

## FARMERS OF FRANKLIN

### WILL COTTON GROWERS COMMIT FINANCIAL SUICIDE?

Wall Street bets that they will—At Present Prices of Supplies It will not Pay to Buy Them Even to Make 15c Cotton—Two Rules.

Attorney-General T. W. Bickett asks the above impertinent question and gives some good reasons for doing so in the following article:

A great temptation to-day confronts the farmers of the Cotton Belt—the temptation to raise too much cotton. Will the farmer yield to the temptation? Wall street bets he will. Wall street confesses that it is powerless to permanently keep down the price of cotton, but to-day it is betting its millions that the farmers themselves will hammer down the price twenty dollars a bale. As I write there is before me a press dispatch from New York which reads: "Everybody believes that an enormous acreage will be planted for the next crop, and that the next yield will exceed anything in the history of cotton culture."

Wall street concedes that it cannot control the farmer but at the same time it proclaims to the world that the farmer cannot control himself. It to-day treats that lack of self-control as an asset. Will the farmer this year justify Wall street's appraisal of his character? Will he commit financial suicide? He will; he will destroy himself, his family and his fellows, unless he shall follow the one and only way of escape from the temptation. That way is to make his own supplies. Let each farmer in the Cotton Belt write these two sentences on the fly leaf of his Bible; for reverently speaking, I believe that in them lies his temporal salvation:

1—If I make my own supplies, then to save my life I can't make too much cotton.  
2—If I do not make my own supplies, then to save my life I can't help making too much cotton.

One more word. Fifteen-cent cotton will not pay for your supplies at present prices. The negro and the mule, big factors in the production of cotton, have more than doubled in price; and here is what you have to pay for what you buy:

#### RALPHIGH PRODUCE MARKET.

Reported daily by M. Rosenthal & Co., wholesale and retail grocers.

Butter	30 to 35c
Eggs	30c
Hams—Sugar cured	17-1-2 to 18½
North Carolina	25c
Virginia	27-1-2c
Bacon	16c
Spring Chickens	35 to 40c
Irish	55 to 65c
Irish Potatoes	\$1.25 bu
Sweet Potatoes	80c bu
Cabbage	5 to 15c
Onions	40c pk
Flour	\$7 to \$7.50 bbl
Meal	\$2.00 bag
Peas	15c qt

The above prices are what the consumer who buys for cash must pay. If he buys on time—well, he will simply starve.

Let all good men pray that this year the farmers of the Cotton Belt may rise above the temptation which confronts them, and from smoke-house and crib issue a declaration of financial independence.

Then, not only will cotton be king, but the men who make it will have a share in the Kingdom.

"So mote it be."

T. W. BICKETT,  
Franklin Co., N. C.

### Concert Tour Oxford Orphanage Singing Class.

The Singing Class of 1910 from the Oxford Orphanage will start on its first or Eastern concert tour on Monday March 28th. The first tour will close before June 24th, the date

of the annual Saint John's Day exercises on the grounds of the institution.

Near the last of July the second or Western tour will begin.

These annual concerts have reached a really high standard of excellence. The children and those who accompany them represent a canvass very near to the hearts of our people. Even if the tour and entertainments were not in the interest of a great work, the character of the concerts would merit large and liberal patronage. An admission fee is, as a rule, charged and for this the children certainly give full value and more.

The funds brought to this institution through these tours help much in its maintenance. Today it is providing for 330 children and, since it was established in 1872, by the Grand Lodge of Masons of North Carolina, more than 2,500 girls and boys have come directly under its blessed ministry. Never have the benefits of this noble institution been restricted to the children of Masons. The primary conditions of admission have always been the destitution, the need of the children.

While the management of the Oxford Orphanage strive to exercise the strictest economy consistent with effectiveness in the work, we have information that an increase of its annual income is now essential for its maintenance even up to its present standard of efficiency. Surely our whole people will see to it that this work is not restricted because of lack of financial support.

Our people will delight to patronize the concerts seen to be given. It is our privilege to continue to assist in this and in any other way a cause so worthy.

