The Cotton Association and Its President.

The farmers of the South should be in exceedingly good humor to-day. Following the report of the Agriculturrl Department estimating the total crop at 10,167,818 bales, gross weight, the cotton market went up 76 points.

The jump in the price of cotton, which made the great staple crop of the South worth something like \$25,-000,000 more to the producers than it was a few hours previously, is due to the efforts of the Southern Cotton Association.

And the success of that association is due more to its president, Hon. Harvie Jordan, than to any other one man. It was he that conceived it, who worked indefatigably for its organization, who has been its guiding spirit ever since, who carefully fostered it through its experimental

made good. And it was President Jordan's good generalship and quick action the planters had the game in their which kept an incorrect report from robbing the Southern planters of the the right way. Later, when it apfruits of their co-operation at the last moment.

Mr. Jordan chanced to learn, through a telegram sent to New Orleans by the chairman of the Agricultural Department's crop reporting as it is at the present time. All the board, W. M. Hays, that it was planned that the department's report would be based upon an estimate of 475 pounds weight to the bale, in- the farmers and the vigilance of the stead of 500 pounds. It is obvious that this would make it appear that a much larger number of bales had been raised in the South, and would have a distinctly bearish effect on juggling with the estimate has also the market, since the speculators would not take into account the fact quick and resolute action of the that the bales were smaller. The president of the association. fact of an estimate pointing to a larger number of bales than had been expected could have been made in which he has managed this camto count, by the bear speculators as an asset in bearing the market be- the industrial independence of the fore the information that the bales South. Farmers' organizations, dewere smaller ones than usual was thoroughly disseminated.

Just why the Agricultural Department should have attempted to ganized before. take such an unprecedented action at a time so critical to the interests of one of the nation's greatest industries is a mystery.

Immediately upon receipt of the information that such action was contemplated Mr. Jordan set out for Washington.

His journey to the capitol, to force from the men whose presentation of statistics can make or lose millions for the farmers of the South, in order to demand from them an explanation of their contemplated course, is not without its dramatic features.

Mr. Jordan got there in time to show the department officials that they could not with impunity "throw down" the Southern planters in the interests of the New York bears. Whatever arguments he may have used they were effective ones. The department abandoned its attempt, and the report was issued on the basis of 500 pounds to the bale, as it has been heretofore.

By his prompt action he prevented a loss of millions of dollars to the South, and once again gave evidence of the fact that he is an ideal leader for such an association as that which he heads. His vigilance and alert-ness saved the day for the South. That is not putting it too strong, for the effect of a drop in the market, based upon a government estimate, might have been so discouraging to the planters and account of the pleasure I derive from the standard bearer of old Oconee county, and South Carolina as well—the home of our childhood and youthful days and aleo of riper years. The names above are all dear to me yet, even in my ad-opted home in Clay county, Arkansas, which I have also learned to love. I have been a reader of the Oconee News continuously since I left Oconee in 1800, but on a recent visit to my aged might have been so discouraging to the planters and so encouraging to bears, as to have all but ruined the the association at the time when it looked for its ultimate triumph.

has proved its worth from the very moment of its organization. efficacy depends upon the ability of the Southern planters to stick together, to co-operate, and to sit steady in the boat, without regarding the onslaughts of the bear speculators. Mr. Jordan believed that the farmers could be brought to see where their advantage lay, and that they could be brought to co-operate, and his faith in them has been amply justified. After the slump of a year ago in cotton he immediately set to work to organize the whole of the Southern States so that the condi-tions which brought about this slump should not occur again. The Southern Cotton Association was accordingly organized at New Orleans, and the word was sent forth to the planters all over the South to out their acreage. The very fact that they signified, in their convenstage, and who is directly responsi-ble for the manner in which it has made good. winter, and proved conclusively that own hands if they chose to play it in peared that a cut in acleage had been made in accordance with the planters' agreements, cotton began that steady appreciation which has resulted in making it worth as much efforts of the natural enemies of the planters, the bear speculators, have been foiled by the steadfastness of

