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The Status of Crops.

Richard Spilane, financial writer of the Philadelphia Public Ledger, contributes an interesting article to that publication on the status of American crops at this time. Mr. Spilane writes as follows:

"Despite labor disorders, despite high rents, high food costs, high prices for clothing, raw and finished materials, despite the unsettlement that usually attends a presidential election year and the slowness with which the European nations are getting back to works of peace, the outlook in the United States is immeasurably better today than it was a few months back. Comparatively few persons appreciate fully what a remarkable change there has been in this country recently.

"The change has been on the farm.

"The farm is the base of all industry. Poor crops this year would have been disastrous, particularly disastrous if added to the other troubles that have been the aftermath of war.

"The year opened wretchedly. The winter had been severe. The winter wheat crop was bad, so bad that a loss of more than 200,000,000 bushels was indicated. There were fears that, owing to labor shortage, the spring wheat the corn and other cereal crops would be much smaller than usual.

"Cotton had one of the worst, if not the worst starts in history. Excessive rains destroyed the seed of many of the early plantings. A short tap root left the remainder of the crop less hardy than it should be to withstand the trials of a hot summer. In every department of the farm it seems as if the production was to be far below the average.

"A disaster to the Australian wheat crop made the wheat outlook of the world worse, particularly as there is little hope of Russia being able to export grain this year.

"There has been a marvelous change in the last few months. The American farmer North, East, South and West has labored nobly. Crop reports from all over the country are far better than were expected. Spring wheat is doing well. Corn gives big promise. Cotton has made one of the most remarkable improvements recorded in its history.

"The crops are not made. The harvesting of wheat and corn will require far more labor than at the present time it seems possible for the farmers to obtain without earnest and organized effort.

"Cotton has to pass through the crucial days of July and August.

"But pluck and luck have been with the American farmer, following a very bad beginning. If they stay with him a little longer this year's farm yield will be considerably bigger than seemed possible or probable a few months ago.

"India has come along with a monster wheat crop—monster being used in a comparative sense. France, too, has an excellent grain prospect. Elsewhere in Europe the situation is not cheering, and Australia, instead of exporting grain, has little more than sufficient for her own needs. In fact she may have to import some.

"No country has been favored more than America. There is reasonable hope now of a moderate size grain crop. That is joyful, considering how poor the situation appeared a few months ago.

"Bread and clothes should not be so dear as they threatened to be and would be if the crops were short.

"Give thanks to the sturdy American farmer and to a kind Providence."

The Special Session.

Charlotte Observer.

Governor Bickett has named August 10 as the date upon which lively times are to be inaugurated down at Raleigh. He has called the Legislature to meet on the date in special session for the purpose of considering the State Tax Commission's report on revaluation of property, which in itself is expected to produce more than a monotonous session of the General Assembly. Keen interest centers in the probable action of the Legislature on the question of ratification of the Anthony woman suffrage amendment. Ratification by one state is now lacking to make the amendment effective and give the women of the Nation the right to vote in the presidential election this Fall, and the North Carolina General Assembly will be urged by the National Administration and the National Democratic party leaders to ratify the amendment. Moreover, the Democratic National and State platforms urge ratification, while President Wilson has sent a telegram to the Governor urging the "critical importance" of action. The Governor has expressed his intention of recommending to the Legislature at the special session that the amendment be ratified.

On the other hand the Rejection League has been hard at work recently in efforts to forestall favorable action on the amendment and there are evidences of strong opposition to it on the part of the voters of the State. While it was not the suffrage question that produced the great majority given Senator Overman against his opponent Mr. Brooks, in the first primary, it is doubtless true that the suffrage question had something to do with the size of the great majority. Notwithstanding the fact that the Democratic State Convention went on record for woman suffrage, it has been claimed that the convention was decidedly pro-Gardner and that the Shelby man's popularity and strength as a candidate for Governor reached its zenith at the convention. Also it has been boldly stated by observers since the second primary that it was the suffrage question which defeated Mr. Garner. The Observer is not endorsing these claims by any means; it is only pointing them out for what they are worth as throwing light on the situation in the state with reference to the suffrage question. Mr. Morrison nominated for Governor, is personally a staunch opponent of the Federal suffrage amendment, and had repeatedly declared his position, and yet was given a decided majority in the primary.

