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A BAD TRUCK SEASON IN THE EAST

Few things in North Carolina are of more concern, in a material way, than the trucking and fishing interests of the east. They are so enormous, and the profits they have yielded in some seasons have been so immense, as to suggest the stories of the Arabian Nights and to make powerful appeals to the imagination.

We printed yesterday citations from The Wilmington Star, showing the deplorable situation of the strawberry-growers of the east—people who had, perhaps, staked everything upon the crop, and are printing herewith the remainder of The Star editorial of the 11th:

"Mount Olive reports a reduced acreage but the district as a whole has produced the biggest crop in its history. The daily shipments have been record-breakers. Last week the shipments amounted to 1,100 cars. The markets have simply been flooded with berries, and there is the secret of the low prices. The supply is greater than the demand.

"The season is about ended because the growers find prices so low that it will not pay them to pick the berries and either sell them at the stations or ship them. Prices in the past few days have run all the way from \$1.50 to \$1.25 a crate, and the market quotations from the big cities show that berries are selling there at from 3 to 4 cents per quart basket. It is evident that there is over-production and if our growers will learn a lesson from the cotton-producers they will greatly cut their berry acreage next season.

"The great disadvantage in berry culture is that the crop practically ripens at one time. It is an exceedingly perishable crop, and practically two weeks winds up the business. If berries could be shipped in gradual supply, prices would keep up better. There should be an early and a late variety of berries, and no doubt early and late varieties can be produced. Science has demonstrated that corn and other grains, vegetables, peaches, apples and other fruits have been experimented with as to produce early and late varieties, and it is reasonable to suppose that the same can be done with strawberries. However, that may not be such an advantage, as the seasons in the various localities seem to regulate the strawberry demand. For instance, Florida berries come in first, then Charleston begins shipping, Wilmington next; Norfolk follows and then Maryland, Delaware, Jersey and so on, carrying production to the very markets themselves. The fact is a reduction in acreage is the one safe plan.

"The remedy is fewer acres, better cultivation, better berries, better prices. Diversify your crops. Do not plant all berries any more than you would all cotton. The farmer who produces some of all crops never gets left.

"This is a singular State. Six hundred miles long, different climatic and crop conditions prevail throughout it, and we people of the west can no more understand conditions in the east than our fellow-citizens of that section understand us. But if The Star's word is to be taken—and we have never known it to fail—the cry there, as here, is 'overproduction,' and that, in its last analysis, is a curious cry, being a demand upon the earth to cease to bring forth its increase. The All-Wise, which gave it to us, must have meant something else than that. He may have meant, as our Wilmington contemporary suggests, for us to apply it not to one purpose but to the various purposes for which He undoubtedly intended it. We mean diversification. But, ending where we began yesterday, news of an unprofitable trucking season in the east, with doubt expressed as to the future of the interest, when it was supposed to be a permanent element of the State's prosperity, brings great disappointment.

Despite the fact that, because they had not been married, Gorky and his companion, a Russian actress, were ejected from a New York hotel, a lot of New York society women gave the latter a reception recently. In apologizing for the affair, The New York Press remarks that 'women do not care so easily as formerly at the charge of unconventional in family relations on the part of women.' It also appears that New York women are not nearly so careful as to whom they entertain as are the proprietors of first-class hotels.

The statement that the United States will take a hand in any revolutionary movement in Panama that might become a menace to canal work will doubtless bring forth protests that the administration is too hasty. It should be remembered, however, that for years, even before he purchased the canal zone, Uncle Sam was under treaty obligations to keep transit across the isthmus open, and in order to do this it was now and then necessary to land marines and make the belligerents move back from the railroad.

No former celebration in this section has been so festive as to have in attendance the Marine Band and United States soldiers, both infantry and cavalry, and if there were no other feature of the observance of the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, visitors would be handsomely repaid for coming. However, there will be numerous other attractions.

EVIL RESULTS TO FOLLOW

It is noticed that Mr. E. Spencer Blackburn is being kept right at the front, and for this The Observer confesses itself as much at fault as anybody. It was sincerely glad of his vindication at Greensboro, because it does not want to see the day when a North Carolina Representative in Congress is convicted of a felony, put in a penitentiary and forever disqualified from holding an office under the Federal government. But Mr. Blackburn is not a hero nor a great man, and any representation calculated to hold him up before the public as either, is a stumbling-block in the way of the Democratic candidate for Congress in the eighth district this year; and, what is much worse, is encouragement to every blockader of liquor in the district who is in collusion with a revenue officer, and to every such officer. We do not allege that Mr. Blackburn is in sympathy with these blockaders, operating government distilleries, or with their pals, the sworn officers of the government by whose collusion they have been enabled to make hundreds of thousands of dollars by defrauding the government of taxes which belonged to it, but they think so; and another triumph for Blackburn would be a triumph not only over the candidate against him but would be accepted as license to continue their frauds upon the Federal revenue by those who already have in their pockets hundreds of thousands (we could safely say millions) of dollars that they have filched from it.

