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DON'T DEVOTE ALL OF YOUR ACREAGE TO LONG STAPLE

Mr. Broom Says Next Year May Not Be So Favorable to its Production And He Urges Caution.

Plant an acre or two in long staple cotton, but don't devote all of your cotton acreage to its production," is the injunction of Mr. T. J. W. Broom, county demonstrator, to the farmers of Union County. Mr. Broom is aware of the fine yields of long staple made by a number of farmers, and knows the temptation is great to many to abandon their old short staple varieties for it. A number of farmers have asked him for his advice about planting this variety, and in every instance he has urged them to use caution in making a radical change from one kind of staple to another. In a statement to The Journal, he said further:

"The season has been very favorable to the production of long staple cotton. We have had very few rains, and long periods of hot weather, which is essential to the successful cultivation of this variety. The prices, owing to a shortage in the production of sea island cotton, and on account of the excessive rains in the south-east, have been good; in some instances, the difference in prices being thirty-five cents or more.

"In 1911, you will remember, this county produced an unusually large amount of long staple cotton, for which they received ten and twelve cents a pound more than for short staple cotton. These high prices caused increased acreage in long staple the ensuing year, but for some reason or other the prices were not so good in 1912, being only two cents a pound more than that paid for short staple. In fact, at times there was no market for it in Monroe. I am afraid that next year the prices for long staple cotton will not be so good, and every farmer knows the cost of producing it is much more than the cost of raising short staples.

"Mr. David R. Coker, originator of the Coker long staple strains, even advises against a farmer devoting his entire acreage to long staples. He says our seasons are so uncertain, and the long staple plants so tender, that it is risky business for a farmer devoting more than a few acres to its production.

\$12,000 FIRE AT OAKBORO

Cotton Gin, Lumber and Cotton Goes up in Flames in Stanly.

The worst fire known so far in the history of Oakboro occurred last Saturday night when Furr and Barbee's ginning plant, lumber plant and some other property was entirely wiped out, says the Oakboro correspondent of The Stanly County Herald.

The fire was first discovered in the cotton gin about ten o'clock. It spread rapidly and but for the heroic efforts of the citizens of the town and adjoining neighborhood the entire section from second street to the depot would have been burned. A lot of lumber belonging to different parties was destroyed but happily the loss of this was not so heavy on any single individual. Thousands of feet of dry, fine lumber belonging to C. P. Hartsell and S. A. Underwood, was piled nearby on the yard, but by timely fire, was saved from serious damage. Four cars loaded with finished lumber were on the side track, but this was saved by enough help being at hand to roll it out of reach of the fire. The seed warehouse, containing about two carloads of seed was destroyed. This belonged to the Southern Cotton Oil Company. The cotton platform nearby contained more than one hundred bales of cotton, all of which was saved by heroic effort. Nothing was insured, leaving a total loss. The cause of the fire is unknown. The loss is estimated at twelve thousand dollars. Furr and Barbee being the heavy losers.

MR. MARSH ON BOLL WEEVIL.

Union County Man, Who Lived in Texas, Says Pest Is Hardy.

(From the Marshallville Home.)

It is difficult for us to realize that Union county will probably be infested with boll-weevil next year. It is true that there is little probability of extensive damage to our cotton by this pest the coming year, but the one big question is: How fast are we getting ready to re-organize our agricultural methods so as to avoid embarrassment when this destructive pest arrives in sufficient quantities to bring the disaster that it has brought to many other sections that refused to heed the warning by a greater diversification of crops until forced to do so, after suffering heavy losses? Mr. S. S. Marsh of this township, who lived in Texas for seventeen years, does not share in the opinion that Union county lies north of an imaginary line, beyond which the territory is immune from the ravages of the boll weevil. Mr. Boll Weevil seems to pay but little attention to lines drawn by insect scientists. It has already arrived in an adjoining county.

Women of Methodist Church to Observe Harvest Day.

The Woman's Missionary Society of Central Methodist church will observe Harvest day, Monday afternoon, Dec. 1st, at 3:30 o'clock.

