

Cotton Farmers Meet.

Agree Not to Sell for Less Than 10 Cents a Pound.

Columbia, Dec. 8.—About forty farmers met here tonight to organize with the hope of securing a better price for cotton. The session was long, and many resolutions were offered, but after much discussion the following were adopted:

"Whereas, realizing that the cotton growers are simply able to hold the remainder of the crop from the market, we, the cotton growers of South Carolina in convention assembled, hereby pledge ourselves not to sell another bale of cotton under ten (10) cents for middling:

"That we immediately organize each township and county for the purpose of carrying this pledge into effect."

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this convention that the only plausible chance for the permanent relief of the cotton growers is a reduction of 25 per cent. of the cotton acreage and purchase of fertilizers for the next season, and that a special committee of five be appointed by the president from among the delegates to the cotton convention at Shreveport to press these views upon the cotton convention to be held at Shreveport on the 12th instant, and to endeavor to effect a thorough organization of the cotton growers throughout the cotton belt for this purpose."

"Section 3. That every cotton growing State be urged to join us in this fight for a remunerative price for cotton; that we beg them to organize at once with the object of withholding their cotton from the market until 10 cents per pound for middling cotton is realized and to reduce the acreage in accordance with us.

"Section 4. That we recommend the following plan of organization: That the delegates to this convention from the different counties be appointed to form a club in each township, and open books of subscription, to take the names of all farmers wishing to join for the purpose of bringing about the two objects above mentioned, and to take the fees necessary for the maintenance of our organization.

"That each township send up three delegates to a county convention, and that each county convention have five delegates to a State convention."

On motion of Mr. E. H. Weston, President E. D. Smith appointed a committee of five to draft an address embodying the speeches and remarks made in support of the resolution. The committee is as follows: Col. Alfred Aldrich, R. P. Stackhouse, F. H. Hyatt, F. H. Weston and the president. The latter was made a member of the committee by previous resolutions.

TO ORGANIZE.

The following delegates were appointed to help organize their respective counties under the plan of the resolution:

Marlboro, R M Pegues, Chas Crosland; Marion, R P Stackhouse; Clarendon county, R A Sublet; Orangeburg, J A Peterkin, B F Kelley; Florence, R P Bird, E Cartenham; Barnwell, Col Youmans, A M Mixson, Alfred Aldrich, H Richardson; Lancaster, C L McManns, G W Jones; Fairfield, J D Harrison; Chester, S T McKeown, J B Wylie; Anderson, T K Wakefield, J P Glenn; Sumter, J M Woodley; Berkeley, J B Morrison; Richland, J A Hopkins, Col Singleton, A G Clarkson, J R Hopkins.

The following were appointed as the special committee for the Shreveport convention: Col Laur

Yonmans, E D Smith, J H Warton, J A Peterkin and another delegate who are willing to sell.

ADDRESS TO FARMERS.

The committee appointed at the farmers' meeting consisting of E. D. Smith, of Lee, F. H. Hyatt, of F. H. Weston, of Richland, Alfred Aldrich, of Barnwell and R. P. Stackhouse, issued an address Friday a tirade of reduction of the fertilizers. It was meted with pleasure that the farmers had begun to see the need of organization and that all classes in the south were willing to join in the movement.

Therefore," says the committee "as a farmers' organization, we call upon each man to exercise good common business sense and if we have produced 10 per cent too much, which has cost a 50 per cent reduction in the price, let us so regulate our next year's crop that we will raise just what is necessary to meet the demand or 10 per cent below consumption and realize the 50 per cent profit.

"It has been said and truthfully that an agitation of reduction of acreage means an increase of acreage, and acting upon the presumption that the other man is truthful and that he is a liar, the farmer pledges himself to reduce his acreage, goes home and increases it in order to reap the benefit of the other man's sacrifice. We are not fools any more so that by resolutions adopted just now we have agreed that there shall be township organizations, and each man's name who goes on the list, pledging a reduction in acreage and fertilizers, who does not reduce shall be published in the list after May 12 as being the one who made a promise, and in order to catch the neighbor napping tried to profit by his own deception."

We offer this advice as to a reduction in acreage and in commercial fertilizers because we believe in fact, we know, that each individual will be profited who heeds it, whether his neighbor does it or not, for this reason: If so much cotton be raised next year as to depress the price below the cost of production and he has curtailed his crop and raised his own supplies on the acreage not planted in cotton, he has lost less money than his neighbor who has ignored his advice and raised cotton at a loss and has no supplies to fall back on. Hence, from every standpoint, from every economic view, a reduction of the cotton acreage means increased prosperity to the south and to every individual. It is needless for us to multiply words a wayfaring man, though a fool cotton farmer, need not err. We wish to appeal to every farmer simply to use every effort in his power to save the profits that he is now in possession of, the cash that he has realized from last year's high price cotton, to live more economically now than he has ever done before; not to exhaust his cash surplus, so that he may have a fund upon which to fall back in case of disaster of any kind.

In conclusion we are glad to say that there is a concert of action throughout the cotton belt looking to the reduction of acreage and the maintenance of a remunerative price in cotton. Texas, Oklahoma, Indian Territory and Georgia wired us last evening that on the 17th day of December meetings will be held in every county in States mentioned for the purpose of withholding their cotton from the market, and no man in South Carolina having cotton for sale need be afraid to withhold it from the market for the next 30 or 60 days.

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Cotton Crop Reports.

