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Farmers' Union Prices is 11 cents. If the 10 cent minimum for cotton is considered a victory for the conservative element of the Cotton Association, then the whitewashing that Cheatham got at the same time must be a victory for the cotton gambling element!

If the prices for labor, mules and many other things that are in it too produce cotton now are double what it was when we got 5e. for cotton, there is no more profit in 10c. cotton we got only 5c. for cotton.

If you can't get profitable prices then sliding down again, busting the bottom out of your constitution table about it. against the hard ground?

Farmers' Union price, 11c., will give you a profit for your cotton! 10c. cotton market, it is much easier now and below will rob you and many to raise the price from 10c. to 11c. others who are dependent upon the than it was to raise it from 7c. to 10c. prosperity of the farmer.

is built and maintained on our faith in one another.

If the miner should strike a rich have more food crops, too. vain that would bring him in three times the amount of profit for the claimed the increase of fortune of this miner? Well, then, how could part of the fortunate increase in the bountiful crops of the cotton farmer?

There is absolutely no such thing in it these days like the supply and demand governing the prices if the producers of cotton prepare themselves to take care of their surplus products as do sensible business men in other occupations,

There is only one legitimate way of making money and that is by creating by his industry it is the part of wishusband this fortune for his own by joining his faith with his own crafts-

About the Cotton Association Minimum Prices.

That was a great big skip, hop and a jump forward and upwards that the Cotton Association made when it discovered the leakage at Washington and jumped from 11c. for cotton.

But they have made a h- of a fall backwards when they tumbled from 15c. to 10c. for cotton, and virtually made an attempt to sereen Rehard Cheatham in his associations with cotton gamblers.

Since the rules of the Farmer's Union forbids admittance in the order of any one except farmers, some of our best Union men think that we need some sort of an organization where

the whole business fraternity of the South can meet with the producers of cotton in one grand council for the common good of our whole interest, whose prosperity depends upon profitable prices for the South's great money crop, cotton.

If it is true that the cotton farmer has made a fine crop this season this good fortune belong to the farmer who dug it out of the earth, and the farmer can keep this good fortune for the use of himself if he will only join in a concert of action among cotton producers to take his cotton back home from off the streets every time that the price drops below 11c.

If you owe bills don't dodge your creditor but go right up to him like a man and, if you cannot arrange matters with him to help you keep your cotton off of a glutted and depressed now than there was back yonder when market, then your last chance is to store your cotton in a warehouse and give your creditor the benefit of all for your cotton, what is the use of that you can get on your cotton. Be selling it at or below cost and keep sure to act honest and square with on climbing up a greased pole and your creditors every time and then you can't help from feeling comfor-

When we come down to earnest business consideration of the present for our '04 crop. In '04 our Farmer's Union membership was less than 400 The strength of the Farmers' Union | thousand members; now our membership goes over 600 thousand and cotton farmers now owe less money and

When we take into consideration these facts that as our members prosame outlay, has the world of trade duce from a few bales each up to 100, and now, and then some reach 500 to 1,000 bales, it would appear to be a the speculator or trader demand any reasonable calculation to put the Union at an average of say 15 bales. Now, if the Union will retire from the market an average of only five bales each, this would take in hand three million bales and make it easy for the Union to demand and get profitable prices for their cotton.

There is no getting around the fact that the growers of cotton should have the aid of most all other business occupations in the South to back them wealth by producing something, and in their efforts to maintain profitable when the farmer has made this money prices for cotton in the beginning of the season, and it is to the mutual dom on his part to prepare himself to benefit of our whole interest to do it.

As cotton is king we should like the name "Southern Cotton Association." The business farmer need not lose

any prestige, manhood or anything by his participation in a cotton conference for the good of the whole country. In fact, the Farmers' Union men could gain much business knowledge by this rubbing up against business men in other occupations.

If the Cotton Association could purge from its membership all that cotton gambling elements, no doubt Farmer's Union men could then claim kin with them and join in with them with some degree of confidence in maintaining profitable prices for cot-

The farmer in the South who has made a good crop of cotton and sells it at a profit, has added just the amount of his profits to the wealth of the South. He has gained just the amount of this profit to his own wealth without making anybody poorer. These profits thus derived-that can only be had by profitable prices for cottonenables the farmer to pay off all his bills. The merchants and supply men get their profits, the banker gets his interest, the fertilizer men get their profits and the mule-man exchanges his white paper money for legal tender and is tremendously happy. Best of all, there is still money left to pay the preacher, the doctor and the school teachers,

Look at the difference. Suppose we all get alarmed at our own success that we started out to do in the bethe very thing, too, that all those ereditors of ours wished for, and then the farmers get to rushing and racing with each other to see who can get their cotton off first before it falls in price, then a regular stampede ensues and the price runs down away below cost.

Then all our ereditors become alarmed, too, and a regular panic takes place, leaving the whole of our interest the losers where fortune should have smiled upon every interest in the South.

The wealth created by the farmers of the South has been squandered by imprudent marketing of our money erop for many years, when if the business men of the South had come to the aid of the farmer at the right time all this great loss that has gone to enrich foreign interest might have been placed to the credit of the general prosperity of the whole Southern country.

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