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If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered, and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.—John 15:6.

Don't let us rejoice in punishment even when the hand of God alone inflicts it. The best of us are but poor wretches, just saved from the shipwreck. Can we feel anything but awe and pity when we see a fellow-passenger swallowed by the waves.—George Elliot.

LOW COTTON AND FIGHTING WINDMILLS

Sydney J. Cates has a very interesting article on cotton in the current issue of The Country Gentleman. He, among other things, discloses that Russia last year grew 500,000 bales of cotton and is planning to increase its acreage to 5,000,000. Our export of cotton has not increased for the past several years, although the use of cotton in foreign countries has increased 60 per cent. In other words, America is losing its foreign market for cotton. This has been a controlling factor in the price of the staple.

Mr. Cates points out that one of the chief reasons for this loss is the inferior grade of cotton grown in America. Short staples will not fill the need of a market that wants an inch-staple or better. He says that longer staple cotton can be grown in this country and that the co-ops have rendered a real service in increasing the length of this staple. Cotton is the natural crop of the South, according to Mr. Cates, but if the South is to make money in growing it, better staple must be grown and methods must be devised so that the cost of its production can be lowered. This is necessary if the cotton farmers are to compete with cheap European and Asiatic labor.

Presumably Mr. Cates is correct. Certainly no one should be satisfied with an inferior product, and it is the point of wisdom to lower production cost as much as possible. That is common sense. And yet there is one damning sentence in the article that is enough to make one's blood boil at the unfairness exposed therein. It contains a major secret of the low ebb of agriculture. "Cotton farmers must lower the cost of production if they are to compete with cheap foreign labor."

A manufacturing interest comes before the Congress of the United States and presents facts and figures to show that profits are too small. Its lobbyist say in effect, "Unless you give us a protective tariff, we can not compete with cheap foreign labor." And the reply of the Congress in its wisdom (?) is "your demand certainly seems reasonable; we will be glad to give you protection. American industry must be protected."

And then that same Congress tells the Southern cotton grower: There is nothing

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By Ad Carter

we can do for you. "If you are to compete with cheap foreign labor, you must study your problem, get better machinery, lower the cost of production. You must work out your own salvation." The question naturally arises, "Why can't the Congress tell the manufacturers to lower their own cost by better methods of production, instead of giving a tariff that raises the cost of what the cotton grower has to buy?"

Our own folly is responsible for much of our trouble. We should be fighting for our economic salvation. Instead while the monster of exploitation is impoverishing a section, our people are, like Don Quixote, fighting windmills. Instead of bending every effort to win economic justice we are flying off on tangents of prohibition and religious prejudice and amid the confusion of issues the exploitation of a people and a section continues.

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State convicts might be utilized in the manufacture of corrugated culvert pipes, which are used to a great extent in road building, was seriously considered. And Chairman J. Wilbur Bunn, appointed by the Governor as the temporary successor of Mr. LaRoque announced that he wants to see the day when instead of a 9,000-acre prison farm in Caledonia the State will work its prisoners on a 25,000-acre farm somewhere in Eastern North Carolina but that none of it will be planted in cotton. The Caledonia prison farm in Halifax county, it was pointed out, produced 16,500 bushels of wheat this year, an average of about twenty bushels to the acre. He would grow tobacco, corn, and truck crops, together with the raising of hogs, cattle, sheep and goats would, it is suggested, go a long way toward solving the prison problem of the future. Expressing gratification with the wheat production, Governor Gardner said some of the wheat will be used to feed prisoners of the State and some of it is to be tested for germination, sacked and sold to farmers of the State at reasonable prices in furtherance of his program of using State-owned farms to further agricultural progress, all of the wheat offered to the farmers to be "pure bred seed." The idea advanced

is to do away with the "scrub" seed that has been planted from year to year and develop the cereal from pure-bred seed. The Prison farms last year produced around 1,700 bales of cotton. According to authorities, a million pounds of meat should be produced every year. Although his batting average is said to be good, when it comes to answering Senate roll calls, Senator Lee S. Overman may have a fight on his hands for re-nomination two years hence. It is a "foregone conclusion" that the Senator will fight to stay where he has been "batting" for the past twenty-eight years. It is also practically certain that Robert R. Reynolds, "Our Bob," will be pitted against him again. The State-wide campaign he made against Senator Overman in 1926 extended his circle of acquaintances to every section of the State and "netted" him over 90,000 votes. Former Governor Morrison is also expected to get into the race and ex-Congressman Clyde R. Hoey may finally yield to the solicitations of friends and make it a "quadruplicate" affair. Senator Overman is 76 years old and has served as the junior Senator from North Carolina since 1903.

