

CONVICTION GROWS ACREAGE WILL BE HEAVILY REDUCED

Never Before Has South
Faced Such Crying Neces-
sity for Curtailing Acreage
as Now.

The Cotton States Merchants' association is behind the movement to reduce the cotton acreage next year, and will have a big delegation on hand at the conference. S. G. Wilson, of Greenwood, Miss., wired T. B. King, secretary of the local committee, that he is heartily in sympathy with the movement to reduce the acreage, and will be on hand with a big delegation.

Men all over the South, who have been asked to speak have responded promptly and with enthusiasm to the request of the committee. Gov. John M. Parker, of Louisiana, will be here and will make as speaker. Col. W. B. Thompson, of New Orleans, and a prominent cotton factor, who has already done much for the economic independence of the South; S. Wannamaker, president of the American Cotton Association, are others who will make addresses.

The conviction has steadily grown that the present movement is to have a more pronounced and far-reaching effect than any similar movement in the past. It is pointed out that conditions are different this year to any in the past. The South is entering another crop year, which will carry-over in her history, with prospects of a further big increase in the surplus before the present season ends. It is pointed out that a superficial observer that the world will be unable to use the present big supply, together with the production from an acreage as large as last year within a period of one year. Therefore, the part of ordinary good business is to reduce the acreage, with the end in view of reducing the production.

To make the movement a double-barreled affair: to reduce the necessity for purchases with the returns from cotton and to make the Southern cotton grower independent of outside sources for his home needs for feed for man and beast, a large element of the delegates to the conference will urge diversification: that the acres withheld from the growth of cotton be used to grow other crops to be used at home. If this movement is carried far enough the money received for the cotton crop should prove to be "velvet."

Honors won by the South in the showing of live stock at Chicago offer encouragement in other lines than cotton. The South has long been recognized as a great country in live stock, and the growth of live stock has long been urged as a substitute for or a supplement to cotton growing.

Calvary Baptists Enter New Church

Sunday was a great day for the congregation of Calvary Baptist church, it being the occasion of the formal opening of the new church auditorium. Three great meetings were held in addition to the Sunday school and young people's meetings. The membership of the church was present almost as a unit and hundreds of friends of the congregation were present. In the afternoon the pastors of virtually all the other Baptist churches of the city, as well as members of many other denominations, attended the special services. Many of the present and participating in the meeting. Dr. W. L. Norris, the pastor, was warmly congratulated upon his successful leadership of the church during the eight years of his ministry there.

Idlewild Church Calls New Pastor

Dr. J. Layton Mause, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, of Huntington, W. Va., was extended a call to become pastor of the Idlewild Presbyterian church of this city, Sunday, by a unanimous vote of the congregation. The call to Dr. Mause was extended upon the recommendation of the pulpit supply committee, which has spent about two months in carefully looking about for the very strongest ministerial talent available. Dr. Mause is rated as one of the able preachers of the church and is said to have few equals as a pulpit orator. The building committee reported that approximately \$85,000 had been subscribed to the fund for the new church.

Activities Among Memphis Negroes

The Child Welfare club is raising a fund for needy children in churches and social clubs are asked to contribute. The conquest board meets at Howe Monday night. The historical concert of the Y. M. C. A. will be given at Metropolitan church Friday night, Dec. 10. Citizens of Campbell county, Ga., have erected a monument at Fairburn to the soldiers of the county who suffered wounds or death in the great war. Two sides of the monument carry the names of white soldiers and two sides carry the names of negro soldiers, who fought in the battles in which they fought. Good for Georgia.

Christian Church Federation Will Hold All-Day Meet

The quarterly meeting of the federation of Christian churches of Memphis will be held at the Decatur Street Christian church Tuesday, beginning at 10:30 a. m. and continuing throughout the day. Five churches will participate. Following devotional exercises conducted by Rev. Harris L. Brown, the quarterly reports of each of the church will be presented by the chairman of their respective official boards. Addresses will be made by Rev. G. W. Kemper and Rev. E. L. Miley before adjournment of the morning session. Luncheon will be served at the church. Mrs. C. Tindall will open the afternoon session at 1:30 with devotional services. Reports of the Woman's Missionary societies and the Young People's circles will be made for each church, followed by addresses by Mrs. Lee E. Glass, Mrs. Elizabeth Ross and Rev. G. W. Ford.

EPWORTH METHODISTS OBSERVE ANNIVERSARY

The congregation of Epworth Methodist church celebrated the seventh anniversary of its organization Sunday. Dr. H. B. Johnson, pastor of the First Methodist church, Hickman, Ky., who was presiding elder here when Epworth church was organized, preached at both the morning and evening services. At the morning service, the Lord's Supper was administered by Rev. Warner C. Barham, the pastor, assisted by Rev. H. A. Bramhall, superannuate. Large congregations attended all the services of the day.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Alice Ethel Hood and Richard N. Ward, Jr., Mary V. Thurman and John F. Harrison, Vera Reeves and William Coleman, Mary Elizabeth Funn and James Wall Morris, Margaret Turner and Wyatt H. Wolf, Margaret Jeanette Goodwin and Charles Joseph W. Harris, Sadie Maude Chalmers and B. M. Strand, Bessie May Blaylock and E. L. Heckinger, Lottie Denton and Emmon Falkner, Bertha Bowling and Albert Wright, Annie Burt and Willie Neal, Cassie Hammonds and Ed Williams, Mary Powell and Frank Messinger, Mary White and Nathaniel Howard, Fannie Williams and Ozie Cole, Lula Johnson and George Jefferson, Mattie Taylor and H. B. Pratcher, Lillian Stephenson and Leslie Thomas, Sarah Taylor and Newton Coleman, Mary Hubert and James Davis, Anna Patterson and Allen Stewart.