It is likely that we shall see some lively fights at Raleigh during the hot month of August, and the eyes of the nation will be upon our Legislature:

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A High-Minded Democrat

(Winston-Salem Journal.)

The report that Governor Cox, Democratic nominee for the presidency, is an anti-Wilson Democrat seems to have no foundation in fact. The man who fought Cox hardest in the Convention was William Jennings Bryan the recognized leader of the anti-Administration forces. Bryan said the Ohio Governor was not an enthusiastic champion of the Volstead Act and that therefore he must be "wet." Granting that Mr. Cox in his attitude toward the Volstead Act has shown some slight degree of humility, still that does not make him an anti-Wilson Democrat. President Wilson did more than any other living man to kill the Volstead Act. He vetoed it.

On all the great principles and issues advocated by the Democratic party James M. Cox is equally as progressive as Woodrow Wilson. In politics his record is very similar to that of the President. Wilson bursted the machine in New Jersey and was elected Governor in a normal Republican State. The reforms he put through in that State landed him in the White House. Cox bursted the machine in Ohio, rock-ribbed Republican Commonwealth, and was elected Governor, not once but three times. And he has done equally as much reforming in Ohio as Wilson did in New Jersey. It is significant, also, that the highest tribute paid to Governor Cox was uttered by Secretary of War Baker, who is himself an Ohioan, and who is reputed to have been closer to the President than any other member of his Cabinet since McAdoo resigned. Mr. Baker said:

"In his three terms as Governor of Ohio, Governor Cox has demonstrated his great executive ability and his forward looking and aggressive democracy. He is fearless and high-minded. During the war he put all the resources of his office and his personal talents into the struggle and stood unwaveringly with those who were making and keeping America ready to do her great task. The nomination will be received with joy and pride in Ohio and the country will find an aggressive Democrat with a record of achievement."

The nomination of Governor Cox has insured two things: The next President will come from Ohio and the next President will for the first time in the history of the country, be a newspaper man. Both Cox and Harding came to their present high stations from the printing office. Both have been in the newspaper game for more than a quarter of a century.

Men who are acquainted in Ohio do not hesitate to say that Cox's chances of carrying that State are much better than Harding's. Cox has beaten the Republican machine of which the Old Guard candidate is a member three times and it has been a common saying in Ohio for years that "nobody can beat Cox in his own State." He is right now at the zenith of his popularity. His chances of carrying New Jersey, New York and Indiana, all of which Wilson lost in 1916, are considered particularly bright because of a tendency in those States to make the paramount issue the Volstead Act instead of the League of Nations.

While most of us here in North Carolina thought McAdoo was the strongest man the Democrats could name, it is evident that no very serious mistake was made by the Convention when

it decided on the Ohio Executive. Ohio will likely be a pivotal state in the next election. The Republicans recognized this fact, just as they have done in so many previous campaigns. It is worthy of note just here that the Republican party in all its history has elected only two Presidents who were not born in Ohio. These were Lincoln and Roosevelt. The Democratic choice this year may block their game and break a record.

After all, it matters very little who the candidate is. The platform is of paramount importance—the platform and the leaders of the two great parties. Those who want to put Lodge and Penrose and the reactionary policies which they espouse in the ascendancy should vote for Harding. Those who believe in the principles and policies enunciated and executed during the last seven years by the Wilson Administration should vote for Cox. Those who want to return to the days of Mark Hanna and McKinley should support Harding and do everything in their power to bring about his election. Those who want a Government that will move ahead with the time should support Cox. He is running on the most constructively progressive platform ever drafted by any political party in this Nation. He is the candidate of a party that has back of it the most splendid record of achievement ever made by any political party in the same length of time in the history of democratic government in the world.

