

TO SOLVE THE COTTON PROBLEM

President Charles S. Barrett Addresses the Farmers' Union--Must forget the Existence of the Staple--Advise the South Carolina Plan

"Hold cotton and farm as if cotton was not in existence," is the advice offered in a statement issued by President Charles S. Barrett, of the National Farmers' union, who also says there are good features in the South Carolina pledge system. His statement follows:

To the Officers and Members of the Farmers' Union:

At this critical stage in the cotton situation, with the Farmers' union and scores of business leaders and general southern factors battling to stem the tide of unfair prices, the first duty of the farmers is to—

Hold his cotton. Those who sell at present prices are simply giving away a margin of several million dollars to spinners and speculators. Quotations after the first of the first of the year will establish the truth of that assertion. The most difficult part of the campaign is now upon us. To waver is to lose the effect of the splendid work already accomplished.

In South Carolina, under the leadership of E. J. Watson, president of the Southern Cotton congress, they are instituting a system of pledges which binds the planter to hold his present cotton for 13 cents; and further, not to sow more than 60 per cent of the arable acreage in cotton for the coming season. The plan is an excellent one. Statistic and our own common sense tell us that the crop now in hand is worth more than is being offered for it. But if civilization needs the sharp lessons of a short crop to emphasize the wisdom of fair dealing with the farmer—then so be it!

The south is in better position to be absolutely independent than any other section of the country. Just assume, for the sake of illustration, that soil conditions were such that we could not produce cotton. We would then proceed to realize upon the south's heaven-sent heritage by producing the great staple crops raised in every other section of America, the crops they rely upon to sustain life, to bring in revenue, to promote prosperity.

Think what southern sod can yield, corn, wheat, oats, barley, rye, sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes, turnips, peas, vetch, burr clover, alfalfa, ribbon cane, sorghum, watermelons, all kinds of vegetables, cows, hogs, sheep, goats, mules, poultry and poultry products, dairy products, and all manner of fruits.

We could simply wipe cotton out of consideration, still make a living and bring in enormous sums from the world at large for southern crops.

In the face of these tremendous assets, it is nothing less than criminal folly to concentrate on cotton. Cut down on it, ruthlessly. Make it strictly a surplus crop. Produce any of all the other crops I have enumerated. Then the perennial cotton problem will cease to be one the cotton we do raise will bring a fair price and it will not be incumbered by the large amounts now insanely sent outside of the section for staples that should be raised here.

"I do not believe these are any medicine so good for whooping cough as Chamberlain's Cough Remedy," writes Mrs. Francis Turpin, Junction City, Ore. This remedy is also unsurpassed for colds and croup. For sale by All Dealers.

E. C. T. T. S. Notes

Free Saturday courses in Pedagogy, Drawing, Primary Methods, Household Economics, and Music have been offered to teachers who can come in from Pitt County and surrounding counties. Several were here at the beginning of the work on Saturday, November 4th, and the classes will doubtless grow on the teachers realize their need of these subjects.

Under the direction of Miss Dabney, teacher of Primary Methods, the senior class is doing observation work and practice teaching in one of the rooms at the Greenville Craded School.

At the Pitt County Fair the school in a body led the procession of schools that marched through the streets of the town to the Fair. Here they led in the singing and listened to the fine address of Supt. J. Y. Joyner on Farm Life Schools.

Canned tomatoes and rafia baskets were exhibited by the students.

The two societies and the various classes have been reorganized and have begun plans for entertainments for the year.

A school council, composed of representatives from each class, has been formed for the purpose of developing self government among the students. This council will confer with the president on all subjects of importance to the school.

President Wright has been giving a series of talks on Health that are especially beneficial to those who as teachers, will have the supervision of the health of children.

A cabin on the school grounds has been fitted up as a kitchen for cooking classes.

On the evening of October 15th the Y. W. C. A. held an impressive service for the recognition of new members. Pres. Wright made a strong talk on Choice. He stated emphatically his sympathetic support of the Y. W. C. A.

