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Always the Knife in the Fifth Rib.

The Journal was asked by a gentleman the other day on the street if it could answer the argument that the Underwood bill for the reduction of the tariff on cotton goods which the Democrats passed at the special session of Congress and which Mr. Taft vetoed was the cause of the low price of cotton now. The reply was that a man who had little enough sense to think so had too little sense to understand the argument that might be addressed to his intelligence and was not therefore worthy of an answer. The gentleman said that the Manufacturer's Record had made the argument. He was answered that that gave no ground for modifying the reply. So much by way of introducing what is to follow:

A few days ago newspapers received from an advertising agency the following stereotyped matter, with orders to insert at regular advertising rates at once. So anxious was somebody to get it in the papers down here that the stereotyped plate was sent right along with the order without waiting to see if it was accepted by the papers. Here is the thing in full, printed from the self same plate:

THE PRICE OF COTTON AND THE POLITICAL SITUATION

Significant Relation Between Tariff Activity and Losses of Cotton Growers Arouses the South.

In the appointment of a delegation of cotton growers at the North Carolina state fair recently, with instructions to attend the meeting in New Orleans having for its purpose the holding by farmers and others of a considerable proportion of this year's cotton crop and the curtailment of next year's acreage, is to be found one of many indications of dissatisfaction existing over the present political relationship to the price of cotton.

It is said that President Taft's reciprocity campaign and the Underwood tariff bills not only adversely affected general business during the year 1911, but specifically caused the cotton manufacturers to lose, by shrinkage and decreased volume of trade, between \$50,000,000 and \$100,000,000.

Crippled and with a prospect of more tariff agitation in 1912, cotton manufacturers have naturally been unable to make purchases of cotton in the usual way, with the result that, with a full crop, political agitation has created a decline in the price of the staple thus far from 14 cents per pound to 9 cents per pound, with many predictions from well posted quarters that a much lower range will be experienced.

It is further claimed that without the extra session for the discussion of reciprocity the Underwood tariff measures would not have been introduced and in consequence there would have been but little probability that cotton would have declined under the force of a full crop lower than 11 cents per pound instead of registering in price the low water mark for years, as it does today.

The farmers in the south and the manufacturers of cotton generally are charging up a loss on this year's crop of not less than \$175,000,000, which loss they claim is directly traceable to political influence.

Somebody stands ready to pay thousands of dollars to get that stuff in the newspapers. The Journal refused it, as it refuses all such matters that sail under false colors. But since the conversation outlined above we have decided to print the matter free for the purpose of showing our readers what underhand methods are practiced upon the public. The people who are spending money to circulate this rot expect to get pay for it in some way. They don't throw money at birds. Who is doing it and what pay do they expect to get out of it? In the first place they think that the farmers of the South have got little enough sense to be fooled by any old piece of rot, and all that is necessary is to get matter like this out in some secret way, making it appear as regu-

lar reading matter, and the people will be fooled by it. But who is interested in fooling cotton growers along this line? It can't be the Republican managers trying to make capital against the Democrats, because the article attacks Taft. The only people who can be interested enough to pay money for this kind of campaigning are the folks who are interested in having no more tariff reform. They attack Mr. Taft for calling the special session and then attack the Democrats in that special session for trying to reduce the tariff. They are interested in creating a sentiment against any real tariff reform, and this seemed to be a good time to fool the farmers of the South along that line when their cotton is low; for the reason the manufacturers and everybody else say, that the crop is too big. Of course some other kind of absurd thing is being used in other sections of the country. In the last year the wool trust has spent hundreds of thousands for the sole purpose of creating sentiment against tariff reform. This advertising is done secretly where ever it can be. The trust buys a dozen pages in big publications and then asks the publication to go slow on tariff reform. And so the thing goes. It is tiresome and disgusting. Some scheme to keep the people from getting in behind the grafters and clearing them out. The above is only a little sample of the way the trusts and the tariff grafters work fakes upon the public.

