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## All Sorts of Cotton Talk.

### I.—SOUTH CAROLINA COTTON ASSOCIATION MEETS.\*

**Large Attendance at Columbia Meeting—Lien Law and Bucket Shops Condemned—Division as to Proposed Cotton Company.**

Messrs. Editors: The annual Convention of the South Carolina Branch of the Southern Cotton Association was held in Columbia on January 2d. There was a splendid attendance, representing practically every county in the State. It was splendid not so much for its size but for the fact that the men present were men who have made a success; not a gathering of disgruntled farmers, but of successful farmers, men of education, intelligence and determination to carry through what they had planned.

President E. D. Smith was late in arriving, having been delayed in returning from the funeral of his brother, Bishop Coke Smith. Reports were heard from the various counties at the first session and in the afternoon the election of officers was entered upon, with the result that Mr. Smith was re-elected president, Rev. E. L. Archer, of Spartanburg, Vice President; F. H. Weston, of Columbia, secretary, and F. H. Hyatt, of Columbia, treasurer. In selecting the two members from this State on the executive committee of the Association there was a very decided difference of opinion. It was known that Mr. Smith strongly favors the proposition to form a gigantic holding corporation to control the cotton crop, while Mr. E. McIver Williamson, the other member opposes it. For the two positions, Messrs. Archer, Williamson, W. W. Ray and J. B. McBride were voted for, Messrs. Williamson and Archer opposing, and Messrs. Ray and McBride favoring the holding company plan. Messrs. Archer and Ray were elected, one on each side.

Another discussion arose to memorialize the Legislature to repeal the lien law. The resolution, however, was finally passed. The Legislature was also asked to outlaw bucket shops and a bill on this line will be introduced by Secretary Weston, who is Senator from Richland County.

Strong resolutions expressing confidence in Harvie Jordan were passed and thanking him for his work for the organization. Fourteen delegates to the Southern Cotton Association Convention in Birmingham on January 17th were elected.

The Convention held a night session at which financial matters were discussed. In considering the matter of salaries it was proposed to pay President Smith \$2,000 instead of \$1,000, if he would devote his entire time to the work in this State, but

Mr. Smith would not make any promises prior to the meeting of the Birmingham Convention. He has been acting as field agent of the general Association, but it is understood that his salary of \$5,000 has not been paid. The matter of salaries was then left to the executive committee. This committee, as appointed by Mr. Smith, is composed of Messrs. E. M. Williamson, of Darlington; B. F. Keller, of Cameron; R. Mays Cleveland, of Marietta; R. M. Pegues, of Kollock; W. D. Bryan, of Taft.

The Convention endorsed the plan to hold a State Cotton Congress in Columbia in February to consider the Williamson Method, as it is called.

A resolution was adopted requesting the Birmingham Convention to invite the World's Cotton Congress to meet in Columbia. The last session was held in Washington in May and the next meeting will be held in October, 1907. The Congress is composed of such organizations of cotton growers as the Southern Cotton Association and Farmers' Union, and the European Federation of Master Spinners, the New England Manufacturers' Association. The Columbia Chamber of Commerce will take up this matter and urge the selection of Columbia as the meeting place.

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### II.—THE FIGHT ON THE COTTON EXCHANGE.

#### A Brief Explanation of the Sensational Charges of Messrs. Jordan and Livingston.

The sensation of last week in the cotton world was the action of President Harvie Jordan of the Southern Cotton Association and Representative L. F. Livingston, of Georgia, in asking the Postoffice Department to issue a fraud order against the New York Cotton Exchange. Perhaps the gist of their contention cannot be more effectively stated than by the following editorial from the Columbia State:

"Briefly, the allegation is that the New York Cotton Exchange is using the mails for fraudulent purposes, in that the quotations of futures sent out from New York do not represent even approximately the price of spot cotton, and are therefore misleading. For instance the 'future' quotation for December 28th was 163 points below the market value of spot cotton. Yet, the theory is that the spot cotton is the basis. It is further contended that the stock of cotton held in New York for 'deliveries' to comply with the rules of the exchange—is of very inferior quality, much of it being unspinnable.

