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FARMERS' UNION FIXING PRICES.

Progressive Farmer.

The Farmers' National Union met in annual convention in Little Rock, Ark., last week, adjourning Thursday night. The total membership of about 1,500,000 was represented by 300 delegates or more, most of these attending from the South or Southwest.

The absorbing topic was the fixing of minimum prices for crops, especially of cotton. Of tobacco but little was said, as the tobacco growers have not yet come into the Union in sufficient numbers to be able to control the price of their product.

The State Business Agents after a careful and long examination of the reports of correspondents from every cotton growing cotton, recommended 15 cents as the minimum price for the present crop, and the report was adopted without a dissenting vote. Following is their report:

"We, the committee appointed to fix the minimum price for cotton, report that the basis for middling shall be fifteen cents in September, with an added one-fourth of a cent for each month, beginning October first."

This means that the price in October will be 15¼c., November 15½c., December 15¾c., and January 16c., and that if the farmers by co-operation and by warehousing maintain this price they will add from $200,900,000 to $250,000,000 to the wealth of the South over and above the usual receipts of the crop.

The Committee on Marketing and Warehousing reported a plan to establish warehouses all over the cotton belt and sell direct to spinners, and the Committee on Education, with more study and more knowledge as the keynote to its report, urged the teaching of agriculture in the public schools and greater educational advantages for the rural communities.

The minimum price on grain were fixed as follows: No. 2 wheat, $1, corn, 50c.; barley, 50c.; rye, $1; oats, 35c.

Thursday just before adjournment the Union took up the matter of cotton seed and fixed the price for this season at a minimum of $20 a ton.

Not a Confiding Nature.

Mr. Lucas—I don' like Farmer Jones. He's too 'spicious.

Mr. Rastus—What's he done now?

Mr. Lucas—He's gone and put a six-foot bahbwiah fence aroun' his hen coop.

Mamie—"I believe in woman's rights."

Gertie—"Then you think every woman should have a vote?"

Mamie—"No, but I think every woman should have a voter."

BAD DEBT COLLECTING AGENCY HURTS

Its Methods Hit the Dead Beat Hard and Causes Him to Cough Violently.

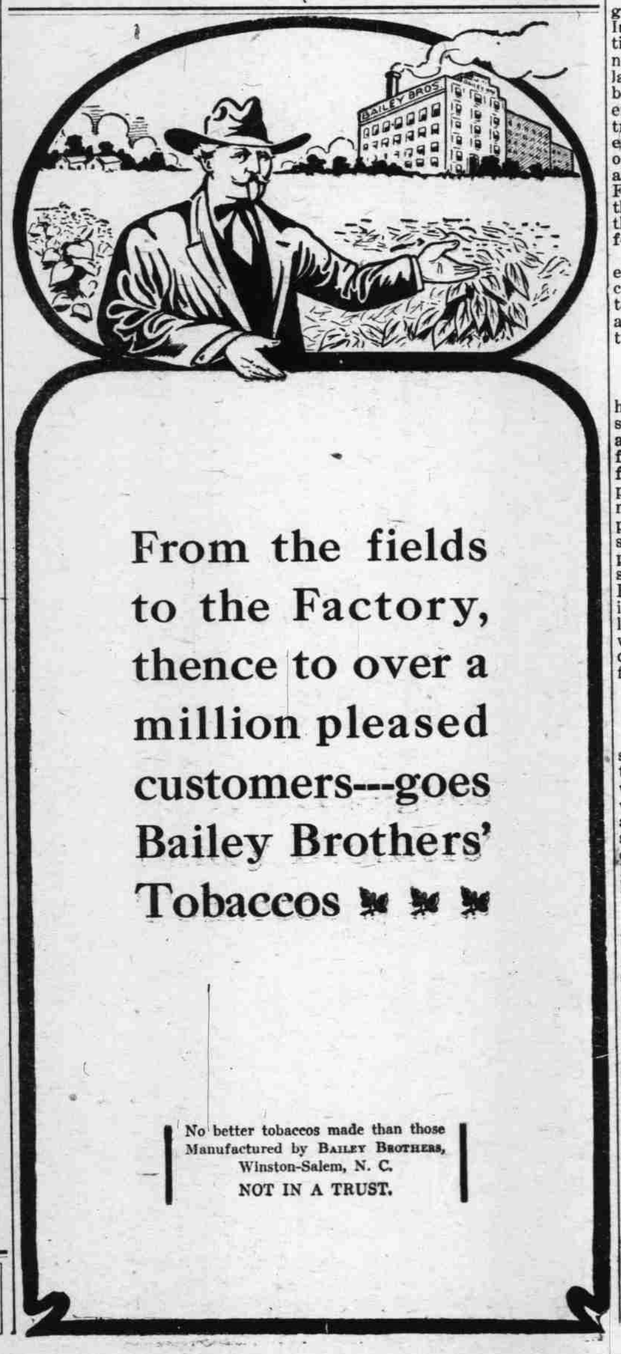
Statesville Landmark.

