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For Cotton Growers.

The cotton farmer is "up against it" good and hard. What is he to do? Mr. W. T. Jenkins, in the Littleton News Reporter, says:

"The very low price of cotton, eight cents, has been almost if not equal to the panic last fall, and the farmers are again in a hole and left in a very strenuous condition. If they sell cotton at present prices to pay for supplies and guano bought last spring and summer at very high prices, they will still be in debt to the guano men and merchants; if they don't sell they will lose their credit and financial standing; so we see little hope for the Southern cotton farmer who has toiled and labored all the year to make eight cent cotton."

The spell-hinders fooled some credulous farmers in North Carolina in October by predicting that the election of Taft would make prosperity for the country and put up the prices of cotton, but that if Bryan were elected cotton would go down in price. Well, Taft was elected and the condition of the cotton farmer could hardly be worse. Though soil and climate and labor all tell him to plant cotton which the world needs, he is now admonished that he can get no "reasonable profit" in so doing and therefore must raise something else to which his land is not so well adapted. "For the cotton farmers," said a Wake county farmer yesterday, "all this prosperity is a fake." The only way government can guarantee "a reasonable profit" to cotton farmers is to give them a bounty of two or three cents a pound. It would be just as proper to do this as it is to give the steel trust its big bonus and to subsidize all other interests. Perhaps the only way to expose the robbery of tariffs, as they are drawn, is to demand that every business be guaranteed by government the "reasonable profit" promised manufacturers by the Republican platform. The steel trust says "a reasonable profit" is 5 per cent., and they get it. The cotton farmer gets nothing but higher prices for all he has to buy. He cannot be helped by protective tariff though some silly ones from Florida have been to Washington asking for it.

One Killed and One Wounded on Account of a Dog.

At Dudley, Wayne county, last Wednesday night, R. J. Bowden, mayor of the town, shot and killed Ira Hatch and in turn a son of Hatch shot Bowden, inflicting only flesh wounds.

It is stated that the shooting occurred after midnight. Some one passed Hatch's house and shot his dog. Hatch and his son took shot-guns, both loaded, inflicting only flesh wounds, from which Bowden is confined to bed.

Bowden gives as his reason for being on the streets at the unusual hour that he had a negro in the look up and as mayor of the town he had gone to look after his prisoner's comfort, it having turned cold during the night.

This is Worth Reading.

Leo F. Zelinski of 68 Gibson street, Buffalo, N. Y., says: "I cured the most annoying cold some I ever had with Bucklen's Arnica Salve. I applied this once a day for two days, when every trace of the sore was gone." Heals all sores. Sold under guarantee at English Drug Company's, 25c.

It is easier for some men to make a good living than to live good.

It is a Wonder.

Chamberlain's Liniment is one of the most remarkable preparations yet produced for the relief of rheumatic pains, and for lame back, sprains and bruises. The quick relief from pain which it affords in case of rheumatism is alone worth many times its cost. Price 25 cents; large size 50 cents. For sale by Dr. S. J. Welsh.

The more a man knows the easier it is to teach him something else.

A Personal Appeal.

If we could talk to you personally about the great merit of Foley's Honey and Tar, for coughs, colds and lung trouble, you never could be induced to experiment with unknown preparations that may contain some harmful drugs. Foley's Honey and Tar costs you no more and has a record of forty years of cures. English Drug Company.

A fish deserves no credit for preferring water to wine.

You should always remember that most cough and cold cures are constipating. Yet the most important thing to do when you have a cold is to move the bowels. You cannot promptly cure a cold until you do this. Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup stops the cough and lungs, and it drives the cold from the system by gently moving the bowels. Children like it if it tastes nearly as good as maple sugar. Sold by English Drug Company.

MENACE OF THE MASK.

(Don Marquis in Uncle Remus'—The Home Magazine for December.)

No TALE extant offers more interest to the amateur in sensation than the story of the Night Rider outrages in the Reelfoot Lake district in the northwestern corner of Tennessee. In the past eight months at least seventy crimes, including the whipping of individuals and the destruction of property, have been perpetrated in the Reelfoot Lake district by an organized gang of terrorists, and hundreds of law-abiding citizens have been soiled and bullied that even now, with the armed forces of the State in control of the situation, they scarcely dare tell all they know. The murder of Capt. Quentin Rankin, an attorney of Trenton, in Gibson county, called the sudden attention of the whole country to conditions in the lake district, and aroused the State and local authorities to action.

The physical history of Reelfoot Lake is not without a certain interest of its own; and in order to gain some insight into the series of Night Rider outrages that have been perpetuated in the country round about it is absolutely necessary to look at some points in the amazingly complicated mass of litigation of which it has been the subject. The lake came into existence as the result of a series of earthquakes which began in December, 1811, and continued until June, 1812. It is sixteen to eighteen miles long, very irregular in shape, and covers from thirty-five thousand to forty thousand acres of land.

