

**SELF-SUSTAINING AGRICULTURE.**

**Bradford Knapp Advises Cooperation of Bankers, Business Men and Farmers.**

The Bankers, Business Men and Farmers in Cotton Territory: The good results obtained in the South through increased attention to supporting the people upon the land would not be lost on account of changed economic conditions. The united effort of all the agricultural and business forces of the South last year brought the South nearer to "Safe Farming" and a "Self-sustaining agriculture" than ever before in the history of the last forty years.

With the price of cotton going up, you, Mr. Banker, Mr. Business Man and Mr. Farmer, going back to the old way? The history of the agriculture of the South has been a history of lean years and fat years. The farmer has lived in distress because short crops and high prices are almost invariably followed by big crops and low prices. If we could produce our own living it would steady the whole system and keep the boat from rocking. The entire agriculture of the cotton belt has been a gamble. There has been no safety in it. It has not produced a rich and prosperous farming people because of the uncertainty, although cotton is one of the greatest of cash crops.

With the rise in the price of cotton are you going to play safe or are you going to take a chance? Now is the time to decide. If you gamble on the price of cotton you take a chance; if you follow the program outlined by all of the agricultural forces last fall, you will take no chance. Here is the program in a nutshell, the title of which is, "Safe Farming."

First. Produce a home garden for every family on the farm, the year round, paying special attention to a plot of Irish or sweet potatoes sufficient to supply the family with food of this character. Where feasible, have a patch of sorghum or other cane to produce syrup for the family.

Second. Produce the corn necessary to support all of the people on the farm and the livestock, with absolute safety.

Third. Produce the necessary oats and other small grain to supplement the corn as food. Pay attention to winter grazing.

Fourth. Produce hay and forage from some forage crop, sufficient to supply all of the livestock on the farm. Use legumes such as clover, cowpeas, velvet beans, soy, beans and alfalfa for the production of hay and to enrich the soil with nitrogen and humus.

Fifth. Produce the meat necessary to supply the people, through increased attention to poultry and hogs, especially. Plan to gradually increase the number of cattle and other live stock so as to have a sufficient number to consume the waste products of the farm and make the waste lands productive.

Sixth. After all of these things have been amply provided for, produce cotton for the market.

If this course is pursued the farmer will prosper whether cotton be 15 cents or 6 cents. If cotton is 6 cents the farmer will be able to live; if it is 15 cents there will be more profit in his cotton crop, in the long run, than there would be if he neglected the living.

Mr. Business Man and Mr. Farmer, do you want the South to prosper permanently? If so, lend your influence to this great problem of "Safe Farming." A campaign will be carried on in the various States during the winter and spring centering around the various lines of this program. Lend your aid and assistance to us in this campaign as you did last year.

Mr. Banker and Mr. Business Man, you want to pursue safe business methods! Won't you lend your influence to making the farming methods of the South a safe business proposition. The Extension forces in every State, conducted by co-operation between your State College of Agriculture and the United States Department of Agriculture, and with County Agents in most counties, are working on this great problem all of the time. Can't we have your help? Write the Extension Division of your Agricultural College, or this Department, and bulletins will be sent you covering all the subjects mentioned in this letter, and the plan of work will be explained.

Not "Safety First," but "Safe Farming Always."

Yours very truly,  
Bradford Knapp,  
Chief, Office of Extension Work in the South.

**Conscription Not Necessary.**  
London, Nov. 16.—Great Britain is no longer considering conscription. Premier Asquith announced today that voluntary enlistments had increased to such an extent that the situation is now satisfactory.

**The Hillstrom Case.**  
Washington, Nov. 17.—President Wilson has telegraphed Governor Speer of Utah, urging him to reconsider the Hillstrom case.

