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20,000 BALES OF COTTON RECEIVED AT AMERICUS

Receipts at Local Warehouses to Date Are Gratifying and Point to a Full Normal Crop in Sumter County This Year—Farmers Are Constant Sellers at Current Prices for the Staple.

Amtricus warehouses passed the twenty thousand bale mark yesterday in aggregate cotton receipts for the season, a splendid reflex of conditions in Sumter county, from whence comes the larger portion of this magnificent tribute of wealth. The exact number of bales received to date, as reported at the warehouses, is 20,230, worth, at current prices one million three hundred and fifteen thousand dollars.

An enormous volume of wealth poured into the channels of trade in busy Americus, and with nearly as much more still to come.

It is rather unusual for such an amount of cotton be marketed here at this date in October, and only in the "bumper" season of two years ago has the present record in receipts been exceeded. From that enormous crop Americus warehouses received nearly 30,000 bales to October 19th—this date—while the total local crop that year exceeded 50,000 bales.

Present receipts of 20,230 bales compares with 15,970 bales received last season at this date, an excess of 4,260 bales this year over the 1912 crop.

Americus easily leads all markets in the state in the way of receipts, with the exception, of course, of Savannah, Atlanta and Augusta, where the receipts are largely rail shipments from other localities. In warehouse receipts of wagon cotton Americus' receipts exceed those of Dawson, Macon, Albany, Columbus and, in fact, all markets in south Georgia, to a very considerable extent.

Compress receipts are not included in the receipts of 20,230 bales to date. This is wagon cotton entirely—cotton from "down on the farm" which is sold in Americus warehouses, and the money turned loose here.

And does it make business hum some? Just ask the bankers and merchants if the nearly one and a half million dollars circulated here recently has improved conditions financially. Farmers have sold cotton as fast as marketed, and the cancellation of notes and accounts and the purchase of dry goods, shoes and groceries has been general. The past two months were months of business prosperity.

Cotton sold freely yesterday at 13 1-4 cents in Americus. On the same date last October—18th inst—with 4,260 bales less rectipts, the price here was 10 1-2 cents. On October 18th, 1911, the price here was 8 3-4 cents only.

Hubby Has a Right To Disrobe Wifey If He Dislikes Costume

Mobile, Ala., Oct. 18.—Judge David H. Eddington in police court today ruled that a man had a right to tear immodest clothes off his wife if he could prove he had furnished the funds to purchase the raiment even though it were imported from Paris.

S. Ledbetter slashed a diaphanous gown from his wife last night on the streets. A policeman took Ledbetter in charge. This morning he entered a plea that he had given his wife the money for the dress and he had a right to destroy it. The court sustained his contention.

Negro Confesses Murder To Escape Third Degree

Atlanta, Oct. 18.—The negro "John Henry" who nearly confessed in Atlanta last night, under the detectives' third degree, that he had murdered Ida Leegson, the art student in Chicago, says this morning that he knows nothing whatever about the crime, and that he confessed simply because the detectives made him confess. From the story he tells, it is probable that he would just have readilly confessed that it was he who stabbed Julius Caesar and set fire to the temple of Diana at Ephesus.

Although there seems to be little basis for connecting John Henry, as he calls himself, with the Chicago murder, he is in trouble enough right here in Atlanta, where he is wanted for two cases of assault with intent to murder and four cases of burglary.

JEALOUS OF HER HUSBAND'S CARESSES STEPMOTHER POISONS FOUR CHILDREN

Waco, Tex., Oct. 18.—Confronted by a chemical analysis of the viscera of two of her stepchildren, who died under peculiar circumstances October 7. Mrs. Ellen Walker-West-Etheridge, confessed to poisoning the two children and told Prosecuting Attorney H. S. Dillard and Sheriff H. W. Randall that she had administered poison to two other stepchildren, who died in June.

According to the woman's story, she administered concentrated lye to two of her stepchildren, 2 and 10 years old, in June, and she gave two other, 5 and 9 years old, arsenic in October. When the ranch owner married Mrs. Ellen Walker-West in March he had eight children.

