Gambling In Food Products The Cause of High Prices

(Southern Cultivator.)

In every paper I pick up I see an account of the labor problem and high cost of living. What is the matter with the world today? Why, gambling! Take sugar for instance; it isn't the scarcity of sugar, people have bought it up, cornered on it, holding it for still higher prices. If everybody would come together, not buy it, let them keep it on their hands, it would come down. No, they won't do that, they say "I am going to have it if I can get it, regardless of price." That is what holds the prices of things up. The people will buy and times will never be any better as long as they do it either, and another thing, too many people leaving the farm, looking for an easy place—a do-nothing job—but get big money for it, at least it looks big to them, but by the time they pay their expenses they have but very little left, if any, but they can't see but one side of the question and that is the do-nothing side. They want to go all dolled up, and have pretty white hands. They will actually starve nearly to death before they will get out on the farm and go to work, where they could make their bread and meat, have plenty of milk and butter, chickens and vegetables. The reason there is so much robbery, so many people have sworn off from work. They had rather kill and rob than work for an honest living. Oh, I tell you this world is in an awful condition. God is a merciful God or he would not suffer the world to stand, and I don't believe the time is far off. The farm is the best place for me. I broke up, moved to Atlanta once. Four months was enough of city life for me. I came back to the dear old farm, where I reckon I will live and die. There are too many people in the cities and towns depending on the old farmer as they call them, and not enough farmers to supply the country and city too with food. And I tell you somebody is going to suffer. It is like an expression I heard Col. Talbert use once in a speech at Modoc, S. C. A farmer sent his son off to college. He came home still diked out in his fried shirt and collar, didn't offer to help with any of the work at all, while he was raised to work, but he had been off to college he didn't think he ought to work any more. So the old man had a horse brought around one morning, called his son out asked him: "Son, what is this in Latin?" "Horse a buss, Pa." He had a plow stock brought around. "Well, son, what is this in Latin?" "Plow-a-buss, Pa," and the old man said, "Yes, and if you don't take this horse-a-buss and this plow-a-buss and go to plowing I am going to give you a hell-a-buss." So it is going to be with a lot of the city people, if they don't get out on the farm where they can make them something to eat, they will catch hell-a-buss and they won't be long about it. As for everything being high, they will continue to be high as long as time goes on like it is, too many middle men between the man that makes food and the consumer. Too many have the sit-down job in the shade, where they can smoke their cigars and cigarettes. The man that labors in the sun gets less out of what he makes than anyone else. Lot of them hang around towns, claim they are looking for work, but pray God that they will never find it. They don't want to work, and such people ought to be put on the gang and made to work. I think it is high time for things to change and God in His wisdom is going to change it, too. There are a lot of people sitting back in the shade inventing all kinds of things to destroy the boll weevil. Why? Because they know the poor old farmer will bite at anything that comes along that will enable him to make cotton. The people have gambled on cotton long enough, and the good Lord is going to put a stop to it. He will destroy it in some way. I have heard so many people say "I am going to plant early, get ahead of the boll weevil." Some even burnt the woods off joining their farms, planted early. What did it amount to? Look at the weather of today. Here it is the 15th of May, cold as winter time. God is sending the cold and winds to take the people down in their folly. Mr. Brother Farmer, you may get ahead of the boll weevil, but there is one thing sure, you can't get purpose but He will dispose. Everything on this earth is in His power and He is going to control it. Earth and Heaven may pass away, but His word will never pass away. I never say I am going to do this or I am going to do the other. I take the Lord in my business as a partner. I know I am a poor, helpless creature in this world. I can't do anything just within myself. I work hard, Labor is scarce in this country. My crop is [illegible] some velvet beans, some cotton. I see in the Cultivator where some pretty praise them, thought I would try them. I would not like to be without the Cultivator; it is helpful as well as a pleasure. My cotton crop is short. I am a sick man, can't plow much but by the help of God I am going to make my living at home. The good old country for me. I will stay where the bees hum in the honeysuckles and 'taters grow.

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Things to Think About

Married factory workers are more careless than those who are single.

According to statistics compiled by the Safety First department of a tire and rubber company, 154 married men were injured last month compared to 123 single men who met with accidents.

Experts failed to state whether or not there is a psychological reason for this condition. Facetious bachelors, who compose 65 per cent of the personnel declare that the married men have greater responsibilities and more things to think about—thus dividing attention and destroying concentration on their work. They assert that matrimony is distracting and naturally causes absent mindedness—the cause of many accidents.

Another interesting fact established by safety first experts is that the percentage of accidents is greater among foreign-born workers. Approximately 10 per cent of the company's employees were born abroad, yet in one month they furnished 20 per cent of the total number that met with accidents.

As the result of a safety first campaign extending over a period of three months, accidents were cut 30 per cent and compensation cases 50 per cent.

Close tabulation of accidents show that most accidents come as the result of carelessness on the part of workmen. Failure to observe safety first rules sends the greater number to the hospital, while negligence of fellow workers accounts for a considerable number.

The safety first campaign is being strongly waged at Goodyear and the number of accidents is decreasing monthly.

Federal employes have been forbidden to have anything to do with politics. It is like putting a fish in water and telling it not to swim.

NURSING SERVICE IS RAPIDLY EXPANDING

This American Red Cross Work Flourishing in Small Towns Throughout Country.

More than 37,000 graduate nurses have been enrolled in the American Red Cross to date and its department of nursing is daily increasing this enrollment.

