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**PRESIDENT WANNAMAKER BELIEVES BOLL WEEVIL WILL PROVE A BLESSING**

Mr. J. I. Bradham, Bradham Duroce Farm, Manning, S. C.  
My dear Mr. Bradham:  
Your letter of August 28th. I regret very much that it will be impossible for me to prepare an article, as requested by you, for publication in the Manning Times. I have an enormous accumulation of duties which it is necessary for me to discharge before the Convention of the National Association which will be held in Montgomery, Alabama, September 1, to 3rd. The work of the American Cotton Association has grown to such a tremendous volume that today we should have five separate departments for the National Association in charge of the best experts in the country and each department furnished with a large working force. However, due to the lack of sufficient finances, I am compelled to carry the work on as best I can.  
I have visited every section of the Cotton Belt and have seen the result of the work of the boll weevil. I have visited the farming sections of various parts of America; the potato growers of Maine; the wheat section of the middle West; and as a result of this I appreciate more fully than ever the great possibilities of the South.  
A man who would live in the South and board in the West, as a large majority of our farmers have been doing for the last fifty years, is a fool unthinkable and is entitled to the condemnation indicated in the Bible where it states that he who fails to provide for his own family is worse than an infidel.  
The punishment for an infidel will

require considerable heat in the lower regions, so that the farmer who fails to plant sufficient food and feed crops to make his farm self-sustaining will receive a punishment greater than that meted out to the infidel.  
We are impressed as never before with the necessity of safe, sane farming; the raising of food and feed crops and of hogs and cattle, and planting cotton only as a surplus crop. The boll weevil is not only at our door but is in our midst and we can only plant cotton as a surplus crop, it being absolutely necessary, under boll weevil conditions, to give the most intensive cultivation to cotton. It should be plowed at least once every week, highly fertilized and rushed to maturity with all possible speed.  
The farmer, the merchant, the banker, the business man, who would continue to operate under boll weevil conditions the same as heretofore is not only a fool unthinkable but he should receive commitment papers to the lunatic asylum and it should be designated that at his death he is to be buried in a national cemetery, separate and apart from men with common sense. If this rule is carried into effect and force it will result in saving a tremendous loss to the agricultural and commercial life of the South. It most assuredly will enormously reduce the cultivated area, as I find in every section I have visited that many men prefer to conduct their farms in the same manner in which their great-grand-fathers operated, and absolutely refuse to make any change, regardless of the inroads of the boll weevil, until the boll weevil has forced them into bankruptcy or poverty. A cemetery large enough to hold these men, as stated, would require sufficient burial ground to enormously reduce the cultivated area.  
In every section of the country I have visited where people have co-operated for the purpose of meeting

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**COTTON ASSOCIATION MEETS**

Columbia, Sept. 6.—The foreign export corporation as approved by the South Carolina Division of the American Cotton Association was adopted by the American Cotton Association at Montgomery, Richard I. Manning of South Carolina, was made chairman of the committee to arrange for the formation of the corporation.  
Holding and reduction resolutions similar to those passed by the South Carolina Division were also passed by the Montgomery convention.  
South Carolina was well represented and conspicuous on the floor and on the committees of the Montgomery convention. A large delegation attended the convention from this state.

Approximately \$30,000 was raised on the floor of the convention to further the work of the American Cotton Association.  
Delegates from the other states expressed a determination to complete their organization, especially Texas. A delegation of bankers representing the entire belt assured the association of assistance in financing the present crop. The Federal Reserve Banks of Dallas, Atlanta and St. Louis assured the association of their co-operation.  
The South Carolina delegation to the convention returned Sunday.  
**COOKE FACES SUB PROBE**  
Philadelphia, Sept. 6.—Lieut. Commander Charles M. Cooke Jr., of the

submarine S-5, sunk last Delaware Capes testified in a preliminary investigation on 22nd that he believed negligence of the main induction valve on the boat took its crash dive was the cause of the mishap, according to an unofficial report received. An investigation was held aboard the battleship Ohio, which today is at Hampton Roads.  
He said innumerable things had been done almost at the same time when the dive was taken, and that he could hardly hold any one responsible for overlooking for any one detail.  
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and preventing a calamity instead of awaiting the result following the calamity, thus assisting to ameliorate it, I find that the boll weevil has been a blessing; that instead of bringing poverty he has brought prosperity. I am convinced that in South Carolina he is going to bring prosperity. He is going to force our people to farm as they should. All of the eggs should not be placed in one basket. We should diversify and rotate. We should raise hogs and cattle. However, do not gain the impression that we will not continue to raise a great deal of cotton. Our cotton production has kept up wonderfully well, regardless of the inroads of the boll weevil, and by adopting the above methods, the production of cotton in South Carolina will continue to an even larger amount than is now anticipated. We will produce better cotton which the world needs greatly. We will produce more cotton per acre. We will adopt more scientific methods in farming.

On a recent visit to Boston, where I had the pleasure of addressing a conference of leading manufacturers, I was very much surprised to be informed by one of the wealthiest men in Boston that he considered the farming lands of the South to be the best investment in America today; that he had purchased 90,000 acres and expected to increase his purchases, and he is buying a great many of these lands right in the heart of the boll weevil section.

The world is facing a great increased need for food and feed crops. In addition to this, by adopting the right scientific methods and applying the plan of safe sane farming, cotton can be produced under boll weevil conditions.

As a result of all of this, the action of the people in Alabama in erecting a monument to Billy Boll Weevil, where he has really made men think and forced them to take advice, and as a result has brought them tremendous benefits, was really done as a matter of appreciation on the part of the people.

Assuring you of all good wishes and regretting that I will not have an opportunity to write the article for The Manning Times, I beg to remain,  
Sincerely,  
J. S. Wannamaker,  
President American Cotton Association.

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On account of my health the Bank has given me an extended leave, and I will be away from the Bank for sometime, this being the case we will be compelled to discontinue this column until my return, which I hope to be not later than September 1st, at which time we expect to again offer this column to the Farmers and others as a medium of exchange.

Until Mr. Musser's return the Bank will be glad to take all calls for Hog Cholera work and turn them over to Dr. Wood who is doing this work and is occupying my office.

It has been a pleasure for both the Bank and myself to serve you, which we hope and expect to continue to do.

Yours Respectfully,  
C. A. McFADDIN,

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