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CRY FOR FARMERS' AID.

Owing to the low prices for tobacco and cotton the farmer is holding his crop in the hope of better prices. This has been advocated in all sides and has, no doubt, been to some extent the cause for the somewhat better prices on the tobacco market lately.

However, there is another side to the question and one that is affecting every town in the south. What is to happen to the merchant if some part of the crop is not sold and the proceeds turned over to the dealer who has carried the burden of credit all the year?

It is an acknowledged and open fact that the retail merchants are in bad way because they are being hardly pressed to meet their bills by the manufacturer and jobber and are unable to do so until the money the farmer owes is paid, either in whole or in part.

The farmer will naturally say that if he sells now it will be at a loss or at the best with only a very meagre profit. This undoubtedly is true, but at the same time it must not be forgotten that all people in a community are interdependent upon each other and one must help the other if the whole structure of community welfare is maintained.

For the past several months merchandise has been on the decline and goods bought at high prices by the merchant has been sacrificed at a loss, and all this time the merchant has been furnishing the credit for the farmer to work and handle his crop.

Now comes the time when the farmer can return the accommodation by selling a part of his crop, even though it be at or below the cost of production, and pay his bills so that in turn the merchant may pay his also and save his credit, and probably himself from ruin.

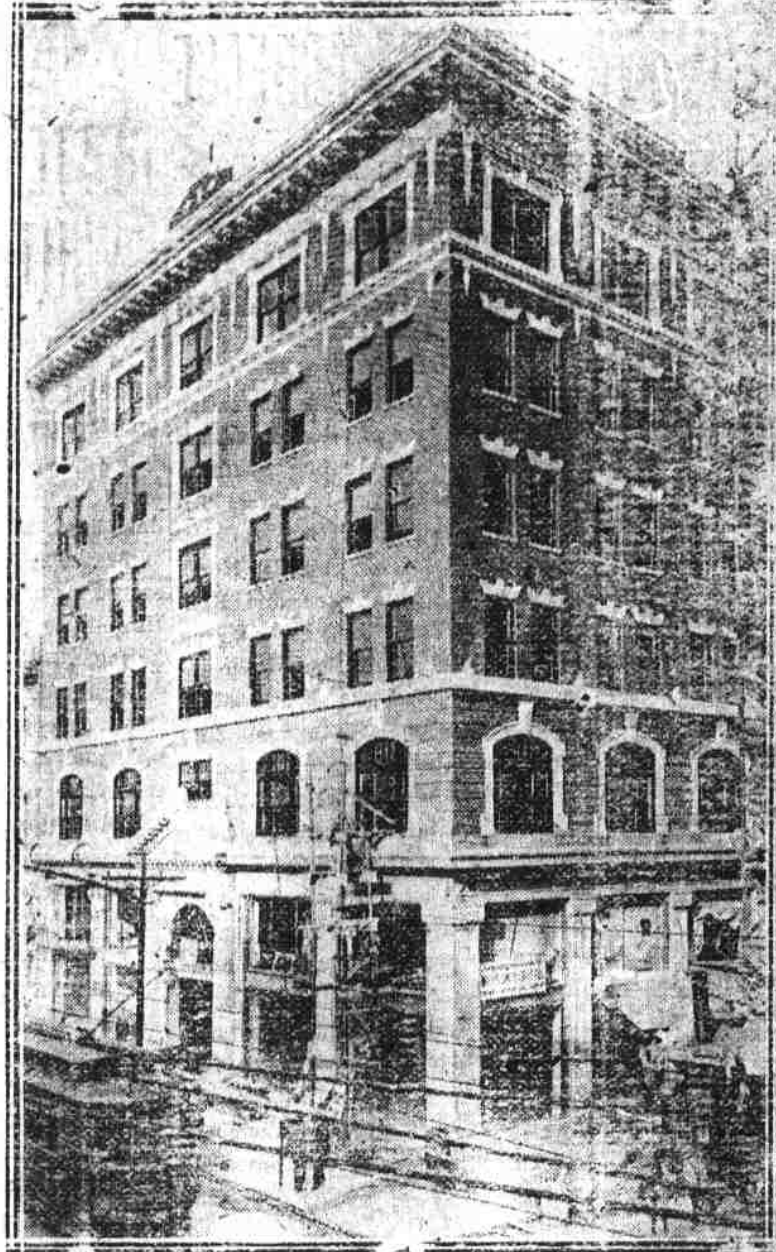
It must not be forgotten that the merchant is a very necessary adjunct to the farmers' well-being and these two must work in harmony for the successful operation of any community.

Hardly any farmer will gainsay the statement that the merchant as a general rule has been most lenient about the accounts upon his ledger, which are long past due and payable and it is a recognized rule of business that a past due bill is payable and collectable, therefore it is certainly not asking too much of their farmer friends to say, "Bill, pay me a little, just a little, so that I, too, may pay a little, just a little, on my own overdue accounts."

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ATTENTION FARMERS!

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