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## FARMERS CALLED ON COTTON QUESTION

### Subscriptions Wanted for Export Corporation

### MEETING CALLED FOR SATURDAY

Farmers and Business Men Asked to Meet in the Court House Saturday Afternoon to Subscribe for Stock in Cotton Exporting Corporation.

A meeting of farmers and business men of the county has been called by C. A. Power, chairman of the county association, for Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock to secure subscriptions for the American Products Export and Import Corporation, the \$10,000,000 corporation now being formed under the direction of the American Cotton Association to relieve the present depression in the cotton market. Committees have already been named to solicit stock in the county and they are expected to get to work at once in order to make a showing at the meeting to be held Saturday. The committees from each township are named below and each committee is authorized to appoint sub-committees in order to canvass the county more thoroughly.

**The Committees**  
Laurens—Dr. W. H. Dial, J. L. M. Irby, G. H. Bolt.  
Youngs—J. W. Lanford, S. D. Martin, J. B. Cook.  
Dials—L. A. Armstrong, R. O. Hunt, W. W. Yeargin.  
Sullivan—N. B. Wood, J. Frank Davis, J. M. Sumerel.  
Waterloo—W. L. Cooper, G. M. Moore, J. C. Smith.  
Cross Hill—T. M. Pinson, C. D. Nance, W. S. Achison.  
Hunter—J. M. Simmons, C. R. Workman, Chaney W. Stone.  
Jacks—T. R. Johnson, B. F. Copeland, J. M. Hatton.  
Suffletown—W. D. Byrd, J. S. Craig, D. A. Glenn.

The objects of the corporation, as pointed out by one familiar with its plans, are as follows:

The corporation is to handle cotton chiefly at first but plans later to include corn, grain, tobacco, peanuts and others, inasmuch as the cotton association is encouraging diversification of crops.

The chief purpose of the Corporation is to create a direct market from the producer to the consumer.

A large portion of the spindles of Europe are idle because they have not the funds with which to purchase cotton. Therefore, Europe, one of the largest consumers of low grade cotton, is now, and has been for several years, out of the market. A representative of one of the European Governments has stated that it was their desire to deal direct with the cotton producer, and that if the cotton producer would furnish the opportunity whereby they might secure the needed cotton at this time, his country would never forget the kindness, and he was positive it would mean the beginning of a permanent arrangement whereby cotton could be sold direct from the producer to his mills.

There is, at the present time, a large amount of low grade cotton held and unsold in the cotton belt, and there is an unprecedented difference in prices for the respective grades. This difference or slack in the price should be materially reduced as soon as the low grade cotton begins to move to Europe, and this corporation should be the medium for doing so.

**\$10,000,000 Capital**  
The proposed capital of the export and import corporation is \$10,000,000, this to be divided into shares of the par value of \$10 each. The subscriptions are payable in cash, Liberty Bonds at their market value or cotton at its market value.

Every subscription is to be accompanied by a proxy which runs until December 31, 1922. It was deemed wise to have this proxy for the period suggested for the reason that there will be numerous unfriendly interests to the proposition of creating a direct market for the producer to the consumer, who will subscribe to stock in order that they may keep themselves fully informed, from time to time, of the transactions and business methods of the Corporation, with a view of eventually throttling the undertaking.

## MISS ANNIE GILKERSON

Elder Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gilkerson Passed Away Early Sunday Morning.

Miss Annie Gilkerson, the elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gilkerson, passed away at the family home in this city Sunday morning shortly after one o'clock. She had been in a critical condition for several days, death bringing to an end a period of intense suffering which she had borne uncomplainingly for months and which several operations and the best of medical skill failed to relieve. The funeral services were held from the house Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, being conducted by her pastor, Rev. A. E. Holler, of the First Methodist church, assisted by Rev. Samuel H. Templeman, of the First Baptist church, and Rev. C. T. Squires, of the First Presbyterian church. A mass of beautiful flowers sent by friends and placed upon the grave by members of her missionary society attested to the love and esteem which bound her to them.

