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PREDICTS HIGHER PRICE FOR COTTON

Cotton Letter Issued by W. C. Cooke & Co., Cotton Merchants, Contains Much Interesting Data.

"We can see nothing but higher prices for cotton, unless the political situation should become more acute."

"Let us take for the last three years (not including 1915-16 crop) the total production of the American crop, including linters, as follows."

1914-15, 16,738,241 bales; 1913-14, 14,613,964 bales; 1912-13, 14,090,563 bales, making a total for the past three years 45,443,068 bales.

Now let us take the corresponding periods of the world's takings of American cotton: 1914-15, 14,040,519 bales; 1913-14, 14,483,313; 1912-13, 14,329,855; making a total of 42,844,686 bales.

This will give us a visible surplus for the past three years of 2,598,382 bales. Let us turn to the present crop, 1915-16, and for convenience place same at a round figure of 12,000,000 bales, including linters; add to this 2,598,382 bales (three years' visible surplus) and we will have 14,598,382 bales total supply of American cotton.

"Up until February 25, the spinners' takings were 3,362,243 bales, against 7,630,435 last year (total takings last year 14,040,000). From such figures it would certainly seem that the spinners' takings will fully measure up to those of last season and if such be the case we would only have a visible surplus of 558,382 bales."

"Under such conditions we can see nothing but higher prices for cotton unless the political situation should become more acute. Conditions are unquestionably hazardous and what another season may bring forth no one can fore tell; therefore, we do not believe that the farmer will be so unwise as to raise the coming season a large crop of cotton."

At the rate spinners have been taking cotton this season, similar demands next season, with a 12,000,000 crop, would send cotton to higher levels than we have seen in years. There can be no denial of the fact that political conditions are the potent and dominant factors at present.

"Here is hoping the farmer will continue to hold the strings of power in hand."—Spartanburg Herald.

Delightfully Entertained. On Tuesday night Feb. 15th, at her home, Mrs. Lewis Southall gave a Valentine party to about forty young people.

Mrs. Ben Saunders and Miss Earnestine Hayes met the guest at the door by whom they were introduced to each other. Music was softly rendered on the violin by Mr. Ben Saunders. Then games and merry-making were carried on until nine-thirty.

Then Mrs. Lewis Southall and Mrs. Ben Saunders brought in two trays of hearts. The girls drew the blue hearts and the boys pink hearts and then they had to match up the number and couple off, after which the guests were served with refreshments.

At the hour of eleven all parted wishing for Mrs. Southall another such time as that in the near future.

Birthday Dinner. Last Saturday March 4th, 1916, Mr. W. H. Fuller a prosperous farmer, who lives near Bunn, celebrated his fiftieth birthday by giving a dinner to a large number of friends and relatives.

At an early hour Mr. Fuller had a shout cooking over the coals, and a big pot of Brunswick stew on the fire. About ten o'clock the people began to arrive and in a few hours dinner was ready, spread on a table out in the yard.

Mr. J. H. Ballentine, of Bunn, asked the blessing, then the people began to partake of the bountiful dinner that lay before them.

After every one had satisfied their taste with the best of barbecue, Brunswick stew and many other nice edibles, a great deal was left on the table.

When through with dinner the people gathered around the fireside and entertained each other in conversation until time to depart for home.

Everyone who attended left wishing Mr. Fuller many more happy birthdays, and declaring this to be one of the most enjoyable days they had ever spent.

Loses Thumb and Two Fingers. News reached here Monday to the effect that on Saturday the 10 year old son of William Taylor, colored, who lives at Rocky Ford, had his thumb and two fingers blown off and a hole blown through his hand by the explosion of a dynamite cap.

The boy did not know what it was and was playing with it as a whistle. We understand that the boy found the cap near a well that had just been dug, and it is supposed that the workmen laid them down carelessly and forgot them. Knowing the danger of such things it looks like persons using them would be more particular with their use and be sure that none are left lying around to create trouble.

Seven Paths Items. On account of the beautiful weather last Sunday, Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. began on time.

Mr. V. F. Cone has returned from Richmond, where he went to purchase spring supplies.

Miss Eugelia and Amelia Vick and Gertie Griffin went to Peachtree last Sunday.

Misses Pauline Smith and Carrie Wright, and Mr. Alphonso Gay spent last Sunday with Miss Beulah De'bridge near Spring Hope.

CEGAR ROCK TO VOTE FOR GOOD ROADS.

Election to be Held on Thursday, March 23rd, 1916—BOND ISSUE OF \$30,000 TO MATURE IN 30 YEARS.

It is with much pleasure that we can announce the progressiveness of the people of Cedar Rock township which is evidenced in their efforts to secure good roads.

