

## GREAT MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN DURING THE NEXT FOUR WEEKS BY SOUTH CAROLINA COTTON ASSOCIATION

COLUMBIA, Oct. 12.—An intensive campaign will be conducted in every county in South Carolina during the next four weeks to enroll as members of the South Carolina division of the American Cotton Association every farmer, merchant, banker and professional man who has not yet affiliated himself with the organization.

The central committee of the South Carolina division has issued an appeal to the people to join the association. Thousands of farmers, merchants and bankers and professional men of the State have already joined the Association, the statement says, but there are many who have not yet done so and it is desired to secure membership applications from all who have not.

The American Cotton Association is being organized in every state in the belt, the statement says. North Carolina expects to enroll 100,000 members. Georgia expects over 100,000 members. Reports of an equally encouraging nature came from all other states.

**Means Much to Farmers.**

The statements tell of the plans of the Association to force a higher price for cotton. The Association plans to take care of "distress cotton" so that it will not flood the market in the first months of the fall. It plans to establish warehouses in every section of the belt in which the farmers may store their cotton. It plans to send agents to foreign countries and arrange for the direct sale of cotton abroad, thus eliminating the middleman and the gambler.

"The price of cotton," says the statement, "for the last sixty years, has been based on slave labor, and has always been below the cost of production."

"Consequently, the producer, largely has lived on the basis of laborer's wages, and not on that of legitimate profit from supplying an essential raw material."

"Low priced cotton has kept farmers and their families in slavery, their children out of school because they must work in the cotton field, has meant bad roads and undeveloped rural resources."

"The only way the farmer has known to meet his problem was to make more low-priced material; volume has helped him at times to eke out an existence, without it he is forever in debt."

"The debtor farmer is today still in the majority. His children, from 6 to 16 years old, are usually out of school, barefooted and at work chopping cotton in the fields."

"The injustice, the unfairness of it cries out aloud for remedy."

"The American Cotton Association is the remedy."

"With cotton producers, business and professional men, merchants, bankers—all the south—aligned in their own interests, it will be easy to apply it, and, with your assistance, we are going to apply it."

**Producers Entitled to Good Living.**

"The American Cotton Association, without organization, through various agencies, has already saved the cotton producers of the south \$500,000,000—half a billion dollars."

"But even that saving did not carry them across the divide between profit and loss."

"It was but a beginning; the producer is entitled to a profit over and above his actual cost, and must have it."

"He is entitled to a good comfortable home; to decent and respectable living conditions; to more than a cheap calico dress for his wife; to a reasonable schooling for his children. Justice cries aloud for it; prosperity demands it."

"The same facilities, the same opportunities, yes, even the same luxuries, just as rightly belong to the producer of material as they do to the man who spins it into yarn or makes it into cloth; or to him who sells the finished product to the consumer."

"When the producer is enabled to enjoy better living conditions, our state and section will prosper as they have never prospered before."

"It is the purpose of the American Cotton Association to see that these rights are given—are restored—to the producer."

"How? Through his own organization and the assistance of the Business Men of the South."

"Every business and professional man in South Carolina, every banker, every merchant, is vitally interested in the success of the producer."

"Do you remember back in 1892 to 1894? When cotton went down to 4 cents a pound?"

"Certainly you recall 1914, when war was declared and the quick drop to 6 cents."

"Likewise, you will recall how difficult it was for you—banker, merchant, doctor, dentist, whatever you may be—to make both ends meet—how your living problem grew to proportions which made solution seem impossible."

"There were those among you who did not know how they could meet the grocery bill."

"So your own future, your own success, your most vital interests are wrapped up in the well-being of the cotton producer."

"As he succeeds, so in large degree is your success measured."

"It is up to you, it is your duty, if for personal and selfish reasons alone, to join the American Cotton Association, and lend what assistance you can to that organization which proposes to emancipate you, to emancipate the business south."

"The opportunity for that emancipation is at hand in this Association."

"The American Cotton Association proposes to bring commercial freedom to all the South; to so change rural conditions that the farm will both attract and hold the white man."

"It proposes to have representatives in every cotton consuming country to keep you posted concerning supply and demand."

"It will furnish advance information of the world's cotton needs, so that planting may be made to accord with them."

"It will tell its members of supply and demand at all seasons; of crop conditions; of the cost of manufacturing; of the market prices of cotton products, in fact, all information which is necessary to enable the smallest planter to conduct his operations on a purely business basis."

"Through its publicity department, and, as soon as possible, a weekly newspaper free from politics, it will keep both producer and consumer fully informed about cotton, its production, manufacture and fair prices for material as well as for finished products."

"Soil improvement, seed improvement, live stock improvement, these and many other constructive functions will constitute the great work of the American Cotton Association."

