COTTON GAMBLERS FLEECE SOUTH OUT OF MILLIONS

Member of New York Cotton Exchange Writes J. S. Wannamaker

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of date.

Some startling inside information on the raw cotton industry has been furished the America Cotton association by William Ray, a charter member and the oldest living member of the New York Cotton exchange, who says that through actual experiences gained in the handling of cotton in various lines and a study of the cotton question extended over a period of some fifty-odd years, he feels that he can speak with some degree of accuracy on the cotton question.

Among the interesting statements contained in Mr. Ray's letter are the following:

That either the cotton consumer is being charged far in excess of a reasonable price for the manufactured product or the producer is failing to receive anything like a fair price for

his raw cotton. That the markets of the world are restricted so that cotton cannot se-cure free accers to the people needing it.

That the purchase by southern farmers of 100,000 bales of futures and a demand by them of the actual cotton would force the gamblers to

run for their lives. The letter by Mr. Rays is address ed to J. Skottowe Wannamaker, president of the American Cotton association, and promises to create a sensa-It follows in full: tion.

During the war between the states, as a Union soldier, I spent much time in the various sections of the south, especially in the state of South Carolina. At the close of the war I engaged in the cotton industry in New York and have been in busi- ent. You should have warehouses New York Cotton exchange. I have crative marketing associations, perience gained in the handling of tion. cotton in its various lines, and a study a period of some fifty-odd years, I from the handling of agricultural feel that I can speak with some de products. The producer deals directgree of accuracy on the cotton ques-tion. tion.

"Since the close of the war be- average of the amount paid by the tween the states I have visited the consumer. will stand behind your movement, on all agricultural products, and on the south is facing, as a proper so- cotton alone he receives far less than lution of the cotion queston, a great 50 per cent. When you realize that

startlingly true of raw cotton, that sary men, and is the football of the cultural interests by refusing to al-I feel it the duty of the government, gambler who gains his wealth by low to the farmer a profitable price, thus driving him into other lines of active part in the promotion, pro- surprise.

tecting and upbuilding of agriculture. "I view with extreme alarm the change Writes J. S. Wannamaker Some Pertinent Facts on the Situ² ation. Some startling inside information al crops, and in no crop is there a a long time, without rhyme or rea greater need for this than in the son. For the last two years price great cotton erop of which America on futures have been running from produces 62 per cent. This proper 300 to 500 and 800 (and in some handling and marketing is a question cases 1,000) points below spots, re that is of vital concern to the entire gardless of the fact that as a resul world. Your present system of hand-ling and marketing is 50 years out plished since 1914 the world has rendered a verdict in your favor

"As a result of the work you have Still, this seems to have enraged cer conducted since 1914, the attention tain people who control and manipul conducted since 1914, the attention of the world today is concentrated upon the raw cotton industry of America and the south an never be-fore. You have thoroughly convine-ed the world that the south will not continue to produce and sell its cot-ton crop as it has since the sixticat The proper handling and marketing on raw cotton as they saw fit. No of your crop would most assuredly mean that you would remove the who is endowed with the slightest enormous loss of one entire cotton degree of common sense, can fail to crop out of every ten. Your-cotton realize anything like a fair price for would move from ginhouse to the his cotton-cotton which has no warehouses. It would only be sold seen sold under the law of supply and when the manufacturer would pay demand, a profitable price for same. It is "Mills in this country and in Eng-

