

FIXING THE RESPONSIBILITY.

Few people not actually dependent upon cotton for a living can possibly realize the extent of the dire calamity which broke upon the South with the European war. We have personally seen wagons parading the streets of Northwestern cities begging alms for people suffering from the failure of a single wheat crop. Yet a few thousand people were then involved; no great industries were threatened and no general catastrophe was possible.

Today the whole industrial, commercial, and social fabric of the South trembles on the verge of collapse. It is time that the reality be unequivocally stated. Temporizing has availed nothing—not even materially postpones the evil.

The South has not and never will become a mendicant. We seek no alms, no bread lines will be formed, no charity will be sought. We seek justice, fair play, the legal protection and assistance constantly granted people in other parts of our common country and engaged in other industries than that which forms the foundation of Southern prosperity.

We speak for the millions of men who produce cotton, the millions of people whose very existence depends upon revenue from this crop, and the millions whose business fate depends upon this single industry.

We are not discussing academic theories. We are not justifying the economic error of a single crop system. We mention the fact, however, that this condition prevails wherever agriculture becomes specialized. Tobacco, hops, grapes, corn and flax and many other crops at times demonstrate the risk involved in this kind of farming. The difference with cotton is not in character, but in the mere size—the enormous volume of business and expanse of territory involved.

It is important that the people should place the responsibility for this failure to act where it belongs.

On August 14th the Secretary of the Treasury assured a committee of the Southern Cotton Congress that he would support a bill providing for making emergency currency based on cotton warehouse certificates as collateral temporarily available to State Banks. The purpose was to thus facilitate loans directly to cotton growers.

Here he showed the effects of his Southern nativity. Immediately New York financial interests, speaking publicly through such Wall street owned organs as the Sun and Times, opposed this measure which would prevent the corralling of all currency in the hands of the money trust. So he called that infamous "conference" of New York cotton gamblers and officers of national banks. If there was a single real farmer in the bunch we have failed to discover the fact. These patriots got in their work and went home. Then the Secretary announced that there were insurmountable difficulties in the way.

That is where he showed the influence of long training with "high finance" in New York.

Then the administration began to hear from the South. Result: The Associated Press dispatches of August 27th announced: "The Treasury Department will support the Smith amendment to the Aldrich-Vreeland act."

As soon as the Secretary had time to hear from New York he issued interviews declaring opposition to this measure. These assertions have been repeated frequently and it is generally alleged in Congress that the opposition of McAdoo killed the measure.

This particular bill may not have been the best possible means toward the end sought. That would have furnished very material relief nobody in the South doubts.

The head of the Treasury constantly refers to the sixty-eight millions of emergency currency issued to Southern national banks as evidence of his efforts to relieve the situation.

We have sought to discover a single cotton grower who has received a dollar of this money directly and have failed to locate him. Today the press makes the Secretary say: "What is really wanted is a restored market for cotton."

We quite agree on this point, but inquire what official steps have been taken to provide this market?

Under ordinary conditions Congress would be chiefly responsible for any failure of legislative action. It is a repeatedly demonstrated fact, however, that the present administration absolutely dominates legislation. "Pap" has more influence than patriotism.

Precedent has been broken over and over again and millions have been appropriated for pet projects. Even a five million dollar debt owed the government has been canceled for the relief of a few thousand farmers suffering from a bad season on government irrigated lands in politically doubtful States.

Yet millions of cotton growers and business men representing a whole great section of our country in distress cry out in vain to the administration they elected for protection against ruin.

The whole South appeals for some form of direct, safe, business-like financial relief from woeful disaster.

If the administration neither proposes nor supports any Congressional attempt at meeting this emergency it alone must accept responsibility.—Southern Ruralist.

CONDITION IN LUMBER CIRCLES IS WRETCHED.

About the Only Thing Certain Is That Prices Can Go No Lower.

Wilmington, Oct. 14.—Z. W. Whitehead, editor of the Southern Lumber Journal, who has just returned from Jacksonville, Fla., where he attended the October meetings of the Georgia-Florida Saw Mill in Georgia, Florida, Alabama and Mississippi have suspended operations temporarily. There are a few mills running there on part time. Prices, he said, are at the low water mark, and about the only thing certain is that they can go no lower. Wages have been cut 25 per cent. at practically every mill in that territory from president and general manager down to water boy.

Editor's Note: We presume that our Democratic friends will contend that the war is responsible for the low price of lumber also. But since we do not export any lumber, but import a great deal the argument will not work. Our Democratic opponents ought to be fair with the people and not try to place the blame for these depressed condition upon the war. We are in no way involved in the war and as the seat of war is in countries over

which we have no control or responsibility, it does not affect us. The business depression is caused by the lowering of tariff upon products made in this country, which allows the products made in other countries to come into the American market at a low rate, thereby underselling our home manufacturers, this is the plain truth, known of all thinking Democrats, but they will not admit it, because to do so would injure their party prospects.

