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SULLY'S LETTER TO COTTON FARMERS.

Urges That They Surprise The World by Reducing Acreage.

Dan. J. Sully, one of the greatest friends the farmers of the south ever had, is out in a letter in which he urges the reduction of cotton acreage. He advises the farmers not to be led astray by the present prices, and to again surprise the world by greatly reducing the acreage this year. The letter is short and to the point, and if the advice contained therein is adopted the farmers of the south will be millions of dollars better off this time next year than they are at present. Here is Mr. Sully's letter:

TO THE COTTON GROWERS OF THE SOUTH:

If you wish to win your battle, and obtain a fair price for your cotton, you must reduce your acreage very considerably.

You have surprised the world by the manner in which you have held your cotton. Surprise again by cutting down your acreage.

Do not be led astray by the present steadiness of prices.

Three causes have contributed to bring about this rise of more than one cent a pound.

First. The urgent need arising from an unprecedented consumption.

Second. Your courage and wisdom in making the buyer meet your terms.

Third. The belief that you could cut your acreage to such an extent that the supplies from this crop and the growth of 1905-6 would make a commercial crop no larger than the world needs.

The first two causes lost their force the moment it is known that there is a prospect for a moderately large crop next year. Even if the mills take 12,000,000 bales during the current season, this would leave a carry-over of 600,000. Hence the necessity of a smaller crop this year.

Do not let any rise in prices between now and the end of the planting season deter you from reducing your acreage.

Such an advance would be anticipated that you were making a decrease which your friends have advised you to make.

If the June reports of the government show that you have failed to make sufficient reduction to only persons who would be speculators who sell out their futures at a profit.

The price of the cotton you produce will be regulated by the actual, not the expected, reduction.

Don't depend on your neighbor to do the reducing.

In this matter of acreage reduction bear in mind three suggestions:

Don't rely on bad weather to cut down the crop.

Don't put a large acreage into cotton simply because it is too late to plant corn or other diversified crops. It would be far better to let part of your land lie idle than to run the risk of raising a crop so large as to make possible another period of low priced cotton.

I am making this appeal to you because I regard the next few weeks as critical in the path and because I believe that every man who is interested in the welfare of the south should recognize the importance of a reduction in acreage.

Death of Mrs. Emeline Lee.

Mrs. Emeline Lee died at her home at Sharon Friday at the old age of 82 years. She had lived a long life of Christian service and usefulness and was loved by all who knew her. Mrs. Lee had been a member of Sharon Methodist church for 60 years. Her remains were laid to rest in the Sharon church cemetery Saturday, the funeral services being conducted by Rev. D. D. Harrill, of Ellenboro. The STAR extends its congratulations.

Humphries-Walker.

Mr. Erastus Humphries and Miss Leicie Walker were married at New House April 16, the ceremony being performed by Rev. D. D. Harrill, of Ellenboro. The STAR extends its congratulations.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

Relatives and Friends Celebrate the 82nd Birthday of Rev. Jno. Ruppe.

To the Editor of THE STAR:

On Tuesday, April 11 the 82nd birthday of Rev. John Ruppe, was celebrated by his children, neighbors and friends, at LaVoins church in No. 1 township. At 11 o'clock a. m., Rev. A. J. Donner preached an able sermon which was followed by interesting addresses by Revs. B. P. Greene and John Ruppe. After this, dinner was served, and an elegant one it was, only such as the good ladies can always prepare. Everyone present showed their appreciation both by having good appetites and by complimentary speech.

A part of the afternoon was spent in song service, and the music rendered was excellent, also several very short but interesting addresses were made relative to the life of Brother Ruppe and of the great and lasting work he has accomplished.

Mr. Ruppe has been an ordained minister for 30 years, and has discharged his duty faithfully. He has done a great work in this country; a founder of several churches, and is blessed with health and strength to help carry on the great work in which he is so much interested. His home is just over the line in South Carolina, and many hearts have been made glad because he has sent them away with two hearts that beat as one, having married over 600 couples.

The immense crowd present enjoyed the day greatly, and rejoiced that they could meet and honor one we all have so much confidence in.

R. F. D. Gaffney, S. C., April 17.

Death of Mrs. Elizabeth Carpenter.

King's Mountain Herald.

Mrs. Elizabeth Carpenter, widow of the late Wm. Carpenter, and mother of our townsmen, A. P. and M. M. Carpenter and Mrs. C. S. Crouse, died at the home of her son, M. M. Carpenter in this place at 4 o'clock Tuesday morning and was buried at St. Marks church on yesterday. Her pastor Rev. Mr. Kohn, of Cherryville conducted her funeral services in presence of a large audience. Mrs. Carpenter was 86 years old and a good, quiet Christian woman. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Carpenter has made her home with her son in this place. Mrs. Carpenter has been in declining health for some time, but old age was the prime cause of her death.

