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## FAIR PRICES ASSURED

*If all Farmers Follow Lead of Majority of Farmers' Union, Says Barrett, Cotton-Holding Movement Will Assure Fair Prices for Remainder of Season.*

In a statement issued today on the cotton situation, President Barrett, of the Farmers' Union, says the majority of members of that organization are holding cotton, and that if farmers generally in the South will act in concert with them, prices will from this time ascend to the level justified by the intrinsic demand of the staple.

Mr. Barrett's statement follows:

*To the Officers and Members of the Farmers' Union, and Cotton Farmers generally:*

The Farmers' Union has outlined a definite program looking to the holding of cotton, and it is thus far meeting with success. The majority of our members in the Southern States are, I think I may state with safety, holding back their cotton from the markets until such time as the price corresponds with the value of the staple to civilization. Even where cotton has been sold by the farmer, it is, as a rule, being held by the local merchant who realizes the price tendency will be upward and who is determined to reap a profit on the transaction.

If non-members generally will co-operate with the Farmers' Union and refrain from selling their cotton at present prices, the campaign to secure a just figure will be an unqualified success.

It is needless to state that the quotations now prevailing are far below the actual worth of the staple, but they are also sufficient to show to every farmer in the South, whether or not he is affiliated with the Farmers' Union, the advantage of coming in with us that we may win this fight.

Our interest is mutual. The business man who has bought or will buy cotton, the Farmers' Union member or the non-Union farmer who grows cotton all have millins to gain by getting from civilization what the staple is actually worth. You can rest assured someone is going to reap the profit. Logically, that some one should be the man who has raised the cotton. His has been the labor and waiting, and his should be the reward.

It is from a solid business motive, therefore, that we ask the co-operation of all elements in the Southern States in this important campaign. The price of cotton is going up as certain as sun-rise. It remains only to see

whether all farmers will get the advantage of the rise, or whether they will thoughtlessly sacrifice their rights.

Hold cotton! That should be the keynote, in self-protection, of every man in the South remotely concerned in raising or handling the fiber.

CHARLES S. BARRETT.

Union City, Ga., Oct. 10.

### Morality in Roads.

At the National Good Roads Congress, Bishop Fallows said:

"Good roads are closely allied to religion. Good roads in the country districts would not only increase the church attendance, but would improve the general moral tone of the community. It is a work that is worthy of the assistance of all the churches in the country."

That is good gospel. A man's ideas and purposes are always bettered by fair surroundings. Order, neatness, usefulness constitute a sort of high plane of thinking. Given the character of the material conditions of a community and you can almost tell how it will vote or in what numbers it will go to church. A dirty gutter is an obscene story. A deep mudhole in a country road is a nest of profanity. A miserable old broken down hog pen nearby is a scandal in the neighborhood. A man's thoughts are largely what his surroundings make them. If they are ragged, filthy and disordered, so is his thinking.

### NOTICE OF STATE MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that at the meeting of the State Executive Committee held in Greensboro October 5th, 1911, it was decided that the annual meeting of the North Carolina Farmers' Union should be held in the town of Wilson, N. C., on the 13, 14 and 15 of December 1911, and that the first session will be held at 10 o'clock, a. m., on the 13th.

All county organizations are urged to send full delegations.

H. Q. ALEXANDER, President.  
I. P. COGGINS, Chairman.



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