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## TWENTY-FIVE CENT COTTON.

Those who have been looking forward to the time when cotton would reach a quarter of a dollar a pound have at last been rewarded. That price was reached last week, when the July option went to 25 cents on Tuesday, while on Wednesday July cotton reached 25.36 cents. October cotton went to 25 cents. The law of supply and demand is the principal factor in this unprecedented price of the fleecy staple. With the heavy cotton consumption for May and the enormous government purchase of cotton goods one need not be surprised if even higher records are reached during the season. With the present prospects for a great demand for cotton and the poor start of the crop, it now appears that the crop for 1917 will scarcely be adequate. A record of high prices unequalled in half a century will be the cotton tale of 1917.

## THE ANSWER TO GERMANY.

The result of the Liberty Bond subscription with nearly a billion dollars oversubscribed is the strongest answer America could give to Germany. Never in the history of the world has there been offered in as short a time a bigger sum of money to carry on war than has been offered by the people of the United States within the past few weeks. And never has the response been more hearty and more positive. The United States did not want to get into the war. She did all she honorably could to keep out, but now that she is in she is planning to give a good account of herself. The answer the United States has given to Germany in the great oversubscription of the Liberty Bonds is one that gives hope to every lover of Democracy in the world, and must greatly discourage the lovers of autocracy.

## SHEEP RAISING PROFITABLE.

One of the industries which has been lagging in North Carolina is that of sheep raising. Many farmers who used to raise sheep now have no sheep on their farms. They have neglected an industry that has paid those well who have looked after it. The Animal Industry Division of the North Carolina Experiment Station is taking the matter up and is planning a campaign to increase the number of sheep in the State. Mr. George Evans, a native of England, has been engaged to carry on this work. He came from the sheep growing center of England and is well prepared to enter into a campaign for the encouragement of growing sheep.

Mr. J. W. Stephenson, proprietor of the Riverside Farm, one of the prettiest farms in this section, has been raising sheep for several years and has made a fine success of the business. Others can do the same and we trust that another year or two will find many thousand sheep in Johnston County.

United States in 1915 produced 2,447,611 tons of crude gypsum.

## GRECIAN KING DILLY-DALLIED.

The dilly-dallying policy of the Grecian king has cost him his throne. Not only has he lost, but his eldest son, the Crown Prince, has also lost. They are now both on foreign soil and Prince Alexander has ascended the throne of the Hellenes. King Constantine had the misfortune to be married to Sophia, the sister of the German Kaiser, and this fact in itself has kept him in hot water ever since the overthrow of Serbia. If he wanted to side with the Entente Powers, he knew not what to do, because Queen Sophia, of course, wanted to side with the Central Powers. So for two years or more Constantine has been between the Devil and deep blue sea. At last it looks as if he has had to take to the blue deep. If Greece had sided with the Entente Allies when the first overtures were made to her, there is a possibility that the Teutonic forces would have never met with the success they have in their campaign against Rumania, and also the Dardanelles campaign might have been a success for the Allies. If Germany wins the war, Greece will become a vassal of the Kaiser, but if the Allies win, there is hope for her now that Constantine has stepped down and out. However, the move may have come too late for the greatest honor to Greece.

## TOWN AND COUNTRY.

If every merchant in the town of Smithfield and every farmer living within ten miles of the town had heard the address of Mr. James S. Knox at the Chautauqua on "Community Building," and had caught the real spirit of the message, Smithfield would soon become a better town and the entire community would be greatly built up. Many dollars that now go to the mail order houses would be spent in Smithfield and help to make the town and community more prosperous. When we learn that our interests are common and that what builds the town helps the country and vice versa, then we will show a more co-operative spirit. The town needs the country and the country needs the town. They prosper or fail together.

## RUSSIA TO FIGHT ON.

The news from Russia since the arrival of Mr. Elihu Root and his associates is more encouraging to the cause of the Allies and America. The Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs, M. Tereshtenko, got out of a sick bed to attend the reception to Mr. Root and the American Mission. After listening to Mr. Root's address of sympathy and good will on the part of the American government, M. Tereshtenko responded, saying that Russia faces two great problems, the necessity of creating a strong democratic force within its boundaries and the fighting of an external foe. He declared that Russia was for the war and expressed unbounded confidence in the ability of his country to meet the trying situation. He further said:

"The Russian people consider war inevitable and will continue it. The Russians have no imperialistic wishes. We know that you have none. We shall fight together to secure liberty, freedom and happiness for all the world. I am happy to say that I do not see any moral idea or factor between America and Russia to divide us. We two peoples—Russia fighting tyranny, and America standing as the oldest democracy—hand-in-hand, will show the way of happiness to nations great and small."

