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## NOVUS HOMO TELLS HOW FARMER WAS DECEIVED

### In Response to Cries for His Product He Invested Heavily in Fertilizer

## VICTIM OF SPECULATOR

To the Editor of The Journal:—In watching the movements of market manipulators at the present time, we are forced to shudder at the prospective results of our high financial operations. In the early months of the present year, and for several years previous, the raisers of cotton were assured—so far as words were concerned—that the world was on the verge of a cotton famine, and that farmers were taking no risk in buying high-priced fertilizers, high-priced mules, and high-priced land for the purpose of raising the fleecy staple that furnishes clothes for the civilized (?) portion of the world.

With the greatest difficulties in the way of unfavorable natural conditions and with the most enormous expense ever recorded the soil tillers have labored early and late to combat the difficulties and have shown by the efforts put forth that they fully appreciated the situation and were not only willing but anxious to relieve it, and bring about more wholesome conditions. After having done so, however, the spirit of the entire business world seems to have undergone a change and the prospects now are that the attitude of the speculators in commodities is such as to produce a universal state of anarchy among us, and we are confronted with the problem of maintaining order among our fellow citizens.

### Ignorance of Crop Reporters.

In regard to the over-production theory, which has been wonderfully stimulated by false reports of ignorant crop reporters who mistake the size of the weed for cotton, not knowing that wet years produce weed at the expense of fruit, we might charge a major portion of the tendency to depression, but if we would only cease to think superficially, we would have no trouble in realizing that the claim is unfounded, since we know that a labor shortage necessitated the abandonment of thousands of farms, and the lying idle of millions of acres of the productive lands of the cotton belt. For these reasons we are forced to the conviction that the whole program of price reduction is a deliberate effort on the part of heartless grafters, known as speculators, to make more millions out of the sweat and toil of the women and children of the southern cotton fields, and if our own business men of the south cannot protect us against such outlandish thievery as is thus perpetrated upon us by the gamblers of wall street, we are retained beyond repair.

### Good Food For "Soap Boxes."

It is a fact well known that the spirit of anarchy is abundantly evident among us, and that the practices—unmolested—of the element now oppressing us is the very best kind of food for the soap boxes who have been insisting for years that government is organized, not for the protection of the weak, against the strong, but rather for the protection of the strong in their program of robbery of the weak. No better material could be furnished these agitators for their pernicious activities than is now being furnished, and since there is no place in civilized government for this class of drones it seems to this writer that the only solution to the present problem is for the government to interfere strenuously in behalf of its worthy citizens and debar the class now bringing on the trouble from further participation in business transactions of any kind. The jails and (Continued on page eight.)

## FUNDERBURK HAZING INCIDENT IS SETTLED

### Oak Ridge Faculty, Father Says, Is Standing by Tradesville Boy in Trouble.

Court proceedings against Boyce Funderburk, 16-year old Tradesville, S. C. boy, who threw sulphuric acid on a sophomore at Oak Ridge Institute, have been stopped, according to Mr. Bud Funderburk, father of the young man, who was in Monroe Saturday. He had just returned from Greensboro where he went on learning that his son was in trouble.

Mr. Funderburk is quoted as saying that the faculty of the Institute was defending his son; and that the father of the boy who received the sulphuric acid contents of the mug on his face was inclined to hush matters up.

It seems that several young men, all sophomores, went to young Funderburk's room to haze him. Having been warned that freshmen at Oak Ridge were frequently hazed, young Funderburk was prepared. After repeated knocks, Funderburk quickly opened the door and dashed the acid upon his would-be assailants.

The Tradesville boy is considered an excellent young man by the citizens of his home community, and they are unable to explain the incident except by the fact that he was determined not to be hazed. Had he used a baseball bat upon the sophomores heads, friends of the family in Monroe say, he would be deserving of praise.

