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## ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING TO REDUCE COTTON ACREAGE

Farmers Meet, Organize and Pledge Themselves to Reduce Cotton Acreage and Fertilizer.

In spite of the unsettled weather and the short time that the meeting had been advertised, a large and enthusiastic crowd of Barnwell county farmers, including a large number of colored farmers, assembled in Barnwell on last Friday to take part in the campaign to reduce the cotton acreage and the amount of fertilizer for the ensuing year.

The meeting was called to order in "The Circle" by Edgar A. Brown, Esq., who made a short talk explaining the object of the meeting and introduced the speakers.

A band from Columbin furnished music for the occasion and it had been advertised that an aeroplane would make an exhibition flight provided a suitable landing place could be found. The committee on arrangements were very much disappointed when advised by the officer in charge of the aero squadron in Columbia that it would be impracticable to furnish the flyer for the day. Prominent speakers from various points in the State were invited and urged to attend and address the meeting, but none could be had on account of other engagements.

Mr. A. J. Sallinas, of Augusta, Ga., a prominent cotton factor, made a splendid business address in which he outlined the attitude of the cotton factors towards the movement and assured the audience that the cotton factors would not advance any money to farmers who would not sign the pledge to reduce the cotton acreage as well as fertilizer.

J. Julien Bush, Esq., was next introduced and in a spicy and pithy address urged the farmers to stand together and defeat the cotton bears of Wall street.

Judge Chas. Carroll Simms urged the people to guard against a bumper cotton crop this year. Mr. Simms brought to the attention of the audience the fact that it would be useless to reduce the cotton acreage and then use the same or a greater amount of fertilizer this year in comparison with last year, as this would defeat the object of the movement, namely, to produce less cotton.

At this point the audience was driven to the court house on account of the rain, and a ter reassembling was addressed by J. O. Patterson, Jr., Esq., Dr. A. B. Patterson, Col. Harry D. Calhoun, and Mayor J. A. Porter, of Barnwell; Dr. W. C. Smith, of Williston, and Mr. D. W. Brown, of Meyers Mill. These gentlemen made excellent addresses urging the farmers to stand together, pull together and to sign and stand by their pledges—"die by them," as Mr. Porter said.

A complete organization was perfected and committees appointed to canvass the county for signatures to the pledges. The determination stamped on the countenance of every farmer present as well as the sincerity of those who spoke in behalf of the movement gives evidence that the farmers are determined as never before to assert their rights and maintain them, and by so doing take into their own hands and out of the hands of Wall street gamblers the fixing of the price of cotton.

Mr. Isadore Brown, of Blackville, was a business visitor at the county seat, Tuesday.

## A PREDICTION AND AN ANSWER

Secretary Wilson, of the Department of Labor, says:

"The present method of readjustment is the critical time. If we can pass through it safely, we have before us from eight to ten years of industrial activity equal to any wave of prosperity we have ever had. But if there is any serious unemployment, there will be a period of industrial unrest which may lead us to a repetition of the French or Russian revolution."

Secretary Lane, of the Department of the Interior, says:

"If Congress will appropriate the relatively small sum which I have named for the construction of soldier-settlements in every State in the Union, I can offer jobs almost immediately to 100,000 of our returned fighting men, thus helping to stem the tide of industrial unrest predicted by Secretary Wilson; provide homes for 25,000 of these men, thus mitigating the evils of tenantry; and bring into cultivation 1,500,000 acres of at present unproductive land, thus helping to make up the deficiency in cultivated land as compared with the rate of growth of our population. There can be no surer insurance for the nation than to put its men upon the soil."

## ATTENTION VETERANS.

The annual reunion of Camp Geo. W. Morrill, will be held at Meyers Mill on Friday the 4th day of April at 11 o'clock.

The Hon. Edgar A. Brown will be with us and deliver the oration for the occasion. At the same time and place the united sons of veterans of Camp B. B. Kirkland will meet with us.

The public is cordially invited to supplement the attendance with their presence accompanied by the usual number of baskets filled with good things to eat.

All veterans of the county are earnestly urged to be with us as the camp is getting old and will soon be a thing of the past, so a full attendance will be appreciated.

The musical features will be as meritorious as heretofore.

J. A. Meyer, Adjutant, J. Staff Halford, Commander.

## THE NEGLECTED ALARM CLOCK.

By DuBois.

The regular time for getting up of mornings is, say half past seven. That is the time to get up but it happens nearly every morning that the day is fifteen minutes older than that before the cold, cold floor smacks the bottom of the feet with an aggravating whang. Then the hurrying begins; with everything out of place. It will always be a mystery how one's wearing apparel will wander about the room during sleeping hours and hide behind doors and get hung up on the wrong hangers.

After making a desperate search, enough clothes are found to hide the skin in spots and, when a head-long dive is made to the wash basin it occurs that six mornings out of the week the towel is not in the proper place or the soap has gone visiting. Many other happenings and mis-happenings of major and minor importance make the arising an

## BARNWELL BOY RECEIVES AND ACCEPTS APPOINTMENT

Will Be Attached To The American Embassy At London.