Deaths. Gloria Howland Womble, 5 months, Baptist Memorial hospital, Dec. 2; meningitis. Henry Fred Hattendorf, 58, St. Joseph's hospital, Dec. 4; diabetes. Fannie Harris, 65, 1598 South Main extended, Dec. 3; paralysis. Ask your dealer today for Resinol Soap and Ointment.

DAILY EVENTS IN BRUCE

By James G. Cabell.

MY FRIENDS.
O happy is he who has hosts of friends.
How rich am I in friends I prize;
They come to me from the world's far ends,
And sing of love and high empire.
Omar and Marcus nod side by side,
Each one a loved and honored guest,
With Geoffrey Chaucer, laughing eyed,
And Goldsmith decked in crimson vest.
Comes Emerson, too, in his loftiest moods,
And Shakespeare with his mighty mind;
Thoreau from far-off solitudes,
And Aucasin with love half blind.
A knock and Hawthorne enters in,
As does the grand and gloomy Poe;
Nabalus with his naughty grin,
And then, dear old Boccaccio.
Soon Homer strikes his martial strain,
Homer 'tis echoed by Milton's fire,
And high above the grand refrain,
Keats sounds, at last, his wondrous lyre.
Quixote carries a little while,
Ere he once more resumes his quest,
Beguiled perchance, by Sappho's smile,
Or travailed Dante's stern behest.
In counsel grave with good Saint Paul,
I hear sweet music, soft and low;
'Tis David with his sweet, sad harp,
With eyes inspired and cheeks aglow.
On stormy nights we sit by the fire,
Nor heed how dull hours come and go,
That keep me free from all life's woes.

"IT WAS LIKE THIS, JUDGE—"

Police are hot after auto drivers with only one number. Seven out of a docket of 43 were up on this charge, and every one was fined \$5.

Will Phillips, negro, charged with obtaining money under false pretenses, was bound to the state. It was alleged he sold a horse and carriage that did not belong to him.

Vagrants in city court Friday received more stern treatment at the hands of Judge Barker than heretofore. This was due to the fact that half of them failed to tell an impressive story. Of 10 vagrants, six were fined and one had his case continued for further evidence.

"Names is names," and the quest in city court Friday was that of Columbus Craft, negro, charged with running an auto with no numbers. Someone had made a mistake and placed an apostrophe after the last letter of his name, evidently thinking that when his name was full he speeds over the bounding main. He told the court he had told his boss the name of the car and the case was continued until the owner of the car could be arrested.

The daylight saving plan will be restored in states east of the Mississippi river, if the influence of the Memphis Chamber of Commerce is strong enough to bring it about. The board of directors of the chamber went on record at its meeting Friday afternoon, favoring the re-establishment of the plan. The vote was a reversal of last year's position, when the directors voted against the plan. A change in the bylaws was voted, providing that the chamber for training purposes, the secretary, W. H. Hayley, is constantly receiving applications from young men who wish training in Chamber of Commerce methods.

The Memphis and Shelby County Medical society will hold its regular meeting, the last business session of the year, at the courthouse Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. The program includes a number of papers of great interest to the profession. Dr. J. J. McCaughan will read a paper on "X-Ray Diagnosis of Double Ulcers." Dr. W. R. Bethel will lead the discussion on the subject, "Supra-public Prostatectomy" is the subject of Dr. G. R. Livermore's address, which will be followed by a discussion opened by Dr. J. A. McDonald. Dr. W. L. Simpson will read a paper on "The Indications for the Simple Mastoid Operation," with discussion opened by Dr. J. B. Blue.

OPERATE ON T. P. FORTUNE
T. P. Fortune, president of the Fortune-Ward Drug company, one of the oldest and best known druggists in Memphis, underwent a serious operation at Garty-Kansas hospital Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock. Mr. Fortune is 72 years old and up to the last few weeks has enjoyed exceptionally good health. On account of Mr. Fortune's age his friends are somewhat apprehensive of the outcome of his illness.

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GIVE CONCERT IN MEMORY OF LATE O. K. HOUCK

BY GEORGE WILLIAMSON.

One of the most fitting tributes to the memory of the late O. K. Houck was paid Sunday afternoon at the Goodwyn institute, which was packed to capacity by his personal friends and admirers to hear a sacred concert rendered by some of the best talent in the city. It was an occasion of sincere reverence to one who had been so important a factor in the development of this art and whose keen sense of duty could have wished for no better expression than was given.