The confessed murderess is the daughter of Rev. John Walker, a Baptist minister, of Matagorda county. She has been married three times. In January of this year she met Etheridge while living with her brother-in-law, Mel Malone, on the latter's farm, adjoining the Looney ranch. Etheridge's first wife died in January, and at the time of her death Mrs. West was the only one at her bedside.

BAPTISTS WILL MEET IN SESSION NEAR AMERICUS

50 CHURCHES IN CONVENTION

Annual Meeting of Friendship Association

Great interest is felt in the approaching annual session of the Friendship Baptist Association, at Hebron Church. The meeting begins on Tuesday morning of this week with a devotional service at 10 o'clock A. M. This is to be followed by the introductory sermon, which will be delivered by Rev. Lansing Burrows, of First Church, Americus.

The organization of the Association for business will take place at 2 P. M. The body will be called to order by Rev. Robert L. Bivins, of Furlow Lawn church, who has been Moderator for about ten years.

The business session of three days will be taken up with reports and discussion concerning the various phases of the denominational life and activity. The work of Missions will be brought prominently before the gathering, it being probable that Wednesday will be given to this important subject.

It is expected that Dr. J. J. Bennett, corresponding secretary of the State Mission Board of Atlanta will be present and speak on Wednesday.

Among others who will grace the occassion with their presence will be the ald veteran of the Cross, Rev. M. B. L. Binion, of Parrott. Mr. Binion is the Nestor of the Association, having been actively connected with it for possibly fifty years. His presence will be a benediction.

Others who will probably attend from outside the bounds of the Association are Rev. John F. Eden, of Lumpkin; H. L. Crumbley, of Richland; Rev. R. C. Granberry, of Macon. Several new pastors within the Association will be warmly welcomed—Rev. W. W. Arnold, of Buena Vista; Rev. Clarence Clark, of Oglethorpe; Rev. Thomas M. Callaway, of Dawson.

The Friendship Association has about fifty churches, with approximately four thousand members. Its territory extends from Dawson to Oglethorpe; from Preston to De Soto; to Buena Vista; to Butler. It includes churches in the counties of Terrell, Lee, Webster, Marion, Taylor, Macon, Schley and Sumter.

Its annual sessions are always largely attended and the session this year will be no exception. Hebron Church, which is located in one of the finest farming sections of Sumter county, and which is composed of some of our best people, is making great preparations for the entertainment of the delegates and visitors.

Dinner will be served on the ground each day. Both Furlow Lawn, and Frst Church will be well represented by the respective pastors and prominent laymen. Visitors will be most cordially welcomed.

CHOKES DOG TO DEATH AFTER CANINE BIT HIM

Durham, N. C., Oct. 18.—A mad dog did serious damage several miles from the city today. Two children, Jean and Elsie Jones; F. M. Duncan and several cows and horses were bitten. Mr. Duncan choked the dog to death after he had been bitten.

THE WEATHER.

For Americus and Vicinity.—Probably Rain Sunday; Cooler.

COURT SESSION HAS ADJOURNED UNTIL JANUARY

FURTHER BUSINESS DEFERRED

Many Cases on Docket Are Carried Over

Judge William M. Harper, of the city court of Americus, on yesterday formally adjourned the September quarterly session, which has been at recess for two weeks, and no other business will be taken up in that tribunal until the regular session in January. Several causes prevented a resumption of civil business a week hence, as was the intention af the court, and Judge Harper finally announced a suspension of further business until the next quarterly session. There are several cases of importance remaining upon the civil docket, including causes for damages, etc., which could not be tried at this term of the court.

ELLIS PROMISES TO TELL STORY OF RECENT CRIME

CHICAGO AFFAIR NO MYSTERY

Had Entered Into Suicide Pact With Wife

Chicago, Oct. 18.—William C. Ellis, a wealthy leather manufacturer of Cincinnatti, who was found with three bullet wounds and his throat cut in a room in a downtown hotel, where lay the body of his slain wife, is recovering, according to the police, may be booked on a charge of murder.

