

REPLIES TO GOVERNOR BLEASE.

Spirited Reply of Marlboro Cotton Committee—Reasons for Refusal Fail to Satisfy.

Bennettsville, Nov. 9.—Mr. J. J. Evans, representing the committee appointed by the mass meeting of Marlboro farmers, has made reply to the letter of Governor Blease. This committee, which is composed of Senator J. B. Green, Representatives J. J. Evans, E. P. B. Segues, Don McQueen, Mr. Charles Crosland and former United States Senator McLaurin, following the instructions of the mass meeting, telegraphed the governor asking for a hearing for next Monday in the matter calling an extra session of the legislature to consider the cotton situation. Governor's letter was received here yesterday, it having previously appeared in the press. The committee had hoped, at least, that the governor would extend to it the courtesy of a hearing.

The letter of Mr. Evans, which the governor will receive tomorrow, is as follows:

Mr. Evans's Letter. "To His Excellency, Hon. Cole L. Blease, Columbia, South Carolina.—Dear Governor: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date in response to my telegram requesting a hearing for the representatives from this county on the subject of an extra session. The request was made in response to the decision of a mass meeting of Marlboro farmers, held last Monday in the court house. My message to you was not through the public prints and I regret sincerely that you did not accord us a hearing before reaching your decision.

"Waiving, however, the discourtesy to us, it does seem that a mass meeting of Marlboro citizens might have expected an opportunity to present the reasons which caused them to make this request. The right of the people to speak in mass meeting in free government is supposed to be sacred and will be a protection against injustice long after the ephemeral power of the wily politician has passed away.

"The old-time theory, and the only valid reason for a democracy, is to do the greatest good to the greatest number, and I do not conceive that there is any manner in which you could better employ the functions of your great office than in assisting the farmers of this State to secure better prices for the products of their labor. It is not a good shepherd, my dear governor, who would sit on a stump and impartially allow the bears and the sheep to fight it out. The crafty and the strong should not be allowed to compete the weak and the simple to fight them on their own grounds, and the government take no consideration of mercy, justice and the eternal moralities.

"Your excellency says that the holding of the cotton crop now will do no good except to a few wealthy farmers. Most respectfully, we beg leave to differ with you on that question. Any advance in the price of cotton would be of great advantage, not only to a few wealthy farmers but to every man, woman and child in the South. Cotton is the basis of our wealth. In this county not one-half of the crop has been ginned. Much is being held in the hope of help from somewhere.

"I believe that a call from you for the legislature of South Carolina to meet in extra session, to do what she could constitutionally to aid in the present holding movement, would of itself advance the price of cotton materially. If the crop of South Carolina is 1,200,000 bales, a cent a pound would mean six million dollars to the people of the State.

"I think, governor, that you are mistaken about the 'poor farmer' getting no benefit; it is the 'poor farmer' who needs it most; the 'rich farmer' can hold his cotton. It is the 'poor farmer,' operating under a lien and mortgage, that these times are literally crushing into the earth. Compelled to buy his supplies at exorbitant prices, he is now forced to sell at a cruel sacrifice. The fact is, my dear governor, the 'rich farmer' is a myth, the last one evaporated when cotton went below 10 cents.

"You speak of the mill mergers being the cause of all this depression. I think it goes deeper than that, governor. The mill mergers are the outgrowth of the business conditions and policies of the past half century. We are living in a new era; the principle of individualism dominant over the past is exhausted, and when the consequences of a principle are exhausted, the structure built upon it crumbles away.

Government Only Hope. "We are living in a time when the principle of association is the controlling force, and with all the varied

interests combined into trusts, there is nothing left productive labor, whether on the farm or in the shop, except to make their governments the vehicles through which, by unity of action, they may have some voice in fixing their share of the fruits of their own toil. It is a misfortune, governor, even if people were able to hold their cotton, for them to be forced to do so, unless adequate provision be made to borrow money. To tie up one hundred bales of cotton means that much money retired from circulation. A warehouse certificate is now merely an asset in certain localities or channels of trade.

"If the name of the State of Louisiana makes her certificates good in all the money markets of the world, why should not the name of South Carolina be equally good? Why can not you do for our State what Governor Jared Y. Sanders has done for Louisiana? Why could not the magnificent harbor and terminal facilities of Charleston be utilized for this State, as those of New Orleans are for Louisiana, Mississippi and eastern Texas? The harbor of Charleston is a splendid asset; it belongs to South Carolina. Why not use it?

