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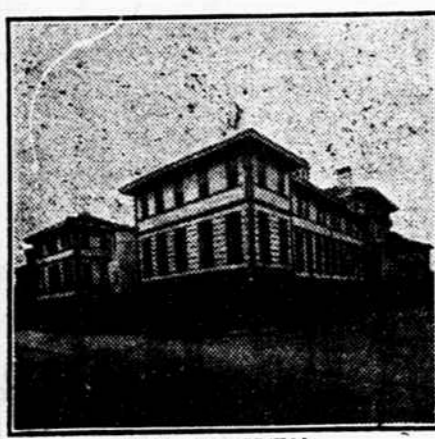
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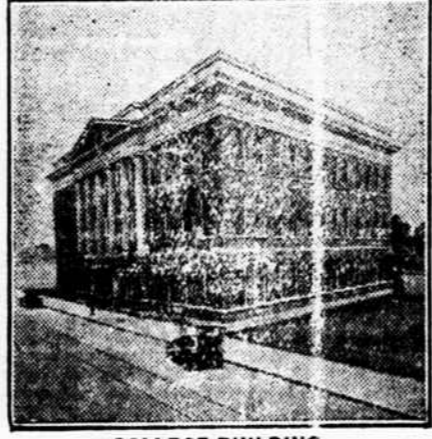
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## SENATOR EPSS ON COTTON SITUATION.

**FORCIBLY POINTS OUT BENEFITS TO BE DERIVED FROM STATE WAREHOUSE SYSTEM.**

Editor County Record:—

At this time, twelve months ago, the farmers and all other persons in Williamsburg county, together with the entire citizenship of South Carolina, were engaged in much agitation and were deeply concerned in each other's welfare, because of the terrible cloud of anxiety and the threatening disaster which then depressed and confused the public mind.

The European war which had burst forth so unexpectedly and so suddenly completely shocked the earth, and the boast of the world's civilization crumbled; doctrinal influences of Christianity vanished and the business affairs of inter-national commerce became paralyzed with dreadful apprehension.

The financial interests of America, after a momentary pause, began to sectionalize. Wall Street squawked, and immediately the community interests of the great East, North and West ran to cover. Organized, trained and prepared to meet emergencies, these sections converted what at first seemed to them to be certain disaster and calamity into a harvest of wealth and a condition of lasting benefit.

But the South! This great section which stands first in the annals of American history and which is destined to preserve individual freedom, and ever ready to defend the great principle of national liberty and the nation's honor, floundered in chaos and confusion, while her prosperity wilted and disappeared like dew before the morning's sun. Its great product which should have brought luxury and a bed of ease to her people proved only to be a burden of poverty and a mill stone of depression.

The reason for the difference between the effects of the war in the North, East and West, and the effects of the war in the South, is plainly that of a preparedness on the one hand and a lack of preparedness on the other hand.

Twelve months have passed since the first shock of the war was felt; the record crop of cotton in 1914 has been practically consumed, and the lie has been given to the Bear and the Critic, who deluded the public mind with the erroneous idea that the industrious South had foolishly produced more than a world's supply.

Realizing that the agricultural people were approaching a great crisis, which then threatened not only their welfare but the interests of the entire people of the State, South Carolina led out, as she usually does, and provided a remedy for the purpose of meeting the emergency. The task was great, the process tedious and the hindrances enormous. Yet out of it all, has developed a system which, if utilized, will defy any adverse circumstance or current event which might be used to temporarily depress or destroy the intrinsic value of the South's greatest product.

I have reference to the great possibilities embodied in the State's warehouse system. It seems that so few men have concerned themselves in regard to this law, and because of the fact that the daily papers of the State seem inclined to doubt the wisdom of agitating the subject, which at this time should be the constant thought of both the farmer and the business man, I have persuaded myself to at least give to the farmers of our county the simple suggestion that there is at hand a real, practical, inexpensive, safe and common sense method for the storing and indefinite holding off of the market the cotton which they are now about to begin to harvest. Those who do not avail themselves of the plan should not complain when their obligations mature and their creditors ask for either cash settlements or such negotiable paper as will pass current in the general market for credit extensions.

