

REACTION IN COTTON PRICES.

Option List at one time Fully Eight Dollars Under Last Week's Top Levels.

No one had imagined that the rise which lifted spot cotton to the highest level of modern times, and futures to an unparalleled position, would continue indefinitely, and the sharp reaction that developed this week, if disappointing to some interests, was anything but surprising.

With the late experience not soon to be forgotten, people are slow a say that the week's change in cotton conditions will prove lasting and that the market has already reached its crest.

Wesley Willing Workers.

The close of the Wesley Willing Workers of the Sanders' Chapel Sunday school gave a party at Mr. Z. L. Talton's on the night of December the first for the benefit of their class.

Several of the young people gathered about the piano and sang a few popular selections while the crowd was gathering, and then games were entered into with much hilarity.

One of the most unique features of the party was the foot-measuring contest. Each had his foot measured and paid a penny an inch.

Delicious refreshments of punch, nabiscos and chocolate candy were served.

Those present were: Messrs W. S. Stevens, J. K. Sanders, P. A. Holland, W. B. Whitley, of Clinton, Robert Smith, Ashley Powell, Dessie Talton, Percy Barnes, Isaac Powell, Jasper Hamilton, Robert Hill, John Talton, Jarmon Eason, Dewey Stallings, Ruffin Hill, Thomas Stallings, Auburn Williams, of Four Oaks, Seth Woodall, of Hope Mills, Vick Hill, L. W. Cherry and J. M. McGowan, of Greenville; Mrs. W. S. Stevens, Mrs. P. A. Holland, Mrs. Sara Whitley, Jennie Hill, Sarah Hill, Esther, Laura and Leone Sanders, Margaret Lee Austin, Jessie Smith, Ruth Smith, and Miss Maude Haskins.

The evening was very much enjoyed by all. When the offerings were counted it was found that the whole amount was \$9.05. We considered the occasion very fruitful since Cherry was there.—A. P.

Soldier Boys Enjoy Fine Dinner.

On last Thursday night, (Thanksgiving) lots of us boys received boxes from home. We all spread our good things together and had a nice supper.

Corporals—Barnie Henry, Carl L. Dickerson, W. H. Corbett, A. J. Berry and C. B. Leno.

Privates—J. H. King, E. T. Dole, A. B. Cooney, Chas. McLamb, R. H. Crawford, G. T. Wilburn, G. F. Potat, and Casolia and Mitchell.

The following is a list of what we

had: Stuffed eggs, olives, nabiscos, turkey, stuffed with oyster dressing, chicken, pork sausage, pic-nic peaches, blackberry jam, chow-chow, grape jelly, cake of all kinds, apples and oranges, assorted candies, cigars and cigarettes.

All the boys who enjoyed this feast of good things belong to the old Selma Company, Co. C, of the 119th Infantry. We are very grateful for all these good things and greatly appreciate the thoughtfulness of those back home who helped us to have such a good Thanksgiving dinner.

CORPORAL B. A. HENRY, Co. C, 119th Infantry, Camp Sevier.

GRAIN CONTINUES STRONG.

Still Higher Prices for Oats Again Impart Firmness to Corn—Supplies Move Slowly.

With supplies in the country known to be enormous, some people may find it strange to see continued strength in corn and oats, and a further rise in the latter to new high levels on the crop. For more than a month, prices of these cereals have been moving upward with comparatively little interruption and the December oats delivery in Chicago this week touched 75 1/2c., with May at 72 1/2c. largely because of the advance in this quarter, corn practically equaled last week's top quotations of \$1.25 for December, \$1.22 1/2 for January and \$1.20 1/4 for May, and neither in corn nor in oats was there much reaction from the best figures reached.

Mail Christmas Parcels Early.

