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Elsewhere we publish an editorial from the Charlotte *Observer* in reference to the "boycott" that is being attempted by the Southeastern Tariff Association upon the Southern Stock Mutual Insurance Company, of North Carolina. This Company was received into this Tariff Association but since finding that there is a rebate clause in this Insurance Company they have declined to cooperate with it, and to prevent its doing any business they have ordered all agents who are doing any business for this Tariff Association not to act as agents for our North Carolina Company. This Company is composed of some of the best men of North Carolina and it is a direct insult to the State to make this effort to prevent North Carolinians to work for a North Carolina Company. We think our people ought to resent this insult, and we trust that those who have engaged to do business for this Company will say to this Tariff Association that we will work for whom we please regardless of your threats to withdraw your business from our hands.

LOCAL NOTES AND TOBACCO JOTTINGS.

BY O. L. JOYNER.

Great complaint is being made by numbers of farmers in almost every section of the county on account of scarcity of plants in the beds. Many fear that the seed have rotted in the ground. However we hope that a few days of sunshine and spring will bring forth plants in abundance.

We understand that the contract has been given for the

building of the new warehouse of Rountree, Brown & Ernul, and work will commence in a few days. This house will be located about 100 yards southeast of the Greenville warehouse and on the opposite side of the same street on which all the warehouses are built. This makes the fourth tobacco warehouse for Greenville in the fourth year of the market which we think is a very clear demonstration of what we said a few years ago, that it was only a question of time when Greenville would be the leading market of the east. We understand also that several more prize houses will be built during the summer. Let the good work go, no one will throw his hat higher or rejoice more over the success of the Greenville tobacco market than this writer.

We know twelve young men right here in Greenville, first-class business gentlemen, who have the respect and confidence of the entire community, that could with an outlay of one hundred dollars apiece put in operation a smoking tobacco factory. Young men did you ever think of it in this light? By placing aside 8¢ dollars every month for one year you will have money enough to start up a tobacco factory. With twelve energetic men at the head of an enterprise of this kind success would be almost certain. Labor is cheap and begging for employment. Our tobacco has a wide spread reputation and with a good brand to start with there is no question of doubt but that it could be made profitable.

Still Another Boycott.

The Southern Stock Mutual Insurance Company of North Carolina was chartered by act of the lately adjourned Legislature, with a number of the strongest men in the State named as incorporators, and began business with its central office at Greensboro and agencies all over the State. A number of its agents were the agents also of companies embraced in the Southeastern Tariff Association, and as the Southern Stock Mutual did not propose to out rates but to conduct itself upon a plan of amity with all oth-

er companies, it proposed to the Southeastern Tariff Association to pro rate certain local expenses with it and the proposition was accepted. A little later, however, it received notice from the Tariff Association that it had reconsidered its purpose, the letter from the secretary going on to say that in view of the rebate clause in the scheme of the Southern Stock Mutual it had been resolved not to cooperate with it. This was followed by notices to its agents throughout the State that they must not act as agents of the Southern Stock Mutual.

All this has but one meaning, and that is that a North Carolina Co. must not compete with the Southeastern Tariff Association for North Carolina business under penalty of its boycott. Its agents are to be coerced, if possible, and it only remains to be seen how many of them, who are agents for both, will submit to the coercion. The method adopted of holding the North Carolina business for itself and driving the home competitors out of the competition, is a thoroughly characteristic trust proceeding, and it will be a surprise to those who think they know them well if the people of North Carolina do not take this matter up and resent this arrogance as it deserves.—Charlotte *Observer*.

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