"As to the cost of holding an extra session, I am deeply gratified to learn of the patriotic spirit which prompted the senator from Newberry to refuse pay for services at an extra session. I am not willing, however, to admit that the senator from Newberry had a monopoly of the patriotism of South Carolina, and, if called on, I believe the entire general assembly would serve in this emergency free of cost. "The act of 1908, page 1,079, provides pay for the regular session. Therefore, we may infer that the legislature expected that members called in extra session would serve from patriotic reasons, or that no governor would ever be so progressive as to call an extra session for any purpose other than to elect some man to office, as was the case in the extra session to which you referred.

With assurances of my highest respect, I am yours very truly, J. J. Evans, For the Committee."

THE DYING PINE—CAUSE, EXTENT AND REMEDY, II

Since the location of forest insect field station 7 at Spartanburg on July 5, the agents of the bureau of entomology, United States department of agriculture detailed there for duty, have been very active in the study of the character and extent of the depredations by the Southern pine beetle in South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, North Carolina, Mississippi, Texas, Florida, Virginia, Louisiana, Maryland, Arkansas, Missouri and Tennessee.

Observations by the agents and information conveyed by correspondents from all sections of the South show that in the aggregate a vast amount of timber has been killed by the Southern pine beetle during the past two years. The dying and dead trees occur as scattering individuals or in clumps, large patches, and in some places whole forests. All are more or less conspicuous by their fading, red, black or denuded tops plainly indicating the presence of the beetle or the progress of its work.

It has been found that each patch of dying trees with their fading and greenish brown tops located anywhere in the Southern States is a menace to the living pine within a radius of three or four miles. The broods of the Southern pine beetle developing in the bark of the trees of one such centre of infestation may swarm in any direction and settle in the healthy timber. Thus one or more additional patches is killed until nearly all of the large as well as the small pine over extensive areas is dead.

When these centres of infestation are numerous within the area of a county, or even a larger section of territory, they can only be compared with the starting of so many forest fires, and, as has been demonstrated, they may lead to far greater destruction of merchantable pine than has ever been recorded as resulting from fire in the Southern States. Therefore, they demand similar prompt and radical action on the part of the owners in order to protect their living pine.

The More Important Evidence of the Presence and Work of Beetle.

1. If in clumps or patches of pine, where there is no plain evidence of serious injury by fire, the foliage fades to pale green and changes to yellowish and pale brown, it indicates that the trees are dying from the attack of the Southern pine beetle, and that the bark on such trees is infested with the developing broods of minute white grubs and transforming beetles. Therefore such trees are a menace to the living trees.

2. If the trees have reddish brown and partially fallen foliage, or if all the foliage has fallen, it indicates that the broods of beetles have emerged and that such trees are no longer a menace to the living ones.

3. If the trees die during the period between the first of March and the first of October, they will be abandoned by the broods of beetles within a few weeks after the foliage begins to fade.

4. If the trees begin to die during the period between the first of October and the first of December, the broods of beetles will remain in the bark until in March or April.

(To be Continued.) NOT THE MAN ACCUSED.

Rev. W. A. Ferrell, of Gaffney, Exonerated by Atlanta Recorder.

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 9.—Another person had used his name in answering an advertisement a few days ago, and posing as a "romantic young minister looking for a wife," according to the Rev. W. A. Ferrell, a Methodist minister of Gaffney, S. C., who called on Recorder Nash Broyles today, to learn if possible who had imposed on him.

"This scamp's prank has got me into a mess," he told the recorder. "The story has created something of a sensation in my State. My congregation have become stirred up and I have been the target for all manner of guffing at the hands of my friends. I can assure you I have been having a lively time of it."

The recorder did all he could to help Mr. Ferrell by giving him a letter explaining that he was not the man who was tried in police court under the name of "Rev. W. A. Ferrell."

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By order of the Town Council of Newberry, S. C., on this the 5th day of September, 1911.

J. J. Langford, Mayor. Attest: J. R. Scurry, C. & T. T. C. N., S. C.

Columbia, Newberry & Laurens R. R. Schedule in effect October 6, 1910 Subject to change without notice schedules indicated are not guaranteed:

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