## L. M. JOHNSON IS COTTON GRADER FOR THIS COUNTY

### Has Opened Office in the Chamber of Commerce Building, and is Ready for Business.

L. M. Johnson, of Charlotte, Federal cotton grader, assigned to Union county arrived here Saturday morning to open his office, says the Monroe correspondent to the Charlotte Observer. He will have quarters temporarily in the chamber of commerce building until permanent office room can be secured. Monroe, like most other prosperous towns, is very short on office rooms as well as store and dwelling houses. This market has never before had an official grader, but with the coming of the warehouse movement a grader was essential to best results and one was secured.

Union county will be prepared to retire from a third to half the cotton crop this fall. A warehouse company was organized last spring and is building a large warehouse here. One compartment with capacity of 1,200 bales will be completed in a couple of weeks and three to six other compartments will be constructed, three of them being under way now. Cotton growers in the western part of the county have rented two store rooms at Waxhaw and will store six to eight hundred bales there, while Marshville will take care of nearly a thousand bales. This will give bonded warehouse capacity of approximately 8,000 bales and private warehouses will house several thousand bales. Local bankers are putting forth every effort to make financial arrangements to allow the farmers to borrow money on the stored cotton and it is believed that fully a fourth of the crop can be financed in this way.

Work of remodeling and enlarging the Bank of Union building is under way. The bank has temporary quarters in a store room next door. It is amusing to watch the expressions of dismay and relief on the faces of some depositors when they first see that their bank is "gone" and are told that it is not gone far. They try to show indifference but most of them fall dismally until they assure themselves by personal visit to the new quarters that the bank is still going good.

## COTTON SHOULD BE HELD FOR 45 CENTS

### To Sell for Less Than Forty Cents Would Be Suicide, Says Corn Cracker.

To the Editor of The Journal:—While neither a successful farmer nor a far-sighted statesman, I realize that the prices of cotton and tobacco, two staple crops of the South, will work a hardship to the bread-winners and the bread-producers of this favorable section. As all know, the farmer is the man that feeds all; and on account of pernicious class legislation, and by reason of his isolated environment, he has few friends at court and poor opportunities to control or even suggest remedial legislation. This is not intended as an attack on professions or the capitalists of industry; but to give my viewpoint as to what the cotton farmer must do to secure relief. That the world needs all the cotton to be produced and then some, is evident to every man informed as to conditions. But it does not need it all at one time, and the law of supply and demand are in corable. Thirty years ago, some patriots and far-sighted statesmen suggested a sub-treasury and a warehousing system. Every venal time-serving politician ridiculed the scheme and every writer who didn't know a cotton plant from a mulefin weed was a "frankie me too" avenger of proper husbandry. When anybody suggested better prices for cotton, he first accused him of being a shiftless, lazy mortal, and then accused him of over-production. One argument worked overtime, was that a man could not wear two shirts at once. I remember telling an evangel of "sound money" who had but one semi-annual shirt and a very aromatic pair of quarterly socks, that possibly more money, even debased silver fifty cent dollars; would fix it so a man would not have to go to bed and have his shirt washed.

### The Trials of the Farmer

We should have warehouses, and place a certain amount of cotton on market at once, holding remainder in reserve until the price justified the sale. Cotton has been styled the autocat that makes the treaties of the world and binds the nations over to keep the peace. Perhaps this is hyperbole; but it enters largely into food and clothing production. Besides contributing to our wardrobe, it furnishes roping, paper, thread and twine; and its oil is a healthy substitute for lard, its meal is an ideal stockfeed and fertilizer; while the hulls are excellent roughage. The farmer produces all the material wealth, and is about seventy-five per cent of Southern population. Let him prosper, and all the arteries of commerce are stimulated to vigorous activity. When cotton advanced to forty cents, we saw elegant homes built and equipped, pianos and organs placed in tasty and elegant homes; the sons and daughters of the farmer placed in high school and college; and the country placed on the tidal wave of prosperity. The gifted commoner, W. J. Bryan, uttered under the seal of prophecy that if the farmer prospered the cities would (Continued on page eight.)

## CASES ARE MANY, AND THE LAWYERS ARE GETTING RICH

### Judge W. O. Lemmond Held An All - Day Session On Monday

## FIGHT OVER HOUND DOG

The farmers are resting, and the Monroe business men are patiently waiting for the fall trade season to begin, but the courts and the lawyers are working overtime. The number of small cases heard here during the past few weeks have never been exceeded in an equal length of time, according to court house inmates, who are groaning under the strain.