> officers of the association. At every step the association has scored a victory. And this final attempt to defeat its ends through been turned into a victory by the

> It would be hard to give Mr. Jordan too much praise for the manner paign which has for its ultimate end signed for the purpose of allowing the producer to assist in naming the price of his product, have been or

But this is the first organization of Pleasant Grove church: the sort which has ever been an un-

to-day one of the most potent factors in the industrial and financial life of nation, and the man who organized them, and in whom they placed their trust, has become an international figure through their success.—At-lanta Journal, December 6th.

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News continuously since I left Oconee in 1896, but on a recent visit to my aged parents I was permitted to call at your office, and, upon examination of your paper, you remember, I told you I would take it a quarter's worth, and, as the quarter is about out. I herewith hand you one dollar, hoping the Oconee News will pardon me and discontinue their paper when my paid-up time expires, as I can-not afford to take two papers from the same county at the same time. I enjoyed my short stay in Oconee very much, but deeply regret that I could not stay two months instead of only two weeks that I might have vis-ited all my old friends there, who are dear in my memory still.

could not stay two months instead of only two weeks that I might have vis-ited all my old friends there, who are dear in my memory still. I have received several letters since my return home, scolding me because I did not eat some of their bread, but I would like to apologize to all of my friends and just ask them to think of it—my dear old father, ninety-three years old, confined to his bed for the last twelve months, and a dear old mother, feeble with age, only a few years younger than father, and I know you will forgive, considering my absence of nine years. From the reading of my paper for the last few years I was almost willing to allow myself believe that Oconee had apostatized, but from courtesies shown me all around, and especially by O. I. Walker, W. C. Duke, J. M. Taylor and others, there is yet true old South Caro-lina blood in Oconee county, and that those fisticuffs and little rackets are just a sort of how-de-do, and others, having such great sympathy for the lawyers must commit murder now and then. The hillsides and valleys, and the whole country as a rule, looked very natural. The greatest Improvement noted was in the grading of the public roads. They now seem like old Grandpa Harvy Davis told a fellow long ago when he asked him (Davis) for the best road to Walhalla. He said: "Why, take the Gil-mer road. It is just down a slant all the way there and back." I know you who have been there all the time don't realize so sonsibly the improvement made. I enjoy very much the reading of your correspondence from all over the county. If this should prove to be admissible in your columns I may mention some-thing of our country in the future. Success to The Courier and its editors. W. H. Deaton.

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Important Executive Board Meeting.

Seneca, S. C., December 11, 1905.—The Executive Board of the Beaverdam Bap-tist Association will meet at Seneca, in the office of Bro. F. M. Cary, December 27, 1905. Any member or church of the Association having anything they wish the board to consider will present their request to the board on the day above mentioned. All the members of the Executive Committee will take due notice thereof and govern themselves accord-ingly. J. H. Stone, Chairman. Seneca, S. C., December 11, 1905 .- The

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Pension Notice.

I will be in the Auditor's office each Saturday in January, 1906, for the pur-pose of preparing applications for pen-sions. None of those now on the roll need come, as their names remain on the roll unless taken off by the Pension Board, and should this be done they will be notified to meet the board. Don't come any other day but Saturdays, as I will not be in the office on any other days.

will not be in the office on any other days. The County Pension Board will meet the first Monday in February, 1906, and pass on all the applications prepared and submitted to them by the Pension Com-missioner, approving or disapproving the same. They will meet again the first Monday in March, 1906, at which time they will examine and verify the lists submitted to them by the Pension Com-missioner, and sign and immediately for-ward the same to the Comptroller Gene-ral. J. W. Holleman, Pension Commissioner.

Pension Commissioner.

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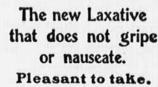
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