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## 'Now Stand Pat,'

Says McLaurin.

Urges Farmers Not to Neglect Golden Opportunity.—Man Who Plants is Master of the Situation and Can Win if He Will be Firm and Hold.

Special to Greenville News.

Sumter, April 4.—Former United States Senator John L. McLaurin delivered an address to the farmers here today in which he urged them to "stand pat," holding their cotton for better prices, and caring for it in warehouses, until they are prepared to sell. Referring to the wonderful development of the South Mr. McLaurin said that the time had come for the people of this section to nominate and elect a President of the United States, a man who would not be hampered by standing on a "tinkered platform."

Speaking of the holding question Mr. McLaurin said:

It is a pleasure to me to address a strictly non political body of my fellow citizens.

It is a good thing for a man or people to look the truth squarely in the face, see things as they are, not as pictured by vanity, ambition or a disordered imagination.

When Jesus Christ came on this earth, he did not come with a message to any particular race or religious creed, but proclaiming the truth to Jew and Gentile. You cannot get at a truth from a partisan standpoint; truth is strictly non partisan; it is the property of no one political party or religious creed, it is there for them all.

We live in a day of combination and organization. Every business in the United States is organized, except the cotton planter, and now in self-defense, we are being forced to act in concert.

Here Mr. McLaurin went over the ground covered in his speech in New Orleans, and drew an analogy between wheat and cotton.

I do not believe there is any over-production, if there were proper methods of distribution. The balance of the world is a consumer of our raw cotton and is therefore combined to get our product as cheap as possible. You can only meet organization with organization. All other industries through combination fix the price of their products. This coat that I have on lay on the shelf of some merchant's store until I paid his price for it, he fixed the price without consulting me. The beef trust fixed the price of my meat, the coal trust of my fuel, the flour trust of my bread, the coffee trust of my coffee, and so on of everything that I use. I may starve, I may go naked, but I pay their price or go without. When I bring my product cotton into town to sell, I do not tell the buyer what I will take as all these other industries do me. I humbly ask "what will you give me for my cotton?"

The buyer says "wait until Liverpool comes in," then he says I will give you six cents or whatever some man in Liverpool says is the price.

Gentlemen, do what all the others do; put your cotton in a warehouse; don't ask anybody what they will give, but tell the

world what you will take. It is in your own hands. All you have to do is to "stand pat." Fellow citizens, let us "stand pat" with the New Orleans convention. "Stand pat."

Let it be understood that from now henceforth and forever we, the producers of the material that clothes the world, intend to have a voice in fixing the price of the products of our labor.

## FULL OF TRAGIC MEANING

are these lines from J. H. Simmons, of Casey, Ia. "Think what might have resulted from his terrible cough if he had not taken the medicine about which he writes. 'I had a fearful cough, that disturbed my night's rest. I tried everything, but nothing would relieve it, until I took Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, which completely cured me.' Instantly relieves and permanently cures all throat and lung diseases; prevents grip and pneumonia. At Crawford Bros., J. F. Mackey & Co., and Funderburk Pharmacy, druggists; guaranteed; 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

1040 Irish Immigrants.

New York, April 4.—Among the sturdiest and brightest of the 1,986 steerage passengers who arrived yesterday aboard the White Star liner Celtic were 1,040 Irish immigrants. Many rosy cheeked and sparkling eyed girls were in the lot and hundreds of Irish-Americans thronged the street in front of the Barge office to see the newcomers land and to greet them. It is said at Ellis Island that the Celtic's shipment marks the beginning of an exodus from Ireland this spring that will beat all records of recent years in Irish immigration.

## Pneumonia is Robbed of its Terrors

by Foley's Honey and Tar. It stops the racking cough and and heals and strengthens the lungs. If taken in time it will prevent an attack of pneumonia. Refuse substitutes. Sold by Funderburk Pharmacy.

Had 21 Children in 27 Years.

(From the New York Tribune) Denver, March 31.—Down in the Platte River bottom is a three-room cottage, where live the parents of twenty-one children, and today, with ten of these around and three grandchildren, they celebrated their twenty seventh wedding anniversary. They are Mr. and Mrs. Edwards M. McSparrton. The family comprises fourteen boys and seven girls. The last baby is thirty-three days old.

## Negro Kills Four Others And is Himself Wounded.

Batesville, Ark., April 4.—John Dow, a negro, went to Sulphur Rock today to see his wife, who was at her father's home, and because she refused to return with him he drew a pistol and shot her dead. Then he shot and killed his wife's mother and another negro. His father-in-law secured a shot gun and shot Dow, but not fatally, the latter being unable to return the fire, killing his father-in-law.

