

TRYING TO DESTROY A NEGRO-BUTTER.

We referred a few days ago to the oleomargarine investigation now in progress before the Senate Committee on Agriculture, which is giving a pretty full hearing to both friends and opponents of the Groat bill, the professed object of which is to suppress unwholesome compounds which compete on the market with butter, but the real object of which is to destroy the oleomargarine industry and give the butter dealers a monopoly of the market.

I am bold to assert that in the period between 1880 and 1890 there will be no milk available for the making of butter, which, of course, would be a great hardship provided you and your successors do not tax butter out of existence.

You may smile at the gloomy outlook, yet it is a fair prophecy to say that if the present rate of increase of population is maintained with the estimated shortage of the cow supply, the supply of milk in the coming years will all be required for table purposes and invalids.

In confirmation of this I may cite Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, who stated a short time ago that there are 10,000,000 fewer cattle in this country than there were ten years ago.

Consider the prices of the poor man's butter, and a name is assigned to hinder its sale, steadily and continuously sells at a much lower price to the everlastingly credit of the French chemist who first evolved it from the fat of the steer and gave to the commerce of the United States an added impetus and value.

It is further confirmation of the proposition that the price of the cow for milk will not keep pace with the increase in population, the increased demand for milk in all cities has already caused a tremendous decrease in the production of butter in all the Eastern and Middle States.

Milk, instead of butter, is going from the farmer to the consumer to such an extent that statistics of the railroads, known as milk roads, will show that the average haul of milk has doubled, and in some instances, tripled.

In 25 years butter will be a luxury and butter more of a necessity than it is even now. Congress should remove all tax on oleomargarine and permit the farmer to work up his milk with the materials which are also raised on his farm, and so render him independent of the creameries, which are rapidly going into a monopoly or trust, and that they like for the milk or cream they buy on the farm of the producer.

Thus it would seem that oleomargarine is not only the object of Federal taxation than any other of the thousands of food products original and stimulated, all of which are susceptible of proper control by State law, but the question let me ask if it is not crowding the mourners pretty closely, especially in districts where it is not made, to compel their residents to contribute to the general government!

It is constantly asserted by those behind this bill that in the interest of the "poor farmer," it is proposed this bill as a farmer myself.

Milk from my farm pays me much better than any other product of it, and this proposition allows the farmer to be his own dealer and the creamery man.

There are several strong points in this, one of which is the constantly increasing demand for milk, to which might be added the constantly increasing demand for good butter, both of which command good prices and a ready market if there be the necessary transportation to get them to market without too much loss of time and at reasonable charges.

As remarked in the above extract many of the dairymen, whose there is much demand for milk, find it more profitable at the prices they receive to sell the milk than to convert it into butter, even at the prevailing high prices paid for butter, while others who have made a name as fine butter makers convert their milk into butter because they can get their own prices for the butter they make, some of them near New York who supply wealthy families in that city (and no others), receiving, it is said, as much as \$1.50 a pound for their butter the year round.

Of course these are exceptions, but people pay according to their fancies, and there is very little of what is called good butter which sells at retail for less than thirty cents a pound.

It is evident from this that oleomargarine does not compete with the dairymen who sell milk or with the dairymen who make good butter. It doesn't compete with this kind of butter more than molasses does, and it would be just as reasonable and just as defensible to put a prohibitory tax on molasses as to put it upon oleomargarine.

It is proposed by this bill to strangle an industry which, if it is not a necessity now will be in the near future, for the increase in the number of cows does not keep pace with the increase of the population, especially with the urban population which keeps no cows and has

to depend upon the rural districts for both milk and butter. If there be 10,000,000 fewer cattle in this country now than there were ten years ago, as reported by Secretary Wilson, how will it be ten or twenty years hence?

This is doubtless one of the reasons for the increased price of both milk and butter, notwithstanding the fact that we have now hundreds of creameries in the country to the one we had then, which turn out an immense quantity of butter by a rapid process, which ought to make it cheaper than butter made in the old, slow way.

But it is dearer, because the number of butter consumers is steadily increasing while the milk for butter making is not increasing in proportion, not to mention the fact that there has been an improvement in cows, and we may have more good milkers now than we had then and improvement will continue to be necessary, as economy will compel the feeding of one cow when some years ago several might have been kept at small cost, when there was more free range for pasturage. Fewer cows and smaller herds will take the place of the more numerous common stock that ranged where land was cheap, most of it unfenced and pasturage was free.

