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Food Stuffs

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Situation and Urges Not to Sell
Cotton on a Declining
Market.

Montgomery, February 16.—(Special.)—In a letter addressed to the farmers of the state, Commissioner of Agriculture R. R. Poole urges that as the time for planting draws near everything that will be needed for food be put in the ground. He points out that there is being shipped into the state every year meat and corn and this is a reflection on the shiftiness of the people who work the fields.

He insists that there be an acreage reduction in cotton and increase in food-stuffs. He also thinks that there should be less working of poor lands, turning them into pastures, and more development of the richer. "Do not sell your cotton on a declining market," says Mr. Poole. "The farmers of the south, if they but act intelligently and in concert, are mas-



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Effort Under Way to Clear Up
the Docket

WORK AWAITS GOVERNOR

Friends of Both Tyson and Weakley
Are Actively at Work in Behalf
of Their Favorites for
Chief Justice.

Montgomery, February 16.—(Special.)—Now that it seems likely that there will be no new federal judges in the state the officers are beginning to cast about anew to find a way to at least handle a small portion of the work that has crowded up and will continue to crowd up with the present allotment of men to keep it up. A man said this morning that if a judge of federal court were to go to Birmingham and sit from 6 in the morning to 6 at night and never stop for Sunday it would take him eighteen months to clear the docket. A Birmingham lawyer, entirely familiar with the situation, who heard the remark, said: "He could not do it in twenty-four months."

An effort is to be made to get as much of the work off as possible, so an arrangement has been made for Judge Harry T. Toulmin to open the court at Birmingham on March 6, and to work off the criminal docket as he will have time to handle. The civil work of the middle district will not end before April 6, so Judge Thomas G. Jones will open court at Tuscaloosa about the middle of April, of which ample notice will be given. As soon as Judge Jones ascertains how long he will be busy at Tuscaloosa he will announce when he will take up the civil docket in Birmingham, at which place he will put in about three months in an effort to get the work out of the way.

This will necessitate the postponement of the May term of the court in the middle district, which will be held late in the summer.

Work for River.
The Commercial club of Montgomery will insist that the rivers and harbors committee of Congress, which is coming to Alabama between March 6 and 22, stop at Montgomery and have a look at the river here and get interested in the river. It is a matter of such importance that it will be taken care of in the government appropriations. John H. Bankhead, ranking democratic member of the committee, will have charge of the tour and many places will be visited.

In addition to the Commercial club the city will take up the matter and begin at once to have the wharf at the river bank put in good shape. The matter of fixing up the wharf has been hanging fire in the council for some time and it is hoped it can be worked out soon. The Alabama river is the live wire of the Montgomery and South Alabama situation just now and anything that can be done will help Congressman Wiley through his bill for a new appropriation of half a million for it.

Work for Governor.
Governor William D. Jelks will get back to New York tomorrow morning and then it will be up to him to appoint a man to the vacancy on the bench caused by the death of Chief Justice McCallen last week. There promises to be a great fight made for the place. A friend of Judge John R. Tyson, who is actively out for the honor, said today that he had assurances from a large number of counties that Tyson would be urged for the position. It is well known that the governor has already a large number of petitions for Judge Tyson as well as letters and other evidences of the wish of many that he be appointed.

There is news of a great movement on the part of his friends for S. D. Weakley of Birmingham, which has reached the capitol also and it is expected that he will have many endorsements by the time the governor gets time to take up the case in earnest. It is not known whether Mr. Weakley has any petitions in or not as the governor is away and his office force will not give out who the petitions are for. In the case of Judge Tyson the become known locally through his friends. It looks like a pretty fight, but from this end so far Tyson seems to be in the lead so far as endorsements go.

Parole for W. A. Mooney.
The governor has paroled W. A. Mooney of Monroe county, who had been sentenced to 30 days in the penitentiary for violating the prohibition laws. It is shown on papers in the statement of the governor that "on recommendation of the judge and the solicitor that this man be paroled because of his physical condition, and the assurance of both himself and his friends that he would not again violate this law, a parole is hereby issued conditioned upon his future observance of the law. Costs in the case are paid."

