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COTTON ADVANCES SOUTH IS HAPPY

A Jump Of Nearly Four Cents In A Week Promises Prosperity To The South

The sun is beginning to shine through the clouds of pessimism in Dixie land again and the reason for it is the big jump in the price of cotton that has taken place lately. An advance of nearly four cents a pound in a week is the thing that has happened and which causes the farmers to wear a pleased expression and the merchants and other business folks to sit up and take notice.

Ever since the Federal government issued its forecast some weeks ago of an eight million bale crop this year the market has shown strength and a gradual rise in price has followed. In the last few days spot cotton in New York has sold as high as 16.80 December futures at 16.98 and March and later months at 17.08. There has been great excitement on the floors of the cotton exchanges in New York, New Orleans and other markets and much buying and selling of futures is going on.

A month or so ago when spot cotton was selling in this State at ten cents, pessimists were saying that the crop this year would not bring anything and, there was considerable gloom in evidence among business people and farmers. A few people at that time had faith and predicted fifteen cents for the new crop but there were many unbelievers. Now with spot cotton selling in Raleigh and other States markets at fifteen and a half they are talking very differently. Some are already saying that the crop will bring twenty cents and a few bold ones talk even higher prices.

No one can tell now what this year's crop of cotton will average of course, but one thing seems sure and that is that it will be over fifteen cents and probably somewhere between that figure and twenty.

There are said to be something more than eight million bales of old cotton in this country and it is figured that the new crop will be about eight millions. If these figures are correct it means that some sixteen million bales of cotton will be sold in America in the next twelve months and if it brings fifteen cents a pound more than a billion dollars will be put in circulation. It looks like King Cotton is coming back into his old glory and power and that prosperity will again smile upon the South.

OFFICERS SEIZE CAR AND KEG OF WHISKEY

A five passenger car, a man and a few gallons of corn whiskey were taken in charge Saturday evening a little after dark at the forks of the North River and New Bern roads a mile from the corporate limits of Beaufort. The man arrested is a white man named Otis or Artie Taylor, who lives in Craven county in the Harlow section.

Just about dark a car containing Sheriff Thomas, Deputy Sheriff White, Chief of Police Longest, John Pake and Bonner Willis drove out the New Bern road and waited for the liquor car. They did not have long to wait and pretty soon the expected car shot by and the officers started pursuit. At the forks of the road the liquor car was halted and its occupants put under arrest. One man in the car was badly frightened and made a flying leap into the darkness leaving the rear part of his breeches dangling from the auto where it had gotten caught. Upon investigation it was found that five of the men in the car knew nothing about the liquor and they were released. It seems that they were some miles up the road and their car had broken down and, as they wanted to get to Davis, had asked Taylor to give them a lift as far as Beaufort which he did.

The officers brought the car, the liquor and Taylor on to town the machine was put in a garage. Taylor in jail and the liquor in the Sheriff's office which is now highly perfumed with the well known odor of the extract of corn. Taylor had a hearing Monday before Justice Holland and upon waiving examination was bound over to court under a \$500 bond which was given and he was then released. The car is still in the garage under the control of the sheriff.

BASEBALL SEASON ENDED ON LAST FRIDAY

The 1921 baseball season ended as far as Beaufort was concerned last Friday at Morehead City, not exactly in a blaze of glory as the team was defeated that day by a score of 18 to 0, but still with a majority of the games played in the won column. For its first season of paid baseball this is regarded as a good showing.

As stated in the News last week the first series of five games between Beaufort and Morehead City was won by the home team with three games out of five. The second series resulted in a tie, as each side got two games and the fifth which was to be played in Morehead City Saturday was not played on account of rain. A few of the games were one sided and not particularly interesting but some of them were close and exciting. One of the best games played here this season was that pulled off last Thursday in the Beaufort-Morehead City contest. It was a hair raising affair all the way through. Both pitchers did fine work and the infielders and outfielders were right on their tiptoes all through the game. Each side got men on bases and made desperate efforts to score but only one lonesome run came across which was made by J. Caffrey in the seventh inning. Caffrey hit a swift liner to center and made two bases on it. He was followed by Skarren who drove a hot grounder through Minshaw's legs who played second gamebase (the only error during the game) and Caffrey raced home with the tally. Caffrey got another hit after this and so did pollock but neither was able to score. R. Smith for Morehead City struck out 13 men walked two and allowed four hits, Caffrey getting three of them. Perry for Beaufort gave up four hits, walked 3, made 1 wild pitch and struck out 8.