The majority of the fishers and farmers who live near the lake claim that it is not susceptible of exclusive ownership; the West Tennessee Land Company, to which Capt. Rankin belonged, was formed in October, 1907, and is the first claimant, individual or corporate, to sole ownership and control, whose title has ever been confirmed by the courts. Land was not valuable in the days when Reelfoot came into existence. The hunters and fishers who took up their abode on the banks of the newly created lake regarded it as public property, as one regards a river. Whether or not they knew the land at the bottom of the lake belonged by right to anyone else, they never gave the question of its ownership a second thought. As time went on and the settlers and their children remained unmolested in their hunting and fishing occupations, the idea never occurred to them that anyone would ever claim exclusive ownership of the lake itself. Their descendants still take the view that the lake is as much public property as the Mississippi river.

It was not until comparatively recent times that any serious pretensions to exclusive ownership and control of the lake itself were put forward. Such claims were made by Mr. W. M. Wilson, a citizen of Obion county, who had acquired the original Tennessee grants. He sold these grants to James C. Harris, a wealthy citizen of Tiptonville, who already owned large tracts bordering on both shores of Reelfoot. Harris, now claiming exclusive ownership as Wilson had done, proposed to cut a canal from the southern end of the lake to the Mississippi river, and drain the inundated district. The fishermen and hunters, and the farmers in the hills behind who are occasional fishers and hunters, resisted. The fishermen saw their occupation gone, if the lake was drained; the farmers farther inland, many of whom held their land by right of occupation, saw that the validity of the titles of the land upon which they lived was more or less involved along with the titles to the land at the bottom of the lake; if Harris had such exclusive control of the lake that he could do what he pleased with it, then it followed that he must also own the rest of the land, not inundated, covered by the same original grants. They made common cause against Mr. Harris in the courts.

Mr. Harris then bought the original Doherty claims granted by the State of North Carolina in 1784. This time, evidently, he was quite certain of his rights to exclusive control, for he again brought suit to prevent the Reelfoot fishermen and hunters from fishing and hunting in the lake without his consent. In 1905, before the litigation which ensued was settled, Harris died, Judge Harris, his son, of Tiptonville, succeeded to his father's interests. "Judge" is not a title, but is Mr. Harris's given name. Judge Harris is one of the most striking figures in the lake district, indeed he is, to my mind, the most interesting person in all that country. His life has been threatened not once but dozens of times.

He lives at Tiptonville, in Lake county, in a house that has any feudal baron's castle that ever was quite beaten as a defensive stronghold, for the ground round about it is planted with mines, and, by merely touching a button as he sits within, Judge Harris could hurl an army to destruction.

The Harris claims, acquired by successive purchases, in 1905, covered the bottom of the lake and about 90 per cent. of the land along its shores.

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This deal is variously represented in the lake country. Rankin, Taylor, Deason, Waddell, Pleasant, Shaw and Bardick (who was never a member of the West Tennessee Land Company) claimed that it was a compromise for the purpose of settling the difficulties between Harris and the fishermen. Some of the fishermen but not all of them, claim that it was a desertion of their interests on the part of the lawyers concerned. Of these lawyers, Capt. Rankin is murdered; Col. Taylor's murder was attempted; Waddell and Deason have both been the recipients of numerous threatening letters and warnings from Night Riders.

The right to fish for profit in the lake is leased from the land company by two principal concerns. One of these is the Reelfoot Fish Company, consisting of Bardick, Shaw and Pleasant, operating at Samburg. The other is P. C. Ward, who runs the hotel at Walnut Log, from which Rankin was taken to his death. Bardick was never a member of the West Tennessee Land Company; Shaw and Pleasant soon disposed of their interests and withdrew from it.

Ward, and the Reelfoot Fish Company, the chief parties authorized by the West Tennessee Land Company to fish for profit in the lake, but the fish brought to them by the working fishermen, reselling them in a general way; the fishermen are allowed to take from the lake all they choose for their own use, as is anyone else, but may not sell their catch to anyone except the Bardick or the Ward concern. Bardick and Ward, for this privilege, pay the West Tennessee Land Company one-half cent per pound royalty on all fish handled by them. The gross business done on the lake amounts to nearly \$50,000 a year.

Bardick has been denounced by a certain coterie of the fishermen. And his life has been threatened by Night Riders.

Let me repeat—the fishermen are not all Night Riders; the Night Riders are not all fishermen; the point of the lake's control is not the sole inspiration of all the night riding.

