

Agricultural Department.

Cotton Association's Policy

As Outlined by President Jordan--Cotton Acreage Not to be Increased next Year--"Diversification" to be Southern Farmer's Watchword.

The Southern Cotton Association will not ask the farmers of the South to reduce the cotton acreage for 1906 less than that planted in 1905. The Association does ask and insist with all the force at its command that the acreage planted in cotton throughout the belt in 1905 be not increased during the planting season of 1906. Let the watchword of every Southern farmer be Diversification, and through that agency produce an abundance of food supplies to maintain each farm. Permanent independence, thrift and prosperity can only be enjoyed by Southern cotton growers through the adoption and maintenance of a system which will make each farm self-sustaining. It is the only medium through which the present iniquitous credit system which has so long held our people in bondage, can be effectively broken up and relegated to the past. It is the only medium through which the great masses of cotton producers can ever hope to control the sale of their cotton in the markets of the country and force consumers and buyers to pay them fair and just prices for the staple. Any system which forces the producer to market his crops rapidly in order to meet maturing obligations to pay for supplies that could be more cheaply raised at home will ever tend to make a slave of the grower, minimizing the rights of manhood which every Southern cotton raiser should enjoy to the utmost extent.

OVER-PRODUCTION A SERIOUS MENACE

In the spring 1905 a crisis serious and potential faced the cotton growers of the South by reason of over-production of cotton in 1904. The Southern Cotton Association at that time waged an active and effective campaign for a reduction in the cotton area to be planted in 1905. The advice of the Association was loyally supported by cotton growers throughout the entire cotton belt and a reduction of fully five million acres was stricken from the cotton area for 1905 and planted in other crops. The result of this display of good judgment on the part of the farmers is today seen in bringing the production of cotton within the legitimate demands for consumption, good prices for the staple and well-filled corn cribs and smokehouses from North Carolina to the Rio Grande River. The agricultural, commercial, industrial and financial interests of the South are today enjoying an era of prosperity far in excess of any period experienced within the past half century. To maintain our present position, and forge ahead in the achievement of greater successes, it is imperative that no serious mistake be made by the planters who are now making their arrangements for the spring planting of 1906. Let every man pause and calmly consider his future even while enjoying the flush of a victory which has been

the most marvelous ever won in modern times.

PRESENT ACREAGE SUFFICIENT.

The present estimated twenty-seven million acres planted in cotton is sufficient under normal climatic conditions to produce enough cotton to meet the demands of spinners for the American staple. Any material increase in the cotton acreage for 1906 will tend to stagnate the cotton market and depress prices below their legitimate value. The legitimate laws of supply and demand is the only true medium of regulating fair and legitimate prices for our great staple product. The Southern Cotton Association through all its sources of strength and co-operative mediums of disseminating information to its loyal and patriotic supporters, with an eye single to the future prosperity of all cotton growers and business interests of the South, earnestly makes this appeal for broadening the splendid advantages that are to be gained by diversified agriculture on Southern farms. Plant an abundance of small grain, corn and side crops. Raise more hay, cattle and hogs.

PEACE AND PLENTY.

Let well-filled corn cribs and smokehouses be the great bulwarks of safety between the farmers and the world of trade with whom they have to deal. Rotate your crops, intensify your acreage, fertilize liberally, cultivate well, produce plentifully on the acreage planted and enjoy those rewards which should be the fulsome portion of those who till our Southern soils. Study the possibilities of our soils and climate and learn to appreciate and develop the wonderful resources at our command in the field, garden and orchard of southern agriculture. Become depositors in your bank rather than borrowers. Get on a cash basis as rapidly as possible and break up the ruinous credit system which in the past has been so fatal to cotton growers. As Southern farms become each year more self-sustaining under the adoption of a diversified and intensive system of culture and proper rotation of crops, the growers of the South's great staple can quickly regulate its marketing to meet the legitimate demands of consumption and maintain its price at such figures as will always give to the producer a profit on its production. Build warehouses with your surplus money, and secure adequate storage facilities for the proper handling of your cotton in the markets of the country. Let us reach out and broaden the markets and uses for American cotton. Let us bring about direct trade between the producers and the spinners of the world and in safeguarding our magnificent and valuable staple from the greed of speculative interests, enjoy the blessings of its monopoly and through co-operation rapidly develop our beloved Southland into the richest and most prosperous section of the entire Union. Pause, reflect and make no fatal mistake in entering upon the new crop year for 1906. The sun of peace and plenty is shining on the loyal and patriotic heads of Southern planters today. Providence has blessed our country. The clouds may thicken and darken our horizon in the spring if we grow heedless of our duty.

The Southern Cotton Association sounds its note of warning and issues its appeal to the people.

Yours truly,
Harvie Jordan,
President Southern Cotton Association.

Fifteen Cents Cotton.

Is good for the pocket; but it takes OUR NEW DISCOVERY for that bad taste in the mouth every morning, and that old weak back, and tired duit feeling when you get up. The only \$1.00 liquid preparation sold with an absolute GUARANTEE with each bottle for all Blood and Skin diseases, Nervousness, Liver and Kidney Troubles. You run no risk whatever in buying OUR NEW DISCOVERY. Your druggist will sign the guarantee. Sold by Crawford Bros.

Christmas Holiday Excursion Rates Via Southern Railway.

