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The patriotic service rendered by the banks of Lee county in aid of the government during the war, though offered and performed in an utterly unselfish spirit, has not been without practical reward. In purchasing bonds and thrift stamps the masses of this section became acquainted with the banks. From December 31, 1916, to December 31, 1918, there was an increase of 80.28 per cent of savings deposits in our banks. There has been a very marked increase since then of individual and savings deposits, but we have not the figures at hand showing the increase. One of the banks in Sanford has approximately one million dollars on deposit and every bank in the county is in a prosperous condition. The three principal factors, perhaps, which have contributed to these increases are the high prices paid for tobacco and other farm products, the larger wages paid workers, and the saving habit which, notwithstanding extravagance on the part of many, seems to have become far more general than ever before among the people. The people have learned through exercise of the spirit fostered by their government a new and profitable habit—that of saving money. They have learned to accumulate money in excess of immediate requirements, and they are putting it where they put their liberty bond investments—in the banks.

The South now consumes about half the cotton it produces. If the time should ever come when we can weave and spin a crop the size of the present one the world at large, it is said, would need a crop of 30,000,000 bales. The present value of the cotton crop, raw material and manufactured product, runs into the billions. It is easy to lose one's judgment in this mounting mass of values, but one thing seems clear. Raw cotton will sell at a good price for some years to come; and the opportunity to develop the potentialities of cotton, in field and mill, train and handle the labor involved in its development, to evolve the financial genius to move and market this world staple makes the South a field for industrial talent and industrial leadership unsurpassed in the world.

Prices of farming lands in some sections have risen with such rapidity that serious consequences may be expected with the return of normal conditions. This is a warning to farmers is issued by the United States Department of Agriculture. Much of the present speculative activity has been due to the fact that speculators have been able to catch some farmers unawares, buying their farms at a much lower figure than was justified in relation to prices. Farmers in this section are growing rather jocular about selling to speculators who buy to sell again. They say that if it is worth more to the speculator it is worth more to them. Some speculators have doubled the price on land bought in this section within the past few months.

According to the Youth's Companion, the boy who stays in school until he is eighteen years old has earned by the time he is twenty-five years old \$2000 more than the boy who left school at fourteen; and also he is getting \$900 a year more pay. In other words, the additional four years at school are equivalent to an investment of \$18,000 at five per cent interest. Moreover, the earnings of the boy who stayed in school until he was eighteen will continue to increase rapidly, whereas the salary of the boy who left school at fourteen will never be much larger.

The Roosevelt Memorial Association is conducting a nationwide campaign this week for funds to erect a national memorial in his honor. The campaign will close Monday, October 27, the Colonel's birthday. What the national memorial to Theodore Roosevelt shall be has not been decided. It will probably be located at the national capitol and it will require some ingenuity to devise a suitable memorial to this many-sided American.

What will the future of such a fortunate region as Lee county be? Imagine the possibilities!

Don't forget the Red Cross in its third annual roll call.

Judge W. J. Adams is considered one of the ablest and sanest jurists on the Superior Court bench. In his charge to the Fredell county grand jury at Statesville last week he called attention to certain manifestations of lawlessness that exist and that should strike home to every citizen of the State. From Judge Adams' somewhat long but interesting discourse, as published in the Statesville Landmark, we quote these paragraphs:

We are now living literally in a new era in the world's history. As men look at it, they look to the future, some in doubt, some with hope, some with optimistic faith. This country has entered upon a period of reconstruction in business affairs, in industrial enterprise, in thought and in life. Everywhere there is a feeling of uncertainty and a spirit of unrest. There is a tendency to disorganize industry, to skip work and curtail industry; to live extravagantly with a reckless disregard of the future. With some there is a lurking desire for keen rebellion against the government and for working social revolution. Rabid incendiary literature sent out by depraved and irresponsible people incite race riots and bloodshed. A large proportion of the population seems to be a seething mass of unrest and discontent. There are those who live in brazen defiance of the law. They act as a traitor acts who shoots at the flag under which he seeks protection.

No wonder it is said that our system of self-government is on trial and that the time is coming when the maintenance of law shall be put to the final test. I have infinite faith in the integrity of the great majority of the American people. They are patient, even long-suffering, but sooner or later they will wake to the realities and call the lawless element to a rigid accounting. They are becoming rapidly educated in the fundamental verities of government, and will find an effective way to protect themselves against internal enemies. The lawless element must be squarely met and firmly dealt with. They must be taught that law in this country is supreme and that obedience to law is the first lesson in Americanism.

The climate and soil advantages combine to make Lee a county of peculiar blessings. We are grateful that Lee is a county in which welfare and opportunity have such high percentage averages.

Tuberculosis is Preventable and Curable.

A decrease of approximately fifteen per cent in the number of deaths caused by tuberculosis in North Carolina during the past four years is shown in figures tabulated at the State sanatorium for the treatment of this disease. The report says:

The total number of deaths from this cause in the State for the year 1915 was 3,710. In 1918 the total number had been reduced to 3,160, a difference of 550. This reduction, considering the steady increase in population during the past four years, means an even greater proportionate decrease in the death rate of tuberculosis.