At a later Y. W. C. A. service Rev. J. H. Shore of the Greenville Methodist Church, talked on Sympathetic Giving, and Prof. W. H. Ragsdale on essentials of Christian Womanhood.

The initiation of the new members of the Sidney Lanier and Edgar Allen Poe Literary Societies took place on Saturday evening, November 4th. The social feature of the evening was a joint Hallows'en party. The old members as bats, cats, ghosts, and witches led the new members first through weird marches, then to the guardians of the wheel of fortune, the three fates, the old woman in the moon and the sibyl, who handed out flattering fortunes. The witches, on receiving a tongue twisting pass word, dealt out a pleasing broth from their cauldron. All seemed to have a joyous, hilarious time.

"I am pleased to recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as the best thing I know of and safest remedy for coughs, colds and bronchial trouble," writes Mrs. L. B. Arnold of Denver, Colo. "We have used it repeatedly and it has never failed to give relief." For sale by All Dealers.

To Keep Balloons Full. Hydrolith, a hydrate of carbon, is being used for the resupplying of balloons with hydrogen.

Starts Much Trouble

If all people knew that neglect of constipation would result in severe indigestion, yellow jaundice or virulent liver trouble they would soon take Dr. King's New Life Pills, and end it. Its the only safe way. Best for biliousness, headache, dyspepsia, chills and debility. 25c at Saunders & Fowden.

Good Roads Train

The Atlantic Coast Line Good Roads Train will arrive at Williamston on Saturday, December 2nd, at 1:53 p. m., and remain two and one half hours demonstrating the importance and the working of good roads: This is an opportunity never before offered to our people and every man, woman and child interested in building better highways in the county should be at Williamston and get the benefit of the demonstration. As Saturday is taken as a half holiday by the people in the country, the date will be a most convenient one. Come and see the train and bring your neighbors. Don't forget the date—December 2nd, at 1:53 o'clock in the afternoon.

A Mail Carrier's Load

Seems heavier when he has a weak back and kidney trouble. Fred Duchren, Mail Carrier at Atchison, Kas., says: "I have been bothered with kidney and bladder trouble and had a severe pain across my back. Whenever I carried a heavy load of mail, my kidney trouble increased." Some time ago, I started taking Foley Kidney Pills and since taking them I have gotten entirely rid of all my kidney trouble and am as sound now as ever." Saunders & Fowden.

Ayers-Johnson

Mr. Jas. H. Johnson requests the honor of your presence at the marriage of his daughter Fannie Hobbs to Mr. Staton Ayers Tuesday afternoon

November twenty-eighth nineteen hundred and eleven 4:30 o'clock Baptist Church, Oak City, N. C. No cards in Everett or Oak City.

A Household Medicine

That stops coughs quickly and cures colds is Foley's Honey and Tar Compound. Mrs. Anna Pelzer 2526 Jefferson St., So. Omaha, Neb., says: "I can recommend Foley's Honey and Tar Compound as a sure cure for coughs and colds. It cured my daughter of a bad cold and my neighbor, Mrs. Benson, cured herself and her whole family with Foley's Honey and Tar Compound. Everyone in our neighborhood speaks highly of it."

Barns and Barnacles.

"Pretty handsome barn, don't you think?" said the member of the city group who had been on the farm before. "Which is that?" asked the one who was on her first visit. "The large red building is the barn!" "Oh, yes! And the little buildings around it are the barnacles, are they?"

Bad Little Girl.

"Who is a bad little girl?" said a friend of ours playfully to a wee thing in frock and pantaloons, just now. "I am a bad girl," was the naive reply. "Oh, no, you are not a bad little girl!" "Yeth I am," persisted the little one. "Then tell me why you are a bad girl." "Because I'm a boy!" answered the wee rascal.

Saved Many From Death

W. L. Mock, of Mock, Ark., believe he has saved many lives in his 25 years of experience in the drug business. "What I always like to do," he writes, "is to recommend Dr. King's New Discovery for weak, sore lungs, hard colds, hoarseness, obstinate coughs, la grippe, croup, asthma or other bronchial affection, for I feel sure that a number of my neighbors are alive and well to-day because they took my advice to use it. I honestly believe its the best throat and lung medicine that's made." Easy to prove he's right. Get a trial bottle free, or regular 50c or \$1.00 bottle. Guaranteed by Saunders & Fowden.