Wholesale Grocery House.

Mr. Ab. Blanton and family, of Marion, arrived Monday and they will make Shelby their future home. We give them glad and cordial welcome. Mr. Blanton is a successful and progressive business man and he will open at once his wholesale grocery business in the Lineberger brick building, near the Lineberger shop, and will do an extensive business. The firm name will be A. Blanton Grocery Co., and Mr. Blanton will give the business his personal attention.

Death of Mr. Dover.

Mr. Willis Dover, a highly respected citizen of Beam's Mill, died at his home on Monday morning, Apr. 10th, of grippe. Deceased was an ex Confederate soldier, was 65 years old, and leaves a wife and several children to mourn his loss. His body was laid to rest Tuesday at Pleasant Grove Baptist church graveyard, Mr. L. A. Wright making a short talk at the grave. THE STAR extends its sympathy to the sorrowing family and relatives in their great bereavement.

Graded School to Close Monday, May 1.

The Shelby graded school will close Monday, May 1st, with graduating exercises. The students who have completed the graded school course and who will receive their diplomas are Misses Gertrude Hamrick and Mabel Jotson. In addition to the ordinary graduating exercises, there will be songs, and recitations by several young ladies and declamations and orations by several young men.

MARRIAGE AT STICE.

A Popular Young Couple Marries—A Fishing Party—Comings and Goings.

Special to THE STAR.

STICE, April 18.—On last Sunday afternoon, April 16th, one of the prettiest marriages of the season took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Runyans, of Earl, when their charming and accomplished daughter, Miss Belle, became the wife of Mr. Hubert Powers, of Blacksburg, S. C., Rev. I. T. Newton, of Blacksburg, performing the ceremony in a very graceful and impressive manner. The bride was attired in a lovely white gown, trimmed with lace and ribbon, and was quite beautiful. The groom wore the conventional black. Messrs. Baxter Betts and Cleve Webber, of Earl, were the handsome groomsmen, and the lovely bridesmaids were Misses Dottie Byers, of Patterson Springs, and Rubie Runyans, of Earls. Quite a crowd of friends and relatives attended the marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Powers left Monday for their home at Blacksburg, S. C., carrying with them the best wishes of a host of friends for a long and happy life to gether.

Miss Mayme McCraw, one of Gaffneys' loveliest young ladies, will arrive Sunday to be the guest of her friend, the fascinating Miss Myrtle Borders.

Miss Hula Powers attended the Powers-Runyans nuptials, at Earl Sunday.

Miss Robbie Hopper, of Earl, was a delightful guest at Mr. C. A. Borders Sunday.

Mr. D. P. Byers, of Patterson Springs, spent Sunday most pleasantly at Stice.

Mrs. Sallie Gibson and daughter, Miss Belle, visited at Mr. S. M. Moore's last week.

Messrs. T. H. Abernathy and three sons, Chess, Charlie and Tucker, Graham Anthony and J. D. Lineberger, Jr., of Shelby, came down the river fishing on Saturday afternoon. They caught some very large fish.

The frost has not killed all the fruit yet.

To Marry in Texas.

It is a source of great pleasure to his many friends in his native county to learn that Mr. Geo. Franklin Simmons, formerly of Cleveland county, is to be married to-day, and that his bride is one of the fairest young ladies of the Lone Star State. Mr. Simmons has been in Texas three years and is associated in business with his uncle, Mr. W. A. Martin who is also a native of Cleveland county. Mr. Simmons was one of the most popular and energetic young men of this county, and he has the congratulation of his friends here on his success in the business world in Texas as well as the matrimonial. We copy the following from a Paris Texas daily:

"On Wednesday evening, April 19th, Rev. J. T. Pinson will perform the ceremony which will unite in wedlock Mr. G. F. Simmons and Miss Pearl Hicks at the home of the bride's parents on Pine Bluff street. Miss Hicks is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram T. Hicks and an estimable young lady whose pretty face and charming traits have won for her a large circle of friends. Mr. Simmons is a nephew of Mr. W. A. Martin, a young man of sterling qualities and a gentleman in every sense. Mr. and Mrs. Simmons will beat home at 801 Lamar avenue.

Mr. Smith Goes to Charlotte.