We had supposed that the Populist party as an independent organization was a thing of the past in North Carolina, but it seems that such is not the case. A card in The Catawba County News signed by C. M. Yoder, chairman, recites that 'the Populist executive committee, together with other Populists from different portions of the county met Tuesday, May 15th, 1906, according to the call issued by the chairman and after consulting together and exchanging views, the chairman was unanimously instructed to issue a call for a county convention, to put up a county ticket and transact any other business that may come up.' It is further stated that the time for the convention was left to the chairman, and he says he has 'decided to defer the matter until after the busy season.' This would seem to indicate that the Democrats of Catawba should keep their eyes open from now until after the election.

The government has succeeded in crushing one illegal combination, the General Paper Company, a Western concern, surrendering and agreeing to go the way of the Northern Securities Company. An official of the concern says the newspaper publishers 'will find to their cost that they have killed the goose that laid the golden egg.' This is like unto the old story the Standard Oil Company used to give out about the benefits it conferred on the country by reducing the price of oil.

Mr. Bryan writes from Egypt that he will 'not do anything to secure another nomination and does not want it unless circumstances seem to demand it.' Time," he says, "alone can determine that." In short, The Peerless admits that he is what might be termed a receptive candidate. The only thing that will prevent another Bryan performance will be that his crowd will not control the convention, and the signs are that they will.

The Southern Baptist Convention, now in session at Chattanooga, Tenn., is attended by about 5,000 delegates and visitors. This would seem to indicate that Greensboro would be pretty well filled should her invitation to meet there next year be accepted. The Gate City can, however, entertain such a number of visitors as well, perhaps, as any town in the State, Asheville alone having as good hotel facilities.

As an outcome of a difference of opinion said to have been caused by the President's muck-rake speech, J. S. Phillips has withdrawn from partnership in McClure's Magazine and will start a publication of his own. He states that Ida M. Tarbell, Ray Stannard Baker, Lincoln Steffens and others, would be associated with him in his new venture. The move is apparently a good one for McClure's Magazine.

It seems likely that the General Conference of the Methodist Church will change the time limit for preachers from four to six years. This is a somewhat radical departure, but one which will probably prove popular with both laymen and ministers. There is a considerable number who favor abolishing the limit and leaving the matter entirely in the hands of the bishop.

Three hundred and twenty pension bills were passed by the House Friday in an hour and a half, breaking all former records. When the liberality of the pension laws is considered, this special pension grind in Congress appears little short of a hold-up.

Secretary Taft, as president of the Red Cross, has accepted \$50,000 from Japan for San Francisco, thus opening the way for other foreign funds to come in, despite the contrary action of the President.

Representative Blackburn, it appears, is not inclined to let Chairman Rollins go to sleep on his job.

TOOK MORPHINE AND SUFFERED

Contracted the Habit and Could Not Do Without It—Finally Decided to Try the Keeley 'Cure'—It Worked Wonders—Had Been Using Heroin for Five Years—Has Not Used It Now for Four. The Keeley Institute, Greensboro, N. C.

R. O. FRAZIER, Gulf, N. C., Nov. 24, 1904.

If you have a friend who might be benefited, please send names to the Keeley Institute, Greensboro, N. C.

BRIEFS

A Few Minor Happenings in and About the City. The city fire department was called out last night about 8:30 o'clock by a false alarm turned in from box No. 21 at the corner of Tryon and Morehead streets.

Mr. E. A. Moffatt has purchased two lots on East Ninth street from Mr. W. L. Devereux. The deal was made through the Southern Real Estate Loan and Trust Company, Inc., of Charlotte, N. C.

Miss Mildred Watkins will speak at the vespers services at the Young Women's Christian Association at 5 o'clock this afternoon. All the ladies in the city are cordially invited to be present.

The Young Ladies' Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the First Presbyterian church will meet with Mrs. S. O. Brooks, at No. 309 South Tryon street, tomorrow afternoon at 4:30 o'clock.

The boys' 1906 summer camp of the Y. M. C. A. will be known as Camp Brenner, in honor of Maj. A. G. Brenner, who has been a faithful friend of the association since its organization in this city.

Patrolmen Christyburn and Orr last night arrested Rufe Wallace, colored, who is charged with an assault on Francis Johnson, a dusky denizen of Red Egypt. Rufe will receive a hearing to-morrow morning.

Mr. S. Wittkowsky leaves Wednesday for Rockingham, where, that evening, he will deliver an address on building and loan work. The evening following he will be in Maxton, where he will speak on the same topic.

