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**Attention, Farmers--Strong Appeal for Reduction of Acreage and Fertilizers--Committees Appointed.**

Ed. Ledger: Allow me a little space in your valuable paper this week to once more call the attention of the farmers, and business men of all vocations in our county, to the consideration of the great work of the cotton growers association. We have resolved and pledged and pledged and resolved, but now comes the time for action. Let every man lay this matter to his heart. We do not believe that there are many, if any, who have not been advised all along the line of action as laid out by the hard work of our officers and writers in the South. And the press of the whole country has come to our aid and done a most valuable work for us. Now brother farmers, what are we going to do, are we going to act well our part, and thereby prove our honesty and sincerity of manhood in carrying out the propositions mapped out in this great movement to a grand success, which is to culminate in our own interest as much or more than any other class? Let us call your attention to the fact that the manufacturers, the merchants, the bankers and capitalists, together with the best experts in the cotton business, have come to our help, and are saying to us, if you will reduce the acreage in cotton 25 per cent, and the use of fertilizers the same, we will stand with you in this fight to the finish.

Now the reasons for reduction are many, some of which are:— We now have a large surplus of cotton to carry over, and to invest our means in the production of another large crop makes it almost certain that prices will run low, and we will not be able to repay the banks for their loans. On the other hand, if the May reports should show a reduction of 8,000,000 acres in cotton, then we can start our cotton holding association at once, and there is no tangible reason why it will not be a complete success. Other reasons can be assigned why we should reduce the acreage in cotton. The number of acres cut off can and should be planted in corn, peas, potatoes, oats, wheat, etc., and the crops thus made will better enable us to stand for better prices for our cotton, and we can hold and once more force the law of supply and demand to control the market value of our products.

In this connection allow us to name our executive and warehouse committees.

Ex. Committee:—C. L. McManus, Dr. W. M. Crawford, W. U. Clyburn, E. B. Lingle, R. E. Wylie.

Warehouse Committee:—Col. Leroy Springs, Walker McMurry, H. H. Horton, J. M. Yoder, W. McD. Brown, D. A. Williams.

The above committees will please call a meeting and organize, and commence their work, which will be of wide range, embracing all the work of the cotton association as it affects each county. To them will belong the duty to point out the work of each sub-association, that the objects sought to be carried out may reach all those interested in the whole county.

The secretary desires to say that, for lack of time, he will be unable to attend the meetings of several clubs, as he has been requested to do.

T. J. Strait, Pres.  
 Geo. W. Jones, Sec.

Mrs Chadwick Sentenced.

Cleveland, O., March 27.— Judge Taylor, in the United States District Court late this afternoon, overruled a motion for a new trial in the case of Cassie L. Chadwick, and at once sentenced her to ten years imprisonment.

**Dixie School to be Presented with Bible and Flag by Dixie Glee Club.**

The following is the program for the flag raising and Bible presentation of Dixie Council No. 43 J. P. O. U. A. M. on the 8th of April:

1st. A smoking parade of 5 minutes, conducted by State Secretary J. S. Wilson.

2nd. Prayer by Rev. W. C. Winn.

3rd. Song, "My Country," by school.

4th. Address of welcome by T. M. Balk.

5th. Song by school, own selection.

6th. Response by A. C. Rowell.

7th. Flag and Bible presentation, Rev. W. C. Winn.

8th. Song, "Star Spangled Banner," by school.

9th. Flag raised by W. G. A. Porter and H. C. Steele.

10th. A salute fired by Council, conducted by D. R. Williams and J. J. Hinson.

11th. Speech of acceptance in behalf of school.

12th. Speech in behalf of trustees, by D. R. Williams and J. E. Porter.

13th. Song, "Now let us end our labors," by Council.

14th. Dinner.

The public is cordially invited to come and bring well filled baskets. B. F. Adams, R. S. Dixie Council.

The writer will act as master of ceremonies.

Burned in Darlington.

Darlington, March 26.—The Darlington Wholesale Grocery Company's brick warehouse was totally destroyed by fire last night between 11 and 12 o'clock. The origin of the fire is not known.

The place was closed at the usual time in the afternoon and none of the employees was on the premises when the fire broke out. When the fire was discovered near midnight, the whole building was in flames. The loss is estimated at \$12,000 and is only partially covered by insurance.

**Hanged For Murder.**

**Killed Lawyer Who Failed to Clear Him in Court.**

New Orleans, March 24.— Lewis W. Lyons was hanged here for the killing of District Attorney Gurley on July 20, 1903. Lyons was a son of a former clothing merchant, but through dissipation was much reduced in circumstances.

One night a sugar broker reported the loss of a diamond pin. Lyons was suspected, arrested and acquitted. The arrest pruned his mind and he brought damage suits against the detectives and the broker. Gurley was the council. The case was lost by Lyons and he conceived the idea that his council was responsible for the loss of the suit. Lyons locked himself in a room with Gurley and killed him. Lyons shot himself through the head, but recovered. The defense was insanity.

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