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SENATOR DEMANDS THAT SOUTH CO-OPERATE TO KEEP UP PRICE OF CROP

Grower Really In Command— Planters Should Seize Op- portunity, Says Lawmaker

Washington, Sept. 22.—Cotton raisers of the south were urged by Senator Ransdell of Louisiana, in a speech today in the senate, to hold out for "fair and legitimate" prices and not to sell for less than 25 cents a pound. Present prices, he declared, are absolutely unwarranted, caused largely by a rush of offerings because of the embargo.

Statistics were presented by the Louisiana senator in support of the contention that the actual purchasing power of cotton is much lower than of other products which have advanced in price. He also declared the south was never in better position to hold its cotton.

Urges Co operation in South. "My advice," he said, "is

for the cotton growers, the commission merchants and dealers in cotton, and the bankers in the Southern states to co-operate and work together in order to secure a fair and legitimate price for cotton. They should make up their minds that to sell cotton at the present time for less than 25 cents per pound would be an unnecessary sacrifice. They should, without excitement, or flare of trumpets, or unlawful combinations to restrain trade, each and every one in his own way, do his bit towards seeing that the South is not robbed of at least \$25 per bale on its cotton by selling at 20 cents—a colossal sum amounting in the aggregate to \$312,500,000.

"The farmer can aid by storing his cotton at home when it is ginned, or in warehouses like the great storage warehouse in New Orleans, by shipping it slowly in small quantities, and by refusing positively to sell unless a satisfactory price is offered. He should not seek buyers. The old way was for the buyer to fix the price, but the seller should do so with this crop.

"Merchant Can Assist."

"The merchant who has made advances on cotton can assist by extending payments of the debts due him, either wholly or partially; by aiding the grower to borrow 75 per cent of the value of his cotton, estimated at 25 cents per pound; and by counselling the producer to stand firm in demanding a just price."

"The recent drop in the price was caused in my opinion by rush of cotton to the market and eagerness to sell on the part of the producer. My firm conviction is that it was caused by a rush of cotton to the market and willingness on the part of the producer to accept any price offered, regardless of the real value of his product. This course is suicidal in the extreme, and should be stopped at once.

Grower in Command.

"The cotton grower is in command of the situation. The world is bound to have our cotton. It cannot exist without the cotton of our Southern states. We are in a position to dictate our own terms and force compliance

therewith. I would not under any circumstances advise asking more than the fair value of our commodity, but I again insist that we must have a reasonable price, and in fixing that price the cost of other farm commodities, of manufactured goods of all kinds, of labor and of everything that enters into the life of the Southern cotton grower, must be considered so the cotton may be placed on terms of parity with everything else.

"The people of the South were never so independent and so well able to hold their cotton as now."

Mississippi Salons Look For Fight On Revenue Laws.

Soldier Members To Sit In Session Despite Ruling.

Jackson, Sept. 22.—Legislators from the rural districts here for the special session are expressing the hope that the session will be exceedingly brief, but few of them believe the session will be short. The prevailing notion is that the assembly is likely to break up in regular session after the fight, insofar as revenue and assessment legislation is concerned.

As far as can be learned, the session will be raised by soldier-members sitting in the session, despite the ruling of the attorney-general that under Section 36 of the constitution members who have accepted commissions in the Federal National Guard are no longer eligible to hold legislative office. If the point is raised it is going to call forth some strong remarks from the men who are wearing the uniform of Uncle Sam, and whom the governor has requested to continue in office despite the apparent constitutional disqualification.

It is stated that the bill revising the assessment laws, as suggested by the state board of equalization, has already been drawn and will be ready for placing on the calendar on the first day of the session.

County Agent For Negroes.

Crystal Springs, Sept. 22.—Ben Crisler, prosperous farmer for 20 years in this section, has been appointed county agent among negroes to interest them in food conservation, diversified farming and dairying.

Tacky Party.

On Friday night, October 5th at the home of Mr and Mrs Claud Hightower, a tacky party will be given for the benefit of the Red Cross. A prize will be given to the tackiest person. Admission 25 and 15 cents. Everybody invited to come dressed tacky.

Remember the club Show here October 20th.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE PROGRESSIVE LEAGUE

On the call of the Vice President, Col. A J Dorman, the Houston Progressive League met at the courthouse on the evening of Sept 26th for the purpose of discussing a few matters of vital importance to the town of Houston and community, and after a few informal discussions, the meeting was called to order by the Chairman, and after which Mr Jeff Busby was called upon to state the object of the meeting, and which he did in a very creditable manner, and in so doing presented to the League several matters of importance for discussion and action, and among which was the subject of the necessity of some sort of concerted action and cooperation among the members of the Progressive League and the citizens of the Town of Houston and the surrounding community in the way of encouragement to our Real Estate dealers who are spending much of their time and of their means in order to induce and attract more people into our midst. Mr Hamp Jones of the Houston Real Estate Co., followed in order and offered some very valuable suggestions as to what his company was doing and as to what they were striving to do, not only for their own personal interest, but for the town of Houston and the community as well. Next we heard from Judge Roane on the same subject, and in a very interesting manner, stating the benefits and possibilities of cooperation, and the necessity of boosting instead of knocking. Next to be heard from was Rev R L Gillon in his earnest and sincere appeal to the people of Houston to put their shoulders to the wheel for the purpose of enforcing any improvement and progress which the town and community may see to its interest and development.

It was then moved and seconded that the chairman appoint a committee to draft resolutions for publication and that said resolutions should be spread upon the minutes of the Houston Progressive League. The following committee was appointed: Hon Jeff Busby, Dr E P Wilson and Rev R L Gillon. Resolutions were then read and adopted.

Whereas, The Houston Progressive League looking at and working toward the best interest of Houston and the community at large, and

Whereas, To consummate these efforts it was found that a progressive real estate firm was indispensable, and

Progressive League, wrote and invited and repeatedly solicited Mr Hamp Jones, then of Vardaman, Miss., to come and enter upon this work, and

Whereas, In response to the said solicitations Mr Jones came, opened up a real estate office, and engage as his partner Mr F M Blanks, and

Whereas, At their own expense they have brought a number of good citizens into our county as prospective land purchasers, and

Whereas, Recent interferences have come on the part of some of our citizens with their said customers preventing certain sales, which injured the prospective purchaser, the Real Estate Company, and the community at large

Be It Resolved, That the Houston Progressive League hereby condemns any such act or interference on the part of any one regardless of whether such acts be done unthoughtedly, wilfully or otherwise.

Be It Resolved Further, That we re-assure Mr Jones and his colleagues of our hearty support and co-operation by word and deed in any way whatsoever for the best interest of the community at large.

Mr J M Griffin, another one of Houston's real estate dealers was then called upon, and responded in a very interesting manner.

Whereas the efficient vice-president of the Houston Progressive League has announced his intention of moving from Houston in a few days; and whereas he has always taken an interest in all public questions and has stood for everything which has meant the progress and uplift of the community and its affairs and has expressed himself that although he will be absent from our midst, he will continue to take an interest in Houston and its affairs; therefore be it

Resolved, that we do hereby extend to Mr A J Dorman our heartfelt thanks for his services and efforts in behalf of the League and the community in general and our sincerest regrets to lose his personal presence from among us.

That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of the League and a copy be furnished the papers for publication.

A Personal Opinion

We publish the following letter in order to show the high esteem in which Mr Jones is held by his home people and it also shows what we may expect of him in this community:

Martin, Tenn., Sept. 15.
Mr Hamp Jones,
Dear Hamp:

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Special Announcement

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