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ARE WE SELLING OUR OWN SUPPLIES?

The amount of food supplies that are coming to this town from the country districts and being shipped away is so large that one is made to wonder if our people are shipping away to our own hurt.

Take the apple market as an example. In ordinary years apples are hauled here from the country districts every week during the fall and winter. Thus there is a constant supply.

Now we are told that it is bad policy for one to store up food products. The people are asked by the government to not hoard supplies. We take it that this is not to apply to the needs of a family.

For a man to lay in a few bushels of potatoes and such other supplies as he will be certain to need, appears to us to be the wise course at this time for this section.

As a further illustration of this subject practically all the honey that was produced about here this year has been sold to people in other sections, and now citizens of this town are astonished when they learn that they cannot be supplied.

Distinguished Visitors Came.

On last Monday a party of fifty or more citizens came here from the New England states to see what we have in the way of a Quarry. These men are contractors and builders on a large scale and are out on a sightseeing and business trip over several states.

They arrived here at noon Monday and the gentlemen who are connected with the various firms at the Quarry made a special effort to see that the visitors had a pleasant and profitable time while here.

Early Tuesday morning a number of citizens carried the visitors to Stone Mountain, Wilkes County, where they were to spend a few hours sight seeing before making another jump to Winston-Salem the same day.

The visit here by these large contractors and business men will no doubt do much to increase the great business that has been developed here. No doubt their visit will mean much to our town in the way of increased orders, for where Mount Airy Granite is known it is used, and its popularity as a building material is rapidly making it one of the most popular stones used in the great and costly buildings of the cities in all parts of the country.

The Coal Supply.

Last week we told of the shortage of the supply of coal at this town. Mr. Claud Shelton took the subject up with the Southern Railway Company and induced them to release some cars that were on the way here.

It is a right safe conclusion to reach when we say that the citizen in

the country will be able to find a ready market for his wood this winter in this town.

The Fair A Success.

The Fair of last week proved to be a financial success. Enough was made to meet the expenses and pay off a note that was yet due on the land bought last year.

The last days of the Fair were greatly enjoyed by the immense throngs who attended. The exhibits were up to standard, so say those who say they know.

The three men who were sent to jail for running a lottery, or gambling game on a baby scale, were allowed to pay a fine of \$25.00 each and go free to fleece the simple folk at other towns.

The airship actually did make a flight, though it was so soon over that but few people saw it. The old engine would not develop enough power to operate the contraption, and the man who was supposed to know how to operate it was in the hospital sick.

He came here sick. And now since the aidship was one of the much advertised attractions, and is supposed to have attracted many people, it is but just that we give some facts in the way of setting ourselves right with those who were, without intent on the part of anyone, deceived.

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The Liberty Loan.

This government is borrowing from the people of the nation the sum of three billion dollars to prosecute the war. Tuesday Hon. A. L. Brooks came here to assist local leaders in stirring up interest in the loan.

It means that a citizen can hold the government's note for his money at four per cent interest and the bonds are not subject to tax. It is about the same investment as where money is loaned at the legal rate.

MORE ABOUT BEEF

The citizens of this section had just as well get it into their minds that it is going to be hard in the future to put off meat here that is of a questionable nature.

If one wants to know what it takes to make good beef cattle let him take a look at the many droves that pass here on the way to the cities to be marketed. These animals that are shipped out of the country must be in such condition as to pass inspection.

lowed to eat chicken or go hungry. Conditions here are not at this time such that an animal should be butchered for food that carries with it the shadow of a doubt as to its fitness for food.

The New Knitting Mill

Mr. L. C. Christman, of Burlington, N. C., arrived in the city this week with his family and is busy getting all things ready for the new knitting mill. Mr. Christman has bought the Warren residence on Franklin street, next door to the Methodist parsonage and will make it his home.

Officers Busy

Every revenue officer is busy these days because of the recent legislation of Congress on the various war measures. The one we have in mind just now is the increase in the tax on tobacco. It was raised from eight to thirteen cents on the pound.

The amount of tobacco kept in the country is large and the tax hits some merchants hard. Report says that one firm in Mount Airy will have to pay the Government as much as a thousand dollars tax on the stock it has on hand.

No Court Second Week

Owing to the fact that the court house is not finished and cannot be used and the school at Dobson will be opened on Monday the 27th of October, there will be only one week of court. No civil cases will be tried except by consent.

MAY HASTEN CALL FOR THE SECOND INCREMENT

Selectmen Likely be Mobilized in December or January, It Now Appears.

Washington, Oct. 12.—Discussion of the advisability of expediting the call for the second increment of the draft army now is in progress at the war department and it appears likely that the date may be fixed for some time in December or January.

Mobilization of the first increment of 687,000 men is now far enough advanced to show clearly that there will be a big deficiency for the 17 national army divisions. More than 250,000 of the first increment are still to be assembled, but it is already evident that there will be available at the 16 cantonment quarters for an additional regiment at each post and at some for a full brigade of two regiments.

The strength of the new regimental organization is 3,600 men. With a regiment lacking at each cantonment, this alone would mean a shortage of nearly 50,000 men. In addition, there has been formed a separate division of negro troops, which means nearly 30,000 men withdrawn from the original number assigned to the 10 cantonments.

The shortage is due paritally to the necessity of taking out of national army men to fill up national guard divisions.

Two complete national army divisions of southern troops have been absorbed in this way. The remnants of three other southern national army divisions will be consolidated to form a single divisional unit, and the surplus men from other camps will be sent south to make up the missing divisions.

Drafts on the national army forces must be made to fill up the enlisted personnel of the aviation service, the medical corps and the service battalion needed behind the fighting lines abroad. Eventually there will be 250,000 men in the last named service alone, and aviation and the medical service will take nearly as many more, though not all of them will be taken from the national army.

Furnishing a Substitute.

Bessie had a new dime to invest in ice-cream soda. "Why don't you give your dime to missions?" said the minister, who was calling. "I thought about that," said Bessie, "but I think I'll buy the ice cream and let the druggist give it to the missions."

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