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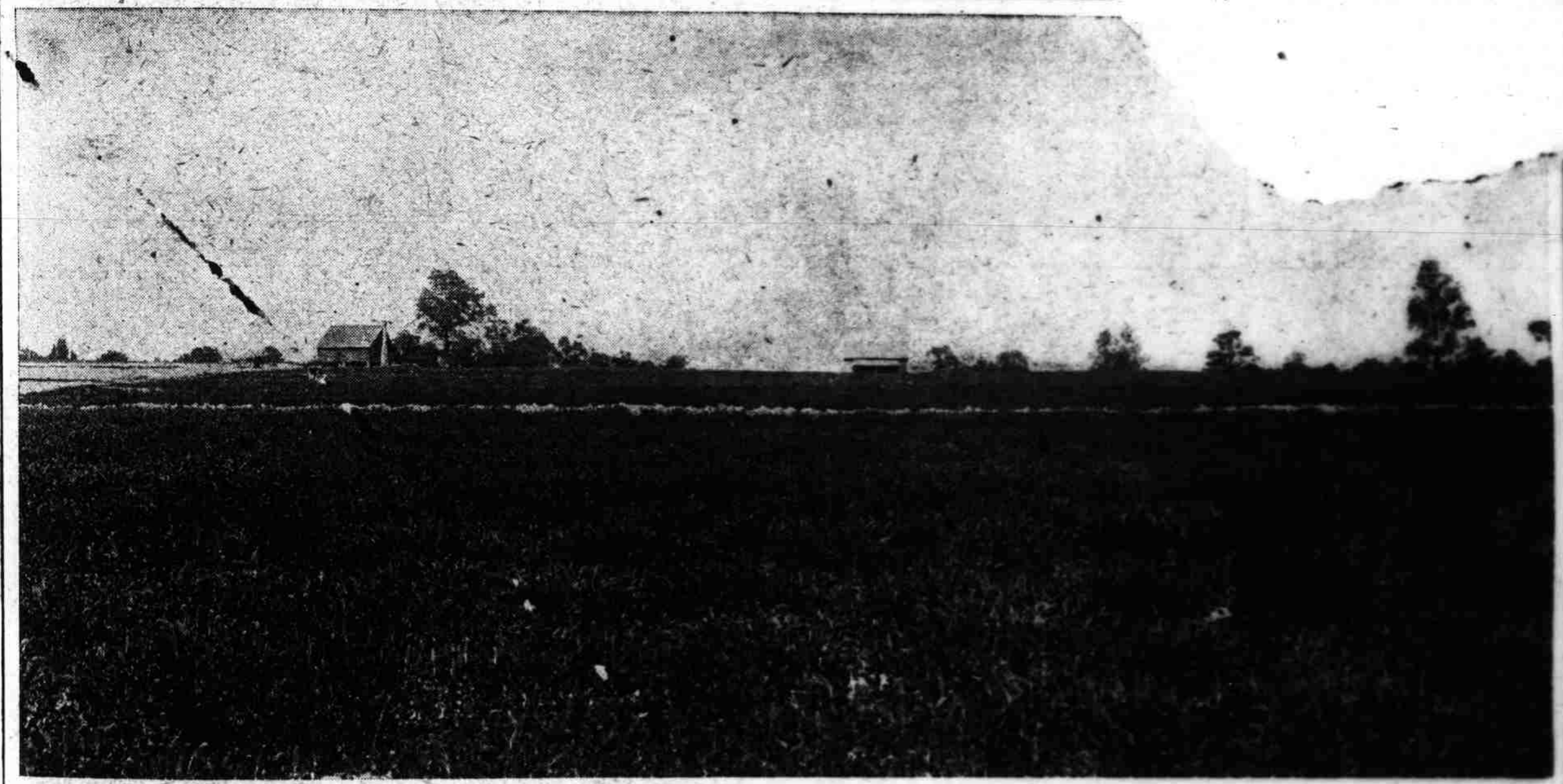
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High Prices and Independence: The Southern

A BALE of cotton with the seed is now worth \$150 to \$160; corn is around \$2.50 at most Southern points, and wheat, oats and hay are correspondingly high. Prices of all kinds of livestock are soaring.

The use that is made of which it is expended, is good of many a Southern farm.



THE GREATEST OF ALL CORN FERTILIZERS
Crop of Crimson Clover on Farm of B. S. Hodges, Hodges, S. C.

and the same is true of tobacco, peanuts, sugar, syrup—practically everything, in fact, the farmer grows.

These prices mean, above all things else, that the Southern farmer's hour of golden opportunity has struck. Never in the history of our country has the farmer had a greater opportunity to achieve that economic independence that is the rightful due of every American citizen. Never again, probably, will we see a time when the whole world will be so dependent upon the farmer, so willing to adequately reward him for his labor.

To the white tenant of the South and the struggling landowner we would especially appeal to make use of an opportunity that may never come again.

In many a community in the South this fall there will be small farmers, both tenants and landowners, with the proceeds of from ten to thirty-five bales of cotton, or from one to four or five thousand dollars in cash. Of course in most cases the "run" must be paid for, but even after this is done there is probably going to be a larger surplus of clear cash than ever before.

tenant, a slave to time prices, or whether he shall be independent. To the white tenant farmer, we would say buy land. The man who owns the land he tills, who lives under his own roof, has achieved an independence that is worth all the effort, the work, the hardship it may have cost. But in buying, buy wisely. Get good land, even if it costs more, for some lands are dear at any price. And then so plan that after the land is bought there will be some money left for equipment and operation.

To the landowning farmers of the South, now is the time to put away forever the crushing time-prices system that has dragged many a good man down to ruin. From the profits of this year's crops let us put by in the bank a cash surplus on which to do business until the next harvest time. After this surplus has been provided, whatever remains may be used for providing whatever simple luxuries and conveniences the family may wish for. But let us make sure of our operating bank surplus first.

Now is our time of opportunity. Brother Farmer. Improvident waste points the way to poverty; thrift and saving, to independence. Which road will you choose?

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