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**GETTING TOP PRICES.**

A good deal has been said in the last twelve months about the handling of the next cotton crop so as to get top prices for it. It has been suggested that unless the cotton is handled by cotton marketing associations the producers of cotton will find that they are still the victims of speculators, cotton buyers, and the Lord only knows what not. It is said that a bale of cotton goes through twenty-five men's hands, not counting the warehouse shark, before it is made into cloth and offered in manufactured product to the buyers. Of course all of these twenty-five men, and the warehouse man too, must have a little gravy to make things run smooth and the farmer pays it all and keeps driving Mike.

It is to get rid of these parasites that the marketing associations are formed. The scheme promises some good results and is on the right line, except for one of two things. One of the things which causes the people to doubt the wisdom of the scheme is that it is in the hands of politicians, former office-holders, and prospective office-seekers. That is enough to cause the people "to pause for a reply" or explanation. There is another reason why the marketing associations should not be adopted, that is, for the present at least, and this latter reason is Henry Ford.

The Henry Ford we are talking about is not the one you drive to town every Saturday, and ride in to church every Sunday. We are talking about the real Henry Ford, who made \$189.16 on you when he sold you your Henry Ford, after he had paid all expenses, etc.

About the beginning of the year Henry Ford, of Detroit, needed some money and he needed it very badly. He applied to the bankers for a little help, and it occurred to the bankers that Henry was in a hot box and it was a good time to squeeze him when he couldn't wiggle, and when he dare not cry out. But the bankers misjudged Henry, of Detroit. He went home and wrote two books on the bankers, entitled "The International Jew," or something like that, and every day at dinner time when he was resting up from writing and getting the cramps out of his writing hand, he "flang" together a few of the Henry Fords which the people down here drive. At the end of the month it is said he shipped these out to his agents who have been making all kinds of money by selling the Henrys, telling these agents politely that they had bought these shipments, and if they didn't want to take up the bills of lading, he knew several other automobile agents who did, and who also wanted to take over the agencies. In this way Henry sold enough Fords to make a net profit of \$18,000,000 in one month, and he promises to do better next month.

Henry Ford, of Detroit, didn't like the way the railroads managed things, so he bought one of his own. He said the heavy trains employed by other railroads men were liabilities and not assets, so he made up some light running trains, employed some good railroad men, raised their wages and commenced hauling. He made so much money that he applied to the railroad commission to allow him to reduce rates, so that he wouldn't make so much. The other railroads are, of course, opposing the reduction in freight rates, as they declare that the reduced rates would mean bankruptcy for them and it may be that the rates will not be reduced because the railroads must be protected if the people starve to death. If the rates are not reduced Henry will soon need a man to count

his money as he will not have time to go counting himself.  
 Now we propose that the South get Henry Ford, of Detroit, to handle the next cotton crop. We say that he will make the finest cotton marketing association which has yet been invented. Cotton will go up ten cents a pound the day before he takes charge. After that, maybe, Henry will devise a scheme by which the farmers in the South may sell their cotton for about half what they have been selling it for heretofore and still make more money than they ever made before. Perhaps they will make the same amount per bale that Henry makes on a Ford, say \$189.16. You ask how they will do this when cotton does not sell for that much, but Henry does, and he will show you.

But some doubting Thomas will say that if Henry, of Detroit, is making \$18,000,000 a month he wouldn't fool with the cotton crop, because the whole crop this year would not pay his salary for more than a year. But the man who suggests that does not know Henry. He is not a man who works for money. He works to see how fast he can make things run. He pays more and higher wages than any other man in the United States and if you are doing good work and he thinks you are worth it, he raises your wages without being asked. It is not the money he is after but results. This is proved by the fact that he was willing to become a United States Senator. That office pays but \$7,500 per year, and yet Henry was willing to take that. He said the reason he wanted to get in was to try out the Ford methods and machines on the Senate, and if he had gotten in he would have been having quantity production in legislation by this time. The Bills and Acts might have had the rattle in them, but they would have the Ford efficiency and that is what climbs hills. If Henry was willing to take an office at a salary of \$7,500 in order to get to run the United States Senate we are among those who believe that he would be willing to become the Ford Marketing Association, and sell all the cotton the South makes, at prices entirely satisfactory to both producers and buyers, and take the old cotton stalks for his pay. We do not know of course what Henry would do with the old cotton stalks, but we have an idea that by the end of the year, some farmer up in Anderson County would want to get out of the contract with Henry because he, Henry, was making too much out of the waste product.