#### Address to Baraca Class.

Mr. Kenneth W. Robinson, of Syracuse, N. Y. will be in Louisburg on Monday night, March 28th, to deliver an address to the Baraca class of the Methodist church. The address will be delivered at the Methodist church and a special invitation is extended all other bible classes, regardless of denomination, and the public generally to be present. Mr. Robinson is a man of much experience in work of this kind and his address will be of great interest to everyone who is interested in Sunday school work.

#### The Mass Meeting.

The mass meeting of the baseball fans of Louisburg which was called to meet on Monday night, met in the court house with quite a good number of the citizens of Louisburg present.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. J. A. Turner and Mr. J. R. Cellie was elected temporary chairman, and Mr. W. E. Uzzell, was elected temporary Secretary. Upon the officers taking their seats it was announced that business was in order, whereupon Mr. Turner was asked to state the object of the meeting. This he did in a few well chosen remarks. The two main objects before the meeting were, first, should Louisburg have an organized ball team this year. The second was whether Louisburg should be one of the teams in the six club league for this section.

After several interesting talks from those present, among whom deserve special mention an account of the bearing they had upon the organization were those of Messrs. F. B. McKinnis and E. S. Ford, it was decided to use the plan of a stock company and to sell the shares to the citizens of the town. Upon motion of B. N. Williamson, a committee of five was appointed, composed of Messrs. E. S. Ford, J. A. Turner, F. B. McKinnis, and Dr. C. H. Buks and A. H. Fleming, to call on the people of Louisburg for the purpose of ascertaining their feelings in the matter and to place what shares they could.

This committee was instructed to

call a meeting of the holders as soon as they could place a sufficient amount of stock for the purpose of making a permanent organization.

The idea of the six club league met with the approval of those present and if our people wish to see some good ball playing in Louisburg this season they may as well get ready to go into their pockets and assist those who are taking the lead.

The boys say that all they need to win Louisburg a reputation in playing ball is a little encouragement and the support of the home people. New gentlemen lets put it up to them.

#### Excavating.

Mr. M. F. Houck is excavating the old Jones hill side of the railroad preparatory to erecting a large wholesale establishment for Mr. P. A. Reavis.

#### Free Seed.

We have a lot of Government garden seed sent us by Hon. E. W. Fou for distribution among his many friends in Franklin county. If you have not received a package call at this office and get one.

#### Assigned.

Mr. J. F. Murphy, who has been doing a grocery business here on Nash Street, made an assignment on Monday of this week. Mr. B. G. Hicks was made assignee. No statement has been given out yet as to his assets and liabilities.

#### Boys Corn Club.

Mr. Sebuab, of the Agricultural Department of the A. & M. college will deliver an address to the public in Louisburg on next Saturday, March 26th, in the interest of organizing a boys corn club. Let everybody come out and hear him.

#### Lecture at the College.

Prof. Highsmith, of Wake Forest College, will deliver an address at the college on Friday night (to-night) at 8 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend and hear his discourse.

#### Spring Recital.

Monday evening, March 28th, at 8:30 o'clock, in the college chapel will be the occasion of the annual spring music recital of the college. The programme consists of a number of pieces of good music and the fact that it is given under the supervision of Miss Sallie Williams, teacher of the music class at the college, is sufficient to say that it will be much enjoyed by our people. The public is especially invited to attend this recital and we are sure there will be a large number in attendance.

#### Shows 10,363,240 Bales Ginned

Washington, March 21—The census cotton report shows the crop of 1909 to be 10,363,240 bales, counting round as half bales and including linters, compared with 13,432,131 for 1908.

Cotton estimated by ginners as remaining to be ginned and included in the statistics for 1909 is 49,488 bales.

The average gross weight for the crop counting round as half bales, and including linters, is 496.5 pounds compared with 505.8 for 1908.

The number of gineries operated for 1909 crop was 26,669, compared with 26,598 for 1908.

#### Meeting of Farmers Union.

The next county meeting of the Farmers Union will be held in Louisburg on Thursday, April 7th, 1910. All locals will please send delegates.

T. M. BARNES,  
Co. Sec. and Treas.

## THE MOVING PEOPLE

### THEIR MOVEMENTS IN AND OUT OF TOWN.

Those Who Have Visited Louisburg the Past Week—Those Who Have Gone Elsewhere for Business or Pleasure.

