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Advice About Holding.

J W T., Lancaster, S C.

Now that the price of cotton has gone down about 3 1/2 cents from the opening of this season, what would you advise, hold on to our cotton or sell at present prices?

If you advise holding on to our cotton, what do you base your opinion on. I am willing to follow your directions, and will hold my cotton six months if necessary.

What do you think about the correctness of the government's report that came out on the third of this month? Does the government ever over estimate the crop? Would it not pay us farmers to have you issue a circular letter printed in hand bills advising the farmers to hold on to their cotton and reduce their acreage next year 20 per cent?

Answer—There is but one way to force the mills to pay ten cents per pound and over for the balance of this crop, and that is to hold what we have and refuse to sell on a depressed speculative market. Next season circulars will be regularly issued as suggested in your letter by the president of our association, whoever he may be. I am already sending out thousands of circulars on the present situation. The bureau's report is just as apt to be over as under the actual yield. Nothing but the growers' report is accurate. Make up your mind to hold what you have and reduce acreage next year.—Atlanta Journal.

## Happenings in the State.

As Chronicled by the Alert Correspondents of The Columbia State.

### GRAND LODGE MASONS ADJOURNED

Charleston, Dec. 14.—The grand lodge, A. F. M., of South Carolina concluded its work this noon, reflecting and installing its officers and disposing of the business that it had in hand. Although a short session, it was an important one. The Masons who desired a liberal construction of "a perfect man" in the ritual lost by a two-thirds vote, but the fight will be renewed again next year, when something more than a majority is expected to show in favor of the candidates who are now denied membership on account of some slight physical defect.

### FOUND DEAD IN BED.

Yorkville, Dec. 15.—Mr. James W. Snider, county dispenser, was found dead in his bed this morning. He has been quite a sufferer from rheumatism and it is thought it attacked his heart. He was in usual health last night and attended to his business during the day.

### Port Arthur Streets Visible.

Headquarters of the Third Japanese Army, via Fusan, Dec. 14.—Every part of the city and harbor of Port Arthur is visible from two Hundred and Three Metre hill. The streets of the city are deserted and but few soldiers are doing patrol duty. Many buildings have been burned and others shattered. The shelters of the harbor present a strange appearance, with the turrets, masts and funnels of warship showing

just above the water. There is not a vessel afloat in the harbor. The docks and building on the water front are torn and burned. The Japanese shells reach every part of the city and harbor.

## Offers Reward Of Thousand Dollars.

Governor Heyward Doubles The Price On R. A. Adams' Head—The Colleton Man Who Killed His Kinsman.

The State, 15th Inst.

R. A. Adams, condemned to death, is a fugitive from justice with a price on his head. Since the 20th of last June there has been a reward of \$500 for his capture. Yesterday Gov. Heyward increased this amount to \$1,000.

R. A. Adams on the 11th of February, 1903, waylaid his kinsman, Henry Jaques, and killed him in cold blood.

At the March term of court Adams was convicted and was sentenced to hang the 5th day of June of last year. Appeal was taken to the State supreme court and Adams' case was remanded to the circuit court that the day of execution might again be set.

Adams escaped from jail in June of this year, about the 14th day.

Adams is about 5 feet 10 inches high, weight about 145 pounds, dark skin, dark hair and eyes, with mustache and a long sharp nose; face with very heavy jaw and large neck; feet talking, nervous and quick movement.

Adams is about 34 years old. He had the reputation of being a bad man and that more than anything else convicted him, for just a few days before the killing Adams had been peppered with bird-shot by Jaques. Adams' father is said to have been a dangerous man and was killed by a man named Verdier, a mild mannered Frenchman whom Adams had driven into a frenzy of fear.

Gov. Heyward said yesterday that ever since Adams' escape he has been hearing rumors that Adams had never left Colleton county. Within the last few days these reports have come in such a way that they cannot longer be disregarded.