## Miss Pickens at Clayton.

Miss Pickens, who has charge of the canning club work in Johnston County, was here Tuesday morning, and gave a demonstration in canning to the ladies of Clayton. Quite a number of ladies interested in the work were present, and witnessed a practical demonstration of beans, peas, beets, peaches, berries, cherries, etc., both in tin cans and glass jars. All the ladies seemed to be enthusiastic over the work, and it is hoped that much valuable information was derived from Miss Pickens' visit. Miss Pickens was assisted by Miss Ava Myatt, of Smithfield. Clayton News, 15th.

## KEEPING THE TOWN CLEAN.

When Nehemiah set out to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem he directed that every man should work opposite his own house. This same plan will hold good in keeping a clean town. If every family in town would see that the sidewalks in front of their premises are kept in good condition and free from weeds and trash they would be doing their "bit" in a way that would not only be a help to the town, but would find themselves taking a larger interest in the town's welfare, because they were having a share in this good work. The work of one of our citizens, Mr. Will H. Johnson, in cleaning off the sidewalk, its full width, in front of his premises is to be commended. He is a newcomer to town and has set all a good example. Clean in front and back of your own door and Smithfield will surely be a clean town.

## JOHNSTON'S ROLL OF HONOR.

The names of the men who on June 5th registered under the Selective Draft law make up the roll of honor for the Nation. They are the men who are to supplement the Regular Army and the National Guardsmen in fighting the country's battles. The Roll of Honor for Johnston County is a large one and contains the names of nearly four thousand young men who have reached the age of 21 and are not yet 31. We are publishing a part of this list in today's paper. We had hoped to publish the complete list in this issue, but found we could not and come out on time. Nine townships are published in this issue. The remainder of the names will appear in Friday's paper.

## OLD DAN TUCKER.

A writer in The Charlotte Observer calls attention to the songs and sayings about "Old Dan Tucker" and quotes as follows: "Old Dan Tucker was a fine old feller, But he'd play cards with niggers in the cellar."

Then a line or two which I can't recall.

Then Chorus:  
"O git away! git away! old Dan Tucker,  
You came too late to get your supper,  
Old Dan Tucker, he rode upon a pony,  
He stuck his finger in its ears  
And called it macharoni,  
O git away," etc.

"Old Dan Tucker, he got drunk,  
He fell in the fire and kicked up a chunk,  
A spark of fire got in his shoe,  
O Lordy Massy, how the ashes flew!  
O git away," etc.

Our friend, Sheriff Powell, could no doubt add many more stanzas to the "Old Dan Tucker" series. Not only this, but the Sheriff could repeat whole columns of negro songs and stories of the days before "de wah" which would be more or less interesting to the present generation.

## Less Strength In Wheat Prices.

Absence of recent conspicuous strength has characterized domestic wheat markets, and both deliveries in Chicago ended last week somewhat lower, with July at one time down to \$2.25 and September to \$1.96.

So far as winter wheat is concerned, news from the fields has continued favorable in the main, and that the final result will exceed the June 1st estimate of the Government is the rather general impression. The official return issued late last week was not only disappointing, but surprising, for private reports had prompted expectations of a materially larger forecast than the 373,000,000 bushels calculated by the authorities at Washington, and in not a few quarters there is doubt as to the accuracy of the figures.

The position of the local flour market is not at all satisfactory, inasmuch as the future outlook is very uncertain and the trade is in a quandary as to just how to proceed. Purchases in the aggregate are said to be showing some improvement, but most interests are operating on a hand-to-mouth basis and current quotations are largely nominal. Production at Minneapolis, Milwaukee and Duluth during the week before last disclosed a fair increase, being 282,000 barrels, against 264,000 in the previous week and 253,000 barrels a year ago, according to the Northwestern Miller.—Dun's Review.

Some who can be very voluble in meeting would hesitate to open their books to the Lord.

## CHILDREN AND THE PLAY LIFE.

Character Influenced by the Child's Play Which Is a Necessity and Not a Luxury. Educational Value of Directive Play.

