

**NEW HIGH RECORDS IN COTTON.**

Prices at Levels Not Equaled Since Civil War Period. Crop Estimates Reduced.

It is not clear to all that predictions of 30 cent cotton will be realized, but they have seemed less extravagant after the recent striking action of prices. Instead of the decisive readjustment which some people thought would surely make its appearance, the rise was promptly resumed after last week's extended adjournment and the market soon attained a level not equaled since the Civil War period. Thus, the October delivery crossed 28 1-4 cents, December reached 27.82 cents, January 27.36 cents, and both March and May went above 27 cents, while the local spot quotation touched 28.65 cents. Between the high and low points of the week there was an extreme range of more than 100 points in the option list, and Friday ended with futures up over \$3 from the closing figures of October 11 and with a gain of \$5 in spots.

Not everyone has viewed with satisfaction the recent great advance in cotton, for it would not have been possible without a change for the worse in the crop situation. After two years of moderate production, it was hoped and expected by many that this season would bring a different outcome; but results unfortunately have again been disappointing and early frost has made prospects even poorer than was indicated by the last official forecast, which was about 12,000,000 bales of lint. Predictions of further frost this week were what supported the market at a time when it looked as if decisive reaction would otherwise have been witnessed, and from the South came some very bullish opinions about the harm frost has already done. But in not a few quarters one private estimate of little more than 10,000,000 bales was regarded with skepticism, if not suspicion, and though a considerable loss through frost is conceded, it does not follow that the outlook is as dark as some speculators have painted it. To those who have been persistently saying that the rise has been carried too fast and too far, the action of the market has been disconcerting; but it is still being insisted that prices will not hold once the crop really begins to move in volume.—Dun's Review.

**Death of Little Melva Louise Upchurch.**

We deeply sympathize with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Upchurch, of Bensonsville township, in the loss of their darling baby who was transplanted from this leaf-bed of sorrow to that celestial garden of perfect happiness, Saturday night, September 23, 1917.

Little Melva was about seventeen months of age, was an especially bright child intellectually, was so sweet and good during the most excruciating pain. She was sick about five days with a complication of diseases and suffered untold misery. Physicians and loved ones tenderly watched by her, until the angels bore her sweet little spirit away on their snowy white wings to be at rest eternally.

The funeral was conducted by Rev. Mr. Crocker, of Falcon, N. C., and the little body laid to rest in Antioch cemetery.

'Tis true little Melva has left us,  
And our loss we deeply feel,  
But we should look to Jesus,  
Who can all our sorrows heal.  
AUNT ANNA.

**BELGIUM ITEMIZES DAMAGES.**

Germany Must Pay Ruined Nation \$1,500,000,000 for Her Despicable Acts.

Paris, Oct. 20.—At least one and a half billion dollars is one of the first items Germany must settle when it comes to squaring up accounts.

This is the approximate amount of damage by German depredations in Belgium, according to official statistics received to-day.

Following is the "statement of accounts," as itemized by the Belgian Government:

War contributions levied up to August 10, 1917, \$288,000,000.

Private war contributions and fines up to the end of 1914, \$40,000,000.

Confiscation of machinery and requisitioning of raw materials to January, 1915, \$400,000,000.

Destruction of sources of economic wealth (not including destruction of private property, which is still continuing), \$1,000,000,000.

The Belgian statistics do not include claims for the enormous loss resultant from the cessation of Belgian industries. Nor do they include damages for many German acts in stripping factories.

**FOR RENT—A GOOD SIX-ROOM** dwelling, equipped with water and lights, on Oakland Heights. See or write Mrs. George R. Pou, Smithfield, N. C.

**This is Styleplus Week from Maine to California!**

Styleplus \$17 Clothes

Styleplus \$21 Clothes

The same prices the nation over

**The Big Buy**

*Always the greatest possible value at the price*

**WE** are joining with the progressive merchants from coast to coast who are this week making a special display of Styleplus suits and overcoats.

For three years the makers have maintained Styleplus at \$17 in the face of war conditions. They bought in advance, operated on an increasingly larger scale, and thus kept costs down.

