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LESSENER DEMAND LOWERS PRICES FARM PRODUCTS

Consumption in Home Markets Rather than Exports Govern Level of Farm Products.

WASHINGTON.—No one who has been reading the news columns of the public press for the last 90 days can doubt that there is a tremendous drive organized for the purpose of convincing the farming interest of the United States that their prosperity depends upon European markets.

In view of this drive, it is especially fortunate that the public has been given Part One of the exhaustive report of the joint congressional committee on agricultural inquiry.

In discussing the causes of the decline in farm products, into which the report goes exhaustively, presenting tables which go back to 1890, the following facts are set forth:

1st. The decline in prices of agricultural products in the years 1920 and 1921 was not due to overproduction, as the crops of those years were not relatively greater in proportion to the population of the United States than they had been in many preceding years.

2nd. The period of decline in prices of certain dairy products, such as butter, cheese etc., coincided with the period of the greatest imports of dairy products.

3rd. The prices of all kinds of farm products vary almost in direct ratio to the domestic consumption of those products. Domestic consumption, in turn, depends almost wholly and directly upon industrial employment.

This is emphasized at various places in the report and is clearly demonstrated by the tables which the report contains. Speaking of the relation of prices to the domestic consumption of farm products, the report says, concerning the price of wheat: "It is notable in the connection that per capita consumption of wheat has shown a marked tendency to decrease in periods of industrial depression." Farther on, in the same paragraph, the report says: "The table seems to indicate that domestic consumption is probably the largest factor in determining the price. In general, with a number of exceptions, the price of wheat has decreased in years of low consumption and increased in periods of high consumption."

The table referred to, accompanying the report, shows that the domestic per capita consumption of wheat was lower in 1920 than any year since 1900, being only 4.6 bushels.

Tables for 1921 are not presented in the report, but, from data issued by the various government agencies, it is known the per capita consumption of wheat in 1921 was, if anything, less than 1920.

Continuing to quote the report's conclusions regarding the price of wheat:

"Perhaps the most notable fact shown by this table is the tremendous drop in wheat during 1920, notwithstanding an increase in exports. It seems probable that this drop can be attributed almost wholly to the falling off of domestic consumption and beginning and continuance of industrial depression."

Upon the subject of the price and consumption of beef the report says: "Consumption of beef bears a very close relation to urban employment or unemployment and declines rapidly in periods of industrial depression."

The report also shows the price of cotton bears a very direct relation to the relative consumption per 1,000 inhabitants.

The report does not in any way attempt any partisan conclusions. It simply presents the tables and summarizes what the tables indicate. But it is most opportune that a report of such official and unimpeachable character should be issued at a time when there is a tremendously financed and well organized campaign to persuade the farmer that his interest are dependent upon European markets, when, in point of fact, as the report shows, his interest and prosperity depend directly upon American mar-

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COUNTY BONDS SOLD AT GOOD FIGURES.

The bond market is getting easier now and some refunding bonds offered by the county commissioners Monday were sold at a premium. The bonds which are serial bonds and run up to forty years brought par and accrued interest and premium of \$9120. The amount of bonds sold was \$200,000. They are six per cent bonds. The bill of costs in the Dr. Sharp case amounting to nearly \$1600 was brought to the attention of the board but no action was taken on it. The final settlement of the case is to be made at the June term of court. The official minutes follow: Beaufort, N. C. Feb. 6, 1922.

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met this the 6th day of February 1922, at their regular meeting place in the Court House in the Town of Beaufort, North Carolina; with the following members present, to-wit: C. R. Wheatly, Chairman; George G. Taylor; Henry O. Piner and Frank B. Small. J. L. Edwards absent.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. C. L. Abernethy representing the citizens of Merrimon Township came before the Board and asked that the Turn Pike road be made passable. Mr. Joe Carraway also asked that the road be made passable stating that the road at present was not passable.

The Board ordered the work to be done on the Turn Pike road in Merrimon Township.

Mr. Wm. H. Bell came before the Board and presented a petition signed by the people of Newport requesting that the road from Newport to the South-West of Newport be put in a condition that will permit traffic to pass over it.

The matter was deferred to a later date.

Mr. A. D. Ennett came before the Board and asked that the valuation of his land be reduced. The matter was referred to the Board of Appraisers for an investigation.

No other business the Board took recess to meet again at 2:00 P. M.

The Board reconvened at 2:00 P. M., with all members present except Mr. J. L. Edwards.

The representatives of (8) eight Bonding Companies came before the Board and presented sealed bids for the \$200,000 issue of Funding Bonds.