Yesterday was no exception. Judge W. O. Lemmond's court was in session most of the day, and the lawyers talked, argued and sweated for their clients, most of whom were charged with trivial offenses. Probably the biggest case, in point of interest, was one from Goose Creek township in which John Rowell was charged with an assault on his cousin, Horace Rowell, with a knife. He was let off with the coats and a small fine; and so was Bryant Rowell, who took the part of his brother, Horace Rowell. The knife wounds were not of a serious nature, a few stitches being all that was necessary to sew them up. The assault took place on August 28, near the home of Henry Rowell, and was an outgrowth of a quarrel over the alleged killing of a hound dog. Horace accused John of killing his dog, while John retaliated with a similar charge, so it was said. In the heat of the dispute over the death of beloved friends, the knife thrust was made. Almost the entire bar appeared in this case on one side or the other.

### Harvey Raises the Judge's Ire.

Judge Lemmond, as many have learned by this time, is a shrewd judge of human nature, and he is quick to detect the truth or falsity of a statement. So, when Harvey Nelson, colored, who faced him on a charge of being drunk, swore that his intoxication was due to the imbibing of soured apple pealings, or some similar concoction, the Judge was dubious. "Sixty days," he announced, after giving the prisoner a close scrutiny.

"But, your Honor," said the defendant's lawyer, Mr. J. C. Sikas, as he arose to his feet, "are you not exceeding your authority? This man is only charged with a simple drunk." The Judge hesitated only for a moment. "Make it thirty days," he ordered. "The law gives me that much power," he continued. "He," pointing to Harvey, "told me he got drunk on apple pealings." The entry book at thirty days.

### Monroe Officers Busy.

That the Monroe officers are sincere in their determination to enforce the automobile laws was evidenced by the appearance in court yesterday of Lester Byrum, charged with operating a car without license. The young man made the plea of having lost his number, so he was dismissed on the payments of the cost in the case.

### Jake Simpson, of North Monroe, who in years gone by has been a pretty regular attendant upon the Recorder's court session, was charged with indulgence in the ancient game of cards. The exact form of the game was not told The Journal, but it is understood that Jake's preference for poker, the famous American indoor game. He was given \$10 and the costs.

### Officers Corralled a Hobo.

For the first time in many weeks, a gentleman of the leisure class, who travel by the "side-door" Pullman route, and who used to be frequent visitors in this section, faced Judge Lemmond. His name was given as T. S. Jones, and he claims to hail from Atlanta, the metropolis of the South. Officer Robinson's capture is hailed as an indication that high wages are breaking. When times are prosperous, and work can be had for the asking, it is seldom that members of this breed are caught. It is understood that the officers have two more hoboes in jail awaiting trial. White was assigned to the chain gang squad for a period of thirty days.

### Medlin and Kendall Bound Over to Superior Court.

Messrs. Carl Medlin and Joe Kendall, who exchanged several pistol shots on a Seaboard train while it stood in the yards here three or four months ago, were fined fifty dollars and costs each for carrying concealed weapons, and bound over to Superior court under five hundred dollar bonds each on the charge of assault with deadly weapon.

## SUFFERING FROM THROAT, COX MAY CURTAIL CAMPAIGN

### Advised by Physician to do Less Speaking, But Declares He Will Continue Trip.

Governor Cox, whose throat has been giving him trouble during the past few days of his campaign tour of the west, was examined Sunday by a Portland, Oregon, specialist who declared the governor's throat was in bad condition and advised him to curtail some of his speaking engagements. This Governor Cox declared emphatically he would not do. The trouble was diagnosed as speakers laryngitis.

## MAX GARDNER TO INVADE JOHN PARKER'S BAILLIWICK

### Big Reception is Planned for the Cleveland County Leader

## TO PLEA FOR MORRISON

Democracy's battle to capture the State by the largest majority ever known begins in earnest next Saturday when Lieutenant - Governor O. Gardner, one of the party's biggest guns, opens up on Mr. J. J. Parker, the Republican nominee, in his own bailiwick. The speaking begins at eleven o'clock in the court house.