The department of nursing has been authorized to maintain an adequate reserve of nurses for the army and navy. It will continue to supply the needs of the United States Public Health Service to which it has assigned more than 1,000 nurses in the last year.

It will assist in establishing proper nursing service in foreign countries where the American Red Cross has organized hospitals, dispensaries and schools for nurses. Courses in home hygiene and care of the sick have been carried for thousands of women who have never received any education in this direction. Rural nursing which was in its infancy a short while ago has been put ahead at least a decade through the work of the department of nursing and local Red Cross chapters.

Public health nursing has been extended to many rural communities and now flourishes actively in hundreds of small towns and counties. Nearly a thousand efficient nurses have already been assigned to this kind of work.

The department of nursing is uniting with other organizations in a year's campaign in recruiting nurses for training schools, in educating the general public as to standards of nursing education and in showing communities their responsibility toward schools of nursing. It will endeavor to meet all these needs as well as to continue the enrollment of dietitians who will be utilized as instructors in home dietetics, in developing nutritional clinics, and in supplying dietitians for the United States Public Health Service and the civilian hospitals.

The Nursing Service will continue to offer to women and young girls the opportunity of securing instruction in home hygiene and care of the sick in every community in the country. This instruction has not only laid the foundation for public health but in some places has given impetus to the establishment of hospitals and community school houses.

"As a community profits by the work of the nurse," says Miss Clara D. Noyes, director of the department of nursing, "it is logical that the community should be aroused to its responsibility. The American Red Cross stands ready to help in a general campaign of recruiting and must have the support, sympathy and understanding of the medical profession as well as the intelligent co-operation of the people at large."

HOME SERVICE FOR EVERYBODY IN NEED

Do you know what the present day Home Service of the American Red Cross is?

Many people do not know that, besides completing the work for ex-service men, especially the disabled, it provides the same neighborly service to families in general that it formerly gave families of soldiers, sailors and marines.

"Home Service covers a wide and varied field," says Frederick C. Munroe, general manager of the American Red Cross. "It gives aid to families in solving such problems as budget planning, marketing, tiding over times of financial stress, keeping children in school, helping crippled children, widowed and deserted mothers, children backward in school and children in conflict with the laws. It renders service to the homeless and transient, to the illiterate, to tenement dwellers, to the unemployed, and gives friendly assistance and advice to foreign speaking groups."

In addition to helping families in the solution of their own problems, Home Service helps in strengthening the weak spots in the social life of communities. It joins hands with others to make communities safer, healthier and happier.

Organizing action along lines in which the community is already interested is one of the objects of Home Service. It has established community meetings, patriotic celebrations, pageants and picnics. Rest rooms, recreation facilities, play supervisors and moving pictures have been provided. Through Home Service other agencies are influenced to bring about improved commercial amusements and better school facilities and to promote traveling libraries as well as to secure county agricultural and home demonstration agents.

If you need assistance at any time, go to the secretary of the nearest Red Cross chapter and describe the situation. Your confidence will be sacredly respected and every possible effort will be made to aid you.

American Red Cross Roll Call.

The Fourth Annual Roll Call of the American Red Cross will be held this year from Armistice Day, November 11, to Thanksgiving Day, November 25 inclusive. During this period the men and women of the United States will renew their annual dues and renew their membership.

A SUCCESSFUL SWEET POTATO STORAGE HOUSE

When I hear on all sides hardluck stories of the biggest part of sweet potato crops being lost through careless handling and improper banking I want to hand on my potato house experience for the benefit of the other fellow.

For five years now, we have used a small storage house built according to the plans in the government bulletin on sweet potato storage. It is a 12 by 16 foot house, eight feet in height and has a cement floor. Every effort was made to build the house snug and tight. The walls have storm sheathing nailed to the studding and tarred paper applied to this. The outside is weather boarded and the inside is closely ceiled. It has a double window and a double door. In addition there is an extra, out-swinging door made with wire screening in the upper half. In the center of the roof there is a slatted ventilator.

Shelves built four deep are arranged on either side so as to leave an aisle down the middle of the house. The shelves are not set against the wall but have an air space left on all sides. We have stout home-made crates built to use on the shelves.

At harvest time, the potatoes are assorted, graded and put in these crates right in the field. In all the processes, harvesting, hauling, storing, the potatoes are carefully handled. Bruises and decay come from rough handling of the freshly dug potatoes and this is what we strive to avoid.

After the potatoes are stored, to kiln dry them, we keep a little oil heater running for two weeks. In our snugly built house this is sufficient time to cure the potatoes perfectly. Sometimes in extremely cold weather we run the heater a few hours to keep the temperature even.

In our five years of experience with this method of storage, we have had practically no loss of potatoes. Even the cut potatoes, after being [illegible] not only what [illegible] own use, but also a [illegible] which is disposed of a good [illegible] in the late spring.—Mrs. K. P. [illegible]man, in The Progressive Farm

Senatorial Nominees Named

[illegible]ny A. Grady, of Sampson, and [illegible] Williams, of Lee, have been nominated as Democratic candidates for the State Senate from the Fourteenth District, composed of Johnston, Lee, Harnett and Sampson counties.

Both the Democratic candidates are well known in the district. Mr. Grady has been a State figure for a number of years, is an able lawyer and a political campaigner. Mr. Williams is a member of the law firm of Williams and Williams, of Sanford.

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