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Attention, Farmers!

A Note of Warning from Harvie Jordan--Tells Farmers to Hold their Cotton "Like Grim Death."

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 25.—Farmers and merchants of the South are warned against cotton buyers who are now busy at many interior points trying to induce spot holders to sell them their cotton at market prices and agreeing to pay any additional advance that may accrue within the next 60 or 90 days. If you deliver up your cotton on that basis and the buyers get enough of the staple in their hands to fill their orders, there is but little chance for the market to advance. The only way to force an advance quickly is to refuse to part with the cotton until satisfactory prices are offered. No middling cotton should be sold at interior points for less than eleven cents per pound. The crop is short and all who hold will be rewarded as they should be.

Again, don't lend your cotton to local mills on the promise of settlement at any time within the next few months. With the staple in the hands of the spinners prices can never advance.

Again, don't lend your cotton to whom you ship your cotton for storage that under no circumstances must your cotton be loaned or sold to exporters or buyers on any sort of trade or contract until you are ready to sell it. All kinds of tricks and devices are being resorted to now by buyers and spinners to induce farmers to part with their cotton. Every man who is led into any of these trades is unwittingly playing into the hands of the buyers and against his own interest and that of his neighbors.

Hold your cotton like grim death. Tie up the spot market and stand firm for higher prices and the victory will soon be yours and the continued prosperity of the South assured.

Yours truly,

Harvie Jordan,
President, Southern Cotton Association.

More Trouble in Russia.

Paralyzing Effects of Great Strikes--Not a Wheel Turning on Seven Trunk Line Railroads From Moscow.

Moscow, Oct. 25.—Traffic on seven of the nine main trunk arteries of commerce radiating from Moscow was completely paralyzed today by the railroad strike, and the commercial heart of Russia has been shut off from all communication with the rest

of the Empire except the narrow section to the northwestward, including St Petersburg and the Baltic provinces. Though the government has ordered the railroad battalions of the army to proceed to Moscow and take the places of the strikers for the purpose of restoring traffic, the Revolutionists, by a sudden and unexpected blow, have shown their ability to put their hands on the throat of the nation's commercial life.

The employees of four railroads struck today and only the lines running over the Nicolaï Road to St Petersburg and over the Windau and Rybinsk road to Riga and other Baltic ports are open. Traffic is at a standstill on the Kazan Line and on the line to Yaroslav and Archangel.

The strikers today forced the employees of the general offices and financial departments of three lines, the Windau and Rybinsk, the Moscow and Brest-Litovsk and the Kieff and Vorynezh to quit work. The city is already feeling the effect of a milk and meat famine and a few days' continuance of the strike will cause serious embarrassment and even suffering to population. The renewal of the factory strikes is not improbable.

Heath Springs to Liberty Hill.

The News as Gathered Along Star Route No. 1.

Mr. Editor: We have had a very dry and favorable fall for harvesting the crops, and in most cases the task is about completed. There is not much cotton left in the fields now.

Work is being pushed forward as rapidly as possible on the new store building of Mr. A. Cauthen. We understand that Mr. J. E. Creed will occupy it when completed.

Messrs W. B. Twitty & Co. are now located and nicely arranged in one of the new store rooms of Mr. M. Y. Cauthen. The other one is occupied by Mackey & Cauthen, "groceries and fresh meats."

Mrs. Essie Mosley, of Rock Hill, came down last week to spend some time with relatives in this section.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hammond spent a few days with relatives and friends in Rock Hill last week.

Miss Mary E. Creighton has returned to her home in Sumter county, after spending the summer with relatives at this place.

We are sorry to report that three other members of Mr. W. S. Blackmon's family are now sick with fever. We extend our sympathy to the stricken family.

Mrs. L. E. Cauthen of Greenville, S. C., is spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Bell, at Magill.

Mrs. Hammond Urner and children of Frederick, Md., are visiting the parents of Mrs. Urner, Gen. and Mrs. J. W. Floyd, at "The Hill." G. R. C.

For The News.

Happenings in Georgia

As Reported by a "Former Lancastrian"--Big Crowd Greets Teddy in Macon, as well as Elsewhere--The Danger of Cotton Speculation--Man Loses his Wife's Money--Fine Roads and a Fine Fair--The Insurance Scandals.

MR. EDITOR: President Roosevelt passed through town the other night about ten o'clock, on his way from Atlanta to Jacksonville. He only stopped a few minutes here, as Macon was not included in the different points he had planned to visit on his southern tour. He was greeted at the depot by over two thousand people, who wanted to get a glimpse of the inimitable Teddy and hear him speak a few minutes. He is a man of striking personality and impressed the crowd very much. He has done a great deal during his administration to bring about admiration for himself, no doubt, but one time, several months ago, he dined with a black negro, named Booker Washington. How can this fact be overlooked?

