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## The Cause of Present Low Prices On Farm Products

(By Bion H. Butler)

Two or three years ago Robert N. Page said to me that unless we want to see our foreign trade go to finders after the war, we have to encourage the nations of Europe in every way we know how, and that if we do not collect our debts over there in the form of goods we will have mighty slow payments. His prediction is fast being verified, and the farmer is feeling the results for the farmer of the United States is a producer for export. Half of the cotton crop must go abroad or we must make a smaller crop. A large amount of our tobacco must go abroad or we must make a smaller crop. But Europe has no money to pay with, if we exact payment in gold and certainly no one will take depreciated European currency. So our foreign trade slumps off, and our factories are shut down.

Co-operative marketing and all the other schemes to relieve the situation of the farmer are wasted time if we mail up our foreign market, either by refusing to deal with them or by refusing their money. But look at what we are doing. In September of this year, according to the monthly bulletin from the United States treasury our imports of good cotton \$180,000,000, which is not quite half the total for the same month a year ago. Our exports fell from \$604,000,000 to \$325,000,000 for the similar month. For the nine months ending with September this year our imports were \$1,872,753,000, against \$4,358,000,000 for the same nine months of last year and our exports were \$3,552,000,000 for the nine months of this year as against \$9,799,000,000 for the same period last year. Now if we look at this we find that our foreign trade has fallen off by more than a half. What is worse, in the last months the excess of exports over imports is almost as great as it was in the same period for the year preceding.

### Europe Drained of Gold

This is simply to say that we are allowing the old world to go deeper into debt each year and with no prospect of paying what it already owes. Our imports of gold in the first nine months of the year exceeded a half billion dollars sent to us because Europe had nothing else that it could pay with. But we have drained Europe of her gold, and now it has come to the point where if we are to trade with the world we must take world products.

In the face of all this we have tried up a new tariff to keep foreign goods out of the United States and Congress wants to create a new tariff wall that will do something worse probably in that line. But it appears that even Republican adoration of the tariff is meeting a limit, for some of the beneficiaries of the protected industries are beginning to doubt the sense of trying to do business with people we refuse to take anything from in payment of our account. Germany and all of the old world would be glad to take large amounts of cotton from the United States tomorrow if our country would take something in payment that Europe can offer. But we have a tariff wall to prevent European stuff from coming this way, so our exports have dropped from \$4,358,000,000 for the first nine months of last year to \$1,872,753,000 for the first nine months of this year or much less than half as much. Our imports will be over three billions short this year as compared with last year, which means that we will sell over three billions less abroad this year than last year. In that big total is much cotton and that we would like to sell and much tobacco, and much other farm stuff, and in that contracted market

**—STRAND—**  
**—THEATRE—**

WANDA HAWLEY in "FOOD FOR SCANDAL"

—TUESDAY—  
THOMAS MEIGHAN in "THE EASY ROAD"

Adapted from the Novel "Easy Street"

—WEDNESDAY—  
VIOLA DANA in "THE OFF-SHORE PIRATE"

## Sheriff Gets Another Still

Tuesday afternoon Sheriff Robertson and chief Page took a trip into Bear Grass township and hunted for them from their car across a large savanna and by keeping an open eye they soon saw in the distance a smoke. Going forward in the same course they soon saw the plant and a man at work. They noticed the man walking toward them and when he had almost reached the spot where they were the officers made themselves known and he straightway confessed to the surprise of the officers. The man proved to be Henry Rogers, who had not been suspected, and he claimed that while he was present to do the work and was responsible for the running, that he was not the owner of the plant, that he neither drank himself nor had been guilty of running before. But stated that he was quietly making some for hog-killing and Christmas use.

The outfit consisted of about three gallons of liquor, a small copper still and ten barrels of beer of grape and sugar mixture all of which were destroyed.

Mr. Rogers was taken before a Justice of the Peace where he gave bond for his appearance at the next term of the Recorder's Court.