At a recent meeting of the Board of County Commissioners the following petition was presented in the required form and the same was received and an election called for Thursday, March 23rd, 1916. The petition follows:

"We the undersigned respectfully petition the Hon. Board County Commissioners to grant an election for \$30,000 bonds for good roads of Cedar Rock township. We suggest that twenty thousand dollars be expended in building or constructing good roads and the remaining ten thousand be used for maintaining the roads and if any remainder to help discharge the indebtedness at maturity."

"The bonds to draw not more than 5 per cent interest and to mature within 30 years."

From the petition above it will be seen that they have decided on a most excellent idea in that they have prepared for the up keep of the roads after building same.

We don't feel that it is necessary to go into a long argument in favor of good roads in this particular case, as to our minds every individual voter in Cedar Rock township has had sufficient personal experience to con-

firm in this particular since he has to travel over both bad and good roads to get to Louisburg, or almost anywhere else that he has to leave his home township to get to. But there is one thing that we do want to press on their minds and it is the importance of going out to the polls and voting. In every election there are some who feel favorable or unfavorable and say to themselves "Well there will be enough to go to carry the election so I won't bother about it."

This idea may hold all right in a general election, but not so in a special election. In order that the bonds may be sold to better advantage the law has been so drawn that the majority of the registered voters must be cast for a bond issue or the measure is defeated. Therefore it is easily seen that a person who fails to vote regardless of how much he is in favor of the measure, his vote counts against same. This shows the absolute importance of your going out and casting your vote. We have always felt that it was the duty, more so than the privilege, of every man casting his vote in every election, whether he is for or against the issue involved, and we feel that it is more so in a special election. However we don't entertain any other idea but that the election will be carried practically unanimous as the time has arrived that no really progressive person will deny the advantages and pleasures of good roads. Too Cedar Rock is so situated that it can't wall face the adjoining districts with a defeated election. Both east and west of her the people have built good roads that her people as well as theirs might have the benefits of good roads and we feel sure that from this side of the issue alone they are going to show their appreciations of their neighbors and fill in the missing links.

Here's wishing you success. Cedar Rock has always shown a progressive spirit in all public as well as private matters and we would not be surprised to see her people take the lead in road building by casting every registered vote for the election.

Hayesville Items. The farmers are getting very busy starting their crops.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Macon, of Wakefield, spent last Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Macon's sister, Mrs. Thomas Nelms.

Miss Fannie Hicks has returned to the home of her sister, Mrs. Thomas Nelms, after spending a few weeks with her cousin near Henderson.

BEAUTY. The concert by the Oxford Orphans is indeed attractive. The program is gotten up with much care. The children do their part splendidly. It is a bright, wholesome and enjoyable entertainment.

Pigs is pigs, but some have only two feet.

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Volunteers His Services. Lieut. G. A. Ricks informed us Tuesday that he had written Secretary of War Baker and also General Funston offering his services to become a member of heavy Truck Division of the regular army in the event that the National Guard is not ordered out.

Mr. Ricks' capacity in this department is fully recognized by those who know him as that of an expert and his patriotic spirit is commendable.

Masonic Funeral. We are requested to state that a Masonic funeral will be held at the residence of the late S. T. Gupton, in Gold Mine township, on Sunday, April 2nd, 1916, at 11 o'clock under the auspices of Sandy Creek Masonic Lodge, when Rev. Geo. M. Duke, will preach the funeral of the late Mr. Gupton. All sister lodges and Masons are especially invited to attend.

Popes Items. Miss Ida-Fuller spent last Sunday with relatives here. Her many friends were glad to see her back at home after spending several months with friends in Durham.

Mr. Lee Conyers, who has been suffering from rheumatism several weeks is recovering.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Holmes spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pearce.

Mr. and Mrs. Otha Holden spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pearce.

Miss Corina Holmes spent Sunday with Miss Norma Moore.

G. H. P.

LOUISBURG CIVIC LEAGUE HOLDS INTERESTING MEETING.

At Home of Mrs. H. C. Taylor on Nash Street—The Subject of the Meeting Was "The Baby" in Keeping with The National Baby Week.

One of the most interesting and instructive meetings of the Civic League for this year was held at the home of Mrs. H. C. Taylor, Friday afternoon, March tenth. This meeting was in charge of Mrs. W. E. White, Chairman of the Health Department, and the day was observed as Health Rally Day for our town.

The program for the afternoon was largely devoted to his majesty, the baby, as the week from March fourth to the eleventh was celebrated as nation-wide Baby Week; much thought and attention was given the subject in our League.

Dr. J. E. Malone was present and after the opening exercises by Mrs. White, read a most timely and comprehensive paper on Tuberculosis. He told us that this was now considered not only a preventable but a curable disease when given the right treatment. Close attention was given Dr. Malone and a general vote of thanks tendered him by those present for this excellent paper.