Mr. Gardner, who was Union county's political idol in the recent primary, will be accorded a warm reception, and it is freely predicted that standing room will be at a premium next Saturday.

Accompanying Mr. Gardner will be Messrs. W. T. Bost, of the Greensboro News, and R. E. Powell, of the Raleigh News and Observer, two of the best political reporters in the State.

Mr. Parker invaded Cleveland county, the home of Mr. Gardner, several weeks ago, and Mr. Gardner is repaying his visit. In Cleveland, Mr. Parker is said to have sought to stir up discontent among the Gardner forces, but Gardner and Hoey, the Democratic chiefs of that part of the country, soon let the world know that Cleveland was still loyal to democracy. Next Saturday Mr. Gardner will advocate the election of his opponent in that memorable campaign in the county that was one of his staunchest supporters.

In speaking of Gardner's coming to this county, the Greensboro News says:

"John Parker, Republican nominee for governor, opened a gubernatorial campaign, for fair, in O. Max Gardner's county and told the Clevelanders they should vote for Parker to punish the persecutors of Gardner; and Saturday next O. Max Gardner will reciprocate by asking every Union county man to vote against Parker.

"Parker will understand this rule of the game which Gardner learned on the football field and cannot forget. It is one of the anomalies of politics. Parker in Cleveland was an impressive argument for smashing the machine. Gardner smashed by it is an imposing spectacle in good sport.

"For that reason he is sent next week into the Republican candidate's capital to work for the victor in late lamented primary. Mr. Morrison would hardly deny that he needs all the Union county men he did not get in the recent run-off with Gardner. Mr. Morrison would take all the women, invited and uninvited, that the county of Andy Jackson, Dave Houston and T. W. Bicket can furnish. The Cleveland man made a wonderful drive in Union. He carried every precinct in that unit adjoining the Morrison domicile and in the home of the Scotchman polled a great vote. It is the grace of good losing that it can go where it is needed and speak the word in season.

"Mr. Morrison has called on Charles U. Harris, of the Jones camp in Wake, and supporter of Gardner, and asked the son of war-horse Logan Harris of elder days, to shake the bushes for Mr. Morrison. Mr. Harris consented, offered his brains, his voice; and his automobile for service in whatsoever place Mr. Morrison needs him. There is much of such help needed.

"How badly, Chairman Tom Warren is not in position to confess, openly. "Taint practical," Mr. Warren could easily say. Mr. Morrison has accumulated in his speeches and writings of past years quite a few people who do not spring at his Pickwickian gesture. Liars, dogs, hounds, yearlings, gang, and whatnots do not rest lightly on them. In the very inmost sanctuary, around the very horns of the Deiferatic altar, it is told here in Raleigh that Lindsay Warren of Beaufort has called on Tom Warren of the executive committee and asked him not to send Cam Morrison to Beaufort. P. W. G. Morrison will cuss Morrison if he comes out to Glidewell's county, and O. Max Gardner must pacify Morrison's neighbors in Union. Verily, there be embarrassments ahead.

"O. Max Gardner returns the Parker call with the explanation that O. Max does not wish the Morrison dominance imperiled and it is a fine and delicious study in political ethics."

## MISSISSIPPI NEGRO IS LYNCHED BY SMALL MOB

### Had Been Sentenced to be Hanged But Was Granted a Stay of Execution by Governor.

Meridan, Miss., Sept. 12. — Will Echols, negro, who was convicted at a recent term of the circuit court here and sentenced to die on the gallows September 10th for the murder of Henry W. Davis, an aged night watchman at a local lumber plant, but whose execution was stayed at the last moment by an appeal to the supreme court, was taken from the jail at Quitman at three o'clock this morning by a small party of men, carried two miles from Quitman and shot to death in the public road, his body being riddled with bullets.