### Tariff Kills Foreign Crop

It is absurd to think that a cotton crop of seven million bales is enough for the needs of the world when we have made and sold for years in succession a crop that exceeded twelve million bales and reached as high as sixteen million bales. The whole truth about the collapse of the cotton market is that we have allowed our foreign market to be killed by our absurd tariff policy and our attitude toward the industries of the old world. We can never get a satisfactory price for a cotton crop of any magnitude unless the world is able to buy the cotton, and if we are to make a cotton crop of seven million bales instead of one of fourteen million bales our great industry in the south is a mockery of what it was and what it should be. With oil and seed an dime and lint the cotton crop of the South is throwing away about seven hundred million dollars a year if we are to lose the seven million bales that makes the difference between the crop of this year and the average of recent normal years. Yet the wise men who talk of the virtues of tariff tell us that we need a tariff on cotton that will share in the South with those other protected sections that think they get a profit from barring on foreign trade. But killing the foreign trade is not a crime against the South alone. When the cotton states lose their hundreds of millions they lack that amount to pay for things the protected factories of the North would make and sell and business is disorganized everywhere. We lose as a nation all the benefit from the big foreign business and we keep on pouring our goods into markets that cannot pay it is not hard to tell what is to happen to us. We will find a bankrupt Europe owing us money that cannot be collected, and we will see our money tied up in debts that will leave us the bag to hold for the amount of billions, and we cannot find much satisfaction in that sort of prospect.

### Tariff's Deadly Work

The tariff that was to protect the farmer along with the Northern manufacturer has protected wheat down to a few cents above a dollar a bushel and has protected cattle until we have a smaller number in proportion to the population than probably at any time in our national history. Our cotton crop at 50 per cent production is selling just a trifle higher than normal crops sold for in previous years.

The crop of 1910, almost twelve million bales, sold for over 14 cents on the 1st of December that year. The crop of apparently seven million bales under protection looks as though it would sell for maybe a cent higher in December of this year. The crop of 1910 was worth about half more than the crop of 1912 according to these figures, while are from government reports.

This is what shutting us out from the markets of Europe is doing to the American farmer. This is not a political matter. It is the most serious danger that American industry has ever faced. It invites disaster to this country and to all we do business with and unless it is relieved no man is prophet enough to tell where the whole world will land.

## NEWS FROM IN AND AROUND OAK CITY

Mr. Marion Everett, a student of the State University spent the week end with his parents.

Misses Louise Scott, Vera Harrell and Myrtle Bowen and Messrs. Jack Moye, Thad Cox and Frank Jolly went to Tarboro Friday evening to hear "Cyclone Mack."

Messrs. Julian Smith and Edmond Eearly spent the week-end at Farmville.

Mr. R. E. McNeely drove over from Wilson and spent the week-end in town with friends.

Miss Hyman of Williamston is nursing the little son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Crisp.

Miss Rives of Robersonville is spending the week with her cousin Miss Melissa Worsley.

Mr. Walter Barnett and daughter, Miss Lola, of Suffolk, Va., spent the last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Worsley.

The Christian Endeavor Society was organized last Wednesday evening. The first meeting was conducted by Miss Louise Scott Sunday evening at the Christian church.

Mr. Timothy Bowen of A. C. College supplied for Mr. Hillary Bowen at the Christian church at both the morning and evening services Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Everett motored to Rocky Mount Friday evening to meet their son Mr. Marvin Everett. They were accompanied by Misses Essie Baggett, Jefferson House and Gladys Everett.

The Graded School will close Tuesday afternoon for the Thanksgiving holidays.

Funeral services were held Sunday morning at the home of Mr. W. E. Tyson for his wife, who died very suddenly Saturday morning. The interment was held at the family cemetery near Greenville Sunday afternoon. She is survived by her husband and four children.

### SERVICES AT BAPTIST CHURCH

A. V. Joyner, Pastor  
Sunday school 9:45 A. M.—Dr. P. B. Cone, Supr.  
Sermon by the pastor, 11:00 A. M. At 3:30 P. M. the pastor will preach at Bigg's School house.  
Sermon by the pastor 7:30 P. M. Prayer Meeting Wednesday evening, 7:30.  
You are cordially invited to attend all these services.

### AUTO ACCIDENT IN ROBERSONVILLE YESTERDAY

A traveling man whose name we do not know at this time and a colored man both driving cars and turning a corner came so near together that the white man in order not to run into the other man's car ran into a telephone pole, cutting it in two. Only slight damages were sustained from the accident.

### LEG BROKEN BY FALL FROM HORSE

Mr. Ansel Gurganus, son of Mrs. Ida Gurganus was fox hunting Thanksgiving and the horse he was riding stumbled and threw the young man breaking his leg. Dr. Saunders was called and rendered medical aid.