The inquest over Mrs. Ellis's body was to be opened today, but the police say that it probably would be continued to permit further investigation of the tragedy.

Ellis, who is at the Bridwell Hospital, was able to leave his bed today, and in reply to inquiries regarding his condition, replied:

"Oh, I am all right. I will telly the whole story of the terrible affair at the inquest. I have nothing else to say at present."

Dr. D. A. Waterman, house physician at the hotel, said he was of the opinion that Ellis' mind may have been affected, as the result of a disease from which he has been suffering for several years.

The police have three letters which Ellis is said to have written at the hotel Wednesday evening, indicating that the killing might have been planned a considerable time in advance.

SMALL INTEREST YET MANIFESTED IN THE PRIMARY

VOTERS SLOW IN REGISTERING

Less Than 100 Names On the List Yet

With only six days in which to register and qualify for the city primary, six hundred and fifty Amercus voters are taking chances at getting upon the registration books at the eleventh hour. For the books will be finally closed on Saturday next, 25th, and as yet less than one hundred of the 700 of 750 white voters of Americus have qualified for the aldermanic primary.

Clerk H. W. Weaver stated yesterday that registration was proceeding at a snails pace, many voters, perhaps, being unaware of the fact that every ont must go in person to the clerk's office and be formally registered.

The city election for three aldermen and a new eexcutive committee will be held upon October 26, but the registration books, under ruling of the committee, must be closed finally four days preceding the date of election. After the books are closed there can be no further registration, and only those whose names appear upon the lists can vote in the primary.

In former years, when a heated contest was on in local politics, the registration frequently ran well above 700 voters, and while there are no "issues" in this campaign it is essential that all good citizens register and thus qualify themselves to vote.

THE MEETING OF MOTHERS ON MONDAY AT METHODIST

Will Prove an Occasion of Much Interest

The "Mothers' Meeting" to be held Monday afternoon at First Methodist church will prove an occasion of more than usual interest, and should be largely attended by the good women of Americus. The hour is 3:30 o'clock and there will be interesting talks and good music as well. All are urged to attend.

Gin Destroyed by Fire; Little Cotton Lost

Lawrenceville, Ga., Oct. 17.—(Special.)—Fire destroyed the gin of T. W. Brownlee, near Gloster, on the Decatur road, yesterday afternoon, supposed to have originated from the engine. The seed from three bales of cotton and one bale of cotton were destroyed, along with the gin, which was worth about $1,200, with no insurance on it

Snap Bean Farm Is Visited By Outsiders

Atlyanta, Oct. 18.—Although Joel Chandler Harris has been dead less than a decade, it has been said, to Atlanta's shame, that he is already a greater figure in the cultured world-centers than in his native home-town; and here is something new that seems to bear out the harge:

The Uncle Remus Home in West End, which is "The Wren's Nest" and "Snap Bean Farm," where Joel Chandler Harris lived, was thrown open to the public last January, nearly a year ago, as a public memorial and literary shrine.

Since that time it has been visited by more than a thousand people from outside Atlanta, visitors from fifty states and seven foreign countries, as the visitors' register shows—and practically not a single Atlantian has set foot inside the house, except the persons who are directly interested in the memorial work.

These facts are vouched for, in their general purport, by one who knows. Allowing for the picturesque exaggeration which such a situation gains in process of repetition, the condition is still one which seems to justify the charge of prilistinism toward literature and art which is sometimes brought against Atlanta.

URGING HUERTA TO RETIRE FROM HOPELESS TASK

HIS FRIENDS VERY URGENT

Little News From Mexican Capital

Washington, D. C., Oct. 18.—Possibilities of Provisional President Huerta's immediate retirement commanded foremost attention in the Mexican situation here today, and administration officials were waiting advices to supplement advices of those late yesterday which suggested very strongly that Mexico's provisioanal president had been deterred only for lack of agreement on a man to succeed him.