The first Night Rider activity manifested itself early in April, about three weeks after the refusal of Judge Cooper to dissolve the injunction restraining the fishermen who desired to compete with Ward and Bardick. They took the form of anonymous letters threatening the lives of Col. Taylor, Capt. Rankin, Dr. Deason, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Walter Pleasant, Mr. John Shaw, Judge Cooper, Mr. Bardick and Mr. Judge Harris.

Immediately after the death of Capt. Rankin five companies of the Tennessee State troops, under the command of Col. W. C. Tatam of Nashville, were hurried into the Reelfoot district; the sheriffs of Obion, Lake and Dyer counties formed strong posses and assisted them; and Judge Joseph E. Jones of the Fourteenth Tennessee circuit, convened the grand jury in special session. Governor Malcolm R. Patterson, at the time engaged in a campaign for re-election, cancelled all his speaking engagements and went to take personal charge of the situation. He offered a reward of \$10,000—the largest the law allowed—for the capture of the murderers. Martial law was not declared, but it was put into effect, and in a week a hundred prisoners were in camp established at Samburg.

The trials will be watched with unusual interest, and there will be a great deal of disappointment if some legal hangings do not follow.

Medicine That is Medicine.

"I have suffered a good deal with malaria and stomach complaints, but I have now found a remedy that keeps me well, and that remedy is Electric Bitters; a medicine that is medicine for stomach and liver troubles, and for run down conditions," says W. C. Kessler of Haliday, Ark. Electric Bitters purify and enrich the blood, tone up the nerves, and impart vigor and energy to the weak. Your money will be refunded if it fails to help you. 50c. at English Drug Company's.

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For the Cry of a Little Child.

(A Child's Dream in English.)

I dreamed of a legion of women, who waited with eyes aglow In the shadow of loves forgotten, by the shores of long ago; I dreamed of a legion of men whose faces were tenderly made And bent in the night I heard it—the cry of a little child! I looked on the waiting women through the mist of a thousand years, And some of their eyes were smiling, and some were suffused with tears, Yet they sang as a choir in training, and the song of the waiting, through Was the old, old cry to heaven: "How long, O Lord, how long?" I dreamed of a legion of women who stood in a driving rain; Who raised their voices singing, yet sang but one refrain; I looked on the waiting women, and their faces were white and wild, And bent in the night I heard it—the cry of a little child!

Young Lady Caught in Steel Trap.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 28.—Recently Mr. J. H. Bass of Bethlelem township stored a lot of apples for winter use, packing them in wheat. The rats began work on the apples and the chickens, when they could get in the room where the apples were stored, went after the wheat. Mr. Bass covered the box and one plank of the covering had a knot hole. Underneath this hole he placed a small steel trap, with the idea that when a rat entered the box through the hole it would land in the trap.

The arrangement was all right, Mr. Bass thought, but his daughter, Miss May, has reason to disapprove the plan. She thought she heard something in the box and placed her finger in the knot hole to lift off the covering. The trap snapped and held her finger fast until she carried the board and trap to her grandmother, who released her. The finger was bruised but the injury was not of consequence.

Beware of Frequent Colds.

A succession of colds or a protracted cold is almost certain to end in chronic catarrh, from which few persons ever wholly recover. Give every cold the attention it deserves, and you may avoid this disagreeable disease. How can you cure a cold? Why not try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy? It is highly recommended. Mrs. M. White of Butler, Tenn., says: "Several years ago I was bothered with my throat and lungs. Someone told me of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I began using it and it relieved me at once. Now my throat and lungs are sound and well." For sale by Dr. S. J. Welsh.

It is the man that doesn't work that complains of hard times.

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"Three years ago I was marked for death. A graveyard cough was tearing my lungs to pieces. Doctors failed to help me and hope had fled when my husband got Dr. King's New Discovery," says Mrs. A. C. Williams of Bac, Ky. "The first dose helped me and improvement kept on until I had gained 58 lbs. in weight and my health was fully restored." This medicine holds the world's healing record for coughs and colds and lung and throat diseases. It prevents pneumonia. Sold under guarantee at English Drug Co.'s, 50c and \$1. Trial bottle free.

Many a man has a kick coming that never reaches him.

Mrs. McRaney's Experience.

Mrs. M. McRaney of Prentiss, Miss., writes: "I was consumed to my bed for three months with kidney and bladder trouble, and was treated by two physicians but failed to get relief. No human tongue can tell how I suffered, and I had given up hope of ever getting well until I began taking Foley's Kidney Remedy. After taking two bottles I felt like a new person, and feel it my duty to tell suffering women what Foley's Kidney Remedy did for me." English Drug Company.

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