A discussion of the best use to make of the funds from the sale of the Red Cross Christmas seals was held. This fund is to be used in our community for the help of tubercular patients, and it was unanimously voted to turn amount over to Dr. Malone to be used where he saw the greatest need.

Mrs. W. E. Uzzle's reading on "How to keep in Fighting Trim," was just what we needed, and as she showed us that health was a greater asset than wealth, and a more worthy legacy to leave our children. Our eyes were opened to our personal responsibility in this matter as well as the need of a stricter and better enforced sanitary laws for our town.

Mrs. Bickett read a beautiful paper on "The Public School and its Relation to Public Health," touching also on the duty of parents as well as teachers. She closed with the most beautiful poem that pictures the man in life's sunset years, as he turns to build the bridge across the chasm he has safely passed, more secure, because of the youths yet to come that way. The last half of the program was devoted entirely to the baby. A short reading on "The Demand for Trained Mothers" by Mrs. J. L. Palmer was an exceptionally fine piece, and was quite appropriate for the occasion.

Mrs. J. A. Turner read a paper on "Baby Week", telling why, and when it was begun, many of the various ways it will be celebrated this year and the great and growing need for this observance.

Our obligations to the baby were seen that he has every chance to become the citizen he should. A very interesting general discussion followed this paper, and another year the health department expects to make Baby Week a big feature on their program. Just before the close Mrs. White asked Mrs. Cralle to read a letter she had just received from Lord and Lady Aberdeen, of Ireland. They are asking the people of America to make this week, Irish Baby Week, and whatever contributions are made will be used in preserving the lives of Ireland's babies, who like many of the countries of war devastated Europe are looking to America for help. After consideration, it was decided to help this cause, and as the seventeenth is "St. Patrick's Day", an Irish Tea will be given at the home of Mrs. Bickett Friday afternoon, the seventeenth, at half past three, and every lady in Louisburg is cordially invited to attend. A contribution will be made for the Irish fund, and an Irish program of music and readings will be given. Mrs. Taylor presided in a most cordial hostess and at the conclusion of the various announcements for future work and meetings served a delicious social course followed by coffee. Quite a large number were present to enjoy this delightful meeting.

SCHOOL COLUMN. The Reading Circle examination will begin at 10 A. M. Saturday morning.

Please notify me if you need a final report blank.

The teachers will please return all books that belong to the Teachers' Library and also any one

BRIDGE CLUB ENTERTAINED.

Last Thursday Night By Mr. William Crowell.

Last Thursday night Mr. William Crowell entertained the Tuesday Evening Bridge Club at the home of his brother, Mr. G. L. Crowell. There were four tables of bridge. Delicious refreshments consisting of salad and ice courses, coffee and mints were served. The guests arrived early and spent a most delightful evening.

Those present were: Misses Ella Moore, Hodgie Williams, Beulah Tucker, Mattie Allen, Annie Allen, Ruth Meadows, Annie Green, Eleanor Cooke; Messrs. E. F. Yarborough, H. L. Candler, E. H. Malone, C. C. Julian, Weldon Egerton, G. L. Crowell and O. Y. Yarborough.

IN AND ABOUT TOWN. Mr. H. L. Candler visited Durham Sunday.

Miss Lottie Cooke returned from a visit to Raleigh Friday.

Mr. Aaron Deltz, of Zebulon, was in Louisburg the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Green, of Litleton, are visiting relatives in Louisburg.

Dr. A. H. Fleming and Mr. G. L. Crowell spent Sunday and Monday in Winston-Salem.

Mr. J. M. Person and little daughter, of Enfield, visited his people here the past week.

Mr. T. T. Thorne and Mr. Norman Strickland, of Rocky Mount, were visitors to Louisburg Monday.

Mr. William Allen came home from A & M College, Raleigh, and spent the week-end with his parents.

Mr. R. C. Crowell, student at A & M. College, Raleigh, spent the week end with relatives in Louisburg.

Miss Katie Cooper, of Baltimore, milliner for P. S. & K. K. Allen, arrived the past week and has assumed her duties.

Mrs. F. Roth returned Sunday from the Northern Cities, where she participated in a military work for the I. O. O. F. camp.

Miss Rhea Bickett, Mr. and Mrs. Woolslagel, of Asheville, were visitors to Louisburg the past week, guests of Mr. G. L. Crowell.

Mr. Lawrence Egerton came home from A & M. College, Raleigh, and spent Sunday with his people. He was accompanied by Mr. Jim McDougal.