### NOTICE OF RECEIVER'S SALE

I pursuant to an order entered on the 27th day of November 1921, by Hon. Geo. W. Connor, Judge of the Superior Court, in that certain cause pending in the Superior Court of Martin County entitled: "C. M. Cannon, Nelsa R. Cannon, et al. vs. Parmele Mfg. and Motor Company, the undersigned receivers will on Thursday the 22nd day of December 1921, at 12 o'clock M., in the town of Parmele N. C., sell at public auction the highest bidder for cash the following real land personal property. That certain lot and stone building situate in the town of Parmele, N. C. now occupied by the Parmele Mfg. and Motor Company and purchased by said company in 1919 from Geo. James and being the identical property whereon the said company has conducted a general automobile, garage and repair business. Also all the stock in said building, consisting principally of automobiles, machinery, accessories, and usual stock carried in a general automobile and garage business. Also all other stock, real and personal property belonging to said corporation.

### W. A. DARDEN, E. S. PEELE, Receivers. Attorney: M. K. Blount.

If your children are going away to school or college this year, be sure to send the Enterprise to them, so they can keep with the news at home.

## Local News and Personal Mention

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Williams left on Wednesday for Grifton to spend the Thanksgiving holidays with Mrs. Williams' parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Chapman.

Mr. W. B. Watts arrived yesterday to spend Thanksgiving with his family and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Watts. He with Mrs. Watts and Miss Gwendolyn and Master Billy will return to Norfolk today.

Mrs. D. Collins Barnes has returned to her home in Murfreesboro after visiting her mother for some time and taking part in the Bogart-Biggs wedding.

Miss Mary Smith spent Thursday at her home in Plymouth.

Mrs. C. D. Carstarphen, Mrs. A. Haysell, Mrs. W. J. Hodges and Messrs. J. C. Bennett and C. D. Carstarphen, Jr., left Sunday for Henderson to see Mrs. J. A. White who is ill in a hospital there. When they got to Rocky Mount they encountered a severe rain storm and they had to return home, not making the trip.

Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Hodges, and Mrs. W. H. Crawford, Mrs. Eugene Gordy and Mrs. Maurice S. Moore attended the funeral of Dr. Beauregard Wolf of Plymouth Thanksgiving afternoon. Dr. Wolf was a brother of Mrs. Hodges.

Messrs. Thos. H. Johnson and J. J. Davenport of Oak City were in town Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stator J. Peel of Belhaven were here Wednesday and spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Peel near Bear Grass.

Mrs. Kathleen Lilley of Jamesville was in town Wednesday shopping.

Mr. Lawrence Moye is spending a few days with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Moses Moye of Farmville.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Anderson and little daughters spent Wednesday and Thursday in Robersonville as guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Pope.

Miss Hilda Harrell is here visiting Miss Mary Belle Harrell.

Mrs. J. G. Elmore and children of Norfolk are visiting Mrs. Elmore's sister, Mrs. J. D. Biggs, Jr., and Mr. Biggs.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. Clark of Belhaven spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. Clark's parents Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Crawford.

Miss Louise Harrison is here spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Harrison.

Mrs. A. R. Dunning and Mrs. E. J. Peel spent Thursday morning in Robersonville attending the Christian bazaars.

Mrs. Anna Harrison spent Thanksgiving in Tarboro with her sister, Mrs. A. D. Mizelle and Mr. Mizelle.

Mr. Lawrence Peel of Griffins township is a business visitor here today.

Messrs. Francis Loth and W. Mortimer Harrison left Thursday by automobile for Chapel Hill and Danville Va., for a few days.

Elder Sylvester Hassell and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hassell visited relatives in Hamilton yesterday.

Mrs. W. L. Poter of Wake Forest is here, the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Wheeler Martin, Jr., and Mr. Martin.

Mrs. Fred Gardner of Franklin, Va. is expected today to visit Mrs. C. F. Page for several days.

Mrs. Albert Wadsworth and her Howard, Albert, Jr., and John of New Bern are the guests of Mrs. Wadsworth's daughter, Mrs. J. W. Watts, Jr., and Mr. Watts.

Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Cone and children motored here from Richmond on Wednesday to spend the holidays with Dr. and Mrs. P. B. Cone at their home on Church street.

Mrs. W. T. Hunter spent a few days in Greenville this week visiting relatives.

Mrs. Walter Orleans, Mr. N. Orleans and Solomon Orleans spent Thanksgiving in Washington.

Mrs. Ashby Dunn and children of Scotland Neck are here visiting Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Biggs.

