

### SUGAR TROUBLES

Troubles continue to multiply in the sugar market, but the Vass housewife who is now buying it from 6c to 9c, where a year ago she was paying from 22c to 30c, isn't going to interfere. In all the history of the staple conditions have never been in the sugar market anything like they are today. The price of raw sugar has been declining for 18 months. Other declines may come, as there are many warehouses still stocked by men who expected to drive up the price and wax rich, and they must sell now to pay back the sums they originally borrowed to lay in their supply.

When sugar sold at 22c a year ago there was absolutely no occasion for it, because there was no shortage. The rumor that a shortage did exist was started by the same men who successfully cornered the market for a while. The inflated price brought a surplus from all over the world. The speculators could not take it all, so the decline set in. Of its own weight the price started to break, continued to break, and may break still further.

This country has enormous sugar stocks on hand, and there is no occasion for a raid by the money-loving speculators. However, you need not be surprised if, in a short time, you hear another fanciful yarn to the effect that sugar is going up, that this or that has happened to the crop, or that there's another strike in Cuba. The only way the price of sugar can be advanced is to frighten the public, or for merchants themselves to get scared and begin limiting the amount of sugar sold to a customer. Then the sugar baron accomplishes the very purpose he seeks—he gets the price of sugar up to a point where he can unload at an enormous profit, and he unloads. Sugar would never sell for more than it is selling at now in this country if the people would only buy it a few pounds at a time, as they need it, instead of hoarding it away.

### NEW CROP OF PREACHERS

Sometimes we wonder if there is ever going to be a time when there will be enough preachers to go around. Some of our theological institutions are considering this, too, and they are looking for a lean year.

In a sense it isn't surprising that there should be a shortage of preachers, for the average preacher isn't paid enough to keep a bird alive. This applies to preachers in North Carolina, the same as in every other section of the United States. The preacher has to struggle along year after year with a big family and more demands upon him for money than the president of a bank. He isn't permitted to complain, for he is supposed to be in the business for the good he can do. But he can't do much good on a salary lower than any other professional man. He may make both ends meet, but he stretches the life lines terribly in doing so.

Unfilled pulpits and the steady decline in the number of students in theological seminaries studying for the ministry might be alarming but for the fact that there is a well-defined idea among practical churchmen today that of the 5,000 empty pulpits in this country at this time many of them could be doubled up in smaller communities. And possibly it is this doubling up process that is going to solve the shortage of ministers problem.

### PLAY AT FARM LIFE SCHOOL

Everybody is cordially invited to be present at the play given by the teachers of the summer school at the Farm Life School tonight (Thursday). Refreshments will be served and the proceeds given for the benefit of the new church.

### OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY

#### BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. O. B. Mitchell, Pastor  
Preaching every third Sunday at 11 o'clock.  
Sunday School every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

#### METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. L. H. Joyner, Pastor  
Preaching every first and fourth Sunday at 11:00 A. M. and 8:00 P. M.  
Sunday School every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.  
Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 8:00 o'clock.  
Epworth League every Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

#### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. M. D. McNeill, Pastor.  
Preaching every second Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, and fourth Sunday evening at 8:15 o'clock.  
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**Buyers know the value of Sandhill peaches,  
and they buy the crop on contract before  
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