

**The Cotton Situation.**

The report of the executive committee on Monday showed that much progress had been made in securing signatures to the agreement among the farmers to reduce the acreage in cotton, but there were still some who had not signed.

Reports from all the cotton states indicate that the reduction in acreage is general. If that is correct the fight is won. The last report by the ginners shows that the last crop is over thirteen and a half million bales and that being true makes the surplus over two million bales. If there is not a reduction this year and the crop should reach twelve million bales the price is bound to go down. This movement by the farmers has been to a great extent the cause for the price remaining at what it has for the past two months. When it is known that the farmers intend to stand to the movement to reduce the acreage and it is actually done the price will likely go still higher. Certainly it will go no lower. This will relieve the situation temporarily and as a good amount of the cotton still unsold is in the hands of the farmers, any increase in price will be of immediate benefit to them.

The solution of this whole matter, however, is easy and could be taken advantage of by every planter in this section of the cotton belt. It is the only plan that will give permanent relief and make the farmer independent. The Herald and News has preached it for twenty years and the more we think of it the stronger becomes our conviction of its efficacy. It is simple. It is this: Plant and grow on the farm all the supplies you need for the farm and then grow all the cotton you can regardless of the price and you will soon become an independent farmer. Until you do this you will never make any money farming even if the price of cotton goes beyond ten cents. It is a very simple remedy and one within the reach of every farmer. As long as the farmers of this section grow cotton to buy meat and bread and Irish potatoes and all the other things they could raise on the farm they are going to remain dependent. Just take any of the farmers of your community and see if what we say is not true. The farmer who has made it a rule to grow his own supplies on the farm is the one who has prospered even when cotton was low.

William E. Curtis, the well known correspondent of the Chicago Record-Herald, has been writing his daily letters from Alabama during the past few weeks and in last Thursday's paper he has an interesting letter on the cotton situation. His letter is very able, and except in two or three particulars remarkably true to the facts. This paragraph is especially wise and timely:

"Another curse, equally demoralizing, is the general and habitual method of mortgaging crops; the ancient plan of living ahead of their incomes, which has been practiced by white planters throughout the south for generations, and has been acquired by imitation by their negro tenants. It is the habit of a great majority of the southern planters, black and white, to spend their money before they get it, by mortgaging prospective crops to secure advances made them by commission men to pay for their supplies and other expenses. This practice extends to the white and negro tenantry of the large plantations throughout the south. When a man rents a tract of cotton land on shares (as 35 per cent. of the land is cultivated) he expects his landlord to furnish him animals, implements, seed, food, clothing and everything else that he or his family shall require, and charge whatever is given him against the proceeds of the coming crop when it shall be harvested and sold. The landlord therefore, makes a double profit from the tenant. The tenant never gets ahead. He usually consumes the entire value of his cotton before he picks it, and

thus he goes on from year to year, gaining nothing and getting nothing but a living for his labor. It is useless to discuss this subject in the south. Nearly everybody is willing to admit that the practice is vicious, demoralizing and ruinous; but it is fastened upon the people and they seem to be satisfied with it."

The above is clipped from the Yorkville Enquirer. What Mr. Curtis says about the mortgaging of crops is true and if the plan we advocate of raising all your supplies on the farm was adopted it would not be necessary to give a mortgage on the crop, sometimes before it is planted. The only way to stop the system of mortgaging the crop is for the farmer to raise his own supplies on the farm. It is also the only plan by which any money can be made farming.

The Atlanta Journal says it isn't fair to the girl to marry the daughter of the Duke of Connaught to King Alfonso, of Spain, and if some of the reports which have come from Spain's royal palace are true, the Journal is right. King Alfonso, says the Journal, "has been a central figure in many scandals, and while the demands of international politics may dictate that he take a good woman, as his wife, it doesn't seem fair to the girl. Europe may declare the proposed alliance a good match. Humanity will be sorry for the girl." We doubt the correctness of the last statement. Humanity ought to be sorry for her, and the right kind of humanity will be sorry for her, but a good part of humanity is dazzled by royalty in any form.

Mr. H. H. Cabaniss has sold his interest in the Augusta Chronicle to Mr. Thomas W. Loyless, editor and associate owner with Mr. Cabaniss. Mr. Loyless will in the future have charge of both the editorial and business management of the Chronicle. He is a newspaper man of experience and ability and a brilliant editorial writer. It is stated that it is probable Mr. Cabaniss will return to Atlanta, where he was formerly business manager of the Atlanta Journal.

Baseball is a very pretty sport and no doubt is fine exercise. But the young men who start out playing base ball early in March lose about one third of the college year from their studies. It seems to us that the colleges are making too much of a feature of this sport and it is being done at the cost of progress in the lines of work for which a young man should be at college. And yet it is claimed that every college must join the association or it will lose students.

It may be that Former Senator McLaurin injected a little too much politics in his address to the Sumter farmers, but if the farmers of the south will follow the advice given by Mr. McLaurin in regard to reducing acreage and holding cotton the south will next fall and the following spring experience the greatest prosperity since 1865.

Mr. W. St. Julien Jervey, of Charleston has been nominated for solicitor of the new ninth judicial circuit over Mr. W. Turner Logan by a majority of between two and three hundred votes. Mr. Jervey served for many years as solicitor in which Charleston was included, and became known throughout the state as an able prosecuting attorney.

While the council was locating new street lights one should have been placed between the two passenger depots. We have three passenger trains coming in after seven o'clock in the evening and sometimes when the moon is not shining it is very dark around the depots and this makes it very inconvenient for passengers.

