THE DUNN DISPATCH

BUSINESS OPINION

"Collier's believes there is definite evidence that business has started on the upward trend. The start comes from logical basic economic source — culture. The outlook now is that the winter wheat crop will be marketed at a price that will insure a small margin of profit. This will give the farmer money with which to pay debts and buy goods. The farmer has recovered heartily in the past year, and it is safe to assume that first of all he will use his cash in hand to reduce his notes at the bank. When the farmer has met his obligations he will look around to see whether the prices of the things he wants have reached a fair level. The cut in prices made by many retailers during the spring and early summer has created a favorable impression, and it is quite likely that when the farmer gets his new income he will respond to the retailer's advances. The farmer with cash and in a mood to buy will enable the retailer to branch out more freely. And thus business impetus from the bottom up as it must be."—Collier's, August 6.

The Ride in the Dark and the Lesson

(From the Charlotte Observer)

The concern for the sanctity of the home and its protection which has been growing throughout the country since the birth of what is generally referred to as "the aftermath of war," must have been intensified in the minds of those who had followed the disclosures in the courtroom at Monroe as the trial of the young man Hoffman, charged with criminal assault upon a young woman of good reputation and of excellent family connection, progressed. But the outcome was relieved by measure by the outcome of the trial. The presiding judge must have been fearful that would not carried in the verdict of the jury might have lost some of its force on that element of society it was desirable should be the more directly impressed by it, because of the significant fact that he felt called upon to clear away the circumstance that the jury had held the matter in its hands for a period of nine hours. Judge Finley—his name is worthy to be written in the case and its disposition—when importuned for mercy toward the convicted man, countered to the extent of reminding counsel and the public that the defendant had cause for giving thanks that the verdict was not of a sterner sort, because the jury had been lenient in its opinion. It had merely voted time to discussion of the important point as to whether the man should go to the penitentiary. The jury at last voted to save his life, while the judge notably maintained that it might well have rendered a verdict "according to the evidence," which is to say, that in the mind of the presiding judge, the evidence produced was of a nature that would have prevented a verdict of guilty of criminal assault, which is punishable, under the laws of the State, by death.

It had been remarked in the papers during the progress of the trial that one of the evidence was of a revolting character, the Observer is reminded of here to establish a distinction which is due the unfortunate woman who was involved in the case. Her side was clear and clean. The revolting details brought out were in revelation of some conditions — among them the plotting of the evil minded — existing among the new generation of libertines that proves the menace of the day to our young people. It was rather a hard fate for a young woman, reared in respectable surroundings, of excellent family connections and who had ever associated with any but people of unimpeachable character, and who was herself above suspicion, should have been made the agency for the development of details having to do with the evil conditions that seem abroad in the land.

The disturbing thought may have arisen in the minds of the people who have followed the details as to who the young woman of today may be? How may she identify the young man who is yet true to the chivalrous traditions of the past and who could be depended upon to protect her, instead of plotting for her destruction? At the same time, the developments carry a lesson which all young women and the mothers of young women may take well to heart. It is the exercise of caution in choosing one's associates. The respect which young women were taught to maintain for the chaperon should be restored, and the going on a lonely automobile ride should be recognized as an act which the people have come to regard as a risky adventure and one which, under the new generally recognized conditions, menacing young womanhood, will instantly do harm to her reputation. The victim of the affair for which a young man now finds himself under a penitentiary sentence, was of a trusting, confiding nature common to young people brought up under the influence of a rugged honesty to which suspicion and distrust are strangers, and that harm was 'to come to her at the hands of her "escort" and supposed friend, was a thought that had never occurred to her until forced with a terror of a sudden realization. The young school teacher found herself precipitated into the moral which the motherhood of the country might well burn into the mind, thought and heart of the young charges for whose sanctity and happiness motherhood is responsible and too often neglected. The hawk is ever watchful to swoop down upon hapless innocence that strays into too great a freedom, and that has strayed away from the shelter of the mother's protecting wings.

We mustn't forget this: To be fitting for state and State right, we must be Community right.

So must it make to save his life
As happy as could be
He now if makes her water on the face
He was water on the face

WEEKLY COTTON LETTER

By Savannah Cotton Factorage Co.

Early in the week weather reports were slightly better and dispatches from abroad indicated unsatisfactory trade conditions. The stock market was easier, and money higher. This, together with other influences, had a bearish effect on cotton and the market lost a few points. On Thursday the cotton market steadied and advanced on reports of further deterioration, and better trade conditions.

The cotton market continues quiet, but scarcely enough cotton is being offered to supply the demand, and the basis has hardened. It is a well known fact that many buyers who have visited Eastern markets recently have been compelled to return with only a small portion of the goods they expected to purchase. Manufactured stocks are depleted and will have to be replenished immediately. This should create a much better demand for raw cotton.

The 1921 crop will prove to be of several million bales less than that of 1920; trade conditions are improving slowly, and if the present crop is not marketed too rapidly, no doubt higher prices will prevail before the new year. Every farmer and buyer should hold a portion of his cotton, even if he has to borrow money to do so. Very little can be lost in doing this, and much can be gained, not only from an advance in the market but also from narrowing of price differences between grades. Before the war, price differences between grades were usually 1-8c to 1-4c. On account of unusual demand for high grades during and after the war, differences widened to 2c to 3c per pound between grades. However, these differences have narrowed to 1-2c to 1c, and will probably continue to narrow from time to time, making the grades below middling worth more even though middling remains unchanged.