W. J. Cooper visited Raleigh Saturday.

J. W. Mann left yesterday for Sanford.

J. E. Thomas went to Raleigh Wednesday.

Mr. C. R. Stimpson is visiting his people at Concord.

Dr. S. Rapport, of Durham, was in town Wednesday.

Dr. A. H. Fleming paid Raleigh a business visit yesterday.

Sen. Ben T. Holden spent Wednesday in Raleigh on business.

Messrs. A. S. and M. E. Blount, of Suffolk, Va., were in town yesterday.

Walter Egerton, of Warrenton, visited relatives in town the past week.

John Stovall, of Stovall, visited his brother, H. M. Stovall, the past week.

Mrs. Ida Hale left Tuesday for Rocky Mount to visit her brother, J. H. Beddingfield.

Mr. L. W. Bowden and wife, of Raleigh, spent last week with the family of W. J. Cooper.

Mrs. E. A. Jones left Wednesday to visit her daughter, Mrs. E. M. Edwards, at Norfolk.

Leslie Allen, of Spartanburg, S. C. arrived Sunday to spend the summer with his people near town.

Messrs. G. W. Ford, E. S. Ford and B. G. Hicks returned Wednesday night from a trip to Richmond.

Miss Katie Furnas, who has been teaching school at Northside, returned home one day the past week.

Rev. A. J. Parker left Saturday on a two weeks trip in the interest of the Louisburg Female College.

Miss Bessie Cooke, of Louisburg College, spent last Sunday with Miss Irene Sledge, of near Mapleville.

Miss Ethel Green returned to her home near Henderson Tuesday after a short visit to her sister, Mrs. R. E. Wicker.

Miss Lillian Edwards, who has been visiting at Mr. G. L. W. Pegrams, returned to her home in Henderson Monday.

W. H. Yarborough, Jr., and W. M. Person went to Raleigh Wednesday to witness the game of ball between Philadelphia and A. & M. college.

Mr. P. S. Allen returned Wednesday from Baltimore where he had been under treatment for some time. His friends throughout the county will be glad to know that he is much improved and is able to be out on the streets.

Miss Louise Allen, of Warrenton, who has been visiting relatives in town the past week, returned to her home yesterday. She was accompanied on her return by Miss Mabel Davis, who will spend a few days visiting friends and relatives there.

Messrs. J. A. Turner and J. S. Lancaster accompanied by little Miss Pearl Lancaster, left Monday for Elizabeth City as delegates from Louisburg to the meeting of the Woman's Home Mission Society which is in session at that place.

#### Bishop Nelson Approves Tuberculosis Sunday.

Approval for the movement for a national tuberculosis Sunday on April 24th, recently inaugurated by the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, is given in a statement by The Right Reverend Richard H. Nelson, Bishop Coadjutor of Albany, N. Y., for the Protestant Episcopal Church, issued today.

Bishop Nelson says: "I think

well of the proposal that all the churches should unite on April twenty-fourth in presenting the truth concerning tuberculosis and stimulating public interest in the campaign for its prevention and cure.

"The campaign has entered upon its second stage. Having labored with some success to point out the danger, we are now concerned with the cure, and this depends upon improvement in conditions of personal and social life. Whatever the churches may be able to do along this line, will be a double contribution to physical and spiritual betterment and I should think that all would wish to have a share in such an enterprise."

Reports from all parts of the United States indicate that the Sunday set apart will be generally observed, by the preaching of sermons on tuberculosis and by the distribution of special literature.

The National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis declares that the campaign against tuberculosis is a warfare against ignorance, and that as soon as the people of the United States know that tuberculosis can be prevented and cured, they will demand that the needless waste of 200,000 lives annually be stopped.

#### How Much Fertilizer Should We Use?

Perhaps, on average lands, from 200 pounds to 400 pounds of commercial fertilizers under corn, and from 400 to 600 pounds under cotton is the safest for the general farmer, but some find it profitable to use even more. For special crops, yielding large gross money returns per acre, larger quantities are generally profitable, in some instances are as large as from 1,000 pounds to 3,000 pounds per acre; but these large quantities should only be used when experience or test show that they pay.—Raleigh (N. C.) Progressive Farmer and Gazette.