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## Happenings in the State.

As Chronicled by the Alert Correspondents of The Columbia State and the Charleston News and Courier.

Specials to News and Courier

Ware House in Bennettsville.

Bennettsville, April 3.—Messrs. Smith and Hyatt arrived on late trains and addressed the cotton growers this afternoon. They made telling arguments for organization, and predicted the success of the movement. After the speeches a company was organized and subscribed to build a \$3,000 ware house.

Judge Purdy Fines a Jurymen.

Chester, S. C., April 4.—Judge Purdy believes in conducting the Court in a business-like manner and impressed this fact very forcibly this morning by fining a juror \$5 for not being in his place when his name was called. He also warned the witnesses to be ready, and in the Court room when their cases came up or they too would meet with a similar fate.

## Eight Men Under Sentence of Death in This State.

Columbia, April 3.—There are eight men now in this State under sentence of death. Until Adams was granted a new trial there were nine men sentenced to be hanged. This is a remarkable record. It is a condition of affairs that has its deep significance. More men are now under sentence of death in this State than there are murderers in some States with larger population.

The list of men under death sentence is as follows:

Ned Mack, at Manning.  
Sam Marks, at Darlington.  
Bob Jenkins, white, at Darlington, convicted of killing a colored man.  
Rochester, of Oconee, white.  
Aaron Williams, of Kershaw.  
Fletcher Bird, of Greenville.  
Talmer Criswell, of Greenville.  
Marion Parr, white, of Columbia.

Of the eight men under death sentence in the State today Parr, Rochester and Small, of Darlington, are white. How many of this number will escape the gallows it is hard to say, but from present appearances there is a decided indication of at least half a dozen hangings in this State within the next month or two. There may be other hangings scheduled, but they are not recalled at the moment, but eight at one time is such an unusual record that it is well worth commenting upon.

## Negro Assassinated.

Orangeburg, April 4.—Jeff Donaldson, a young negro brick mason, was shot and killed at his home on the outskirts of this city on Saturday night. It seems that Donaldson had been working last week at North and he came home Saturday afternoon with the expectation of spending Sunday at home and returning to his work on Monday for this week. He was detained until after dark in going out to his home, and as he approached his front door he was shot through the heart.

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## President Smith Makes A Statement

### The Significance of the Tag Tax Figures Disputed

Tags Used for Cotton Seed Meal. Amount of Fertilizer Put Under Cotton Has Been Reduced Forty Per Cent.

The State, 6th inst.

The following was given out yesterday for publication at the Columbia office of the Southern Cotton association. It is from the State president, Mr. E. D. Smith:

"In view of the widespread publication and the impression made on the public that the use of fertilizer has been increased rather than decreased, and as it is the object and office of this association to keep the public informed as to the situation in reference to the reduction of acreage and fertilizers and all matters pertaining to the welfare of the farmer, we wish to state some facts: 1. As to the report of the increased use of fertilizer. I am in receipt of the following from H. M. Stackhouse, secretary of the fertilizer department, Clemson Agricultural college, who has charge of the tag department. This letter is in response to the inquiry made by me of him in reference to the large sale of tags.

Clemson College, S. C.,  
March 23, 1905.

Hon. E. D. Smith,

Magnolia, S. C.

Dear Sir: I see interviews with you in the papers as to the amount of the tag tax along the line of your phone conversation in Columbia a few days ago, but the line was busy at the time and your voice very indistinct, was not sure I heard you correctly, and only press of work has hindered this writing earlier. A getting frequent inquiries from boards of trade, chambers of commerce, etc., of other States as to the amount, but did not answer as I believed it for speculative purposes. However, the news men get reports from State treasurer and incorrect reports sometimes get in the newspapers.

The amount, however, is not less than stated and about the same as last year; we think at least \$10,000 of this comes from increased sales of cotton seed meal, which for "stock food" pays the tax this season for the first time. Then the salesmen and manufacturers of fertilizers say that anticipating orders, they supply themselves with tags, knowing that if not needed they can be redeemed with new ones after Nov 1st, and they admit aggregate sales to date considerably less than last year. So you correctly say these sales are not reliable indication of the amount fertilizers really used any given season. In the efforts to reduce cotton crop, which means so much for the South, I should be sorry to think the farmers would not "stand pat" on it or let narrow selfish considerations of supposed present gain wreck their own and best interests of entire country for years to come. Yours very truly,

