

# THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL

"THE SOUTH'S GREATEST NEWSPAPER"

MEMPHIS, TENN.

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Senator Walker,  
Athens, Ala.

My dear sir:-

I am planning a lecture tour through the Southern States and where possible I am making contracts with publishers to handle the local arrangements. My subject is: "Facts and Fiction, Poetry and Politics." I give the home man who sponsors the lecture  $33\frac{1}{3}$  per cent of the proceeds as compensation for his services. Having spent nearly all of my life in the newspaper business I feel confident of my ability to get the hearty co-operation of the newspaper fraternity in this undertaking. A considerable portion of this lecture is devoted to the importance and sensefulness of a clean press. Politics is touched lightly but sufficiently to

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drive home the fact that no man or woman is a real citizen who fails to exercise the sovereign right of suffrage.

I am particularly anxious to deliver this lecture in all the principal towns in your congressional district. By and through this method you can see I have a double purpose in meeting the people of your district. We can not reap a harvest without planting the seed. I think the people of Tennessee Alabama and other states are paying too many politicians to represent power monopolies and this "little" matter should occupy our attention at the proper time and place. We are told in Holy Writ: "Let not the righthand know what the lefthand doeth" Please write me if you think my proposition worth while. Your friend  
(1044 Court Ave) Henry L. West