Every year as the lands are taken up and put under cultivation, the pasturage becomes more contracted and this will necessitate smaller herds and fewer milkers, while at the same time the demand for milk and butter increases.

In the face of facts like these the supporters of the Groat scheme propose to destroy an industry which supplies the masses of the people with a wholesome substitute for butter, better than most of the so-called good butter put upon the market, at a price within their means, instead of passing a law, as they should, for the protection of the honest oleomargarine maker as well as the butter maker, from fraudulent imitations of both. Let them, if they are honest, pass a law requiring oleomargarine to be put upon the market under its own name. This would give all the protection the butter maker or dealer should ask, and this no honest oleomargarine maker or dealer should object to.

The large crowd assembled in Raleigh yesterday to witness and participate in the inauguration of Governor Aycock, gives evidence of the rejoicing of the people that North Carolina is once more, in its executive and legislative departments, in the control of the Democratic party, which means in the control of her white men. As far as the ceremonies attending it went, and the enthusiasm of the people it was all that could be desired, and the new Governor, who may well feel proud of the splendid endorsement he received at the polls, goes into office feeling that he has the people with him, and may count on their loyal support in his efforts to promote the progress, prosperity, honor and glory of North Carolina and her people.

Elsewhere we publish the Governor's inaugural address, which is devoted mainly to a reiteration of the promises made in the campaign, to a plea for the education of the people, for aids in industrial effort, for respect for law and order and impartial justice to all people of the State, in securing which he asks for the co-operation of the Legislature, regardless of political affiliation, and the guidance of the God in whom he puts his trust.

A St. Louis millionaire who had quarreled with an artist who had put up \$20,000 worth of job for him is going to take spite out of him, and make it hot for him by burning his pictures. The artist, who has his pay in his pocket, can stand it and is probably looking for some more jobs when the millionaire crank gets over his tantrum.

A \$65,000,000 Plow Trust is the latest talked about. It is being worked up by Chas. R. Flint, the chief engineer of the U. S. Rubber Trust. If this thing materializes the farmers of this country will find Mr. Flint and his Plow Trust a pretty hard combination to run up against.

According to Nik Tesla, and some of the astronomers, the people up in Mars are showing a disposition to be sociable and neighborly, and want to talk to us. Rev. Mr. Hawley, of London, predicts that we will be holding social chats with them before the year is out.

Victims to stomach, liver and kidney troubles as well as women, and all feel the results in loss of appetite, poisons in the blood, backache, nervousness, headache and dizziness, run down feeling. But there is no need to feel like that. Listen to J. W. Gardner, of Idaville, Ind. He says: "Electric Bites are just the thing for a man when he is all run down and don't care whether he lives or dies. It did more to give me new strength and appetite than anything I could take. I can now eat anything I desire and have a new lease on life. Only 50 cents at R. B. BULLARD'S Drug Store. Every bottle guaranteed."

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A KANSAS OBJECT LESSON.

Object lessons on the color line are becoming a common occurrence these days on the other side of the line without being confined to any particular section. We have had many of them within the past year or so, and some of them quite recently, from half a dozen Northern and Western States. The latest is from Wichita, Kansas—"bleeding Kansas," of ante-bellum days, and is thus reported by wire:

"A series of riots which began in this city early this (Sunday) morning, ended in a street fight between three colored and three white men. More than a dozen shots were exchanged between Wily Schaeff, a Texas negro, and Cash Johnson, a white man named Herford was shot in the head, but will not die. Johnson was shot through the groin and his condition is serious. A crowd of about 200 white men gathered around the scene and a young man from the country had several ribs broken. The principal negro contestant fled and a mob of 200 white men pursued and caught him. Police men hurried him to a wagon and succeeded in escaping from the mob.

"The result of the day's rioting is seven men arrested and a nice little baby girl in February following. My baby weighed eight pounds. I was taken to a trial, but the hour and got along nicely during confinement. I was up and dressed on the eighth day, and the doctor with me at all. My friends thought I was a fine mother, but my little girl is indeed a mother's true friend, for she is a fine little girl."