It was with great pleasure that we read in Saturday's State that Mr. John Duncan Holmes, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Holmes, of this city, has received and accepted an appointment in the consular service of the United States. Mr. Holmes received this appointment through the efforts of Congressman James F. Byrnes and will be attached to the American Embassy at London.

Mr. Holmes has been very studious from his boyhood and has grown to be a very bright and intelligent young man. He graduated from the Barnwell high school several years ago and has finished college with honors. His many friends in this city predict for him a very successful career in his new field of endeavor.

epoch instead of an incident.

But.....Suppose for a week, a trip has been planned. The train is due somewhere around eight a. m., and in order not to get left an alarm clock is borrowed from a neighbor. Great caution and care is used in getting that clock fixed exactly right so it will be absolutely sure to go off.

Then to bed; to toss for two solid hours, wondering just how things will be on that trip. After a while though sleep comes, a sort of light, fitful slumber chug-full of dreams about trains coming ahead of time, being on the street bare-footed, etc.

While it is yet dark, very dark, wakefulness comes with a jerk and there is a wondering then if it is not cloudy, or else the shades must be drawn mighty close. Surely it must be seven o'clock at least.

You ease out of bed, turn on the light easy and find that it is just ten minutes to three. Then lie to yourself and say, "Gee, I'm glad, I've got several more hours of good sleep coming to me yet."

Yes, dearie, those other hours of sleep would stand in good stead but sleep comes from then till daylight in mere cat naps and five-thirty finds a fellow rumbling about making a fire and excusing himself for getting up so early by saying, "Well, dog-gone it, I reckon a fellow wants plenty of time so he won't have to rush so."

While all this dressing and shaving and shoe-shining and grip-packing is going on the poor, neglected little alarm clock sits there patiently tick-tocking toward the hour when it is to wake the hero.

Breakfast on the "trip-morning" is just a fake, that's all. Hot coffee seems cold and tasteless, the perfectly cooked eggs are hardly tasted, the toast is just barely nibbled. Just as well not eat anything at all.

The train will be on after a little while, so one had just as well be walking along, so kiss 'em all good-bye and start ambling out the door to be startled by the forgotten dingle, dangle, dell of the little alarm clock bell.

These trips are funny things. You bet!

There will be a Box Party at the Friendship school Thursday night, March 6th. The public is cordially invited to attend.

## ESTABLISHED HOME FOR THE MOTHERLESS INFANTS

First One in the Carolinas with Skilled Nurses - Prepared for College.

We have just received a folder from the Economy Home, for the motherless child, Kings Creek, S. C., setting forth the purpose of enlarging the home. This institution takes infants and small children who are left motherless to care for and prepare them for college.

The home was chartered last fall by the state of South Carolina as an eleemosynary institution, the trustees having purchased the Piedmont Springs property, not far southwest of Kings Mountain battle ground, N. C., two miles east of Kings Creek, S. C. They secured Rev. J. H. Spaulding as general manager. Mr. Spaulding has been conducting a private home of this kind at Patterson Springs, N. C. He claims the distinction of being the first man in the Carolinas to start a home for the motherless child. We all agree with him in saying that such a home is greatly needed just now. He says that he has applications from West Virginia to Georgia, and that his greatest need is more room. They have their own electric light plant, but only six cottages.

Mr. Spaulding asked us to say to our readers that already eleven banks together with a number of good-business men are cooperating in this campaign. It will be appreciated by the trustees and friends of the home if some of our readers will assist in this great work. We are glad to commend this and all similar institutions to our people.

## WILSON--CAVE

Miss Daisy Wilson and Mr. H. B. Cave, both of Allendale, were married in Barnwell Tuesday. Judge John K. Snelling performed the ceremony. Their many friends wish for them many years of happiness in this union.

## TENNANT--RAY.

The friends of Mr. Otto V. Ray, formerly of Barnwell, now of Rockton, S. C., will be surprised to learn of his marriage to Miss Carrie Tennant, of Winstboro, S. C., Wednesday evening Feb. 26th.

Mr. Ray is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Ray and has many friends who wish for him a happy and prosperous wedded life.

## AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH.

There will be serviced in the Barnwell Baptist Church Sunday morning at eleven-thirty, by Dr. W. M. Jones who will begin his work here as pastor. Dr. Jones has expressed his wish for every Baptist in Barnwell and the community surrounding to be present at this service.

Ex-Supervisor, Boncile H. Dyches, now of somewhere in Bamberg County, spent Tuesday of last week in the city much to the delight of his many friends. Of course, no reflection was intended on the hospitality of the town but he brought his rations in the form of a barbecued pig.

Mr. A. B. Hair, one of Blackville's most progressive citizen, had the misfortune to lose his residence by fire on Thursday morning of last week about 9:30 a. m. The origin of the fire is unknown but is supposed to have been caused from a defective flue. Mr. Hair's loss was about twelve thousand dollars with only about two thousand dollars insurance.