The newspapers, when they discuss this subject, advise that there is ample warehouse facilities in South Carolina to store the cotton, and they publish almost daily the fact that there is abundant money in the banks to hold the entire crop; and that the great Federal Reserve System alone is fully capable of bringing relief to the South. All of which is absolutely true, but so far as the individual farmer is concerned it is all "Bull"—or, to be gentle—it relieveth him not.

The plan of holding cotton in Standard warehouses, privately owned, is profitable only to the very large merchants, fertilizer dealers, manufacturers and speculators.

The producer had far better sell his cotton out right at almost any price, at home, than to consign it to the generous protection of such institutions as furnish food for the

Octopus which thrives best and fattens faster when fed from such sources.

The price of cotton will never be controlled by the farmer, or even influenced by him, so long as the necessary facilities for holding and storing the staple remain in the hands of men other than those who produce it. Keep this thought uppermost in your mind. It runs through both weave and warp of the warehouse act. By the way, reader, have you ever read that act? How many are those who have devoted to its study a reasonable amount of intelligent thought? It is the only instrument of legislation which provides an absolute source of relief to the producer of cotton, who, since the war between the States, has been a slave to our miserable credit system. It is the one instrument, which, if utilized, will enable our merchants to act as reservoirs, thus preventing the overflow of cotton upon a disorganized and depressed market. I guarantee that the North, East or West would snap at such an opportunity to control the marketing of a product of some great industry of theirs, yet we people of the South are willing to sacrifice our very substance, rather than cut a rut or swerve the least from a trodden path ingeniously prescribed by the subtle brain of subsidized interests.

The Warehouse Commissioner cannot build our warehouses, a wise provision of the act, but he can and is instructed to take them into the system when built, provided, etc.

Every merchant and every farmer who handles one hundred bales of cotton or more per annum should have a warehouse upon his premises sufficiently roomy to protect his cotton from the weather, if for no other purpose.

Any merchant or farmer who has such a warehouse, one hundred feet or more from all other buildings, well built and with a metal roof, rain proof and first class in every physical respect, can transfer the same by lease or rental into the State system and for the normally small sum of about ten cents per bale per month, secure a State warehouse receipt which carries with it all the privileges of the great system, and which is recognized by the Federal Reserve bank as preferred collateral security, to which notes may be attached and readily discounted, payable twelve months after date, if so long a time be desired.

A half dozen farmers producing thirty or forty bales each uniting their interest could likewise enjoy these privileges.

The remedy is at hand, but without the preparation it availeth nothing.

Money is abundant, but cotton will have to be sold at a sacrifice or warehoused—the receipt will be absolutely necessary.

The privately owned and managed warehouse is not practical, is too expensive and is undesirable. The warehouse under State control is feasible, practical and preferred. Details would continue this article beyond reasonable length. Those who are interested can act for themselves. A little deliberate thought, a little expenditure of money and a little perseverance would fully prepare our people to meet any emergency that might come.

Dismiss the idea that warehouses should be built of brick and located on expensive town lots. Such is not necessary. The proper place to store the staple is in or near the field upon which it grows—and the South Carolina warehouse system provides this opportunity. E C EPSS.

**Burglary at Hemingway.**

Hemingway, August 23:—The store of the Haselden Mercantile Co was broken into and entered last Thursday night, the thief gaining entrance by breaking the glass in the front. The cash drawer was torn open but contained only 27 cents in pennies, it happening that Mr Hemingway put all of his cash into the safe before closing Thursday night. Several pairs of shoes were taken from the shelves, but it could not be learned whether the intruder found any to his liking or not.

The bloodhounds were wired for early Friday morning from Kingstree, but a message was received from Sheriff Graham to the effect that it was impossible to come on account of roads being in bad condition, owing to the recent very heavy rains.

**The Clerk Guaranteed It.**

"A customer came into my store the other day and said to one of my clerks, 'have you anything that will cure diarrhoea?' and my clerk went and got him a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, and said to him, 'if this does not cure you, I will not charge you a cent for it.' So he took it home and came back in a day or two and said he was cured," writes J H Berry & Co, Salt Creek, Va. Obtainable everywhere.