#### Kill Grass Before it Comes Up.

I plant corn and cotton level, or nearly so. My soil is clay. If a heavy rain falls before plants come up I run over with harrow, and cross with weeder. This will break crust all all the ground, destroy any grass or weeds that may be sprouted and prevent evaporation. If no rain falls weeder alone is run four or five days after planting, and I keep this up every few days until plants are large enough to thin. This part of the work is looked after closely, as it may mean the saving of much labor later on. If the grass once gets a start, the harrow and weeder, are no good then.—T. J. W. Broom, in Raleigh (N. C.) Progressive Farmer and Gazette.

#### MONEY IN HOGS.

A Georgia Farmer Invested \$200 in Hogs and Pasture and Made \$600 Clear Profit.

The Groover Brothers, of Bullock county, Georgia, have been growing pork for several years at a cost of 1 3-4 cents to 2 cents per pound on a free wood range and pastures of velvet beans, soy beans, ground peas, field peas, and sweet potatoes. Their stock of hogs is a mixture between Berkshire and the common breeds. They run at large in the swamps during the spring and early winter, feeding on herbs and grasses. In August they are turned into the potato fields and transferred to the peanuts and cowpeas as these crops ripen. The porkers are sold from September to December in the city of Savannah at from 7 cents to 11 cents per pound. The breeding hogs are kept throughout the winter on the velvet beans pods which are very hardy and do not decay for several months. Nothing is harvested—the

hogs being allowed to graze on all the crops. The peanuts, cowpeas, velvet beans and soy beans for fall and winter pastures are usually planted in rows in the corn middles and after the corn is harvested the hogs graze off the remainder. Potatoes are planted in a separate field early in the spring and are ready for grazing in July and August.

By following this system for the last eight years these farmers have found that pork can be raised at from 1 3-4c to 3 cents per pound. In 1907 they invested \$200 in hogs and pastures and received a return of \$800, a profit of \$600.

Most of these hogs were pastured in a field of seven acres, which was grown in corn, cowpeas and velvet beans. The profit on the hogs, however, was not all the profits, as the improvement of the land in this field increased the yield of cotton in 1908 one-half bale per acre over what the same field produced in 1906 with the same seed, methods of cultivation and fertilization.—Raleigh (N. C.) Progressive Farmer and Gazette.

#### Picnic at Sandy Creek.

In spite of being somewhat out of season, quite a large crowd attended the picnic at Sandy Creek Academy, March 15th, 1910 given by the teachers, Misses Mary D. Shearin and Mary Roser to the children, parents and friends of the school.

The exercises consisted of songs by school, and a lecture by Rev. G. M. Duke.

About ten thirty the people began to assemble, and will any one wonder at the many busy farmers being among the number when it was known that our much beloved minister, and most eloquent orator, was to speak?

Having well, and appropriately chosen for his subject, "The Past, Present, and Future Education" for about one and one half hours he held the very closest attention of both young and old. Realizing so forcibly the past inability, the present negligence, and future demand for universal education, he spoke with such patriotic zeal and enthusiasm as to impress upon the hearts and minds of his hearers, his earnest desire to quicken them to higher educational ambition.

After such an inspiring lecture all gathered around a most bountifully laden table and partook heartily of the delicious things prepared by the kind and ever willing hands of mothers and friends.

In the afternoon baseball and other games were enjoyed by the children and parents, while subjects of more interest were discussed by "Cupid's Victims."

In conclusion we add that the day was a most pleasant and profitable one to all.

#### A FRIEND.

Items from Grape Vine.

We are glad to know that the farmers union at Mitchiners is improving.

W. T. Rogers gave an enjoyable candy party last Saturday night in honor of Miss Rosa McGhee, of Franklinton. Those present were Misses Sallie Joyner, Rosa McGhee, Kate Layton, Mattie Mitchell, Messrs N. B. Layton, Otis Burroughs, Ralph Thompson, W. L. May, Henry Joyner, John Mitchell and little daughter and G. W. Murray and family.

Miss Mattie Mitchell is spending the week at L. C. Mitchiners.

N. B. Layton spent a portion of the past week in Raleigh on business.

Best wishes to the dear old FRANKLIN TIMES.

BLUE EYES.

—Come to the meeting Saturday and assist in organizing a boys corn club.