## BONUS IN PAY FOR OFFICERS AND MEN AND ARMY NURSES

### LEE ALLEN EASTERLING.

God in thy infinite mercy, God in thy wise goodness, God in thy omnipotent ruling. . . O God, dear, dear God of us all, why did you take Lee Allen away? Is it strange that we ask our selves this question as scalding tears course our cheeks and as grievous sobs send us wavering to our knees asking for peace from the storm of sorrow?

As we grope blindly in this vale of tears the truth, the great truth of Heaven, seems a blurred and blotted vision. The heavy mist of death settles down and our reasoning is choked. The racking winds out of the valley of the shadow swirl about us until our minds reel with an awful dizziness. The terrible storm is so awful that perhaps we for a moment forget to call for help. The waters of this sea of sorrow are so dark and turbulent that we look about us in agonizing helplessness. The storm, O the storm, the crashing thunder rolls in our ears and we are deaf to everything. Our feeble hearts perhaps have weakened, perchance it is that the soul of us has gone wandering into the caves of bleakness and despair on the rocky shores of chaos! Lost! lost! all seems lost.

A long long time ago the humble Nazarene came to his disciples who were 'awearied with battling against the waves of the storming sea and He, yes, He, the good Christ of us all, stretched out his beautiful hands and said "Peace be still." Ah, behold, Christ is not dead! Did he not arise on the third day? We cannot doubt that he still lives and knows our sorrow.

Jesus is surely in Heaven and he told us that He had gone to prepare a place for us. Ah, what a wonderful place He has prepared. He has fixed up those mansions in the sky for His children and there our dear friend and loved Lee Allen is today and he can touch the pierced hands of his good Master while he looks straight into the face of our Great Father and smiles a smile of ease and joy.

Lee Allen smiling! who knew him but to know and love that sweet smile of his. Boyish frankness and honesty were in those dear eyes of his and with genuine christian goodness he bound friends to him with "hoops of steel."

As we contemplate the truth of Heaven, and God, and Jesus surely the gentle zephyrs from the Golden Throne of the Almighty will drift across our fevered brows and cool the hot pain of grief.

Even as we have need of a Savior so even do we have daily need of a comforter. The book is full of promises of comfort to the stricken and The Book is God's book given to us.

We will think of precious, good little Lee Allen as one taking part in the glorious celebration at the feet of God in company with countless millions of other redeemed souls.

Peace, peace, wonderful peace is our dear one's portion, and though it is humanly impossible to dry all our tears we will through the silvery haze of our tears see Lee Allen loosed from earth's cruel fetters and behold him and his beckoning hands 'beyond the river where the surges cease to roll.'

One Who Knew Him.

Mr. W. Y. Miller, of Ellenton, was a visitor at the county seat Tuesday.

Order Received by Camp Headquarters Allows \$60 Bonus for Discharged Men and Nurses

An order for \$60 additional pay to be given all officers, enlisted men of both army and navy, and nurses to be given under certain conditions has been received and is as follows: "In order that section 1406 of the revenue act of 1918, approved February 24, 1919, may be placed into immediate effect you are informed as follows:

"1. That all persons serving in the military or naval forces of the United States during the present war who have since April 6, 1917, resigned or been discharged under honorable conditions (or, in the case of reservists been placed on inactive duty) or who at any time hereafter (but not later than the termination of the current enlistment or term of service) in the case of the enlisted personnel and female nurses or within one year after the termination of the present war in the cases of officers, may resign or be discharged under honorable conditions (or if the case reservists, be placed on inactive duty) shall be paid in addition to all other amounts due them in pursuance of law, \$60 each. This amount shall not be paid (1) to any person who though appointed or inducted into the military or naval forces on or prior to November 11, 1918, had not reported for duty at his station or prior to such date or (2) to any person who has already received one month's pay under the provisions of section 9 of the act entitled 'An act to authorize the president to increase temporarily the military establishment of the United States' approved May

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## WARNING TO FARMERS.

My fellow farmers, I have been making a study of the future year and its conditions. The first and most important question is what are the farmers far and near going to do with the greater portion of their cotton crop that they now have on hand, and are they going to still plant a big crop and continue to buy bacon, lard, flour and syrup, just to please the Wall street band in their speculation and give the fertilizer dealer his big profit and take what he can get for his cotton? October cotton is quoted below its price of production, and if the farmers don't come together and stick together, the whole cotton belt will be in bankruptcy and the farmers and laboring people will be on starvation all over the belt. It is a question for the farmers to decide, and the only way for them to decide it is to organize and make the order strong enough to carry out all the pledges they sign and appoint committees to look after the cotton belt and report any farmer that doesn't comply with what is requested of him. There are lots of farmers that listened to the talks made in Barnwell last Friday that are laughing at what was said, and the only way to find out who they are is to organize and take the necessary steps to find out who they are. Every farmer should cut his cotton crop to half and plant more corn, peas, potatoes and peanuts and raise more hogs and help to starve out Wall street and the packing houses. When the farmers get that crowd of "bullies" where they can handle them they can hoist a big farmer's flag.

Farm Overseer.