General Blanquet, minister of war, one of the group who acted with Huerta in the downfall of Madero, was mentioned as a successor, but not approved here. Diplomatists also were of the opinion that Blanquet was ineligible, because he was born in Spain, and the Mexican constitution demand a native born. Whether Blanquet could relieve the situation with the United Ssates also was a question discussed.

Reports of Huerta's impending retirement, rumors of death plots against Felix Diaz, a rival presidential candidate, and the attitude of foreign governments, which already have recognized Huerta, and some of which are regarded as sympathizing with the position of the United States, all served to make the present situation more complex.

No messages had been received early today bearing any reference whatever to the rumors that Huerta had placed his resignation before the cabinet. Two long cablegrams from Charge O'Shaughnessy reaching here before daylight, described only general conditions in the Mexican capital, making no predictions.

BOOK AGENTS FLOCK TO ATLANTA TO BID FOR SCHOOL CONTRACT

Atlanta, Oct. 18.—(Special.)—The meeting of the state board of education in its capacity as a state school book commission called for next Saturday, October 25, is already drawing to Atlanta a large number of agents for book publishing houses from different sections of the country, who, it appears, are expecting to put in bids for supplying new school books for the state.

It is well known that the board has called for bids to be submitted with samples of books at that time and it is said that there is scarcely a book publishing concern in the United States that is not represented just now in Georgia. It looks as if the fight were going to be a merry one, in spite of the indications that very few changes, if any, will be made until after the legislative investigation of the book situation in Georgia has been completed.

When the investigation was authorized by the general assembly last summer, the state board of education was given the privilege of renewing existing contracts, subject to abrogation at any time on twelve months' notice. The purpose of this action was to enable the state board to renew these contracts so as to obviate any expense in changing books, provided it was found necessary as a result of the investigation.

WILSON URGES SENATE'S ACTION UPON CURRENCY

WANTS VOTE UPON THE BILL

Report on Measure By November 10th

Washington, D. C., Oct. 18. — Exchanges between President Wilson and senate republicans have placed the currency situation in a position where definite agreement for a report from the banking committee and a possible vote on passage is in sight. November 10 is the date tentatively set for report from the committee.

Among the democratic leaders the idea is gaining that the president might consent to a recess of congress if the senate agreed to vote on the bill on a certain day. Pressure is being brought from all quarters to release congress for a few weeks before the regular session begins.

Early today the president conferred with Senator Nelson. It was his first conference with a republican on the currency situation. It is understood that the president was encouraged to believe that the republicans of the committee would work with the democrats.

BANKS OF AMERICUS ARE SURFEITED WITH CHANGE

Plethora of Small Silver Held Here

Usally at this season there is a scarcity of small change, dimes, nickels and quarters, in Americus, but just now the local banks which have all sorts of money, are long on "chicken feed." One Americus bank in particular offered a customer a cash premium yesterday if he would accept $1,000 in small silver change, such was the desire to get rid of it.

HEARING IN FRANK CASE FIXED FOR WEDNESDAY

Motion for New Trial to Be Heard Then

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 18.—Argument of a motion asking for a new trial for Leo M. Frank, sentenced to hang for the murder of Mary Phagan, today was set for Wednesday by Judge L. S. Roan. Scores of affidavits bearing on the case will be offered. Attorneys for the defense charge that members of the jury were prejudiced.

FOOTBALL RESULTS FOR SATURDAY'S GAME.

Tech 33, Mercer 0.
Georgia 20, Alabama 0.
North Carolina A. M. 36, Davidson 0.
North Carolina 13, South Carolina 3.
Princeton 13, Syracuse 0.
Cornell 10, Bucknell 7.
Harvard 47, Holy Cross 7.
Navy 29, Dickinson 0.
Yale 37, Lehigh 0.
Army 7, Colgate 6.
Florida 13, Maryville 0.
Pennsylvania 28, Brown 0.
Sewanee 17, Tennesste 6.
Virginia 38, Virginia Military Institute 5.
Auburn 20, Clemson 0.
Vanderbilt 33, Henderson 0.