## THE WATCHMAN AND SOUTHRON, NOVEMBER 8, 1911.

# **CAROLINA** PLAN WELL RECEIVED

## COTTON PRICE FIGHT.

Movement Insugurated by South may be relied upon to take the speedy Carolina Farmers' Union at Columbia Meeting Expected to Extend Over Whole Cotton Belt - Texas and Alabama Commissioners of Agriculture, Replying to Watson's Telegram, Give Hearty Approval-Detais of Plan.

Columbia, Nov. 4 .-- A telegram' received today by Commissioner Watcon, from E. R. Kone, commissioner of agriculture of the State of Texas, indicates that the State is heartily in sympathy with the cotton holding movement proposed by the South Carolina farmers in session here Tuesday night. Mr. Kone expresses his hearty sympathy and co-operation with the plan and says the movement is already getting under way in the Lone Star State

A telegram from Commissioner Kolb, of Alabama, last night indicated the co-operation of that State ton. in the movement for an immediate retirement of cotton from the market until the price reaches 13 cents, and President Barrett, of the National Farmers Union, who was on the inad traveling yesterday and saw the press summary of the call sent out, got through this simple message this afternoon: "It looks good to me."

Printed copies of the pledges as to holding cotton and reducing cotton creage to not more than 60 per cent of arable lands are to be distributed at once throughout this State and signatures obtained as soon as possible. It is not known yet just what arrangemen's are to be made in Richland County, though it is stated that 2.050 bales of cotton had already been pledged in Richland to be held for a more reasonable price.

The fight for higher prices for cotton and the campaign to keep all cotton off the market is now on all over the cotton belt, following the dispatching of the telegrams to the commissioners of every \_oeston-growing state and State presidents of farmers' unions yesterday by Commissionor Watson. It is expected that the aunching of this campaign all over the cotton belt will have some immediate effect.

other members of national committee

action invoked. E. J. Watson, 'President Southern Cotton Congress. "Approved:

"E. W. Dabbs, "President State Farmers' Union. "J. Whitner Reid, Secretary-Treasurer. Farmers Union Sun."

The form of agreement suggested is as follows:

"1. We, the undersigned, owners pledge ourselves to withhold from the market the number of bales entered opposite our respective names, until September 1, 1912, or until the price of cotton has reached 13 cents, and we do severally solemnly declaring that we will regard this pledge as sacred.

per cent of our arable lands in cot-

"3. We hereby agree to forward to this measure of assistance to a cause of the State Farmers' Union, Columbia, S. C., by postal money order, 2 cents per bale for the cotton held, to defray expenses of the holding campaign."

The following letter has been read to every County Union president in this State.

"My Dear Sir: In accordance with action taken at the mass meeting of the State Farmers' Union held in Co-Union to address you this letter, im-

ment facing a crisis which demands The body was taken to a local underourselves to the utmost for the next row for burial. few weeks, even to the neglect of per-

through belt in holding cause for animated our people ever since the Senator Smith, President Barrett and Commonwealth was founded.

"In regard to the two cents per Reports State that the Construction OTHER STATES TO JOIN HIGHER created at Montgomery. Kindly wire bale, in order that the accounts may me immediately if in behalf of every be kept without any danger of mismaterial interest in the South you apprehension or misplacing of funds, it is earnestly desired that you advise and direct every man who signs the pledge to remit this small sumby postal money order diect to me by mail. We desire postal money order remittance for the reason that it enables us to keep an exact record and any miscarriage in the mails can be easily traced immediately upon complaint, and, further, there is no charge for collection.

> "In sending in your daily reports of cotton of the 1910-11 crop, hereby simply use one of the blanks, a supply of which is sent you, thus making a duplicate of the record in the hands of the clerk of court.

"We desire you to show this letter and all of the accompanying documents to the clerk of the court of your county, ask him to receive and keep these pledges on file and assist

"2. We further agree not to plant, you in every way possible with the for the crop of 1912, more than 60 undertaking. I feel sure that there is not a clerk of court in the State who will not only be willing to lend

Whitner Reid, secretary-treasurer which means so much to the masses of people. Fraternnally yours, J. Whitner Reid,

Secretary, South Carolina State Farmers' Union.

FATALLY HURT IN COLUMBIA.

Blackstock Lady, Struck by Auto, Dies of Injuries.

