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DEMANDS 15 CENTS

ORGANIZATION WAGING WAR ON SPECULATORS.

A Vigorous Campaign on Foot. Secretary Weston Talks of the Fight Now Being Made by Southern Cotton Association.

That the Southern Cotton Association is in earnest in the fight to resist and put aside the speculator to the welfare and benefit of the producer, no one who yesterday visited the office of Mr. F. H. Weston, the secretary of the South Carolina division, can doubt. His office force was busily engaged sending out literature to the various counties and there were other evidences that the work is being pushed in no uncertain way.

Asked for an interview concerning this recent activity on the part of the Association, Mr. Weston said: "Today, I am in receipt of instructions from headquarters in Atlanta to institute a movement toward securing pledges from the farmers for the cotton which they now have on hand for 15 cents.

We know that there is a most active demand for dry goods and that the mills have not the cotton necessary to run them to fill these contracts. The association considered 11 cents a fair but not unreasonable price for cotton, but in view of the very aggressive campaign that has been instituted against cotton in the last few days by Theodore Price and his allies, it would be absurd for the Southern Cotton Association to stand by and see the producers of cotton throughout the South despoiled of millions of dollars.

We must convince the spinners of the world that the price of cotton is to be fixed by the producer and not by the speculator.

Mr. Smith is absent from the state, in Texas, speaking in the interest of the association, but I propose to organize a most vigorous campaign in behalf of securing pledges from farmers for 15 cents for cotton now on hand. I am now placing these pledges in the hands of county presidents, with instructions to employ canvassers in every school district in South Carolina.

We have the money on hand and propose to pay these canvassers for their work. The auditor's books will be used to furnish us the names of every cotton grower in each county. The names will be placed in the hands of the party canvassing the school districts and thus every farmer will be approached.

No southern man should stand idly by and see his section robbed of millions of dollars which does not inure to the benefit of the spinner but to the benefit of Wall street speculators.

A similar campaign is being waged in every cotton producing state in the south. This is a fight of producer against speculator and we must and will win.

Concerning the cotton crop of Richland county and of the state generally, Mr. Weston continued:

You have asked me for an explanation of my opinion of the cotton crop of this county. I am largely interested in farming and I am probably the largest owner of agricultural lands in this county, and I am also connected with one of the largest banks of the city, which gives me an excellent opportunity of being brought in contact with the farmer.

This year's cotton crop has been one of the most disastrous to the farmer of the county in this respect. We had abundant moisture and our people fertilized very heavily, thereby giving us a very large weed. But we realize now that our cotton crop will not reach two-thirds of what it was last year.

This time last year it was really a favor to get a bale of cotton ginned, but it now requires only one or two days in the week to meet the present demands.

We have practically completed the harvest of our cotton crop and there is only left in the field to be gathered that which is commonly known as 'sap' cotton, which is very thin and light.

This shortage is practically explained by the fact that freezing weather caught a large number of bolls in a very unmaturing state and full of moisture, and of course these bolls will not open.

One of my plantations last year on 120 acres I made 130 'ales of cotton. On this plantation I had planted this year 90 acres but fertilized it well and worked it well. Up to date I have ginned 60 bales of cotton, and hope to get five more. I would consider my experience as that of every other large planter in the county.

I have had occasion to travel over nearly all of the counties of the state and have talked with merchants and business men, and in most

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TWO ACCIDENTS ON SAME DAY

Mr. Chas. Humphries, His Horse and Wagon Fall 15 Feet Into Railroad Cut—Mr. Fred Barfield Breaks His Collar Bone.

Mr. Charles Humphries, one of Union's grocery merchants, last Monday evening about sundown while driving his delivery wagon beyond Monarch Mills attempted to turn his wagon and in backing to do so the horse became unmanageable and continued to run the wagon backwards to the deep railroad cut of the Union and Glenn Springs railroad, the wagon, horse and all fell into the cut, a distance of 15 feet. Mr. Humphries was caught under horse and wagon and his right arm was badly broken between the wrist and elbow and he was otherwise painfully bruised and for a while it was feared he had sustained internal injuries. He is now doing very well under the circumstances. This was the narrowest escape from a horrible death we have ever heard of. The horse lay upon Mr. Humphries several minutes before making any attempt to get up. It is a great wonder that the horse was not killed and a miracle that Mr. Humphries was not crushed to death, and had his head hit where his arm did he would have been killed instantly.

On the afternoon of the same day Mr. Fred Barfield fell from the rear end of his wagon and broke his collar bone. He was standing up in the wagon and the horse started suddenly and Mr. Barfield lost his balance and fell to the ground. He is up and improving.

Jonesville, the Coming City.

Jonesville is on the boom. It is a progressive, growing, prospering city, and it is thoroughly up-to-date. The change in the past ten, no, five years, has been something remarkable. There is a city now where once there were only a few plain buildings. The mills are excellent ones, the school-houses are buildings to be proud of, and there is everywhere the growing spirit of the city.

The new hotel at Jonesville is a pride to its citizens and a credit to the enterprising gentlemen who caused its erection. It is a very capable and roomy building, of late and admirable architecture, and its management is without and beyond criticism.