The Electric Lighting company of Mobile, has notified the Secretary of State that their office is in Mobile and that L. J. Davis is agent representing its interests, who can sue and be sued.

The Waller, Lichtman & Murphy Land and Development Co. has been organized to develop the town of Akron. Its capital is \$30,000 with C. E. Waller and Charles Lichtman as incorporators.

BARNES WILL SPEAK.

Will Deliver Memorial Address Before
Opelika Memorial Association.

Opelika, February 15.—(Special.)—R. B. Barnes has accepted the invitation of the ladies of the Confederate Memorial association to deliver the memorial address on April 26. Mr. Barnes is a silver-tongued orator and one of the most popular lawyers and public speakers in the city.

A Gretta Green affair was the marriage of W. M. Dean of Alexander City and Miss Gertrude Fincher of Auburn, which occurred at the court house a few days since. The sacred bonds were plighted in an impressive ceremony by the versatile probate official, Judge John B. Lyons. The groom is a student at the A. P. L. at Auburn.

A congenial party of six, Mayor B. W. Williams, J. H. Thompson, T. B. Ingram, R. M. Greene, Jr., Cecil G. Lee and J. A. Jones, returned to the city this morning after a few days spent in hunting and fishing at Marbyen, the home of the Gem club house. This club house, with a veranda sixty feet wide, projecting over a beautiful lake filled with choice fish, is a popular resort for all lovers of hunting and fishing.

John Thomas of Oakbury received by shipment yesterday a fine 7-year-old trotting stallion, "Antio Prince," from Detroit. The price paid for this blooded animal was \$1200.

Notice has been given to the taxpayers of this city by the clerk, S. S. Black, that the assessment books are now laid open at the court house.

NEGROES UP FOR HIGHWAY ROBBERY

Plead Guilty and Are Given
Light Sentences

BIG DALLAS FARM SOLD

Abbott Rifles Will Hold Election February 22—Captain and First Lieutenant Are to Be Elected.

Selma, February 16.—(Special.)—Two negroes, Bud Brown and Andy Shivers, were arraigned in the city court today charged with highway robbery. A few weeks ago a negro by the name of Joe Sloan came to Selma from Florida. In Leonard's saloon he flashed a roll of bills and Brown and Shivers let their greedy eyes fall upon it. When the negro left the place they followed him and upon reaching a dark street one of them told him with a broken buggy shaft and then both relieved him of his wealth.

In an hour or two the Florida negro managed to crawl to police headquarters and officers were at once put upon the trail of the negroes. Brown and Shivers were arrested and in Mayor's court bound over to the grand jury. This morning when their cases came up in the city court they entered a plea of guilty and received sentences of two years for Brown and eighteen months for Shivers.

Real Estate Deals.
Eliza F. Smith has conveyed to Foster C. Riggs, et al., 871 acres of land in township 14, range 11, the consideration being \$8750. This is quite a good price for Dallas county dirt in that section.

J. P. Blanton has purchased from Colonel Abbott two lots on First avenue, for which he paid \$800.

Abbott Rifles Election.
Colonel Bricken of the Second regiment, has issued orders to Capt. W. F. Aycock, Jr., of Company C, the Abbott Rifles, providing for an election to be held by the members of the company on the night of February 22, to name a captain and first lieutenant in the place of Captain Aycock and Lieutenant Craig, resigned.

E. N. Cothran has been named as captain and B. R. Howard as first lieutenant in a company primary and these nominations will be confirmed by the regular election.

Ward Primary Ordered.
The city executive committee held a meeting yesterday evening and ordered a primary election to be held in the Fifth ward on March 26 for the purpose of nominating a candidate for the council to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Councilman C. J. Griffin. The election will be held on the same date as the county election and will be quite a convenience to the voters of the ward.

WORKING FOR STATE IMMIGRATION BUREAU

Huntsville Chamber of Commerce
Urges the Calling of a State Meeting
for April.

