a Week.

Charlotte, N. C., Oct. 30.—At a meeting of all the cotton mills of Alameda county, held at Burlington today it was unanimously resolved to curtail production to the extent of two days a week, or one-third time, until February next. The agreement goes into effect immediately and every mill in the county to the number of 26 signed up. In the aggregate nearly 200,000 spindles and 6,000 looms are affected and nearly 20,000 operatives.

FIRE IN NEWBERRY.

Blaze Threatened Business Section of Town.

Newberry, Oct. 31.—Fire at 3 o'clock this afternoon destroyed the livery stables of B. T. Bishop, T. C. Pool and A. L. Knighton. The fire started in the loft of the Bishop stables. All the buildings were of wood. The loss is covered by insurance. The fire was near the business section, which was in great danger, but was saved by the good work of the fire department.

Big Financial Distribution.

Toronto, Nov. 1.—Between today and Nov. 15 over 114,000 checks, aggregating \$625,000, will be sent out by the National Trust Company as the first 25 per cent. dividend to the creditors of the defunct York County Loan Company. Receipts of the dividend are scattered all over the United States, Canada, Europe and Japan.

NEGRO STATE FAIR.

TO BE A GREATER SUCCESS THAN LAST YEAR.

Will Be Held in Batesburg Instead of Columbia But Change Will Be Beneficial—A Very Large Attendance Expected.

Columbia, Oct. 30.—Special: Last year's negro State fair in Columbia being a success both financially and in the nature of the exhibits and the attendance, a still better success is in view for the State colored fair to be held at Batesburg the week following the white folks State fair in Columbia. The same general management is in charge for the negroes this year as carried last year's project to success, except that it has been materially strengthened, and the last year's success has heartened not only the management and stirred it to greater effort and better system so as to profit by the mistakes of the past, but the colored people over the State themselves appear to have more confidence in the project, and there is every reason to believe that the attendance will be still better this year. Last year the attendance exceeded 15,000.

The leading white people of Batesburg are taking an active interest in the enterprise, and in addition to providing splendid grounds and adequate buildings are individually assisting in making the enterprise a success.

The same railroad rates on all of the roads in the State will apply to the colored fair as were acquired for the white fair. The rate will be a fare and a third for the round trip for distances between 100 miles and one and a third fare for the round trip plus 25 cents for greater distances. The railroads have also made the same concessions to shipments of exhibits.

The first day of the fair, Tuesday, November 9, will be devoted to fraternal orders, when there will be much parading with banners and engines and a deal of speechmaking. The day is strong on secret order doings and this will be a great day.

Wednesday will be farmer's day, and ought to be most productive of good. There will be speeches by Congressman Lever and Dr. Ira W. Williams, and other prominent white men. Senator Tillman has been invited to talk on farming, but has not yet been heard from. Governor Ansel will likely not be able to attend on account of having to be absent from the State.

Tuesday will be Georgia Day, when big crowds from Augusta and nearby territory will be on hand. The feature of this day will be addresses by Dr. C. T. Walker, of Augusta, and Dr. B. H. Moses, of Washington, and Rev. A. C. Kennely, and others.

Friday will be educational day, and there will be a big whooping up for education all along the line.

On Saturday, which will be devoted to children, there will be a big prize baby show, and the contests for the prizes will be most exciting.

Every day there will be mule races, fox chases, trotting races and a plenty of good clean side shows. Like last year's show in Columbia, the affair will be free from disorder. The excellent conduct which prevailed at all times here was much commented upon by the whites last year. There was no drunkenness here; none is expected in Batesburg, but if it shows up the victims will be promptly handled. Ample provision has been made for that.

A big crowd is expected from Sumter.

BOOZER KILLING AN ACCIDENT.

Brother Who Slew Brother Did So Unintentionally.

Lexington, Oct. 31.—Coroner Clarke conducted an inquest today over the body of Ross Boozer, the young white man who was shot and killed by his brother, Daly Boozer, late yesterday afternoon. The jury returned a verdict of accidental killing. There were only two witnesses to the terrible tragedy—the wife of the unfortunate man killed and Daly Boozer. Each swore that the shooting was accidental and the jury so found.

Ross Boozer was buried this afternoon at St. Thomas's Church, Dutch Fork.

There will be no rush of cotton to market during November—most of the weak cotton has come into sight and the men who have held cotton thus far will hold still longer. They will not be frightened by a speculative slump in prices but will hold fast the cotton which the mills need and must have.

ALL NEW YORK GUESSING.

MANY KINDS OF PREDICTIONS MADE BY POLITICAL PROPHETS.

Practically No Betting Done—Broad-Gauge Men Say It Will Be Gaynor—Murphy Making the Fight of His Life.

