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THE INFLUENCE OF A FOREIGN WAR UPON PRICES

We took occasion a fortnight ago to give our views as to the effects of a foreign war upon the price of cotton. We are glad to see that the N. Y. Financial Chronicle of the 21st gives an opinion quite similar to what the STAR said in its issue of the 19th.

"Cotton has been declining for two weeks under the influence of war rumors, and now, assisted by failures, a more gloomy prospect could scarcely be imagined. This, however, must be temporary.

As we said the other day, cotton cannot depreciate much more. The great staple is already extremely low, and we believe before very long there will be a partial rebound. But if cotton should advance two or three cents our farmers will be guilty of inexcusable folly if they make a large crop of cotton to the exclusion of the cereals.

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There is an unexpected scarcity of wheat on hand. The United States Agricultural Bureau reports that the stock now on hand in this country is not half what it was at this time last year.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

Hon. Ben. Hill, of Georgia, has written an interesting letter on the subject of Senatorial recommendations. He thinks that U. S. Senators have no more right to decide who shall hold office than a Judge has to decide in favor of one litigant to the exclusion of the other.

When a Senator selects one applicant for an office, and represents that one, he becomes partial for that one and partial against all others. He abdicates his office as a Senator and becomes an attorney for one man, and an enemy to all others.

There are men—noisy men, too—in both the Senate and House at Washington who only idea of the science of government is derived by the art of controlling the public patronage as a means of holding power. They form rings, make combinations, organize cliques, and in some instances absolutely control large States.

This is surely a great evil, and only bad results can follow from such combinations. People will seek office. Life is such a struggle, and so many men are destitute of the getting-along salary that they naturally turn to salaried offices for a place in which to get their daily bread.

The proper rule is for applicants to forward their applications for office directly to the appointing power. Every applicant from Georgia has the right in his application to refer to me or any other Senator or Representative for information touching his fitness for the office sought.

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THE PRICE OF COTTON

Some of our exchanges are greatly disturbed about the rumors of an attempt to revise the old Whig party in North Carolina. General J. H. Leach is credited with being the philosopher of the movement.

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COTTON-GROWING AND STATISTICS

The South is specially interested in all that concerns the cotton question. The STAR is constantly on the alert to gather or copy any facts that may interest or instruct our farmers in connection with the profitable growth of the great staple.

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THE PEANUT CROP—SOME INTERESTING FACTS

A correspondent at Rocky Point gives us some interesting facts in regard to the production of peanuts. Alluding to recent articles in Northern papers he says it was claimed that the peanut crop was as easily cultivated as corn, and the yield put, he thinks, at from 30 to 75 bushels per acre, and adds: "Now, any one who knows anything about the cultivation of the crop, knows that it requires three times the labor and expense to grow the former, and that 35 to 40 bushels per acre is good cropping."

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Spirits Turpentine.

"Plain Tom" writing to Wilson Advance from Castalia, Nash county, tells of a remarkable illustration of the old adage—"murder will out"—(Shakespeare in Hamlet says "murder will be known")

Wilson Sentinel: Fifty-nine dollars per hundred is the reported highest price as having been obtained in the market for the finest pile of tobacco on the floor, for sale, since this year opened. That farmer was happy.

Wilson Sentinel: The farmers all seem to be in better spirits, and are hopeful that now we have some crops for years. The cereals are all reported upon most favorably, and the universal testimony seems to be that there will be a grand fruit harvest.

Wilson Sentinel: This section was visited by frost on yesterday morning, and we learn that young vegetables were considerably damaged. It is thought that a great many of our farmers will have to plant a large portion of their crops over again, as the frost killed all that was up.

Goldboro Messenger: The Schultz-Edwards breach of promise case still hangs fire. Yesterday evening Judge Moore set aside the compromise upon affidavit filed by the plaintiff, and the case was re-opened. Joseph Edwards was required to enter into bond to the amount of \$3,000. The affair is a sickening muddle.

News: Union Factory, belonging to the Readleman Manufacturing Company, Randolph county, was struck by lightning last Sunday night. The lightning struck the ladder room. Fortunately Messrs. Readleman and Free, two of the owners of the factory, saw the lightning when it struck, and the flames were extinguished.

Oxford Orphan's Friend: There is some strange sight at Wentworth, a little boy starting life in jail. His mother stole a pair of shoes and he went with her through the town and saw a baby boy looking through the bars of the prison. The boy's name is John, and the State should place him in better hands, or else require his father to take him home.

News: A new disease, which is almost invariably fatal, has broken out among the hogs in the counties of Rowan and Robeson sections of this county, and along the Franklin line generally. It is neither the cholera nor the quincy, and the oldest farmers are puzzled to know what it is or what cause produces it.

Greensboro Protestant: There was quite a heavy storm of wind and hail in portions of this county on Sunday last, especially in the neighborhood of Tabernacle Church. Fences were prostrated, trees were broken down, and about two hundred panels of fence for Mr. Henry Colwell, Mr. Colwell's neighbors assembled at his house on the next day, and before night had his fences replaced.

News: Henderson West, colored, was convicted of murder at the last term of Bertie court, and was sentenced to be hanged at Windsor on the 15th inst. His Excellency, Gov. Vance, yesterday commuted the sentence of the convict to imprisonment in the penitentiary for the term of fifteen years, it having been made to appear that the case was one where executive clemency could properly be interposed.

Magnolia Record: A fire occurred in Little Chertie township, Sampson county, on Sunday, the 3rd ult., which destroyed the dwelling and all the other houses of Mr. Wm. Bullard, Jr. Not a single house was spared. The loss was about \$50,000. Mrs. Bullard, with four or five small children, was at home, but was able to procure a safe refuge. Nothing was lost, except a few articles of clothing.

Raleigh Observer: A letter from the fish-butchers yesterday on the News' reports favorable progress. Mr. Willie Kerr will arrive in the city to-day with the young men, and will be speaking at the Cape Fear at or near Lockville, the Catawba at Morganton or thereabout, the Tar at Rocky Mount, the Roanoke at Danville, Va., the Deep River, Yadkin as high up as they can get will follow in close succession.

News: In 1869, aged 70, Mr. Irving Stallings, of Franklin, was found dead in his field, sitting by a tree. There were no signs of violence and no murder was suspected. Fear of his own negro murderer, of him by another name, had been used for the purpose. He was robbed of \$500. The murderers are living, and the truth has come to light through a feud that now exists among them.

Charlotte Observer: The revival at the Baptist church continues with increasing interest, and with the most gratifying results. The feeling is extending into other denominations. The church was filled to overflowing last night by a congregation in which nearly all denominations were represented. Rev. Dr. Arrington, of New York, preached an eloquent and effective sermon on the divinity of Christ, which was listened to with the closest attention.