

## CONDITION OF THE PEANUT MARKET

### More Than Twice as Many Peanuts to be Marketed Now Than a Year Ago

Smithfield, Va., April 10, 1909. Since our circular of March 4th, the peanut business in Virginia has been almost at a standstill, except the factories have been filling orders previously booked, and occasional new business. Cancellations are frequent. Most of the trade have sixty days to four months' supply and say they will not buy more until their stocks are exhausted.

The movement of farmers' grade peanuts the past sixty days has been very light. Speculators and so-called independents have hoodwinked the farmers, and while they are holding firm, the speculators and independents are unloading fast as possible, and if necessary they cut prices, while farmers hold the bag.

Farmers seem to take for granted all they read and are told about short supply and higher prices but their solicitous friends do not tell them: There are more than twice as many peanuts to be marketed the balance of this season than there was a year ago, and not half the usual demand for them. Business throughout the country is unusually dull, and the labor leaders publish there are two million working men idly walking the streets of the cities of this country. They have but a short time to dispose after August, a good many of them cannot be carried over, except at heavy loss because machine-picked peanuts get wormy. The longer they hold the shorter will be the time in which they have to sell, and consequently the price will be less. These are unpleasant facts, but they cannot be successfully gained.

If farmers would think a little, they would see that the independents are making cats-paws of them. If the independents were honest in their statements, they would buy the farmers' peanuts at prices they tell them they ought to get for them, and not send agents over the country, advising them not to sell, that prices will be much higher, and buying a few hundred bags here and there to encourage them to hold firm while they unload.

They call themselves independents, but we learn that they are combined and have been holding regular meetings and formulating plans to sell their goods while the farmer waits.

While offerings of farmers' goods have been light, there has been enough selling to fill the few orders for cleaned goods coming in. The volume of business has been large the past five months, but most of the orders are filled, and unless there is a marked improvement in present conditions, most cleaners will not be concerned whether holders sell or not. Very few are running full capacity and several have shut down. Whatever temporary effect deceptive circulars and newspaper articles may have, the silent forces of time, supply and demand are constantly working, and their effect must be seen very soon.

Our quotations are nominally the same as of the 11th ult, but we hope our friends will not fail to ask us for prices before placing their orders elsewhere. We want your business.

Respectfully,  
THE GWALTNEY-BUNKLEY PEANUT CO.

Pineules are for Backache, and bring quick relief to lumbago, rheumatism, fatigue and all other symptoms of Kidney diseases. They are a tonic to the entire system and build up strength and health. Price 50c and \$1.00. Chase's Drug Store.

## Book Club (Reported)

The Wednesday Afternoon Book Club has never been more uniquely entertained than it was on the 14th, instant at the home of Mrs. T. J. Smith.

The programme was a music scheme courtship. The story being partly written and partly in blank, the blank spaces to be filled with the names of pieces of music. As the popular music teacher, Miss Martha Taylor, would give some selection on the piano, the contestants would guess the name and fill the blanks, thus completing the story.

Mrs. C. M. Lanier won the first prize, a banjo filled with candy, and Miss Mizell the consolation, a bunny full of candy.

The guests were then asked into the dining room where delicious refreshments, consisting of a salad course, were served. Each guest was presented a drum filled with candy as a favor, which will be long preserved as a souvenir of the many pleasures of the afternoon.

You who have occasional trouble from indigestion, such as sour stomach, belching of gas, sour risings and weak stomach, should not delay a moment to help the stomach digest the food for all these little ailments, annoying both to yourself and to others, are caused simply by indigested food in the stomach. Kodol for Dyspepsia and Indigestion taken occasionally will soon relieve you of all the simple stomach ailments that you now have, but may be more serious later. Try Kodol today and take it on our guarantee. We know it will do what we say it will do. It is sold by Biggs' Drug Store.