The bids were opened and read by Chairman of the Board in the presence of the prospective bidders.

It was ordered by the Board that the Bonds be awarded to The Title Guarantee and Trust Company, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mr. H. E. Barlow of New Bern, North Carolina, came before the Board and asked the Board to cooperate with the people of Craven county, Pamlico County and Jones County in trying to eradicate the Boll Weevil, and promote the farming industry in general. He also explained to the Board the need of appointing a committee of five men from different sections of the County who are progressive farmers, and also the need of employing a farm demonstrator.

Messrs. C. J. Heath of New Bern, N. C., U. E. Swann, and C. S. Maxwell of Beaufort, N. C., came before the Board and stated that they thought it was the duty of the Board to appoint a committee of five men and employ a farm demonstrator as Mr. Barlow had suggested.

It was ordered by the Board that the Beaufort Chamber of Commerce appoint one on the committee, Morehead City Chamber of Commerce one, the people of Newport one and the Board of County Commissioners two.

Mr. Raymond Ball, North Harlowe, N. C., Mr. John E. Willis, Smyrna, N. C., Mr. W. P. Smith, Beaufort, N. C. and Mr. S. G. Gould, Newport, N. C. were appointed as members of the committee. The Morehead Chamber of Commerce has not elected a member yet.

Mr. W. L. Stancil, County Auditor came before the Board and asked for permission to buy a safe for the Auditor's office to keep the County records in.

It was moved, and seconded and carried that Mr. Stancil be allowed the privilege of buying a safe sufficient to keep the records pertaining to his office.

The following good and lawful men were drawn for March 1922 term of

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CARTERET MAY GET STATE HIGHWAYS

The County Has Chance To Get Two Fine Roads Connecting With State System.

The long looked for State Highways in Carteret county may be realized in the near future if unforeseen circumstances do not prevent. There is a good prospect that this matter which has been talked of considerably for several years may become a reality some time this year.

Yesterday State Highway Commissioner John E. Cameron came here from Raleigh, where he had been attending a meeting of the commission, and discussed with county chairman C. R. Wheatly and several citizens here the road question in general and the roads leading into Morehead City and Beaufort from Craven county in particular.

As a result of the conference here Chairman Wheatly will call a meeting of the board of commissioners for next Wednesday to consider the highway question. Mr. Cameron stated yesterday that Carteret county was the only county in his district, the second, which has not gotten any of the State road money from the fifty million dollar bond issue. In fact this county has made no particular effort to get any of this money while other counties have been hot after it. If Carteret county wants any of these funds it will have to act soon or it will be used elsewhere.

Mr. Cameron stated that it was his desire to see two roads built from the Craven line into Carteret, one to the eastern half ending at Beaufort and the other in the western half taking in Newport and Morehead City. The two roads to be of hard surface materials and exactly alike. To get these roads it will be necessary for Carteret county to pay half the cost of the Morehead City highway which will amount to about \$150,000. Mr. Cameron thinks that if Carteret will put this sum of money the Highway Commission will build the two roads at a cost of around \$600,000. The roads will be 40 feet wide with a hard surface track in the middle ten feet wide. The State will pay all expense of keeping the roads in good condition.

If the board of commissioners decide that the county can afford to pay \$150,000 for \$600,000 worth of roads then it must pass a resolution to that effect and submit it to the State Highway Commission. Mr. Cameron thinks such a proposition would be accepted but advises that a delegation of citizens from the county attend the meeting and boost the proposition.

If the State Commission decides to build the roads, work will commence in the early Spring and it will be pushed until the roads are finished which will probably be next Fall some time. Building the roads will mean spending a lot of money in the county for labor and materials.

WILL FIGHT THE BOLL WEEVIL.

A determined effort is to be made to resist the ravages of the boll weevil in Carteret and some of the adjoining counties. A delegation from New Bern composed of H. E. Barlow, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce there, C. D. Heath a prominent citizen and a delegation from the Chamber of Commerce in Beaufort, who were F. R. Seelye, U. E. Swann and Dr. C. S. Maxwell went before the board of County Commissioners here Monday and discussed plans for fighting the weevil. As a result the board suggested the appointment of a committee to have charge of the matter, two of these appointed by the board and two each by the Beaufort and Morehead City Chambers of Commerce. It is understood that the anti-weevil fight will go for five years longer. Craven county has appropriated \$10,000 to carry on the work. An agent of the State Agricultural department is to be invited to come here the first Monday in March to give advice and information as to the anti-weevil campaign.