a profitable price for same. It is criminal to sell 70 per cent of this land show enormous earnings. How great crop, regardless of the demand would it be possible to make these for same into the hands of the gam- enormous earnings if a fair price blers in four short havesting months. were paid for the cotton? Eithe It is unjust, not only to the producer the consumer is being charged fai but also to the consumer, to sell your in excess of a reasonable price for crop in this way. It does not require the manufactured product, or the producer is failing to receive any an expert or an economist to see this; simple common sense plainly thing like a fair price for his raw shows that the marketing of your product. There is no other reason cotton crop should be transferred to for this and it would be as possible to the warehouses of the cotton belt in explain as it is to explain the differthe south. It is farcial to continue to handle it and market it as at pres-England, of course, has always made Encland, of course, has always made enormous earnings out of the ray ess there ever since, and was one government graders and expert American cotton. In fact, it is the of the first members enrolled on the market men. You should have co-op- backbone of her financial strength New York Cotton exchange. I have braite marketing associations, the been an active member of this ex-change ever since, and am probably county should be covered with such the oldest living member of the ex-change today. Through actual ex-by one great state central associa-During the first six months of 192 the into European countries, many

which countries are in desperate need "In Holland, as a result of these of the cotton question, extended over organizations, all waste is removed of raw equton, amounted to \$2,500 000,000, this amount exceeding her total export business for the entire year of 1913.

In 1790, 87 per cent of the people of America were engaged in agricul-In fact, throughout all ture. One hundred years later we south many times. It is a great Europe the producer receives on an find that ther is only 32 per cent of find that ther is only 32 per cent of the population so engaged. The world needs an enormous increase in pro-south takes charge of the handling "In America, a recent investigaquestion but that this can be done) the amount paid by the consumer time in recorded history when we will scand behind your movement, on all agricultural products, and on were in greater need of increased production. How will we secure this increase unless the people and the

usiness

"Only a fool or a liar would make the statement that we are not in need of an enormous increase in the pro-duction of cotton; that the markets of the world for raw cotton are restrict-ed so that cotton cannot secure free access to the people needing it. How-ever, the people who have long abso-lutely controlled this great crop are not willing to permit changes which will derive them of the architect of

in bales. You reverse the law of ature and justice; the less you prouce the more you realize for your crop. If you had warehouses and were financially able to do so, you could put the surplus in the wareuntil the manufacturer would ouse ay a fair and just price.

Your association has an oppor nity to win the fight you are fact. There is no way to dodge it. is well organized and will be ing. ought to the bitter end . Why don't our southern manufacturers buy a York exchange and demand the actucotton. It would force the bear amblers who are fleecing you to run or their lives and the southern manfacturers may they want high-priced otton. If 100,000 bales of cotton ere bought by them for October, like amount for December, January, March and May, and the spots de manded, their efforts to rob you of this crop would be defeated. Why

ot try this plan. Give every man a chance to show where he stands. I believe the southern manufacturers, where mills are under southern conrol and management, will buy far in access of this amount and demand the cotton. You often sny they can-

spin paper cotton, but remember, bear gambler who fattens on the farmer, also cannot deliver paper cotton. You would kill him if you ould make him deliver cotton.

"If your people who are able to do so would not plant a hill of cotton but plant the land in other crops and buy your cotton from the gam-blers of New York and their friends who are selling it far below the cost of production, would make a handme profit without any risk of crop tailures, could produce food crops on our lands to feed the famished world and make good money on it. Any-thing is fair in a fight with a bear. The this and he will become as scarce the grizzly now is and will stop ded: ferding on humanity.

"The world needs food and feed small grain during the fall. Carry this campaign into every county in the cotton helt. Plant largely in grain crops again in the spring. Plant only your surplus lands in cot-If you produce cotton to suptön. ply the needs of the world, the same as you have been doing for the last 60 years, you will go down in defent. The world cannot secure cotton to fill As long as the control nueds. of the cotton is in charge, as at present and as it has been for the last 50 years of certain great and powerful NOTICE:

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Your Blood Needs

opportunity now facing the south, unless these reforms are made, con-ditions which existed after the war

between the states will be repeated. "I commend in the highest terms your work. I have watched it since it was begun in 1914. People from all sections of the world recognize the justice of your fight. The south, most assuredly, will stand to a man behind you. If this is done, victory is certain. The demand for cotton

is certain. The demand for cotton industry people who have long and there are will enormously increase.
is certain. The demand for cotton many people who have the cause to my voracious appetite. I board with Mr. The raw cotton producing industry or actions a superitie of the sequence of the privilege of the New York cotton exchange. They manimously recommended market reforms in the New York exchange.
it is well and that history repeats itself. Will this be the case in the handling and marketing of the course, receive a producing end to querry as to whether I am a many interest the most hazardous end of veracity. The production of cotton is the most hazardous end of veracity. The production of cotton is the most hazardous end of any line of the cotton is distry. The production of cotton is the most hazardous end of any line of the cotton is the most hazardous end of any line of the cotton is dustry, purely and simply a gamble. America and fruit are plentiful of health on voracity.
All of which suggests that rain and fruit are plentiful in this region, and there are worked in the manufacturing end is \$6,000.000 for a crop of over fourteen million balls. You reverse the law of the production of raw cotton, a worket and fruit are plentiful in this region, and fruit are plentiful in this region. The there is a solar to an over fourteen million balls. Th

a profitable price for the production of raw cotton. Strange to say, the reverse is the case. Every line of During past week our Baptist should have been by far the most should have been by far the most profitable end. It will never become such until you have ararnged to take control of cotton from the gamblers and leeches who now receive the the table of spiritual kingdom in their borders. The Farm Demonstration force had an encampment at the dormitory of and leeches who now receive the an encampment at the dormitory of profits which justly belong to the Wingate High School that afforded producer."

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The Following Statement Should knowledge of the sinff of teachers Form Conclusive Proof of Merit to in charge of Wingate public school Every Monroe Reader.

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ded: "I am glad to say a good word for Doan's Kidney Pills. They did good work for me some time ago and Plant your lands largely in I am grateful for this. I advise oth-grain during the fall. Carry ers to try this remedy."

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Rosenhaum Brothers, Inc., et als. To Rosenbaum Brothers, Inc., take That an action entitled as above

UNCLE "MARSH'S" TABLE WAS CAUSE OF ABSENCE

Corn Cracked Lays the Blame on Distinguished Wingate Citizen - Persomel of the School.

Wingate, August 16 .- A word of planation might be necessary to explain why my contribution for your last issue was not forthcoming. The reason is sickness, and there are

expense than any known crop. All assistant teachers provide me with of these matters point clearly to the lucious peaches, apples and grapes; fact that the producer should receive while Providence continues to send

During past week our Baptist the commercial side of the cotton in-dustry have grown wealthy from the handling of cotton, except the pro-ducer. He have been conducting a suc-cessful series of meetings at Meadow Creek church, Dr. Sherwood officiatduction of cotton for the last five duction of cotion for the tast live terest entituesistic, and the result years, amounting to a stupendous sum. Common sense and simply jus-tice plainly show that based upon the above conditions the producing end the result live terest entituesistic, and the results disappointment I could not be present owing to acute indigestion; but heard very satisfactory reports. All who

> enjoyment to many young people and promoted interest in farming and domestic activities.

Some biographical and historical may be of interest to some of your

Miss Louise Irvin halls from historic Mecklenburg, and has the sturdy Scotch-Irish characteristics of the redoubtable defenders of the "Harnets Nest" and is as zealous a teacher as I ever saw and a comely lass, with-

Misses Chancy and Gaddy are products of Wingate and its excellent "I school; and, like ladies just mentioned; are well equipped and sustaining good reputations.

Your uncle Corn Cracker is a product of the martial commonwealth of Kentucky, and was transplanted in Cleveland where office-seeking is the whole duty of man. His realm has been in the field of education; and he has neither fame, fortune nor emolu-ments. But he hopes that he has pointed many boys and girls to the open door of temple of knowledge and guided their halting steps up the hill of difficulty .-- Corn Cracker.

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The Important thing in life is to have a great aim .- Goethe.