**SENSATIONAL CASE IN FLORENCE.**

**Wife of Dr. William Ilderton Brings Startling Charges Against Him in Alimony Suit.**

Florence, Nov. 16.—A very peculiar and sensational case was brought before the court of common pleas here this morning in a motion to submit the issues in reference to a suit for alimony by Mrs. William Ilderton against her husband, Dr. William Ilderton, a man who has been prominent in politics and public affairs in Florence since the '90s. He was senator from Florence county for several terms and has been a trustee of the State Industrial school and filled other positions of responsibility and honor. Mrs. Ilderton alleges immorality is practiced by her husband and charges neglect and cruelty. She is supported by affidavits by her children and others. In reply Dr. Ilderton alleges that his wife is very nervous and almost insanely jealous and suspicious and that her mind has been poisoned by his enemies and by members of her family. He is supported by affidavits that allege that Mrs. Ilderton sometimes denied her statements of cruelty and neglect and said that her husband had treated her well. They also allege a morbidness approaching to insanity.

The plaintiff requests the reference of the case that the details of the charges may not be made public, involving many innocent parties and touching homes other than the distressed one of the litigants. The defense insists that the case should be given to the jury, that Dr. Ilderton, who has been injured by the charges might be exonerated openly in court. Judge Gary has reserved his decision in the matter.

**MANNING FAVORS TRAINING CAMP.**

**Governor Believes Good Results Will be Obtained.**

Columbia, Nov. 16.—The announcement by Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood from New York that a citizens' military training camp is to be established at Camden by the United States war department for one month, beginning early in February, was received yesterday with interest in South Carolina military circles. Gov. Manning said that he was highly pleased with the decision of the department. The camp will be modeled after the Plattsburg (N. Y.) camp, where over 1,000 citizens went into training for one month last summer.

J. Shapter Caldwell, assistant adjutant general, said that the camp would arouse much interest in the National Guard, but that the general public was mistaken in thinking that one month's training would make a soldier.

Early this fall several militia officers conferred with Gov. Manning concerning the establishment of a camp in this State. One of the first officers to make the suggestion was Col. H. B. Springs of Georgetown, commanding the Second Infantry.

**CAMDEN TO WELCOME ENCAMPMENT.**

**Grateful at Choice of War Department for Place to Make Soldiers.**

Camden, Nov. 15.—The people of Camden were very much gratified to learn that the war department has selected Camden as a site for the business and professional men's training camp to be held next February.

Camden is an ideal location for such an encampment, having a number of suitable camp sites near the city, to which the city water and electric lights can be easily run, and in addition being near the railroad tracks, which would facilitate loading and unloading of all shipments.

The citizens of Camden, its mayor and council and the Chamber of Commerce will unite in every effort to facilitate the plans of the war department. Besides the encampment Camden expects a big polo season—four teams will winter here—and from the present outlook the tourist season will be an unusually large one. A number of cottagers have already arrived.

**BOOKER WASHINGTON'S FUNERAL.**

**Simple Services Attended by Eight Thousand Persons.**

Tuskegee, Nov. 17.—Simplicity marked the funeral of Washington. Fully eight thousand came to pay last tribute, only twenty-five hundred of whom could get into the chapel. The simple Episcopal service was read, together with a few of the thousands of telegrams, while the music consisted principally of old plantation songs which the noted negro loved so well. The cortege was headed by the trustees. Many noted whites and negroes were present.

**Bank Statement Called.**

Washington, Nov. 16.—The controller of the currency has issued a call for a report on the condition of all national banks at the close of business November 10th.

**SEABOARD RATIFIES MERGER.**

**Stockholders Confirm Articles of Agreement for Absorption of C. A. & W. Railway.**

Petersburg, Va., Nov. 15.—Stockholders of the Seaboard Air Line railway, representing 483,519 shares, this afternoon ratified articles of agreement merging their road and the Carolina, Atlantic & Western railway; also the issuance of mortgage bonds for \$300,000,000 to be assumed by the consolidated company as part of the consolidation.

The Carolina, Atlantic & Western stockholders already had ratified the merger.

Acquisition of the Carolina, Atlantic & Western adds 331 miles to the Seaboard Air Line system, which has under construction 85 miles of road between Charleston and Savannah.