### Mr. Moses Lichtenstein Found Dead in Bed.

Mr. Moses Lichtenstein, one of the best known merchants of this place, of the firm of Lichtenstein & Flow, was found dead in his bed at the Central Hotel Friday morning. He had been staying in his room for a couple of days, but was not much sick, and his friends expected him out on Friday. Mr. D W Flow, his business partner, had requested him to let some one stay with him, but he refused, saying that he wanted to be quiet and needed no one. Mr. John McCall, who clerks over at the store, went up to see him as late as twelve o'clock Thursday night; Mr Lichtenstein then appeared all right and told the young man to go on home. After opening the store on Friday morning at 6:30, young McCall went over to Mr Lichtenstein's room to see if anything was needed. He pushed the door open and called. He was very much surprised to receive no answer, as Mr Lichtenstein was an exceedingly light sleeper. Going to the bed, he found the cover half thrown back and at once perceived that the man was dead.

Drs Blair and Stevens examined the body and were of the opinion that death had been caused by the capture of a blood vessel from vomiting.—Monroe Journal.

## Cotton Growers Meet And Adopt Resolution.

It is Claimed That the South is Facing Monetary Crisis Due to Recent Depression.

Shreveport, La., Dec. 13.—At a meeting tonight of the Southern Cotton growers' Protective association, presided over by President Harvie Jordan of Georgia, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"The Southern Cotton Growers' protective association recognizes that the south faces a monetary crisis, due to the recent depression in the price of her great money staple crop cotton."

The resolution speaks of the bearish speculation influences and continues:

"We know that at the present prices of Manufactured cotton goods and the splendid trade condition throughout the civilized world, that the mills can absorb the entire output of the present crop at 10cents per pound paid to the producers. We therefore earnestly call upon the holders of spot cotton in the south to stand firmly together and demand a minimum price of 10 cents per pound for the remainder of the cotton crop in their possession. We earnestly invoke the aid of the bankers, merchants and other allied interest throughout the south in successfully resisting the present crisis which confronts southern agriculture and commercial industries and we wish to emphasize our high appreciation of the voluntary proposition of southern bankers to finance the present situation.

"We urge the farmers of the south to organize as speedily as possible in order that they may have a uniform system of cooperation and protection.

"We authorize the president of this association to confer with the official heads of allied organization throughout the south for the purpose of holding a southern interstate convention at the city of New Orleans, or other conveniently located city in the cotton belt, on the fourth Tuesday in January, 1905, to consider the best interest of the producers with reference to the cotton industry of 1905.

"We urge curtailment in production of cotton and increased production of food supply crops. We congratulate the producers of the south in the firm and loyal stand they have taken since December 3 and their financial ability to hold their cotton and prevent its confiscation at prices which are illegitimate and below the cost of production."

A resolution was also passed commending the correctness of the reports of the government statistician at Washington.

### Carnegie Library Soon to be Erected on Winthrop Campus.

While in the North Pres D B Johnson secured the funds with which to build the Carnegie Library on the Campus and also secured the adoption of the plans which have been outlined in these columns. Work will be commenced on the new structure as soon as the material can be put on the grounds.—Rock Hill Record

CASTORIA.  
Bears the  
Signature  
of  
*Chas. H. Hitchcock*

The directors of the State dispensary have decided to remove the dispensary from Elloroe. This action was taken Wednesday after the board had heard arguments from attorneys representing both sides of the case. Chairman H H Evans voted against removal and Messrs Towill and Boykin voted in favor of it. Of the 52 resident voters at Elloroe, 46 had signed the petition.

# WATCH OUT BARGAIN SEEKERS!

## \$100 IN GOLD TO BE GIVEN AWAY.

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### For the next 30 days we are going to slaughter prices Right and Left on dry goods, Clothing, Shoes, etc.

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Our object in cutting prices for the next month is to benefit the trade by giving them the best goods for the least money. Also to reduce our stock as much as possible by the 1st of Jan., as we are going to repair our building and make changes in stock by moving dry goods in lower part of building and groceries where dry goods are at present.

This will be an immense job to have to move

: : SUCH A LARGE STOCK : :

as we have at present and think it best to make such inducements to the public in order to make the goods walk about.

We mean business in what we say and all we ask is for you to come and inspect our stock and cut prices and you will be convinced that what we say is true.

## So Come at Once and

## Make Your Purchases

before the stock is greatly reduced and get the best advantage, for remember one month is a very short time.

### THANKING EVERY ONE FOR PAST PARONAGE AND HOPING FOR MORE, WE ARE,

Yours to serve,

## -Heath Banking & Mercantile Co.-

# LANCASTER S. C.