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One of the great evils of our day is a lack of proper reverence for the Word of God. Those who have reached years of discretion and of sound mind are born again through the use of it. We get better or are sanctified by the use of it, we learn what is right and what is wrong, the way to death and the way to life, or to heaven, and hell, by the use of it—it is indeed a savor of death unto death or of life unto life. It is quick and powerful, sharper than any two edged sword, piercing to the dividing asunder of the joints and marrow and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. As the mariner prizes his chart and compass and consults it often and always obeys it, so should men the word, for it is far more to them. The word is not given as a careful place in our life as its great importance dictates. It should be handled in the pulpit, in the Sunday school, in the Y. M. C. A., by the family fireside, with a nicety and reverence greater even than that bestowed upon it about the hearth stones in Old Scotland. In the multiplicity of maps, charts, lesson helps and varied new devices seen everywhere and employed as substitutes there has grown up a flippant use, or little or no use of the Word of God itself. Religious life and church growth is suffering by it.

The agitation of the subject of better roads is evidently bearing fruit. Decided improvements are seen everywhere. Better methods have been employed. More work has been done. However, there is yet room for improvement. There are some things yet to be learned. But the people will know them. All the people are studying the question. The education goes on rapidly. We will have by and by thousands of good road builders in place of a few or none as heretofore. Then everybody is falling in with the view that the one thing needed is better highways. When all the people learn how to build better roads and come to have a mind to do it the best methods will be employed and the work will surely be accomplished. The conditions for having unimproved roads at a minimum cost are abounding in this county. The roads of sand and clay we should naturally build are the best roads the year round, in the world.

Neither the corn nor cotton crop in Robeson is a failure. That is a very comforting fact. For it is every heart to be thankful. To say what per centage of a full crop of either corn or cotton will be, harvested would be sheer guessing. The seasons have been too unequal to form an estimate that would amount to more than a surmise. Suffice it to say that we reach the conclusion after a wide personal observation and much inquiry that the ingathering will, with the prices that appear here today, be ample to enable both farmers and merchants to meet all outstanding obligations in comfort and encouragement. And after that there will be a surplus to leave the body of the people in a state of pleasing independence. And it is a pleasing thought that we hear no complaints of loss of bogs. With bread and meat therefore added to the happy outcome of the cotton crop there is abundant ground for good cheer and hearts full of gratitude and thanks giving to the giver of every good and perfect gift.

Guizot emphasized the fact that Republics always exhibit the ugly characteristic of ingratitude to their citizens, however distinguished their services as benefactors. It is sad to think it is so. But it is the natural outcome of the depravity that is a common heritage of the race. As the millennium dawns the sad spectacle will wane. Godliness in practice would preclude it. In proportion as a right spirit dominates, care and effort will manifest itself to honor and reward the service of fellows in proportion to the real worth of the service rendered. As

Spinners Will Fight Association.

A recent meeting of the International Cotton Spinners held at London, England, on August 1st, indicates very clearly that the producers are to be bitterly fought by the spinners during the next three months. At the meeting above referred to foreign spinners were advised to buy no more cotton for 90 days except in such cases where the raw material was absolutely needed. The effort will be made to depress the cotton market here by reducing the demand for the raw material as far as possible in order to break down the present movement of the farmers to demand fair prices for their staple. The present plan of the foreign spinners, it now appears, is to crush the Southern Cotton Association and its efforts at the opening of the fall season and force the farmers to sacrifice their cotton on a depressed market brought about by combination and concert of action among the spinners and "bear" speculators. Every imaginable device known to human ingenuity will be brought to bear to depress prices during the next four months.

The Southern Cotton Association will meet at Asheville, N. C., September 9th, and at that time will fix a minimum price on the present crop which will be fair and just to both the producers and spinners, based upon a carefully prepared report up to August 25th and the estimated percentage of yield, as compared with 1904. When this minimum price for spot cotton is fixed by the representatives of the different States on September 6th at Asheville, every producer of cotton in the South will be called upon to stand by the action of the Association and force the consuming world to pay a fair price for the staple. There will be no surplus of raw cotton from the crop of 1904. What is left over unconsumed on September 1st will be only a small reserve stock. The mills are now consuming 270,000 bales per week, and the demand for cotton goods is enormous at high prices. The farmers are in good financial shape to protect their staple and if money is needed and quite willing to finance the situation.