We hope that the people, that is the cotton farmers, will consider our suggestions, and if they think wise they might get up a petition asking Henry to incorporate himself into a marketing association. It would not hurt to give the scheme a trial.

**A RED CROSS WORKER.**

Mrs. M. T. Coleman left Sunday for Greenville where she will begin her work in the "Clean Up" campaign recently inaugurated by the Red Cross Bureau of War Risk Insurance and American Legion. She will visit the county seats over the State.

**SEVEN POUND BEET**

E. M. Bonds Grows Enormous Vegetable for Pickling.

Mr. E. M. Bonds of the Abbeville Cotton Mill, has plenty time in the afternoons and Sundays for gardening. Following up the habit he must have gotten when war gardens were the order, he continues to piddle about in his plot of ground, growing things to eat and to sell. This morning he sent to the office of The Press and Banner a beet that weighed seven and a half pounds and it seems a shame that so much good looking fruit should be good for nothing but pickling. That beet would make enough pickles to feed an army, or part of an army, and when the army had eaten the whole supply it would be little better able to whip the philistines than before. All of which is no reflection on Mr. Bonds' ability as a gardener. He is not responsible for the flavor of any beet nor can he be held to blame that we do not like beet pickles. Of course, he can do as he pleases with his beets, but if we had a patch of that fruit and we could find anything that would eat it, we would give the animal a pension and not shoot it away when it came to browse.

**HITS BY HAL**

A hit in time saves nine.  
 Vampires have lost their individuality these days—they all look alike.  
 Preachers are devoting less and less breath to blow hell fire and damnation and more to harmony.  
 August is the month of dog days and mad dogs and swimmin' and watermelons and picnics and revivals and perspiration.  
 Raisins are now good for something else than putting in children's stockings at Christmas time.  
 What has become of the boy who used to spend his Sundays killing birds on rail fences?  
 Hog and hominy used to be famous. Now since the public health service has gone into the pellagra scare they are infamous.  
 If those wet ships don't stop inviting the thirsty on board, the life savers at the shore will have to work overtime.  
 Angels are always painted as women which is right because they do paint.  
 If the doctors don't soon find a new fashion in diseases a lot of women will be out of style.  
 Buy at home.  
 Own your home.  
 Open your mouth;  
 Speak for Abbeville.  
 Talk it to a million.  
 All for Everybody,  
 Beats each for self.  
 Bury your troubles,  
 Embalm your grouch.  
 Vim will conquer  
 If you add vigor.  
 Laugh out loud, or  
 Lie down and die,  
 End your misery.

**COSTUME BALL FRIDAY**

Friday evening at 9 o'clock the last of the many affairs given for the benefit of the Abbeville High School Athletic Association will be held at the Country Club by the Junior Committee of which Miss Sara Barnes is chairman. This affair is taking the form of a Costume Ball. Grave monks will mingle with merry fools. While ballet dancers and Red Cross nurses talk of the war, Wild West and Far East will meet regardless of old saying. Car-mens and Juliets of old will indulge in modern "vamping." Queens of Hearts stormed by Jacks while the knave steals the tarts. Old King Cole with his fiddlers bold serenading Mother Goose. Fairies and games will be there in full force to say nothing of Kay's Okays who will furnish the music free of charge. Fortunes will be told by a wise gypsy in a tent by "Courtning Bridge," and all are warned to be ware of her smile for 'tis said to be of Romany blood and unless you wish to follow the wildwood and hedges, cross her palm with silver and go slow.  
 Every one loves to eat after dancing so be sure and try the delicious sandwiches and goodies. Do not miss a drink from the "still"—we are helping for moonshine but not in it. Serpentine, confetti, balloons and whistles will turn Old Rapley into Mardi Gras.  
 The grand march will start promptly at 10 o'clock lead by Billy Long and Miss Annie Wilson, assisted by the football team and sponsors, all in costume taking part. Intermission will be occupied by a program.  
 The chaperones will be Mrs. T. G. White, Mr. and Mrs. Mart Cheatham, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Kerr, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Barnwell, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Barnwell, Mr. and Mrs. Fuller Reese, Judge and Mrs. Eugene Gary, Mrs. J. F. Bradley and Mrs. Wyatt Aiken.  
 There will be a truck leaving the square at 8:30, free to those who have no car.

**TAKES UP DUTIES.**

George C. Douglas today assumed his duties as city clerk and treasurer. He was elected by city council to succeed the late Mr. T. G. Perrin.