We quote the following extract from a letter from Mr. J. C. Koons, First Assistant Postmaster General: "The importance of mailing Christmas parcels early cannot be too strongly urged. During the period from November 1 until after January 1 the volume of ordinary business mail is far greater than at any other time of the year. If the great bulk of the millions of Christmas parcels is held until the last few days preceding Christmas and then thrown into the already overloaded mails, congestion, damage, and delays are bound to result despite all advance preparations and provisions made by the Post Office Department. From all indications, the volume of mail during the month of December this year will be unprecedented, and the task of the postal service in promptly and efficiently handling this matter will be much more difficult owing to the war preparations, which have necessitated reduced railway transportation facilities. Every citizen should therefore cooperate with the Post Office Department to the fullest extent by shopping early and mailing Christmas parcels days and even weeks before December 25, according to the distance to be traveled. All parcels may be inscribed 'Not to be opened till Christmas day.' This is the only sensible plan to follow if you would insure having your Christmas presents in the hands of your relatives and friends on or before Christmas morning. It is of course essential that all parcels be properly securedly wrapped and plainly addressed, and that they bear the proper amount of postage. The sender's name and address should be placed in the upper left-hand corner. As a protection against injury or lost parcels may be insured for actual value up to \$100 at the following rates: not to exceed \$5.00, three cents; \$6.00 to \$25.00, five cents; \$26.00 to \$50.00, ten cents; \$51.00 to \$100.00, twenty-five cents, in addition to regular postage."

OUR MOST FATAL DISEASES.

In 1916 the most fatal disease was that of the heart, which caused 114,171 deaths; the next was tuberculosis with 101,396 deaths, and next pneumonia with 98,324 deaths. Approximately one person in 1,000 of our population died from each of these diseases. It will be observed that typhoid fever is not in the above list. This is because successful methods of treating and preventing this disease have been found.—State Journal.

KENLY SCHOOL NOTES.

Kenly, Dec. 8.—The first basket ball game of this season was played Friday afternoon on the Kenly court by the home girls against the high school team of Lucama. Interest ran high, and a large number of the town people were present; the score was thirteen to eleven in favor of Kenly.

Tuesday afternoon, all the students of the high school, directed by professors M. B. Andrews and H. P. Johnson, made a house to house canvass with the Hoover food pledge cards. The students of the high school were divided into two sections; Mr. Johnson directed the boys, while Mr. Andrews directed the girls. The students and the teachers were much gratified that hardly more than a dozen mothers in the community declined to sign the food pledge.

The literary societies of the school discussed the following question Friday afternoon: "Resolved, That the United States Government should own the Armor Plants."

At a recent meeting of the teachers, it was decided that the school render a Christmas program on Friday night, December 21st. The program will be divided into three parts: the first part will be of a patriotic nature and will be rendered by the elementary school; the second part of the program will be a joint debate between the members of the two literary societies of the school, the question for discussion being, "Resolved, That no one should be put to death for crime;" and a third part of the program will be of a literary nature, "The Other Wise Man," by Van Dyke, and "A Christmas Carol," by Charles Dickens. In addition to the above, special music will be provided by the music pupils.

Honor Roll for November.

First Grade—William, Godwin, Elsie Grady, Charles Alford, Addie Mae Greer, Cleot Crumpler, Cathrine Askew, Vernon Exum and Bessie Lawrence.

Second Grade—James Ward Leler Cook, Ruth Sasser, Ethel Watson, Adron Flowers and Sadie Watkins.

Third Grade—Justice Hardison, Hazel Watson, Eloise Grady, Clara Lassiter, Ollie Watson, Louise Coleman, James Bowman, Celeste Edgerton, Elizabeth Woodard, Wilbur Alford, Catharine Alford and David Hooks.

Fourth Grade—Leora Cooke, Leon Crumpler, Loyma Watson, Kenneth Watson and Cecil Lawrence.

Fifth Grade—Louise Collier, Carl Watson, May Flowers, John Woodard, Archie Watson, Ruby Watson, Margaret Hooks, Arthur Crumpler and Louise Daughtie.

Sixth Grade—Ruth Grice, Boyce Crumpler and Byron Richardson.

Seventh Grade—Thelma Moore and Alice Wilkins.

Eighth Grade—Mildred Darden, Carl Hales, Marie Lassiter and Lucy Pittman.

Ninth Grade—Adna Lee Bailey, Lily Eason, Edgar Bailey and Alice Grice.

Tenth Grade—Joe Broadwell and Eve Woodard.

The above students have been neither absent nor tardy.

Precious Fats.