This is the last meeting for the year and all members are urged to pay their dues and pledges in full at this meeting so that reports can be sent off at once. Leaders of circles are asked to see all women in their circles before this meeting and plan to raise the full pledge of their circle and report same at this meeting.—Mrs. L. N. Presson, President.

The Baptist \$75,000,000 Drive.

Fellow Baptist:—Only a few more hours now. We are in the trenches. All is silent just before the battle. In a few more hours we go over in the final dash of the great Seventy-five Million Campaign, with nearly three million other Baptists. This word is the last before the charge! the battle yell of triumphant Spiritual Democracy. Every Baptist his best. Ask every Baptist you meet to do his best, too.

From your knees to victory next Sunday morning at sunrise! Once in our lives, now—all for Jesus's sake.—Your brother, Walt N. Johnson. Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 28, 1919.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Winchester Celebrate Fiftieth Anniversary.

Pleasant Grove, Nov. 28.—A most beautiful "Golden wedding ceremony was performed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Winchester near Pleasant Grove on Thanksgiving Day, it being the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage.

The entire family of children and grandchildren were present save the children of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Helms who lives in Florida, only Mr. and Mrs. Helms being in attendance.

While the aged couple were anticipating a gathering of at least some of the children, they were not apprised of the elaborate program that had been secretly planned for the occasion until the very hour had come to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage.

The day was delightfully spent by the smaller children in romping and playing in the spacious grove while the older set delighted themselves and others in rendering several selected musical programs consisting of solos and duets accompanied by Misses Vivian Winchester and Ethel Davis presiding at the organ and piano.

About one o'clock a large table was hastily erected in the grove and eight well-filled baskets, representing the eight children of the immediate family unloaded basket after basket and box after box until the long boards of the table swayed and the two by four's seemed to groan beneath its burden of delicacies consisting of entrees "fit for a king," the abundance thereof fully and completely satisfying the large crowd present. The center of the table was adorned with a most beautiful and valuable silver and gold service set that everybody knew what it was for, save the bride and groom and when the table was cleared of everything but the set the bride and groom were seen sitting together some few feet from the table, and while the crowd looked on, T. C. Haigler of Monroe, without ceremony or warning stepped to the table and taking the service set turned to the couple and made the presentation speech.

AMERICAN SOLDIER DEAD TO REMAIN IN FRANCE TWO YEARS

Bodies of Our Boys Must Be Left Until French Get Ready to Exhume Their Dead.

The American dead in France must be left in the graves they now occupy until the French are ready to exhume their own dead, which it is hoped will be before January 1, 1922. The foreign office has promised to consider the latest request of the American government for the return of its fallen soldiers, but later the following official announcement was made:

"It has been definitely decided that the allies who fell together for the same cause should remain together in death until circumstances permit of the returning of the bodies to the families for whom they sacrificed themselves."

Barkey Stole Pocketbook.

George Crowder, colored, will face Judge W. O. Lemmond in the Recorder's court to-morrow morning on the charge of having stolen a pocketbook containing \$13.50 from L. H. Ferguson, a railroad man. Ferguson lost his purse, it is said, while sitting in a jitney. A few minutes after he got out of the car, George hired the driver to take him home. When he reached his domicile, and was leaving the car, the driver called his attention, so the police say, to a purse lying in the seat of the car. George pocketed the purse, and wended his way. Later Mr. Ferguson reported his loss to the jitney driver, who then recalled having given a purse to Crowder, being under the impression that it belonged to him. Crowder denies the allegation, claiming the pocket-book belonged to him. He showed a pocket-book to the officers which the jitney driver says was not the one he handed him. The occurrence took place yesterday.

MECKLENBURG WORKING ITS END OF WILMINGTON HIGHWAY

Construction Company is Making Good Progress, Says Chairman Mecklenburg in Interview.

Satisfactory progress is being made on the construction of the hard-surface cover that is being placed on the Monroe road by Simmons, Whitton and Company, who recently received the contract for building a stretch of six miles, according to Chairman A. M. McDonald of the board of county commissioners, says The Charlotte News:

"It is naturally slow work making a new roadbed and placing the hard-surface covering that requires careful attention," said Mr. McDonald, "but the forces are making good time owing to the ideal weather conditions that have prevailed this fall."