The active pall bearers were Messrs. R. F. Fleming, J. F. Harney, W. R. Richey, Jr., L. G. Balle, E. O. Anderson, J. W. Dunklin, Gus Babb and J. Turner Martin. The honorary pall bearers were Maj. W. A. Watts, J. W. Todd, J. H. Sullivan, C. H. Roper, Dr. J. H. Teague, H. Terry, O. B. Simmons, Dr. H. K. Alken, C. E. Kennedy, W. L. Gray, S. M. Wilkes, Dr. W. H. Ferguson, J. F. Tolbert, R. R. Nickels, W. R. Richey, J. F. Bolt and T. C. Switzer.

The deceased is survived by her parents, two brothers, Y. S. Kilkerson, of Greenville, and John L. of Laurens, and one sister, Mrs. W. G. Lancaster, of Laurens.

The deceased was noted for her fidelity to religious work and her home duties. One of her last acts was to direct that her dues to her missionary society be paid in full. She took a deep interest in Red Cross work during the war and it is thought that overwork in this cause hastened the approach of the disease which brought on the end.

## LOSES TO ABBEVILLE

Local Team Puts up Scrapy Contest, But Fails to Score. Game Friday Afternoon With Anderson.

The Laurens high school eleven was defeated by the Abbeville high school eleven on the Abbeville grounds Friday afternoon by a score of 13 to 0. The game was characterized by scrapy playing throughout, the Laurens boys putting up a stiff defense in spite of their defeat. The Abbevilleans scored in the second and third quarters, but failed to kick goal on the second touch-down. Tate and Harris were the stars of the Abbeville team, while Woodside, Albright, Poole and Barksdale were the stellar performers for the locals. Poole had an arm broken in the early part of the game and had to withdraw.

The locals will play the Anderson high school on the league baseball ground Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The youngsters are expecting a big turnout to witness the game and aid in financing the team.

## Wednesday Club

The Wednesday Club will meet this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of Mrs. L. G. Balle.

and again forcing the producer to sell his cotton under the methods now used for the marketing thereof.

**Raise Cotton Prices**  
It is argued that the movement of low grade cotton and the opening up of the European market should have the effect of increasing the market price of all grades of cotton. Therefore, this subscriber will not only secure benefit of earnings from his stock, but should also secure the benefit of a general rise in the market effecting his present holdings and facilities for marketing in future at less expense.

If cotton is pledged with local banks as collateral for loans, the subscriber should take up with the bank the proposition of the bank releasing a reasonable part of the cotton and replace same with stock certificate as collateral. A number of banks have agreed to this, and in all probability, the banks throughout the state will be glad to co-operate in the matter for it should mean an increase in the market value of the remaining bales of cotton held by the banks as collateral.

## CITY WATER NOW MODERNLY PURIFIED

New Instrument Installed to Get Rid of Germ in Drinking Water

Laurens water drinkers, and this has about come to include all the population since prohibition went into effect, may no longer fear the presence of germs in their drinking water, according to a pronouncement issued by J. E. Philpot, superintendent of the water and light department following an inspection Monday of a very sensitive looking machine just installed at the power house. The water will be generally clear, but sometimes it may be a little muddy after big rains as it has been in the past, he said, but no longer will the little animalculae be hiding behind the clods of dirt in the bottom of your glass. Eat, drink and be merry, he said, for the little suns-of-guns are dead and can't do any harm even if they get inside. Mr. Philpot rollicked along something like this for some time, but his further words will not be quoted—exactly.

The instrument or machine is known as a chlorinator. By a very ingenious operation it discharges a certain amount of chlorine gas, deadly to the little germs, into the water as it passes from the settling tank to the sterilizer. The amount is sufficient to kill all the germs, but not enough to injure the drinking qualities of the water. While it does away with the germ menace, it has nothing to do with clarifying the water of vegetable matter or of removing the muddy color after rains. Improvements along this line are now contemplated and may come at an early date. With this instrument installed, it is thought that the fear of germ contamination should be removed. The instrument is one similar to others now being installed in all the modern plants.