Just at this season, every year, the chief topic around town among men, especially, who are engaged in that business, is cotton. They are discussing the reports of the crop that the farmers bring in from the country, they are talking of the different estimates placed on the crop by various statisticians and guessing among themselves what the crop will amount to and many of them are wondering which side of the market would be safer to speculate on. The other day I saw a fellow, a man working on salary about sufficient to support his family, approach a man engaged in the cotton business and ask his advice about a deal he had made. He had the most woe-begone expression on his face, great drops of perspiration were on his forehead and he was, as he himself expressed it, "scared." He had bought cotton futures and the market had declined. He lost several hundred dollars of his wife's money and "closed out."

The finest country roads we have ever seen are the ones leading into this city from every direction. Many a farmer gets the benefit of these hard level roads as he brings his wagon loads of produce to town. Many an automobilist and those who like an occasional buggy ride out into the country, appreciate these fine roads. They are kept in this splendid shape by the county chain gang. A number of trifling negroes are convicted of some petty offense, every week in the

year and sentenced to the chain gang. This keeps a full force of hands at work on the roads the year round.

The biggest thing in town this week is the fair. The agricultural displays are fine, so are the stock and poultry exhibits. The man with the flying machine is here. No mistake about it, he "sho flies." The side shows are out in full blast. Yesterday was "Governor's Day" and a great day at the fair it was. Great crowds thronged the fair ground and had a big time. The cavalry drill every day is worth a trip to the fair. Altogether it is a good fair and every body should attend a good fair once a year. It is interesting and instructive.

The man who has never had any faith in insurance companies is certainly justifiable in saying "I told you so" when we see such startling revelations of fraud in some of the big companies, the New York Life, the Equitable and Mutual Life. A certain editor says every man who holds a policy in the New York Life should write to President McCall and demand that he make good the \$150,000.00 he misappropriated. The only objectionable feature we see about that would be that several hundred dollars more would be wasted at their expense in buying the stamps and stationary. Former Lancastrian.

Macon, Ga.

Homicide in Columbia.

A Young Man Kills Another Thursday Afternoon at Union Depot, in Presence of Two Thousand People.

Columbia Special to Charlotte Observer, of Oct. 27:

James Trotter, Jr., a young farmer of the Leesville section, was shot through the heart at the Union station at 4.45 o'clock this afternoon by Wilmer Mitchell, about the same age and also of Leesville, the two being fast friends. Dr. Smith, of Wards, who happened to be present at the time of the tragedy, pronounced life extinct in less than ten minutes, death resulting from an internal hemorrhage. Trotter had been drinking, but the arresting officers say Mitchell was perfectly sober. He gave as an excuse for the shooting that Trotter continued to slap his face, after he had several times warned him to quit.

Mitchell gave himself up promptly to a plain clothes man and was carried to jail. His family is about the most prominent and influential in Leesville, he being the son of Mr. Cromwell Mitchell. Trotter was unarmed. Both bear good reputations. The killing occurred in the presence of two thousand people who were at the station waiting for trains.

Heavy Cotton Receipts.

Wednesday a Record Breaker--More Cotton Sold than the Public Weigher could Weigh--Half-mile of Cotton Wagons.

During the middle and latter part of the week there has been a big rush of cotton on this market, many farmers turning loose the staple when the price got above ten cents.

The receipts on Wednesday were probably the largest within the history of the town. As many as 600 bales must have been sold here on that day--far more than the public weigher could handle. By night he had weighed 476 bales. A number of farmers, seeing that they would be unable to reach the weigher's platform, unloaded their cotton in neighboring yards.

At 11 o'clock Wednesday 126 bales had been weighed and loaded wagons stood from the cotton platform to the Church street crossing on Main street-- $\frac{1}{2}$ mile--containing by actual count 262 bales.

Alleged Pickpockets Captured at the Fair.

Columbia cor. Charlotte Observer: The fair grounds' constables picked up four alleged pickpockets this afternoon. They were relieved of about \$500 in cash which they were about to carry away. No diamonds were found. There was no property recovered to point conclusively to their guilt. Still just before they were dragged from the street car at the grounds entrance the officers saw one of them run his hands in the pockets of four people in rapid succession as his pals assisted his operations. Officers Thackholm and Knox and Magistrate Rielly, who made the arrests, had been watching the gang for several hours and, when they left an outbuilding went in behind them and found eight empty pocket books. One of the men escaped from the building, where the four were temporarily confined, by jumping out of a window.

All were well-dressed. None would talk after being arrested. The three men, placed in jail for a preliminary hearing next Monday, gave their names as Joe Shultz, Joe Beckwith, and John Parker. The police also picked up a pick-pocket suspect to day. This man gave his name as John Barnett.

Mrs. Amzi McNinch, of Lancaster, passed through yesterday on her way to Columbia to spend several days with relatives--Chester Lantern.

Dr. C. A. Foster, of Taxahaw, was a visitor to Lancaster this week.