Traffic over the Monroe road for some distance out of the city is now blocked and automobile tourists are detouring to the Providence or Lawyer's road for Monroe and other points east.

Of the ten-mile stretch of hard-surface road that is being constructed by county forces between Charlotte and the Sloan's Ferry bridge two-thirds is now complete, according to Mr. McDonald.

"The two federal engineers who examined the Sloan's Ferry road say it is the finest stretch of road in the South," said Mr. McDonald. "It has been carefully built and will last a long time. When it is completed, it will be an unbroken stretch of hard-surface highway from the Gaston county line to the city and from the city to the Monroe county line."

Arsene Lupin Hero of "Teeth of the Tiger." New Film.

Arsene Lupin, the French crook character made famous by Maurice Le Blanc, is the hero of a new Paramount-Artcraft picture, "Teeth of the Tiger," which is coming to the Strand theatre next Wednesday. The role of Lupin is portrayed by David Powell, who has appeared recently in support of a number of prominent feminine stars. Readers of the Le Blanc stories will recall that the last adventure of the celebrated criminal left him apparently dead. According to the story of the picture, which was adapted by Roy Sunnerville, Lupin escaped and is a country gentleman living respectably in America. He is summoned by Henry Forbes, an aged invalid, who has been threatened by anonymous letters with death. The old man is killed, and it becomes the task of Lupin to trace the murderer. Several persons are suspected, and the close acquaintance of Lupin with the methods of criminals enables him to track the guilty person. A well developed love story is worked into the plot, which is said to be very exciting and abounding in mystery and thrills.

In addition to David Powell, others in the cast include Marguerite Courtot, Temple Saxe, Myrtle Stedman and Riley Hatch. The picture was directed by Chester Withey.

Vivian Martin Has Novel Role in "His Official Fiancee"

A novel situation rich in fun-making possibilities is set forth in Vivian Martin's new Paramount-Artcraft photoplay, "His Official Fiancee," which is coming to the STRAND Theatre MONDAY. Miss Martin has the role of a stenographer employed in the London office of William Waters, a stern, cold-blooded business man. He summons her and tells her it is necessary for business reasons for him to pose during the next few weeks as a man engaged to be married. He offers her the post of "official fiancee" for a money consideration. Pressed for funds, she consents. Many complications ensue, including the coming on the scene of a former lover, Water's embarrassing gay dog uncle, and the arrival of a charming French girl between whom and Waters an understanding evidently exists.

MARVIN RITCH ON THE FARMER

Charlotte Labor Leader Says He is Most Selfish Person in the South.

A letter in the Sunday News, of Charlotte, says that Marvin L. Ritch, a lawyer and labor organizer of Charlotte, speaking to an audience of mill workers in York, "denounced the farmers, who, he said, were inimical to the best interests of the textile workers and in league with the mill owners to fight the union organization among mill workers, and charged that they had been 'petted' too much and were as a whole the most selfish, grouchy, dissatisfied class of people in the South."

Jane: "Why did the army turn Charlie down?"
Elsie: "On account of his eyes."
Jane: "Why, I think he has lovely eyes. Don't you?"

An Irish soldier was lying in the trenches and had not had any access to any soap and water for a long time. Flies swarmed over his hands and face. Again and again he brushed them off, until he got weary and let them stay. Finally a bee alighted on his hand and stung him painfully. Brushing his hands and face frantically he cried, "Just fer that ye all git off."

BOLL WEEVIL IS A FARM DEMONSTRATOR SAYS EDITOR

There is Prosperity in Weevil-Ridden Alabama and Mississippi Because They Grow Things to Eat.

The towns that have grown the most in the cotton growing region are those which manufacture cotton, thus getting the benefit of both the cotton growing industry and the cotton manufacturing industry, says Col. Clawson of The Wilmington Star. Even the cotton growing and manufacturing industries combined haven't built any Southern Chicago. Cotton manufacturing has done more for New England than cotton growing has heretofore done for the South when it was content to grow cotton and nothing else. However, the South does not have to grow cotton in order to be able to buy automobiles. The South does not have to grow cotton in order to be prosperous. Neither will the boll weevil keep the farmers from being prosperous, for down in boll weevil Georgia there is prosperity in spite of the weevil.