New York, Oct. 30.—Never in the history of New York city elections has it been so difficult to get a line on the vote as in the present contest, which will be settled Tuesday. Leaders of the Democratic and Republican organizations have sent their lieutenants out three different times to make house-to-house canvasses, and the figures brought back have been incomplete and unsatisfactory each time.

No one can tell with any degree of accuracy what the count Tuesday will show. There are political wise men who say that Gaynor will be elected by 150,000 plurality, while others, with all sincerity, declare that Bannard, the Republican nominee, will be elected by polling his party vote in addition to thousands of Democratic conservatives, who regard both Gaynor and Hearst as radicals. There are still others who assert that Bannard will make a miserable showing, that Gaynor will lose thousands of votes, and that Hearst will be swept into office.

Those who take the broadest view of the situation believe that Judge Gaynor will be elected by something like 60,000 and that it will be nip and tuck for all the other places on the ticket, with Tammany losing probably half of its county ticket.

There is practically no betting. Ten thousand dollars was offered today at evens that Hearst would run third, but no takers appeared. Wagers placed on the head of the ticket are two to one, Gaynor against the field.

The present contest is the more interesting because it may mean the downfall of the Murphy regime in Tammany or the elevation to high leadership of Congressman Herbert Parsons, who is the Republican leader of New York county.

Murphy is fighting desperately, realizing that if he loses, the rebellious element of his organization will rise and demand a change of leadership. He has played a hard game four years—being at odds with the Mayor all that time and kept on a stingy diet of patronage—and it is only by displaying flashes of genius, such as most persons do not know he possesses, that he has kept himself entrenched in the chair long held by "Dick" Croker.

On the other hand, Herbert Parsons, who is the new type of leader, and whose ambition is to land in the United States senate, will find himself one of the big men in his party if he succeeds at last in giving the Republicans a substantial foothold in New York county, for a half century the fortress of Tammany Hall. He has been working for six years to prepare for this very contest and it is generally believed that if he succeeds, his path to the United States senate as the successor of Chauncey M. Depew will be rose-strewn.

The strongest efforts are still being put forth to make the "White slave" traffic the leading issue against Tammany. Reformers from various parts of the country are sending on statements designed to show that the traffic in human lives in the metropolis is an actuality, and the statements are eagerly accepted by the reform newspapers. Tammany declares that the new issue is a boomerang.

Judge Gaynor is making nightly campaign tours which are truthfully described as "whirlwind." So marked a contrast is his campaign to the tranquil life he has always lived that he has begun to show signs of weariness. He also chafes under the repeated attacks made upon him. He is managing his own campaign and frequently fails to appear at meetings which have been arranged by the regular organization.

Mr. Bannard, the Republican nominee, is also showing evidence of fatigue from his nightly romps through the boroughs. He has done no muddling, leaving that for the other Republican campaigners, and has given only plain talks promising a business administration.

Abolish Smoking Cars.

Chicago, Nov. 1.—The abolition of smoking cars on some of the suburban traction lines today has aroused great indignation among the commuters given to the solace of tobacco while going to and from their work. Several protest meetings have been held. Clarence A. Knight, president of the Chicago & Oak Park Elevated road, originated the movement.

THE MONEY MARKET.

PERIOD OF UNCERTAINTY IN STOCK MARKET ENDS.

Speculative Atmosphere Cleared by Renewed Confidence in the International Money Situation and by Improved Industrial Conditions—Excited Speculation in Cotton Market an Adverse Factor.

New York, Oct. 31.—The relaxed tone of the money market in New York last week cleared the speculative atmosphere to some extent and the stock market merged through a period of uncertainty and irregularity into substantial recovery. The determination of the directors of the Imperial Bank of Germany to leave the minimum discount rate unchanged at 5 per cent was the initial factor in imparting renewed confidence over the international money outlook. A statement made by the authorities of the Bank of France to the Associated Press was a potent influence in the same direction not only in its assertion of the unwillingness of that institution to loan gold to the Bank of England on the same terms as in 1907, in case of necessity, but in its expressed opinion that the situation called for no such measure. The Bank of England, under these circumstances, contented itself with the 5 per cent. official discount rate established the week before. The money market in New York was sensibly relaxed.

A substantial relief to the New York money market was afforded by the placing in Paris of large blocks of New York city revenue warrants, which served to meet maturities of similar warrants coming due on November 1, and held in large amounts by foreign investors. Later in the week there came complaints from London of the reappearance of American borrowings there, effected through the inducement of a liberal commission. The increased offerings of funds which made their appearance in the New York stock market and revived the later speculation was ascribed to these operations.

The revised speculation owed no small part, also, to industrial considerations. The first impression made by the quarterly report of the United States Steel Corporation was one of disappointment. In the maturer consideration, however, the unfilled orders tonnage was pointed to as a favorable condition. Supplementary reports of the large volume of orders placed daily since the first of October, and the better prices since established confirmed this more favorable view of the situation. Some special significance was attached to the new strength manifested by the copper securities.