Activity is the condition of the child's being. Through activity the muscles, nerves, and senses are developed. Very early these activities take the form which adults have termed "play." However, play is the serious business of life for little children, and requires as constant exercise of the powers, as the hard work of men and women. Indeed it does more, it develops muscles, brain and character. Most people recognize the value of play in the first two instances—as to the physical life and the intellectual life. It would be useless to argue other than that only by use must the muscles of the child grow. Long ago, too, people found out that the brain is influenced by the physical being—"Mens sana in corpore sano," is an old motto.

Therefore, it is the last thing mentioned—the development of character—which is desired to be emphasized here. Often the first moral distinction which becomes real to the child is that between fair and unfair play. This spontaneous moral distinction which the child himself experiences, may be the means of effectively teaching him a moral truth. This is a good reason for directed, educative play. If the boy or girl should learn only the one lesson—a square deal for everyone—it would be worth all consideration. But it does more. In group games and team play, self-sacrifice is taught. The child first learns to subordinate his own personal interests to the good of all. He learns the meaning of the word, service. Perhaps it is only a sacrifice hit on the baseball team, but it teaches a vital Christian principle, oft-times "better than many sermons. Games, too, afford excellent means of developing self-control, while heartiness and enthusiasm which characterize play, become spontaneous attributes throughout life.

Joseph Lee, the father of the modern play ground movement in America, has well said: "The thing that most needs to be understood about play is that it is not a luxury but a necessity; it is not something that a child likes to have; it is something that he must have if he is to grow up. It is more than an essential part of his education; it is an essential part of the law of his growth, of the process by which he becomes a man." In recognition of the educative value of directive play, a number of the people of this community have decided at least to make a beginning along this line. The Woman's Club during the last year, placed play-ground apparatus on the Turlington Graded School campus. During the school term, the play of the children was, of course, supervised. At the suggestion of Miss Love, who had charge of the Junior work of the Chautauqua here this week, it has been decided to have the grounds open one afternoon in each week—from six until seven o'clock—when some grown person will be present to direct the play.

Mrs. L. T. Royall and Mrs. T. J. Lassiter have been appointed as the committee to have it in charge. They will arrange to have at least three grown-ups present each time to organize games, discourage dangerous plays, etc.

Wednesday is the day chosen for these games. Let all the children remember—Wednesday afternoon from six until seven o'clock, on Turlington Graded School grounds.

## Sent Five Sons to War.

Among those who attended the reunion in Washington City was Mr. Y. E. Young, of Golden Rod Farm, Wake County. Mr. Young went into the Confederate army at the age of sixteen and a half years. He had four brothers who served in the army of the Confederacy. Mr. Young, though a Wake County man, has for a long time been one of The Herald's staunchest friends.

Honduran sugar crop is reduced by drought.

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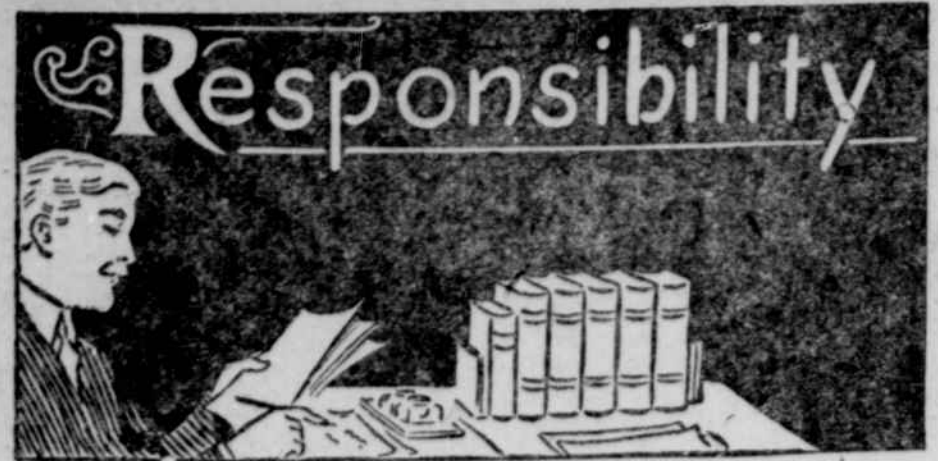
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