There are but four schools in the county that are still running. These are Steele Creek school, the Dilworth graded school, the Observer school, in Steele Creek township, and the Carolina Academy in Lower Providence. All four of these close this week.

DRUMMERS SELECT OFFICERS

Grand Council of Georgia and Florida, Albany, Ga. Address: Albany, Ga. As usual at Next Meeting Place: Jacksonville, Fla., May 12.—The Grand Council of Georgia and Florida, United Commercial Travelers of America, the day those Augusta, Ga., as the next place of meeting and elected officers as follows: Grand past counselor, Charles D. Montgomery, Atlanta; grand councilor, W. B. Colton, Jacksonville; grand junior councilor, J. A. Dorr, Augusta; grand secretary, J. N. Fickett, Jr., Atlanta; grand treasurer, Henry Lander, Albany; grand conductor, James W. Bates, Macon; grand page, J. K. Harris, Athens; grand sentinel, David Kuselman, Tallahassee; grand executive committee, Henry C. Kendall, Macon; Edgar McDonald, Atlanta; J. R. Doss, Jacksonville; A. W. Heiser, Columbus; representative to supreme council, Henry C. Kendall, Macon; Charles D. Montgomery, Atlanta, alternate.

Mr. H. C. Smith, a well-known hotel man of Reading, Pa., is in the city for the purpose of bidding on the lease for the new Hotel Selwyn. Mr. Smith is at the Central.

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

The American District Telegraph Company delivers packages, parcels, notes, invitations, furnishes messengers for errand service at a very small cost. The Observer will send our messengers, without charge, to your residence or place of business for advertisements for this column. Phone 78. Office with Western Union Telegraph Company, Phone 45. All advertisements inserted in this column at rate of ten cents per line of six words. No ad. taken for less than 20 cents. Cash in advance.

WANTED

WANTED—To figure on lighting your front for the 25th. Auten. Phone 1287.

WANTED—Lady or gentleman of fair education to travel for firm of \$250.00 monthly salary, particular year, 25 days weekly. Expenses advanced. Address Geo. G. Clow, Charlotte, N. C.

WANTED—By widow lady of culture and refinement, a position as housekeeper or waitress. Address Mrs. J. care Observer, Charlotte, N. C.

WANTED—Two extra cooks during month of May. Must be first-class with hotel experience. Apply to C. L. Boyte, Hotel Buford.

WANTED—Man of experience wants position as order clerk or shipping clerk in wholesale house. Address Clerk, care Observer.

WANTED—First-class colored barber; state the price and I will send ticket. You must be O. K. Good job for a good round. Desk at Barber Shop R. L. Wily, Knoxville, Tenn.

WANTED—Any person willing to distribute our samples; \$20.00 weekly. 'Empire,' 4 Wells St., Chicago, Ill. Steady position; no canvassing.

WANTED—Salesman of ability and neat appearance to call on merchants, sell side line convenient to carry; good commissions; prompt remittance. Butler Mfg. Co., Cincinnati, O.

WANTED—Men everywhere; good pay; distribute circulars, adv. matter; take signs, etc. No canvassing. National Adv. Bureau, Chicago.

WANTED—High grade commercial, technical and mechanical positions; the demand for competent people exceeds the supply; write for particulars, National Employment Association, Century Bldg., Atlanta, Ga.

WANTED—Your repairing on all classes of woodwork. J. E. Cassidy, 28 West Trade.

WANTED—Manager for branch office we contemplate opening here in Charlotte, address with reference, The Morris Wholesale House, Cincinnati, O.

WANTED—For cash—Set of North Carolina Reports, volumes 1 to 26 inclusive; Arkansas Reports, original edition, 74 volumes; Tennessee Reports, 4 volumes; T. H. Flood & Company, Chicago, Ills.

WANTED—Principal for Waxhaw Institute; must be a college graduate and a teacher of at least a few years' successful experience. Satisfactory references expected. Fine opportunity for right man. Correspond with L. E. Reeves, Waxhaw, N. C., Sec. and Treas. Board of Trustees.

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MISCELLANEOUS

BOY of 14 years wants job. Address with care Observer.

SEE OUR special \$25.00 all brass Bed. It's a bargain. Parker-Gardner Co.

CAPABLE salesman to cover N. C. with state line. High commissions; with \$100.00 monthly advance. Permanent position to right man. Jess. H. Smith Co., Detroit, Mich.

A FEW very fine square used Pianos; prices \$25.00 and \$35.00; \$100.00 cash and \$5.00 per month. These bargains just like finding money. Parker-Gardner Co.

SALESMAN for North Carolina; experienced man preferred. Line stable for general trade; position permanent; \$50.00 weekly with commission. Lawyer, Leslie & Co., Detroit, Mich.