## WEDDING OF UNUSUAL INTEREST ON TUESDAY

A wedding of much interest to the people of Williamston and Washington was solemnized at the Church of the Advent, Tuesday afternoon, at four-thirty o'clock, November 22 when Miss Denelope Biggs became the bride of Mr. Robert B. Bogart of Washington. Rev. Walter B. Clark officiated, using the ring ceremony.

The church was beautifully decorated with yellow and white chrysanthemums with a background of long leaf pine and myrtle. The shadow-cast from candles in gold candlesticks burning on the altar made a very effective background for this marriage which was lovely in its simplicity.

Mrs. Warren H. Biggs played several selections while the guests were arriving and Mrs. J. S. Rhodes sweetly sang "O Promise Me" and "Because."

As the organist began the wedding march by Mendelssohn, the ushers, Messrs. Herman Carrow and Frontis Burbank of Washington came up the aisle. Then came the Matron of Honor, Mrs. D. Collins Barnes of Murfreesboro gowned in electric silk with black georgette over satin and carrying yellow chrysanthemums. Preceding the bride came the two little flower girls, Misses Eugenia Hoyt and Alice Seawright of Washington, neices of the groom. They wore organza dresses with blue ribbons and hat-trimmed with dainty flowers.

Next came the bride with her brothers, Mr. Jno. W. Biggs, who gave her away. They were met at the altar steps by the bridegroom and his brother, Mr. Walter Bogart of Norfolk who acted as best man. The bride was most becomingly gowned in a brown suit of polyantha cloth with accessories to match.

After the ceremony they took the Atlantic Coast Line train for Daytona, Florida, where they will spend several weeks. They will also visit Jacksonville while away.

Mrs. Bogart is one of the most beloved young women ever reared in Williamston. By her gentle manner and lovely disposition she has endeared herself to the whole town and community and it is with great regret that the people see her leave. She is the daughter of Mrs. S. R. Biggs and the late S. R. Biggs.

Mr. Bogart is the son of Mrs. Dave Bogart and the late Col. Dave Bogart of Washington and is a young business man of high standing. The popularity of both contracting parties was attested by the many beautiful presents received by them. The collection of silver was very large and in the collection was a fruit basket that belonged to the bride's great-grandmother and a present of the bride's mother.

The out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bogart, Miss Vivian Bogart of Norfolk, Va., Mrs. Frank Rollins and son, Frank Rollins, Mrs. Henry B. Seawright, Miss Alice Seawright, Mr. Herman Carrow, Mr. Frontis Burbank of Washington; Mr. J. J. Rollins of Rocky Mount; Mrs. D. C. Barnes of Murfreesboro, Mr. Joe Biggs, Mr. Arthur Williams and Miss Louise Williams of Washington.

### HORSE KILLED BY AUTO TRUCK

Wednesday night about dark Will Stator, while on his way to Jamesville from his home on the Williamston-Jamesville road was run over by a truck driven by a negro, Carl Boston, from Dardens. The truck was full of colored men and they were running at a fast gait without lights.

Stator drove just as far to his side of the road as possible. The horse was killed instantly and Stator thought he was hurt for a time but it was mostly fright. The negro driving the truck was hurt pretty badly and he was taken out in the woods by his comrades, apparently in an effort to hide him.

The truck kaws the property of Mr. Getsinger and was practically demolished. The chairs in which the people were sitting were torn up also.

There is no blame against Mr. Getsinger as the driver was drunk and running too fast, without lights.

### SERIOUS ACCIDENT

Aaron Rawls, the eleven year old son of Herbert Rawls fell from a tree at Bear Grass yesterday and broke his right arm, his left elbow, shoulder and nose.

Dr. Saunders dressed his wound and brought him to town where he had an X-Ray picture made, which showed the breaks to be very dangerous. The boy with others was up a tree picking berries an some other boy pushed him and caused him to fall.

### NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain deed of trust executed to the undersigned trustee by L. L. Reddick on the 18th day of December 1919, and of record in Martin County Public Registry in book A-2, page 366, said deed of trust securing certain bonds of even date and tenor therewith and the stipulations therein not having been complied with and at the request of the holder of said bonds the undersigned will expose at public auction on the 29th day of November, 1921, at 12:00 o'clock M., in front of the court house door in Williamston the following described real property:

Beginning at the corner of Main and the side street, thence up Main street 50 feet to a stob; thence a line parallel with the side street 160 feet to a stob; thence a line parallel with Main street 55 feet to Jones' line; thence long Jones' line 50-feet to Appel's line; thence along Appel's line 10 feet to the side street; thence along the side street about 210 feet to the beginning.