Suppose you were to read such an advertisement as this in your daily paper:

For sale, for cash on delivery, fat for frying, \$4.05 a pound. Goose fat, \$5.36 a pound. Duck fat, 1/4 pound, \$1.13. Salted goose legs, 94 cents each. Larded goose breast, \$2.08 per pound. Fresh fowls, 1.01 per pound and up. Young country laying hens, \$3.32 each. Well-fed, snow-white, Emden giant geese, \$11.01 to \$19.06 each. Horseflesh, 53 to 86 cents a pound.

These are exact quotations taken from advertisements in German newspapers during last June. Of course the advertisements are addressed more particularly to the rich. Even horseflesh has become a luxury beyond reach of the common people. Evidently the scarcity of fats has not been exaggerated in reports from other sources.

The pinch of war to a country that is not self-sufficient in its agriculture can become an all-pervading source of misery. Unique of all countries, the United States is self-sufficient in its agriculture. Our agriculture will be our greatest bulwark, whether the war ends soon or continues through more horror-filled years.

And the best of all good things in a country self-sufficient in its agriculture is a farm that is as near as possible self-sufficient in its production. It may well be said that the possessor of such a farm can look the future in the face with out a tremor. He has breadstuffs, meats, fats. He has a well-stocked cellar, storage houses and shelves laden with the canned products of field and garden. To him there need never come the necessity of paying fabulous prices for common necessities. Every such farm is the greatest of object lessons these war-torn times.—Country Gentleman.

The boar should be kept thrifty during the summer, but should not be allowed to fatten.

NORTH CAROLINA FOR FIGHT TO FINISH SAYS MR. POU

Tarheel Congressman Returns To Washington From His Vacation and Reports that Everybody is With War Policy of Administration.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 1.—Representative E. W. Pou, of North Carolina, chairman of the House Committee on Rules, returned today from his vacation. He said the sentiment in North Carolina is practically all one way, that is for a finished fight against Germany.

"I saw but one man during my visit to the State, who is opposed to the policy of the Washington Administration for the war," said Mr. Pou.

"The sentiment of the people where I went is almost a unit for the President. The little feeling of pacifism which I found cropping out last summer has about disappeared.

"The only criticism I found of Congress is that loyal Congressmen are too lenient with those who appear to be against the Government. A number of people told me that we permit too much disloyal talk in Congress. These critics said that Congress should not sit quietly in their seats in Washington and hear disloyal utterances and then come back home and talk to the people about loyalty.

"I believe that the gentlemen in Congress who cannot help win this war ought to either get out or be put out and let others take their places.

"Last season the North Carolina delegation stood practically as a unit in support of the administration and the Government and I believe they will do it again this session."

Mr. Pou believes that the Southern people with very, very few exceptions are supporting the President.

Edwin Pou, son of Representative Pou, is here for a day or two. He is in the aviation service of the Government. He has developed into a fine looking Sammie and is very enthusiastic over the prospect of being in the thick of the fight.—News and Observer.

Cause for Thanks.

At this period of Thanksgiving the world has reason for being thankful in the abundant crops harvested this year in 17 of the principal countries of the world not including the Central Powers of Europe. Wheat is below the five-year average with 1,868,000 bushels, which is 85.6 per cent. But most other important crops are well above the five-year average. The estimates are: Corn, 3,312,000,000 bushels, 114.1 per cent; rice, 70,000,000 bushels, 115.5 per cent; potatoes, 719,000,000 bushels, 112.4 per cent; sugar beets, 10,000,000 tons, 106.6 per cent; tobacco, 1,186,000,000 pounds, 120.5 per cent. In the face of these figures it would be silly to urge scarcity of food stuffs as an excuse for high prices. People cannot eat more or smoke more in times of war than in times of peace. It is not because corn is scarce that meal is selling in many North Carolina towns at 70 cents a peck, while hominy grits are bringing a higher price. The high prices are doubtless partly due to a depreciation of the value of money owing to the increasing borrowings of our government; secondly, in many instances increased prices are due almost solely to disturbance of transportation facilities. Taking advantage of this condition, both jobbers and retailers are able to get almost any prices they ask. All of these things have had their influence upon prices of necessities. It is probable that some of the abuses will be corrected after the new regulations of the Food Administration have become effective on December 10. Flour and sugar have not gone above prices fixed by Mr. Hoover, although both are sometimes hard to obtain. We hope we may be as successful in fixing prices for other food stuffs.—State Journal.