## Illustration of Form

James Ten Eyck, orsman and coach, discussing rowing one day in the Syracuse Herald office, said success depended on form. He explained what he meant by form. Then, by way of illustration, he added:

"Everything, everything, goes by form. Thus, out West in the old days, it was the essence of form to be informal. My father used to

tell about a squire who would marry the young couple that came to him in some such form as this:

"Bill, do ye take this gal whose hand ye're a-squeezin' to be yer lawful wife, in flush times an' in skimp?"

"Mame, do ye take this cuss ye've jined fists with to be yer pard through thick and thin?"

"Yer right, for once old man."

"All right, then. Kiss in court, an' I reckon ye'er married as tight as the law can jine ye. I guess four bits'll do. Bill, if I don't have to kiss the bride. If I do, it's six bits extry."

"Mamma, may I play with John Cross?" "No George. He's a bad boy. Let him play with other bad boys." "Well thats all right mamma, his mother says I'm the worse boy on the street."

## Swept Over Niagara

This terrible calamity often happens because a careless boatman ignores the river's warnings—growing ripples and faster current—Nature's warnings are kind. That dull pain or ache in the back warns you the kidneys need attention if you would escape fatal maladies Dropsy Diabates or Bright's disease. Take Electric Bitters at once and see Backache fly and all your best feelings return. "After long suffering from weak kidneys and lame back, the \$1.00 bottle wholly cured me," writes J. R. Blankenship, of Belk, Tenn. Only 50c at All Drug-ists.

"Papa what is a safety match?" Mr. Hebbecker (looking carefully to see if his wife is in hearing)—A safety match, son, is when a bald headed man marries an armless woman.

## ROBERSONVILLE NEWS ITEMS

### People Coming and Going--As Gathered By Our Regular Correspondent.

By JOHN D. EVERETT

Mr. R. T. Purvis is quite ill this week.

Mrs. Hattie Roberson is on the sick list.

Mr. Lawrence Stoney visited in town Saturday.

Misses Dora and Mary Johnson were here Friday.

Miss Lydia Roberson spent Sunday in Gold Point.

Mr. N. C. Everett went to Scotland Neck Thursday.

Mr. Harvey Roberson went to Winterville Thursday.

Mr. Jim Taylor of Gold Point was in town Sunday.

Mrs. Lewis and Willie Manning were in town Sunday.

Mr. Tommie Johnson of Gold Point was here Sunday.

Miss Lula Sauls visited her sister in Rocky Mount Saturday.

Miss Lelia Everett is visiting Mrs. J. H. Roberson this week.

The Misses Holliday spent Sunday with Mrs. T. H. Holliday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Little were the guests of Mrs. J. H. Roberson.

Mrs. Mollie Rawls is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. H. Rawls this week.

Mr. J. H. Smith of the United Mail Services is at home this week.

Rev. Mr. Reynolds reports a good service at Jamesville last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Perkins spent Saturday and Sunday in town.

Mrs. Baker Womack of Rocky Mount is visiting her brother, Dr. Nelson.

Mr. John Overton, of Stokes, was the guest of Mr. D. C. Mooring Sunday.

## The Teachers' Assembly

The North Carolina Teachers' Assembly is twenty-six year old. It will celebrate its twenty-sixth birthday at Morehead City, N. C., June 15-18 inclusive, 1909.

Its present membership consists of 524 of the most progressive North Carolina teachers. Of these, 104 are men, 330 are women. They are the men and women who are doing things in the educational world of North Carolina.

Of them, Hon. J. Y. Joyner, State Superintendent of Public Instruction says:

"The North Carolina Teachers' Assembly brings together annually for interchange of ideas and experiences and, for delightful social intercourse, hundreds of teachers from every part of the State, and gives them an opportunity each year to hear some of the leaders of educational thought of this and other States.

No teacher who is seeking professional improvement and advancement in his high calling can afford to miss the uplifting power of such a meeting as the next session of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly promises to be.

Most cough cures and cold cures are constipating, especially those that contain opiates. Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup is free from all opiates and it cures the cold by gentle moving the bowels and at the same time it soothes irritation of the throat and lungs, and in that way stops the cough. It is especially recommended for children, as it tastes nearly as good as maple sugar. We sell and recommend it Sold by Biggs' Drug Store.