The Bad Debt Collection Agency is causing more or less of a stir in Statesville and those who have been in the habit of paying when they got ready, and too frequently not paying at all, are much perturbed. They complain bitterly against this new and unusual method which is disposed to make a man pay his just debts, whether he wants to or not, or stand exposed in the community. The mental anguish on account of this new and unusual method of doing business is sufficient for several damage suits.

It is all right to eat a man's rations, wear his clothes, take his medicine, read his newspaper, or otherwise use the product of the brains and labor of the other fellow for your comfort and convenience and let him suffer—if anybody is to suffer. He may have to scrimp and economize to pay his own bills, if he is honest, while you owe him, but that's all right. It doesn't break your rest. He may buy goods on 30 days' time, but if you pay him 12 months or five years he ought to be thankful for your business. He may have to pay his bills whenever they are due, pay his labor at the end of every week, but you can owe him for years—and never give a moment's thought to how strained he may be for money. You can tell him a dozen lies about the payment, but if finally, in desperation, he puts the screws on you you feel outraged. Your honor (?) is impugned and if you can do the man any harm you're going to do it. Why? Because he is trying to get what belongs to him and you have compelled him to force it out of you.

The whine about forcing people who have been unfortunate, etc., is but a cloak. Not one business man in 100 will oppress a debtor who is really unfortunate. Ninety-nine per cent. of those who obtain credit usually get more consideration than they deserve. The method is for those who show no disposition to pay and make no effort to do it. Everybody knows that and the talk about oppressing people deceives nobody.

The Landmark holds no brief for any collecting agency; it has no accounts with them (but it may have), but it is submitting some general remarks on the general proposition which no honest man can gainsay. And business men who have lost hundreds and thousands by dead beats are more or less amused and are pleased to note the alacrity to which people are responding to statements who do not as a rule pay any attention to them.



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A NO-SALOON TOWN.

A Luminous Illustration of the Prosperity of A Community Without Saloons.

Biblical Recorder.

It has come to be the last appeal of the liquor men that we need the liquor business to give the community prosperity. Recently we paid a visit to High Point, which was not only delightful in the sweetness of fellowship with the saints, but the marvelous revelation of the city's prosperity. With its sixty or more factories, all running in full blast and with healty prosperity, and its 12,000 people whose standard of living must equal to the best found in any State, one finds a living protest against the plea for the necessity of the saloon to help a community or its business. We found, perhaps, the best equipped city schools in the State. A greater per cent. of the population live in their own homes than in any other manufacturing town it has been our privilege to know. There are but few idlers to be seen on the streets, and labor is made profitable to the employer and employe, because it is sober. Above all, the most striking advantage is the happy homes of the people which are protected from the ravages of the saloon. High Point has never had saloons. While it can boast of some of the State's leading business men, captains of industry, not one of them would consent for the city to have a saloon with a view to aiding business. When the advocate of the saloon as a business enterprise for a community will bring out the record of a single place that has been more prosperous because of the saloon, or an argument that reasonably favors it, it will be time enough to plead that it helps business.

Cigarette Fires Cost Gotham About $2,000,000 Each Year.

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—A yearly chart has just been completed covering 6,357 fires in Manhattan and the Bronx, and calling attention to some interesting facts. It is estimated that fires started by carelessly dropped matches and cigarette cause New York city a loss of about $2,000,000 each year. The city has an average of over 25 fires every day, and fire losses in 12 months from all causes aggregate something like $10,000,000. Every time an alarm comes in, whether it is false or not, the cost to the city is $50 for wear and tear of the fire apparatus. The city also pays out something like $500,000 for damage done to asphalt pavements by children's bonfires in the streets.

Ban Put on Liquor Sellers.

NORFOLK, Va., Sept. 15.—The great council of the United States Improved Order of Red Men, in sixtieth annual session here, this afternoon adopted an amendment to the laws of the order barring from membership in the future all saloon keepers and bartenders. This is not retroactive and does not affect the present status of such members of the order. The great council rescinded all legislation enacted at the Nigara Falls session last year in relation to the substitution of the "jewel" for the "sash" and went back to the old form of regalia in its entirety.

A proposition to admit past sachems into membership of the great council was defeated by a vote of 126 to 68 and only past great sachems as at present will be eligible in the future.

To Eat Horse in Montreal.