When the United States entered the war the fabric market underwent violent changes. To meet these new conditions a \$21 grade was added, thus insuring you an even wider selection in fabrics and models.

*Style plus all-wool fabrics + perfect fit + expert workmanship + guaranteed wear*

**N. B. GRANTHAM, Smithfield, N. C.**

**SALE OF LAND.**

North Carolina, Johnston County. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a certain mortgage deed executed by J. R. Sauls and wife, Genie Sauls to the Wayne National Bank on the 29th day of May, 1915, and recorded in Book 8, page 26, of the Records of the Register of Deeds for Johnston County, the undersigned will, at the hour of two P. M. on Thursday November 22, 1917, at the court house door in Smithfield Johnston County, North Carolina, offer to public sale, for cash to the highest bidder the following tract of land:

A certain lot of land conveyed to Genie Sauls by W. T. Bailey and wife by deed recorded in Book R. No. 9, page 206, and therein described as follows:

Beginning at an iron stake on the South side of Bailey Avenue, W. T. Bailey's corner, and runs with his line S. 5 1-2 W. 200 feet to a stake; thence N. 85 1-2 W. 35 feet to a stake; thence S. 5 1-2 W. 140 feet to a stake in Wiley Howell's line; thence N. 58.25 W. with Howell's line 107 1-2 feet to a stake, on Second St.; thence N. 28 1-2 W. with said Street 94 feet to a stake; thence N. 5 1-2 E. 212 2-3 feet to a stake on Bailey's Avenue; thence S. 85 1-2 E. with Bailey's Avenue 184 feet to the beginning, containing 1 1-8 acres, more or less.

This the 23rd day of October, 1917. Wayne National Bank, Mortgagee, By Dickinson & Land, Attorneys.

**NOTICE.**

The undersigned having qualified as Administrator, C. T. A., on the estate of Gaston Little, deceased, hereby notifies all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to me duly verified on or before the 2nd day of October, 1918 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery; and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment.

This 1st day of October, 1917. D. J. LITTLE, Administrator, C. T. A.

**COYTER-UNDERWOOD COMPANY** have just unloaded two cars of fine Furniture. See them before you buy and save money. Smithfield, N. C.

**NOTICE.**

North Carolina, Johnston County, In the Superior Court, Before the Clerk.

Jacob Boykin and Others, Plaintiffs, vs. Evaline Hinton and Others, Defendants.

The defendants, Raeford Boykin, Iradell Hogg, Cleve Hendrix, Mrs. J. M. Gaine, Mrs. Ed. Byrd, John Hogg, Thos. Hogg, Bertie Hogg, and any and all other persons claiming any interest in the estate of L. H. Boykin, deceased, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been instituted in the Superior Court of Johnston County asking for sale of the lands of L. H. Boykin, deceased, for partition among his heirs at law.

The defendants above named will take notice that the summons entitled as above was issued out of the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Johnston County on October 10, 1917, returnable Saturday, November 3, 1917, and that a copy of the complaint in said action will be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Johnston County within ten days after the date of this summons. Said defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear before the said clerk on the 3rd day of November, 1917, and answer or demur to said complaint or the relief in the complaint demanded will be given.

If any, or either, of the defendants above named shall be dead and have living issue or heirs, they will take the same notice and appear and answer or demur to the complaint aforesaid, or the relief will be granted.

This 10th day of October, 1917. W. S. STEVENS, Clerk of the Superior Court. FREDERICK H. BROOKS, Attorney.

**NOTICE.**

The undersigned having qualified as Executor on the estate of W. B. Godwin, deceased, hereby notifies all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to me duly verified on or before the 12th day of October, 1918, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery; and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment.

This 9th day of October, 1917. F. M. WEEKS, Executor.

**DR. J. F. FOSTER** Physician and Surgeon KENLY, N. C.

**NOTICE.**

North Carolina, Johnston County, In the Superior Court.

Estelle DeArmand vs. E. A. DeArman.