Mrs. Eliza Cox has been spending a few days with friends in the country.

Messrs. John Simpson and L. B. Wynn of Williamston were here Saturday.

Mrs. J. A. Coffield is spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. W. H. Everett.

Mr. Robert Salsbury and sister of Hassell visited Mrs. W. Z. Morton last week.

Messrs. J. Haywood Everett and W. H. Everett went to Williamston Thursday.

Rev. C. D. Howard filled his regular appointment at the Christian Church Sunday.

The teachers and pupils of the Gradel School gave a song service at the Baptist Church Sunday.

Bricks are being put in place for one store and excavations made for the foundations of two others.

Miss Ruth Davenport of Hobbard spent the latter part of the week with Mrs. W. H. Adkins.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Brown and Miss Julia F. Roberson spent Sunday at the home of Mr. J. C. Roberson.

Mr. A. E. Grey found a purse this week, probably belongs to W. A. Crisp. The owner can get purse by calling on Mr. Grey.

Mr. J. T. Ross entertained informally at the Hotel Beulah in honor of the teachers of the Graded School. Those present were: Misses Sauls, Krider, Roberson, Malone, Chandler, Peel and Mooring; Messrs. Smith, A. O. Roberson, Richard Jenkins, L. H. Roberson, Thos. Roberson, Silas House, W. A. Ross, Roy Carson, W. H. Everett, J. A. Mizell and D. Underwood.

## Mission Sunday School

Easter services were held at the Slade School house Sunday afternoon. The organization of the school was perfected several months ago by Rev. Mr. Gordon, and the interest taken in it by the people in the district has been very gratifying to those who are carrying forward the work. An organ had been kindly furnished by Mr. Bland, and to the strains of music rendered by Mrs. C. A. Jeffers, the pupils marched up the aisles, carrying banners. The devotional exercises were conducted by Mr. Gordon. Quite a number of people from Williamston attended and assisted in the services.

Monday afternoon, the pupils were pleasantly entertained at an egg hunt in the adjacent grove. Refreshments were served, and every one went away pleased with the attention given by the superintendent and teachers.

## "I'd Rather Die, Doctor

than have my feet off," said Mr. L. Bingham, of Princeville, Ill. "but you'll die from gangrene (which had eaten away eight toes) if you don't," said all doctors. Instead he used Bucklen's Arnica Salve till wholly cured. Its cures of Eczema, Fever Sores, Boils, Burns and Piles astounded the world. 25c at All Druggists.

A conceited young cleric once said to an American prelate, "Do you not think that I may well feel flattered that so great a crowd came to hear me preach."

"No," was the answer, "for twice as many would come to see you hanged."

## To The Farmers Of North Carolina

1. The crop and management of the farm this year, not of next year, will be reported in the census, as it will be taken before the crop of 1910 is produced.

It is important, therefore, for those who desire to make anything like an accurate report to pay attention to these matters this year. Besides the regular farm work, you will be asked to report number of cords of wood consumed by family or farm hands, pounds of butter, value of poultry and eggs, etc., etc.

I give this notice in order to aid in getting as accurate a report as possible of agriculture matters.

2. I wish every farmer who raises corn and desires to improve his seed would plant six of his best ears in six parallel rows. A bulletin producing and selecting seed will be published in July by the Department of Agriculture.

W. A. GRAHAM, Commissioner of Agriculture.

## M. E. Church, April 25th.

At 11 a. m., "Missions" 8 p. m. theme: "Sanballat." All are cordially invited to worship with us.

At 4 p. m. a men's meeting, to which all the men are invited.

C. L. READ.

## Depot Burned

An echo of the storm of Tuesday night came in the news of the burning of the A. C. I. depot at Jamesville. The building was fired by lightning about 3 o'clock, and was entirely consumed with contents. This is the second time in a few years that the depot has been destroyed at that place. The company will rebuild as quickly as possible.