Careful observations and experiments have demonstrated that the ratio of active open cases of tuberculosis to deaths are as eight to one. This means that while more than three thousand died in the State during the past year there were at the same time in excess of twenty-five thousand suffering with the disease, and menacing the health of those with whom they came in contact.

Tuberculosis is preventable and curable. To save the one affected from danger of infection and to more adequately care for those stricken, North Carolina is joining with the National Tuberculosis Association and one thousand other State and local organizations throughout the country in an extensive and intensive educational campaign culminating in the special campaign for the sale of Red Cross Christmas Seals during December 1-10, \$3,500,000 of which are being offered for sale this year.

Important Rules For Protection Against Influenza.

The State Board of Health gives the following ten rules to govern one in protection against influenza:

1. Avoid people who are coughing or sneezing.
2. Do not attend crowds or large gatherings indoors or outdoors.
3. Keep three feet from person talking.
4. When you cough or sneeze, cover your nose or mouth with a handkerchief, or turn your face downward.
5. Don't use cup or other eating utensil used by others without thoroughly washing and boiling it.
6. Don't put into your mouth, fingers, pencils or other things that do not belong there.
7. Wash your hands before eating.
8. Eat plenty of simple, nourishing food.
9. Sleep and work in rooms filled with fresh air, but keep the body warm.
10. If you get influenza, go immediately to bed, ward off pneumonia, and stay in bed several days after fever subsides to avoid subsequent weakness.

QUIT YOU LIKE MEN.

Farmers Must Cooperate in the Sale of the Cotton Crop if It is to Bring a Higher Price.

Maj. Wm. A. Graham, commissioner of agriculture, gives out the following statement on the North Carolina Cotton Association and warehouses.

"This is an age of co-operation; the business that attempts to go it alone is at the mercy of divergent interests who combine. The farmer is almost alone in being to a large extent in an individual contest. The effort to effect the organization of cotton farmers in the association and warehouse organization is an endeavor to get the farmers to cooperate especially in the sale of the crop.

"In the earlier days of the Farmers' alliance it was said that the farmer would never have any money until he raised something to sell. The farmer acknowledged the truth of the assertion and largely increased his crops, in many instances doubling the number of bales. The cotton buyers' reply was, 'You have made too much,' and although the farmer has these large amounts of produce he could not use it as security to obtain money to settle his debts incurred in making the crop.

"The thinking farmer then concluded that deliverance would only come when he made the surplus needed for operation himself and not endeavor to raise cotton to purchase them. The financial measures provided by Mr. McAdoo enable the farmer to use his crop as security to obtain cash. Raising his own supplies has enabled him to hold his cotton for the past two years and he can hold it if desired, another year, as food crops for man and beast are being gathered for another year. He is more independent than he has been since the Confederate war. The amount of cotton in sight for supply of goods to the world is not adequate for the purpose. If the farmer will keep a stiff upper lip and hold his cotton, no one disputes that he can get a higher price than it is bringing in the market at this time. The financial measures of Mr. McAdoo or anyone else can benefit no one who goes to the market with the question, 'What will you give me for my cotton?' and not with a bold face saying, 'I will take 36 1-2 cents for my cotton,' and then hold until he gets it."

The farmers beat the bagging trust by not buying their goods; they lost money when they used cotton bagging, but bore the loss like men until the sugar sacks became available. It was really the sugar sack and not cotton bagging that defeated the nefarious proposition of

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Doing so will be taken care of. Therefore, quit you like men. Be strong and the victory is nigh. Produce all you can of the provisions needed for your family and home. Do not put all the suffering and self denial on your wife; supply her with conveniences and help her in her work. Show that you are worthy of the sores of 1861-65, and a brighter day will dawn and develop into prosperity to Old Hayseed and his family. When the farmer prospers the whole country flourishes, as he is in four fifths of it, and when he has adversity, the land mourns."

Want Spinners to Go Direct to Cotton Fields.

Cotton growers, in New Orleans, Wednesday, urged British cotton spinners to send representatives to the fields of the South, buy cotton from the farmer direct, bale the staple as they see fit, eliminating the middleman and reducing the cost of the raw material to the spinner, at the same time increasing the price paid to the producer.

This proposal, along the lines of the systems used by British tobacco manufacturing interests in Kentucky, was made at a meeting of a special committee of world cotton conference delegates, composed of 10 foreign spinners, 10 American spinners and 20 American cotton growers.

Speakers agreed that no arbitrary price could be fixed for any given period for cotton owing mainly to the tremendous fluctuations in the amounts of cotton picked in relation to the amount planted in different years. Condition of weather and of insect depredations made it impossible, it was stated, to set an advance price on the staple, as the growing costs cannot be estimated until the crop has been gathered and ginned.

It was agreed by speakers, however, that profits were being made by middlemen who had no direct interest in the growing, spinning or manufacturing branches of the industry, the consumer having higher prices to pay for the finished article than would be necessary under strict regulation of the industry.

Closer affiliation of grower and spinner was offered as a solution to the problem of the cotton planter and the spinner by Governor Bickett, of North Carolina, in private life a cotton planter. The planter, he said, is operating on a very narrow margin of profit, even at the very high prices.

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