As to the reduction in price of cotton, the Newton Enterprise says:

"On the first of August the Government increased its estimate of the crop to 15,000,000 bales and cotton began to tumble from 50 to 100 points a day and kept right on downward till 11 1/2 was reached. The introduction, passage and veto of the tariff bill on cotton goods had no more effect on the price than water poured on a duck's back. It remained at 11 1/2 until well up in September, when farmers had to sell freely to meet their bills. All the leading speculators took the bear side of the market, because the government is prosecuting bull speculators, and forced the price down to the present level of 8 3/4 cents. The daily market reports have never attributed any decline to the cotton goods bill. But nearly every sharp decline has been laid to government figures, or the absence of bull support. The bears who have no fear of the penitentiary have been in full control."

Two daughters of Mr. J. M. Keziah of west Monroe township, who have had typhoid fever, are getting better. Mr. Keziah has had a rather severe run of bad luck. One of his horses died last Thursday night. It will be recalled that not many months ago he lost his barn by fire.

Come and see the great cooking wonder at our store all the week, beginning Nov. 20th. You have a chance to get a Souvenir Set of Ware Free. See large advertisement in this paper. Heath Hardware Co.

For Thanksgiving

Seeded Raisins,
Currants,
Malaga Grapes,
Grape Fruit,
Bananas,
Oranges,
Apples,
Mince Meat,
Almonds,
Pecans,
Brazil Nuts,
Filberts,
English Walnuts,
Citron,
Figs,
Many other
Toothsome Things
too numerous to
mention.

A. L. DEARING.

Conference Appointments.
The Western North Carolina Conference in session at Statesville, adjourned yesterday. The following are the appointments for Charlotte district:
Presiding elder, J. R. Scroggs, Aunsonville circuit, W. F. Safford.
Charlotte, Belmont Park, L. A. Falls.
Brevard Street, W. O. Good, Calvary, W. P. McGee.
Chadwick and Soversville, N. S. Ogden.
Dorritta, P. L. Terrell.
Dilworth, W. C. Jones.
Duncan Memorial, To be supplied.
North Charlotte, J. A. J. Farrington.
Trinity, T. F. Mann.
Tryon Street, G. T. Rowe, W. L. Nicholson, supernumerary.
Liloesville, J. W. Igle.
Marshallville, J. H. Bradley.
Matthews, L. P. Boger.
Monroe station, J. H. Weaver.
North Monroe, M. T. Steele.
Morven, J. E. Woodsley.
Mount Zion, C. A. Wood.
Pineville, W. L. Sherrill, R. S. Rowe.
Pulken, G. C. Brinkman.
Prospect, S. E. Richardson.
Unionville, C. R. Allison.
Wadesboro, G. D. Herman.
Waxhaw, C. F. Sherrill.
Weddington, Seymour Taylor.
President Piedmont Industrial Training School, J. A. Baldwin.
Conference Missionary to Japan, S. A. Stewart.
Conference Missionary Secretary, H. K. Boyer.

Land Sale.
By virtue of authority of a deed of trust executed to me by J. L. Rhames and wife, W. J. Rhames, on the 21st day of January, 1911, and duly recorded in the office of register of deeds for Union county in book A P, page 28, to which reference is hereby made, which said deed of trust was executed to secure the payment of certain bonds bearing even date therewith, and whereas the stipulations in said deed of trust have not been complied with and at the request of the holder of the bonds thereby secured, I shall expose for sale at public auction for cash to the highest bidder on the

16th day of December, 1911, at 12 o'clock, at the court house door in Monroe, N. C., Union county, the following property:
Beginning at a stake Jaz, A. Williams corner in R. L. Gordon's line, and runs with said Gordon's line N 5 E 12.64 to a stone on S bank of New Town road; thence with edge of said road S 89 E 3.85 chs to a stone; then S 76 E 8.10 chs to a stone in the middle of the old road; thence S 89 E 9.5 chs on S edge of old road by P. O. and B. J. in W. M. Alexander's line; thence S 9 W 10.9 chs to a stone, Jas. Williams corner; thence with said Williams line N 84 W 15.77 chs to the beginning containing 2 1/4 acres more or less, and known and designated as lot No. 4 of the division of the estate lands of Thomas Williams, deceased. And reference is hereby made to the deed of trust above referred to for a more particular description.
This 13th day of Nov., A. D. 1911.
JOHN C. SIKES, Trustee.
Redwine & Sikes, Attys.