The defendant above named, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Johnston County to obtain an absolute divorce from the defendant; and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the next term of the Superior Court of said County to be held on the 10th day of December, 1917, at the Court House of said county in Smithfield, N. C., and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This the 6th day of October, 1917. W. S. STEVENS, Clerk of Superior Court. WELLONS & WELLONS, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

**NOTICE.**

The undersigned having qualified as Administrator on the estate of James G. Earp, deceased, hereby notifies all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to me duly verified on or before the 21st day of September, 1918, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery; and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment.

This 18th day of Sept., 1917. W. G. EARP, Administrator.

**FOR SALE.**

I offer for sale the Melvinia Bryant property in Smithfield, N. C., situate on what was formerly East Market street, now East Third street, on which there is located one four-room cottage. Lot 60 by 225 feet. This property is especially desirable, being right on the main thoroughfare out of Smithfield to Selma. Address, N. E. BRADFORD, Goldsboro, N. C.

**NOTICE.**

My son, Lester D. Parker, age 18 years, left my home on September 19, 1917, without my consent. This is to warn all persons against hiring him, feeding him, clothing him, making trades or contracts with him, or giving him aid in any way. Y. B. PARKER, Dunn, N. C., R. 2, Sept. 25, 1917.

**MORTGAGE SALE OF HOUSE AND LOT IN SMITHFIELD.**

North Carolina, Johnston County. Under and by virtue of authority contained in a certain Mortgage Deed, executed to John Kennedy and wife, Ollie Kennedy, and Milton Kennedy and wife, Annie Kennedy, to Mrs. Peatie Oliver, Guardian, June 27, 1912, to secure the payment of a bond for \$220.00 with interest from date, payable on the 21st day of June, 1913; and whereas the interest has been paid on said note up to January 1st, 1915, leaving due thereon \$220.00, with interest from January 1, 1915, and \$6.47 interest paid by mortgage; and whereas the conditions of the mortgage have been broken, and the payment of the bond secured by the same refused on demand:

Therefore the undersigned will offer for sale at Public Auction, at the Court House door, in the town of Smithfield, N. C., on Saturday, October 20, 1917, for cash, the following described lot in the town of Smithfield, N. C., on which are located two small dwelling houses, to-wit:

A certain lot of land adjoining the lands of Marshall Avera, J. D. Alford, and William Holden and beginning at a stake on Fourth Street, (Marshall Avera's corner) and runs with said street 73 feet to a stake in William Holden's line; thence nearly east 210 feet to J. D. Alford's line; thence nearly North with said line 73 feet to Marshall Avera's line; thence nearly West with said Marshall Avera's line 210 feet to the beginning, containing 2-6 of an acre, more or less, it being the same lot of land described in the Deed from C. Radford to Parker Kennedy, September 4, 1880, and recorded in Book "W" No. 4, page 299.

This September 18, 1917. PEATIE OLIVER, (Guardian), Mortgagee. F. H. BROOKS, Attorney.

**NOTICE.**

My son, Sidney Allen Beasley, age 16 years, left my home on October 9th, 1917, without my consent. This is to warn all persons against hiring him, feeding him, clothing him, making trades or contracts with him, or giving him aid in any way. J. R. BEASLEY, Smithfield, N. C., Route No. 2.

**HAULERS WANTED.**

We can furnish hauling for several teams regular work. Short haul on good road. Must have good team and strong wagon. Apply this week at our office. Rand & Lawrence.

**NOTICE.**

North Carolina, Johnston County, Smithfield Township Before E. S. Sanders, J. P. Barnes Harrell Grocery Co. vs.

W. P. Young.

The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Justices Court of Johnston County, before E. S. Sanders, J. P., to recover amount due plaintiff for goods delivered under contract, and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the office of said E. S. Sanders, Justice of the Peace for Smithfield township on the 17th day of November, 1917, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

E. S. SANDERS, Justice of the Peace. This 18th day of October, 1917.

**NOTICE OF SALE.**

Under and by virtue of an order of the Superior Court made on the 15th day of October, 1917, in the Special Proceeding entitled Mattie J. Pulley, Admrx. of John Pulley, deceased, vs. May Pulley and Debric Pulley, the undersigned, Commissioner, will on Saturday, the 17th day of November, 1917, at twelve o'clock M., on or near the premises and at the residence of Josiah Pulley situate in Wilders township, Johnston County, N. C., offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash the following three lots of land, being known as a part of the said Josiah Pulley tract of land, and is sold subject to the life estate of said Josiah Pulley, to-wit:

LOT NO. 1. (As surveyed by B. Baker, Surveyor): Beginning at a lightwood stump with Hickory and Sweetgum pointers, and running thence N. 83 degrees E. 39 poles to a stake, J. L. Liles corner; thence N. 27 degrees W. 14 poles to a stake near Davis corner; thence S. 38 degrees W. 36 1/2 poles to the beginning, containing one and three-fourths (1 3/4) acres, more or less, and situate on the West side of the Raleigh and Wilson Road and in the Southeast corner of said Pulley tract of land.

LOT NO TWO: Situate on the East side of said Raleigh and Wilson Road and in the East corner of said Pulley tract, and Beginning at an iron stake on the East side of the Raleigh and Wilson Road at Davis' corner, and runs thence East 44 poles to a maple at the head of a small branch, Davis corner; thence with said Branch, Davis' line, to a stake in said Branch; thence S. 53 degrees W. 74 poles and 10 links to the beginning, containing Five and five-eighths (5 5/8) acres, more or less.

LOT NUMBER THREE: Situate on the Northwest side of the said Pulley tract, and Beginning at a stake, with pine pointer, Tildon Price's corner, and runs thence S. 2 degrees W. 71 poles to a stake, Price's corner; thence N. 79 1/2 degrees W. 69 poles to a stake, Price's corner; thence N. 89 1/2 degrees W. 43 poles to a stake in short prong of Cattail, Price's corner; thence with said short prong of Cattail to Cattail; thence with Cattail Southeasterly to a stake with ash pointer; thence N. 75 1/2 degrees E. 71 poles and 15 links to a stake in bottom near Sandy Drain and is known as fish pond; thence N. 2 degrees E. 107 poles to a stake and pointers in Moody's line; thence with his line West 13 poles to the beginning, containing Thirty-five and one-fourth (35 1/4) acres, more or less.

This 15th day of October, 1917. ED. F. WARD, Commissioner.

**NOTICE.**

Sale of Valuable Real Estate.

Pursuant to the terms and provisions of a certain deed of trust dated January 1st, 1912, executed by Barney McNair and wife, Nancy McNair, to George W. Connor, Trustee, which said deed of trust was duly recorded in Book "V" No. 11, page 386 in the office of the Register of Deeds of Johnston County, and because of Default made in the payment of the notes therein secured, the undersigned will, on Monday, November 19th, 1917, between the hours of 12:00 M. and 1:00 P. M., offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, at the Court House door in the town of Smithfield, N. C., that certain tract of land situate in Wilders township, Johnston County, adjoining the lands of Bryant Horton, Watson and others and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at an iron stake, corner of Lot No. 6 of the Paul Lee farm, runs thence South 29 30 degrees East, 594 feet to an iron stake; thence South 82 45 degrees East, 1452 feet to an iron stake, cornering; thence South 19 40 degrees West, 270 6-10 feet to an iron stake; thence with and along the Montague line North 89 45 degrees West 5029 2-10 feet to a stake on the Branch; thence up the said Branch to a stake in the line of Lot No. 1, a corner of Lot No. 2; thence with the lines of Lot No. 2, No. 3 and No. 6, 2205 feet to the beginning, containing 76 acres and being Lot No. 5 of the Paul Lee farm, as surveyed and plotted for Silas Lucas during the month of October, 1911, excepting however, all the trees on the said land and all rights and privileges with respect to the same heretofore conveyed to Roberts Brothers by R. B. Whitley and others.

This the 17th day of Oct., 1917. GEO. W. CONNOR, Trustee. H. G. CONNOR, JR., Attorney, Wilson, N. C.

**NOTICE.**

The undersigned having qualified as Administrator on the estate of J. H. Barber, deceased, hereby notifies all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to me duly verified on or before the 21st day of September, 1918, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery; and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment.

This 18th day of Sept., 1917. J. Wm. LANGDON, Administrator. CHAS. C. LEE, Attorney.