

SARGE PLUNKETT.

Greatest Hope for the Future of the South Lies in Her Agriculture.

Reaching out for opportunities to develop, capture and appropriate seems to be the spirit that possesses the world.

With all this restless desire to discover new opportunities the human mind of the day seems bent upon the idea that all that is good lies ahead. There seems to be too little thought given to discover what is right at our doors in our very midst, and especially does this apply to the people of the South and to the opportunities that lie concealed here. There are no conditions in Georgia that should excuse our people for a restlessness to go West or East or anywhere in search of better lands or more promising opportunities. My greatest hope for the future of the South lies in her agriculture, and the nearest road to reach that prosperity lies in having men of money and brains to turn their attention in this direction. The soil of the South used to produce in such abundance till it was a seeming land of "milk and honey"—anyhow, all old people know that it was a land of wonderful abundance. To get back to this wonderful abundance I would say to those men capable of great enterprises to cease their strain on experimental and uncertain lines:

Come join your brains with our hardy sons of toil. And watch the generous yield of Southern soil. It only craves from laggard sons a touch. To yield the same to-day and just as much.

If men of brains and capital will turn their attention to agriculture in the South we will soon have a satisfied people and a land of such abundance that there would be no more restless search for new fields of endeavor. Give up the planning of great enterprises at least till you have brought agriculture in the South to where it should be. It is now time to plan the making of next year's crops. It is not sufficient that men almost beggars drift into the country seeking work. We want people capable of forming great syndicates in the interest of farming, just as such syndicates are formed for other pursuits and other developments.

Farmers are now sowing wheat, and the great majority of them are bouncing and skimming it in with little old "shooters" that bounce at every rock and clogs and skims at every bunch of crab grass. The need is for men capable and with capital to harness up teams with something more than a pair of traces and a backband, and to provide implements sufficient to put in the grain as it is in other countries. If the people out in the States so much bragged on were to try to farm as the average Georgian tries, they would starve to death without a doubt. The implements on a farm in the Western States represent a greater investment than land, improvements, stock and everything here in the South. There must be an improvement in our methods here of farming, and there must be greater effort at making country homes more inviting in the matter of social contact. The loneliness that attaches to a majority of tenant homes must be relieved. It will take such a revolution in our present methods to accomplish these things that it were idle to think of it without a greater amount and a different handling of money. I wish that Georgia had a few men in her agriculture as Mr. Morgan is in railroading, I know it might be unpopular for a while with some, but I believe that great combines in farming, just as capital is combined in other pursuits, is the South's great need. It is now the season for the preparations that will go to make the crop of 1904, and it is the greatest interest that confronts Georgia and the South.

Many people are disposed to conclude that the great abundance that existed here in the South before the war was owing to slavery. The truth is that poverty is slavery and capital is master in all lands and at all the time, just as much so as the slavery of the South and the negro. Slavery

then was a concentration of capital and it meant intelligent directing with power of discipline. Capitalists with the right ability could direct and discipline agriculture now just as it was in the days of slavery, and then there would be the same great abundance, but a man without means cannot direct the labor that must now be depended upon. The average farmer of to-day has to pet his labor into remaining on the farm and there is mighty little profit in a man who has to be petted to work. In this day and time the question of a pay-day plays a very important part. It is not one farmer in ten that can meet the demands of these weekly or even monthly pay-days and so the farm hands hie away to the public works. If we could get a few such men as form syndicates in other pursuits to turn their attention to farming they could so systematize the thing and direct the labor that there would be found such dividends that in a few years there would be a grand rush for agriculture. The negro cost just about as much in slavery as the hired man does now, but he was directed intelligently and so came the abundance of the old South.

The truth is that it is a wonder how the South has succeeded as well as it has. The old masters gave way after the war and a general demoralization took possession. Some poor widows and broke down soldiers remained and fought a greater fight for the cause of agriculture than they had fought under Lee, but with all that these accomplished and with all the praise they deserve the seeds of demoralized labor and the want of capital has been with us and it will still remain until the brains and money of the land concentrate on farming just as it does concentrate in other pursuits.

I do wish that all the people of the South could see the need of this great combination of capital in the interest of agriculture. A considerable prejudice yet remains against such a combination, but I am sure that no such prejudice would remain when the work of combining had once shown its advantage. As for these men of capital, they, I think, would find sweet relief in their work of farming. There will be no need for staying awake at night uneasy about how "futures" or stocks or anything will be at the next tick of the telegraph. As you sleep your crops will grow, your flocks increase and the older the land the happier the people. So may it be, is my wish for the future. Sarge Plunkett.

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Along this line it is said that a bill may be introduced to better protect the forests of the State. They are now being wantonly cut without regard to the science of forestry and as a result in many sections it will be years before the country is ever wooded again. In the cities the telegraph and telephone companies have destroyed many of the valuable trees.

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