

DIVERSIFICATION OF CROPS IS THE KEY NOTE

SAYS PRESIDENT HARRIS OF THE FARMERS' UNION—PLANT LESS COTTON AND MORE FOOD CROPS.

President B. Harris of the South Carolina State Farmers' union has issued the following address, which he desires that the county papers of the State should copy:

"Again I want to call your attention, farmers, that now is the time to fix price on the 1909 cotton crop. Will you make it 8 or 15 cents? It is in your power to make it either.

"I want to, if I can impress upon you, that diversification of your crops is the keynote of the situation. I want to urge every Southern farmer to plant at least 35 per cent of his cotton land in food crops, so as to make home self-sustaining. Now, let's see if it will pay us as farmers to diversify our crops. To my knowledge, the farmer who has not been making home self-supporting has been swapping \$1 for 50 cents. Now let's see if this assertion is true. The farmer who bought corn last year paid \$1.10 cash for it. If he borrowed the money to buy with it cost him \$1.25, as he paid interest on the money. If he hauled it home ten miles it cost him 10 cents. It is worth 10 cents per bushel to haul corn ten miles, so his corn cost him \$1.35. Now, any good, progressive farmer can make all the corn he will need on his farm for 35 cents per bushel. You see he gave a dollar for what he could have raised for 35 cents per bushel. Are any of the Southern farmers guilty of the above? If so, go and sin no more. Did you buy any bacon? It is selling now for 124 cents cash. Still swapping \$1 for 50 cents. Any good farmer can raise enough for his family use for 3 cents per pound. Did you buy any hay? If you did you are still at the same old way of exchanging. If you bought a horse or a mule you paid from \$200 to \$250. You can raise one just as good for less than \$100. Now, brother farmers, do not say that you cannot raise corn for 35 cents. Try to do it. I have met more than 50 farmers this year that raised it for less than 35 cents per bushel, and as many as 15 who raised it for less than 20 cents. The farmer who is raising corn for 30 cents, bacon for 3 cents, raising his own horses and making home self-supporting has quit swapping \$1 for 50 cents. The farmer who is buying is still at his old job. While the farmer who is buying on a lien and mortgage on his crop is just swapping \$1 for 25 cents, or the cash buyer is swapping \$1 for 50 cents. He can raise it for half what he pays for it when he buys it. Brother farmer, if you are guilty of the above sin I say to you, sin no more. Now, what price will you have for the 1909 crop? Will you have 8 or 15 cents? Remember, it is all in your hands, and you will get whatever price you make it. To get 15 cents you will have to diversify your crops and stop exchanging \$1 for 50 cents, or you will never be able to get a remunerative price. Now, what is the use for the farmers of the South to raise 13,000,000 bales of cotton and not get for it more than they can for a 7,000,000, or 8,000,000 bale crop? Think of the enormous expense of raising the extra 5,000,000 bales to bear the market down. And who does this? It is the farmer. Think and consider for a moment what you are doing and you will quit it. Do you think for a moment that the manufacturer would do any such ruinous business as this? No, he would stop one-half of his machinery at once and curtail his output one-half and make the same profit. Now, brother farmers, use a little good business judgment and common good horse sense. I hear some farmer say, 'Mr. Jones is going to cut his cotton acreage and I will just increase mine.' Well, but this is too true to make a joke of. This is just what the speculative world says you will do. The most essential thing for the farmers to do this year is to plant 35 per cent of cotton land in food crops and live at home.

I took dinner the other day with a man who lives in the country. I

can not say that he was a farmer, for his dinner did not satisfy me in calling him a farmer, for everything he had on his table was bought. Out of curiosity I asked him how he cured his bacon. He said Mr. Armour cured it for him. I asked him what tomato he found was best for canning. He told me his were canned in Baltimore. I asked him what kind of turnips he sowed for making salad. He told me he bought that also. Then I wanted to know what kind of cotton seed he planted, and he quickly answered: 'I plant Toole's and Cook's.' So you can readily see that he was a planter and not a real, real farmer. This is the kind of farming that causes 8-cent cotton. I was in a grocery store the other day and one of these planters came in to buy some corn, flour, bacon and hay. He asked the price of corn, \$1.10; flour, \$7 per barrel; bacon, 12 1-2 cents per pound, and hay, \$23 per ton. He said to the merchant 'Are you going to rob me?' The merchant told him he had robbed himself. 'You did it by planting the cotton you could last year.'

"Now, brother farmers, let's look at things square in the face and see that October cotton is being sold for about 9 cents on the New York exchange. Now, are you going to plant another big crop when you know that 9 cents is about the cost of production? Surely not. There is just one thing that will keep you from delivering your cotton crop of 1909 for 9 cents, and that is organize into the Farmers' Educational and Cooperative Union of America. Plant 35 per cent of your cotton crop into food crops and you will get as much money for an 8,500,000-bale crop as you will for a 13,000,000-bale crop.

"B. HARRIS, President S. C. State Farmers' Union."

The following important meeting has been ordered: "All the county presidents are especially requested to meet with the State executive committee on Thursday, April 29, 1909, at 8 p. m., in the city of Columbia, S. C., for the purpose of consulting together in reference to the handling of the cotton crop of 1909, and such other matters as may be useful for the upbuilding of the union in securing a more complete organization in all the counties of the State.

"As many of the county secretaries and county business agents as can conveniently do so are requested to attend also, together with as many members of the union as can come.

"A mass meeting is desired for discussion and consultation.

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