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COTTON CONVENTION HELD AT RALEIGH

Resolutions Adopted At This Convention Means Much For Cotton Farmers.

The South is confronted with a disaster unless the crop of 1919 be reduced and the balance of the crop of 1918 be protected and held until market conditions justify its sale. To enable all people in the South interested in cotton, and nearly all are, to adopt a direct and intelligent method of meeting the situation, this Convention earnestly recommends that the following plan be adopted:

(1) That the crop of 1919 be reduced at least 25 per cent in acreage, and that the fertilizer on the two-thirds area be not increased; but this does not apply to any farm of less than five acres to the horse. Provided, that in carrying out this recommendation the following schedule of reduction shall be observed:

Any man planting five acres or less to the horse to make no reduction; 5-7 acres, reduce one acre to the horse; 8-9 acres, reduce two acres to the horse; 10-11-12-13 acres, reduce three acres; 14, reduce four acres; 15-16, reduce five acres; 17-18, reduce six acres; 19-20, reduce seven acres. Under no circumstances will any farmer plant more than 12 acres to the horse.

(2) That on all the cotton land left out and on the balance of the farm, complete rotation of food, feed and other crops be planted.

(3) We believe that the existing situation justifies the holding of every bale of cotton now in the hands of our Southern people, and we urge our farmers not to sell the balance of the present crop for less than thirty cents per pound, basis middling.

(4) That to carry out this purpose we call upon the bankers and business men of the State for their hearty cooperation.

(5) We recommend that the cotton be stored under shelter, or in a warehouse, and will not permit it to leave the warehouse until the owner shall so specify.

(6) We earnestly warn the farmer that if he buys high-priced fertilizer, and a large acreage of cotton is made, he must pay next fall with cheap cotton for the high-priced fertilizer and other supplies.

(7) We recommend to the farmer that he leave uncultivated in cotton every acre that he cannot reasonably expect to make enough cotton to yield a profit at reasonable prices. We do not believe that an acre that produces less than two-thirds of a bale will add a profit to the grower, and every such acre should not be planted in cotton.

(8) For the purpose of securing the united cooperation of all financial interests, and to put this plan into effect, the merchants, bankers, landlords, fertilizer dealers and other business men are asked to extend credit and to finance farming on the basis of a safe program, including full rotation of food and feed, rather than the production of cotton alone.

(9) It is recommended that the worst need for cotton when conditions become anything approaching normal will, without doubt, be exceedingly great, and it is therefore important that those who now hold their cotton

against that time, and that in the meantime the situation be held in hand by control of future production.

(10) We recommend that the present Congress of the United States enact the Smith bill covering the character of cotton deliverable upon cotton exchanges.

(11) We recommend that the legislature pass an adequate warehouse bill for the State of North Carolina.

(12) We recommend that the tabulating day for individual taxpayers be made June 1st.

(13) We recommend that a committee of seven persons representing the farming and business interests of the State be named by the governor to inaugurate a State-wide campaign to effect the purposes set forth, such committee to meet immediately, and to have full authority to devise ways and means to carry out the provisions of these recommendations.

This committee is authorized to raise money, employ clerical assistance, and to put on an intensive campaign and to do any and all things necessary to effect the purposes of this meeting.

(14) This organization shall be known as The North Carolina Cotton Association, and every person present is asked to enroll as a member before leaving.

The following committee was appointed by the governor: C. D. Orrell, Monroec, chairman; W. G. Clark, Tarboro; S. H. Hobbs, Clinton; E. B. Crow, Raleigh; J. Z. Green, Marshallville; G. N. Newsome, Goldsboro; O. L. Clark, Clarkton.

The committee decided that the assessment on farmers should be twenty cents per bale for all cotton on hand and ten cents per acre for cotton planted in 1919, which would entitle him to membership in the North Carolina Cotton Association. Fifty per cent of the funds raised are to be forwarded by the local treasurer to the central organization; Dr. B. W. Kilgore, Treasurer, Raleigh, N. C.

What a Man Does When He Swears.

The man who swears does ten things at once: (1) he breaks the command of God; (2) he violates the law of the land; (3) he transgresses the rules of good manners; (4) he outrages decency; (5) he insults good people; (6) he profanes sacred things; (7) he shows bad bringing up; (8) he dishonors his parents; (9) he does what he is ashamed of; (10) he does what he will regret.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

Owing to the fact that we have not been able to collect accounts due us, and as we are in need of the money, no cars or accessories to cars will be allowed to leave this garage in the future without paying CASH IN ADVANCE.

BAKER AUTO CO.
By J. J. Baker.

WHAT CONSTITUTES A MODERN GOOD MOTHER

The crown of life was placed on woman by the Creator when to her he gave the highest function given to humanity—the bearing and rearing of children. The health, the life, the quality of the human race are in a large degree dependent on the quality of its motherhood.

Some mothers think that if they pay strict attention to the physical needs of their children they are absolved from all further duty. The care of the child's body is important, but even more important than this is the spiritual development of his character. She should be ready to respond to his cry or his smile. The cry is the beginning of his effort to communicate with another soul, and the smile is the dawn of the social consciousness.

