

# JUDGE RICE HITS NAIL SQUARE ON THE HEAD

The following letter of Circuit Judge H. F. Rice of Aiken, addressed to the Board of Trade of his home town and published in The Journal and Review is so timely and so applicable to conditions throughout the entire state, that The Dispatch-News is reproducing it in the hope that it will be generally read:

Mr. J. B. Salley,  
President of the Business League of Aiken, S. C.

My dear Mr. Salley:  
On my return to Aiken for the week-end quite recently, I was informed by our mutual friend, Mr. Muckentuss, Cashier of the Bank of Western Carolina, that the business men of our city are at present engaged in a strong effort to advertise the many advantages of Aiken as a winter resort for tourists. Please permit me to say that I think this is a step in the right direction; and any assistance that I can give, you may depend upon.

But there is another matter to which, through your organization, I would like to call the attention of the live business men of Aiken, if I may do so, that in its importance to the present and future welfare of our people, overshadows all others of a business nature. As is well-known, cotton has been almost, if not entirely so, the sole dependence of our farmers for money. The value to the world of the cotton crop of the South is hard to over estimate. The destruction and havoc in our cotton fields, caused by the boll weevil for the past year, and its unprecedented advance this year over the cotton belt has now become of almost international significance. For many years past this crop has enabled this country to cast the balance of our trade with foreign nations in our favor. This year's experience in this State, however, has demonstrated, as nothing else could, how hazardous the raising of cotton will be for us in the future. In all probability we will always raise some cotton on our farms. The farmer need not, and will not, abandon cotton planting entirely; but he is now unquestionably in that situation where he must, in great part, turn to crops other than cotton to enable him with any degree of certainty to secure the cash necessary for himself and family, if he is to survive and enjoy even a moderate degree of prosperity.

There is a great variety of such crops which we can, and do, raise, successfully on our farms, such as peanuts, velvet beans, hay, corn, sweet potatoes, oats, rye, peas, and many others. In addition many hogs are being raised, and we have, in reality, only made a start in this part of our farming business. It seems superfluous to state that, in developing our farming along the lines indicated, that acreage planted to cotton will be greatly reduced. This has already been done this year; and necessity will force the farmer to a still greater reduction next year. In fact, in certain sections the destruction of the cotton on some of the best lands in the State has been so complete that it is very doubtful if any cotton at all will be planted there another year.

On the subject of "diversification" our farmers have had a great deal of advice. It is now, and has been for many years past, a favorite theme with newspapers, farm journals, Federal farming experts, Clemson College Farm Extension workers, and hundreds of others. In fact I venture to assert that no class of people in this Southland of ours, or in any other section of our country, have had such a volume of free advice as have our farmers; and a very large part of it from people who have never, in their lives, run a furrow or done work

of any kind on a farm. What the farmer needs now is not more advice, but assistance of a practical nature; and this assistance must come from the business men of our State, or else they, as well as the farmers, are going to have a rough road to travel for the next four or five years. The prosperity of our merchants, our banks, our professional men, and in fact every kind of business, depends almost wholly upon the farmer. When he prospers all business pulses with the vigor of new life. When he fails, then all other business goes down also.

If the above observations be true then from the standpoint of self-preservation, if from no other, it is to the interest of our business and professional men to stand by the farmer and keep him on his feet if it is humanly possible to do so. My views as to how such assistance is to be given him, I purpose to get out in this letter. At this point I wish to say that the small farmer—black, as well as white, the one, two and three horse men, are those to whom our main attention should be directed. The large farmer as a rule, can take care of himself. The great mass of our farm products have come from the small farmer.