DON'T

buy a piano until you have written the great house of Chas. M. Stieff. It will only cost two cents and you not only save many dollars in a purchase, but run no risk of securing a cheap piano. No matter what agent or dealer is trying to sell you, write Stieff before you buy. The Stieff is the only artistic piano sold direct to you by its maker.

CHAS. M. STIEFF,
Manufacturer of the
Artistic Stieff, Stieff Self-Player,
Shaw, Shaw Self-Player Pianos
Southern Warerooms 5 West
Trade Street, Charlotte, N. C.
C. H. WILMOTH, Manager.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
are good days to look through our Jewelry Stock.

The other good] days are

Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

J. E. PRESLAR,
Jeweler,
Next to Postoffice.

Splendid Values in Winter Wear

Attractions at Belk's This Week.



Coat Suits and Long Cloaks for Ladies and Children.

Don't put off the purchase of your Winter Suit until the last minute. Let us show you while our stock is brimful of new nobby styles. Half a Hundred choice suits ready for your inspection. Styles that possess everything that workmanship and material can have to lend individuality to the wearer. Prices \$10.00, \$12.50, \$15.00, \$19.50 and \$25.00.

Long Cloaks.

We are selling in quantities, and no wonder when you see our varied line of distinct styles in Reversible and Plaid Back Coats combined with a grand assortment of staple materials at PRICES THAT PLEASE.

Buy Your Blankets Now While Our Stocks are Unbroken.

White Woolnap Blankets with pink and blue border at \$1.50 pair; 95c Grey Blanket at 75c pair; \$1.25 Grey Blanket, solid case direct from mill, at 98c pair; \$3.75 Combination Wool Elkin Blanket, with unnoticeable defect, at \$2.98 pair; \$4.50 all wool Blankets in pink and blue colors at \$3.75 pair; Elkin Blankets in extra fine quality of wool at \$4.98 pair.

ALL ELKIN BLANKETS GUARANTEED FULL SIZES.

W. H. BELK & BRO.

MONROE'S BARGAIN CENTER.

Superior Court Work.
The case of Mrs. S. E. Hamilton against Eli S. Nance, which began on Monday of the first week of court, was terminated on Tuesday last. With a verdict in favor of Nance. Then the criminal term began, and ended last Saturday night. The following cases were disposed of:
James Covington, carrying concealed weapons, 60 days, with leave to hire out.
Carrying concealed weapons, assault with deadly weapons (this on Stack at the time that Ben Hunter was killed, of which the Belks were acquitted and nuisance. The defendants submitted and the judgment of the court was that the defendants pay a fine, which with the costs must amount to not over \$400, and that they stay out of North and South Carolina from now on. Should they be found in either State they are to be rearrested and sent to the roads for two years. Ten days were allowed for them to get away in.
Charlie McDaniel, carrying concealed weapons; 55 and costs or three months on roads.
Will Alsbrooks, assault and battery; 3 months or \$55 fine and costs.
Pink Smith, felonious breaking, six months on roads. This is the man who just wanted to get in jail a while.
Jim McCain and Barnes McCain larceny of cotton from Mrs. Bettie Plyler, not guilty.
John Moore, forgery, 6 months.
Dave Belins, assault on woman, 6 months.
Lewis Ingram, retailing, 4 months on roads.
Willy Clyburn, larceny, not pros.
Eber Helms, selling whiskey, not pros.
Rance Rogers and Emma Nelson, immorality, not pros.
Joe Brewer, Jack Seales and Tom Welsh, store breaking, not guilty. This case consumed most of the time of the court in the trial of criminal cases. The defendants, young white men of the town, were charged with the robbery of the store of Benton, Crow & Co.