Choice equine steaks, colt veal, horse Hamburger with onions and similar delicacies may soon be served at Montreal cafes, if present plans for the erection of a special abattoir for the slaughtering of horses are put into execution. Dr. Laberge, municipal health officer, favors the project, and declares there is no reason why horse meat should not be placed on the market, especially since the price of beef is now so high. Horse flesh is now universally used in France, and it is believed that the large French population in Montreal would serve to make the project successful. If established this will be first horse abattoir in America.

Difficult.

A teacher in a certain Eastern school asked her class to draw a picture of that which they wished to be when they grew up. The pupils went diligently to work with paper and pencil, some drawing pictures of soldiers, policemen and fine ladies, etc. They all worked hard but one little girl, who sat quietly holding her pad and pencil in hand.

The teacher, observing her, asked: "Don't you know what you want to be when you grow up, Anna?"

"Yes, I know," replied the little girl. "I know I want to be married, but I don't know how to draw it."

A Charmed Life.

During a certain battle the colonel of an Irish regiment noticed that one of the men was extremely devoted to him and followed him everywhere. At length he remarked: "Well, my man, you have stuck by me well today."

"Yes, sorr," replied Pat. "Shure it was me mother said to me, says she, 'Just you stick to the colonel, Patrick, me bohoy, and you'll be all roight. Them colonels never gets hurted."

Matrimony makes a man awfully restless a little while before the forever after.

MISSIONS.

Lenoir News.

We hear a great deal these days about home and foreign missionary work and a great deal is being done along these lines, which is alright and proper. But there is something radically wrong in the practical operation of this work when a case like that brought out in the court here last week is possible, in this Christian land. We refer to the Bristol girl who was a witness in court and looked to be 15 or 16 years old. She is the most pitifully ignorant person, of that age, we ever saw on the witness stand. She said she had never heard of God, did not know what state or county she lives in, does not know how old she is, could not spell, read or even count, had never been in a church or school house. Yet Mrs. McLean an intelligent woman, testified that the girl is not an idiot or imbecile, but did work about the house and farm with ordinary intelligence.

Now that such dense ignorance should exist in our own county is enough to bring shame to the face of every citizen and is evidence that the home missionary effort is defective in its application.

The school committeemen of every township in the county should see to it that such cases as this one get the benefit of the public schools and if they cannot secure the attendance of such children they should report them to missionary socities of the different churches.

An educated Chinaman would have just cause to criticize a religion that permits such a case to exist in as enligtened a community as Caldwell county, North Carolina.

Southern Lands.

Southern Farm Magazine.

That a number of men of means have not established themselves upon estates in the South has been due principally to a lack of acquaintance with the advantages there in the shape of cheap but fertile lands, equable climates and opportunities for beautiful development. These, however, are beginning to be properly appreciated, but it will be a long pay before there could be anything like a crowding out of a small farmer by great land owners. Still, the possibility is not one to be viewed lightly. It is a fact that the most prosperous and happy communities are those of the small but independent farmer. The growing worthlessness of the negro as a farm laborer in the South, and his many drawbacks as a tenant or owner of land, are bringing it to pass that a greater and greater number of Southern farmers are obliged to depend upon their own resources in working their land. Deserted to the negroes, the land of the South would steadily degenerate. To maintain the white farmers of that section in their place of independence and to bring the soil up to its full capabilities a large increase must take place in the body of white immigration, and the fact must be kept to the front that $10,000 invested in productive farming is worth more to the South than $100,000 invested in land to be occupied solely for pleasure.

How a Dog Keeps Cool.

Youth's Companion.

Prof. E. L. Trouessart, of the Paris Museum of Natural History, in a recent lecture on animal heat, remarked that the dog, whose respirations in repose number only 25 a minute, may in running acquire a rate of respiration as high as 35 or 50 a minute. The effect of this acceleration favors the dissipation of animal heat by evaporation from the pulmonary vesicles. The dog perspires very little, or not at all, by the skin, pulmonary taking the place of cutaneous transpiration. It is this fact which enables the dog to pursue its game so long and persistently. Animals of the cat family, on the other hand, do not possess this peculiarity, and for that reason tigers, panthers and lions lie in wait for their prey, but do not pursue it over long distances. The bird possesses pulmonary transpiration in a very high degree.

Japan Won't Try It.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14.—That Japan will not make war upon the United States is an opinion of Tsao, editor of the South China Daily Journal. He said the Japanese statesmen are quite clever and know Japan could not carry on the struggle with the American nation. Japan is a poverty stricken country as compared with the United States. She might seize the Phillippines in a hasty struggle but in the end the outcome would be victory for the United States.

Saw Nothing That Equals Blowing Rock.

Lenoir Topic.

