

**The Commonwealth**

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**HOLD DOWN ACREAGE.**

With all the efforts the farmers of the South have made during the past twelve months to secure better prices for cotton, the most important question now is the acreage for 1906.

With smaller acreage they have the situation well in hand and can make money on their cotton crop, but with an increase in acreage, they will lose their opportunity and will have to produce cotton at a loss.

The following card has been received from New York which covers the ground pretty well:

"CROP 1904-5 13,600,000 BALES. COST FARMER 8 CENTS. SPINNER PAID 9 CENTS PER POUND. PROFIT TO FARMER \$5 PER BALE. "CROP 1905-6 10,250,000 BALES. COST FARMER 8 CENTS. SPINNER PAID 11 CENTS PER POUND. PROFIT TO FARMER \$15 PER BALE.

"THE LESS COTTON YOU RAISE, THE MORE MONEY YOU MAKE. RAISE ALL YOUR HOME SUPPLIES FOR COMFORT.

"RAISE COTTON FOR PROFIT."

Now, no one will question for a moment the logic of this card. If by producing 13,600,000 bales of cotton the farmers of the South realized only \$5 profit per bale and by producing 10,250,000 bales they realized \$15 profit per bale, it is the part of reason and common sense to hold down the acreage for 1906.

With a smaller acreage the farmer will realize larger profit and more money in the aggregation; and there is no other wise course left. Hold down the acreage and good prices are assured now; increase the acreage and just as truly are low prices assured.

If all this is true, and every one admits it, will the farmers of the country be foolish enough to increase the cotton acreage for 1906? It does not look reasonable to suppose that they will. Let every farmer hold down his own acreage and induce his neighbors to do likewise.

**A FARMER'S VIEW.**

Now, don't jump to the conclusion that we are going to give you a farmer's view concerning the acreage in cotton for 1906, for that is not what we are going to tell. Neither jump to the conclusion that we are going to give a farmer's opinion of how deep one should plant oats, how far apart the cotton rows should be run, what kind of fertilizer to put on certain land, nor what kind of cotton seed to plant—whether the Russell Big Boll, the Peterkin, the King, the Dixon, the Excelsior Prolific, or the Cluster Boll. Neither is it about chickens, calves, lambs, kids or colts—none of these things was the farmer discussing, whose words we are about to quote. He was talking about something else, if not of as much importance, certainly of some importance.

At Halifax Monday, a farmer who renewed his subscription to THE COMMONWEALTH for 1906, said that every citizen in the country ought to take the local paper in the spirit of public enterprise, as the paper deals with interests that concern the public.

And that farmer was right. People of every community should take their local paper and pay for it, whether they particularly admire the editor or not. As long as he strives to be a decent man and prints a decent paper, they ought to take the paper as a means of encouraging him in the efforts he puts forth in trying to help the good interests of his community.

**Deafness Cannot be Cured**

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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Our practical book, "Farmer's Guide," gives valuable facts for every sort of crop-raising. It is one of a number of books on successful fertilization which we send on request, free of any cost or obligation, to any farmer who will write us for them.

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**HARVIE JORDAN AT TARBORO.**

MANY FARMERS HEAR HIM. ABOVE ALL THINGS REDUCE THE ACREAGE.

On March 1st a large gathering of farmers from Edgecombe and adjoining counties assembled in Tarboro to hear Mr. Harvie Jordan, of Atlanta, President of the Southern Cotton Association. The town hall was filled with an intelligent and appreciative audience, including farmers, business men, and professional men.

Col. John L. Bridgers in well chosen words extended a cordial welcome to all, and Mr. E. L. Daughtridge in pleasing style introduced Mr. Jordan.

Tall, graceful and self-possessed the leader of the farmers' great movement known as the Southern Cotton Association, stood before the vast audience with a confidence that is born of truth and noble conviction. His confidence was that he was facing friends, sympathizers and fellow laborers, and his conviction was that the cause he represented was just.

Mr. Jordan opened his remarks by saying that while the faces before him were new he did not feel like he was among strangers. From the very first sentence he was in rapport with his audience and he held their closest attention more than an hour. There is no attempt here to report his speech, all being given from memory; and had we taken full notes there is not space at hand to give even a synopsis of the great address.

Mr. Jordan spoke of the difference between the price of raw cotton and the manufactured goods, such as cotton handkerchiefs and the like; and showed that the farmer ought to get better prices for his cotton, and that the buyer can pay 14 cents for cotton and then leave a margin of good profit for the manufacturers. A reasonable price for cotton, he said, would be at the lowest figures 12 1/2 cents, and a large part of the crop of 1905 being sold so far below that price, it will take 15 cents for the balance of the crop still unsold to average the 12 1/2 cents to which the farmers were entitled.

Mr. Jordan urged the farmers to stand together, declaring that the Southern Cotton Association thus far has kept every pledge made to the people. He said that the best backing a farmer can have is a full corn crib and a fat smoke house.

Great emphasis was laid on the necessity of reducing the cotton acreage.

