

## Farmers, Stand Firm!

### Logical Effect of United Action in The Matter of Holding Cotton--Why Farmers Should Stand by Their Association.

Mr. Editor:—At the suggestion of the President of the Cotton Growers' Association of this county, I write to call attention of your readers to the importance of withholding their cotton from market while it is down to present prices. Every cotton producer knows that the leaders of this patriotic Association, who have collected the facts, showing what the probable amount of the present crop is going to be, the amount of the supply on hands, and the amount necessary to meet the world's demand, have fixed the minimum price of cotton now at 11 cents per pound. They feel absolutely certain, as their action at Asheville shows, that cotton under present conditions, ought to bring at last 11 cents. Now this is the aggregate judgment of cotton producers all over the south, and on this basis they have organized, and they are now, voice and pen, urging the producers to stick together and stand to their figures. The Bears of the north and their agents in the south, have all placed their hands on the market, pressing it down and they are now making a supreme effort to keep it down until it passes out of the hands of the producers. When the cotton is all sold and goes out of the hands of the producers—or a large part of it, then the market will go up, the speculator will then make on the cotton, what the producer now make, if he will only hold a little while until it rises to 11 cents. The market for this crop sooner or later is bound to rise because the present crop is not likely to exceed 10,000,000 bales and the annual consumption will not fall short of 14,000,000, bales and the supply on hand is now about exhausted and the spinners are obliged to buy cotton now, to meet their large contracts. They cannot stop spinning on account of the rise to 11 cents, because their customers will hold them to their contracts. Now is the crisis; and we must fight; if we would win. Mr. Jordan, of Texas, the President of the Southern Association, says if the producers will now hold their cotton for two weeks, we will win."

But if we go on selling below 11 cents, the bulk of the cotton will, on the 1st of November next be all sold, and be in the hands of the spinners of the north and of Europe, and of speculators, who will certainly reap the harvest of high prices. And if we do not now act promptly and hold, it will be too late; their fight will be won against us. The producer has it in his power to control the price now and the future, if he will only stick to the requirements of the Association.

The man who says 10 cents is a good price for cotton and that he is going to sell, regardless of what the Association or his neighbor is doing, takes a superficial view of the matter. He does not know the strength that is in

union. He does not have a proper regard for his neighbor, and has no conception of his duty to his neighbor. Let us all be brotherly, and stand to the Association and demand 11 cents for our cotton. The Merchant and Banker favor this movement. Stand to the organization—and remember this is a fight that must be kept up every year to control the price of cotton.

R. E. Allison.

## Another Appeal

By President Smith, of the State Cotton Growers' Association, to Farmers to Hold Cotton and to Merchants and Bankers to Help Them Hold.

To the Farmers, Merchants and Bankers of South Carolina: In view of the present decline in the price of cotton I consider it my duty to make an appeal to the farmers to hold their cotton off the market. I ask that the merchants and bankers assist them in doing this. The merchants, by not pressing them, and the bankers by lending them sufficient money on their cotton to enable them to meet the obligations that cannot be deferred.

The price fixed by the executive committee at Asheville at 11 cents may seem to some rather high, but when the New Orleans Convention fixed cotton at 10 cents the difference between the current price at that time and 10 cents was very much greater than the current price now, and 11 cents. You will recall that cotton, when the New Orleans Convention, assembled, was under seven, about six and a half. By standing together, but unity of action, by a little sacrifice and patriotism, the Southern Cotton Association forced the consumer to pay to the producer more than 10 cents. Have you thought what that difference in price meant to the individual and the South? The grower has a right to fix the price of his product, and can fix it if he will stand by this Association, which is making a gallant fight to keep the speculators from getting cotton at their own price.

Let every farmer withdraw his cotton from the market. This will check the receipts, and the market will be obliged to advance. If you have to sell try to find some man who will buy it and retire it from the market. There are plenty of men in each county of sufficient means and patriotism to do this.

In spite of the report circulated by the bears and their allied interests, who are trying to depress the price of cotton, we are reliably informed that throughout the Southern States through the influence of the Southern Cotton Association the farmers are holding their cotton off the market. Let us stand by our Southern brothers in this great fight. It means the financial emancipation of our beloved Southland. Yours truly,

E. D. Smith.

President S. C. Div., S. C. A.

—The recent revival meeting held in the Second Baptist church was one of the most successful within its history. Last Sunday the pastor, the Rev. T. A. Dabney, baptised sixteen persons.

## "Rustic" Right!

The Welfare of the Republic Itself Menaced by Wholesale Epidemic of "Graft"—Effect of Dispensary Elections and Other Matters Interestingly Discussed.

Ed. News:—Lancaster should be congratulated on the late newspaper merger;—not because it is one of those "varmints" in the shape of a trust, for the door is open to competition; but for the reason that there is a basis for more profitable work and better results to the people who read their county paper.

How comes it that wherever Tillman has spoken he hurt the Dispensary Cause? It seems that he would have served his pet better by staying at home and keeping silent.

However, matters are not as some people suppose. The late electors, as I view the matter, do not put the state into the Prohibition column. The people, by voting "against", merely repudiated the existing method of selling liquors; and no wonder, for the machine was rotten to the core.

Now our legislators have opportunity to show their nerve and do what they honestly think best for the whole state. I guess Mr. Brice and a few other staunch men—not time servers—can get up a bill to suit the case, unless the majority spoil it as they did before. Then the state can get revenue and the reform so much sought after by some straddling politicians.

Excitement is kept up among the people by reading of so much "graft". Would it not be just as well to use the same number of letters and call it "theft"? Many inconsiderate people seem to be amused at the operations of grafters great and small; but it is a very serious matter. This wholesale robbery and operation of the trusts or combines make a deep and sad impression on the man who thinks for the masses. If some of our so-called statesmen would read Roman history, they might be impressed by the idea that our country is threatened with the same fate that befell the Roman Republic. That government tottered for a long time under the iniquities that now stare us in the face and then fell. Great was that fall! Look at Italy today! Her down-trodden millions are seeking to better themselves by coming to our shores where all men are considered to have an equal showing in the race for life, wealth or distinction. They do this while in their native land a few roll in wealth and the many grovel in the dust.

It behooves our people to take these matters in hand. They are the sovereigns of our country. They must accept or reject such propositions as are set before them. If they accept evil, they must reap sorrow;—if they reject it, they may be happy and prosperous.

Our men may fail in their duty to the country. If so, let us provide against such craven cowardice in the next generation by putting the matter in the hands

of our women and children.

The women are nearly always sure to be right; and they have the training of the infant minds. To this end let our school boards compel the study of Roman history in our public schools—at least the history of the rise and fall of the Roman Republic. Let our youth see the rocks and breakers ahead so that they may steer the ship of state in safety! Meanwhile every man of us should do his duty and vote down and prosecute every species of "graft" or "theft" in administration of public affairs. Let each one vote as conscience dictates regardless of personal friendships and preference.

Rustic.

Coon Hollow, Oct. 7, 1905.

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