**Plans to Aid "Distressed" Cotton.**

"The American Cotton Association does not propose to stay there."

"It contemplates taking steps through the organization of a domestic financing corporation, to insure the success of its purposes."

"It will be the purpose of the association to assist in financing "distressed" cotton and to prevent its accumulation on a market unable promptly to absorb it, a condition which practically every fall results in a price depreciation far below the cost of production."

"In carrying out this purpose, the Association will have the direct assistance of the Federal Reserve banking system, and the influential aid of some of the most prominent financiers in the United States."

"It will likewise assist in bringing to its aid advantageously owned and controlled warehouses in every cotton growing state."

"In these the producer will be able to store his cotton at a minimum cost, where it will be safe from any pernicious control; and he will receive a uniform warehouse certificate acceptable as collateral at any bank."

"Through this system not only will the producer be properly cared for, but great financial assistance will be furnished to the entire life of the South."

"To accomplish these objects there must be not only organization, but funds with which to meet essential expenses must be provided."

"In order to raise these funds it has been determined, first, to sell a limited number of charter memberships at \$100 each, payment of which exempts from all dues until 1923."

"Next, the dues have been fixed at 25 cents per bale, based on the 1917 crop, for the producer; 25 cents per \$1,000 of capital stock and surplus for the banker or other corporation, and for others, \$3 per year."

"Every penny of this money will be expended directly for the advantage of the Association and its members."

"The president and other executive officers of the association are serving without remuneration, a labor of love in which their reward will be consciousness of a duty well done."

"The big men of the South know it now, and they are aroused to action."

"They have begun and will finish an organization which, when it speaks, will be heard around the world."

### BLUE STOCKINGS WIN

Presbyterian College Eleven Easily Defeats Bailey.

The Presbyterian College eleven decidedly outclassed Bailey Military Institute here Friday, winning their second game easily, 49 to 0. The two teams appeared to be evenly matched in the opening period, neither being able to make any headway, but in the second quarter the Blue Stockings developed a drive that was irresistible, piling up touchdowns after touchdown almost at will. The first tally was made by Eichelberger early in the second period when he blocked an attempted punt and fell on the ball behind the Bailey goal posts. The soldiers' defense crumbled following this one fluke allowing the Blue Stockings to win in a walk. The second half saw Bailey attempt an offensive, only again to be forced back into defensive playing. The stars for the Presbyterians were Hafner, Fulton, Belk and Neville, while Legare, Smith and McMurray produced the best work for the prep school. Officials for the game: W. P. Jacobs, referee; A. W. Brice, umpire; H. F. Sturgeon, head linesman.

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### EDWARDS-SIMPSON.

Union, Oct. 11.—In a bridal setting of pretty design with the nearest of family ties and the closest friends present, Miss Leila Edwards became the bride of Hugh Simpson of Clinton Wednesday at the twilight. There was a beautiful sentiment about the choice of the place for the wedding, the bride selecting the memorial parlor at Grace Methodist church dedicated to the memory of her mother, Mrs. Fannie C. Edwards. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. W. Speake, pastor of the church.

Before the arrival of the bridal party, Mrs. J. Frost Walker, Jr., sang "Calm as the Night," "The Voice That Breathed O'er Eden" and the beautiful love lyric, "Mavis."

As the notes of the wedding march from Lohengrin played by Miss Ruth Gault, were first heard, two little girls, Sara Wagon and Mannie Lee Edwards, came in carrying lighted tapers. Next to enter were the bridesmaids, Misses Carrie Smith of West Springs, and Edna Clayton of Central, followed by the maid of honor, Miss Myrtle Smith, a niece of the bride. The flower girl, Mamie Sartor, scattered golden petals in the pathway of the bride and Billy Smith brought the ring in the heart of a golden dahlia.

The bride and bridegroom entered together and took their vows before an improvised altar decorated with ferns and Southern smilax and yellow and white chrysanthemums. The bride wore a chic costume of field mouse with hat of the same tone and carried a shower of rosebuds and valley lilies.

Mrs. Simpson is the youngest daughter of J. C. Edwards of this city and is a young woman of rare charm and intellect. After her graduation from college she taught successfully for several years. Her friends regret that her marriage will take her from their midst.

Mr. and Mrs. Simpson left immediately after the ceremony for a honeymoon, the destination of which was kept a secret.

The following Clinton people attended the wedding: Prof. and Mrs. A. C. Daniel, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Galloway, Mrs. Jack H. Young, Misses Essie Young, Connie Martin, and Messrs. J. M. C. Barksdale, W. W. Harris, Pringle Copeland, Carlton Winn, Claude Workman, Geo. W. Copeland, W. D. Copeland, A. W. Brice, Len Rounds, and Gary Dillard.

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