## TEACHERS TO HEAR DR. DUNCAN YOCUM

Plans Going Forward for State Association Meeting in Spartanburg

Rock Hill, Oct. 9.—Lucoo Gunter, president of the State Teachers' association of South Carolina, has just announced that he has secured Dr. A. Duncan Yocum, professor of educational research at the University of Pennsylvania, for the speaker on the State Teachers' association, to be held in Spartanburg November 25, 26 and 27. Dr. Yocum is widely known as an educator and an able and attractive speaker. South Carolina teachers are to be congratulated on having the opportunity of hearing Dr. Yocum. He has been one of the popular speakers at the N. E. A. meetings of recent years.

A meeting of the local committee with the president and secretary was held last week in Spartanburg. Every detail was carefully gone over.

Spartanburg is planning to take care of the association in a very fine way. The splendid musical numbers will be one of the attractive features.

Spartanburg boasts of good hotel facilities, there being more than 600 homes of the city which will be thrown open to the teachers.

The 13 departmental heads are already working on their programs. Interesting meetings are being planned for all these departments.

The association dues are the same as last year—\$1 for men and 50 cents for women. These should be sent to W. E. Black, Estill, S. C., as soon as possible.

## Admiral McGowan Here

Rear Admiral Samuel McGowan, Paymaster General of the Navy, has been in the city for several days on business for, and in attendance on meetings of the Board of Trustees of Laurens Cemetery. He left Monday afternoon for Mars Hill to spend a few hours before taking the train there for Washington.

## Meeting of D. A. R.

The Henry Laurens Chapter, D. A. R., will meet Friday afternoon, October 15, at 4 o'clock with Mrs. M. L. Smith. All members are urgently requested to be present, as business of importance is to be transacted.

Mrs. Brooks Swygert, Sec.

## Missionary Meeting.

The Missionary Society of Kings Chapel church will meet at Mrs. Preston Abrams' Saturday 16th of Oct. We desire every member present.  
President.

## DEMOCRATIC CAMPAIGN FUND PASSES \$200 MARK

Sixty-Five Dollars Added to Fund to Help Along in Democratic Fight.

The Democratic campaign fund passed the \$200 mark last week after Magistrate J. N. Wright had made a partial canvass of the town gathering in "Democratic Dollars". Mr. Wright secured contributions amounting to \$34. In addition to this W. G. Lancaster turned in 13 additional dollars; W. R. McCuen turned in \$11 and L. G. Balle \$7, making a total for the week of \$65. Urge appeals still come from Columbia and from national headquarters for additional funds. The Democratic campaign is being greatly hampered by the lack of money and much needed work is being left undone on this account.

The following is the list of contributors up to Friday morning, the list for the week being closed at that time for reason of convenience:

Previously reported	\$151.00
Through W. R. McCuen—	
J. W. Todd	1.00
J. D. Watts	1.00
R. F. Jones	1.00
J. W. Dunklin	1.00
L. H. Taylor	1.00
E. S. Hudgens	1.00
W. S. Power	1.00
D. T. Jones	1.00
T. D. Lake	1.00
W. R. McCuen	1.00
J. W. Todd, Jr.	1.00
Through L. G. Balle—	
W. H. Hough	1.00
J. M. Barksdale	1.00
R. B. Terry	1.00
Marion Wilkes	1.00
Miss Minnie Rogers	1.00
L. B. Blackwell	1.00
L. G. Balle	1.00
Through J. N. Wright—	
W. M. Switzer	1.00
Fred H. Walker	1.00
G. B. Woods	1.00
J. N. Wright	1.00
C. E. Kennedy	1.00
W. A. Moore	1.00
J. C. Owings	1.00
L. Nye Owens	1.00
S. D. Childress	1.00
W. L. Teague	1.00
M. J. Owings	1.00
B. E. Sargee	1.00
W. T. Rutledge	1.00
J. Mills Hunter	1.00
M. H. Hunter	1.00
B. A. Sullivan	1.00
G. F. Pollock	1.00
L. L. Moore	1.00
H. Terry	1.00
John Inman	1.00
W. G. Wilson	1.00
S. P. Babb	1.00
F. M. Smith	1.00
M. L. Roper	1.00
H. M. Shell	1.00
J. A. Taylor	1.00
R. E. Babb	1.00
P. Lake	1.00
J. H. Hudgens	1.00
T. L. Timmerman	1.00
Mrs. T. L. Timmerman	1.00
J. Earl Langston	1.00
Miss Henry Wright	1.00
Earl Owings	1.00
Through W. G. Lancaster—	
Mrs. H. L. Kennedy	1.00
Mrs. W. G. Lancaster	1.00
Miss Willou Boyd	1.00
T. F. Jones	1.00
Dr. L. E. Bishop	1.00
Miss Rebecca Dial	1.00
J. C. Shell	2.00
T. D. Darlington	1.00
Mrs. T. D. Darlington	1.00
Rev. C. T. Squires	1.00
Jno. A. Franks	1.00
James C. Todd	1.00
Total	\$216.00

## Ginning Report

The ginning report for Laurens County, issued by the census department October 4th for the period prior to September 25th shows that ginnings for this year have been considerably less than for the same period last year. To that date 3,137 bales had been ginned, compared to 6,068 ginned to the same period last year. In the state 171,451 bales had been ginned, compared to 330,971 to the same period last year.

## Located at Kannapolis, N. C.

Miss Wynona Chaney, who attended the Woman's Missionary Union Training school at Louisville, Ky., last season and who did field work as W. M. U. organizer in Laurens Association the past summer is now doing missionary work at Kannapolis, N. C., a mill town of ten thousand inhabitants.

## THAD H. NELSON

Former Merchant of Laurens Died at the Home of His Sister, Near Cold Point Sunday Afternoon.

Mr. Thad H. Nelson, for a number of years a merchant of Laurens, died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Leake, near Cold Point, Sunday afternoon following an illness of many months. He had been in declining health for some time. The funeral was held at Mt. Pleasant church Monday afternoon, being conducted by Rev. Mr. Booth, the Methodist minister of Waterloo. A large number of people, including many of his former friends of this city, attended the services.

Mr. Nelson was a native of the county. For a number of years he conducted a successful mercantile establishment in this city, but a few years ago went to Etowah, Tenn., to be near his sons and there and at Louisville, Ky., worked in railroad offices until declining health forced him to return to this county a few months ago. He was a man of many excellent traits of character and had many friends wherever he was known.

The deceased is survived by two sons, W. D. and Thad E., of Etowah, Tenn.; and by one full sister, Mrs. Leake, of Cold Point; two half-brothers, W. E. Hunter, of Covington, Ky., and J. D. Hunter, of Barksdale Station, and one half-sister, Mrs. L. D. Bass, of Kilmarnock, Va.

## NARROW ESCAPE FOR ACCUSED MAN

New York Mob About to Lynch Mathias, Rope About His Neck

New York, Oct. 9.—Nathan Mathias was rescued from lynching at the hands of an infuriated crowd of Brooklyn residents today after a 14 year old girl had accused the man of attempting to attack her. When police officers arrived on the scene a noose had been adjusted about Mathias neck and the other end of the rope attached to a telephone pole.

The girl said Mathias asked her to go to the second floor of a nearby house and awaken a friend of his. When she went into the doorway the man followed, she said, and gagged her.

When she screamed for help Mathias ran into the street, the girl following. She told her story to passersby and a chase after Mathias was started, pursuers increasing until they numbered nearly 500.

The fugitive was finally tripped up by a man who came out of a garage. A rope was obtained and plans perfected for the lynching when two policemen arrived, and with drawn revolvers, effected his rescue.

Mathias was hurried away in an automobile, arraigned in court and held without bail for further examination next week.