## AGED COUPLE ARE ROBBED OF FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS

### Mr. Laney Had Money Hid on Place — Army Worms are Even Eating Red Pepper.

Mineral Springs, R. F. D. 1, Sept. 13.—Mrs. J. W. Evans of Lancaster was the guest of her sister, Mrs. B. E. Courtney, last week.

Mr. Brady Green was painfully injured the other day when he fell from a barn loft.

Those pesky army worms had us gathering our green forage last week, but before the job was completed they left for parts unknown. Although cotton has not been damaged much in this section by the worms, grass and almost everything else of a green color have suffered. The next battalion of the worms, slated to appear about the first of October, will probably clean up everything else that is left. The worms have a varied appetite. A truthful woman, who stopped in your correspondent's home for a few minutes the other day, had to hurry home to save her red pepper. She said that the worms actually ate a developed pod of pepper.

Mr. Lige Laney had \$589 stolen from him a few days ago. While a firm believer in the safety of banks, Mr. Laney had this money secreted at his home for use in making trades, and some one who knew of its hiding place proceeded to appropriate the money while Mr. and Mrs. Laney were away from home. There is no clue as to who was the culprit, and it seems like this good old couple are out of their hard-earned money.

Quarterly conference was held at Bethel Saturday. All of the church business was disposed of, and the good ladies gave a picnic dinner.

It is announced that Mrs. Malissa Starnes will hold her annual reunion next Saturday. The public is cordially invited.

Mr. Wes Plyler of Van Wyck is spending some time in this section visiting old friends and relatives.

The protracted meeting at Bethany closed Wednesday. Rev. Mr. Brown of Lexington, Ky., did the preaching.

Mr. James Black died last Wednesday and was buried at Prospect Thursday. Deceased was about 55 years of age and was a loyal member of the Methodist church. For several years prior to his death he was an invalid. He is survived by his wife.

Mr. Jack Green of Coolamee is spending a few days with his uncle, Mr. T. D. Green.

We are glad to report that Mr. C. C. Starnes is better after an illness of some time.

## BIG COTTON MEETING HERE NEXT MONDAY

### Farmers, Bankers and Professional Men to Fight For Forty-Cent Cotton.

Farmers, merchants, bankers, business men, professional men, and women of the South have been called to assembly at their county seats Monday, September 20th, for the purpose of formally entering into the fight for forty cents cotton. The day has been set aside as "cotton day" and will be observed as such in every state in the cotton belt.

The Union county meeting, which has been called by Mr. T. J. W. Broom, president of the local branch of the American Cotton Association, will be held in the court house at two-thirty o'clock. Methods of financing distressed farmers will be discussed, and other features of the program will be:

First: Plans for holding the cotton of the county until fair and just prices can be obtained, together with plans for co-operative marketing.

Second: Plans for fully utilizing warehouses and warehouse facilities of the county and for erecting additional warehouses, with special emphasis in this connection on practical plans for financing the crop.

Third: Plans for immediately increasing the acreage in fall sown small grains, also cover crops as the one wise and certain plan of effecting a reduction in cotton acreage, pledges to this effect to be taken.

Several speakers, whose names will be announced later, will address the Union county farmers, and every man who does not wish to stand idly aside while this year's crop is sacrificed at a loss is expected to be present.

## Col. Bryan Sets 'Em Up, But It Was Grape Juice With a Tear in It.

"William Jennings Bryan set 'em up' today," says a Washington newspaper correspondent. "He led a dozen or so newspaper correspondents up to a moisture counter and said: 'What'll you have? This is on me, and a faraway, reminiscent look came into the eyes of the scribes. 'Frankly, I'd like a gingerale high,' said one of the correspondents, 'but I suppose I'll take a grape juice.' 'And the orders went on down the line — lemonade, nut sundae, milk shake, grape juice and all that sort of thing.

"This was at a downtown soda fountain, you see, and the sad part about it all—from the 'wet' viewpoint—was that the noted 'dry' advocate stood above a site that once upon a time was occupied by a saloon. It brought home the truth of those tearful lines: 'Hush little barroom, don't you cry; You'll be a drug store by and by.'"

There are two things we should worry about—things we can help and things we can't help.