One of the contributory influences in the week's stock market was the revival of railroad deal rumors especially concerning the supposed future projects of Edwin Hawley. The excited speculation in the cotton market, the high price for that staple and the widespread movement towards curtailment of output, which has followed amongst spinners not only in this country but in England, was regarded as a distinctly adverse factor.

VICTOR BLUE PROMOTED.

Carolina Officer in the Navy Will Command Gunboat Yorktown.

Washington, Oct. 30.—His first important command was given to Lieut. Commander Victor Blue yesterday when the navy department assigned him to the gunboat Yorktown. Commander Blue won fame and a promotion by locating the Spanish fleet in Santiago harbor and carrying the first information in regard to its exact location back to the American fleet. For some time he has been the executive officer of the North Carolina. He is a native of Marion and his relatives there will no doubt be pleased to learn of his promotion.

BABY BORN OF DEAD MOTHER.

Physicians Save Infant's Life After Mother Has Committed Suicide.

Philadelphia, Pa. Oct. 31.—After Mrs. May Schneider had committed suicide today by drinking carbolic acid, a healthy baby girl was born in the hospital where the woman had been taken.

Mrs. Schneider, who was eighteen years old, swallowed the poison in the room she occupied with her husband. She was quickly removed to a hospital where she died shortly after her admission. After a hasty preparation, the physicians performed a Caesarian operation and succeeded in saving the life of the baby.

TWELVE PERISH IN MINE.

FATAL EXPLOSION IN SHAFT NEAR JOHNSTOWN, PA.

Disaster is Thought to Have Been Caused by Dynamite Explosion, Though Mine Officials Deny This—Victims; All of Whom Are Foreigners, Suffocated by Poisonous Gases.

Johnstown, Pa., Oct. 31.—Twelve men were killed in the Cambria Steel Company's coal mine two miles from here tonight, as the result of what is supposed to have been a dynamite explosion. All the dead are foreigners. Three men escaped with their lives by a perilous climb on life ladders through poisonous mine gases and falling slate up the walls of the main shaft. At the time of the explosion only fifteen workmen, all track layers, were in the mine.

The explosion occurred at sundown as the workmen were putting their tools away at the end of their day's work.

FIGHT WEEVILS WITH FIRE.

Louisiana Cotton Planters Have Cleared Their Fields and Burned the Rubbish.

New Orleans, Nov. 1.—Reports from throughout the cotton regions of Louisiana indicate that practically all of the fields have been cleared and the cotton stalks burned, in accordance with a general movement to accomplish this end before the first of November.

Mass meetings, attended by both white planters and negro tenants, have been held in many sections, and pledges exacted to conform to suggestions from government entomologists as to forestalling the boll weevil ravages next planting season. Effective work by federal agents has brought a change of sentiment in favor of modern methods in fighting the cotton pest and this winter will find few hibernating places for the weevil.

GET RID OF WHITE HORSES.

Government Employes Cannot Draw Money Between Pay Days.

Washington, Nov. 1.—By an order effective today, the last of the "white horses" has passed away in the department of justice. These "white horses" are not of equine stock, but constitute part of a fiscal transaction that has been current procedure at many offices, though never specially authorized by law, a way of accommodating employes in need of funds between pay days.

Attorney-General Wickersham has found that many employes have gotten into the habit of running shy of funds just after pay day, which occurs twice a month, and of exchanging with the disbursing officer a receipt on white paper for an advance of part of their salaries.

Mr. Wickersham figured out that twice a month afforded ample opportunity for securing and husbanding salaries, and the result of his investigation are embodied in an order he has just issued, which will pass into history with government employes as "Department Circular No. 116," directed to the officers and employes of the department, "and to others concerned." The order directs that on and after today no payments will be made on account of salary between the regular pay days, unless first approved by the Attorney-General or his private secretary or the Solicitor-General.

The order adds: "This applies not only to employes in the department proper now paid twice a month in cash, but to all employes of the government, who are paid by the disbursing clerk of the department of justice once a month by check. On and after today, the regular pay days for employes of this department, who are paid in cash twice a month will be the 1st and 15th. No checks of any description whatever will be cashed by the disbursing clerk."

DO YOU WANT A PIANO?

Great Voting Contest to be Conducted by Osteen Publishing Company.

There is now on display at the Savoy a \$400 piano which is to be the capital prize in a voting contest which the Osteen Publishing Co., (Daily Item and Watchman and Southron) will inaugurate. The piano is a standard make and is guaranteed by the manufacturers. Full particulars of the contest will be published in a few days. If you want the handsome piano or wish a friend to have it you have the opportunity to accomplish your desire by a little work in spare time. It is a prize worth striving for.