The producers have just won a notable victory in the face of the largest crop ever produced in this country and by concert of action forced prices up from six cents in January to ten cents on July 3rd, encountering each day the most intense opposition.

The present crop indicates a short yield compared with 1904, while the consumption of cotton will go forward unabated for the next eighteen months. Present prices for spot cotton are not high. They represent only a small profit to the producers.

If the fight must come it will be forced by the spinners and will be met by determined and effective opposition on the part of the producers. The crop of 1905 must not be sacrificed. Let every man measure up to the highest standard of Southern manhood and do his full duty. The mills have got to have our cotton, and if they want to stop buying at present prices we can stop selling and see whose corn crib and smokehouse will last the longest. On the eve of the crisis which threatens the South, the Southern press is earnestly called upon to publish this article and comment upon the same editorially. The farmers all over the South are rapidly organizing and the Association has no fear of the final outcome in the struggle which lies just ahead.

Harvie Jordan, President Southern Cotton Association, Monticello, Ga.

MR. EDITOR:

We attended the Farmers' and Business Mens' Picnic at Ashpole on the 30th. We arrived on the grounds about 10 o'clock and soon met our old friend J. T. Barker, of Lumberton, and he informed us that he would join the Cotton Growers' Association before he left there. This made us feel very proud as this was our mission to Ashpole. After going to several stores and shaking hands with friends we then went to the Tobacco Warehouses where we saw piles of tobacco waiting for the sale which came off at 11 o'clock. The sales were better than we have seen but by no means satisfactory to the farmers. A number of the tags were turned and some tobacco hauled home. Announcement was made in the ware house that Mr. Joe Brown, of Columbus, would speak at the school house as soon as the farmers and all could get there. The people then began to move towards the school houses and when we arrived at the school house we found it entirely too small and the seats were taken to the grove where the ladies were seated; the men left to do the best they could, the writer having an appointment as one of the organizers for the county, was made master of ceremonies, and called the meeting to order. The Rev. J. M. Ashby delivered the address of welcome.

Prof. T. M. Seawell was called and made a short, practical speech which was appreciated by the entire audience. Then came the writer's time who had the pleasure of introducing, as he declared not only a great speaker but one of the best informed men in North Carolina on the great cotton question. Mr. Brown made the speech from the porch of the school building, the audience mostly in the grove. It was clear, strong and convincing. Many were heard to say, "I never saw it in that light before." Yes, "we will join the association." At the conclusion of Mr. Brown's speech the ladies of the town and surrounding community had prepared dinner, a most bountiful feast of good things to eat which was spread on long table where every body helped himself; but the dinner was too large for the people. At 2 o'clock the bell rang and the farmers re-assembled in the school house to organize, where the farmers and business men began to give their names and many to become members of the association.

A large number of names was enrolled. Mr. McKenzie, county organizer was called for, who responded explaining the work and the necessity of complete organization, which was enjoyed by all. On motion Mr. O. I. Floyd was nominated and unanimously elected President of the Cotton Growers and Business Mens Association in Whitehouse Township. Mr. R. Gainey was elected Vice-President and Mr. Walter P. Andrews Secretary.

This is a large organization, the very best farmers and all the business men of Ashpole have joined hands in this grand cause and we expect to see Whitehouse township prosper in the future. With merchants, farmers and doctors. All united in one great cause, they are bound to prosper. Several new bales of cotton were sold, the price paid was 10 1-8.

The new ginneries are beginning to start up with one on each side or town. There will be no waiting for cotton to be ginned, as when a man goes to the gin he can get his cotton ginned, go to town, and see the Doctor all the same day. There are no better people to be found any where than these are in and around the town of Ashpole. J. E. Carlyle.

Lumber Bridge Locals.

The school here opened Monday in the new and handsome school building. The principal is P. C. Cullum, who comes with the highest testimonials. The primary department will be in charge of Miss Nettie Lova and the music department in charge of Miss Mary Belle Johnson. Both of these young ladies have had valued and successful experience as teachers.