As soon as Mrs. Chadwick is disposed of for a little while Nan Patterson again comes into notoriety.

If the announcements continue at the same for several weeks more South Carolina will have a good proportion of her entire white population in the race for governor.

The Russo-Japanese war drags its weary length along, with all the victories to the Japs and all the defeats to the Russians.

The president will hunt big game in the southwest. After his recent wrangles with the senate the sport will no doubt seem more tame than in former days.

Robert E. Leavell, who travels twelve states for the Rockwell Furniture company of Rockwell, N. C., is spending a few days in the city.

**TO THE CREDITORS OF H. V. TAYLOR.**

Newberry, S. C., April 6th, 1905.  
Mr. H. V. Taylor having made a deed of assignment to me there will be a meeting of the creditors in my office at Newberry C. H., S. C., on Saturday, the 15th day of April 1905, at 11 o'clock A. M., for the appointment of an agent of the creditors.  
Cole. L. Blease.  
Assignee.

**REPORT**

Statement of the condition of The Newberry Savings Bank, Newberry, S. C., at the close of business March 31, 1905, in accordance with Act of General Assembly.

RESOURCES:	
Bills receivable.....	\$201,704 05
Bonds.....	2,200 00
Furniture and fixtures.....	1,900 00
Overdrafts secured and unsecured.....	3,120 46
Due from banks.....	20,160 57
Cash.....	29,413 59
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$258,498 66</b>

LIABILITIES:	
Capital.....	\$ 50,000 00
Surplus and undivided profits.....	24,758 39
Dividends unpaid.....	292 50
Deposits.....	173,447 77
Bills Payable.....	10,000 00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$258,498 66</b>

Personally appeared before me, J. E. Norwood, Cashier, Newberry Savings Bank, and made oath that the above statement is true to the best of his knowledge and belief.  
J. E. NORWOOD, Cashier.  
Sworn to before me this 6th day of April, 1905. W. C. TYREE, [L.S.]  
N. P. for S. C.

ATTEST:  
O. McR. Holmes.  
James McIntosh.  
Jas. K. Gilder.

**New Arrivals**

AT

**A. C. Jones'**

We have received within the last week some very desirable

**New Spring Goods**

in Clothing—Two Piece Suits.

Underwear,

Pants,

Suspenders and

New Stetson Hats,

making our stock of seasonable goods very attractive. We have had to duplicate already a number of styles in Vests, and have the most attractive line of Men's Furnishing Goods in the city. Prices always the lowest. Come and see us often.

**A. C. JONES.**

Newberry, S. C., April 6, 1905.

**We Are Ready**

FOR YOUR

**Spring Business**

With a line as complete as we have ever shown.

All the new fabrics are here in Silk, Wool, Cotton and Mohair in great variety, both in qualities and colorings. The most complete line of Shirt Waist Silks in Newberry. The Pin Dot and Pastel Shades in our Mohairs are charming.

Have you seen the new Silk Organdies with their artistic colorings? If not, we have a treat in store for you.

The new Laces are here. Round thread laces, Point de Pars, Laces, Oriental Laces, Val Laces, beautiful for trimmings.

Our Domestic department is very strong. Millinery is beautiful this opening.

Come to see us. We promise fair and honorable treatment, polite attention, goods as cheap as they can be had elsewhere, and a fine stock to select from.

Yours truly,

**C. & G. S. Mower Co.**

**STRONGER**

AND

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THE COMMERCIAL BANK,

Capital \$50,000 00

Surplus 27,000 00

JNO. M. KINARD, Pres.  
Z. F. WRIGHT, Cashier.

This bank has enjoyed a continual growth from the time it first opened its doors for business. Hence we believe the people appreciate us. We are now better prepared than ever to serve the public. While our past success has been gratifying, we desire to make the coming year of 1905 show a more substantial increase than ever. We receive deposits from \$1.00 and upwards and on savings accounts pay **FOUR PER CENT INTEREST** Compounded Semi-annually.

O. B. MAYER, Vice-Pres.  
J. Y. McFALL, Asst. Cashr.

**The New Idea Woman's Magazine.**

The New Idea Woman's magazine for May contains a number of articles apropos to the ever-current spring wedding. Charlotte Millward writes on wedding-gowns, and gives it as her opinion that, although sentiment still inclines many girls to the traditional white satin for their bridal dresses, this material is not nearly so much in accord with the fashions and taste of the present day as the softer and newer creations in chiffon, lace, net, supple silks, crepe de Chine or crepe de Paris. An article by Frances Welsh-Britton takes up the etiquette of weddings, and details the proper form, from the invitations to the rice shower. Wedding-breakfast menus and recipes for home-made wedding cakes are given in the cooking columns; and Esperance Goodlove contributes an article on marriage as it appeals to the business woman, in which she concludes that "the girl who has had her liberty, who has fought her own battles and heartily enjoyed the fighting, none the less enjoys more deeply than she will, perhaps, admit, the womanly occupation of depending on a man."

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Our goods are prettier and cheaper than ever, and it will be to your interest to come and see them.

Respectfully,

MRS. S. W. CALMES,

Prosperity, S. C.

**Wagon Talk.**

Don't you think it is about time to get you a new wagon before that old one breaks down at a time when you need it most. Better come now and get one from us. We sell the right kind, strong and durable. Made for use on roads where they don't use road machinery. Our prices are right too.

Perhaps it is a buggy you want. Well we have them too. Nice, stylish vehicles. See and price them before you buy. You won't miss it if you buy from us.

**Geo. D. Davenport.**