H. M. Stackhouse.

As he states, at least \$10,000 or 40,000 tons comes from increased

sale of cotton seed meal for feed purposes. Up to June, 1904, all meal used for feed purposes was exempt from the privilege tag. Hundreds of tons were bought for fertilizer purposes shipped as feed stuff, thereby avoiding the tag tax. His estimate in my estimation is a very conservative one. Again farmers this year have exchanged seed for meal in larger quantities than ever known before in the history of the State. One reason for this is because the price of cotton has dropped so low and the price of guano remaining the same as it was last year, that they have substituted meal for the ammoniated stuff. Then again we have made inquiries from the Piedmont and Pee Dee sections of the State, and from the middle sections, and the replies indicate that the actual amount of guano bought by the farmers for this year's consumption does not exceed 60 per cent. of last year. I will cite one instance: At Dillon, one of the most prosperous sections of the country, in the heart of the cotton growing section in the State, where the use of guano was greater than any other section last year they received up to March 23, 6,000 tons of guano; up to March 23 of this year 1,200 tons of guano—by actual count, just one-fifth the amount used last year.

"From every point comes the cry that guano has been curtailed at least 40 per cent. As circumstantial evidence of this fact, I am in a position to prove that guano companies of this State are offering to ship fertilizers to the interior points on consignment, and in case the fertilizer is sold, well and good, if not, they will pay the freight and rebag it if not used this year. If their sales were so large and exceeding last year's sales, it does not appear to any sensible man that they would make such an offer as this.

"We are employing men to compare 1904 and 1905 as to the receipts of guano at the shipping points in the State. We have also men in the field who are taking the name of every farmer in South Carolina, and having him to state over his signature how much fertilizers he has bought this year in comparison with last year. The first part of May we propose to issue a statement showing accurately as far as man's word can be taken, and the receipts of the railroads at the shipping points can be taken, just exactly the status of the guano question in South Carolina.

"We do not know what motive has prompted anyone to make the assertion that more fertilizer is being used this year than last, nor do we propose to question motives. All the we propose to deal with is plain facts; and we propose that the farmers of this State shall be benefited by it. They are not all hars.

"We prefer to take the word of the farmers and business men of this country who are interested in the general welfare of the country rather than that of the individual who has an axe to grind.

"We do not want and are quite sure that the State at large and the south in general will not be startled or frightened from their stand by the prophecies of the sage of Olar. We presume that this gentleman loves money, being human, and as he predicts, in the rise of cotton several years ago

that he benefited thereby, and is in a position financially to be independent of any fluctuations of the market, and as some prophetic power has descended upon him again to forecast the future of the cotton market, we presume that he will still further enhance the value of his exchequer. The gifts of the gods are marvelous things indeed. Would that we were among the fortunate.

"From Texas has come direct from President Jordan, in a letter received by me today, news that Texas is reducing her acreage, according to the New Orleans plan; from Mississippi comes the cheering news that Mississippi has reduced hers, under the influence of such men as President Clark, John Sharp Williams, Gov. Vardaman and John Allen. From Louisiana similar news, that they are not going to reduce but have already reduced, in that they have planted two-thirds of their crop.

"From Alabama Bob Poole, secretary of agriculture; President Seymore, and their corps of organizers, who are canvassing the field. In fact every cotton State is making a similar report. Even here in South Carolina with the woeful wail from Bamberg ringing in our ears, and with the colossal pile of 15,000,000 bales looming on the horizon, comes the small voice of 61,000 farmers of this State that they are reducing their acreage and curtailing their fertilizers. The Southern Cotton association prefers at this stage of the game to believe that with an organization such as we have, and the active men in the field, and the support of the few bankers and merchants who are said to be the only ones signed the pledge, coupled with the 61,000 aforesaid farmers, we prefer to believe that the acreage will be reduced, the fertilizer curtailed, and that the 15,000,000 bales of cotton, in spite of the divine prophecy, will not materialize.

"It is claimed that the sale of stock, mules and horses, in this State for farming purposes, has been unprecedented. I have visited nearly every county in this State, and have made inquiry as to this specific point, and the stock men of this State declare that the low price of cotton and the general stagnation in business has been well nigh ruinous to their business. Any man who doubts this, let him do as I have done—visit these places in person and make inquiries. The sale of stock has been curtailed more than 25 per cent. Summing the whole matter we want to reiterate the fact that the farmers are standing by their pledges and will stand, and that the Southern Cotton association will finally solve the problem of the south's prosperity."

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J. Montgomery Caskey,  
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