

CAPT. J. L. COLLINS' REPLY TO EDITORIAL SQUIB OF LAST ISSUE.

Editor Advocate:

In your issue of last week there appears in the form of a squib what may be termed an invidious thrust at the personelle of this office. It is very unfortunate that such petty lampoons as this should be given out, and that there is an element of critics not broad minded enough to see that the benefits derived from the Business Agents office go right back into the hands of the rank and file, the very ones who contribute in dues every three months towards replenishing the treasury at headquarters, and also the very ones whose interests this office was created to protect. How? The constitution put it, in buying, selling and contracting. Some knockers, it has been noticed, get terribly shaky when the treasury funds begin to diminish below the thousands, apparently unmindful that the paying membership placed the same there for meeting such ends as would materialize to the benefit of such as need the assistance such office was created to benefit.

Let those who deal through the office of Business Agent tell the per cent saved to them through the operation of the agency, and not the fellow who would like to see these thousands of dollars hoarded up.

The Rank and File, knowing not who was reaping a benefit from a very short sighted person who attempts to inveigh against an officer endeavoring to carry out his duties faithfully and conscientiously in a place the lawmakers saw proper to create, and stranger still that any functionary should entertain the idea that an organization of such magnitude can be run at the direction of any one or two men. They had better read the by-laws and constitution and criticize dereliction of duty, rather than enter complaint as to the cost of running this or that office.

I fail to find any clause or section in the drama we are playing, granting or encouraging that act known as "Dog in the Manager," if every officer will attend to his own official duties conscientiously, and render service with that unselfish spirit implied in the duties of the same, the co-operative spirit will have been carried out and the cause greatly strengthened.

For the reading of the squib herein referred to an unthoughtful person, the inference would be drawn that the Business Agent and his bookkeeper were the only ones drawing money out of the treasury, eh? Ye that are dwelling in transparent palaces had better consider when trying to pull the mote out of thy brother's eye, lest a phenomena of more repulsive magnitude appear to the gaze of those for whom the Business Agent acts, and who are paying the salaries of the other officials and their assistants as well. However, the writer feels that a discussion of these questions will be more appropriate at the coming state session, the proper place for action, and the present incumbent is not at all uneasy about rendering a stewardship that will pass inspection upon the lines of "Equity, Justice and the Golden Rule."

J. L. COLLINS,
State Business Agent.

In Jackson we live by eating Tennessee eggs, Illinois butter, Kansas beef, Indiana tomatoes, Colorado potatoes, Texas honey and canned cream, but we don't do it by collection of subscriptions past due.

CALLED TO NEW ORLEANS.

Oxford, Miss., Nov. 2, 1908.

To Whom It May Concern:

The Farmers' Union has called a cotton conference of all the farmers and business men in the south to be held in New Orleans, Nov. 11th and 12th, and the Southern Cotton Association has called a similar conference of all classes to be held in Memphis at the same time. I urge that every county in the state hold mass-meetings in the county seats on Saturday, Nov. 7th, for the purpose of sending delegates to these meetings. Both should be largely attended by all classes.

All local unions and the executive committees of each county union are urged to send delegates to New Orleans. We hope to have a full attendance of business men at New Orleans.

The Grunewald hotel at New Orleans is headquarters for the delegates and visitors.

Respectfully,

G. R. HIGHTOWER,

President Mississippi State Union.

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HOW TO OBTAIN A BETTER PRICE FOR COTTON.

There is one way and only one way whereby we may obtain better prices for our cotton. The growing of every farm product necessary for home use will curtail the production of cotton, raise the price to at least 15 cents per pound, and in addition, will enable us to use the money obtained for cotton to build magnificent homes, school houses, churches, good roads, educate our children, buy the luxuries of life, and fill our banks to overflowing. The holding of a part of our cotton from the market will only be of temporary benefit while the growing of all feed, food, and live stock necessary for home use will decrease the yield of cotton, almost do away with the necessity for the credit system, and enable us to hold all of our cotton until we obtain equitable prices.

The too exclusive culture of cotton has forced the price of cotton far below an equitable one and established the credit system. As long as southern farmers raised their supplies at home, there was no overproduction of cotton and no necessity for the credit system. But the extensive culture of cotton marked the dawning of the era of low priced cotton and the credit system. What hope is there for better prices for cotton as long as the husband, wife, and children cultivate by far the larger part of the farm in cotton to pay for corn, mules, bacon, lard, and other farm products bought at princely profits added as credit profits. There is no hope.

There is no sane man who does not know what we will get more money for ten million bales than we will for fifteen million bales. The history of the past twenty years is proof positive of this statement. We all know that large crops of cotton means a low price and that a low price for cotton means poverty and wretchedness all over the south. Then why will southern farmers and their wives and children work in the heat and cold for 300 days in the year to grow a large crop of cotton to pay for high priced corn, bacon, lard, mules, and other farm products with the profits of several middlemen, railroads, and supply merchants added. In the language of Puck: "What fools we mortals be."

G. H. ALFORD.

Magnolia, Miss.

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W. J. B.—in Farm and Fireside.

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