South Georgia has been infested by the cotton pest for several years, but in spite of it, the farmers down there are prosperous. They are even "on Easy Street," if this is their condition as described by The Commerce (Ga.) News:

It is almost unbelievable. But it's a real fact. A fact that spells prosperity. Old debts have been liquidated. Mortgages have been lifted. Homes have been bought and paid for. The farmer for once is in the saddle. He is monarch of all he surveys. He is free from debt. He is educating his children. He has remodeled his home. He owns more hogs and cattle. He wears better clothes. His wife has more of the conveniences and luxuries of life. He rides in his own automobile. He sits by his fireside at night, and while he smokes his pipe, his children are happy and contented at his side. He sleeps soundly at night, free from the nightmare of debt. For the farmer, God be praised, is out of debt and on Easy Street.

Things down in South Georgia are not looking as gloomy as the South Carolina Automobile Association is seeing them in lower South Carolina. There is prosperity in weevil-ridden Alabama and Mississippi, too, for they have found out there are more things to grow than the fleecy staple.

The fact is, the boll weevil country, has been competing with the west in feeding those who have "cotton-litis." In Wilmington we are eating pork and beef produced down in the boll weevil country. Not only have their packing houses been sending their products here, but Alabama and Mississippi hog raisers have been shipping their hogs to Wilmington's packing house market. If you eat much "Alaga" on your buckwheat cakes, at the price you have to pay for not producing cane syrup yourself, you may know that it comes from Alabama and Georgia.

We are beginning to believe that the boll weevil is a farm demonstrator. It might have been sent to eat up our cotton as a warning to us that unless we grow something to eat for ourselves we might some day have the disagreeable experience of famine conditions. The West can no longer feed the Nation. The price we have to pay the West for what we eat is proof enough that we cannot afford to depend on the West in the future. It would be exceedingly foolish for us to insist on feeding "Billy Boll Weevil" instead of feeding ourselves. Grow cotton, but grow other things that the weevil won't eat.

WHISKEY AND BEER IS NOW BEING SOLD IN NEW ORLEANS

An Hour After Federal Judge Declares War-Time Prohibition Unconstitutional, Bar-Rooms Were Ready for Business.

Whiskey, four per cent beers, wines, cordials, in short, complete bar-room assortments of liquor, were purchased in New Orleans Wednesday night following the granting of an injunction Tuesday by Federal Judge Foster which in effect held the war-time prohibition act unconstitutional.

Less than an hour after Judge Foster had enjoined federal authorities from interfering with the sale of bonded whiskies, in compliance with the petition of the Herman Leiser Liquor company bar-rooms were serving liquor in steadily varied assortments. Mixed drinks were unobtainable during the day because of the rush for "straight liquor." Later, however, it was possible to obtain practically all of the widely known mixed drinks for many years peculiar to New Orleans. French restaurants served claret with dinners.

District Attorney Mooney, upon learning of reports that saloon keepers had agreed to make a flat charge of fifty cents per drink for whiskey, announced that should they combine to charge high prices for drinks they would be prosecuted for profiteering.

Whiskey sold in most places at twenty-five cents for a drink about half the size formerly sold. Higher grade whiskies served in old style glasses sold from thirty-five to fifty cents. Bottle whiskies, bonded, were to be had at an average of six dollars a quart, some places, however, being without other than the cheaper grades. Wines were procurable at an average of about twenty-five per cent over former prices.

At all of the downtown saloons remained until closing time. Taxicab companies reported an old time rush of customers to the road-houses and cafes at the lake resorts.

An Appeal to the Membership of First Baptist Church.

Sunday will be the greatest day Baptists ever saw—in city and town, village and hamlet, in valley and on hill side, through sunshine, rain, sleet or snow, great multitudes of the mighty army, three million strong, will be gathered in their respective places of worship. Will you be found in your place among the number at the Sunday school and the 11:30 o'clock service Sunday morning. You will be glad in your old age to look back on that day and say "I was there." Come and get the program, plan and great objection clearly set before you, so as to act intelligently, conscientiously and faithfully, and to give concrete expression to your faith, conviction and loyalty.