Huntsville, February 16.—(Special.)—The following resolutions were introduced by President Thompson of the Huntsville Chamber of Commerce, and unanimously passed by that body at its regular monthly meeting held last night:

Whereas, the Alabama Commercial and Industrial association, at its meeting held in Decatur in November last, adopted a report made by the committee on immigration to that meeting, and which committed the association to request the legislature of Alabama to establish a bureau of immigration for the state; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Huntsville Chamber of Commerce, That the said Alabama Commercial and Industrial association is hereby requested to fix the next meeting of that body at as early a date as possible, preferably in April next, at which time representatives from every commercial organization in Alabama, whether members of the state association or not, shall be invited to attend as well as one or more persons from every town and county where no organizations exist, in order that this matter may be properly placed before the entire state, that favorable action may be had on the same when the legislature assembles.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent the members of the Alabama Commercial and Industrial association, with a request that they join in asking an early meeting of that body and the call for a state meeting as herein outlined, which state meeting shall consider in addition to the matter of establishing a state bureau of immigration, a more perfect organization of the state association, that it may the better fulfill the purposes and objects for which it was established.

Resolved, That the press of the state be and are hereby requested to give this movement the importance that it deserves, to the end that Alabama may go about the work of obtaining desirable emigrants and settlers in a business-like manner.

CHURCH HAS CLAIM.

Methodist Structure at Huntsville Was
Burned During the War.

Huntsville, February 16.—(Special.)—Evidence to prove the claim of the First Methodist church of this city against the United States government has been taken during the past few days by Thomas H. Clarke, special agent for the court of claims at Washington. The church claims the sum of \$13,500 as damages for the destruction of the church building by Union soldiers during the civil war.

The evidence shows that the basement of the church was occupied by a company of United States soldiers and that by the overturning of a stove the building was set fire to and destroyed. The claim has been on file in Washington many years and Congressman Richardson has recently introduced a bill in Congress for its payment along with several others of the same nature.

Wright Gets Verdict.

Huntsville, February 16.—(Special.)—In the circuit court yesterday a jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff for \$1200 damages in the suit of James Wright against the Dallas Manufacturing company.

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HALE PLANTERS TRY WHITE LABOR

Experiment With Foreigners Near
Greensboro Is Being Watched
With Unusual Interest.

Greensboro, February 16.—(Special.)—Dr. Downey and Mr. Charley Rawls, brother of the famous Mrs. Ella Rawls Reader, have discarded negro tenants on their plantations and substituted white tenants with most satisfactory results. Mr. Rawls went to New York early in the fall for the purpose of bringing these tenants south. They are mostly Italians and Swedes with some Hungarians. They could not speak a word of English when they first came but have already picked up enough to make themselves understood and work well quickly, one peculiarity about them being that they do not roll out the noon hour as the negro did but immediately upon finishing a meal they go laughing back to the fields. This experiment of these successful farmers will be watched with a great deal of interest by other planters, for the labor question has become a serious one and the southern farmer will either have to have imported labor or a crop that can be produced with less manual labor than cotton.

Midshipman Harold Jones of the United States navy, who has been visiting relatives in Greensboro, will leave Monday for San Antonio, Texas, to visit his father, who is spending the winter there. Young Jones has just graduated from the naval academy and is at home on a visit awaiting orders for sea duty. He was the only Alabama boy fortunate enough to receive a diploma and his friends are proud of him. He made a splendid record at the academy.

Among other names being mentioned as probable candidates for the legislature are those of Graham E. Bowers, editor of the Beacon, and brother of Chancellor Bowers of Birmingham; Edgar Elliott of Moundville, and R. A. White of Newberne. All of these gentlemen are widely and favorably known and if elected would serve their constituents well.

Judge Rouhae spent today at the Kimbrough place near Sawyerville.

Texas Blows Up Wreck.

Jacksonville, February 16.—The steam tug Dauntless, Captain Lewis, from Miami, arrived today and reported speaking to the battleship Texas, Admiral Dinkins' flagship, off Canaveral. The Texas requested that report be made that the Nova Scotian ship Sakataus was found abandoned twenty miles east of Canaveral. The derelict was blown up by the Texas, as it was an obstruction to navigation. The Texas proceeded southward. Nothing yet has been heard of the lighter lost from the Dauntless last Monday off Canaveral. Two other barges are ashore below Jupiter.

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