## MARSHVILLE MEN WANTED OWN BROTHER CONVICTED

### They Were Ready and Willing to Help Convict J. Bithel Staton

## WILL BARR IN TROUBLE

Will Barr, alleged "bad man" of the moonshining tribe, is in jail in default of a \$1000 bond on a liquor making charge, having been bound over to the Federal court under that sum by Esq. M. L. Flow, United States commissioner. His bond was placed at this amount on the request of the officers, who stated that Barr threatened that he would have to be taken dead. According to evidence introduced at the hearing, the officers found where a still had presumably been operated in a smokehouse on Barr's place. Live coals were found on the ground, and after following wagon tracks for a short distance, they testified to having found a worm and still at the home of Matthew Rushing, "king-bee" of Union county moonshiners, and father-in-law of Barr. Rushing has already done "time" in the Atlanta federal prison, and he is at liberty now under a bond for his appearance at the next term of federal court.

## Brothers Wanted to Testify Against Bithel Staton.

J. Bithel Staton, of Marshville, is another one of the forty-five or more defendants slated to appear in federal court on a blockading charge. At his preliminary hearing, which was held before Esq. Flow, he waived examination, and was released under a \$500 bond. Officers and neighbors testified to seeing Staton drive to a farm adjoining his own with a load of "pummy." Two brothers, according to Esp. Flow, were at the preliminary hearing ready and willing to testify against the defendant.

### Esq.'s Court is Popular.

In popularity, Esq. Flow's court threatens to rival the Recorder's court. All of the federal whiskey cases come before him, and of recent weeks he is getting a large share of the state cases. Among them was the case of Joe Baker, of Buford township, charged with shooting Doc Helms, of the same township, with a shotgun. He is held for the Superior court under a \$200 bond. The evidence introduced against Baker tended to show that on a Sunday a few weeks ago Doc passed by his home several times. Getting suspicious, so it was testified, Baker asked Doc in stronger language than we use, "what he was up to." Doc, in equally emphatic words, replied that "it was none of his business; the roads belong to the public, and were free." He then rode off. The next time he passed, Baker fired his gun, the shots taking effect in the neck of Baker and the side of his horse. The horse, frightened at his treatment, ran away, refusing to stop until the buggy became entangled in a mass of wire. Doc was thrown out, and he sustained a number of bruises. His wounds, however, were not of a serious nature.

### Partridge Bound Over.

W. C. Partridge, of Buford township, was given a hearing before Esq. M. L. Flow Saturday on the charge of assaulting Miss Talitha Stegall, a 16-year-old girl. The prosecuting witness claimed that the defendant used her roughly when he met her on the second day of September as she was walking from her home to Macedonia church. Nothing more than a simple assault was charged. The defendant, however, in an effort to prove that he had had relations with the young woman in the past, exhibited several letters which he claimed to have received from Miss Stegall. She denied writing them. Partridge was bound over to Superior court under a \$200 bond.

## MONROE DOCTORS TO STAGE A BALL GAME

### Local Medicine's Accept a Challenge From the Mecklenburg County Physicians

Monroe doctors have accepted a challenge for a game of baseball from the Charlotte doctors, and the medical classic will be staged at Robert's Field in the near future. Batteries for the teams have not been announced, but Dr. R. H. Garren, who is looking after the Me-roe medical team, says both towns a lord good material. Dr. G. B. Nance, on account of his towering height, is tentatively slated for first base, while Dr. Stewart is pretty certain to perform behind the bat. A pitcher has not been selected, but it is pointed out that one of the younger doctors, either Dr. Payne, Dr. Smith, or Dr. Pruett, ought to possess a good throwing arm. Where Dr. Ashcraft will play is a mystery. Dr. Stevens, in his day, used to be considered a good player, and he will probably hold down one of the warm bases. Dr. Neal, so they say, ought to play a good game out in the field.

### Proceeds go to the Ellen Fitzgerald hospital, and a big crowd is anticipated. The date of the game will be announced later.

### Cole's Hot Blast Heaters make a big reduction in your coal bill—see their advertisement and guarantee.