Tickle & Co., will receive tomorrow, Saturday, October 17, a car load of good well-broke mares and mules. See them before you buy.

Card of Thanks.

Mrs. L. Beecher Shepard and family wish to thank their many friends and neighbors for their kindnesses shown during the brief illness and death of their husband and father and trust when sickness and death visit your home, that you all may be blessed in having friends to minister to your needs as we have been.

Even if you are able to convince a fool, what's the use?

How some people delight in pouring ice water on your enthusiasm!

Burlington Route 4 News.

Mrs. Frank Boone, of Randleman, was a visitor on the Route Sunday.

Misses Sallie Body and Ethel Jordan, and Brother Worth, of Gibsonville, spent last Sunday visiting Miss Maude Shepard.

Mr. Staley O'Brian and Miss Yonie Hoffman visited Miss Zula O'Brian last Sunday.

Mr. L. Beecher Shepard died at St. Leo's Hospital, Sunday, Sept. 27th, 2:45 o'clock. He was buried at Brick Church, Tuesday, 29th. Rev. V. R. Stickley, of Greensboro, Rev. D. C. Cox, of Burlington, and Rev. R. E. Redding, of Whitsett, conducted the funeral services. He was 40 years, 9 months and 1 day old. He was a member of Lowe's Lutheran Church. He leaves to mourn his death, besides his many friends, a wife and four sons, who are Roy, Crete, Herbert, and L. Beecher, Jr., one daughter, Miss Maude. Mr. Shepard has for many years served as Sheriff of Rock Creek township. He is greatly missed in every respect. Those who served as pall-bearers were Messrs. T. A. Smith, A. B. Crouse, L. Moore, W. H. Fogleman, Ed. Wheeler and C. L. Huffman. There were many floral designs. The flower girls were Misses Ada and Alma Ingle, Georgie and Edith Moore, Zula O'Brian and Zula Shoffner.

Several will attend the Central Carolina Fair at Greensboro this week. Mr. Roy Crouse and Miss Maude Shepard attended services at Lowe's last Sunday.

Mrs. J. O. Shoffner, of Greensboro, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Lizzie Shepard, the past week.

Mr. Grady Ingle came home last week to spend the winter.

The Brookfield School opened Monday, Sept. 28th, with Mr. Paul Fitzgerald, of Whitsett, as teacher.

White-DeRosset.

Fayetteville, Oct. 18.—At "The Maples," the home of Mrs. W. L. Holt on Maymount, a simple and beautiful marriage was celebrated Wednesday at the hour of mid-day, when Miss Anita DeRosset, sister of Mrs. Holt, and Justin S. White, of Corning, N. Y., were married. The bride's uncle, Rev. F. A. DeRosset, of Charleston, S. C., performed the ceremony. The music was by Mrs. C. C. McAllister and Misses Lily Frances Brooks and Norris Alexander. The hall and parlors were tastefully decorated with palms, white roses and chrysanthemums. After the ceremony a buffet and breakfast was served and Mr. and Mrs. White took a train for New York and other places in the North, including the home of the bridegroom. The bride was gowned in a three-piece suit of mouse colored velour. She was attended by little Miss Janie McWard, as flower girl, and carried a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley. The bride is a general favorite here and has many friends all over the State.

Among the out of town guests who were present were Mr. and Mrs. Nash DeRosset, of St. Louis; W. L. Holt, of Burlington; Mrs. W. DeRosset Holt, of Wilmington; Miss Anna Nash, Mrs. Allen Ruffin and Mrs. Brown Webb, of Tarboro, Miss Alice Boatwright and Miss May Houghton, of Wilmington; Mrs. Charles A. Scott, of Graham; Mrs. A. L. DeRosset and Mr. H. K. Nash, of Wilmington.

Mrs. White is favorably remembered here, having visited her sister, Mrs. W. L. Holt, who lived here several years ago.

A Slight Under-Bid.

It seems that when the agent of a foreign government makes inquiry for orders, it does not necessarily follow that it means the placing of the order. The blanket factories seem to be having pretty good success, because foreign competition is not much of a factor in that line, but with the makers of clothing the case is different. The agent of the French Government got bids from American manufacturers on 300,000 outfits of overcoat, blouse and trousers. The American bid was \$15 for the outfit. It was later found that the order was placed in France at \$9.50 for the three garments. When it comes to competition of that sort, the American manufacturer would rather keep his mind on the home trade.

