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## The Cotton Association.

### Its Utility and Some Timely Suggestions for Maintaining the Organization so as to Obtain the Best Results.

To the Editor of the News:—  
At the request of President of the Cotton Growers' Association of the county of Lancaster, I hand you for publication a short communication, on the utility of this association, with some suggestions for keeping up the organization, so as to obtain the best results. The two principal objects that the association has in view, is that the producer shall limit the production of cotton to the needs of the consumer and thus prevent over-production; and also that the producer may learn and know how to market the same by a combined effort to withhold the cotton, and to place on the market, at one time, only such quantities as will not stagnate or glut the same. These two prime objects of the association can only be accomplished successfully by a combination of the producer and other classes who see prosperity for the south in such a course; and by a complete organization of all classes of business men, merchants, bankers, manufacturers, laborers, professional men and cotton growers, throughout the cotton growing states, with a view to promote the ends indicated. All classes of business men are interested in making the raising of cotton remunerative to the cotton growers, and hence every citizen of the cotton producing states should join this association and contribute to maintaining the efficiency of the same. Because it will benefit all classes, and injure no one.

The people are opening their eyes to this important movement, and they are beginning to see very clearly how they have failed in the past to get a fair price for their cotton. They see the folly of rushing their cotton on the market all at once, and thus playing into the hands of the speculator. They see how they have sold in the past all their cotton as fast as they could gather it from the field, in the months of Sept, Oct and November, and they have noticed how it generally rose in prices after it had mostly passed into the hands of the speculator, and how he has been reaping the harvest of higher prices after the producer had sold. But times are changing; and with the cotton growers association to gather up the facts and inform the people of the state of affairs as they stood in the past, on the most important product, is not likely to occur again. How much the people who have been holding their cotton, have been benefited by the Cotton

Growers Association alone, it is hard to tell, but some of the leaders in this movement claim that the action of the association has gained the producer fifteen dollars on every bale of cotton sold at 11½ cents per pound. However this may be, every one is satisfied that the association has been the means by which the price of cotton has been kept up. Then why don't every one join the association and aid in maintaining the organization.

Then to keep up the organization it is the duty of every one to join, and to carry out the resolutions of the parent body and to back up the leaders who are best informed. Harvie Jordan of Atlanta is president of the national organization; E. D. Smith of South Carolina is president of the state organization, and field canvasser, and Dr. Strait is president of the county organization, as we all know. And these men should be our file leaders, and if we follow them in this matter, we will not only profit ourselves, but we will greatly benefit our common country. There is no dirty politics in this movement, but it is one that every patriot may delight to promote. If any one doubts the ability of these men, let any one, who may have the least doubt, go out, at the first opportunity, and listen to E. D. Smith, the field canvasser, and if he does not say that he (Smith) understands the subject and is capable of presenting it in all its bearings, then I would say that such a doubter need not trouble himself to listen to argument and oratory—he can not be convinced.

Now then let every man in the county join and maintain his home or township organization—pay his dues and his five cents per bale (raised last year) to keep up the organization, and last but not least let him attend each stated meeting of the township organization, and learn all he can of what is being done everywhere to advance and promote the movement. Every one should be most careful to pay his dues and the small amount of money required to maintain this organization. We should all feel that cotton is one of the greatest products entrusted to the industry of men. Its influence throughout the world, is probably greater than any other one product; and let us handle it in a way to promote its culture, and benefit not only ourselves, but the world of mankind. Let every township organization never neglect to send delegates up to the meetings of the county organization, so that this county organization shall always be prepared to send the most useful delegates to the meetings of the state organization. Let us be ever mindful of the great purposes of the movement, and be loyal to the officers of the organization. This is the way to maintain the organization in its integrity, and the way to get fair prices for our cotton in the future,

## Fire in Vanwyck.

### Two Stores Burned—McManus & Co. and Thompson Brothers Lose Their Stocks and Massey and Yoder Their Store Rooms.

Vanwyck had a disastrous fire last Monday night. Two stores were burned, those of J. H. McManus & Co. and Thompson Brothers. The fire occurred about 10 o'clock, and started in the store of McManus & Co., and that building and its contents, as well as the Thompson store nearby, were consumed before the flames could be checked. The origin of the fire is not known, but it is thought to have been accidental.

The losses, as reported here, are as follows:

Stock of goods of McManus & Co., valued at \$4,000; insurance, \$2,900.

Building occupied by McManus & Co., owned by Mr. R. H. Massey, valued at \$500; insurance, \$300.

Stock of goods of Thompson Brothers, valued at \$7,000; insurance, \$1,000.

Building occupied by Thompson Brothers, owned by Mr. J. M. Yoder, valued at \$400; insurance, \$200.

## Marriages.

### Hymen Busy During the Holidays.

Mr. Simon Ferrill, son of Mr. Richard Ferrill, and Miss. Lovie Harris, daughter of Mr. John Harris, were married here last Sunday by Magistrate W. P. Caskey. The attendants were Mr. Will Maddox with Miss Mamie Ferrill, and Mr. C. H. Privitt with Miss Mamie Kennington.