Columbia, Nov. 4 .-- Mrs. W. S. lumbla yesterday evening, I am di- Hameter, of Blackstock, was struck rected by the president of the State by an automobile belonging to Mr. J. Caldwell Robertson shortly after pressing upon you the vital import- noon today, on upper Main street, and ance, not alone to the cotton pro- knocked down, her skull being crushducing interests of our State, but to ed. She was removed at once to a the Union stself, of your prompt, vig- hospital and given medical attention, orous and earnest action upon the but died this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock request made. We are at this mo- without recovering consciousness.

that the individual cotton-producer taking establishment and made ready shall be reached effectively, and it is for shipment to Blackstock. The the sense of all who participated in Rev. W. S. Hameter, of Blackstock, the deliberations held that we, as the husband of the dead woman, arthe Farmers' organization in South rived in the city tonight, accompan-Carolina, owe it to ourselves, to our ied by several friends, and the body wives and to our children to exert will probably be taken there tomor-

In the car at the time of the accisonal business, to secure in writing dent were Miss Olive Robertson,

SEABOARD AIR LINE.

Is Rapidly Proceeding to Georgetown.

Charleston Post.

A Georgetown man in Charleston reported that good progress is being made in the railroad construction in that section, and that it would not be long before the connections are all made up and the Seaboard Air Line enters Georgetown, to be extended to Charleston, he said by several connections, reaching this city by way of Mount Pleasant, as stated last week in The Evening Post.

There has been no official statenone, the Georgetown man said. for

stood that the railroad work is being husiness hasis not actively promoted by the Seat Air Line and that it will not be before the work will be comp and a definite announcement m

ITALIANS ACCUSED OF BUTCH

Horrible Acts Charged to Italian diers by English Officers.

London, Nov. 3.-Agitation as alleged airocities by Italians in poli which has sprung up in British press and is supported h few members of the House of mons since uncensored reports ed here from English correspond concerning recent outrages in Tripoli. received further impetus from a telegram received here from Herbert Montague, a second lieutenant of the 5th Fusiliers. He telegraphed from Soukely Chama, by way of Dehibat on the frontier of Tunis, as follows: "I feel it my duty to send to you

the following telegram and beg you, in the name of Christianity, to publish it throughout England. I am an English officer, voluntarily serving in the Turkish army here.

"As you know about the furious resistance which the Turks and Arabs are offering the Italians, I will only express my admiration for their bravery and fortitude, which would warm the heart of any Englishman or of any true soldier in the world.

"Imagine my feelings when, on entering and driving the Italians out of Arab houses, which they had for-

### MARKETS FOR FARM PRODUCTS.

South Carolina Farmers Can Be Independent of Cotton If Market for Other Products is Assured.

### Editor Daily Item:

I am impelled by your editorial in reference to the markets for corn, oats, hay and live stock in Sumter county, to commend and extol your advice. You have put your finger on the gist of the whole matter. As one interested in nearly two thousand acres in three counties, as a planter, my interest is in the money crop, I can have planted on my lands. So are all owners interested. Ffteen years ago I lost money on ment, and there will be probably Irish potato planting. The middleman steals all the profits. The stables some time, but it is generally under- may buy your corn, but not on a

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49112 Mcb-April 492 Auril--May 191 1951/2 May-June June-July 497 July-Aug 499 Aug-Sept 49746 Sept-Oct Oct-Nov 1911/2 Nov-Dec Dec-Jan Reecipts, 24.000. American, all. Sales, 10,000. American, 9,400. Spots, 5.12-5 off.

Opened steady. Closed quiet and steady.

TILLMAN, JONES AND BLEASE.

All at State Fair, Greeting Friends and Supporters.

Columbia, Nov. 2 .--- Senator Tillman spent yesterday in Columbia, attending the meetings of the Clemson board of trustees and taking in the Fair. He returned home today.

The Senator was everywhere greeted by his friends, who were glad to see him looking so well. He saw the politiciaus on all sides, but if he talkknow where to sell it. Please print ed politics at all it was not for publiyour editorial again in black ink on cation. When asked concerning the race for Governor, he said he had said all that he was going to say now. To his friends it appeared that he was watching the approaching contest between Governor Blease and Chief Justice Jones, as an experienced prize fighter would watch a contest between two other contestants, in position to pass expert opinion upon the tactics and the movements of both men. As to his own race for re-election and the candidacy of Ex-Congressman Talbert against him, the Senator seemed not at all disturbed. He did not say so, but it was learned that a number of influential men. who in days of factionalism were prominently known as anti-Tillmanites, individually and without concert of action, assured the Senator that he is their choice for the Senate, irrespective of who else may be in the race.