This does not state the cause of the racket between the negroes and the white men, but as usual the hip pocket pistol and the inevitable razor figured in it, and then two hundred white men started in the chase of the negro who played the leading part in the row and the police had to hustle to get him away from the mob before supplemental proceedings were instituted. That was in Kansas. Here is another of a somewhat different character, which is reported from Jersey city.

The evangelical ministers held a meeting to devise a campaign against vice in the city. A colored minister appeared at the meeting and asked if any provisions had been or would be made to let the colored ministers take part in the campaign. He was informed that that matter had not been considered and when he remarked that it didn't look exactly Christian like to ignore the colored ministers in a work like that the presiding minister snubbed him by saying that it was rather late to consider that matter and recognized some other preacher, which put an end to the colored incident.

This was not a mob, but a meeting of ministers, to inaugurate a crusade against vice in the city, who deliberately froze the colored brother out and refused to recognize him as a worker in the cause. We venture to say that there is not a town in the South where that would have been done.

IS THIS TO BOOST THE ARMY BILL? The dispatches from Manila, published yesterday, inform us that the rigid measures adopted by General MacArthur are knocking the bottom out of the insurrection, that the people of the cities are getting sick of furnishing supplies and helping the fellows in the woods, and that they are, therefore (impressed with a due respect for General MacArthur's tender consideration), showing a disposition to help in prosecuting the work of "benevolent assimilation" and recognizing the jurisdiction of Uncle Sam. Being shot or deported to Guam (our St. Helena) isn't very enticing to the average Filipino, and consequently it isn't surprising that those of them who are under the muzzles of American guns and within reach of General MacArthur's order circumstances should be somewhat circumspect in their sayings and doings, and outwardly at least show a good deal of respect for the U. S. flag and its defenders.

But we have heard a good deal of this kind of stuff from time to time before, and the fact that it comes now coincident with the discussion of the Army bill, gives ground for the suspicion that it may be intended to boost and expedite the passage of that measure.

That tall rawboned woman has swung around from Indiana to Rhode Island, or she has a partner who lays in wait for the unsuspecting unprotected young men, grabs them, lifts her dark veil and plants "burning kisses" on their mug. When she does up one town she advances upon another.

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

Newton Enterprise: The Harworth and Pickett night in Hickory was burned last Thursday night. The loss was about \$1,500 and no insurance.

Greenboro Telegram: News was received here Saturday evening of the accidental killing of a man named Henderson at Dave Coble's saw mill, near Julian. The accident occurred in the forenoon. Mr. Henderson was engaged in unloading a car of lumber and one of the heavy timbers fell on him, mangle him so badly that he died after a few hours of intense agony. It was a brother of the stationer at Julian.

Tarboro Southerner: According to the newspaper reports, Attorney Claude Bernard, after several weeks' persistent effort, secured the commitment to twenty years from life imprisonment for Joe Powell, colored, who was convicted of burglarizing the house of Bettie Meares of this county. He has already served fifteen years of his term. The report says that young Bernard once lived in Tarboro and because of his impression took the trouble to get up petitions and petitions for this commitment.

Salisbury Star: Mr. A. J. Spurgeon, whose home was at Lexington, was instantly killed at the depot in that town Sunday evening. Mr. Haule Pool, of this city, was the only passenger on the train, and he was at the depot with a niece of the unfortunate man. Mr. Spurgeon was attempting to cross the track when No. 76, a local freight from the South, came along. Mr. Spurgeon was in the man's movements were unsteady and before he could clear the track the engine hit him, killing him almost instantly. It is reported that he was told that Spurgeon expressed the wish a few days ago that "if I ever get drunk again I hope God will kill me."

Lincoln Journal: Chris Sherman, well-known farmer of Iron township, was found dead by the roadside Saturday morning. He had been missing from his home since the previous evening. Death is supposed to have been caused by a fall from a horse. He was a neighbor of Mr. Joseph Lynch, in hauling on Thursday. Late in the afternoon he started along a path to Mr. Lynch's house. He did not see Mr. Lynch, and supposed he had gone home, while his own people supposed he was at Lynch's and did not become alarmed on account of his absence until Saturday morning, when search was made for him and his dead body was found by the path where he had evidently fallen dead a few hours before. Mr. Lynch and Lynch on Thursday evening, and by the side of his dead master where he had kept watch during the weary hours of the night. Death is evidently due to natural causes.