As stated above, little can be lost by holding cotton on this low market, and there is a chance to make a great deal.

FINAL WORK BEING DONE ON LILLINGTON'S HOTEL

Lillington, Aug. 20.—The finishing touches are being put on Lillington's big new hotel, and it is planned to open the doors to the public soon after the first of September. Furniture and house fixtures are arriving now and are being installed. The hostelry will be operated by Wade Hampton Jones, who has been connected with the Yarborough House, Raleigh, for several years. Mr. Jones is very enthusiastic over the prospects for success of the hotel, declaring it the equal of any in this section, even though it is not as large.

The hotel is a handsome structure costing $75,000 and was erected by I. G. Byrd and Bro. of Bunnlevel. It is modern throughout and the furnishings will be in keeping with its nicety and comfort. The name of the hotel was selected after the name of Flora McDonald's home, "The Killiegrey," she once being a resident of this county.

The building is of three stories, the lower floor being reserved for offices and storerooms. The Harnett County Trust company occupying the corner, which is said to be the handsomest banking rooms in this section. A large storeroom has been leased to Messrs. House of Fayetteville, who will open a branch house here as soon as fixtures can be put in.

PHILADELPHIA MINT IS CUTTING DOWN OUR DEBT

Turning Out Five Million Dollars Every Month Now

Philadelphia, Aug. 24.—The Philadelphia mint, which today has reached the greatest production in history, is cutting down the interest bearing debt of the United States $5,000,000 a month, according to officials of the institution. Incidentally, a new record has been set in the coining of silver dollars, upon which the energies of the plant have been concentrated in order to replace the 350,000,000 coins of that denomination melted down during the war and sold to the English as bullion. The average production for last month, it was declared was 260,000 silver dollars a day.

Bunn Principal Dunn School

Tabor, Aug. 20.—Bonnie D. Bunn has been elected principal of the Dunn high school and will leave for that place in the near future. Mr. Bunn as superintendent of the Tabor high school made a splendid record for efficiency and executive ability, and it is with regret that he leaves the Tabor school system. He is highly recommended for his new work. He graduated from the teachers' class at Wake Forest College in 1920 and in educational work he has already made a success. — News and Observer.

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THE WHISKEY TRAFFIC

(By E. J. Godwin.)

Last week we had an article in this paper on this same subject, but for lack of space we had to make a short meter of it. In fact, if we were to give this subject justice we could furnish this paper with an article for several months on the same subject.

We have a lot said about non-essential things that is damning and demoralizing our people in general, and we could mention lots of things that is having its awful effect, but among them all the old corn liquor, or the Devils soothing syrup, takes the lead. From boyhood we have been noticing how this stuff has been wrecking the lives of some of our most brilliant and shrewdest men, and they stand as a monument today, a type ruined man, when otherwise might have been a blessing to the world. We have lots said about privilege being taken away from us, and we ought not to be dispossessed of our rights. Usually when you hear a man talking this kind of stuff if you will put the hound on his tracks and trail him up, you will find his down at the hog pen. He, about the lowest place a man can get. Mark the man you hear talking this kind of stuff, and usually at the late hours of night when he ought to be home with his family you will find him at a blockade whiskey still or somewhere else where he ought not to be. Seldom you ever see this man at church or Sunday school, but he spends his church hours on some back street corner where whiskey is being sold, with the class that fights the Sunday Blue laws, and who think men ought to have the privilege to do what they please on the Sabbath day.

Go into every town and city and you will find a great number of men and women in some little jam or dark corner selling liquor, trying to tear down the Kingdom of God and establish a hell on earth in its place. We see what whiskey is doing for our people every where, wrecking the lives of our young men in great numbers and increasing crime everywhere. You scarcely pick up a daily paper now but what you see an account of various crimes caused by whiskey. Every criminal court docket is burdened with liquor cases which adds thousands of dollars cost and expense and trouble. If it had not been for liquor Dr. J. W. Peacock would not have killed Chief J. K. Taylor at Thomasville last April. It was one of the saddest murders ever committed in the state. I was talking to a high toned Christian gentleman this morning at Thomasville, who personally knew both parties, and he said whiskey was the cause of the whole crime. Chief Taylor a few days before the shooting took place made a raid and found three gallons of whiskey in Peacock's office. Dr. Peacock was said to be dealing in whiskey, and also was keeping some crooked women, which usually run together, and because Chief Taylor had notified Dr. Peacock that he must clean up, or he would have to report him, then Peacock shot and killed Taylor. If it should come to see the day when whiskey will be wiped out and our church members will abstain from the use of it, and we can have peace and happiness in the land, no more crime in the land, when Kincaid was drinking. The result: Lillie Kincaid, the beloved wife of Sidney Kincaid, lies silent in her battle against the wrong.

In almost every graveyard there is a mound that marks the last resting place of someone that has fallen as the result of strong drink. We often see some poor wife whose head is being delivered of any happiness of the home, deprived of the cruel, drunken husband.

Hay our people get disgusted with whiskey, and never stoop in the future to what they have in the past, and get on a higher plane of living, so we may have stronger churches, better Sunday schools, happier homes, so our children may grow up strong and steadfast in the admonition of the Lord, and we may dwell on the mountain tops and in the secret places of the Most High.