Mr. Jerry Parker, who once lived among us, but who went South and did well, was a visitor in the old country the past week.

M. L. Marley's cotton gin is running on full time.

Rev. Jordan Cobb, has been visiting numerous friends and kindred. He has preached at Lumber Bridge, Shannon and Antioch. We did not know he was in the county till after the last issue. It has so turned out we are sorry to say that we have not met him.

Mr. McLean Conoly was one of the number who has been visiting kindred and friends hereabouts of whom we did not hear. He is a fine specimen of manhood and like others, loves the homeland of his fathers and the play ground of his childhood.

Mrs. Raymond Corbett, of Ivanhoe, has been visiting her old home at Shannon.

Maxton.

Mr. A. H. O'Brien left last Friday for Ashboro in response to a telegram which told of the serious illness of his infant child at that place.

Mr. A. W. Campbell, one of Robeson's Home Comers, of Bishop, Ga., and who has not been on a visit to the county for fifteen years, was in town last Friday.

Cards are out for the marriage of Miss Mary Clark, of Clarkton, to Mr. Norman A. Barnes, of this place, to take place on the afternoon of September 6th.

Cotton is coming in at a rapid rate. Nearly a hundred bales were bought from wagons last week in Maxton and these figures will be much more than doubled during the present week. Bring your cotton to Maxton and you will make no mistake.

Mrs. V. G. Pleasants, of Rowland, and Misses Eva and Bessie McKay, of Lone Home, S. C., who have been visiting Mrs. G. B. Sellers, of this place, returned home Monday. They were accompanied on their return by Mrs. Sellers, who will spend a few weeks the guest of relatives in South Carolina.

Earthquake at Portsmouth.

Portsmouth, N. H.—A series earthquake shocks, the most severe ever experienced in this section, were felt here late Thursday afternoon. Buildings trembled perceptibly, dishes were shaken from the shelves, and in many cases people rushed from their homes to the street.

There were three distinct shocks and in each instance the tremor was accompanied by a sound like distant explosion. The first impression was that the powder magazine at the navy yard had exploded, and hundreds of queries along this line were received at the yard. There had been no explosion, however, and the shocks were felt along the New Hampshire line.

Don't forget the big basket picnic and Cotton Growers' Rally to be held at Maxton on September 9th. Harvey Jordan, president of the Southern Cotton Growers' Association, Mr. Smith, president of the South Carolina Cotton Growers' Association and Mr. Cunningham, president of the Cotton Growers' Association of this State. A cordial invitation is extended the public to attend. The railroads will give reduced rates; a band will dispense music, and the feast of good things will be prepared on the grounds by the ladies. Let everybody be there.

Judge Ward Assaulted.

Durham special to Charlotte Observer Sept. 3.

Judge George Ward, who presided over the term of superior court which expires by limitation to-morrow, was assaulted this evening by M. E. McGown, ex-mayor of the city, at his boarding house on Dillard street. The Judge was knocked against the house, a slight wound was made on the side of his head, and his ear on the other side was black from the effects of the blow he received.

Ex-Mayor McGown, who made the assault that was vicious and unprovoked and which is condemned by the good people of the city without any reserve, was immediately arrested on a bench warrant and cited to show cause before his honor at 9 o'clock this evening why he should not be attached for contempt of court. At 9 o'clock counsel for McGown asked for more time and the matter was finally disposed of about 11 o'clock by Judge Ward sentencing the respondent to serve 80 days in jail and pay a fine of \$200 and all costs.

The assault was made on account of a decision of the court this afternoon in which Allen Haskins, colored, who was tried for murder in the second degree and found guilty of manslaughter with recommendation of mercy from the jury, was given fifteen months on the public roads, this taking into account the nine months served in jail. Otherwise, so it was stated by the court at the time, the sentence would have been for two years on the roads.

About 6:30 o'clock ex-Mayor McGown, who is an uncle of I. C. Day, who was killed by Allen Haskins, went to the boarding house at which Judge Ward was stopping and called for the Judge. In response to this call Judge Ward went to the front porch. There he was met by Mr. McGown, who shook hands with him and who then asked the Judge if he could not do more in the Allen Haskins case. He asked the court to change the sentence and give the Haskins negro a longer sentence. Judge Ward replied that he had fully considered the case and that he could not make a change. Mr. McGown struck him a blow behind the left ear. Judge Ward was knocked against the side of the door facing by this blow and received a cut on the opposite side of his head.