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south takes charge of the handling "In America, a recent investiga-and marketing of same; if the peo-tion shows that the farmer only re-time since Columbus landed, or, for ple of the south (and there is no ceives an average of 50 per cent of that matter, there has hardly been a

period of prosperity. "The world is so much in need of appoint the law of supply and demand, of destroying those who, it seems articultural products, and this is it handled by an army of unneces, are determined to destroy our agri-

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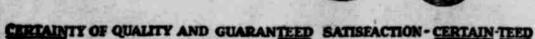
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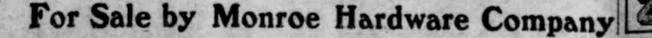
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interests in England and America. That an action entitled as above Under and by virtue of a Judg-you must only produce cotton suffi- has been commenced in the superior ment of R. W. Lemmond, Clerk of cient to supply the pressing demands court of Union County, North Caro of the people who are in control of lina, by the plaintiff fo recover the the crop, not of the people of the sum of \$1500.00 damages to two car loads of corn purchased by plaintiff

"By adopting this plan and putting into effect and force your reforms in handling, marketing, erection of warehouses, expert government grad-trait of attachment was issued oy said ers, expert market men organization of your if necessary, the organization of your banking institutions, only in the proceeds derived from two corr banking institutions only in the proceeds derived from two corr issues of your the proceeds derived from two corr iss own banking institutions, only in the proceeds derived from two cer-this way can you win. You are op-tain drafts paid by the plaintiff to posed by a thorough organization, the First National Bank, Monroe, N. backed by enormous wealth, and, re-gardless of the needs of the world, money of said two cars of corn, which lows? under existing conditions, if you fail said warrant of attachment is returnto reduce your acreage as outlined able on the 20th day of September. above and put in the reforms in the 1920, and you are hereby required to handling and marketing of your crop appear at the office of the undersignabove and put in the reforms in the handling and marketing of your crop crop so that it will be handled and marketed at the cottou fields of the south, if you fail to do this, history will remeat likelf. Failing to realize will repeat itself. Failing to realize these facts, regardless of the great 1920, and answer or denur to said complaint or the relief demanded therein will be granted.

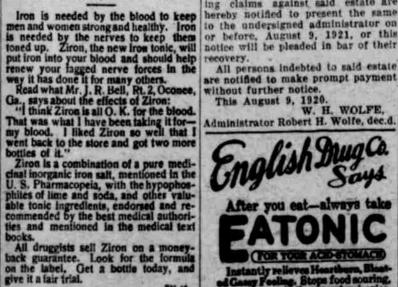
Herein will be shall be Herein fail not at your peril. This the 13th day of August, 1920. R. W. LEMMOND, C. S. C. John C. Sikes, Atty for Plaintif.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. Having this day duly qualified as administrator of the estate of Robert H. Welfe, deceased, all persons hold-

ing claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to the undersigned administrator on or before, August 9, 1921, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their

All persons indebted to said estate are notified to make prompt payment without further notice.

This August 9, 1920. W. H. WOLFE, Administrator Robert H. Wolfe, dec.d



others are parties and being entered

the highest bidder for each all of that tract of land lying and being in Un-ion county, N. C., near the town of Wingate, N. C., and described as fol-

Beginning at an iron stake, Mariah Hamilton's line, and runs with her line S. 1-2 W. 7.45 chs. to a P. O. line S. 1-2 W. 7.45 cfs. to a P. O. stump on southwest side of road, H. P. Meiggs corner; thence with his line and said road S. 45-E. 4.25 chs. to a P. O., H. A. Redfearn's corner; thence with his line N. 47 1-2 E. 2.25 chs. to an iron stake in a ditch. Mc-Culler's corner in Redfearn's line; thence with McCuller's line N. 1.2 E. thence with McCuller's line N. 1-2 E. 9.16 chs. to an iron stake in said line; thence a new line S. 87 W. 4,56 chs. to the beginning, containing 4 1-4 acres, more or less, and being Lot No. 8 in the division of the Balay Barrino estate lands.

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J. C. M. VANN and JOHN C. SIKES, Commissioners, Armfield, Maness & Vann and John C. Sikes, Attys