Capt. B. F. Grigg lost a fine cow last week in a peculiar way. The cow had been sick for three weeks. When it was taken to the slaughter house, it held on to it and found that its death was caused by a six-inch "bagging" needle which had been inserted in its side. It had been in some time upon which the cow was fed and that she swallowed it, but how the needle got into the heart from the stomach is yet an unsolved mystery.

WILMINGTON MARKET. (Quoted officially at the closing by the Produce Exchange.) STAR OLEOMARGARINE—Market steady at 37 cents per gallon for machine made casks at 86 1/2 cents per gallon for country casks. Sales at 3 P. M. at 37 1/2 cents per gallon. ROSIN—Market firm at \$1.20 per barrel for strained and \$1.25 for good strained. TAR—Market firm at \$1.30 per barrel for refined and \$1.35 for hard. CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market quiet at \$1.30 per barrel for hard, \$2.30 for dip and \$2.40 for virgin. Quotations same day last year: Rosin firm at \$1.20 to \$1.25; tar firm at \$1.25; crude turpentine steady at \$1.50 to \$2.00.

RECEIPTS. Spirits turpentine 1,243 bbls; same day last year, 951. Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce and Commission Exchange. PEANUTS—North Carolina—Prime, 70c; extra prime, 75c per bushel; of 25 bushels; fancy, 80c; Virginia—Prime, 65c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c. COHN—Firm, 68 to 60 cents per bushel. BACON—Steady; hams 11 to 12 1/2 cents per pound; shoulders, 8 to 9 cents; 7 to 8c. EGGS—Dull at 15 to 18 cents per dozen. CHICKENS—Dull. Grown, 22 1/2 to 25 cents; springs, 12 1/2 to 17 cents. TURKEYS—Live, dull at 8 to 9 cents; dressed, 9 to 10c. BEEF—Firm at 25 cents. TALLOW—Firm at 5 1/2 to 6 cents per pound. SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 50 cents per bushel.