**REPRIEVE FOR BETHUNE.**

**Governor Acts in Clarendon Case at Request of Judge.**

Columbia, Nov. 16.—Acting upon the request of Judge S. W. G. Shipp, Gov. Manning has granted a reprieve for one week to Willie Bethune, the Clarendon county negro, under sentence of death for killing G. B. Mirams in 1909. Bethune was to have been electrocuted at the State penitentiary this morning.

The following statement was given out by Gov. Manning:

"After receiving the final report from the board of pardons in the case of State vs. Willie Bethune, I determined that I would not further interfere with the execution. This afternoon I received the following telegram:

"Gov. R. I. Manning, Columbia.—I have had presented to me for the defendant Bethune a motion to stay execution pending a motion to be made for a new trial. I desire to look into the record which is voluminous, and request that you reprieve the defendant for one week from today. Please answer.

"S. W. G. Shipp,  
"Circuit Judge."

"This telegram was received in my office at 4.05 P. M. today. Later in the afternoon I talked with Judge Shipp on the phone and he verified the telegram.

"Acting on this request from Judge Shipp, I have granted a reprieve until next Monday, the 22nd."

**MEMORIAL FOR BOOKER WASHINGTON.**

**Subscriptions Started in Mobile Toward \$100,000 Fund.**

Mobile, Nov. 16.—Subscriptions have started by leading whites and negroes to a hundred thousand dollar fund to erect a memorial at Tuskegee to Booker Washington.

**MAYOR MITCHELL ILL.**

**New York's Chief Executive Has Appendicitis.**

New York, Nov. 16.—Mayor Mitchell was operated on for appendicitis last night. He is resting well this morning, and his physician hopes for a speedy recovery.

**OFF FOR WASHINGTON.**

**Smith's Office Force Goes to Capitol.**

Florence, Nov. 16.—Senator Smith has closed his office in Florence and his secretaries have gone to Washington to open the office of the senator there. Senator Smith will follow soon to be present at the caucuses held prior to the assembling of congress. Senator Smith's office here has been in charge of Miss Julia M. Phillips during the summer and fall. She has been kept very busy with the correspondence and affairs of the senator, who has been on the go most of the time, appearing in Florence only at intervals.

**Chicago Doctors Criticised.**

Chicago, Nov. 17.—There is a storm of commendation and criticism on the action of the German-American hospital surgeons in permitting the Boller baby to die because it is subnormal and malformed. Much of the criticism is on the grounds of morality and that physicians cannot be certain of the child's future, while other physicians and people of note declare it merciful to let the child die. Coroner Hoffman declared that "life is life, no matter what its condition." At ten o'clock this morning the doctors announced that the baby was growing weaker.

**In Civil Court.**

The case of S. C. Chevington against C. P. Oster is in progress in common pleas court today, having been commenced on yesterday afternoon. The plaintiff is suing for \$1,215 alleged damages because of an alleged violation of contract by the defendant. The case of Flora and Rosa Smith against R. C. Burrows resulted in a verdict for the defendant.

**SOUTH CAROLINA COMES BACK.**

**Forced by Circumstances to Economize and Turn From Cotton as Sole Support Farmers Seek Salvation in Diversification of Crops and Fall Finds Smiles Replacing Frowns of Year Ago—State Has Nothing to Fear.**

A story of a return to prosperity after a year of dismal prospects is told from all sections of South Carolina. In every county smiles have replaced the frowns of one year ago. The high price of cotton has done much to dissipate the feeling of gloom so unanimous in the spring but 12 cents cotton has not been the controlling factor.

Behind the confident face the planters place to the future is the fact that the South Carolina farmer has found himself. Forced by necessity to economize, this sturdy citizen did that and more. He called on his farm, dormant only for lack of opportunity, to produce food for man and beast and the farm responded as the expert agriculturists said it would.

With cotton selling for a song last spring the farmer saw that he must not depend on one crop and diversified farming has been brought to the front as never before in this State.