## AN EYE ON CHURCHES

Korean Places of Worship are Suspected

Seoul, Korea, Sept. 15.—The semi-official Seoul press prints an interview with a police department official asserting that some Korean places of Christian worship were still used as resorts by Korean political conspirators. The official declared that, as the result of recent arrests, the authorities will be obliged to keep an eye on Christian churches and chapel buildings.

An official statement says the decision is the outgrowth of the arrest of Dr. Yi Wonsik, a Korean medical practitioner and 11 other Koreans on the charge of secreting seditious literature from Shanghai in the compound of the Chongkyo chapel at Doyomdong, which is in charge of the Rev. Dr. Gerding, an American missionary of the Methodist Church South. Subsequently, it is charged, Yi Wonsik took refuge in the chapel at Insadong which is in charge of the Rev. Mr. Clarke, of the North Presbyterian Mission, and concealed in the coal shed of the chapel over 1,000 copies of the Independence Journal.

There are no charges against American missionaries but the police apparently wish to have it known that Christian property in Korea will be subjected to surveillance henceforth.

## Preaching at Gray Court.

Rev. C. T. Squires will fill his appointment at Dorroh Presbyterian church, Gray Court, next Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

## EXPORT CONCERN MOVES FORWARD

### Harding Favors Cotton Export Company.

### EX-GOV. MANNING HEADS CONCERN

Wholehearted Indorsement of Plan Order of Day. Efforts to Organize Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi Meeting With Success.

The State.  
Ex-Gov. R. I. Manning, who went to Atlanta Thursday night for a conference there in regard to the organizing of the Cotton Exports corporation in Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi, is expected to return today. News at his office yesterday was to the effect that his mission had been even more successful than he had anticipated, and that all obstacles are being met and overcome in all of the states.

Governor Manning's office is in receipt of numerous messages of encouragement. Among some that have come in are the following extracts from letters and telegrams:

Victor Montgomery, Spartanburg, financier and manufacturer: "I indorse the movement and think it will be a great benefit to both farmer and manufacturer. If lower grades can be sold for export, will be very stimulating to both goods and cotton."

W. L. Daniel, Saluda farmer and public citizen: "I am interested in the plan for handling cotton through the corporation being organized to do business on credit with central Europe. I have confidence in such a scheme, and I fervently hope that it is the entering wedge that will divorce the cotton farmer of the South from the raids annually planned and executed by the Northern bears."

W. P. G. Harding, governor of the federal banking board, stated to a committee of the American Cotton association that the federal reserve system is prepared for such credit expansion as may be necessary to move the crops and called attention of the desirability of the formation of an export corporation by Southern cotton interests.

**Do Everything in Power.**

B. C. Matthews of Newberry, chairman of the banking committee of the South Carolina Cotton association: "You may rely upon me to do everything in my power to be of assistance in the formation of the proposed corporation."

A New York banking house says: "It is obviously much better to take into exchange European bonds, guaranteed by the governments, than to allow this excessive cotton (the unsaleable low grades) to break the market by superabundance or to remain in the hands of the growers or the present owners without sale."

Fred S. Munsell, state director of the New York Life Insurance company, in directing his agents to promote the sale of the stock says: "Low grade cotton is now a drug on the market. The mills of central Europe want this grade of cotton and that is the only market for it. As long as this low grade cotton is idle here it will depress the market on higher grades, and is always a menace to fair trading. The stock in this corporation is a real investment in a real business venture that will pay real dividends, outside of the great service which the corporation will do. I feel that this is the permanent basis of the salvation of the South in the marketing of cotton."

## Children's Health Conference

A children's health conference will be held at the court house on October 22nd and 23rd. All mothers with children between the ages of three months and six years are urged to bring their children for this examination. Miss Rogers, Red Cross Nurse, assisted by several ladies in town, will weigh and measure the children, and the local doctors will examine and give necessary advice. A baby specialist will be in attendance one day probably both. Mothers who have children with whooping cough or any contagious disease are requested not to bring them. All examinations and advice at this conference are free.