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**Political Announcement.**

We are authorized to announce the name of W. M. Botsford of LaPorte Twp, as a candidate for County Commissioner, subject to the action of the Republican county convention.

**WANTS PROTECTION.**

MOVEMENT IN THE SOUTH FOR A TARIFF ON COTTON.

Growers Beginning to Realize the Great Handicap of Free Importation—Cannot Raise Long Staple in Competition With Egypt.

The Record has received from prominent cotton growers representing several sections of the state, through epistolary as well as personal communications, indorsement of its position as to the benefits a tariff on cotton would bring to the farmers and all others doing business in the south. These indorsements, of either character, have usually contained so many facts and so much information not generally known that we regret that space does not permit us at present to publish them all in full. At this particular time, however, we shall notice some of the most important facts in connection with the general subject in order and in the hope that all of those who sincerely desire to see the full success of the cotton growers' movement may most seriously consider a matter in connection with their own welfare, which is in some respects to be looked upon as one demanding as much thought as are the best means of bringing about a reduced acreage of cotton growing.

The attempt has been made and is persisted in to show that a tariff on cotton is utterly useless as a practical matter aside from the principle involved, because practically no cotton is imported to this country. Great prominence is given in news columns to the alleged failure of attempts to raise cotton in other parts of the world, which have been essayed by various European governments in Africa and elsewhere. Only a start has been made in that direction, and it is too early yet to predict with confidence of positiveness that these efforts will be unsuccessful. As to the future importation of cotton we are much concerned, but for the present what is of more importance is the present importation. In 1890 it amounted to only about 12,000 bales. This importation was for speculative purposes, and that is a serious situation that should be considered. Yet even if foreign efforts at raising cotton in competition with the south are not successful, it must be remembered that even now foreign raised cotton, imported, injuriously affects cotton growers. Our information is that a bale of Egyptian cotton displaces, on account of the length of its fiber, about twice the quantity of American short staples. Fifteen years ago Allen long staple was produced in many sections of the south. This has already been driven out by the Egyptian cotton. The Egyptian cotton comes into direct competition with our Sea Island cotton, and why are not our Sea Island and coast farmers entitled to protection from the government just as much so as the wheat and grain farmers of the west?

What objection is there in making this product of the cheap labor of Egypt contribute its share of revenue toward running the government? This cotton is raised in manufacturing imitation silk and other luxuries, and we could take just that much tax from some of the necessities of life. Long staple cotton does not yield heavily per acre. It takes about three acres of land that would make one bale of short staple to produce one bale of long staple. If there was a duty of 5 cents a pound on cotton imports it would induce cotton planters to go into the production of the long staple varieties and it would reduce the acreage three for one. The difference between the long and short staple varieties is not sufficient now to induce the cultivation of the long staple. It is difficult to produce both varieties on the same plantation and keep the seed pure, and, besides, it takes a different gin for the long staple.

The south is the home of cotton. In South Carolina we can produce anything from the Sea Island to the short staple upland, and if this 5 cents protection were given South Carolina and the south, it would soon be producing a cotton that would take the place of the Egyptian cotton. That a long staple cotton can be raised on the uplands of South Carolina is a matter of no question. Various gentlemen have spoken to us as to that matter, and they say they were successful so far as cotton raising is concerned, but that the cost was greater than for Egyptians to produce Egyptian cotton, and that farmers could be

encouraged and paid for their efforts, which would be the case except for foreign competition, wherein comes the objection to protecting them?  
The cotton farmer or the producer of raw material is forced to dispose of his product in competition with the whole world and can buy only in the home market. There is neither reason nor justice in this.  
Why not exercise some common sense business judgment about it? Why should we, because of some theoretical fetch, refuse to take advantage of opportunities possible and which people of other sections of the country avail themselves of? It would seem foolish not to do so.—Columbus (S. C.) Record.

**A Hollow Free Trade Victory.**

The passage of a free trade resolution by the British house of commons by a vote of 254 to 2 was not specially significant, as only nineteen government supporters aided the movement. The government did not oppose it, but refrained from voting. The loss of nineteen votes would not overthrow the government. If the question of free trade were the issue the government would not support it.—Philadelphia Press.

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