On account of Christmas Holidays, Southern Railway will sell tickets from all points east of the Mississippi and south of the Ohio rivers and to St. Louis, Mo., and intermediate points at rate of One and One Third First Class One Way Fares, Plus Twenty Five Cents for the round trip (Minimum rate 50 cents). Tickets to be sold December 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 30th, 31st, 1905 and January 1st 1906, with final limit January 4th, 1906.

Tickets for Teachers and Students of Schools and Colleges will be sold December 17th to 24th, 1905, with final limit January 8th, 1906, upon presentation and surrender of certificates signed by Superintendents, Principals and Presidents of the various institutions of learning.

For further information, apply to any Southern Railway Ticket Agent, or

R. W. Hunt,
Division Passenger Agent,
Charleston, S. C.

Brooks Morgan,
Assistant General Pass. Agt.
Atlanta, Ga.

CLERK'S SALE.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
County of Lancaster.
IN THE COMMON PLEAS.

W. J. Williams, et al, Plaintiffs,

vs

S. F. Williams, Defendant.

BY virtue of an order of court made in the above stated cause, by Judge D. E. Hydrick, dated Dec. 11th, 1905, I will sell at public auction at Lancaster court house on the

FIRST TUESDAY IN JANUARY next, within the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate, to wit: All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land lying, being and situate in the county of Lancaster, State of South Carolina, bounded as follows: North by lands of J. Frank Gardner, Jr., East by lands of J. L. Sowell, formerly lands of D. L. Blackwell, and lands of John Knight, formerly lands of D. F. Gardner; South and West by Buffalo Creek, containing two hundred and eighty-four (284) acres, more or less.

Terms of sale: One-third cash, and the balance in one and two years, secured by bond of purchaser and mortgage of the premises; with leave of purchaser to pay all cash, if he so desires. In the event purchaser fails to comply with terms of sale, on demand being made upon him, said lands will be immediately resold on same day.

Purchaser to pay for papers.

Lancaster, S. C. Dec. 12 1905.

J. F. GREGORY,
C. C. C. P. L. C.
E. D. Blakeney, Plaintiffs' Atty.

LANCASTER & CHESTER

RAILWAY COMPANY

SCHEDULE IN EFFECT MAY 28, 1905.

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 Bascomville	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	5 00 p m
Lv Chester	9:00 a m	5 15 p m
Lv Richburg	9:40 a m	5 30 p m
Lv Bascomville	9:50 a m	5 45 p m
Lv Fort Lawn	10:05 a m	5 55 p m
Ar Lancaster	10:30 a m	9 15 p m

CONNECTIONS

CHESTER--Southern, Seaboard, and Carolina & North-Western Railways.
LANCASTER--Southern Railway.

A. I. McLURE, Superintendent.
LEROY SPRINGS, President.

A Slaughter Sale

In view of the fact that we are going to make some changes in our business on January 1st, we are going to make some special prices to cash buyers. Note the following and compare with what you've been paying:

2000 yards 10c Outing at 7 1-2c; 1000 yards 7 1-2c Outing at 5c; 2000 yards 6c Gingham at 5c; best Flannel-ette, all colors, 8 1-2-3c; nice line of 75c waist Silks, this sale 50c the yard; yd. wide Taffeta 75c yard, best grade, wear guaranteed, 98c; 52 inch Broadcloth, worth \$1.00 per yard, for only 75c. We have been selling

Clothing and Overcoats

to beat the band, but we are determined to break all previous records. \$15.00 suits, this sale 11.00; 12.50 suits, this sale 9.00; 10.00 suits, this sale 7.50; 7.50 suits, this sale 5.00; 5.00 suits, this sale 3.75. Same slaughter price in Overcoats. Everybody knows there is an advance in the leather market of at least 25 per cent., but we continue to sell

Shoes at Old Price

Should you need Underwear for the cold December weather, see ours. Wright's Health Underwear 85c; best 50c knit Underwear 37c; good 35c knit Underwear 22c. If your dollars are worth saving, see us before making your purchases. Yours to serve,

Funderburk Comp'y.

5 cents will buy either 4 cakes good Laundry Soap, 10 cents bottle Machine Oil, 8 balls Sewing Cotton, and a hundred other things we can't mention here.

F. Co.

HORSES!

Horses, Mules, Mules!

Our Mr. Hood has just closed another deal for six car loads of Mules and Horses--180 head. Two of these cars come here, one of horses and one of mules. Think of it, 60 head to arrive in a few days, and Mr. Hood wires they are the best we have bought this season. Some closely matched teams of extra fine mare mules that weigh from 1100 to 1250 each. This is a grand opportunity to buy brood mares. Have some with extra finish and family broke.

Buggies, Buggies.

Two solid cars to arrive this week, all kinds and styles.

Wagons, Wagons.

Have just closed a deal for 100 more, and we have stacks of them on hand of all sizes--one, two, three and four horse with regular or broad tire. Come one, come all. Those who do not feel able or willing to buy a new vehicle can buy a second hand, as we have at least 100 second hand buggies, carriages and wagons on hand that we are going to sell regardless of the price. Don't fail to

Come and See Us

for we are far ahead of any retail stock and vehicle dealers east of the Mississippi river. Remember our harness department. We manufacture all of our harness and have no competition.

Remember, we buy as well as sell.

Gregory-Hood Live Stock Co.