Mr. Jordan said that this is the key to the whole question. With the acreage reduced every farmer will get a high price for his cotton, but with acreage increased every farmer will be compelled to sell his cotton at a low price.

Mr. Jordan paid North Carolina a high compliment by saying that the farmers of this State have been the most loyal to the Southern Cotton Association from the very beginning of its work.

Mr. Jordan's address was frequently and loudly applauded and received the endorsement of every person present. He is doing a great work for the farmers of the South, and if they will stand together as he insists they will be able to control the price of the great staple which he declares God has bestowed as a peculiar gift to the Southern people. At the close of Mr. Jordan's address Mr. C. C. Moore, president of the North Carolina Division of the Southern Cotton Association, was introduced and made good reports of the work of organizing the State by counties. He said that the work is progressing satisfactorily and well; and before he left Tarboro he arranged for the more perfect organization of Edgecombe.

**DINNER FOR MR. JORDAN.**

In honor of Mr. Jordan and under the auspices of the organization of the farmers of Edgecombe a special dinner was served at Hotel Farrar. Covers were laid for forty or more and in friendly fashion and with the best of cheer the guests of the occasion enjoyed the bounteous repast together. It was indeed a most sumptuous dinner, prepared and served in a manner to please a king.

All told, it was a great day for Edgecombe farmers, and their cause received a new impetus which will tell for good for a long time to come. And the thanks of all were tendered Mr. Jordan for his visit, for his masterful address and the fine influence it left upon the people.

**SUPERIOR COURT.**

Halifax Superior Court is in session this week, Judge J. T. Shaw presiding. Court was opened at 11 o'clock Monday, and the following grand jury drawn:

R. S. Travis, foreman, J. E. Harris, R. G. Brown, R. L. Stokes, F. R. B. B. R. W. Hammill, W. H. Sykes, E. L. Savage, C. W. Albertson, J. C. Taylor, A. L. Cochran, K. Dickens, E. A. Perry, J. D. Weeks, J. H. Briley, J. G. Sears, J. O. Applewhite, D. N. Pittard.

Immediately after the grand jury was drawn Clerk Gary administered the oath to them and Judge Shaw proceeded to deliver his charge to the jury.

Judge Shaw's charge was clear and strong and highly instructive to all who heard it. He dwelt with special emphasis on the blessings which come to the whole people whom the law protects.

Judge Shaw held court in Halifax a few weeks ago and made a fine impression on all the people who attended the court. And the people of the county are glad to have him hold this court, for the effect of a court presided over by an able, good and upright judge is always helpful to the people in whose community it is held.

This is a two weeks term of court, and besides the cases on the criminal docket there are many cases of importance on the civil docket. The officers of the court, including Solicitor, Clerk, Sheriff and deputies, were all in proper places and were ready with their part of service in court properly to dispatch business.

**Thousands Have Kidney Trouble and Don't Know It.**

How To Find Out. Fill a bottle or common glass with your water and let it stand twenty-four hours. A sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys; if it stains your linen it is evidence of kidney trouble; too frequent desire to pass it or pain in the back is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.



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Bears the Signature of *Wm. D. Little*

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Cure Colds, Whooping Cough, etc.

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**MORE THAN THAT**

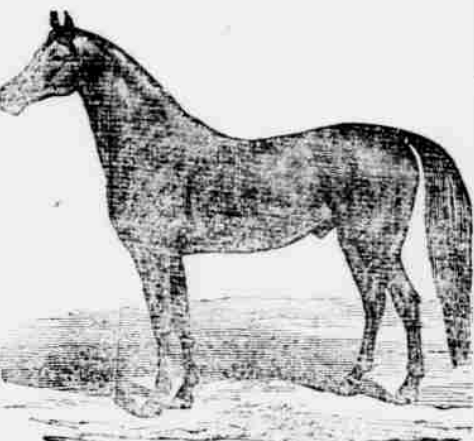
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Quotations, March 5th, 1906

COTTON—Steady.

Strict Middling	11
Middling	10 1/2
Strict Low Middling	10 1/4
Low Middling	10 1/8
Tinges	
Stains	
Blues	
PEANUTS—Dull.	
Fancy	3
Strictly Prime	2 1/2
Prime	2 1/4
Low Grades	1 1/2
Machine Picked	1 1/4-2
Spanish	\$1.00 bushel
B. E. Peas	\$2.50 per bag
Black and Speckle Peas	\$1.10 bushel
Clay and Red Peas	\$1.00 bushel
68 in. 8 oz. Bags in bales	\$10 1/2
	10-5 6m

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In fact, Every One who Bought a LUMMUS Gin last year is ready to testify that LUMMUS Gins are the Best on the market. We have the Agency for Halifax county, and Represent the Factory Direct which enables us to Sell them at

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**FULL STOCK OF HORSES AND MULES**

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**Kodol Dyspepsia Cure**  
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**DO NOT BE IMPOSED UPON**  
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Remember the name and insist upon having FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR. Do not risk your life or health by taking imitations, which cost you the same as the genuine. FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR is put up in three sizes—25c, 50c and \$1.00.

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