In the first place, it will not do to refuse him credit entirely. In this respect good judgment and discretion, of course, must be used; but what business house in Aiken, or what bank, as to that matter, could stand the shock of having credit absolutely withdrawn from it. If under such conditions a business house or bank cannot survive, is it reasonable to assume that the farmer can. Certainly not. In the second place, what the farmer needs most now is a market for his products other than cotton, and this must be provided by the business men of our city. He doesn't need any more advice at present. But with him there is now a crying need for this market. In my humble judgment if he doesn't get it soon, there will be many mercantile places of business, closed in the next few years. The farmer is not going to create or find it for himself, because he is not a business man. If it is found for him, then no more time and effort need be wasted in advising and urging him to "diversify." He will not do so without it; and I might add also no more advice need be given him in case no market is found, for in such case he will be a fool to raise more of these things than he could use on his own farm and have them rot on his hands or be destroyed by insects. But, I heard a man say some time back, "First get the farmer to raise these things and then we will go after the market." Would any merchant fill his store with goods on any such basis? Not if he has any business sense. There is now on the farms of our County, or at least a great many of them, a surplus of farm products, which the farmers would sell if there were a market. Not any huge amount it may be, but a ready market for such as they have on hand now would go a long way towards helping them through the winter; and when he finds he can haul to Aiken a wagon load of corn, velvet beans, sweet potatoes, oats, peanuts, hay, and other things produced on his farm, and sell them just as readily as he formerly could sell a bale of cotton, and at a fair price, then he will produce more and more of such crops, and the life blood of business will again go pulsing through our arteries of trade, and the smile will again sit upon the countenances of our bank presidents.

What I have said above as to the products of the soil applies equally to livestock. As I have already stated, a great many hogs are now raised in our County; but the number would multiply many times if there were a ready market for them. The problem then, to my mind, is clearly one of marketing, which, as I have said above, will have to be solved by our business men. There is a need somewhere for everything the farm can produce on our land, and the business men should find these places and supply such need.

The details of the marketing end of the matter should present no very great difficulties if brains, some capital and the will to do it are set to work. A farmers' exchange with an abundance of warehouse room, where the products of the farm could be purchased and stored until a carload had accumulated of each kind, and then shipped to the nearest market should answer the purpose; and with good management, prove profitable. I have farmed to a limited extent for some twenty-five or more years, and have kept in close touch with farming operations during all that time,

although I haven't lived on the farm. From personal experience I can speak on the farmer's problem, and I write this letter from the farmer's view point. If there is any other way "out of the woods" for the farmer to follow, and our merchants and business men too, then by all means let some one wiser than myself point it out; but so far as I can see, there is none. Sooner or later this matter will, from necessity, be worked out on the plan I have briefly outlined; but I sincerely trust it will be done before our labor has abandoned the farm and the attendant depression has settled down over our beautiful little city.

I hope that you will, in your own way, and at the first opportunity, present to the Business Men's League the views above expressed; and if such views do not embody sound business sense, let some one of them point out wherein they are faulty. If they agree with me, then get some action at the earliest possible moment. There is no time to lose, as the fall is now on and the crops are being harvested.

I would have preferred presenting in person to the League, in a more extended manner, the matter barely outlined in this letter, but my work in the Sixth Circuit has up to now prevented my being at home for more than a day at a time. I don't know that this effort will result in any good whatever. It is human nature to say, "Oh, yes, that's so; but let George do it," and it is done; but I have been so profoundly convinced that the plan above outlined is our only salvation from a business standpoint, that I couldn't resist the impulse to call it to the attention of our people.

With kindest regards, I am,  
Yours very truly,  
H. F. RICE.

## CAROLINA CLUB BOYS AT INTERNATIONAL CONTEST

Clemson College, Oct. 29.—South Carolina's team of club boys at the International Club Judging Contest at the Southeastern Fair in Atlanta won tenth place among all states, scoring 2797 points out of a possible 3600. This was only 204 points under the winning team from Maryland, and it indicates the closeness of the contest.

The South Carolina team consisted of James Garrison, Pickens County; Province Branham, Kershaw County; Robert Whitehead, Union County; Wallace Belcher, alternate, Anderson County, with L. L. Baker, supervising agent of Boys' Club Work, in charge.

Mr. Baker reports that the team was stronger on placing than on reasons. Garrison made perfect score on placing three classes, and Whitehead made perfect score on one class. The team won third prize money on placing Guernsey cattle and fourth on placing Shorthorn cattle.

"I feel on the whole," says Mr. Baker, "that our boys did remarkably well with training they had, and they bore themselves like men. They had only the preliminary training at the Short Course for Club Boys in July and a week at the college just prior to the contest, while some of the other states had their men in the field for weeks visiting stock farms, fairs, etc. But certainly our boys need not be ashamed of their record; and the experience gained in the training and in taking part in the contest justify the trouble and expense incurred."

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For past indebtedness . . . . .4 mills  
For Constitutional school tax . . . . .3 mills  
For weak schools . . . . .1-2 mill

Total . . . . .30 mills  
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District No. 14. Special and bonds, 8 mills.

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District No. 76. Special and bonds, 12 mills.

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