	ue in the West, no matter what you
long	make. So we keep it to brag to
ade.	our friends about last year's crop not
	being out, a barnful not being touched. No money in that, and
ERY	yet we can make corn, combined with cow peas and hay, cheaper than
Sol.	the West. Sumter county, has the cat crop record yield of the world
••	(Haynsworth farm), but we have no
Tri-	market for oats, except by peddling them around. When the banks ask
n the	us, "how is your crop," they mean cotton; they mean how many bales
by a Com-	will you make. These are facts; no planter will dispute them. So, to
arriv- dents.	climb out of the cotton pit, into which

we have fallen, we must have markets for our products, cash markets for corn, peas, hay and oats, recognized as staple products, by our banks, with buyers in cities, giving daily quotations, similar to cotton quotations. Hot air will not carry

planters out of that cotton pit. We have made a spectacular cotton crop. Spectacular because it is open all at one time. It is large, but the top crop will never make up what has been lost on the ground of good

cotton, and one-third of the crop will graded below middling. No scheming of the mills or the bears, can give them the high grade cotton they want in the quantity they claim has been made. But we are helpless because we have no other crop to sell, and if we had, we wouldn't first page of your paper. Allow me to ask you to change the words "farmers of Sumter county" to farmers of South Carolina. I am fortunate enough not to have sold any cotton this year, but it is a business absurdity to ask any man not to sell cotton, his only money crop, who owes debts, or to curtail a planting (a physical exhibition of his energies), when he is personally trying to make as much money as he can.

The Markets new York Cotton Market. New York, Nov. 6.

Opened High Low Close, 8 95 Jan 8 98 8 93 8 95-96 AL. 9 05 Mch 9 09 9 03 9 06-07 April May 9 16 9 18 9 14 9 16-17 June July 9 24 9 25 9 23 9 24-25 Aug SeD 9 22 9 22 9 24 9 23-25 Oct 9 23 9 22 9 21 9 21-22 Nov 9 04-08 9 18 Dec 9 20 9 14' 9 18-19 Spots, 9.40--unchanged.

Sales none.

Opened steady.

Liverpool, Nov. 6.

Port receipts today, 73,186 vs. 54,-728 last year.

The markets will be closed Tuesday on account election day in New York.

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It is planned not only to hold a stated number of bales of cotton off. the market until it reaches 13 cents, but also to have farmers sign pledges mot to plant more than 60 per cent of their arable lands in cotton, thus reducing the acreage. It is hoped to carry the campaign into every town-Books will be opened in every counalso be recorded in each county.

The farmers will be asked less the price previously reaches 13 per along with a copy of the mescents. For the purpose of raising sage to the other States and that you sessment of 2 cents per bale is made on every cotton grower.

The telegram to the commissioners text of agreement to be used in seare appended s.s follows:

"Following action of mass meetsteps to push with all vigor you poment on following lines, similar reless than 2 cents per bale from grow-Union to defray expenses quick cam- done in each of the other States. paign for pledges, publishing re-

pledges from each individual owner daughter of Mr. Caldwell Robertson. of cotton in every township in every a girl friend and the negro chaufcounty in the State. Feeling thus the feur, Horace Jones. The automobile call has been sent out in an official had just turned into Main street, manner to every other State in the about opposite Smith's drug store, Union that grows cotton for similar when Mrs. Hameter, just at this spot, action to be taken simultaneously.

"I beg herewith to enclose a copy chip throughout the cotton belt. of the call that has been sent to the other States, which will explain itself ty in the State in which the names of and give you an accurate idea of the farmers pledging themselves to hold quick campaign that is to be made cotton will be recorded. Another set in the effort to check the downward by the blow. of pledges to plant only 60 per cent trend of the price of cotton. I also of the arable lands in cotton will enclose a number of blanks of the cotton pledge that we wish signed by to every man that can be reached pledge themselves to hold a certain through meetings or as individuals, number of bales of cotton off the and will ask that you see that this to the husband several children surmarket until September 1, 1912, un- pledge be printed in your county pa-

funds to carry on the campaign an as- issue over your signature a call for every grower of cotton in your sounty to come to the clerk's office at the Court House and affix his signature to of agriculture and State Farmers' one of these papers. We further Union presidents, the letter to Coun- most earnestly ask you, in discharg-

ty Farmers' Union presidents and the ing the duties of your responsible position in this crisis, to each day furcuring pledges for holding cotton, nish by mail to me at Columbia a statement giving the names of the individuals that have pledged theming South Carolina farmers would selves to hold their cotton and to re-