It is a great task to which God is calling us in these tremendous times and we fight not as those who stand alone. The unredeemed multitudes of a lost world are looking to us. The great brotherhood of our fair Southland and some beyond the seas touch us shoulder to shoulder. Above us, from the very battlements of heaven, a white-robed throng of redeemed spirits, who dreamed and built for our great day, and beyond and above that glorious company, the King of Glory on his throne watches with them to see us win the victory.

Our church, our association, our State and Southern Convention are looking to you. The needy world is calling you, and God is counting on you. You will not disappoint, will you?

Come and let us go from the trench of prayer over the top to victory in the greatest campaign of Baptist history. I make this appeal in the name of the One who gave Himself for you. There will also be a sunrise prayer meeting at the church Sunday morning. The bell will be rung at 6:30 and the building will be warm. If you find it impossible to be there, convenient to pray with us at that hour. May God be with us, give us a great victory and take to Himself the Glory.—John A. Wray.

REFORMERS WILL NEXT TRY TO BANISH THE TOBACCO WEED

And the "National Tobacco League of America" Is Formed to Oppose Their Program.

After having slugged John Barleycorn to the ropes, it now appears that the reformers are on the trail of Old Man Nicotine, and the next crusade, allegedly in behalf of perfect morals, is against tobacco, a worthwhile product of North Carolina and various other States, according to The Greensboro News.

Announcement is made to-day that already there has been formed what shall be known as the "National Tobacco League of America, Incorporated," composed of gentlemen who like their smokes, whether it be a dollar cigar or a cent-apiece cigarette. In substantiation of the need of such an organization certain remarks uttered by Rev. Dr. Clarence True Wilson, secretary of the temperance board of the Methodist Episcopal church, are quoted.

The significance of this is that Rev. Dr. Wilson is one of the leading apostles of the Anti-Saloon league of America. When the distillers, brewers, bartenders and habitual inebriates and periodical bonze-hounds were predicting a few years ago that national prohibition was nonsense and a nightmare, Dr. Wilson and a few of his cohorts were doing business at the same old stand and promising a dry nation. Those who came to laugh in the good old days are now left to mourn, whereupon it behooves the user of tobacco to give heed to the first signal of the Rev. Dr. Wilson and his tribe. If tobacco is to go like liquor after an era of derision and non-belief, it is at least incumbent upon tobacco users, whether they smoke the cheapest cigarette or the most expensive cigar, to sit up and take notice of the opening campaign announcement of Rev. Dr. Wilson and his followers.

They all may be advised of the next aim of the crusaders, which may eventually embrace tea, coffee, coffee substitutes, patent medicines containing more than one half of one per cent alcohol and unfermented cider, which may become fermented after a few hours in the noonday sun, the following announcement of the defenders of the tobacco users of America is hereby given publicly in one of the greatest tobacco-producing States.

DEATH OF MRS. WM. FOWLER.

Well-Known Woman of Wesley Chapel Community Passes Away.

Following an illness of about six months, Mrs. William Fowler died Thursday night at 8 o'clock at her home near Wesley Chapel. She was nearly 65 years old. Funeral service is being conducted this afternoon at the home, and interment will be in the Wesley Chapel cemetery.

Deceased is survived by her husband, and the following children: Mrs. F. W. Huey of Charlotte, Mrs. W. D. Howie of Wesley Chapel, and Messrs. W. E. Fowler, F. L. Fowler, all of this county. She is also survived by one sister, Mrs. J. W. Houston.

Mrs. Fowler was a daughter of the late Elijah Stancil. She was a conscientious christian, having joined the Methodist church in her youth, and was a woman who stood high in the esteem of her neighbors.

The water situation in Raleigh is very distressing. The reservoir has not been filled for two months and they now have only about twenty per cent of the normal supply.

LATEST HAPPENINGS

News Events of the Day in the State and Nation.

D. W. Giles is in jail at Rock Hill charged with having shot and killed his wife who was formerly Miss Hooks of Salisbury.