AMBROSE V. SAFE

The yacht Ambrose V that left here several weeks ago and for a

GOOD SHOWING OF STATE'S PRODUCTS

Stands First In Tobacco, Fifth In Cotton Well Up On Staple Crops.

Raleigh, N. C. February, 7 1922
The severe 1921 drought in the central part and upper Piedmont area of the state seriously damaged all crops. It has resulted in relatively high prices for the most farm commodities in North Carolina. Cotton alone made a good yield in view of the growing conditions. The tobacco prices, averaging over 25 cents were better than expected last spring.

While corn is the state's universal crop, our rank is only 13th in value and 21st in production compared with the larger western states. The two states leading in both production and value were Iowa, 444 million bushels at 133 million dollars, and Illinois 306 million bushels at 116 million dollars. On December 1st, 1921, corn was selling at an average of 42.3 cents per bushel for the United States as compared with 78 cents in North Carolina. There were 24 states however, having a higher per acre value. The 2,552,000 acres of corn harvested for grain in the state produced 49,252,000 bushels valued at \$38,418,000.

North Carolina Produced one tenth of the cotton crop and holds 5th rank in both production and value of cotton, getting ahead of both Oklahoma and South Carolina. This was due primarily to the ravages of the boll weevil in those states. Mississippi ranked seventh in 1920, but she moved up to third place for last year. North Carolina stands first in the per acre value of cotton among the main cotton states, but California, Arizona and Missouri were better. The production and value in the five leading states were Texas 2,200,000 bales \$117,100,000; Mississippi 870,000 bales, \$72,210,000; Georgia 840,000 bales; \$69,720,000; Arkansas 800,000 bales, \$69,230,000; North Carolina 800,000 bales with \$65,600,000 for the last crop. The sixteen cotton states have produced about eight million bales, which, at the December price of \$1.44 per bushel, our rank in both production and value is 26th compared with other wheat states. The two states leading in production and value of this crop were Kansas 128,696,000 bushels worth \$119,687,000 and Nebraska 59,875,000 bushels worth \$49,696,000. The national crop was 795 million bushels, which at 92.7 cents was valued at 737 million dollars. There are 42 states growing wheat on the commercial scale.

Due primarily to the state's severe dry conditions during the last season there was a reduction in the yield of oats from 22 bushels in 1920 to 18 last year. The production was over three million bushels in 1921 or eleven per cent less than in 1920, this notwithstanding a considerable acreage increase. Compared with other states, this state is a small producer, 30th in production and 33 in value. The national crop was one billion bushels at 322 million dollars or about 46 per cent of the 1920 value.

Tobacco is North Carolina's principal money crop. In 1920 we produced 433 million pounds which sold at 22 cents per pound, an amount much below the cost of production that year. The average season's price of 26 cents places the present 294 million pound crop at \$76,500,000. This gave us the conspicuous first rank in value of this crop. Kentucky produced 326 million pound from 385,000 acres, valued at \$50,485,000. The total for the nation was 1,117,682,000 pounds worth an average of 20 cents per pound or \$223,755,000 for the entire crop.

time was missing and the cause of some anxiety has turned up safe and sound at Georgetown, S. C. Captain Ned Lewis was there last week and saw the boat anchored in the harbor.

COUNTY COMMENCEMENT WILL BE IN MARCH

There will be county commencement this year. For the first time since 1916 the county schools will hold commencement exercises according to a decision of the Board of Education here Monday. The affair promises to be a big one and considerable work will have to be done to get ready for it. The commencement will be held the latter part of March. The place for holding it was not decided Monday.

The proceedings of the board Monday were rather short and mostly of a routine nature. The boards of trustees from Davis and Stacy districts came before the county board and asked that arrangements be made to start on their buildings as early as possible. The delegations were assured that the plans and specifications would be gotten as soon as possible and that contracts would be let about the last of April.

The old Carteret Lodge school building was sold by the board to Mr. Piner of Newport for the sum of \$100. The building has been advertised for sale for some time and this was the only bid on it.

OFFICIAL WEATHER REPORT.

