

Agricultural Department

Attention, Farmers!

Special Announcement by State Secretary Weston, of the Cotton Growers' Association, Who has Charge of This Division During the Absence of President Smith--Review of the Association's Fight--Farmers Urged to Sign Pledges to Hold Cotton for Higher Prices.

To the Farmers of South Carolina: In the absence of our State president, Mr. E. D. Smith, who is now canvassing Texas in the interest of the Southern Cotton Association, I desire to say a few words to you in reference to the appeal that has recently been made to you by the central office, Atlanta, to hold your cotton for higher prices. Let me remind you that in every instance in which the association has joined issues with those who were fighting to secure your cotton at their prices you have won a brilliant victory. The same people who are now urging you to part with your cotton predicted that ten cents would not be secured as demanded by the New Orleans Convention for the cotton held in the South. By unity of action and taking the advice of the association, in the face of a fourteen million bale crop you secured ten cents for your cotton. When you were appealed to to reduce your acreage and fertilizers it was predicted by the same crowd that you would be treacherous towards each other and increase both acreage and fertilizers. This slander upon the southern farmers was disposed of by the government report on acreage. When those that you intrusted with your interest were convinced that the department of agriculture was being used to your detriment, and we felt it our duty to attack it, we were ridiculed and jeered at, nevertheless we proved beyond doubt every accusation we made against the department and showed it to be thoroughly rotten. When our estimate of the crop for 1905 was made, and in view of the short crop, we asked that the farmers be paid a minimum price of 11 cents for their cotton, you heard on all sides that this was too much; yet throughout the south that price has been paid. The estimate of the association has again been confirmed by the spinners' report, which has just been issued. If the spinners of the world are now made to pay more for their cotton whose fault is it? They had ample opportunity to go into the market and buy at 11 cents, yet they preferred to believe the predictions of Theodore Price, and a campaign was inaugurated which had for its object the stampeding of the farmers of the south. All reports confirm the association that cotton is worth more than 11 cents and in the near future will bring more than 11 cents. The ques-

tion is simply this: Who shall get the benefit of this advanced price? We appeal to you to sign the pledges that have been sent out and stand by the association in this fight. All this talk of crippling and ruining the manufacturing interests is veritable botch. If the manufacturer has to pay more for his raw material he will receive more for his finished product unless that finished product is higher than some other article, which can be substituted for its use. Wool linen and silk are the competitors of cotton goods and there is a long distance between those articles and cotton goods, where the raw material would not cost the spinner more than 12 1/2 cents; if he has to pay 15 cents for the cotton now in the hands of the farmers. Those who have seen fit to consistently and persistently advise the farmers to turn loose their cotton for prices less than those fixed by the Association must now answer the individuals and the South who has been despoiled of millions of dollars, while following their advice. The Southern Cotton Association wishes to fix a staple price for cotton; this can only be accomplished by the spinner dealing direct with the association. We stand ready to meet the spinners whenever they desire it. Stand by the association; it has never advised you to do anything that was contrary to your interest; ignore the advice of those who have only brought loss to you and you will aid in returning to the southland millions of dollars of which she has been unjustly robbed. It must be demonstrated to the world that the producers propose to fix the price of their cotton. I appeal to the zealous, intelligent and patriotic county officers and the rank and file throughout this State to carry on this fight with all the zeal and energy that you are capable of. We are not responsible for this fight; we entered into it for the purpose of protecting our cotton, the price of which was being forced down, without any reason for it whatsoever, and "damn be he who first cries hold, enough."

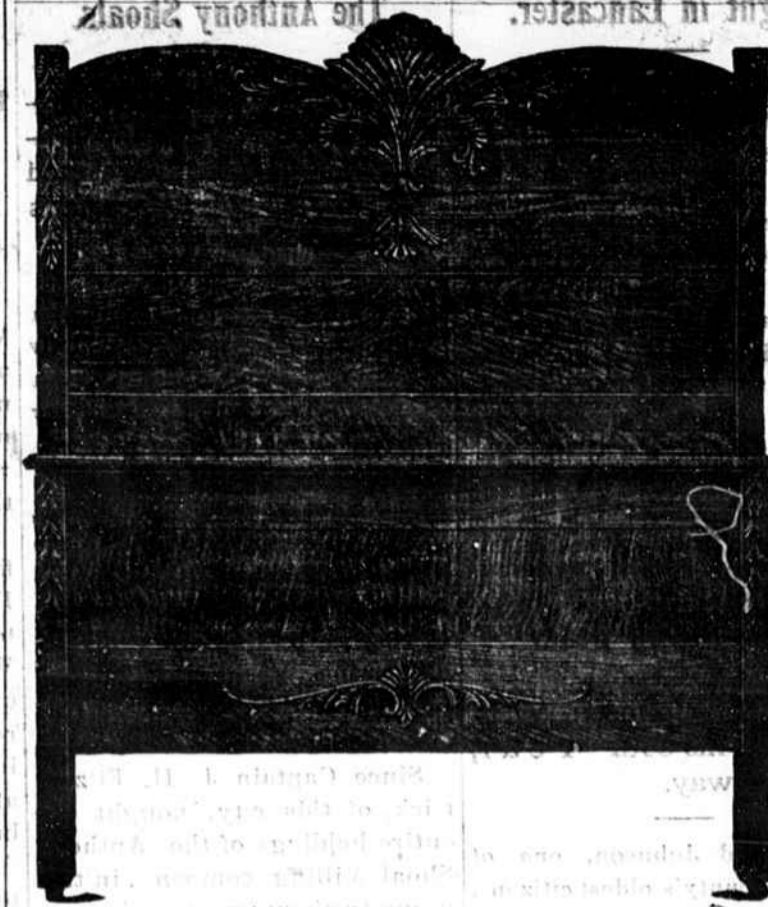
Francis H. Weston,
Secretary S. C. Division, S. C. A.
November 22, 1905.