LIEUTENANT ESTERLY ONCE LIVED HERE

Lieutenant Marcus H. Esterly who was killed Wednesday a week ago in an airship wreck near Hull, England, lived in Beaufort some years ago and was an operator at the wireless station here. Mr. Esterly married Miss Martha Ramsey of Beaufort, who survives him as do also three children. Mrs. Esterly left here about a week before the wreck occurred expecting to meet her husband when the airship came over to America. It was supposed to land in New Jersey at a point near New York. Lieutenant Esterly's body was found and will probably be returned to this country.

PUTTING UP NEW POLES

The new poles for the electric light plant arrived Tuesday and they are already being installed for service. Superintendent Manson and a force of men are putting the poles in where defective ones have to be taken out. New cross arms will be put on the poles and the wires tightened which it is hoped will greatly improve the system. The inspector from Raleigh who was here some time ago said that a great deal of current was wasted here because of the bad condition of the lines and it is thought that the improvements now going on will remedy that condition.

IMPROVING COURT SQUARE

The grounds around the courthouse and the school building are being rapidly transformed as the result of the work which is being done there by foreman Andrew Gillikin and his men as well as that of contractors Hancock and Davis. A great deal of work has been done in the way of grading and leveling the grounds and now the concrete walks and driveways are going down. Some day grass will be growing on the grounds and it is understood that flowers will be planted there and the whole place converted into a beauty spot that will attract the attention and praise of all beholders. It is expected that it will take the contractors several weeks yet to finish the walks and drives and around the square.

CANNOT ABOLISH BATTLESHIPS

Army and Navy Board Says the Airship Has Added To Complexity of Warfare

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—The report of the joint army and navy board on the lessons to be drawn from the recent bombing tests held off the Virginia Capes bears out the conclusions of those who refused to permit their judgment to be warped by the spectacular nature of the experiments. Far from spelling the "doom of the battleship", as some air enthusiasts chose to regard the sinking by bombs of the condemned German warships, the report states that "instead of furnishing an economical instrument of war leading to the abolition of the battleship, the development of aircraft has added to the complexity of naval warfare."

In the case of the sinking of the German battleship *Ostfriesland* it was demonstrated according to the report, that if "high capacity, high-explosive bombs of sufficient size" can be placed in the water close alongside the vessel it will be sunk. But the report emphasizes the fact that the tests against the *Ostfriesland* were not conducted under battle conditions and the percentage of hits recorded "was greatly in excess of that to be expected in actual battle." Airplanes would be greatly handicapped, declared the board, if the vessels attacked were moving at high speed on varying courses, and protected by anti-aircraft armament.

Future policies suggested by the tests and outlined by the boards are the maximum possible development of aviation in both the army and navy, provision for aircraft carriers in the fleet to give greater mobility to the air service, the provision of pursuit planes as a part of the equipment of a fleet, and the rapid development of anti-aircraft armament. Congress already has indicated an intention to follow policies of that sort and if the tests result in their adoption advances will have been made in our system of national defense that will have fully justified the Army and Navy in conceiving and carrying out the bombing experiments.

Courts Bogged Down

In recommending the appointment of 18 additional United States circuit judges, Attorney General Daugherty has taken the first step toward removing one of the greatest menaces that now threaten lawful government. The congestion of courts throughout the country is a matter of common knowledge, but it will probably be a shock to most people to learn that on June 30, 1921, there were 141,000 cases pending in the Federal courts. Last year at the same time there were 118,744 cases pending. In some of the Federal districts there has been an increase of 800 per cent in criminal business since 1912.

"The present congested condition of the dockets is intolerable," declares the Attorney General, "and results in the loss of evidence, the abandonment of cases, the denial and frequent defeat of justice, and lowers the high standards of the Federal courts. It is my opinion that this legislation is practical, economical, and most necessary."

WELFARE OFFICER

J. Wallace Mason received notice Monday from the State Board of Welfare that his appointment as County superintendent had been confirmed. Mr. Mason was selected here on the first Monday at a meeting of the boards of commissioners and education but for some reason his confirmation was held up. He will at once enter upon the discharge of his duties.

COLORED EXCURSION HERE

An excursion of colored people several hundred in number, came down yesterday from James City and spent several hours in town and on the water. They were from the Grayville First Baptist Church. The crowd was very orderly and well behaved and seemed to enjoy their visit here.