Mr. Charles H. Smith who has been in Shelby as druggist with Julius A. Sattle, upon the retirement of Mr. Sattle from the drug business, has moved to Charlotte and accepted a position as druggist with Messrs. J. P. Shaw & Company. Mr. and Mrs. Smith came here from Newton several months ago and grew very popular with the Shelby people who regret they have moved away. A reporter of the Charlotte Observer says of them: "Both Mr. and Mrs. Smith have many friends in this city who will gladly welcome them back to a permanent residence here."

ALDERMAN PRESIDENT OF UNIVERSITY.

Native of North Carolina and Former President of Our Own University.

Charlottesville, Va., April 13. Dr. Edwin A. Alderman of North Carolina was today inaugurated president of the University of Virginia.

"Dr. Alderman is one of the most eloquent and scholarly orators in America," once remarked the head of a great Baltimore University, speaking of the new president of the University of Virginia. Another noted scholar remarked at another time: "He has about him more of the evidences of culture than any other man I know."

Dr. Alderman has about him something of the atmosphere of the ancient Greeks. Thoroughly modern, a man who enjoys life and whose pulse beats in unison with his time, yet somehow he reminds you of Pericles, and you know he would have been no mean citizen of the Athens that built the Parthenon and gave the world a priceless contribution of eloquence and poetry, philosophy and art.

Eloquent and polished, he does not sacrifice matter to manner and has a very practical way of carrying out his ideals.

Born at Wilmington, N. C., May 15, 1861, he belongs distinctly to the new generation which had no part in the war between the states. Trained for college at a Virginia school, he went to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and graduated there in 1882 as a bachelor of philosophy. As soon as he got his diploma he began teaching school and was soon the superintendent of public schools of the town of Goldsboro, N. C. He became inspired with the idea that education was the salvation of the south. With his intimate friends, Dr. Charles D. McIver, he went through the state holding teachers' institutes.

In a few years Dr. Alderman was called to the University of North Carolina as professor of the history and philosophy of education. Two years later, in 1896, he was elected president of the University of North Carolina to succeed Dr. George T. Winston. He made a notable record as president and won a national reputation as an orator and educator.

When Col. William Preston Johnston died Dr. Alderman was elected to the place left vacant by Col. Johnston's death—president of Tulane University at New Orleans. That institution was rich and has fine possibilities. He infused into it the university spirit and made it an active force in the life of New Orleans.

Big Missionary Meeting.

Charlotte Observer.

Asheville, April 13.—The year's event in the history of Southern missionary Methodism will be the gathering in Asheville in May of the South Atlantic Missionary Conference, which comes for a four days' convention and which in all probability will be attended by from 1,500 to 2,000 delegates, including the most prominent bishops, ministers and missionaries of the Southern church. The convention will convene in the City Auditorium on Thursday evening, May 17, when Bishop Hoss will preach the opening sermon, and continue in session four days. Methodists of Asheville are looking forward to the great gathering with a great deal of interest and preparations are being made this week for the entertainment of the 100 or more delegates who are on the official programme. The remaining delegates to the conference and other prominent Methodists who will be in attendance will defray their own expenses while in the city. The conference in Asheville this year will be distinctly one of education and inspiration, and in referring to this a well known Methodist publication says: "Justly these two: for never yet was there enthusiasm without knowledge, or zeal without direction, that did not waste much of its fire."

The solemn-looking surgeon is apt to be a great cut-up.

550 SHARES SUBSCRIBED.

Shelby Building and Loan Association Meets Thursday Night and 550 Shares Taken—Much Enthusiasm Manifested—50 More Shares to Make It Permanent.

In accordance with a previous announcement, a meeting of the citizens of Shelby was held in Blanton's Hall Thursday night for the purpose of stirring up interest in and placing upon a permanent working basis the Shelby Building and Loan Association. At no other industrial meeting held in Shelby for many years has there been such a large crowd and so much interest and enthusiasm.

Mr. C. C. Blanton, President of the First National Bank, was elected president of the meeting and Mr. J. Frank Roberts, secretary. Before the meeting was opened for the subscription of shares, C. R. Hoey, Esq., was invited by the president to explain for the benefit of those who had not been attending the previous meetings of the association, the methods, plans, and benefits of a building and loan association. Following Mr. Hoey's remarks came the polling of the house to see how many shares would be subscribed, 550 shares were taken, thus attesting to the determination of the citizens of Shelby to have a building and loan association. When 600 shares are subscribed and the charter and by-laws received, the association will assume permanent organization. These will very likely be procured some time next week. Installments on shares may, however, be paid in any time before then to the secretary, Mr. J. Frank Roberts. The following gentlemen were appointed a committee to draft a charter and submit by laws: C. C. Blanton, C. R. Hoey, L. J. Hoyle, Orlando Elam, H. E. Kendall, W. H. Thompson, George Blanton, J. H. Quinn, J. D. Lineberger, E. Y. Webb, Heriott Clarkson, D. D. Wilkins, J. F. Roberts, W. H. Jennings, A. C. Miller.