GOOD PAY—To men everywhere, to lack signs, distribute circulars, samples, etc. No canvassing. Universal Adv. Co., Chicago.

VICTOR Talking Machines and records. Easy payments if desired. Christie Music Co.

SALESMAN WANTED—Well equipped salesman to call on physicians. A very exceptional opportunity is offered for immediate work. State age and experience. Lock Box 28, Philadelphia, Pa.

SALESMAN WANTED—To sell groceries, druggists and confectioners; \$100.00 per month and expenses. Samples free. California Cider & Extract Co., St. Louis, Mo.

FOLDING COVE. Iron Beds. Folding Couches at special prices this week. Parker-Gardner Co.

TEACHERS WANTED Immediately. Many splendid openings, graded, high schools, boarding schools, colleges, all departments. Sheridan's Teachers Agency, Atlanta.

TWO TRAVELING salesmen wanted in each State; salary \$125 month and expenses. Samples free. Positions permanent. California Cider & Flavoring Co., Box 126, St. Louis, Mo.

EXPERIENCED salesman to handle general line of cutlery on large commission, expenses advanced, give references and road experience. Good opportunity for hustler. L. L. Morris, Southern Manager, Atlanta, Ga.

CANVASSERS and collectors to travel for Chicago firm. Expenses advanced. Desk at Barber Shop, Price 25 cents. Positions permanent. Address Box 126, Charlotte, N. C.

FURNISHED house for rent for three months after June 1st. Address C. A. care Observer.

EXPERIENCED hotel man wants to lease a first-class hotel, with or without option of buying. B. C. care Observer.

100 FELT MATTRESSES made in two weeks at \$1.00 each for this week only. Parker-Gardner Co.

EXPERIENCED matron desires position in good school beginning fall term. Best reference. Address 'Matron,' care Observer.

MAILING LIST for sale—Directory containing heads of families of sixteen rural delivery mail routes in Cabarrus county, N. C. Revised and corrected to May 1st, 1906. This list is better and bigger than ever. Price 75 cents. No stamps. The Tribune, Concord, N. C.

CHICAGO CRAYON Company (Incorporated), \$25,000 capital stock. We have several road positions open to men of ability in 'The Carolinas.' Expenses advanced. Fine opportunity for advancement. Write Box 126, Charlotte, N. C.

SEE OUR new styles in Chickering and Ivers & Pond Pianos. Parker-Gardner Co.

FURNISHED front room for rent to gentleman. Bath, etc. 22 N. Tryon St.

SAN FRANCISCO great disaster. Only \$1.00 book. Far exceed higher priced books. Large fully illustrated. Extra terms. Freight paid. Credit given. Outlook Publishing Co., 215 Locust St., Philadelphia, Pa.

MOULDERS WANTED—Floor and bench machinery. Open shops. Steady work. Big pay for good men. P. O. Box 201 O. P., Philadelphia.

The Little Long Co. High Art Clothes At Department Prices. When it comes to material, we have it; when it comes to style, we have it; and when it comes to fits and workmanship, we can give it. A sweller lot of well-tailored ready-to-wear suits can't be shown for the money than ours, tailored by the well-known Michaels-Stern Clothiers. Coats either single or double-breasted, with one or two vents, in neat Grey Worsted and Cheviots and Black Thibets, Unfinished Worsted and Blue Serges, \$12.50 to \$20.00.

New Blue Serge \$15.00 Suits. In by express yesterday, in double and single-breasted, the best Blue Serge Suits on the market now for \$15.00.

Men's Furnishings. A better line than ever before; Emery Shirts, Genuine Scrivens \$1.00 Drawers, Shaw-Knit Sox, 25c; best H. & L. Linen Collars, 13 1/2c. Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, 10c. to 35c; Gauze Underwear, 25c. to 75c.; Nainsook Shirts and Drawers, long or short drawers, 50c.; Panama and fine Yacht Hats, Dilworth, Hawes and Steison soft and stiff Hats; fine Neckwear, Fiancel Collars for Negliges, etc.

Shoes of Merit and Popularity for Men. 'Knox' low or high-cut, \$2.00; Crockett and American Gentlemen, \$2.00 and \$4.00; Country Club, \$2.00. For Women and Misses. Colonial, \$2.50; Artistic and American Lady, \$2.00; Florine, \$2.50, and Superb at \$2.00. These, with the new shapes in White Canvas at \$1.25 to \$3.00, and a fine lot of Children's, make up one of the best lines to be found in the city.

The Little Long Co. ASSAYING. CHEMICAL ANALYSES. ORES OF EVERY DESCRIPTION. G. C. MORGAN ENGINEERING CO. 24-26 W. 5th street, Charlotte, N. C.