**AUXILIARY ENTERTAINS**

Reception to Honor the Rev. and Mrs. Bristow.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Abbeville Baptist Church, entertained at a reception in the social hall of the church Thursday evening, August 11, from 8 to 10 o'clock. Dr. and Mrs. Louis J. Bristow and family, who leave shortly to make their home in Selma, Ala., were the honor guests of the occasion.  
 The decorations of bright sunflowers and graceful ferns were in keeping with the season, and the hall was never more beautiful, when, in the evening, the soft yellow radiance of the lights filled the room, and called together more than two hundred merry, yet sad, friends to bid their pastor and his family a fond farewell.  
 Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Galloway, and Mrs. and Mrs. F. M. Welsh met the guests at the door and ushered them to the receiving line. Receiving with Dr. and Mrs. Bristow were Ma and Mrs. J. C. King, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. McCuen, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Wham and the senior deacons and their wives. Assisting in the dining room were the junior deacons and their wives. Throughout the evening Mrs. Paul Link and Mrs. W. E. Johnson, in a charming manner served yellow and white cream with cake, which was passed to the guests by an attractive bevy of Y. W. A. girls and their friends. From a yellow table covered with dainty sprigs of ivy, punch was served by Misses Gladys Barnes and Ruth Howie. Mr. and Mrs. Robert McKenzie and Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hilton kept the guest book.

Dr. Louis J. Bristow was called from the pastorate of the Baptist church to the superintendency of all Baptist hospitals in the state of Alabama. He has accomplished a wonderful work in Abbeville, coming here in 1910 when the church had a very poor building and a membership of about 165. Today the church has a membership of about 480 and one of the finest churches in the South. This tremendous change has been brought about by the untiring energy and personal magnetism of

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**PROGRAM**

**OPERA HOUSE**

**TUESDAY**  
 JUSTINE JOHNSTONE  
 IN  
 "BLACKBIRDS"  
 AND  
 "DOUBLE ADVENTURE"  
 10c ..... 20c

**WEDNESDAY**  
 CONSTNCE BINNEY  
 IN  
 "SOMETHING DIFFERENT"  
 ALSO  
 INTERNATIONAL NEWS  
 10c ..... 20c

**THURSDAY**  
 DOUGLAS MacLEAN  
 IN  
 "THE HOME STRETCH"  
 AND  
 "THE WHITE HORSEMAN"  
 10c ..... 20c

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**MRS. PARKER STILL SICK**

Mrs. Wiley is here from Montreal staying with Dick and Lawrence Parker while Mr. Parker is in Baltimore. Mr. Parker accompanied Mrs. Parker to Johns Hopkins last Friday. Friends will regret to know that Mrs. Parker continues sick.

**Caruso**  
 THIS GOLDEN THROATED TENOR WILL NEVER SING AGAIN. IN JUSTICE TO YOURSELF YOU SHOULD HAVE SOME OF HIS RECORDS. COME IN AND HEAR THEM.  
**THE ECHO**  
 "The Really Musical Spot in Abbeville."

**\$50 \$50**  
**REWARD**  
 STOLEN—Thursday about 2 o'clock, Ford Touring Car, freshly varnished, over-size steering wheel, spot light. License No. 7948, Motor 3968129. \$25 reward for return of car and \$25 for information to convict thief. Thought to have been taken by dark, ginger cake negro, 18 to 24 years old, weight 140 to 150, wore brown hat and blue overalls, height about 5 feet. Notify  
 SHERIFF McLANE,  
 ABBEVILLE, S. C.

**BIG REDUCTION SALE**  
 ON  
**TWO HORSE WAGONS**  
 The Stark Vehicle Co. is obliged to raise some Money, and though this may seem a startling reduction, we are going to cut the price on all Two Horse Wagons \$25 each during the month of August.



The 2-1-2 Bain was \$155.00, now	\$130.00
The 2-3-4 Bain was \$160.00, now	\$135.00
The 2-1-2 Chattanooga was \$145, now	\$120.00
The 2-3-4 Chattanooga was \$150, now	\$125.00
The 2-1-2 Thornhill was \$145, now	\$120.00
The 2-3-4 Thornhill was \$150, now	\$125.00

**THE ABOVE PRICES ARE FOR CASH ONLY. SATISFACTION GUARANTEED.**  
 This will be your one opportunity to supply your farm with the very best Wagon on earth and at a low price.  
 Yours to please,  
**The Stark Vehicle Co.**