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A VITAL CONSIDERATION.

You have a son. You are proud of him. You wish him to have better opportunities than you have had; to be better, broader, and stronger than you are. This is right and just—the natural yearnings of a father's heart.

Qualifications Requisite for Office.

In that great and good book which Jehovah has given to be "a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path" we may by diligent search find definite direction for all of our conduct.

Sumter will be governed for the next four years by three representative citizens who were chosen by the qualified electors of the community on account of their business ability.

We are informed that some of our readers of the Jewish faith were offended by the publication in this paper a few days ago of a political joke that was clipped from another paper.

arouse against Judge Jones by charging him with being a "mixed-blood," referring to the alleged fact that Judge Jones has Jewish blood in his veins. To further show the lack of intent to wound the sensibilities of any of our readers, it is a fact that the Editor did not know that the paragraph that gave offense was in the paper until it was called to his attention after the paper was printed.

DIRTY AND DISGUSTING.

Unquestionably this has been the dirtiest and most disgusting political campaign South Carolina has ever been called upon to endure. Governor Blease overstepped all bounds day after day in his speeches from the stump, using profane and violent language and making obscene, lewd and vicious insinuations against Judge Jones and men in the audience who have asked questions.

THE TIDE HAS TURNED.

The people of South Carolina are coming to themselves. There have been many, who believed that Blease is not so black as he is painted and they championed the cause of one who they thought, was the underdog in the fight.

What Will He Do?

Darlington News and Press. Governor Blease has offered one thousand dollars to the man who will bring T. B. Felder into South Carolina and within reach of the Governor.

New York Cotton Market.

Table with columns for Open and Close prices for various months (January, March, May, October, December).

Local Market.

Basis middling, 12.59 cents.

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL ADDRESS

SCHEMES FOR FINANCING COTTON CROP REFUSED.

Resolution Asks That Farmers Act Individually Until Warehouse System is Enacted Into Law.

The committee on marketing and banking of the South Carolina State Farmers' Union has made report in which it is recommended that the State union at this time "do not give its endorsement of the proposed schemes of cooperation for marketing and financing the cotton crop, that have been presented today, leaving each individual to act for himself until the plan for the State warehouse system is completed and enacted into law."

"We believe such cordial relations between the grower and the banks should be cultivated in every county as it will greatly aid the solution of this problem whatever final plan is adopted," says the report of the committee.

At the annual meeting of the State Farmers' Union held here several days ago E. W. Dabbs of Sumter, and president of the union, delivered his annual address, in which he pointed out the progress made during the year.

Address of President Dabbs.

"It is the custom, and a good one, that at each annual meeting your president shall in a more or less formal manner give you a resume of the year's activities.

"When I assumed the responsible duties of this honorable position to which you called me by your votes, it was with serious doubts of my ability to maintain the high standard of efficiency set by my distinguished predecessors.

"There are two reasons for this. One is that, though we have organized more new locals, we have failed to hold as large paid up membership. The other is that by reason of the conditions that developed in the cotton market, it became necessary to wage a very strenuous and expensive campaign to reassure our people and to try to prevent them from sacrificing their cotton. It was a condition and not a theory that confronted us.

"I am proud of the record the Farmers' Union made in the cotton campaign, a movement which had its humble beginning in the Sumter county union, when it met with the Winnsboro local of Lee county on August 4, 1911.

"There are other matters that the reports of the various committees will touch upon, and it would be out of place for me to anticipate them.

"The time is past, and, I trust, is past forever, when men can only be organized by appeals to prejudice, to class distinctions or to promises impossible to perform.

"Is this an end worth working for? Can any other organization be as effective as the Farmers' Union to bring about such results? Is this not a practical plan? The answer can be nothing but yes, yes, yes.

"Then in the name of common sense, why should any one fight the Farmers' Union, as I am told it is fought in some sections? And why should not every farmer worth the name of farmer be enrolled under our banners? Echo answers, 'Why?'

could we have foreseen its magnitude, and the hours and days and weeks and months of physical and mental toil, we would never have mustered courage to begin. But with the progress and the results accomplished thus far, why such a work does not appeal to our people, I can only understand on the idea that they have no conception of what it all means. If they did, instead of having to practice the strictest economy, we would have thousands of dollars to enable our officers to keep in touch with the world's trade, and to keep lecturers in the field to give our people accurate information of the true conditions.

Right here it is proper that I express my thanks to the press of the State for the general space they have given to our cause in the many articles they have published, and in many instances for editorial commendation.

"I have tried by pen and voice, in season and out of season, to reach the independent farmers and the big farmers. I have tried to show them that the union is not merely for the poor man, but that it offers them the only avenue through which they can protect themselves, that is by taking care of their less fortunate neighbors.

"Therefore have we called on the unions, the chambers of commerce and the banks who are the fiscal agents of the entire business community, to combine our resources and our brains for the common defense.