Death of Mrs. W. L. Pharr.

Mrs. Lila Thompson Pharr, widow of the late W. L. Pharr, whose death occurred in this city less than a year ago, died at her home in Fayetteville early yesterday morning. The deceased was 87 years of age and two small children survive her. Death was due to typhoid fever, with which she has been a sufferer for the past several weeks. The remains arrived in the city last night and were conveyed to the home of Mrs. J. P. Garner, at No. 800 North Church street. The funeral services will be conducted from the home this morning at 10 o'clock by Rev. K. D. Noel, pastor of the Eastside Presbyterian church. The interment will be made in Elmwood Cemetery.

For years Mrs. Pharr has been a consistent Christian. Her death is unusually sad for she leaves two little motherless as well as fatherless children.—Charlotte Observer of Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Barnes, of Barnesville, were visitors here yesterday.

Dr. F. D. Castle expected to-day from his parents in Wake county.

Items of Interest.

Sunday morning the barn of Mrs. C. W. Watkins, who lives near Rutherfordton, was burned and with it two calves, a lot of feedstuff and some valuable farming implements.

Henry Houston, a young negro who belonged in Charlotte, was killed by a train at the Salisbury depot Monday night. He was beating a ride and attempted to get off a train when he was caught and killed.

Some months ago the commissioners of Craven county refused to issue license for the sale of liquor in Vanceboro. To test the matter a vote was taken, which resulted in a tie. This defeats the liquor people, as the commissioners will not issue license unless a majority of the people declare for it.

The Scotland Neck Commonwealth tells that Mr. J. E. Cox, of Halifax county, had a cow to stray away and when he found her 19 days later she was fast by her head in a hollow tree. She was barely able to walk when released and it is presumed she was fastened there the entire 19 days without food or water.

The trial of J. C. Haigh and G. G. Myrover, cashier and teller, respectively, of the Bank of Fayetteville, for alleged embezzlement of funds of the bank, has again been postponed. They are charged with a shortage of \$60,000.

A Johnston county magistrate has been making illicit liquor and the revenue officers went to his house after him but he fled and escaped.

Gov. Glenn has written Solicitor Moore, of the district in which New Berne is located, denouncing the recent lynching at New Berne, in which John Moore, colored, was hanged for striking a white woman with an axe and seriously wounding her. The Governor instructs Solicitor Moore to go to New Berne and use every means to bring the lynchers to trial.

A special from China Grove to the Charlotte Observer says that Mr. Whitson Boat was found dead Friday evening near the home of Mr. Jacob Boat, with whom he had been living. Late in the afternoon Mr. Boat took his axe and went to the woods nearby to do some chopping. It is supposed that he injured a sore that was on one of his legs and bled to death. No one was with him and it really is not known what was the immediate cause of his death.

The enforcement of the Sunday law at Wilmington, which attracted attention, has resulted in the modification of the law. "Soft" drinks and newspapers may now be sold on Sunday, while livery stables and boot-blacks are permitted to do business. Formerly all these were prohibited, and the sale of tobacco in any form is yet under the law.

A special from Elkin to the Charlotte Observer says that Sandy Dodson, a farmer living seven miles east of Elkin, died Saturday morning at 7 o'clock. His death is supposed to have resulted from a fall out of his barn loft. He managed to get to the house, but could give no account of what the trouble was. His hat was found in the loft and blood was found on the floor of the barn. Deceased was 41 years old and leaves a family.

Yellow Fever in Atlanta.

It was announced officially Saturday that one case of yellow fever had developed in Atlanta, Georgia. The patient is a mechanic who arrived there Thursday from Pensacola. The Georgia Board in a meeting decided to advise the health officials of the larger cities of that State to quarantine against infected points.

Miss Florence Everett, who has been visiting Mrs. T. H. Leavitt, returned to her home in Wilmington yesterday.

The Rural Free Delivery men had holiday yesterday.