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One Dollar a Year

THE SOUTH ARRAYED

Barrett Outlines Plans for Holding Cotton, and Discusses Result of Meeting of Southern Cotton Growers at Montgomery.

President C. S. Barrett, of the Farmers' Union, who has just returned from the National Convention of that organization at Shawnee, Okla., and from the Cotton Growers' Congress at Montgomery, has issued a statement in which he states the impregnable position of the Southern farmers, and urges them to stand shoulder to shoulder to win the fight for fair prices during the opening season. Mr. Barrett also brands as absolutely without foundation the reports of a bumper crop, and declares the world will pay a legitimate figure for the staple if farmers, in cooperation with business men of the South, will conduct the proper sort of campaign. His statement follows:

To the Cotton Growers' of the Southern States: The recent convention of the Southern Cotton Growers' at Montgomery, Ala., has satisfied me that the South, as a unit, has at last waked to the need of co-operating and of making a vigorous fight for insuring a fair price for its main staple, cotton. I do not remember to have attended a more enthusiastic gathering, a more representative one, or one more patronized by prominent, hard-headed business men. Commissioners of agriculture of the Southern States, and men in close touch with every class of farmer, were present. The consensus of opinion was that cotton should be held for fifteen cents. This was in line with the verdict of the National Convention of the Farmers' Union at Shawnee, which decided that cotton should not be sold at prices prevailing, and should be held and financed for a higher figure. At Shawnee, more than a thousand telegrams were received from various parts of the South, declaring that the organization would work toward the end of holding the staple, and helping needy farmers, until the market reached a correct price.

At Montgomery the Hon. Thos. Hefin, congressman from Alabama, E. J. Watson, commissioner of agriculture from Alabama, and myself, were constituted a committee to supervise publicity and propaganda.

There is no doubt in my mind that concerted measures will defeat the movement to bear cotton, and will insure a just level throughout the selling season.

Now is the time for the friend of the farmer to prove his friendship by substantial aid. Cotton is the best collateral in the world. The banker and the small merchant can, and I believe will, accept it as such in cases where "distress" cotton might otherwise be thrown on the market only to glut it.

It is to the first interest of the business men of the South whether bankers or merchants, to join the farmers in this movement for their rights. Even one-fourth of a cent off the just price for cotton means a loss of millions visited upon every trade channel. It resolves itself simply into a question of letting the world know, by our actions, that we are going to *market* and not sacrifice our cotton. If the business man and the banker fails in

Notice of Call Meeting.

We hereby call a meeting of the Advisory Council and State Executive Committee of the North Carolina Farmers' Union at Greensboro, N. C., Oct. 5, 1911, at 8:00 o'clock, p. m.

At this meeting the Executive Committee will select the place and fix the time for the next annual State Convention. County Unions or towns desiring to have this convention within their bounds, should have their propositions in the hands of the Chairman of the Committee, Mr. I. P. Coggins, Bear Creek, N. C., so that they may be presented at that time.

H. Q. ALEXANDER, Pres.,
Matthews, N. C.
I. P. COGGINS, Chairman,
Bear Creek, N. C.

his duty, if the public man fails in his often-repeated protestations of loyalty to the farmer, *they will all suffer in similar degree.* With regard to cotton, we stand or fall together. An unjust price for the farmer means lack of prosperity for the merchant, the banker, the business man—whether in the city or country. A just price means prosperity for all in same proportion. The mills of New England, after a season of curtailment, are resuming operations. Does this look like there is an absence of demand for cotton?

It is incumbent upon us not to sell our birthright, not to yield the results of the year's

toil at the behest of market manipulators.

You are in better shape than ever to make this fight a winning one. You have no excuse for falling in it. You have grown hogs, corn and other food stuffs this season. You are less in debt, less under the domination of the mortgage, than at any period in Southern history. You whipped the gamblers before when you were head over ears in debt. If you don't do it now, almost debt-free, you deserve little sympathy from yourself or the world.

As never in history, the farmer and business man of the South are prepared to battle side by side. The conference at Montgomery proved that.

My present purpose in this hour is to press upon all Southern elements the necessity of keeping the pledges of co-operation given at Montgomery, and of representing to all Southerners the prime duty and self-interest of participating in a movement that means the welfare of the South, without regard to business or location.

CHARLES S. BARRETT.

Union City, Ga., Sept. 19th, 1911.

Duplin County Union.

Notice is hereby given to the officers and locals of the Duplin County Union that the next regular meeting will be held with the Lanefield Local, No. 1068, on Saturday, Oct. 7th, 1911, at 10:00 a. m. All locals are urged to have a full representation as very important business awaits our earnest thought and action.

Delegates coming by "rail" will be met at Warsaw, N. C., by H. D. Middleton upon due notice to him.

Yours truly,
JAS. H. CARLTON,
County Sect'y.-Treas.

Duty.

This truth comes to us more and more the longer we live. That on what field or in what uniform or with what aims we do our duty matters very little, or even what our duty is, great or small, splendid or obscure.

Only to find our duty certainly, and somewhere, somehow, to do it faithfully, makes us good, strong, happy and useful men, and tunes our lives into some feeble echo of the life of God.—*Phillips Brooks.*

Leaders are finders—followers get the leavings.