"From a study of these problems for many years, I am convinced that it is ignorance of the principles of commerce that keeps us from successful organization. For this reason I have taken up the matter of studying 'Farm Finance and Marketing' in the colleges. It is a great pleasure to report to you that every institution where I have been able to present my need of this department, I have received a friendly hearing and have assurance that something will be done.

"We never influence I may have in these affairs is due to my official position as your president. I have always kept to the front the idea that it is not the man, but the president of a great organization of patriots that suggests these improvements.

"The time is past, and, I trust, is past forever, when men can only be organized by appeals to prejudice, to class distinctions or to promises impossible to perform.

"To the discouraged members of the union, let me commend what Jehovah said to Elijah who had fled from the wicked Queen Jezebel and had requested for himself that he only die, for he thought that he only was left to serve the true God.

"There are yet many thousands of your constituents who are true to the principles of the Farmers' Union, who have not, nor ever will, bend the pregnant hinges of the knee that thrift may follow fawning."

The Best Way.

A correspondent wants to know how to pronounce Chihuahua. The best way is to say Chy-hew-hew and then laugh as though you knew better. If it is done artistically you can get away with it nearly every time.

FARMERS' UNION NEWS Practical Thoughts for Practical Farmers. (Conducted by E. W. Dabbs, President S. C. Farmers Union.)

Some Random Thoughts and Notes on State Meeting.

Except the few disparaging remarks noted in the last letter, there comes from every side words of cheer and hope, inspired by the action of the State Union on the few questions it made any deliverance upon.

Those were good talks made by Beall and Swearingen on education but the one predominant note of this meeting of the State Union was marketing, and the collateral and important subjects of Finance and Banking.

Every one of these men advanced practical ideas. And every one of them are better understood, and more favorably known than ever before.

And this is not merely my opinion, but the ideas have been expressed by numbers of competent judges whom I have heard discussing the meeting. The hearty response to Mr. McLaurin's suggestion that he would like to make a personal contribution to enable the President of the Union to do more effective work was evidence of the sincerity of those present.

Before leaving Columbia, by the advice of the Executive Committee, Bro. Mahaffey was made a special Deputy Organizer. The President would like to have the names of other good men to appoint special deputy organizers for we are putting on a whirlwind campaign for members.

In the retirement of Bro. McIntyre from the Executive Committee, a true Union man, and hard worker goes back to the ranks, not exactly either, for he is still Secretary and Treasurer of Union County Union.

His First Need. "Well, old man, how's tricks?" "Miss Wellby accepted me last night." "I suppose you are around today accepting congratulations?" "No; I'm around today trying to borrow \$200 to buy the ring."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Man's Idea of Woman's Dress. "If a man spots anything remarkable about a woman's dress, nine times out of ten it is something that annoys him; if he merely considers her well dressed, the effect as a whole is enough for him, and details are superfluous."—Clouds, by Charles Iggleden.

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WILSON CONFERS WITH SMITH.

SOUTH CAROLINA SENATOR DISCUSSES TARIFF WITH PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE.

Told Delegation of Negroes He Was Born and Raised in South and Understood Them.

Trenton, N. J., July 30.—Gov. Wilson had a long conference at the State house today with Senators Mark Smith of Arizona and Ellison D. Smith of South Carolina, upon tariff question and how he will deal with it in his speech of acceptance.

"There is a growing sentiment in my State and in the South generally," Senator Ellison D. Smith said, "for adequate tariff protection. In my opinion the regulation should be gradual. High protection is now the law. We ought to give our friends who believe in it a chance to come back into the fold."

J. Taylor Ellison, former lieutenant governor of Virginia, an old friend, took luncheon with Gov. Wilson.

A delegation from the United Negro Democracy of New Jersey called on the governor and told him that men of their race wanted to support a candidate in sympathy with their aims and ambitions in life.

"I was born and raised in the South," the governor told them. "There is no place where it is easier to cement friendship between the two races than there. They understand each other better than elsewhere. You may feel assured of my entire comprehension of the abilities of the negro race and my willingness and desire to deal with that race fairly and justly."

Thoughts Suggested by an Old Text.

About twenty-one years ago Bishop George Pierce preached a memorable sermon in Wofford College on this text: "He that walketh uprightly, walketh surely." While reading now crooked some of the citizens of the State have been walking recently, this text has come up to memory every day.

An educated sentiment against crime is needed. It has come to pass that criminals, pardoned convicts, gamblers, all sorts of violators of law are just as good and a little better than men who have walked uprightly all their lives.

A young man may start out and walk crooked and yield to all sorts of evil suggestions. Afterwards he may repent, but there will always be a limp in his gait, an unsteady step in rough places.

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President, and since as pure food inspector to need any introduction in South Carolina. All the other officers were re-elected. There is more, but it will have to wait another letter.

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