

Los Angeles—Fire at Universal City, a suburb, Dec. 23 destroyed 1,100,000 feet of film at the Universal studios, gutted one building and resulted in the injury of one man. Damage was estimated at \$350,000 including the value of the motion picture films.

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NEXT YEAR'S TOBACCO CROP

Outlook for Prices Good—Quality of Crop More Important Than Quantity—Well-Known Warehouseman Thinks Robeson County Farmers Will be Safe in Growing Normal Crop of Tobacco.

To the Editor of The Robesonian:
By request of a large number of tobacco growers in your county, where we were selling tobacco at Fairmont during the last tobacco season, asking us to give our views as to the outlook for next year's crop through the columns of your valued paper, as has been our custom to do so about this time of year, I take pleasure in saying to my friends and customers, the outlook for good prices for the 1923 crop of tobacco, as well as other crops, looks good to me.

We never have advised planting too much tobacco, and if you want to keep prices good you must guard against too large acreage. You should consider the quality of the crop as being of far greater importance than the large number of pounds. Plant what you can properly manage and take care of; and in addition to your tobacco crop grow a variety of crops, Robeson county, as I have stated in my former letters, can grow the greatest variety of food crops and is one of the very best farming sections in North Carolina, and you should so manage your rotation and diversify your farming as to make the farm self-sustaining, for your table and stock as well, and let your cotton and tobacco be the money crops.

I know the cotton grower is discouraged on account of the boll weevil, but you need not let this interfere with your making money. Perhaps it will prove a real blessing in the long run, the fact you will not depend so much on cotton to buy the many things you can produce on your farms, and you will avoid these bumper crops that always pull down your prices. The old law of supply and demand is the governing factor that controls prices, notwithstanding the fact advocates of the tobacco pool claim otherwise; yet they have got to show us, and it will take them a long time to do this. How long? a thousand years, and then some.

I expect to see tobacco sell well again and believe Robeson county farmers will be safe in growing a normal crop. Prices have continued good throughout the North Carolina and Virginia markets. Those selling on the open market have been highly pleased with prices and will represent about 70 per cent. of the tobacco crop grown in the two States. This is very different from what has been told you through the press, as you remember the "Co-ops" claimed to your people 93 per cent. sign-up for Virginia. However, this is very fortunate to our tobacco growers, as the open market price (the general average around 28 cents to date) has enabled our farmers to meet their obligations, paying the banks, merchants, fertilizer men, etc. The cash advance by the pool in Virginia is about the same per cent. as the farmers received at Fairmont and other pooling stations in your section, around 25 per cent. of this year's market. Your section, I notice, has been paid another dividend of about the same as their first cash advance, which comes to petty well, I am sure, yet these two payments do not amount to more than 50 per cent. of your neighbor who sold on the open market. You will have to get two more of these payments to square you with the open market.

The pool, contrary to promise, continues to dump your tobaccos on the market privately and are selling your tobacco at very attractive prices to the tobacco trade generally, cashing it in and making the farmer wait for what partly belongs to him.

Fairmont market sold over four million pounds of leaf tobacco during the season of 1922. How much did the "Co-ops" sell and what price did they get? The open markets make monthly reports and show the number of pounds sold and the average price. This is fair, the public is entitled to the information. Don't you believe, Brother Farmer, if your tobacco has been sold at a higher price than the open market you are entitled to receive more money than you have gotten? They tell you the expenses of

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THE POULTRY YARD

It is time to get the pullets in the pen. If they are moved after they begin laying it will stop the egg flow. See that there are no draughts in the chicken house, but have it ventilated from the south. Keep the dropping boards and interior of the chicken house well sprayed. Have oyster shells before the hens at all times. In the coldest weather it pays to warm the chickens water a little. Get yours for success, E. J. DAVIS, Martinsville, Va. Dec. 18, 1922.

When I started my article I had no idea of letting my letter run so long, but I feel it my duty to give the farmers of Robeson county the benefit of the facts as they actually exist, and I will say in conclusion that my customers here are far better satisfied with the auction system of selling tobacco, and lots and scores of my old customers who were persuaded to join the pool tell me every day that they would give anything in reason if they had stayed out, and they don't see how they can possibly grow another crop.

I will say in conclusion that my sales up to the present have been the largest of any year for 32 years, my customers the best pleased, and the auction system of selling tobacco, the old way, stands in higher repute in Virginia today than ever before, and there must be a reason for this. How stands the matter in Robeson county? Our intention is to again be at Fairmont, selling tobacco the old way, paying cash on the day of sale, with the full assurance that it will mean more money to the farmer, ready cash, and much less cost of selling. Let us hope, pray and work together for continued prosperity, peace and happiness, and with all good wishes to all my old friends for a prosperous 1923.

selling that way will cost you less. It looks to me it is high time to look at the facts in the case and compare the two methods of selling tobacco. If you have paid your money to join the new way of selling, add your tobacco has been sold, don't you think, as stockholders and owners of the business, you should know more about the price obtained, and something about the prices your managers are getting, and the expenses in general? I know everything sounds good from headquarters, but how about the fellow who produced the crop at his own expense, or perhaps at the expense of his banker or merchant, who owes money and has parted with his tobacco and can't meet his just obligations? Tobacco has always been a cash article at whatever price it sold for. The markets have been established throughout the tobacco belts for the sale of leaf tobacco, and some years the price is low, other years good, and some years high. The same thing applies to cotton, corn, wheat, meat, in fact market fluctuations are as natural as day and night, and the great governing cog in the wheel resolves itself in the law of supply and demand, and other things of which no human being or set of men have any control.

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CONDITION NOV. 17th, 1922.
RESOURCES.
Loans and Discounts \$129,155.56
Furniture and Fixtures 1,621.38
Cash on hand and in banks 38,335.04
Real Estate 2,000.00
U. S. Treas. Certificates 10,000.00
Stocks and Bonds 668.70
\$181,780.68

LIABILITIES.
Capital Stock \$10,000.00
Undivided Profits Net 4,380.62
Combined Deposits 158,287.15
Due War Finance Corporation 9,112.91
\$181,780.68

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Notice of Sale of Valuable Lands.

The undersigned executors, under the last will and testament of Sallie McLean, deceased, will, on
Saturday, Dec. 30th,
1922, at 11 o'clock A. M.,

Upon the premises, offer for sale and sell, to the highest bidder for cash, all that tract of land belonging to the late Sallie McLean, deceased, adjoining the lands of John K. McGirt, Neill Alford, Mrs. Anna Phillips and others, situated in Smith's Township, Robeson County, North Carolina containing approximately 140 acres. This tract contains about 75 acres of cleared land, and is situated in a fine farming section of Robeson County. The lands will be sold for partition among the heirs at law of Sallie McLean.

Time of Sale—11 o'clock a. m.
Date of Sale—SATURDAY, DEC. 30, 1922.
Place of Sale—On the Premises.
Terms of Sale—Cash.

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