

COL. ORR'S ADVICE.

In advising the farmers to hold their cotton for higher prices Col. J. L. Orr takes a very unusual position for a cotton mill president, and yet it is a logical position.

As Col. Orr says, the interests of the Southern mills and the Southern farmers are identical in a great many respects.

It is to the interest of both to keep the price of cotton on a reasonable and business like basis.

As president of two of the largest cotton mills in the South Col. Orr naturally wants to buy his cotton as cheaply as he can. Yet he wants the price of cotton to be higher than it is now, and he wants the price to be steady the year round.

It is the great and sudden fluctuations in the market that hurt everybody, farmers and mills alike. Naturally a Southern mill man doesn't want to see the price of cotton fall two or three cents a pound after he has purchased a supply and mills in other parts of the country be given the advantage of lower prices.

The Southern mills and the Southern farmers should work together to regulate and control the price of cotton. We doubt if either can succeed by working independently, or by fighting the other.

Cotton is a Southern product. The price should be controlled in the South, and the price can be controlled in the South. It is to the interest of all Southern people—manufacturers, bankers, merchants and farmers as well—to work together to this end.

This has been the position of this newspaper for a long time, and we have been urging it in season and out of season. It is very gratifying therefore, to have Col. Orr, and so many other leading and influential men, coming to our way of thinking.

It is not too late to seed a large acreage of wheat in South Carolina, and the more home raised wheat the South Carolina farmer has the less western flour he will have to buy with his cotton money.

The Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs declares that extravagant dresses are ruinous to women. The federation might have added that they are even more ruinous to the husbands who have to pay the bills.

Don't destroy the little ones' faith in "Santa Claus." Remember the time when you was young, and the pleasures you derived from his anticipated visit. Let them weave their little fancies around the old wide mouthed fire place. It is their pleasure now, and a sparkling gem stored away in memory's chest to be worn when the hair turns gray.

The other day we heard of a man who said he had been a subscriber for the Sentinel for nearly thirty years and paid for it at the end of each year, but he would not pay for it in advance.

A man who has been loyal to his home paper for thirty years is a valued friend, and one the Editor does not wish to lose, and if these old and true friends appreciated the position of the country editor they would be the last ones to drop their paper.

If all those whose names are on the list were like our old friend it would not be necessary to adopt the "cash in advance" plan; but a country paper's subscription list is made up of four classes. Those who pay in advance. Those who pay promptly at the end of the year. Those who pay when it suits their convenience, and those who never pay. A business of that kind requires the services of a collector, which is an expense the paper can ill afford, to say nothing of the loss from non-payers. You

KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE VOTE.

They Are Off--Who Will Win?--Guess It If You Can.

CENTRAL BAPTIST LEADS--PICKENS BAPTIST SECOND.

Miss Lois Newton Still at the Front For the Scholarship--Miss Leila Ballentine, of Central a Close Second--Look Out for a Surprise Party Next Week.

PAINTING CONTEST.

Table with 2 columns: School Name and Score. Includes Central Baptist (345), Pickens Baptist (308), Zion Methodist (288), etc.

SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST.

Table with 2 columns: Student Name and Score. Includes Miss Lois Newton (479), Miss Leila Ballentine (377), Miss Kate Hester (308), etc.

may ask: Why not weed them out? Probably there is not a paper in the country that has not weeded more or less, and after the process they believed their list was composed of all prompt payers.

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Central Dots. Time and opportunity have rolled around again for me to give you a few dots from our little town.

There will be a Christmas tree at the Baptist church Monday night, December 26th. A grand time is anticipated.

Miss Lila Folger, of this place, has opened the Gates school, assisted by Miss Boggs.

Miss Lillie Brown, a charming young lady of Anderson, who has been on an extended visit to the Misses Ballentine, has returned home.

With Best wishes to The Sentinel-Journal I am Brown Eyes.

A Card of Thanks. Mr. Editor: I wish, through your paper, to thank my friends and neighbors for their kindness and helpfulness during the sickness and death of my dear husband, and pray God's blessings may rest on them, and on his kind physician whom he loved so much.

Jennie Field. Pickens, R. F. D. No. 1.

If your church does not need painting, remember that the winner can devote the estimated cost to any other church improvement.

FARMERS, HOLD YOUR COTTON.

It Would be Suicidal to Sell Now, Says Col. Orr--The Arguments he Puts Forth.

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Col. Orr was asked what he thought of the cotton and goods situation. He replied that it was badly mixed. There will unquestionably be a large crop, he said, but not as large as the government estimates, and he would rather trust the ginners' report, which to his mind, indicated a crop of 11,680,000 bales, rather than 12,400,000 which the government estimate makes it, including linters.

In making the estimate, the government seems to have lost sight of three very important matters which forced the ginning of cotton much more rapidly than usual. The crop was fully three weeks earlier than usual; in many sections, on account of the dry weather, four weeks earlier. Not a single day were the farmers prevented from picking their cotton from the first of September to the 14th of November, and cotton was selling around ten cents, all of which induced early ginning, so that instead of 80 per cent being ginned, as the government estimate would indicate, there was probably 87 to 88 per cent actually ginned on the 14th of November.

This conclusion is corroborated by the small amount of baling and ties sold since the 15th of November and by the short time that the gins have been running.

He said that he advised his friends to sell their cotton freely as long as they could get above 9 cents for it, but it would be suicidal on the part of the farmers and the South generally to sell their cotton at 7 1/2 cents. Instead of fighting the speculators, they would simply be doing that which the bears are trying so hard to frighten them into. The trade of the country will be excellent for the next year, and all the spindles will be occupied, so that we can reasonably expect 11,000,000 bales of American cotton to be used in the next twelve months.

"This is the best opportunity I have ever seen," he said, "to test the courage and good sense of the farmers of the South. My advice is to hold their cotton through December and January.

The goods market has been very seriously affected by the slump in cotton, and while very few prices have actually been lower, converters, exporters and jobbers are all afraid to take hold of the market for fear of additional depression. All of the mills making coarse goods have practically their product sold through March and many of them through May; so there will be very few goods of this class seeking buyers. Fine goods have been selling for the past six weeks on a basis of 8 1/2 cents for cotton and any mill that agrees to furnish goods at less price than this

THE BUSY BEE HIVE. Now Is the Time to Buy Christmas Gifts! Here is the Place to Buy Them! Includes sections for shoes, suits, handbags, and kid gloves.

We Have Just Received... WELL SHOD. The Largest Shipment of CHILDREN'S SHOES. Ever Brought to this County, and have ...SHOES... FOR ALL THE FAMILY! Bargains IN EVERY LINE. R. C. CARTER, Liberty, S. C.