Carolians are happy over the Thanksgiving ball game, when the University defeated Virginia 6 to 0. About nine thousand people witnessed the game in Chapel Hill.

County commissioners of Cumberland county have voted to issue bonds to the extent of \$100,000 for the erection of a memorial building to the Cumberland soldiers who died in the great war.

General Pershing will visit Camp Bragg December the fifth. The North Carolina Military Post will be his third stop on a three months inspection of military facilities of the nation.

E. J. Wright, army corporal in charge of the grocery department at Fort Monroe, admits that he has received from \$3,000 to \$4,000 in the form of a 3 per cent commission on meats sold to the Fort by Thomas Keane of Washington, D. C.

An Indian who could not speak a word of English was tried in Asheville Wednesday on the charge of distilling. The case was held over until an interpreter from the Cherokee Indian reservation could be located. The Indian was found not guilty.

Miss Elizabeth Johnston, a graduate of the Richmond School of Social Work, a specialist in juvenile work, has accepted the appointment as county and city probation officer of Forsythe county and Winston-Salem. She is a sister of Miss Mary Johnston, the Virginia author of wide repute.

T. P. Cauble, a jeweler of High Point, was fined fifty dollars and the costs for tampering with an electric meter. By boring a hole in the meter and placing a piece of a hack-saw blade against the small disk he retarded the meter and reduced his bill six dollars monthly.

The U. S. S. Parrot was launched Tuesday afternoon at Cramps, Philadelphia. The vessel is a destroyer of the latest type and bears the name of George Parrott of Kinston, N. C. He commanded the destroyer Shaw and gave his life when his ship was sunk off the English coast. His sister, Miss Julia Parrott, acted as sponsor.

A white man who has almost been identified as Nathan Upchurch, who killed Robert Beik near Lenoir, S. C., in 1895, has been arrested in Chester. He stoutly declares that he is W. R. Upchurch, a brother of the murderer. One strong indication that the man under arrest is the man wanted is the fact that he is cross-eyed, as Nathan Upchurch was.

The regional coal committee requested that all industries that could do so without loss close down yesterday evening and remain closed until Monday, that all stores, business houses and offices close at 4 p. m., and householders use as little coal as possible. Coal shortage was declared to be "far more critical than the general public realized."

One white boy, James Foy, eleven-years old, and four negro comrades were arrested in Raleigh yesterday morning charged with wrecking Seaboard train number two, which resulted in a smash-up with no lives lost. According to stories told, the boys were operating as a band with the white boy as "lieutenant" and are charged with other offenses. None of them were attending school.

Why He Lived.

A certain customer upon receiving a request to send a check to cover his bill, sent the following letter:

"For the following reasons I am unable to send you the check asked for.

"I have been held up, held down, sandbagged, walked on, sat on, flattened out and squeezed. First by the United States Government for Federal War Tax, Excess Profits Tax, Liberty Loan Bonds, Thrift Stamps, Capital Stock Tax, Merchant's License and Automobile Tax, and by every society and organization that the inventive mind of man can invent to extract what I may or may not possess.

I have been solicited by the Society of John the Baptist, the G. A. R., the Women's Relief, the Navy League, the Red Cross, the Black Cross, the Purple Cross, the Double Cross, the Children's Home, the Dorcas Society, the Y. M. C. A., the Y. W. C. A., the Boy Scouts, the Jewish Relief, the Belgian Relief, and every hospital in town. Then on top of it all came the Associated Charities and Salvation Army.

"The Government has so governed my business that I don't know who owns it. I am inspected, suspected, examined and re-examined, informed, required and commanded, so I don't know who I am, where I am, or why I am here. All I know is I am supposed to be an inexhaustible supply of money for every known need, desire or hope of the human race. And because I will not sell all I have and go out and beg, borrow or steal money to give away, I have been cussed, discussed, boycotted, talked to, talked about, lied to, lied about, held up, hung up, robbed and nearly ruined, and the only reason I am clinging to life is to see what in the hell is coming next."

A fish should swim three times: In water, in sauce and in wine.—German Proverb.