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Sit Steady and Hold Cotton, Says B. Harris, Commissioner of Agriculture.

"The growers of cotton," says Commissioner Harris, "long since have solved the problem of production. This has been proved by the fact that ample supplies of the staple have been harvested each year to meet the requirements of the active spindles of the world consuming American cotton. This has been done under conditions of privation, poverty and illiteracy.

The conditions fully emphasize the fact that during the past half century the growers have failed utterly to give proper attention to the marketing of spot cotton. It is of more vital importance to solve the problem of profitable marketing than it is to win out in the field of staple production.

The farmer who devotes his capital and brain and works his wife and children to make a great staple crop to clothe the world and through bad

marketing sees his crop sold at cost of production, and even below. He would have been better off if he had never planted and cultivated such a crop. Every man who produces a valued commodity is entitled to a fair and reasonable profit for his labor and his capital in producing it. And right here I am proud to say that the American Cotton association offers the remedy that will make the producer master of the cotton marketing situation.

"If some of these wise editors of the metropolitan newspapers were to get into the fields and stay long enough to watch the process of growing and gathering cotton, they could write more intelligently as to why the farmers, are seeking to get a better price for the staple. Some of those wise ones who never saw a cotton field except from a car window seem to be outraged because the Southern farmers are planning to withhold the cotton 'a suffering world needs' in order to profiteer! These writers have about as much idea of the justice of giving a fair price to the producer as a jaybird has of how to observe the Sabbath.

"I see by the newspaper reports that staple cotton has been selling in the last few days for \$1 per pound. I told some of my good friends last November when they were selling for 58 cents that staple cotton would sell for \$1 before another crop was gathered in 1920, so now that it has come I wish to say that there was a cause for it. The world needed it. Staple cotton was kept off the market until the demand forced it out.

"Now, that is just what has to be done with the short staple the farmers have on hand today. Withhold it from the market until the bear speculators have to have it to supply their contracts that they have sold to the mills. The brokers are going to be called to fill their contracts and nothing but spot cotton can fill them and they will be glad to give your price.

"Now, let's see. At this time last year cotton was selling for from 38 to 40 cents and they said there was no demand for it. Just what the speculators are saying now about short cotton. All that you have to do farmers is to sit steady in the boat and the demand will come just as it has come in long staple. Don't sell a bale below 50 cents a pound and then sell sparingly. If long staple is selling for \$1 a pound, short staple is cheap at 75 cents. There has never up to now been more than 15 cents margin between the two.

"There is no use to sell what spot cotton you have below cost of production just to make another crop to sell at cost or below. Just sit steady in the old boat. She will carry the farmers to victory if they don't jump out too soon.

"I want to urge every farmer in South Carolina to be sure this year to plant all the food and feed crops that will make your farm self-sustaining with a little to sell, for the world needs it at a good price. I can not see any prospects for food crops to get cheaper. The farmer has the situation in his own hands. He must not profiteer or be extortionate because he has been treated that way in the past—but he must demand the right to live and to make a profit on his labor and his capital."

#### LAWS ON INCOME TAX IMPOSED BY STATES

Washington, March 1.—Right of the states to impose income taxes on non-residents, provided they are in harmony with those imposed on residents,

was upheld and defined today by the supreme court in two decisions.

In a case from Oklahoma the court held that a state unquestionably has authority to levy income taxes against non-residents on incomes derived from property within the state.

In a New York case, however, the court declared that such taxes against non-residents must not be discriminatory.

The Oklahoma income tax law was sustained and the New York law was declared void in so far as it denies to non-residents exemptions which are given New York citizens. Both opinions were given by Justice Pitney with Justice McReynolds dissenting in the New York case. In both suits were involved the exemptions, similar to the federal income tax law, provided for married and single persons.

Distinction between the Oklahoma and New York laws, it appears, was that the Oklahoma law gives non-residents and citizens the same exemptions, while the New York denies to non-residents exemptions granted its own citizens.

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### HARDING SEES

#### BREAK IN SOUTH

Kansas City, March 1.—Signal political change in the South the break ink up of the solid Democratic control in Texas, Louisiana and other Southern States are visible. United States Senator Warren G. Harding of Ohio, candidate for the Republican nomination for president, declared in an address here tonight.

"It is gratifying," he said, "to feel a full fellowship in a great political party which has left such an impress of helpfulness that all of the United States are turning to the Republicans for the restoration hoped for in every American heart. So striking is this truth that there is a confident belief that the sectional lines which heretofore have marked the limits of Republican majority are certain to be broken and the solid South, Democratic for two generations, henceforth will be no more than a political memory.

"Virginia, the Carolinas, Georgia and Louisiana are encouraging Republican hopes. Texas, if not promising, is demanding the reorganization of the Democratic party, with restored Jef-

ersonianism, and while it is at it, it may go the whole route to redemption and turn to Republicanism for the realization of its higher aspirations."

Touching the Mexican situation, Senator Harding said:

"Why meddle and mess up things in Europe, 4,000 miles away, when there is plenty to attract our attention on our own borders? Mexico affronts us; kidnaps our citizens and murders those whom we do not ransom. I would rather make Mexico safe and set it aglow with the light of new world righteousness than menace the health of the republic in the old world contagion.

#### FOR TRADE CAMPAIGN

Washington, Mar. 2.—By a vote of 210 to 39 the house today refused to stand by the action of the subcommittee on appropriations in eliminating from the legislative appropriation bill provision for continuing the trade attaché service. Representative Simpson Democrat took care of the committee lapse by offering an amendment providing for expenditure of \$165,000 for the service. It was ruled out on a point of order.

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