Taft lost his home town of Cincinnati and Philadelphia went back on the standpatters by electing a Progressive Republican over the machine.

South Carolina Farmers Say Fertilizer is Too High.
Columbia State.
The meeting of the Farmers' Union Association of County Business Agents yesterday afternoon was well attended, all sections of the State being represented. It was unanimously decided, according to a statement by Secretary Reid, to recommend to the members of the Farmers' union and the farmers generally throughout the State not to buy any fertilizers or fertilizing material, except at a substantial reduction from the prices now being quoted.
They recommend a reduction in the amount of fertilizers to be used the next season, regardless of how low the price may be, believing that a considerable residue of this year's fertilizer will be available for next year's crop.
They further recommend that large areas be devoted to small grain and other provision crops.
The next meeting of the association will be in Columbia January 16, 1912, at 4 p. m.

Only Got to Pull Together.
The democrats, even according to republican newspapers, ought to win in 1912. All that is necessary to continue to pull together. The republican party cannot defeat the democratic candidate for the presidency. The only possible thing that can prevent the election of a democratic president is the failure of democrats to do their duty. The opportunity is here and from all parts of the country news reaches headquarters that the boys realize the situation and are laying plans to sweep the country. There seems to be no way for the republicans to avoid defeat if the democrats keep together and work as they have started out to do. If Mr. Taft is re-nominated the insurgents will slash him, and if Senator LaFollette is nominated the old guard will slash him.

Where the Fruit Grows.
Michael Casey, a politician in San Francisco who has been in office and on the city payroll for many years, was addressing a meeting of his fellow citizens. It was a labor meeting.
"You men must know," spouted Casey, "that you are the great body politic in this city. Ye are the roots and trunks of

our great political tree, while we who represent you in office are merely the branches on that magnificent tree."
"True, for you, Mike," piped a man in the back of the hall; "but did you ever notice all the fruit grows on the branches?"

Everybody's business is no body's business; nobody's business is everybody's business; therefore business is business.

Land Sale.
Under and by virtue of a deed of trust executed to me on the 13 day of May, 1911, by Erwin Walker and wife, Addie Walker, to secure an indebtedness due to the Sikes Company and Vann Sikes, which said deed of trust has been registered in the office of the Register of Deeds for Union county, in book A. P., page 94, to which reference is hereby made, and by virtue of the further fact that the holders of the notes therein secured have applied to me as trustee to foreclose said deed of trust, I will on

Saturday, the 16th of December, 1911, at 12 o'clock, at the court-house door in the city of Monroe, offer for sale at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, all of the right, title and interest of the said Erwin Walker and wife in and to the following tracts of land:

FIRST TRACT: Lying on Pole Cat Creek, adjoining the lands of Elizabeth Plyler, Melissa Starnes and others, and containing 78 1/2 acres, more or less, being the lands conveyed by Lewis Walker and wife, Alice Walker, to John E. Walker by deed dated Nov. 9, 1908, and registered in the office of Register of Deeds for Union county in record of deeds No. 43 and page 41, to which reference is hereby made.
SECOND TRACT: Lying on the waters of Lynch's Creek, adjoining the lands of Thomas Griffin, Mark Walker, Douglas Outlaw, and Daniel Starnes, containing 17 acres, more or less, being the land conveyed by W. O. Starnes to John E. Walker by deed dated on Jan. 24, 1903, and registered in book 43, page 165, in the office of register of deeds for the county of Union, to which reference is hereby made.
This the 14 day of Nov., 1911.
John C. Sikes, Trustee.
Redwine & Sikes, Attorneys.