Republicans in a Bad Way

It must be discouraging to the followers of Taft to hear him admit that the Republican party stand in danger of being defeated in the election in 1912, especially just on the completion of a thirteen thousand mile swing around the country in an effort to rejuvenate the g. o. p. The only hope for the party is for Democracy to make some grave mistake, either in legislation enacted at the coming session of congress or in the selection of a candidate to oppose Taft at the polls.

Taft will be re-nominated and Taft must be opposed by the strongest Democrat in the country or Taft will be re-elected president.

And there must be no mistake made by the Democrats in selecting a candidate. Gov. Harmon, of Ohio, we believe stands the best chance, because we believe he can carry Ohio over Taft, and Ohio is a necessary state for the Democrats to have in their column, just as it is for the Republicans to have especially in the coming contest. Harmon carried Ohio in the last election by many thousand more votes than did Taft for president. He has demonstrated his ability to poll a larger vote in the state than he did for governor. As a presidential candidate he can doubtless poll a larger vote than he did for governor.

The masses in Ohio have confidence in his ability to conduct the national government as successfully and with the same degree of credit and ability as he has the affairs of the state. And the masses have rapidly lost confidence in the ability of Taft. Thousands of independent voters will cast their ballot for the one who seems to have the better chance of winning, and as the advantage now seems to be with the Democrats, with Harmon at the head of the ticket, Ohio will roll up a Democratic majority never equally by Harmon himself. —Hot Springs (Arkansas) Daily News.

A Father's Vengeance

would have fallen on any one who attacked the son of Peter Bondy, of South Rockwood, Mich., but he was powerless before attacks of kidney trouble. "Doctors could not help him," he wrote, "so at last we gave him Electric Bitters and he improved wonderfully from taking six bottles. Its the best kidney medicine I ever saw." Backache, Tired feeling, Nervousness, Loss of Appetite, warn of kidney trouble that may end in dropsy, diabetes or Bright's disease. Beware! Take Electric Bitters and be safe. Every bottle guaranteed 50c at Saunders & Fowden.

Elected Officers

The members of the Lotus Club at their annual meeting on Monday night, chose the following officers for the coming year: A. R. Dunning, President, F. F. Fagan, Vice-President, J. L. Hassell, Secretary and Treasurer; Board of Governors, Louis C. Harrison, John D. Biggs, K. B. Crawford, J. S. Rhodes, S. R. Biggs, C. H. Godwin.

The Club has just passed one of the most successful years since its organization. A newer and stronger pride is making for the good of the Club and its members. No social organization in the town has ever stood on a higher plane. To the visitor it is a most attractive feature in a town which is noted for its splendid hospitality. Every citizen should feel proud of the institution.

For pains in the side or chest dampen a piece of flannel with Chamberlain's Liniment and bind it on over the seat of pain. There is nothing better. For sale by All Dealers.

Not so Bad After All

"The Firing Line" which came to Williamston under heavy bombardment from various critics, was presented last week at the Opera House. It was an "off" night with both players and audience—two of the company having decided to get "off" up the road somewhere and many theatre-goers of the town concluded to take an evening "off" and so played the game on this particular company. There were a few present, however,—old stagers, who like the proverbial cat, "couldn't stay away." But unlike the cat they didn't "scratch" and gave appreciation to the strong situations in the play, and these were not lacking. Mr. Le Duke as "Louis Malcourt," with an inherited tendency to "drop off the roost" at any old time, yet possessing a sympathetic nature hard to appreciate, gave a very strong interpretation of his role throughout the evening, coolly using two weapons to end his life as the curtain went down—namely, a cigarette and a Colt's never-failing. His was the difficult part—rapidly changing from comming with the dead to that of the man who was trying to help the girl to whom he had given his name as a safeguard, though by the act he brought misery upon her and the man she loved—Garry Hamil." The latter role being taken by a high browed, awkward youth, whose chief aim seemed to be to blink his eyes forty times per second. He was a defunct failure and must have looked on the back of his book during the three days that he had been playing the part. The same can be said of "Cardross," who owned the villa at Palm Beach. He was prompted by his wife whom he followed like a little lap-dog. "Jim Portlaw" and "Constance Palsler" furnished plenty of fun and both acted well. "Shielda" who should have given much strength to the play, was not up to it. Perhaps, she was hampered by the irresponsiveness of "Hamil." In one or more scenes she exhibited some ability. "Virginia Snydam" in love with "Louis," had a voice like a crow after a night out, and played all over her part to the disgust of the audience.