Later on, when little hands reach out to disarrange her orderly table, or destroy her bright brass, again she should understand that these are but the manifestations of an awakened power within the child which is reaching out to master the outside world. These are the child's inarticulate calls for help and guidance in its learning the use of its chief instrument—the voice and body. Still later, when the little one begins to trot around after the busy housewife and tries to brush and dust and scrub as he sees her doing, let her remember that it is this primitive

instinct that is leading her out and trying to understand what she is doing by imitating her and so get in touch with her inner life. This imitative instinct in children is such a wonderful thing, if we only understand it right. The wise mother will spend a moment or two in arranging some bit of work which the child can do, or with a word or two will let him feel that he is helping her, and thus will bring her child nearer to her than any amount of kissing or caressing. She has responded to his inner self and thereby drawn him nearer to her by that invisible bond of sympathetic understanding of an unconscious appeal. The so-called destructiveness of many a child is but this inner desire to master the outside world, crying for help and guidance. Still later, when the child's almost ceaseless questions begin to fret and tax her tired nerves, let her but think

of any child's real self trying to stretch and grow, and half his tongue will vanish. I have often noticed that children who are answered sensibly rarely ask foolish questions. Do you say, "Oh, that takes too much time?"

Does it take any more time to be a mother than to scold and punish her? Because, forsooth, when his heart is being harassed, when he is being helped and helped by you, it turns to some other activity by which it can exercise its God-given power. It is as natural and as necessary for a child to keep feeling his power as it is for a tree to put forth its leaves.

How can we best help to develop and train toward useful ends this inborn, God-given power that is forever struggling to put itself forth, to express itself in the outside world? In other words, how can we help a child's inner life to grow? This is the most subtle, the most delicate, the most vital of all problems that the lover of childhood has to solve. "Unless a man hath a will within him, you can teach him to nothing," says Emerson. "We may coerce a child into doing as we command, but that is not growth. Punishment is often necessary, but it is not of the real worth unless it is essential, and for it to be essential it must be accepted and

owned. Who are the people who win our confidence? To whom do we tell our innermost longings and aspirations? Is it not to the person that we think best understands us, who never ridicules any real effort on our part, but who rather encourages it, who criticizes us, if criticism is necessary, in so kindly and helpful a way as to encourage us rather than discourage us? In other words, it is not the person who believes not blindly but intelligently in our possibilities? Can we not try to be that person to the children around us? It is this close sympathetic companionship with their shy inner life that counts for them everything else. We talk of advantages this or that child has, the greatest advantage that any child can have is an intelligently sympathetic mother-heart near him.

Let us turn and examine our own hearts. Who are the people who win our confidence? To whom do we tell our innermost longings and aspirations? Is it not to the person that we think best understands us, who never ridicules any real effort on our part, but who rather encourages it, who criticizes us, if criticism is necessary, in so kindly and helpful a way as to encourage us rather than discourage us? In other words, it is not the person who believes not blindly but intelligently in our possibilities? Can we not try to be that person to the children around us? It is this close sympathetic companionship with their shy inner life that counts for them everything else. We talk of advantages this or that child has, the greatest advantage that any child can have is an intelligently sympathetic mother-heart near him.

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COTTON PROPOSAL IS GRIPPING SOUTH

Movement is Spreading Like Wild-Fire All Over The Cotton Belt.

Reports received at state headquarters, Raleigh, of the North Carolina Cotton Association during the past few days indicate that the movement inaugurated at the recent county conventions held in practically every county in the state last week to hold the world balance of the present crop and to reduce the acreage for the coming crop by one-third as compared with 1918 is spreading like wildfire in all parts of North Carolina. The bankers, merchants and farmers who attended these conventions last week let to grass grow under their feet upon their return to their homes. The New Orleans, Houston, Galveston, Dallas, Memphis, Montgomery, Atlanta, Little Rock, Charleston, Savannah and Birmingham newspapers have been publishing daily reports of county and State meetings held in these States to ratify and put into practical effect the work outlined by the general convention recently held in New Orleans. In fact, it would seem as if every Southern State and every county in the cotton belt were vying with one another to see which will make the best record in the matter of reducing the cotton acreage in 1919 and holding the cotton now on hand for remunerative prices.

Almost everywhere this movement, which threatens to leave the cotton acreage of the country, held and checked by the bear speculation in the New York market, has led on the cotton market for some weeks past, the Northern press is attempting to throw ridicule on the movement.

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effect the cotton acreage reduction movement is furnished by an article published in a recent issue of the Journal of Commerce. Some supposed correspondent from the South is quoted in that journal, which has always been very friendly to the New England spinning interests, as saying:

"I take little stock in resolutions to decrease acreage, as such attempts at reduction are economic heresy. Too well do many of us remember the days of four and five cent cotton in the nineties. Conventions were held in Memphis and elsewhere to reduce acreage. Solemn oaths were signed, but always the result was the same, an increase of acreage, because each went home with the same determination to increase his own acreage as he believed his neighbor was going to decrease."

Such articles as these, full of mis-statements of facts, are calculated to have just the opposite effect, in the South, from that intended by the authors. Much water, in an economic way, has run under the mill since the early nineties. The cotton growers of the South have learned by sad experience that a small crop with good prices pays better than a large crop with low prices. If they had any doubt on this score Secretary Foster's annual reports, showing the total value of the various crops produced by the South, state the facts only too plainly. The Journal of Commerce statement to the contrary, no signed pledges were required by the cotton convention previously held in the South, and it was this year lack of signed pledges that foredoomed the acreage production movement of previous years to practical failure. There never was a year in which a convention of this sort was held that the acreage was not materially decreased, although the cut in acreage did not always come up to what the convention had planned. Lack of proper organization by States and counties, the failure to get signed pledges of

pledges to reduce acreage, in which the Journal of Commerce refers, in a flattering phrase, but cotton men say it will not deceive anybody in the South who stops to think. The New England and Southern mills, when they had a stock of goods accumulating and no buyers coming into the dry goods market at once take steps to reduce their output. It is argued, therefore, that if it is a good thing for the mills to reduce their output to stimulate demand, why should it not also be a good thing for the cotton growers in the South who produce the raw material? This is the point of view that the cotton interests of the South take.

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