This 28th day of October, 1921.  
B. DUKE CRITCHER, Trustee.

### NOTICE

J. G. Stator's gin will gin on Monday and Thursdays, starting November 14th, 1921.  
N. P. DANIELS, Mgr.

### WANTED TO TRADE: FORD TOUR

ing car body in good condition for racing body. Address "E. D." care Enterprise

### NOTICE TAXPAYERS

A discount of 1 per cent will be given to all who pay their taxes before December first. All wishing to avail themselves of this opportunity must pay during November.  
H. T. ROBERSON, Sheriff.

### SUBSCRIBE TO THE ENTERPRISE

Carload of ground-alum salts just arrived. Cheap for cash. C. D. Carstarphen & Co.

J. J. HASSELL, Chairman.

Attest:  
S. S. BROWN, Clerk.

## North Carolina Second in the Number Of Debt-Free Homes

### Regular Session Recorders Court

The Recorder's Court convened on November 23 with Judge J. C. Smith presiding and attorney B. D. Critcher prosecuting. The following cases were heard:

State vs. W. A. Mobley. Manufactured liquor. Plead guilty. Prayer for judgment continued for the term of one year upon payment of costs and entering into a bond for \$200.00 for his appearance at this court every three months to show good behavior.

State vs. W. A. Mobley. Carrying concealed weapon. Plead guilty. Fined \$50.00 and costs.

State vs. J. H. Edwards and William Stokes. Affray. Both plead guilty. Judgment that each pay a fine of \$50.00 and half the costs.

State vs. Geo. S. Silverthorne. Affray. Plead not guilty. After hearing testimony the court adjudged him guilty. Judgment that the defendant shall be sentenced to the county jail for thirty days and pay the cost of the action. Defendant appeals from this judgment to the Superior court.

State vs. Beaman Silverthorne. Driving Auto while Intoxicated. Not guilty.

### Much gratification should come from the above figures to all North Carolinians because fewer people in our state own money on their home than any other state in the union except Nevada. The whole South can also find ground for joy from the same table. Every Southern state shows that there is no encumbrance on above 71 per cent of the homes, while in the New England states the highest is lower than the lowest in the South and in three, Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Connecticut more than half of the homes are encumbered by mortgages.

Rank	State	Pct. Debt-free Homes
1	Nevada	83.6
2	North Carolina	82.9
3	New Mexico	82.6
4	West Virginia	80.6
5	Virginia	79.4
6	Louisiana	79.4
7	Tennessee	78.8
8	South Carolina	78.6
9	Georgia	78.2
10	Kentucky	77.6
11	Florida	77.1
12	Mississippi	76.8
13	Arizona	75.9
14	Maine	75.6
15	Alabama	75.0
16	Arkansas	71.9
17	Texas	71.4
18	New Hampshire	70.4
19	Utah	68.5
20	Kansas	68.0
21	Indiana	68.2
22	Iowa	63.2
23	Oregon	62.4
24	Wyoming	61.8
25	Colorado	62.1
26	Ohio	61.4
27	Vermont	61.0
28	Nebraska	60.9
29	Maryland	60.9
30	Washington	59.5
31	Minnesota	59.4
32	Oklahoma	59.4
33	Pennsylvania	58.7
34	California	58.5
35	Missouri	58.3
36	Illinois	58.0
37	South Dakota	57.3
38	Delaware	56.1
39	Montana	56.2
40	Michigan	54.9
41	Wisconsin	54.6
42	Idaho	53.5
43	Rhode Island	48.2
44	New York	47.8
45	North Dakota	46.2
46	Dist. of Columbia	44.6
47	Massachusetts	42.4
48	Connecticut	38.7
49	New Jersey	38.0

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That certain tract of land lying and being in Bear Grass township, Martin county, North Carolina and bounded on the north by the lands of Will Knox; on the east by the lands of Claude Lee; on the south by the Ashley Martin Place and on the west by the lands of Joe Rodgers, containing one hundred thirty-five (135) acres more or less and being the same premises now occupied by James A. Rodgers and wife Eva Rodgers.

This the 23rd day of November 1921.  
A. R. DUNNING, Trustee

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