Mr C. H. Privitt and Miss. Mary Kennington were married here the same day by Magistrate L. J. Perry.

Mr. Judson Godfrey, teacher of the Stewart school, in Union county, N. C., and Miss Carrie Robinson, also of Union, were married the 21st instant. The ceremony was performed at the residence of Mrs. Belle Robinson, in Jackson township, Union Co., by the Rev. J. Meek White, of Unity.

Married on the 24th inst., 4 p. m., at the residence of Mrs. E. J. Usher of Dwight, Lancaster, Co., Mr. Hugh M. Osburn, of Rock Hill, and Miss Susie Caston, of Fork Hill. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. R. L. Duffie.

and to increase the prosperity of the south. Let us remember that without organization, and concert of action, these most desirable results never can be accomplished.

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Lancaster, S. C. Dec. 28, 1905.

## Death of Mrs. Eliza J. Croxton.

### The Sainted Widow of That Faithful Soldier of the Cross. Rev. John S. Croxton, Dies Christmas Night—The Burial at Fork Hill.

Mr. Eliza J. Croxton, widow of the late Rev. John S. Croxton, died at her home in Heath Springs last Monday night, after a protracted illness, of paralysis, having received as many as three strokes, the first last February and the third a few days before her death.

Mrs. Croxton was a lady of exalted christian character, lovable disposition, kind-hearted and generous, and was greatly beloved by all who knew her. She was a devout member of the Baptist church. Her life was indeed a benediction. Her influence was ever exerted for the development of all that is ennobling in man or woman, and there are many to-day ready to bear willing testimony to the great good accomplished by her.

Mrs. Croxton was a daughter of the late Glass Caston and was in her 70th year, having been 69 years of age in October last. She leaves the following children: Mr. W. L. Croxton, of Kershaw; Mrs. H. P. Mobley, of Heath Springs; Mr. A. M. Croxton, of Ada, Indian Territory; Mrs. M. W. Rankin, of St. George; Messrs E. C. and O. C. Croxton and Miss E. E. May Croxton, of Heath Springs, and Mr. E. M. Croxton, cashier of the First National Bank of Lancaster. She is also survived by one sister, Mrs. John Copeland, of Heath Springs.

The remains of Mrs. Croxton were buried Wednesday at Fork Hill church. Dr. Boldridge of Lancaster, assisted by the Rev. S. N. Watson, of Heath Springs, conducted the funeral services.

## Dr. B. W. Taylor Dead.

### Columbia's Well Known Physician a Victim of Pneumonia.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 27.—Dr. B. W. Taylor, well-known throughout South Carolina, died today of pneumonia, aged 72 years. His grandfather was a colonel in the revolution. Dr. Taylor was a colonel in the Confederate army on General Hampton's staff and was the chief surgeon in Charleston harbor at the fall of Fort Sumter. At the close of the war he was surgeon general of cavalry of the army of Northern Virginia. At his death he was chairman of the regents of the State hospitals.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. A. Lynn, of Columbia, are spending the holidays with relatives in this county.

## Death of W. F. Chambers.

### A Good Man Passes Away After a Lingerin Illness.

Mr. W. F. Chambers, a well known and highly esteemed citizen of this vicinity, died last Tuesday night, after an illness of six months. He was a son of the late J. H. Chambers and was 58 years old. He leaves a widow and one child. He is also survived by his mother and three brothers, Messrs. W. D., S. L. and J. Y. Chambers.

Mr. Chambers was a quiet, peaceable citizen and enjoyed the confidence of all who knew him. He was a member of the Methodist church. The burial was at Douglass church Wednesday afternoon.

## Masonic Banquet

### Jackson Lodge Installs Officers and Celebrates St. John's Day.

The recently elected officers of the Masonic Lodge, as published in The News at the time, were formally installed last Wednesday night—St. John's day. At the conclusion of the impressive ceremonies, which were held in the Masonic temple, a splendid banquet, prepared at Mr. John W. Elliott's popular restaurant, was served. The feast was greatly enjoyed by all present. A number of toasts were proposed and eloquently responded to. The Masons, who are ever mindful of the poor and the unfortunate, had some of their refreshments sent out to the County Home the next day.

## Union Service at Presbyterian Church Tomorrow Night.

The members of the various churches of the city will meet in Union Service at the Presbyterian church tomorrow night. A program has been prepared as follows:

1. The Bore in the home. Rev. R. E. Furniss, D. D.
  2. Parental example and the religious training of children. Rev. Paul Pressler, D. D.
  3. Parental preparation of children for church and work. Rev. J. H. Baldridge, D. D.
  4. Literature for young people. Rev. C. Fraser, D. D.
- Brother Fraser will preside over the meeting.  
Everybody is invited to attend.

—The many friends of Dr. W. M. Crawford, who has been sick for the past two or three weeks, will be pleased to learn that he is gradually improving.

—The store of Merchant Hudson in Waxhaw was burned a few nights ago, we understand. Six bales of cotton belonging to Mr. Pinckney Spratt, which were stored in the back part of the building, were destroyed.