COVER CROPS IMPROVE SOIL

Used for More Than One Hundred Years by Good Farmers. Practice Profitable

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 30.—Planting cover or green manure crops is a matter which requires attention in September in most parts of the United States, says the United States Department of Agriculture.

Clover, vetch, and other legumes serve the triple purpose of adding humus to the soil, accumulating nitrogen, and preventing soil erosion. With some tender berry and fruit crops they also serve to protect the roots from severe winter weather. Outside of the nitrogen-forming plants, rye is largely used as a cover crop sown in the fall and plowed under in the spring to add organic matter to the soil. The cover-crop problem varies largely with locality, but for over-winter purposes there is one rule which is universal, and that is to get the crop in the ground in time to secure good growth before freezing weather.

A Practice of Long Standing

The use of clover or some other legume to enrich the soil is generally considered a cardinal agricultural practice in the humid sections of the United States. It antedates by three-fourths of a century the monumental discovery that legumes store up nitrogen from the air. The belief that clover was a valuable improver rested first on experience, and later experience was substantiated by the discovery of the relation between legumes and the nodule bacteria.

Other legumes, as the cowpea, the Japan clover and bur clover in the South, and crimson clover on the Atlantic coast, have come into use in the territory not well adapted to red clover. The various vetches are held in widespread favor, different varieties being employed according to climate and crop conditions.

When to Sow Cover Crops

The time of planting and the best crop to use is a matter which local conditions must dictate. Along the north Atlantic coast it is considered best to get these crops in from the first to the middle of August, while in the extreme South the planting may be deferred to early October. In the extreme North hairy vetch is favored as a legume cover, or green manure crop, but rye is also largely planted. From middle Pennsylvania to the north Alabama line crimson clover gives good results. In the extreme South bur clover, vetch, and crimson clover are used, as well as velvet beans and cowpeas.

Broadcasting Seed Is Favored

Methods with cover crops vary greatly. In the South they are customarily sowed between rows of cotton at the last picking. It is also common to sow the winter crop between corn rows before harvest. Wherever clean cultivation is practiced the soil is likely to be in shape for broadcasting the seed. If convenient, it can be barrowed in. In orchards, a light harrowing or disking may be employed if the ground is free from sod. Care must, of course, be taken not to injure the roots. The crop is usually plowed under in the spring, but this is not always done with orchards. Data collected in all parts of the United States shows a general benefit from this form of agriculture.

Cover crops are of especial value to small gardeners and truckers, who often find it both difficult and expensive to obtain stable manure. They add the humus which is so necessary to maintain a good physical condition of the soil. Wherever there is a vacant place in the garden a few seeds of rye, vetch, clover, etc., may be sown and raked in. If a suitable rotation of crops is followed all parts of the garden may be covered with a green manure crop once every two or three years.

EFFORTS BEING MADE TO PAY BASEBALL DEBTS

A meeting of a few baseball supporters was held in the rooms of the Old Topsis Club Tuesday evening at which the finances of the association and yesterday a subscription was taken up to aid the cause. Those who were present subscribed to a fund to pay off the debts of the association and yesterday a subscription was taken up to aid the cause. The subscriptions and the rental for the grounds received yesterday from the colored players amounted to about \$150. This money is being used to pay off the players and is almost sufficient to pay the balance due them. Besides the amount due the players there are also other debts against the association which probably amount to \$500 to \$600. What plans will be made to pay off this indebtedness is not yet known, in fact none have been made; but those who are looking after the matter say something must be done in order to keep baseball from getting under a cloud in Beaufort.

The baseball association has spent considerable money on its grounds and for uniforms and other supplies. The park was fenced in and seats erected there and these things are assets if it is desired to have baseball here next year. The property of the association as it now stands represents an outlay of close on to a thousand dollars and if the public here wants baseball next year it will not be difficult to get started. The News understands that a meeting will be held soon an effort made to make some arrangement whereby the debts of the association can be paid so that it can start next season with a clean bill of health.

SMALL FISHERMEN ASK FOR CHANGE IN RULES

According to reports which have reached the News an effort will be made to have the State Fish Commission repeal the rule it made a few weeks ago relative to fishing with purse seines and pound nets in this county and Onslow county. A petition gotten up by the netters and smaller fishermen will be presented to the board at its next meeting asking that the said rule shall be rescinded.