There is a crying need at Jonesville. It's for a depot. Since the burning of the old one, there has been nothing but the great blue canopy of heaven overhead. And now if the rain starts up, you have to take it philosophically, and bear it. The ticket office is a hundred yards or more down the railroad track and is an inconvenient place to get to. The railroad commission should immediately take the matter up with the Southern and try to have a new depot erected right away.

Jonesville is on the boom. The people are hustlers. And it's a town you're going to hear great things from some day. Watch and see.

Prof. Clinkscales' Lecture.

Those in Union who love to hear a good lecture by a good man will be glad to know that Prof. John G. Clinkscales who occupies the chair of mathematics at Wofford college will lecture at the school-house at Monarch mills on Saturday night next at 8 o'clock. His subject will be "Scraps." This is a very interesting and helpful lecture, and mingles humor with pathos and the ridiculous with the sublime.

The proceeds of the lecture will be devoted to the building fund of the New Methodist church at Monarch. This is a worthy cause and one in which every good citizen of the entire city should be very ready to help.

The admission fee will be 25 cents for adults and 15 cents for children.

Professor Clinkscales is one of the very finest lecturers in South Carolina and a large audience should greet him here. He is a man of broad culture, deep scholarship and wide sympathy, and his lectures are little masterpieces of public speaking.

Carnival Coming to Union.

The Barkoot Carnival Company will be here the week of December 11th and the carnival will last the entire week; it being given for the benefit of the Union firemen. This past month the carnival company has showed at Beaufort for benefit of the firemen there, at Manning for the schools, and next week at Florence for the benefit of the Ladies Civic League.

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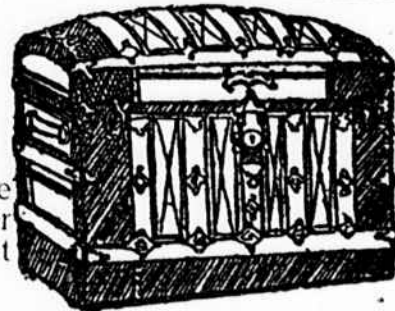
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" " North 2:35 p. m.
" " South 8:53 p. m.

These trains only make a few minutes stop at Union, so that the hours of arrival are practically the hours of departure. Any change in this schedule will be published in THE TIMES for the benefit of the public generally.

Local News Notes

Points Personal and Otherwise Picked up and Paragraphed by Our Pencil-Pusher.

Mr. Charles P. Pelham, of Newberry, is in town.

Mr. Macbeth Young was in Lockhart this week.

Mr. T. J. Alverson was in the city Wednesday.

Miss Maud Garner returned Tuesday from a short visit to Jonesville.

Mrs. W. W. Duncan, of Spartanburg, is visiting her son, Col. T. C. Duncan.

Mr. Jos. E. Leach, a member of the Columbia bar, was in the city last Friday.

Judge D. A. Townsend is holding court this week in Yorkville. There will be a three weeks' term.

Mrs. Fred Holland, (nee Minnie Counts) of Atlanta, Ga., is visiting her sister, Mrs. D. J. Gregory.

Rev. A. G. Wardlaw has returned from Clemson College where he preached last Sunday to the corps.

Mr. B. F. Alston, Jr., attended the meeting of the managers of the Southern Cotton Oil Company at Columbia last week.

Capt. J. T. Douglass went to Columbia Thursday to meet with the board of investigation of the books of the State officers.

Drs. E. W. Foster and J. M. Wallace have returned from an extensive hunting trip, bringing back pleasant memories and no birds.

Messrs. J. Gordon Hughes and J. Rion McKissick and Dr. Etham W. Foster represented Union at the Junior-Senior reception at Converse college at Spartanburg on Monday night.

Dr. John L. Weber and daughter, Miss Annie Conway, have returned to their home in Kentucky after a short visit to Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Young.

Miss Sarah Watson, a teacher in Central graded school has been quite sick this week, and Miss Leize Holmes has been teaching her classes.

Miss Ruth Foster entertained her music class at her home last week. The occasion was a most delightful one and was enjoyed by about fifty young people. Refreshments were served and games were the feature of the evening.

Harriet Miles, colored, mother-in-law of Rev. Tobin, dropped dead Sunday morning between 11 and 12 o'clock. She had cooked breakfast, eaten heartily and appeared to be in her usual health, and at the time of death she was preparing to cook dinner.

Mr. J. E. Norment did himself, the city and the people of Orangeburg much credit, praise and pride in the write up of that city in the Sunday issue of The State. The illustrations are creditable features of the narrative and leave a good impression of the progress and prosperity and enterprise of this thriving city. "It pays to advertise."

A petition is being circulated for signatures asking the president of the United States to reappoint Capt. J. C. Hunter postmaster at this place. We learn that there is another applicant in the person of Mr. E. L. Henry, who recently moved here from Asheville, N. C. The longest pole gets the Roosevelt plum. And the chances are Capt. J. C. Hunter has that pole.

Suit Against Union Mills.

In the United States Circuit Court yesterday W. M. Marks and W. A. Gayle, cotton dealers of Montgomery, Ala., through their attorneys, instituted suit against the Union Cotton Mills, alleging that they held a contract for the future delivery of cotton to the Union Mills, and when the cotton was delivered the mills refused to receive it. The plaintiff's demanded judgment in the sum of \$20,617.80 and costs. This suit is based upon contracts outstanding at the time of the reorganization and cancelled by the reorganization committee.