Mr. Moses H. Cone, who recently returned to his home at Blowing Rock from a trip around the world, says that in point of beauty of scenery he has not found a place that equals Blowing Rock. He said that the only locality that approached our mountains was in Switzerland and these do not come up to the beauty and grandeur of the Blowing Rock region. What a noted summer resort Blowing Rock will become when the macadam road is opened up!

"I have nothing but praise for our new minister."

"Yes, so it seemed when the plate went around."

A REAL FARMER.

Charity and Children.

Falling in with [illegible] who owns [illegible] of Hickory [illegible] him a few questions about his business. His farm consists of 150 acres, and he said he did not care to sell at one hundred dollars an acre. His main money crop is sweet potatoes. He has this year eleven acres in potatoes, and hopes to net $1,000 on the crop. From two to three hundred dollars is a fair crop, and the price averages fifty-five cents a bushel. The potatoes are not carted off to town and thrown on the local market, but are kept until February, carefully crated and shipped to points North and South. Including the shrinkage and the loss by rotting, this farmer loses about 25 per cent. The potatoes are not put in hills but in a house suitably ventilated, where they can be kept without trouble. In addition to potatoes, this farmer raises a little cotton, some corn (not for the market but for use), peas and hay. A crop of broom corn is raised, and a small broom factory is run. Merchants in Hickory gladly take the output of the factory, which is not so large as to interfere with the other work on the farm. Considerable attention is paid to cantaloupes and watermelons, and a neat sum is realized from these. Last spring, on 400 hills of tomatoes, $130 was realized. This patch of tomatoes barely occupied an eighth of an acre. The secret of successful farming, this gentleman told us, lies not in making big money on one crop, but in making little money on many little ones. At this particular time, while the weather is dry, he is busy making brick, which he will sell at a good profit when he feels like it. He says that everybody is busy all the time on his farm. There are no vacations, no "laying-by" times on that place. He works long hours—as long as a merchant or a manufacturer. He makes every moment count and every edge cut. His head is bothered precious little about who is going to be governor; there is no money in that question to him. He is a farmer right, and if you want to know more about the matter write to J. L. Ingold, Hickory, N. C., and when it rains he will answer you.

Didn't See Nothin'.

Three tired citizens—a lawyer, a doctor and a newspaper man—sat in a back room recently in the light of the early dawn. On the table were many empty bottles and a couple of packs of cards. As they sat in silence a rat scurried across the hearth in the darkness beyond. The three men shifted their feet and looked at each other uneasily. After a long pause, the lawyer spoke:

"I know what you fellows are thinking," he said, "you think I thought I saw a rat, but I didn't."

IN GREAT SALT LAKE.

Human Beings Become Merely Corks When They Bathe There.

Travel Magazine.

Bathing in Great Salt Lake is an unique experience.

Flights of steps lead down into the water from the interminable platform along which the bath houses are situated. The water is quite shallow at first and you find a rare enjoyment for a time in wriggling your toes about in the salt that forms in the bottom in place of accustomed sand. You are obliged to wade out for some distance before you experience the peculiar buoyancy of the lake. First, you feel your feet trying to swim out from under you. You find it more and more difficult to walk. You begin to float in spite of yourself. Then you realize you are non-sinkable. You can't sink if you want to. Throw yourself on your back or sit down or try to swim and you bob about like a rocking chair in a freshet. You feel as though you had been turned to cork. You can't help looking at the phenomenon subjectively. You don't see that there is anything and feels like any other bathing water—until you get some it in your eyes or in your mouth. Then you wish you hadn't come. Ocean water is sweet in comparison. In fact the chemists tell us it is eight times less salty.

You can't drown in the lake by sinking, but you can be suffocated to death, which is just about as uncomfortable and undesirable. We found signs everywhere warning us against being too talkative or too frolicsome in the water.

When we came out we brought with us large deposits of salt on our skin. As the water evaporated we found ourselves covered with white crystal. Only a strong shower-bath of fresh water or a good clothes brush cap put you into fit condition to dress.

A Beast of a Husband.

A dispatch from Madison, Wis., says: After serving 16 years in the state's prison, Mrs. Wilhelmina Baehr is at liberty to-day by pardon of the Governor. At the age of sixteen she married a widower named Baehr because her parents told her to. Baehr is thirty years her senior, and the girl became a household drudge. One night a traveler, Michael Sells, stopped at the Baehr home for the night. Baehr, who was a grasping man, resolved to put Sells out of the way, and told Wilhelmina to poison the food, and she did so, Sells dying the next day. Confronted with arrest, Baehr blamed his wife, and she was accused of the crime and pleaded guilty on the husband's advice and received a life sentence. Soon after she entered the penitentiary her husband killed himself, driven to it by remorse for the act.

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