urge upon you to take immediate duce their acreage in accordance with the pledge, stating opposite the name meas, in every township and coun- of each the number of bales that ne ty in your State, the holding move- agrees or pledges himself to hold. "It is our purpose to endeavor as quest being made of State Farmers' far as possible to send lecturers into Union presidents of your State. your county to arouse and stimulate Open books each county seat for sig- the people to a full sense of their renatures of farmers to pledge to sponsibility in this quick-holding camhold stated number of bales until paign, and I would suggest that both September 1, 1912, or until the price you and the county secretary and has reached 13 cents; prosecute vig- these lecturers carry a supply of orous campaign each township for blanks for pledges to each point holding cotton and getting pledges; visited, and that all of you get as get also pledges to reduce cotton many signatures as possible, file the acreage for 1912 to not exceeding 60 documents in the clerk's office and per cent of arable land held; get re- forthwith forward the information to ports each day as to pledges filed and me. It is our purpose to collate this publish names of signers with num- information each day and to publish ber of bales pledged. Call for not the names of the holders in the newspapers with the number of bales held. ers holding cotton to be sent in- not alone so far as this State is conmediately to secretary-treasurer State cerned, but the same thing will be

The Daily Itom is requested by Mr. is survived by his wife and the fol-"After a careful consideration of he stated in the presence of others E. L. Dickson of this city to state lowing children: Messrs. J. W., W. ceipts daily. This plan is already un-CHESTNUT IN PENITENTIARY. every plan suggested, in the present that the negro boy recently lynched that he is not the man arrested in the T. and J. C. Mixson, Mrs. W. A. Coleder way in South Carolina and quick crisis, the one that we are putting in there for the nameless crime was the social club while gambling as stated man and Mrs. Charles B. Sheer, of and effective retirement of cotton operation seems to be not alone prac- wrong one. He stated that he had Slaver of W. B. Sabin Begins Ffteenseems assured. It is absolutely nec- ticable, but the only one that is open this information from above. Montgomery, Ala. Year Sentence. a most cesary to bring the individual produc- in this hour of need promising suc- liable source, and that some of those re Col. Mixson was a native of Barn-Orangeburg, Nov. 4 .-- R. Chestnut, well county and during his life held who was sentenced to fifteen years' WORK ON WRECK OF MAINE. er into line right now if millions of cess, and we feel that it is the duty who took part in the horrible affair dollars are to be saved to the cotton of every man charged with the safe- were now of the several public offices. He was assisimprisonment at the last term of Now in Last Stages-Explosion From tant of Education under Mr. Mayfield; opinion that the belt. Plans for the future can be guarding of the interest of the pro- wrong one was killed. If this be true criminal court for the killing of W. agreed upon later, but a feasible ducing classes in this State to throw Exterior. superintendent of the old State dis-R. Sabin, was taken to the State Penit only adds to the enormity of the pensary and the first dispensary com- itentiary this afternoon to begin serquick campaign of this kind, push- aside as far as possible all personal deed and shows how dangerous Havana, Nov. 4 .--- The last stages missioner under Governor Tillman. vice. Directly after Chestnut was simultaneously in all our States, work and devote themselves for the law is. The only safe way is to stick of the work of uncovering and exam- From the first of last January to the sentenced counsel for the defence can and will effectively stem the pres- moment to the earnest discharge of to the law. Let the law deal with all ining the wreck of the Maine are now time of his death he was at the head stated that the case would be appealent disastrous tide in this critical ino- this patriotic duty, which means the classes of criminals and then our advancing with great rapidity. of the Old Soldiers' Home in this ed, but the appeal was never perment. I most earnestly appeal to conservation of a vast sum of money hands will be kept clean of human All indications continue to be city. Col. Mixson served in the Con-fected. your particitism in the name of the that justly belongs to our people, blood. strongly confirmatory of the finding federate army as an orderly in Jenmasses of Southern people to act up- which cannot be conserved unless our of the Sampson board of inquiry, that kins' brigade. At the time of his L. W. McLemore, Esq., of Florence, on this matter and act quickly. Am men heed the call to arms and go into Mr. S. F. Moore, of Dalzell, was in the destruction of the Maine was due death he was a member of Camp is in the city attending court this arranging for whirlwind campaign the battle with the spirit that has the city Monday. to in exterior explosion. Hampton. week,

alighted from a hack and in an endeavor either to dodge some vehicle or catch a street car, ran in front of Mr. Robertson's car. The force of the contact threw Mrs. Hameter to the sidewalk, her skull being crushed in

Mrs. Hameter's husband is pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Blackstock and the news of the terrible accident was learned with horror by the people of this city. In addition vive. Mr. and Mrs. Hameter only recently moved to Blackstock from North Carolina.