On Wednesday evening of this week, in the Hall of the House of Representatives, there will be a

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combe will each gain a representative in the lower house of the General Assembly, while New Hanover, Rockingham and Nash will each lose one. However, this is not to take place until the meeting of the General Assembly of 1933. The next session of the Assembly will be called upon to re-arrange the State senatorial districts. The State will also be entitled to another Congressman, making eleven Representatives and two Senators. In the reapportionment of members of the State General Assembly Mecklenburg and Guilford will have four each and Buncombe three. New Hanover, Rockingham and Nash, which have two each at present, will have only one under the re-arrangement. There may also be changes in the congressional district so that the population could be more equitably distributed. The Fifth District now has a population of 557,275, or double the number of people found in either the First, Second, Third, Sixth or Eighth district and this is considered "excessive."

The 1930 census will not only cause changes in the membership of the North Carolina General Assembly and give the State an additional Congressman. It will also increase the share of the State Highway road funds going to the Piedmont section which is to have greater representation in the Legislature, the sum of highway funds being allocated in proportion to the districts on the basis of their area, mileage and population of the State as a whole. Inter-district division is handled pretty much the same way. The central part of the State has been receiving the "lion's share" of highway funds, it is said, because of greater mileage, the fact that it is more thickly populated and correspondingly more traffic. The mountains in the west and bridges required in the east makes the cost of road construction heavier than through the Piedmont section, but the highway equalization fund of \$500,000, set up by the General Assembly of 1928 enables the Commission to supply the needs of the two "extremes."

Six or eight prisoners were either pardoned or paroled by Governor Gardner during the week, one of those liberated being Wash Bryant, at one time a well-to-do farmer of Harnett county, who has been serving a term of from fifteen to twenty-five years for killing his wife. Another who might have departed is Larken Presnall who turned down the tender of a parole with the an-

swer that he wanted a full pardon or nothing at all. He did not care for clemency with a string tied to it and will serve his time. Offenders violating a parole are brought back to serve the entire maximum of their sentences and Presnall desired not to have "that thing hanging over his head." And so the prison gates did not swing open for him.

The State Board of Health reports 142 violent deaths in North Carolina during the month of June, automobile accidents causing fifty, suicide 26, homicide 18 and 21 by drowning. Fifteen died as the result of burns, three as the result of automobile and train collisions, 5 in railroad accidents, one from accidental gunshot wounds and three from gunshot wounds of an accidental nature. The birth rate for last month, according to health authorities, was 27.2 per 1,000 population, while the death rate was 12.9 per 1,000 population, and for children under two years of age the death rate was three per 1,000 population. An increasing wave of pellagra cases is reported, or 222 from forty-seven counties. Diarrhea and enteritis caused 812 deaths during the month; pulmonary tuberculosis, 176, infant mortality under one year of age, 645; maternal mortality, 74; whooping cough, 46. North Carolina peaches are now rapidly moving toward the markets and prices are "not so bad."

Eight boys and four girls have been elected as official delegates to the 4-H short course at State College, August 4 to 9, by the nine organized clubs of Polk County.

LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN ORDINANCE Any person failing to assist in making arrest or to assist a Peace Officer in any way, after being sum-

Doctors Disagree

When children are irritable and peevish, grind their teeth and sleep restlessly, have digestive pains and disturbances, lack of appetite, and have itching eyes, nose and fingers, doctors will not always agree that they are suffering from worms. Many mothers, too, will not believe that their carefully brought up children can have worms. The fact remains that these symptoms will yield, in a great majority of cases, to a few doses of White's Cream Vermifuge, the sure expellant of round and pin worms. If your child has any of these symptoms, try this harmless, old fashioned remedy, which you can get at 35c per bottle from Harrison Drug Co., Weldon, N. C.

moned to do so by the proper authorities, shall pay a fine of \$20.00. The Chief of Police and other policeman authorized and empowered to accept bail for the appearance in the Magistrate's Court of any person who shall be taken into custody, charged with a bailable offense, when such person cannot conveniently be taken before the Magistrate for such purpose.

It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to loiter on the sidewalks in front of any bowling alley in the Town of Weldon. The rental charge on water meters shall be as follows: 5-8 in. meters --- \$.25 per month 3-4 in. meters --- .37 per month 1 in. meters --- .54 per month 1 1-4 in. meters --- .73 per month 1 1-2 in. meters --- .98 per month 2 in. meters --- 1.46 per month THE TOWN OF WELDON By K. Wood, Clerk

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE Having duly qualified as administrator upon the Estate of John H. House, deceased, late of Thelma, Halifax county, North Carolina. This is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them, properly verified, to me on or before January 1, 1931 of this notice may be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement with me. T. M. HOUSE, Administrator 506 Maury St., Richmond, Va. jyl-6

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