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### "FARMER" URGES FARMERS TO HOLD COTTON.

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Editor County Record:—

Will you please allow me space in your paper to say a few words to the farmers and all classes of men that are interested in the prices of cotton?

Now, gentlemen, just here allow me to ask you a question: Why is cotton selling to-day from four to four and a-half cents less per pound than it was last year? Please stop for a moment and ask yourselves and see if you cannot solve this vital question. I dare say that every level-headed, well-balanced mind can at once solve this question, and many have already solved it, but are too cowardly to advise the poor ignorant farmers, and some silly merchants who are striving hard to rush their own crops and their customers' crops on the market as fast as it is gathered and ginned, thereby helping to sustain the predictions of a few ten-cent buyers, who are only wanting to get a little commission for buying your cotton, and a few ten-cent traveling men who want to sell a few goods and also get a little commission, by saying that this is the "bumper crop" of the world.

Now, gentlemen, I cannot see why any well-informed man who has at heart the welfare of his country can allow such ridiculous impressions to be made on the common minds of our ignorant and foolish farmers.

I admit that the crop of 1911 will exceed that of 1910 by a small per cent, but nothing to be considered the "bumper crop" of the world, which to be so must exceed a fifteen-million bale crop. If not mistaken, I think the crop of 1906 was considered the "bumper crop" of the world, when about fifteen million bales were made.

Now, gentlemen, we will take this year's crop from the Government reports, which are always bearish and invariably fall short of their estimate, and they have only estimated this year's crop at about 13,800,000 bales. Is this a "bumper crop"? I'll answer this, No. Has not the yield for the past nine years without any increase in demand been used? Which demand was 14,000,000 bales and over, and I say that the demand is greater to-day than it was even three years ago, with which all well-informed will agree. Even the 15,000,000 bales were used and not a bale was destroyed, and the price was forced from 6c to 10c in the middle of the season, simply by all classes of men of business getting together and fixing their minds and opinions on one thing.

Now, gentlemen, let's see if we cannot solve the question why the prices are below the cost of producing to-day. In 1910, at the first ginner's report, Texas had ginned, as my recollection serves me, over 3,000 bales of cotton more than it had ever ginned up to that time. Why had Texas gathered and ginned that much cotton in the month of August? Was it because she had a "bumper crop"? No, Texas had a short crop, as was proved when it was harvested and ginned. But Texas had a dry season and her crop matured early, and with an extraordinarily good season the picking was

rushed and crop marketed. Over the other States of the Cotton Belt the season was late and a portion of the world's crop was held off, while the Texas crop was being marketed. That was for 1910; now, how about 1911?

Texas had the same dry season this year that she had last year, and not only Texas but every cotton-growing State in the Union had comparatively the same dry season, thereby putting it upon an equal footing with the Texas season of last year. The whole season has been a remarkable one for gathering the crop—better than it has been for many years up to this time—and every effort has been made to gather the cotton as fast as it could be done and force it on the market. This is how I account for the "bumper" crop and low prices, and I will dare say that when the crop is harvested, which will be in the early part of November, we will all see where the "bumper crop" will be. Should we not get together as men with some brains and business qualities and stop the rapid selling of the crop which is bringing nothing, it will, if continued, demoralize all manner of business for many years to come. This is the way that I see it, and I have met with many others who are seeing it in the same way that I do.

I am not thinking hard of the mill men, for if I were in their place and the crop were forced upon me, as it is on them, I for one would have the price much lower. Do not blame them at all. The blame is upon our poor ignorant farmers, who, after working hard and toiling through the long summer months, have made the crop but are too ignorant to know—after God has blessed us with a fair crop—how to market it.

Suppose that every man in South Carolina were forced to sell his entire crop in the next thirty days and all to a few moneyed men of the State—what would we derive from this crop? I dare say, not one-third of its valuation.

Now, gentlemen, we are ignorantly forcing the cotton crop upon the market, while the few that are holding the cotton crop of the world cannot raise means by which to handle it. Should the mill men mortgage everything they possess and raise every dollar they could, they would not be able to handle the crop in the manner in which it is rushed upon the market.

I was told a few days ago by a reliable cotton buyer who is buying for an exporter that he threatened to take all of his buyers off the market if they did not cease rushing the cotton on the market as they were. How ridiculous! How absurd!

Now, I have tried to outline my reason, as I see it, for a "bumper crop" and the ridiculously low prices. Now the remedy.

Let me beg you, brother Farmer, Mr Merchant and Banker, let all of us come together at once and let us hold our cotton off the already glutted market and demand a profit on our cotton. Many will say, "How can we do this when we are owing debts?" I will show how it is easy enough. I have discussed this question with lots of business men and they appreciate our condition and are willing to help us, provided we will store our cotton in some place of safety and draw on our bank for money. I am glad to say that our bankers are willing to lend every

dollar that they possibly can on our cotton crops and we can pro rata it out to each of our creditors, and they will gladly accept what we can pay and stand by us and help us through this great fight not to allow this cotton to go as it already has been. We will lose what we have already accomplished during the past few years, which will take us many, many years to regain.

I don't want any one to understand that I am advising them to shirk, or allow their creditors to suffer, for I am not of that disposition. But it is our duty as honest, hard-working, upright citizens to look after our own interest and the interest of our loved ones who are depending on us. I feel that the time has come that our farmers should do their own thinking and exercise some business qualities in regard to the marketing of their crop, or give up their farms and become tenants under men who have brain sufficient to handle the crop after it is made.

I have contended the whole season that the present crop should be marketed around 14c, and had our people taken hold of the situation as they should have done in the early part of the season, instead of getting 9c for cotton, it would be bringing prices equal to those of last year.

Now, gentlemen, we have only a few days to accomplish what I feel that we are compelled to do, as it will be too late after the mill men and speculators have gotten hold of the bulk of the crop, to accomplish anything. With three million and a half or four million bales held firm in the hands of men that will not sell, as the Farmers' Union is advocating over the entire Cotton Belt, I feel confident that before the next crop is planted we can demand 'most any price that we may fix.

I am not backing my personal judgment in this matter, but mine and some of the best brain of the South. With these few facts before you, I hope that the farmers and merchants and all classes of men will fall in line in this great fight and let us accomplish and hold what we have been so faithfully working for during the past few years.

Again I repeat the hope that you will see it as I do, or partly so, and let us stop this rapid selling. I am, Very respectfully,

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**H. D. Reddick,**

Kingstree, - South Carolina.