Yields of Many Crops Above Average.

Very heavy world crops of corn, oats, potatoes, rice, sugar beets and tobacco for this year are indicated by estimates compiled by the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome, and made public by the Department of Agriculture. Wheat, rye, barley and flaxseed, however, have fallen below the five-year average of production from 1911 to 1915.

The production of wheat in seventeen countries, not including the Central Powers, will be 1,808,000,000 bushels, 85.6 per cent of the five-year average. Corn raised will amount to 3,312,000,000 bushels, which is 14.1 per cent greater than the average production for the last five years. Other crops are estimated as follows:

Rye, 147,000,000 bushels, 92.2 per cent; barley, 587,000,000 bushels, 96 per cent; oats, 2,682,000,000 bushels, 113.9 per cent; rice, 70,000,000 bushels, 115.5 per cent; flaxseed, 38,000,000 bushels, 69.8 per cent; potatoes, 719,000,000 bushels, 112.4 per cent; sugar beets, 10,000,000 short tons, 10.6 per cent; tobacco, 1,186,000,000 pounds, 120.5 per cent.—Dun's Review.

CALL ON BEATY & LASSITER FOR your Letter Heads and Envelopes or anything in the Printing line.

HEART CEDAR SHINGLES CAN be found at Cotter Hardware Co.

THE SELMA MERCHANTS WILL observe December 10th to the 15th as "Pay-Up-Week." They will offer special inducements to all customers who settle their bills during this week.

WE HAVE A BIG LINE OF CHRISTMAS CARDS at penny each, at Herald Office.

ENGRAVED VISITING CARDS Make a fine present for a friend. See our line of samples and give your order at once and avoid delays. The Herald Office.

KHAKI BOUND NEW TESTAMENTS at Herald Office, 25 cents each. By mail 27.

JOHNSTON COUNTY REALTY & Auction Company, of Smithfield, conduct Auction Sales of farm lands and town lots for the High Dollar.

IF YOU WANT THE BEST SUIT OF clothes for the least money go to Austin-Stephenson Co.'s big sale.

NEW TESTAMENTS AND BIBLES for sale at The Herald Office.

IF YOU WANT TO BORROW MONEY on your farm at only 5 per cent interest, see A. M. Noble, attorney-at-law, Smithfield, N. C.

FURNITURE TO SUIT YOUR POCKET book at Austin Stephenson Co.'s big sale.

WE HAVE IN STOCK A GOOD LOT of second sheets at a bargain. Give us your order at once, as we can save you MONEY now. Beaty & Lassiter.

BUY YOUR FAMILY SHOES AND Clothing at Austin-Stephenson Co. to save money.

TO THE PEOPLE OF SMITHFIELD. Your Town Taxes are now due. Please come forward and settle at once. W. M. Ives, Town Tax Collector.

JOHNSTON COUNTY REALTY & Auction Co., of Smithfield, will sell your farm for the High Dollar.

IF YOU HAVE TOWN LOTS OR farm land you wish to sell for the High Dollar, let the Johnston County Realty & Auction Co., of Smithfield sell it.

DON'T FORGET NOW IS THE TIME to buy your furniture at Austin-Stephenson Co.'s big sale.

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LADIES AND CHILDRENS CLOAKS Going Cheap at Austin-Stephenson Co.'s Big sale.

MEET ME AT AUSTIN-STEPHENSON Co.'s big sale.

SALE OF OLD BRIDGE LUMBER.

I will sell for cash to the highest bidder the old bridge lumber at the Smithfield bridge on Saturday, December 8th, at 12 o'clock. J. A. Johnson, Bridge Commissioner.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR.

The members of the Philathea Class of the Smithfield Baptist church will hold a Christmas Bazaar in the old Theatre Building on Third street on Wednesday and Thursday, December 12 and 13. They will have an assortment of articles suitable for Christmas gifts and would be glad for those interested to call on them. The Bazaar will open on the 12th at 2 P. M. It will be open all day on the 13th.

NOTICE.

All town Taxes are past due. After the first day of January, 1918, cost will be added. Please call at my office at your convenience and pay your taxes and save the cost. J. A. Lowry, Chief of Police and Tax Collector, Selma, N. C.