Taken as a whole the play is strong but is threaded throughout with a strange seriousness which does not appeal to the average person. To one who has read Chamberlain's book, it appears more interesting. At any rate it was as good as the support it received here, for during a serious scene, some one in the gallery began laughing and that started others, disturbing the actors on the stage. This was unmerited and is not flattering to the town when such things are allowed to pass unnoticed by the police. Many such scenes will cripple the attendance at other plays. If the gallery has to be filled by people who cannot behave then admission should be denied to it.

For coughing, dryness and tickling in the throat, hoarseness and all coughs and colds, take Foley's Honey and Tar Compound. Contains no opiates. Saunders & Fowden.

"Daniel Boone on the Trail" next Thursday night.

There is little danger from a cold or from an attack of the grip except when followed by pneumonia, and this never happens when Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is used. This remedy has won its great reputation and extensive sale by its remarkable cures of colds and grip and can be relied upon with implicit confidence. For sale by All Dealers.

ROBERSQNVILLE NEWS ITEMS

Local Happenings and People who are Coming and Going, Here, There and Yonder as Gathered by our Regular Correspondent.

Ed James is at Aurora this week. L. B. Fleming, of Paimyra, spent Saturday here.

Miss Fannie Woolard spent Friday night here.

Samuel Hardison, of Washington, was here Sunday.

J. C. Robertson went to Greenville Wednesday.

Mrs. Hyman Warren was in town Wednesday.

J. A. Coffield spent several days in Greenville last week.

Miss Alma Fleming, of Hassell, was in town Wednesday.

Mrs. F. L. Wiggins, of Tarboro, was in town Wednesday.

Misses Bessie and Faye Beverly, of Bethel, were here Sunday.

Arthur Johnson, Jr., has accepted a position with R. L. Smith & Co.

George H. Holliday was home from Farmville Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Lela Everett and daughter, Faye, went to Rocky Mount Monday.

Miss Lula D. Sauls spent a few days with her parents at Norfolk last week.

Prospects are that there will be an auto repair shop here in the near future.

The Ladies Missionary Society met with Mrs. W. A. Roberson Wednesday evening.

Elder M. T. Lawrence and wife attended the burial of their grandchild at Jamesville Tuesday.

Misses Myrna Hight, Sallie Smith and W. H. Everett, Jr., spent Sunday with Miss Myra Fleming.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Perkins and son of near Washington, spent Sunday here with Mrs. L. T. Roberson.

Rev. N. H. Shepherd, of Stantonbury, with his attractive bride was here Sunday to fill his appointment.

Rev. T. L. Stevenson, of Stantonbury, will preach here the fourth Sunday for the benefit of the J. O. U. A. M.

Coughine at Night

Means loss of sleep which is bad for everyone. Foley's Honey and Tar Compound stops the cough at once, relieves the tickling and dryness in the throat and heals the inflamed membranes. Prevents a cold developing into bronchitis or pneumonia. Keep always in the house. Refuse substitutes. Saunders & Fowden.

Made A Big Hit

"The Thief" was here last night and stole the hearts of the audience. The severest critic could not have found a weak point in either play or the actors presenting it. A story of love and sinning for love's sake it was, and each character was a perfect impersonation.

It is regretted that the house was not as large as the play merited, but conditions, perhaps, caused many who intended coming from reaching here. At any rate the audience appreciated the distinction of having so splendid a performance presented to them. Lack of space prevents due words of praise.