The petition to be presented to the commission at its next meeting by Frank Thompson, of Onslow, and Charles Abernethy of New Bern, representing the "little fishermen," is as follows:

"We, the undersigned citizens and fishermen who are interested in the protection of the fishing industry in North Carolina, respectfully petition your honorable board to abrogate and rescind rules number seventy-two (72) and fifty-eight (58), recently promulgated by you, which allows the fishing of pound nets in the ocean within 400 yards of the shore and not nearer than four miles of Bogue and Beaufort inlets off the coasts of Carteret and Onslow counties, and which allows the taking of drum, butter fish, star fish and shrimps with purse nets.

"We respectfully petition you not to allow the pound nets to be set any closer than four miles of Beaufort and Bogue inlets, and that the recent ruling by you as to purse nets be abrogated altogether."

NEW PRESS INSTALLED

A new printing press was received last Saturday and added to the equipment of the Beaufort News. This machine will be used only for job printing. It is a brand new machine of the latest style and was made by one of the largest manufacturers of presses in the United States. This added to the other machinery which has been installed in the office in the last two years gives the News a well equipped shop and enables it to handle successfully almost any work that may come its way.

MANY TEACHERS HERE

The largest number of teachers that ever took examinations in this county at one time were here this week for the purpose of trying for State certificates. White and colored there were seventy in number and they had a busy time for several days. The papers are sent to Raleigh where they are to be graded and the results made known.

EASTERN FARMERS AT ROCKY MOUNT

Inspect Big Sweet Potato Storage Warehouse and Hear Interesting Talks

ROCKY MOUNT, Aug. 29.—After inspecting the large cooperative sweet potato storage house, which is now under construction here, and hearing talks by George D. Burroughs, Nash county farm bureau agent, and District Agent E. W. Gaither, as to the methods and means used in organizing the growers' association and constructing the house, a large delegation of Eastern Carolina farmers left here late this afternoon for Raleigh, where they will attend the opening session of the farmers' convention tomorrow.

The delegation, which included nearly two score farmers, was headed by District Agent, O. F. McCrary, who engineered the inspection tour and brought the farmers here because of the progress Nash county had made in the construction of modern sweet potato storage houses and to learn the details of how the cooperative growers' association, which is now erecting the first house of its kind in the State, had been organized and put its project across.

The delegation of Craven county left New Bern early this morning and came to Greenville, where it was joined by a still larger number of representative farmers from Jones, Pitt, Lenoir, Beaufort and other counties.

Arriving here shortly after noon, the delegation was welcomed by Chamber of Commerce officials and prominent farmers. After having luncheon the party visited the new storage house, and then repaired to the Chamber of Commerce assembly room, where explanatory talks were made.

AS TO FARM LOANS

County Auditor W. L. Stancil recently received a letter from the Land Bank at Columbia, S. C., which stated that an appraiser would be sent here at an early date for the purpose of appraising the lands of those who wish to borrow funds from that institution. The appraiser was in Craven county recently and it is thought that he may be able to come here soon as he is probably some where near here now. There has been a considerable number of applications for loans in this county and it is thought that these loans would relieve the financial stringency here considerably.

AUTO BREAKS MULE'S LEG

An automobile said to be driven by Otis Taylor the man who was arrested Saturday evening for having whiskey in his car, ran into a mule last Thursday evening and broke one of the mule's forelegs. The accident occurred on New Bern road at Felton's corner. The two met just as they turned the corner and the collision occurred. At last accounts the mule was still alive. It was said the mule was worth \$300. The mule belonged to a colored man named John Murrell and his son was riding the mule when the accident happened.

THE NEW BERN FAIR.

The News is carrying this week a half page advertisement of the New Bern Fair which takes place this year on September the 13th, 14th, 15th, and 16th. Preparations have been made to make the fair one of the best ever held so it is said. Besides large agricultural and manufacturing exhibits, there will be horse racing and lots of shows. An automobile is to be given as a prize to the holder of the lucky number. Everybody who goes has a chance to win the car.

NO REDUCTION IN ASSESSMENT

Attorneys J. F. Duncanson and E. Walter Hill, and Mr. D. W. Morton spent last Saturday in Raleigh where they attended a hearing before Revenue Commissioner Watts in regard to reducing the tax assessment of the Norfolk and Southern railroad. Mr. Duncanson represented the railroad and Messrs. Hill and Morton were there to look after the county's side of the matter. The commissioners declined to make any reduction in the assessment.