Altamahow No. 1 Items.

We sent in the news from No. 1 last week but failed to see it in print don't know the cause.

We are having some real cool weather at this time—a fire feels good. Guess Jack Frost will soon make his appearance.

Rev. Hackney filled his regular appointment at Shiloh Sunday.

Misses Annie Matkins and Lelia Lewis, also Miss Alene Bouldin, of No. 2, were in Burlington shopping Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jordan and baby spent Thursday night with J. W. Faucette.

Miss Jessie Brincefield spent last week visiting Mrs. Lofton Saunders. School will begin to-morrow (Monday) at Simpson's School House, with Miss Smith, of Reidsville, and Mrs. Mary Matkins as teachers.

Miss Kathleen Faucette returned to school at Montecello, Guilford County, Sunday.

Rev. Peter Klapp, of Elon College, will preach at Shiloh Sunday—two sermons. Let everybody come out and hear him.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jordan and baby spent Saturday night and Sunday in Reidsville, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Snow Smith.

We hope to see this in print as we try to give the news every week.

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Unclaimed Letters.

The following letters remain unclaimed in the postoffice at Burlington, N. C., October 17, 1914:

- Leon Blunt.
George W. Dewey.
Henry Degroffend.
F. L. Farrell.
Ernest Holt.
John Shanks.
Mrs. Sallie Allen.
Miss Fessie Bason.
Miss Mary Baldenie (2).
Mrs. Cornell Edwood.
Mrs. Lottie Jones.
Miss Mamie Williams.

Persons calling for any of these letters will please say "Advertised" and give date of advertised list.

O. F. CROWSON.

Postmaster.

Course, They Know.

"Does your wife ever doubt what you say when you get home late?" asked the Wise Guy.

"Never," replied the Grouch. "She knows I am lying."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Professional Cards

Dr. L. H. Allen
Eye Specialist
Office Over C. F. Neese's Store
Burlington, N. C.

J. P. Spoon, D. V. S.
W. A. Hornaday, D. V. M.
Spoon & Hornaday
Veterinarians
Office and Hospital Office Phone 871
415 Main St. Residence Phone 282

C. A. Anderson M. D.
Office hours 1 to 2 p. m. 7 to 8 p. m.
First National Bank Building
Leave day calls at Bradleys Drug Store.

John H. Vernon,
Attorney and Counsellor at Law
Burlington, N. C.
Office room 7 and 8 Second floor First Nat'l Bank Building
office phone 337-J Resident phone 387-L

DR. J. H. BROOKS
Surgeon Dentist
Foster Building
BURLINGTON, N. C.

Dr. Walter E. Walker
Sellers Building
(Up Store)
80-J 8-10 a. m.
PHONES 80-G HOURS 7-8 p. m.

WAR!

Means higher prices and greater demand for grains. The price of wheat has increased 35 cents, corn 20 cents per bushel.

You can't do better than to hook up to a good grain farm. If we were in the farming business we would grab this one, but since it is our business to sell 'em, we must let her go.

One twenty acre field produced 500 bushels wheat this year. Another field produced 541 bushel oats. There will be 500 bushels of corn with proper season.

The farm is divided into fields with barb wire and American field fence about three miles of fence in all.

Field No. 2.....17 acres.

" " 2.....22 acres.

" " 3.....40 acres.

" " 4.....27 acres.

This farm contains 127 acres. It has a large barn 30 by 50 ft., a tool shed, crib, milk house and three room house. Ever flowing stream through the centre of the farm. In good neighborhood, only one half mile from Friendship, a good state high school, seven and half miles Southwest of Burlington.

We will sell this farm on EASY TERMS, for less than \$30.00 per acre.

An inspection will convince you of the merits of this proposition. Let us show you.

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Burlington, N. C.

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or
422-423 First National Bank Bldg., DENVER, COLO.

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Has Your Child Worms? Most children do. A coated, furred Tongue; Strong Breath; Stomach Pains; Circles under Eyes; Pale, Salicylow Complexion; Nervous, Fretful; Grinding of Teeth; Tossing in Sleep; Peculiar Dreams—any one of these indicate Child has Worms. Get a box of Kickapoo Worm Killer at once. It kills the Worms—the cause of your child's condition. Is Laxative and aids Nature to expel the Worms. Supplied in candy form. Easy for children to take. 25c., at your Druggist.

Summer Coughs Are Dangerous. Summer colds are dangerous. They indicate low vitality and often lead to serious Throat and Lung Troubles, including Consumption. Dr. King's cold promptly and prevent complications. It is soothing and antiseptic and makes you feel better at once. To delay is dangerous—get a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery at once. Marriage used to be a lottery; now it's a game of skill.

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