Washington, Dec 8.—Director of the Census North today made a statement setting forth the motion of the census bureau in connection with the resolution recently adopted by the Memphis, Tenn., cotton exchange, and occurred in by the exchanges at Vicksburg and Charleston, requesting that the census office abandon its present plan of publishing the cotton crop reports in partial statements, and withhold all information until reports have been received from every county in the cotton belt.

A FRIGHTENED HORSE.

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In the preliminary hearing before Magistrate McCoy at St. George's Penny Martin, Andrew Martin, J H Palmer and S A Eadon known as the Eutawville lynchings have been committed for trial on the evidence and semi-confession of Henry C. Edwards, who turned state's evidence.

SAY "MURRAY'S"

When you've got a bad cough just say "MURRAY'S". If a druggist gives you anything but Murray's Honey, Mullein and Tar you're not getting the best and surest cough remedy. Make him give you Murray's Aets quicker and you get a 50c size bottle for 25c. Every druggist has it.

Eugene Stencil, son of C W Stencil, of Sumter, tried to kill himself Thursday with a revolver. He shot himself in the shoulder twice. It is not thought that his wounds will prove fatal.

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A whole lot of fancy phrases can be written about remedies, but it takes facts to prove anything—good straight facts. And the strongest fact you ever heard is that Tannoplin is the best cure for piles on the market. It cures absolutely. Has a healing, soothing effect from the start.

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Trespass Notice.

All persons are hereby notified that our lands in the vicinity of Jones' X Roads, in Cedar Creek township, have been posted and the law will be enforced against any and all persons hunting, fishing, or in any other way trespassing upon them.

T P Caskey, J R Caskey, J F Caskey, J H Kirk.

Nov. 28, 1904. Im.

Notice of Discharge.

Notice is hereby given that on the 29th day of December 1904, the undersigned as Guardian for Willie B Smith and Maggie Lou Smith will make her final return and settlement and make application to the Probate Court for Lancaster county for a final discharge as such Guardian.

Mary E Smith, Guardian. Nov 28 1904—1m

MACHINERY COMPLETE EQUIPMENTS A SPECIALTY. GIBBS MACHINERY COMPANY. Columbia, S. C.

Safe Blowing in McCall.

Bonnettsville, December 10.—Safes in express office and Postoffice at McCall were blown open by unknown parties last night, but no over \$75 was taken.

Coughs, Colds and Constipation.

Few people realize when taking cough medicine other than Foley's Honey and Tar, that they contain opiates which are constipating besides unsafe, particularly for children. Foley's Honey and Tar contains no opiates, is safe and sure will not constipate. Sold by Funderburk Pharmacy.

The Confederate Benevolent Association has been formed in Marion to relieve needy veterans. The capital stock of the new organization will be \$50,000. The shares valued at \$5 each. The plan is to provide homes for the veterans, their widows and orphans.

Report From the Reform School.

J. G. Gluck, Superintendent, Aruntown, W. Va., writes: "After trying all other advertised cough medicine we have decided to use Foley's Honey and Tar exclusively in the West Virginia Reform School. I find it the most effective and absolutely harmless. Sold by Funderburk Pharmacy.

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Auditors Notice

Notice is hereby given that this office will be open from the 1st day of January to the 20th day of February 1905, for the purpose of receiving the returns of the taxpayers of Lancaster County.

All persons having property in their possession or control as Manager, Holder, or as Husband, Parent, Guardian, Trustee, Executor, Administrator, Receiver, Accounting officer, Agent, Attorney or Factor on the 1st day of January, 1905, are required to list the same for taxation within the time required by Law, or incur the penalty of 50 per cent which attaches in case of failure to do so.

Only returns of personal property are to be made this year, and improvements on Real Estate.

Persons liable to Poll Tax are required by law to make return of same.

The Poll Tax of One Dollar is laid upon all male persons between the ages of 21 and 60 years except persons who are exempt by law.

The Auditor or an assistant will attend the following places in the county on the days named below for the convenience of the public: Ocoola Tues Jan 10th 1905, 12 to 3 p m Pleasant Valley, Wed Jan 11, 1905 Belair, Thurs, Jan 13th, 1905 Van Wyck, Fri Jan 13 1905 to 1 p m Dixie a m, Dwight p m Jan 16 Tradaville, Pussday, Jan 17th Taxshaw, Wed Jan 18th Flat Creek Church, Thurs, Jan 19 Dr C C Wechs, Fri Jan 20th Pr mus, Saturday to 12 m Jan 21 Hallie gold mine, Mon Jan 23 Kershaw, Tue and Wed Jan 24 & 25 Heath Springs, Thu Jan 26 Pleasant Hill, Fri Jan 27 to 12 m W T Vanlandingham's Sat Jan 28

It will be to the interest of every taxpayer to make his return promptly and save the penalty of 50 per cent which attaches after the 20th day of February.

After the above dates I will be found in the Auditor's office to wait upon the public.

Respectfully, JNO A COOK, AUDITOR, L. C.

Lancaster, C. H., S. C., Dec 8th 1904.

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George W Baker, W P Stegner, W B Arant, C L McManns, W S Blaken y, T B Hough, J Q McManus, J A West, O Stozner, H E Williams, W H R Barton.

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MONEY TO LOAN

I have made arrangements with lenders of money in New York City, with whom I am able to negotiate loans secured by first mortgage on improved cotton farms, at 7 per cent interest—repayable in annual installments of five years. No brokerage or commission charged. Only a reasonable charge for abstract of title.

R E WYLLIE, Attorney at Law Aug 31—6m.

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