## Town Convention

There is a talk of a meeting of the citizens of the town for the purpose of naming a candidate for mayor and five aldermen. This is necessary, if the town would have good safe government. It is the duty of every man to take interest in whatever concerns the welfare of the people. In the best governed places, there is always need for some reform. The mayor and aldermen are elected for two years and it is well to know the men before putting them in. The candidates should be the choice of the people.

## Notice

There will be an election held at the Mayors office on Tuesday the 4th day of May, 1909, for the purpose of electing a Mayor and board of Commissioners for the town of Williamston.

C. H. GODWIN Clerk

Woods Liver Medicine is a liver regulator which brings quick relief to sick headache, constipation, biliousness and other symptoms of liver disorder. Particularly recommended for Jaundic, Chills, Fever, Malaria. The \$1.00 size contains 2 1/2 times as much as the 50c size. Sold by Chase's Drug Store.

A foreigner, watching a young kitten playing with its mother, asked of his friend, "Vat you ze cat call ven he is a little pup?" The Circle.

If you expect to get the best and most reliable preparation for Kidney trouble, inflammation of the bladder, rheumatism, rheumatic pains, weak back and backache you must get DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills. They act promptly and are sure. Sold by Biggs' Drug Store.

The Boy—Hoo-hoo! Babbie's swalled my little engine! The Caller—Good gracious! How could that have happened? The Boy—We was on the floor playing at trains, and he was the tunnel.

## MRS. HARRIET ELIZABETH THIGPEN

### Died at Conetoe Wednesday--Native of Martin County--Strong and True

Harriet E. Thigpen, daughter of the late Clayton and Elizabeth Moore, of Martin County, died at her home in Edgecombe County, N. C., Wednesday morning at 1 o'clock after an illness of several months. In early life she married William Thigpen of Edgecombe County, and three children were given them. Of these two are living: William and Clayton Thigpen, of Edgecombe County.

In intelligence and business qualities, Mrs. Thigpen ranked far above the average woman. After the death of her brother, James Edwin Moore, she managed the large estate of her father, and made many fortunate deals for the benefit of the heirs. She was strong, conscientious and a loyal friend. For years she had been a member of the Primitive Baptist Church, and died firm in the faith once delivered to the saints. She had lived an active, useful life, full of interest for others. A large number of relatives survive her, among them two sisters, Mrs. Mary Barnhill and Mrs. Emma Stallings of Jamesville, N. C.

The funeral services were conducted on Thursday afternoon, interment in the family cemetery.

Sick headache, constipation and biliousness are relieved by Rings Little Liver Pills. They cleanse the system. Do not gripe. Price 25c. Sold by Chase's Drug Store.

## Bank of Greenville on Honor Roll

The Financier, of New York, publishes annually an honor roll of State banks in the United States whose surplus and undivided profits exceeds its capital. The list recently published by the Financier shows that there are only 619 banks in the United States reaching this distinction. The Bank of Greenville is on this honor roll, and in the percentage of surplus and undivided profits over capital this bank stands 3rd in North Carolina and 213 in the United States. The Bank of Greenville has a capital of \$25,000 and its surplus and undivided profits reach \$42,000—Greenville Reflector.

Every family should have a curfew that should "ring tonight," and all other nights if needed. These curfews are inexpensive and can be made at home. Take a piece siding two feet long and whittle one end to a handle; take the child who needs the curfew, and bend him, or her, over a barrel. Now take the siding and use it as a clapper. Put it on hot, dividing the strokes evenly, and see that none miss. Good for a boy or girl up to eighteen, and three applications are warranted to cure the most pronounced case of street loafing that exists. The music is said to be more effective than singing "Where is my Wand'ring Boy Tonight."

## Words To Freeze The Soul

"Your son has Consumption. His case is hopeless." These appealing words were spoken to Geo. E. Blevens, a leading merchant of Springfield, N. C. by two expert doctors—one a lung specialist. Then was shown the wonderful power of Dr. King's New Discovery. "After three weeks use," writes Mr. Blevens, "he was as well as ever. I would not take all the money in the world for what it did for my boy." Infallible for Coughs and Colds, its the safest, surest cure on earth. 50c, and \$1.00 Guarantee satisfaction. Trial bottle free.