BOSCHEE'S GERMAN SYRUP.

Why use ordinary cough remedies, when Boschee's German Syrup has been used so successfully for fifty-one years in all parts of the United States for coughs, bronchitis, colds settled in the throat, especially lung troubles. It gives the patient a good night's rest, free from coughing, with easy expectation in the morning, gives nature a chance to soothe the inflamed parts, throw off the disease, helping the patient to regain his health. 25 and 75 cent bottles. Sold by Creech Drug Co.—Adv.

Turner's Almanacs for 1918.

We have just received a lot of Turner's North Carolina Almanacs for 1918. Price ten cents each. By mail 12 cents. Herald Office, Smithfield, N. C.

BUSINESS LOCALS

The management of the Academy of Music at Raleigh announces that the successful farce-comedy by Tully, "Mary's Ankle," will be presented at the Academy next Tuesday night.

KEROSENE ENGINES, GASOLINE Engines, wood sawing outfit, flour mills, grist and feed mills. Let us figure with you on an engine outfit. Roberts Atkinson Co., Selma, N. C.

SELMA'S DOLLAR DAY, THURSDAY, December 13th. Watch for big ads.

THE SMITHFIELD BUILDING & Loan Association has helped a number of people to build homes. It will help others, and maybe you. New series of shares now open. See Mr. J. J. Broadhurst.

SELMA'S DOLLAR DAY, THURSDAY, December 13th. Watch for big ads.

LIBERAL REWARD FOR THE RECOVERY of a large white and black hound with scar on back near hips. E. F. Boyett, Smithfield, N. C.

SEE US FOR LATHS AND PLASTER. Cotter Hardware Co.

SELMA'S DOLLAR DAY, THURSDAY, December 13th. Watch for big ads.

BUY YOUR FLOUR AT AUSTIN-Stephenson Co.'s big sale. Best Patent Flour 10.95 per barrel. You might not be able to get it later.

FOR SALE. ABOUT ONE HUNDRED bushels seed wheat. Also Koger bean and wheat thrasher in first class condition. Smith Form-A-Truck also for sale. W. A. Phelps, Four Oaks, N. C., Route 3.

SEE US FOR LATHS AND PLASTER. Cotter Hardware Co.

BUY YOUR TOYS AND OTHER articles for your Christmas Tree early, and avoid the rush. Smithfield 5, 10 and 25 cent Store.

ANOTHER BIG LOT OF BOOKS for Christmas expected daily at The Herald Office.

NOTICE TO ANY SCHOOL, OR Sunday school that's going to have a Christmas tree. We have thousands of useful articles from 5c to 1.00. Smithfield 5, 10, and 25 cent Store.

FOR DISC HARROWS, BUGGIES and wagons, feed stuff, and many things you have need for call on Selma Supply Co., Selma, N. C.

NITRATE OF SODA FOR SALE BY the Farmers Mercantile Company, of Selma. Buy early and be safe.

IT IS OUR DESIRE TO PLEASE you. We appreciate your business large or small. Selma Supply Co., Selma, N. C.

MULES FOR SALE—WE HAVE several good farm mules for sale. See us before buying. Farmers Mercantile Co., Selma, N. C.

FOR DEEDS, MORTGAGE DEEDS, Bank Notes and Magistrate's Blanks, Call on the Princeton Pharmacy Co., Princeton, N. C.

HOG FEEDS OF ALL KINDS AT the Farmers Mercantile Company, Selma, N. C., Red Dog, Soja bean meal, shipstuff and bran.

FOR SALE AT AUCTION—THE Gillam Stencil Dwelling and Store in town of Middlesex on Dec. 22, 1917, 2 p. m. Don't write, come. Y. Z. Parker, Attorney for Gillam Stencil.

A FULL SUPPLY OF HORSE AND mule feeds—Molasses feeds, oats, hay and seed oats at Farmers Mercantile Co., Selma, N. C.

FOR SALE—A FIVE PASSENGER Ford car, 1917 model, in private use since first of last June. In good running condition. See S. R. Lee, Selma, N. C.

MONEY TO LOAN ON IMPROVED farm land at 5 per cent interest. Five, seven and ten years time. Amount unlimited. A. M. Noble, Attorney-at-law, Smithfield, N. C.

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