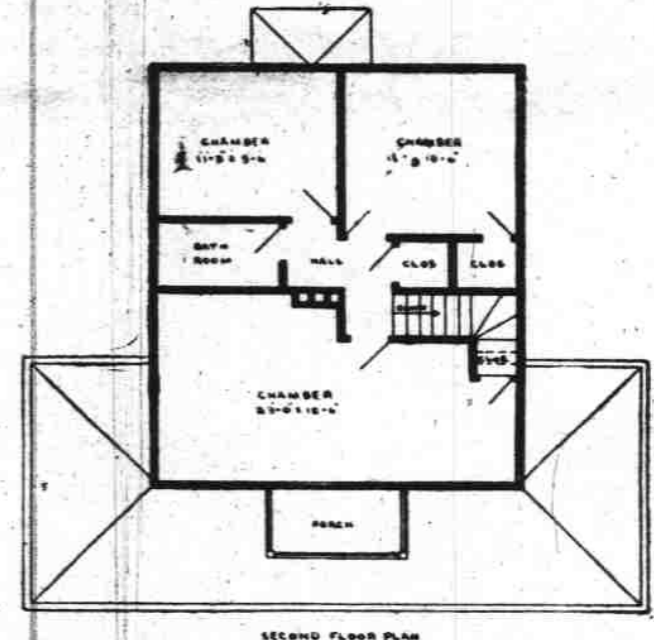
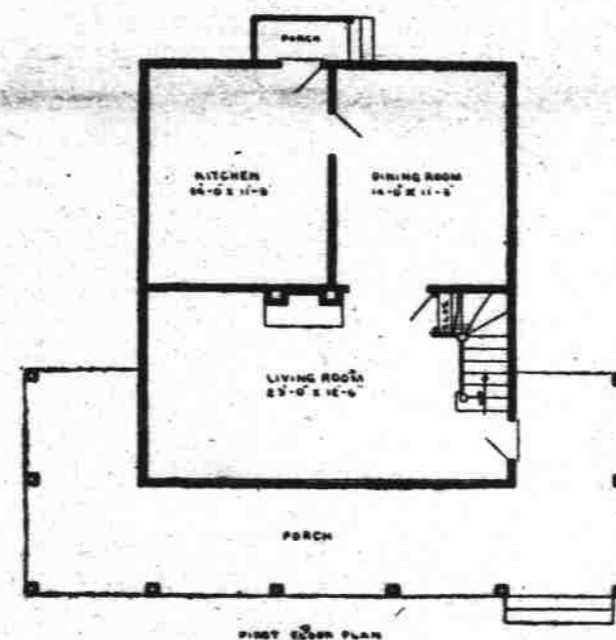
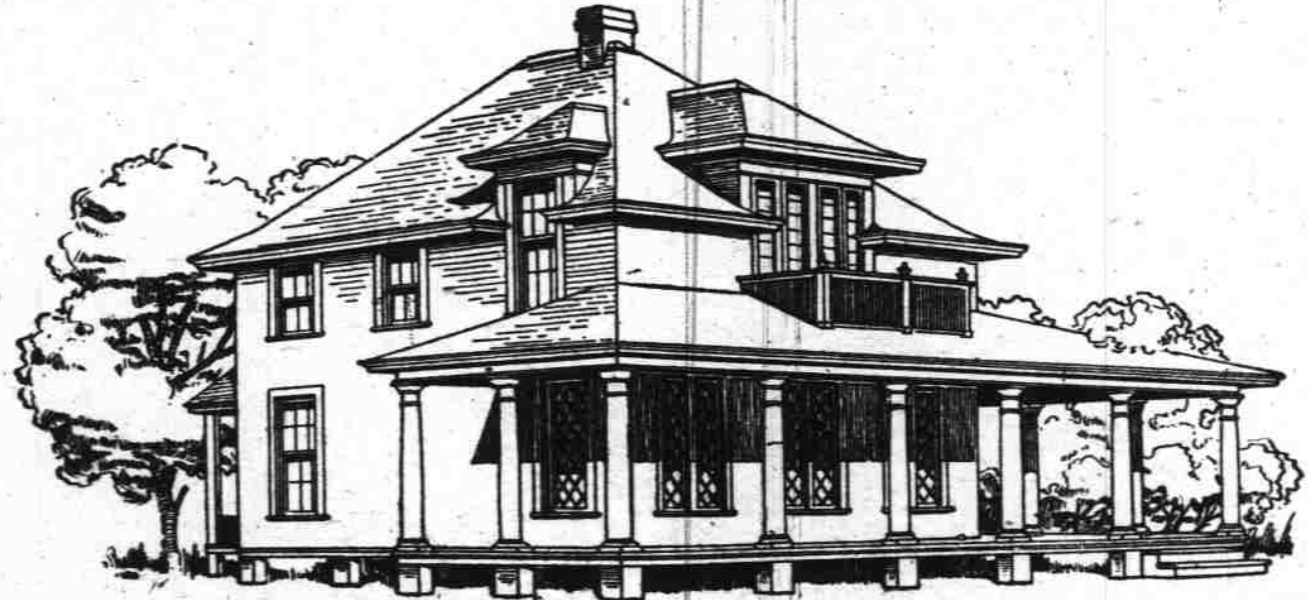
"The complaint filed with the Postmaster General is strengthened by

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## A Southern Cottage.

The First of the Series of Pretty Farm Homes Designed for Progressive Farmer Readers by a Chicago Architect.

The design and plan shown in this issue is of a six-room cottage, suitable for a Southern climate. The first floor contains a very large living room, dining room and kitchen. No pantry has been provided. An arrangement of cupboard and shelves around walls of kitchen serves as a pantry. There is an open fireplace in the living room and the stairway leads directly from the living room to second story. Three bed rooms,



bath and closets have been arranged on the second floor. The windows of the living room are of the casement pattern, being hinged so as to swing in, instead of being hung as usual. The front porch and balcony are very important in a warm climate and in this plan they are of ample dimensions. A plan of this kind would make an excellent one for a summer cottage in a northern district. If so used it need not be plastered nor finished, thereby reducing the cost to a considerable extent. My estimate of the cost of this house is \$800 outside of large cities. I will furnish any further information regarding this plan to the readers of this paper if they will write me.

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