Presence of Mind.

William Hoskins, an antebellum colored gentleman, of Shelby, with the taffy tongue of a politician and the politeness of a Chesterfield, related an incident in the presence of a STAR reporter recently which convinced him that another colored hero from Shelby had been unearthed. The word "unearthed" is used advisedly because the heroism of the young negro uncle Bill spoke of consisted in the little pickaninny's rescuing himself from the confines of Mother Earth. Before entering into the details of this remarkable incident, if not grammatical style, from the lips of uncle Bill Hoskins, it should be emphasized for the benefit of those not having had the pleasure of meeting him that his veracity is unquestioned and his record for honesty as immaculate and unblemished "as the hawthorn buds that blossom in the month of May."

But let's come down to the story. Uncle Bill says that a negro boy four years old who lives in his end of town fell into a well thirty feet deep in which there were six feet of water. His mother hearing the scream and splash rushed to the rescue. Looking in, she saw her son holding a plank floating in the well, perfectly serene and with all his wits about him. He calmly observed that if she would be so kind as to let down the bucket he would get in and be drawn up. The bucket was lowered and the child saved.

"Box" Supper.

To the Editor of THE STAR:

There will be a "Box" supper, given by the young ladies at the Mooresboro academy, on Saturday, April 22nd, beginning at 8 p. m., for the benefit of the Public Library. All are cordially invited to attend. Committee of arrangement:

NORA MARTIN, Ch'm.
LUCY D. BOOTHE.
WILDA SCOGGINS.
BETTIE ROLLINS.
Mooresboro, Apr. 18th.

SHELBY TO BE A GATE CITY.

Division Passenger Agent Hunt, of Charleston, Recommends a Through Train Via Shelby to Marion—Such Arrangement to Place Shelby in Direct Connection With the Great South East.

Mr. R. W. Hunt, division passenger agent of the Southern Railway, of Charleston, S. C., was in Shelby Monday in response to a petition from the citizens of Shelby for the arrangement by the Southern of a more satisfactory and convenient schedule. Mr. Hunt had investigated the matter carefully and thinks he will be justified in recommending the running of a through train from Kingsville, S. C., to Marion, which will in effect be a through train from Charleston to Marion, since the proper connection can be made at Kingsville. A meeting of the passenger agents of the Southern will be held in Washington some time next week, and at that meeting Mr. Hunt will submit his recommendations. Should they be adopted, the change will go into effect about the first of May.

While we can not have the perfect assurance that this schedule will be made, we may confidently hope that we will succeed in getting it. Mr. Hunt is passenger agent for this division, as has been stated, and has investigated the matter thoroughly and is convinced that such a change will be for the best interest of the road. This of course means that his advice and suggestions to the committee of agents at Washington will be received with favor.

Mr. Hunt states that the through train will reach Shelby coming from Charleston about 5:30 p. m., and returning from Marion will reach Shelby about 9:00 a. m. The present schedule of the local passenger will remain unchanged, making it continue to be possible to leave Shelby in the morning to connect with the west bound train at Marion and in the afternoon to catch the north bound train at Blacksburg. With such a schedule Shelby will be in quick and direct connection with the outside world. In making a trip to Charlotte to stay over night, we will be able to spend three hours longer there than at the present time. People may leave Charleston in the early morning and reach here at 5:30 in the afternoon. The same convenience will be had by the citizens of Atlanta and all that portion of the South who will be able to make connection with Kingsville and other places in South Carolina. With the Southern extended from Marion to Chattanooga as will in all probability be done before many months, Shelby will indeed be on a main line and have the railroad facilities of a gate city. This contemplated arrangement will be of especial advantage to Shelby, owing to its growing popularity as a summer resort. Cleveland Springs will be wonderfully benefited, its guests coming principally from South Carolina and Georgia. Shelby is anxious to see this arrangement made which means such advantages to her people in so many ways.

To Nominate Aldermen.

Meetings will be held in the four wards of Shelby on next Monday night at the usual meeting places, and candidates will be named in each ward for aldermen. Let the voters all turn out and help to make the nominations.

Re-Elected Chairman.

Mr. A. C. Miller has returned from Morganton, where he attended a meeting of the Board of Directors of the D. & D. School. Mr. Miller was re-elected Chairman of the Board—an honor most worthily bestowed.

—At the Graded School entertainment Friday night the grades will each decorate a portion of the assembly hall and vie with each other in serving cream and cake at their respective stands. Come out and participate in this pleasure.