The negro chauffeur, Horace Jones, mmediately surrendered himself and was locked up in jail. An inquust over the body of Mrs. Hameter will be held tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock by Coroner R. D. Walker.

Mr. Robertson said that today was the first time his car had been out on Main street during Fair week, and he had kept it off in order to avoid just such accidents as happened. He says that he did not even take it to the Fair grounds on account of the crowds. Mr. Robertson says that his chauffeur is a careful driver and he had given him instructions to be extra

careful this week.

Chauffeur Held for Murder. Columbia, Nov. 5 .- An inquest was held this morning over the remains of Mrs. W. S. Hamiter, the Blackstock lady who was run over and killed yesterday on Main street. The coroner's jury returned a verdict that the deceased came to her death by being run over by an atuomobile driven by Horace Jones, the colored chauffeur. Jones was held and committed to jail. charged with murder.

### Was the Wrong Man Lynched? Pickens Sentinel.

At Easley Tuesday last we met a gentleman from near the scene of

the recent Honea Path lynching, and

tified and were holding, we discovered the bodies of some 120 women and children with their hands and feet bound, mutilated, pierced and torn. Later on at (name of the town was lost in transmission) we found a mosque filled with bodies of women and children mutilated almost beyond recognization. I could not count them, but there must have been three or four hundred.

"In this European war are such crimes to be committed? Cannot England do something to stop such horrors? In our civilization and times you can hardly believe it, but it is true, nevertheless. 1 myself, have seen it ,so I know.

"Even now we are getting news of further massacres of women and children, who were discovered on different farms lately occupied by Italians. The idea of the Italians when they slaughtered the innocents obviously was one of revenge for their heavy losses in battle.

"We are at this moment under heavy shrapnel fire, so you must excuse me if these sentences are somewhat disjoined. There is also an aeroplane circling over our position and directing the enemy's fire on us." Lieut. Montague's message is dated November 2.

Six Arrests Were Made and Para-

phernalia Seized.

Columbia State, Nov. 3.

The police rounded up a game of faro in the social club over the Kentucky stable last night, and as the result, seized about 1,200 chips other paraphernalia of the game, and made six arrests. Ed. Joyner was charged the following with gambling: W. T. Irving, P. S. Bates, W. F. Ladd. E. L. Dickson and Walter Ham.

the scene the game was in progress. This was about 10 o'clock. The bond, amounting to \$240, was furnished by Ed Joyner.

Yours truly, Walter Cheyne.

MURDER IN NEWBERRY.

Aged Merchant Done to Death Saturturday Night.

Newberry, Nov. 5.-A horrible murder, committed some time during last night, was revealed about daybreak this morning, when the dead body of Will S. Ruff, a white man about 60 years of age, was found on the floor in the little store room, which is a part of th. house in which he lived, on the eastern outskirts of the city. A blow on the left side of of the head with a blunt instrument had torn open the skull, and the head was lying in a pool of blood and brains. An old axe, standing against the fire place, with blood and hair on it, was evidently the instrument with FARO GAME AT SOCIAL CLUB. which the dastardly deed was done, the injury being inflicted by the pole of the axe.

COL. F. M. MIXON DEAD.

Well Known South Carolina Veteran Dies Suddenly.

Columbia, Nov. 5 .- Col. F. M. Mixson, head of the Old Soldiers' Home death. He had risen apparently as Carolina knows. well as ever, but at 10.30 o'clock suddenly passed away. The funeral services will be conducted tomorrow afternoon at his residence, at 4 o'clock, in Elmwood Cemetery. Col Mixson

Senator Tillman talked more argriculture than politics, while he was in Columbia. He is deeply interested in his farm. He still walks with a slight limp, but his general health appears to be excellent, and his brain is as quick and incinsive in its working as ever.

Chief Justice Jones has been in Columbia throughout the week. While Mr. Jones maintains his attitude of passivity as a candidate as long as he is on the Bench, he is being all the time approached by influentia. men from all sections of the State with assurances of support in his race against Governor Blease.

Governor Blease has, of course, been in Columbia during the Fair, was unable on that account to attend the Conference of Southern Governors held this week at New Orleans. The Governor is always on the job here, died suddenly this morning, when it comes to looking after his powith running a gambling house and heart failure being the cause of his litical fences, as everybody in South

> There has been more or less talk among the politicians of other candidates entering the contest for Governor, and several of the men by the Rev. Charles E. Woodson, pas- mentioned as possibilities have been tor of the Church of the Good Shep- in the city, but no announcements herd, and the remains will be interred have yet been made .- News and Courier.

At the time the officers arrived on