The program was rendered by representatives of the leading musical organizations of the city, and was one which afforded great pleasure to all who heard it. The participants seemed keenly appreciative of the solemnity of the event and the element of personal sympathy and friendly feeling to one whose light was still shining, though life was over seemed to inspire each with desire to be at his best.

E. R. Barrow, chairman of the music committee of the Chamber of Commerce and one of the closest friends and coworkers of Mr. Houck, in a brief talk outlined the plans for the season series of Sunday afternoon sacred concerts and gave a fitting tribute to him who had done so much for this particular line of musical activity. He announced that for the ensuing three months the concerts would be given weekly and that the chairman of the program and arrangement committee, Miss Valerie Farrington, to whom credits are due for the original idea of the series, would continue in that capacity. He further announced that on next Sunday afternoon the choir of the Calvary Baptist church, under the direction of Adolph Steuterman, would render Rossini's "Stabat Mater."

The opening number of the program, which was the playing of Chopin's "Funeral March," by Theodor Bohlmann in a most artistic and inspired manner, drew the Houck's favorite song, "Crossing the Bar." Schaecker's arrangement, had been impressively sung by the St. John's Methodist quartet, there was intense interest and pleasure for all who love and appreciate good music. It was a program worthy of the wealth of good talent of Memphis and an example of what can be done when there is the proper spirit of co-operation in the common cause.

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Hold Service For Murdered Jailer

Hundreds of people filled the church auditorium of the Central Baptist church to overflowing Sunday night to hear the services and addresses in commemoration of Jailer George T. Reeves, who lost his life in his post of duty last Tuesday. Those who spoke in tribute to Mr. Reeves were Sheriff Oliver H. Perry, E. T. Leech and Mayor Payne, all of whom spoke of Reeves in terms of highest praise, calling him a devout Christian citizen, and one of the most faithful servants of the public that Memphis ever filled the position he held.

"His attitude toward prisoners is the thing that impressed me most," said Mayor Payne, "and his death may bring a better appreciation of the position of a jailkeeper, who can make prisoners hardened criminals or can help society by inspiring in those men who leave the county prison a desire to reform and become useful citizens. This was a characteristic of Mr. Reeves, which won for him the confidence and respect of everyone with whom he came in contact."

Rev. Ben Cox, the pastor, who knew Reeves well, spoke with equal praise and emphasizing that Reeves was a practical Christian and demonstrated real Christianity in his life.

Collection was taken at the close of the service for Reeves' widow. It amounted to \$91.66.

TRACTOR INVENTOR DIES.

STOCKTON, Cal., Dec. 6.—Benjamin Holt, inventor of the caterpillar tread applied to tractors, died at a hospital here after a brief illness. The tread he invented was applied to the tanks developed as a major weapon in the great war. He was born in New Hampshire in 1842. Four sons and a daughter survive him.
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Noted Negro Thinker Writes "Light On Racial Issues"

In a publication, "Light On Racial Issues," soon to come from the press, Dr. Sutton E. Griggs interprets to the negro race the standards now used in passing judgment on all races by the sociologists and statesmen whose ideas shape the policies of the advanced races toward other races. This is done with the purpose of giving definite information as to the real nature of the problems of winning the favorable opinion of mankind, without which any race of nation is heavily burdened.

The book seeks to point out the mental, moral and temperamental qualities that are required of races to reach the highest points of development. The philosophy of nation building as worked out in such as can be utilized by any race which for any cause has failed to keep pace with civilization.

This and other writings by Dr. Griggs mark him as the first character in the history of his race in America or elsewhere to formulate a constructive philosophy. A previous book written by him has been adopted for use in many negro colleges and in the colored schools of Memphis and Knoxville. In commenting on that book, Mrs. Isaac Reese said:

"It is a wonderful book. The author has set upon a new philosophy for the betterment of his race which has the opportunity of rendering a greater service to his people than did the philosophy of Plato to the Greeks."

Those interested in the progress of the negro people and familiar with the earnest efforts of Dr. Griggs in that direction will give close study to his new message to his race.

CRIME FILMS BARRED.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 6.—Moving picture films that glorify crime or make criminal careers or adventures fascinating or alluring will henceforth be barred in Pennsylvania, the state board of censors announced today.

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WITHHOLD DECISION IN HABEAS CORPUS PLEA

Decision of the court in the habeas corpus proceedings brought by Jim Roberts, indicted for the murder of another negro, was taken under advisement Saturday by Judge A. H. Pittman, of circuit court, in order to permit the state to submit authorities to sustain their contention on a point of law.

Robert is being held for trial for the murder of a negro named Harry Beams, near White Station, in September, 1919. Bell, Phillips & Lyons, attorneys for the negro, filed a writ of habeas corpus claiming that the defendant should be discharged because the recollection of an indictment against Roberts in which he was charged with killing Harry Beams was illegally executed.

The contention of the state before Judge Pittman Saturday was that inasmuch as no jury had been sworn in either case and no facts brought out that the court did not know but that John Roberts had killed Harry Beams. The court requested authorities to sustain this contention and took the entire matter under advisement.

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