Shocking Tragedy

Mother and Five Children Brutally Murdered.

Independence, Iowa, Nov. 25.—Mrs. William McWilliams and her five children, ranging from three to eighteen years in age, were slain at their farm home yesterday and the husband and father was arrested in Independence last night, charged with killing the members of his family. He declares himself to be innocent. A dairyman called for milk at the McWilliams farm shortly after noon yesterday. On entering the house, he says he found

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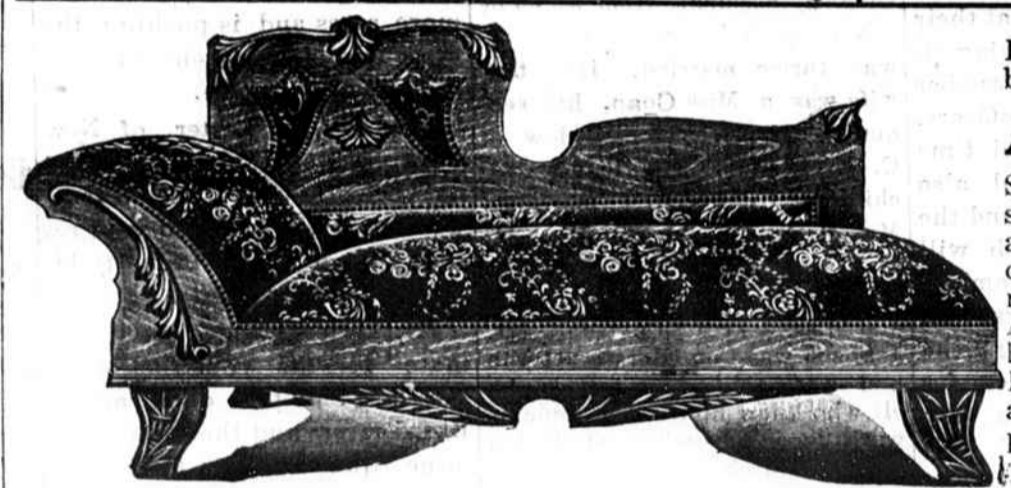
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The Underselling Store. **Williams - Hughes Co.**

a partly cooked dinner on the stove and Mrs McWilliams and the five children deal on the floor.

Each person had been killed with a hammer blow on the head. Mrs. McWilliams was atrociously beaten, and a few knife thrusts had been inflicted on the crushed body.

In the woman's right arm lay the corpse of her three-year old baby, its hood, coat and mittens on, and a piece of buttered bread in one hand. The baby had been killed by one blow of a hammer on the head.

The other children lay about the house, dressed in working clothes. It is thought that the mother and baby were killed first and that then the children had been called into the house one at a time and struck dead with the hammer.

The News, \$1.50 a year.

Horrible Railroad Wreck

Fifteen Persons Killed Outright or Burned to Death and Many Others Injured.

Lincoln, Mass, Nov. 26.—The most distasteful railroad wreck in this State for many years occurred at 8.15 o'clock to-night at Baker's Bridge station, a mile and a half west of Lincoln, on the main line of the Fitchburg division of the Boston & Main Railroad. The regular Sunday express, which left Boston at 7.45 o'clock for Montreal via the Rutland system, crashed into the rear of a local train which started from Boston at 7.15 for points the main line and the Marlboro branch.

At least 15 persons were killed outright, burned to death or suffocated, and 30 or more were seriously injured. Many passengers sustained minor cuts, bruises and burns.

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DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY

WESTBOUND			
Lv Lancaster	6:30 a.m.	3:45 p.m.	
Lv Fort Lawn	6:49 a.m.	4:15 p.m.	
Lv Bassomville	6:59 a.m.	4:30 p.m.	
Lv Richburg	7:05 a.m.	4:45 p.m.	
Ar Chester	7:30 a.m.	5:15 p.m.	
Ar Charlotte—Sou. Ry.	9:55 a.m.	7:00 p.m.	
Ar Columbia—Sou. Ry.	10:15 a.m.		
EASTBOUND			
Lv Columbia—Sou. Ry.	6:05 a.m.	3:10 p.m.	
Lv Charlotte—Sou. Ry.	6:05 a.m.	6:00 p.m.	
Lv Chester	9:00 a.m.	8:15 p.m.	
Lv Bassomville	9:40 a.m.	8:39 p.m.	
Lv Richburg	9:50 a.m.	8:45 p.m.	
Lv Fort Lawn	10:05 a.m.	8:55 p.m.	
Ar Lancaster	10:30 a.m.	9:15 p.m.	

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