Governor Bickett Call Extra Session of North Carolina Legislature.

Raleigh Dispatch.

Governor Bickett today called the General Assembly of North Carolina to meet in extra session August 10, to consider the report of the state tax commission, submitted in obedience to the direction of the legislature at its 1919 session, and such other matters as it may see fit to take up.

Whether the governor is anxious that suffrage come before the special session is not seen in the call, since no mention whatever is made of the issue.

In the event that a resolution is introduced to ratify the Susan B. Anthony suffrage amendment he will recommend ratification. However, as he has previously stated what he would do. Should the law-makers pass over suffrage, as they can do if they so will, there is nothing that the governor or any one else can do for the suffragists.

Inasmuch as ratification by only one more state is necessary to make the amendment a part of the law of the land, national interest attaches to the call of Governor Bickett for the special session.

The proclamation of the Governor follows:

"By and with the advice of the council of state, I, Thomas Walter Bickett, governor of the state of North Carolina, in the exercise of the power conferred upon me by the constitution and as contemplated by section 3, chapter 84 of the public laws of 1919, do issue this my proclamation on this extraordinary occasion, convening the general assembly in extra session. And I hereby notify and request the senators and members of the house of representatives of the general assembly of North Carolina to meet in their respective halls in the capitol in the city of Raleigh on Tuesday, the tenth day of August, 1920, at 11 o'clock, for the following specific purposes:

"1. To prescribe such tax ra-

tes as may be wise and just, in view of the actual value of the property in the state as ascertained by the revaluations.

"2. To consider constitutional amendments reducing the tax rates that may be hereafter levied.

"3. To consider such other matter of grave importance to the public as the general assembly may deem it wise."

REESE-BOWERS

Correspondence of The Democrat.

One of the pretty June weddings was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Bowers of Elk Park, N. C. at two o'clock Wednesday afternoon June the thirtieth when Miss Virginia Orlia Bowers and Mr. Almer Winfield Reese were united in marriage.

The wedding took place in the parlors of the home where an improvised altar was made of ferns and daisies, surrounded by burning candles which cast a mellow light over the bridal party during the beautiful ring ceremony which was performed by Rev. Roy Gentry of Elizabethton, Tenn. Promptly at two o'clock the wedding party entered the parlor to the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march which was beautifully rendered by Prof. Newman of Fayetteville, Tenn.

The bride wore a stylish tailored suit of rookie tricotine with hat and accessories in harmonizing shades and her corsage bouquet was of white bride roses and maiden hair fern. She was given in marriage by her father V. B. Bowers a prominent attorney of Avery county, other attendants were Mrs. L. Tandy Penn, Matron of Honor, Miss Jessie Bowers sister of the bride and Miss Minnie Ryan, cousin of the bride, bridesmaids, and little Leslie Ann Sutton ring bearer.

The groom was attended by his best man Mr. John Ryan, a cousin of the bride.

After the ceremony the bridal party repaired to the dining room which was beautifully decorated with ferns, galax and roses where delicious punch was served. The bride received many handsome presents in cut glass, silver and linen.

The out of town guests present for the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Newman of Fayetteville, Tenn., Mrs. L. Tandy Penn and daughter Anna Swinford of Georgetown Ky., Mrs. J. Frank Seiler, Mrs. J. W. Hinkle, Mr. John Ryan and sister Minnie of Elizabethton, Tenn., Mrs. John

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Mr. Reese is the well known and popular son of Mr. E. L. Reese of Jamestown, a prominent Kentucky manufacturer.

After a brief wedding tour Mr. and Mrs. Reese will be at home to their many friends at their home in Jamestown, Ky.

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