FINANCIAL MARKETS. By Telegraph to the Morning Star. NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—Money on call steady at 3 1/2 to 4 per cent, last loan being at 2 1/2 per cent. Government certificate paper 4 1/2 to 5 per cent. Sterling exchange easier, with actual business in bankers' bills at 48 1/2 to 49 1/2 for demand and 48 1/2 to 49 1/2 for 30 days. Posted rates were 48 1/2 and 48 1/2. Commercial bills 48 1/2 to 48 1/2. Silver certificates 64 1/2 to 65 1/2. Bar silver 64 1/2 to 65 1/2. Mexican dollars 49 1/2 to 50 1/2. Government bonds 110 1/2 to 111 1/2. U. S. 4's, new reg'd, ex int. 126 1/2 to 127 1/2. U. S. 4's, old reg'd, 114 1/2 to 115 1/2. U. S. 5's, new reg'd, ex int. 110 1/2 to 111 1/2. U. S. 5's, old reg'd, 104 1/2 to 105 1/2. U. S. 6's, new reg'd, ex int. 110 1/2 to 111 1/2. U. S. 6's, old reg'd, 104 1/2 to 105 1/2. U. S. 7's, new reg'd, ex int. 110 1/2 to 111 1/2. U. S. 7's, old reg'd, 104 1/2 to 105 1/2. U. S. 8's, new reg'd, ex int. 110 1/2 to 111 1/2. U. S. 8's, old reg'd, 104 1/2 to 105 1/2. U. S. 9's, new reg'd, ex int. 110 1/2 to 111 1/2. U. S. 9's, old reg'd, 104 1/2 to 105 1/2. U. S. 10's, new reg'd, ex int. 110 1/2 to 111 1/2. U. S. 10's, old reg'd, 104 1/2 to 105 1/2. U. S. 11's, new reg'd, ex int. 110 1/2 to 111 1/2. U. S. 11's, old reg'd, 104 1/2 to 105 1/2. U. S. 12's, new reg'd, ex int. 110 1/2 to 111 1/2. U. S. 12's, old reg'd, 104 1/2 to 105 1/2. U. S. 13's, new reg'd, ex int. 110 1/2 to 111 1/2. U. S. 13's, old reg'd, 104 1/2 to 105 1/2. U. S. 14's, new reg'd, ex int. 110 1/2 to 111 1/2. U. S. 14's, old reg'd, 104 1/2 to 105 1/2. U. S. 15's, new reg'd, ex int. 110 1/2 to 111 1/2. U. S. 15's, old reg'd, 104 1/2 to 105 1/2. U. S. 16's, new reg'd, ex int. 110 1/2 to 111 1/2. U. S. 16's, old reg'd, 104 1/2 to 105 1/2. U. S. 17's, new reg'd, ex int. 110 1/2 to 111 1/2. U. S. 17's, old reg'd, 104 1/2 to 105 1/2. U. S. 18's, new reg'd, ex int. 110 1/2 to 111 1/2. U. S. 18's, old reg'd, 104 1/2 to 105 1/2. U. S. 19's, new reg'd, ex int. 110 1/2 to 111 1/2. U. S. 19's, old reg'd, 104 1/2 to 105 1/2. U. S. 20's, new reg'd, ex int. 110 1/2 to 111 1/2. U. S. 20's, old reg'd, 104 1/2 to 105 1/2. U. S. 21's, new reg'd, ex int. 110 1/2 to 111 1/2. U. S. 21's, old reg'd, 104 1/2 to 105 1/2. U. S. 22's, new reg'd, ex int. 110 1/2 to 111 1/2. U. S. 22's, old reg'd, 104 1/2 to 105 1/2. U. S. 23's, new reg'd, ex int. 110 1/2 to 111 1/2. U. S. 23's, old reg'd, 104 1/2 to 105 1/2. U. S. 24's, new reg'd, ex int. 110 1/2 to 111 1/2. U. S. 24's, old reg'd, 104 1/2 to 105 1/2. U. S. 25's, new reg'd, ex int. 110 1/2 to 111 1/2. U. S. 25's, old reg'd, 104 1/2 to 105 1/2. U. S. 26's, new reg'd, ex int. 110 1/2 to 111 1/2. U. S. 26's, old reg'd, 104 1/2 to 105 1/2. U. S. 27's, new reg'd, ex int. 110 1/2 to 111 1/2. U. S. 27's, old reg'd, 104 1/2 to 105 1/2. U. S. 28's, new reg'd, ex int. 110 1/2 to 111 1/2. U. S. 28's, old reg'd, 104 1/2 to 105 1/2. U. S. 29's, new reg'd, ex int. 110 1/2 to 111 1/2. U. S. 29's, old reg'd, 104 1/2 to 105 1/2. U. S. 30's, new reg'd, ex int. 110 1/2 to 111 1/2. U. S. 30's, old reg'd, 104 1/2 to 105 1/2. U. S. 31's, new reg'd, ex int. 110 1/2 to 111 1/2. U. S. 31's, old reg'd, 104 1/2 to 105 1/2. U. S. 32's, new reg'd, ex int. 110 1/2 to 111 1/2. U. S. 32's, old reg'd, 104 1/2 to 105 1/2. U. S. 33's, new reg'd, ex int. 110 1/2 to 111 1/2. U. S. 33's, old reg'd, 104 1/2 to 105 1/2. U. S. 34's, new reg'd, ex int. 110 1/2 to 111 1/2. U. S. 34's, old reg'd, 104 1/2 to 105 1/2. U. S. 35's, new reg'd, ex int. 110 1/2 to 111 1/2. U. S. 35's, old reg'd, 104 1/2 to 105 1/2. U. S. 36's, new reg'd, ex int. 110 1/2 to 111 1/2. U. S. 36's, old reg'd, 104 1/2 to 105 1/2. U. S. 37's, new reg'd, ex int. 110 1/2 to 111 1/2. U. S. 37's, old reg'd, 104 1/2 to 105 1/2. U. S. 38's, new reg'd, ex int. 110 1/2 to 111 1/2. U. S. 38's, old reg'd, 104 1/2 to 105 1/2. U. S. 39's, new reg'd, ex int. 110 1/2 to 111 1/2. U. S. 39's, old reg'd, 104 1/