According to the records of Weather Observer Charles Hatsell as well as to the impression of most folks January behaved rather badly in the matter of weather. There were only nine clear days in the month, the others were cloudy and partly cloudy. The prevailing winds were northerly and there was a little snow. On the 21st there was .08 of an inch of snow and on the 26th, .20 of an inch. The total rainfall for the month was 5.1-4 inches. The coldest day was on the 2nd when the mercury dropped to 23 degrees above zero. The temperature day by day is given herewith:

Date	Max.	Min.
1.	54	37
2.	43	28
3.	49	24
4.	59	47
5.	63	50
6.	59	48
7.	45	39
8.	45	34
9.	55	36
10.	57	35
11.	59	48
12.	55	34
13.	45	28
14.	48	35
15.	53	34
16.	66	42
17.	55	42
18.	50	40
19.	55	45
20.	65	49
21.	59	48
22.	58	39
23.	51	30
24.	40	26
25.	31	26
26.	39	28
27.	45	38
28.	45	34
29.	42	33
30.	49	35
31.	52	35

GARDNER APPOINTED COLLECTOR.

Mr. Alonzo T. Gardner was informed last Friday by Collector of Internal Revenue Gilliam Grissom that he had been appointed a Deputy Collector in the Federal Revenue Service. Mr. Gardner is what is known as a Zone Collector, that is he has a district under his charge, his district being Craven, Jones Pamlico and Carteret counties. Mr. Gardner went to Washington, N. C. Tuesday morning to receive instructions and enter upon his new duties.

CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS.

At a meeting of the Old Topsail club held Monday evening, a report of the club's affairs was heard and officers elected for the ensuing year. The club is in good shape and expects to make good progress during the year. The following were elected officers:

President, G. W. Huntley, Vice-president J. A. Hornaday Jr., Board of Governors, C. S. Maxwell, F. R. Seelye, Otis Moore.

DIXON LEWIS.

On last Saturday at the home of Reverend W. W. Lewis, the marriage

PROSPECTS BRIGHT REPUBLICANS SAY

G. O. P. Is Planning For A Vigorous And Successful Campaign.

An important meeting, from a Republican standpoint, was held in the city of Raleigh on Monday of this week. The gathering referred to was that of a sub committee of the Republican State Executive committee. The object of the conference was to consider a number of matters thought to be of importance to the organization in the coming campaign and in a general way.

The members of the sub committee, who were National Committeeman John M. Morehead, State Chairman Chas. A. Reynolds, Secretary Gilliam Grissom, W. G. Bramham of Durham and W. G. Mebane of Beaufort were present. Several hours were consumed in its deliberations by the committee and such questions as financing the campaign for this year, date for holding state convention, primaries, registration of voters, campaign issues and the like were discussed.

The State Executive Committee will be called together on the 8th of March and the convention will be held about thirty days later. The convention will probably endorse candidates for State offices, declare a platform, elect a chairman and attend to other business. The News is reliably informed that Chairman Reynolds will not permit his name to be used for re-election and that National Committeeman Morehead will resign his position and ask that a successor be endorsed for the place. The voluntary withdrawal from active politics of the two of the most prominent men in the party will create a situation of great interest at the convention. Whom the convention will name as their successors is of course problematical but the opinion of many is that W. G. Bramham will be chosen state chairman and that the mantle of national committeeman Morehead will fall on the shoulders of John J. Parker.

Those who attended the committee meeting say that the Republican party is in fine shape now and will put up one of the most vigorous fights in its entire history this year. It is likely that a contest will be made in every county in the State in the belief that the times are ripe for such an effort.

COMMISSIONER GARDNER RESIGNS FROM BOARD.

At a meeting of the board of town commissioners Monday Dr. C. S. Maxwell was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Commissioner Gardner. Commissioner Ford nominated Dr. C. S. Maxwell and as there was no other name offered he was unanimously elected. Mayor Bushall and Commissioner Huntley spoke in praise of the faithful and enthusiastic service which Mr. Gardner had rendered as a member of the board.

Mr. Richard Felton came before the board and asked that some action be taken to keep neighbors chickens off the premises of others. The board amended ordinance number two section one as to cattle so as to include chickens, the same to go in effect 10 days from date.

A committee from the Chamber of Commerce composed of F. R. Seelye, W. A. Macs, U. E. Swann, W. P. Smith and C. S. Maxwell came before the board and asked that the sewer lines be extended. The board considered the matter and decided to have a special meeting on February the 14th and will have a representative of the engineering firm of J. B. McCrary Company here on that date.

A resolution was passed authorizing the City Treasurer to deposit the sum of \$1150 in a special fund every month to pay interest on electric light loan and to pay \$5000 on the principal. Some bills were audited and a few routine matters attended to after which the board took a recess until next Tuesday.

of Miss Lena Dixon and Nat Lewis occurred. The ceremony was performed by Mr. Lewis. The newly wedded couple will make their home in Beaufort.