Prosperity for the farmer has meant good times for merchants and bankers and everywhere the business men say they cannot complain. The farmer has produced a cheaper crop than ever before and with the production far shorter than usual over \$10,000,000 more will be realized this year than was the case last fall. A material reduction in commercial fertilizer has played an important part.

In spite of so-called hard times manufacturing industries have not been idle. In many counties the year has been spent in improvements and making additions to plants. Town and county have been active in making permanent improvements and there are today many paved streets and good roads which were not in existence one year ago.

In almost every county the report of the year's work contains striking references to diversification of crops and while cotton will continue as king he will not be allowed to rule as a tyrant.—Edgefield Chronicle.

**Art Unadorned.**

I like my art unadorned; thought and skill and the other strange quality that is added thereto to make things beautiful—and nothing more. A farthing's worth of paint and paper, and behold! a thing of beauty!—as they do in Japan. And if it should fall into the fire—well, it has gone like yesterday's sunset, and tomorrow there will be another.—H. G. Wells.

**He Knew That Story.**

The old soldier was again giving the youngsters accounts of the wonders he had experienced, especially in the way of climate. Said he: "I remember when we were in Fyzardum we used to toast our bread in the sun, and—" Youngster (interrupting): "Yes, I know; and you were supplied with corkscrews to draw your breath!"

**Preparing for the Future.**

Frank, who had just entered school, came home one day and began fighting his brother, two years younger. His mother protested at such performance, when he turned to her and said: "Mamma, I have to teach him to fight because when he goes to school some day I may not be with him if a fellow hits him, and he must know how to fight."

**Fair Proposition.**

No bank will loan money to an individual unless it knows all about the financial condition of the individual. Why, then, should any bank expect an individual to deposit money with it unless it is willing to let the individual know all about its financial condition?—St. Louis City Journal.

**Something New in Novels.**

"I have an idea for a novel," said Mr. Penwidge. "What is it?" "A very large volume thickly upholstered. When you get sleepy after reading a few pages you can use it for a sofa pillow."

**Norway's Advancement.**

We owe most of our higher culture to ancient Greece. Of modern nations the most highly civilized is Norway, if by civilization is meant the triumph of practical democracy and the art of manly living.—Exchange.

**The Square Meal.**

Our language is a riddle. A man will eat a pound of round steak, a pyramid of mashed potatoes, half a dozen oval biscuits, a triangle of pie, drink two cups of flat coffee—then call it a square meal.—Toledo Blade.

**First American Savings Bank.**

In Philadelphia was started America's first savings bank, and that institution now has about 100,000 more depositors than any other bank in the United States.

**D. A. R. OFFICERS SELECTED.**

**Nineteenth Annual Conference Adjourned at Greenville—Next Meeting Place Not Selected.**

Greenville, Nov. 17.—The 19th annual conference of the South Carolina division, Daughters of the American Revolution, came to a close this evening when a brilliant reception was given in honor of the visitors by the two Greenville chapters, the Bethel and Butler and the Nathaniel Greene.

This reception was at the residence of Mrs. Henry Briggs on Hampton Avenue.

The place for the next annual conference will be selected later.

The officers for the State conference were reelected at the afternoon session.

The board which has been investigating sites for a mountain school reported two excellent sites as possible locations for the proposed institution. The matter of final selection was left open until the next conference.

Mrs. Overton of Georgetown appealed for the Georgetown school and her presentation of this cause

was telling. The patriotic education committee also asked for funds and succeeded in raising more than \$300.

The conference decided to memorialize the general assembly to have the names of all Revolutionary soldiers, together with their regiments and their rank, preserved in the archives of the State.

The morning session adjourned at 2 o'clock when the guests were served a repast in the dining room of the Chicora building.

This conference has been decidedly successful. An attendance of more than 75 Daughters of the American Revolution from all parts of the State was recorded. The two Greenville chapters have been hosts to the conference. A number of social features have contributed to the success of the gathering.

**Not Buying Supplies.**

Washington, Nov. 16.—The Russian embassy issued a statement tonight declaring that neither the embassy nor any of its officials was connected with the purchasing of supplies in the United States for the Russian government.

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