Messrs. W. H. Ruffin, W. H. Yarborough, Jr., R. B. White and Ben T. Holden went to Raleigh Wednesday to appear in cases before the Supreme Court.

Mrs. C. C. Sims, Miss Margaret Johnson and little Miss Louise Davenport, of Rocky Mount, were visitors at the home of the editor the past week.

Prayer Services. The ladies of the Episcopal Church will have a daily prayer service every afternoon during Lent, from 5 to 5:30 every day except Tuesday when the Study Circle of the Auxiliary will meet at the hotel from 11 to 12 as usual.

These services for the next two weeks will be held in the homes of the following ladies: Friday, 17, Mrs. Sam Boddie. Saturday 18, Mrs. T. W. Bickett. Monday 20, Mrs. L. L. Joyner. Wednesday 22, Mrs. W. P. Neal. Thursday 23, Mrs. J. R. Collier. Friday 24, Mrs. W. H. Ruffin. Saturday 25, Mrs. Malcolm McKinne. Monday 27, Mrs. Lewis Scoggin. Wednesday 29, Mrs. Rob Beck. Thursday 30, Mrs. Bennett Perry. Friday 31, Miss Mary Yarborough. Saturday April 1, Mrs. T. W. Bickett.

The ladies of the town are cordially invited to take part in any or all of these services.

"When two or three are gathered together in my name there am I in the midst of them."

Louisburg Defeats Franklinton. In one of the most interesting and tightly contested games of basket ball that has been played in Louisburg, the home boys defeated Franklinton in a score of 13 to 11 on Wednesday night. At the end of the second half both teams were tied with a score of 8 which necessitated another period. An extra play of five minutes was agreed on and resulted in the score given above. Quite a large number were out to see the game which was played in the Farmers Union Warehouse.

that has been borrowed from the office. Bring these books along with you Saturday.

4. During the past few weeks I have visited the following schools:

1. At Flat Rock I found 41 present, the enrollment being 64.

2. There was quite an improvement in the appearance of the grounds at the Roberts school. The teacher informed me that she expected to get the interior of the building painted before school closes. The attendance at this school was 22.

3. At Math Rock there were 20 present with an enrollment of 53.

4. I was favorably impressed with the work that was being done at New Hope. Mr. J. R. Hobgood, Principal and Miss Buby Harris, the primary teacher, are doing an excellent work. The material side of this school is also being looked after; the new desks are well cared for and trash and paper cannot be seen on the floor, in short the general neatness of the interior of this building was indeed striking. There were 51 present.

5. I found 52 children hard at work at Rileys. I am especially gratified with the work that Mr. Howell and his assistant Miss Lancaster have done this year. They have raised \$110 this year for school improvements. Since my last visit to this school new folding doors have been made and now both rooms can be opened into one.

6. The enrollment at Pearce school has reached 131; there were 83 present.

7. Since my last visit to Pine Ridge Mr. Pittman has had installed gas lights and he says that they are working nicely. Miss Beddingfield has been working as third teacher in this school since Christmas. This school has enrolled 95 and there were 75 present.

8. At Pilot there were 67 present with an enrollment of 97. This district realizes the need of a new building and plans are being made for a comfortable four-room building. Timber is now being cut for this work.

9. There were 132 present at the Bunn school, the enrollment being 168. Mr. Lee informed me that he had secured Mr. T. W. Bickett to make the commencement address.

10. There were 25 present at Prospect, the enrollment being 46. This building has been newly painted this year which adds much to its appearance.

11. At Balance Rock I found 15 present, the enrollment being 17. 14 new desks have been bought for this school this year.

12. At Whitakers I found 5 present the enrollment being 13.

13. At the Winn school there were 23 present the enrollment being 33.

14. At the Epsom school I found 102 present. This building needs paint badly on the inside.

15. At Kearneys 25 were present with an enrollment of 32.

16. I was very much interested in a new method Mrs. Beasley was using in teaching a Robinson Crusoe class at Ingleside. In this school there were 69 present with an enrollment of 127.

17. At the Hayes school there were 18 present with an enrollment of 21.

5. During these last weeks work harder than ever to keep your attendance up.

Harris Cross Roads Items. There were quite a large crowd out at Sunday school Sunday.

Our B. Y. P. U. is still growing some and the young people seem to take right much interest in the work going on.

Miss Vannie Phillips, of Prospect, spent Saturday with Miss Nannie Frazier.

Mr. Luther Young, of Raynor, was a visitor at Mr. C. J. Frazier's Saturday night.

Miss Allie Bowling, of Wake Forest, is visiting at Mr. J. A. Clifton's.

The farmers around are taking advantage of this good weather getting ready for their crops.

Gray hairs are honored by all young people—except squirts.

Hang onto the first wife, fellows. The next one might be worse.

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