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IS STRONG ADVOCATE OF THE EXPORT CORPORATION

Sheriff Griffith Says Its Purpose Is to Get Rid of the Yellow Cotton.

FOUR MILLIONS IN STOCK SOLD

Sheriff John Griffith, after hearing former Governor Richard I. Manning's address before the cotton convention at Raleigh last week has become a strong advocate of the cotton export corporation.

"The plan," says the Sheriff, "is to export our yellow cotton to Czechoslovakia and Germany, where there is a demand for it, leaving our white cotton here for home consumption. There is no market for the yellow cotton in the United States, yet the government, in making its ginning report, makes no distinction between the yellow and good white cotton. Nor is there any distinction made between the two grades in the figures announcing the 'carry-over' each year. The advantage of this to 'bear' speculators is too obvious for mention. The thing to do, as is the plan of the export corporation, is to get the yellow cotton out of the country, and force the domestic mills to pay a good premium for our white cotton."

"Over two million dollars worth of stock in the corporation has been sold in South Carolina, and Texas farmers and business men have taken an equal amount of stock. North Carolina will also be asked to subscribe for this much stock, payment to be made in either Liberty Bonds or yellow cotton. Eight per cent on the investment is guaranteed.

"Not only will the corporation export cotton, but will extend credit for its purchase to Germany and the nations of central Europe. Cotton will also be exchanged for commodities, particularly potash, in which Germany has practically a world supply.

"Some cotton, two ship-loads, I think, have already been sent to central Europe, and I understand that a handsome profit will be realized.

"The corporation is not solely designed to give temporary relief to Southern planters, but will be a permanent institution. The promoters say its success is assured, and that its benefits will be wide in their scope, directly affecting the humblest farmer.

"But, as Governor Manning said, the export corporation, or anything else, will not help the farmer who does not 'live at home.' The men who plant nothing but cotton will be out of the game altogether, sooner or later."

DEATH OF MRS. J. D. McRAE

After Short Illness Prominent Woman Passed Away This Morning.

Mrs. J. D. McRae died this morning at two o'clock at her home on Hayne street. She had been ill about two weeks with pneumonia and a complication of other diseases, and her death was not unexpected, her family realizing last Saturday that there was no hope for her recovery. Arrangements for the funeral have not been made, but it is understood that it will be held some time tomorrow. The deceased was a daughter of the late Wm. E. Horn, and was about 60 years old. She was born in Anson county, where her father was one of the leading and most influential citizens in his day. Mr. and Mrs. McRae moved to Monroe about 30 years ago. Surviving Mrs. McRae are her husband, and the following children: Mr. Thurman McRae of New York, Mrs. Albert Miller of Atlanta, and Miss Ouida and Mr. David McRae of Monroe. She also leaves three sisters and two brothers. They are: Mrs. Mattie Gandy of Society Hill, S. C.; Mrs. Hattie McCall of Monroe; Mrs. W. P. Kendall of Indian Trail, Mr. F. W. Horn of Winston-Salem, and Mr. H. H. Horn of Charlotte. Mrs. McRae joined the Methodist church in childhood and has since been a faithful and consistent member. She was a devoted mother, ever loyal to her friends, and a good neighbor.

To the Voters and Tax Payers of Union County

We are advised that a meeting has been called for Saturday, the 26th, instant, at 11 o'clock at the courthouse, and that said meeting is for the purpose of discussing the road question.

This is a very vital and important matter and we sincerely hope that the courthouse will be packed and jammed to such an extent that the "shirt tails and toe nails" will stick out of the windows. We not only will have a full and detailed report of all receipts and disbursements, but a general report and recommendations that will be interesting.

We hope that Messrs. Ezzell and Limerick, our two representatives now in Raleigh, will attend this meeting.

Some implications, imputations, and false reports which have been circulated, will be refuted by facts and figures.

The great question of roads is of as much import as the low price of farm products and the prevalent unprecedented depression in all lines of industry.—Union County Road Commission, W. C. Heath, Chairman.

Thomas Meighan Coming

A prime favorite with motion picture fans is Thomas Meighan, who will appear in the Strand Theatre on Wednesday in his latest Paramount starring vehicle, "Conrad in Quest of His Youth." Margaret Loomis plays opposite the star.

FARMERS KEENLY INTERESTED IN TRACTOR SCHOOL

A Number of Prominent Farmers and Others Interested in Power Farming Will Attend.

Judging from inquiries and statements made by a number of prominent farmers and others interested in power farming, the tractor school to be held by the International Harvester Company of America in the Chamber of Commerce rooms, Monroe, N. C., on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, January 29th, 31st, and 22nd is an event in which the farmers are keenly interested.

The subject of power farming is being considered by the modern farmer more and more each day, and he realizes the importance of understanding his engine or his tractor thoroughly. This accounts for the keen interest displayed.

The Associated Implement Company, International dealers in Monroe, who have sold a large number of tractors in Union county, and who are co-operating in holding the school, are expecting a large attendance of farmers from the county, and a number of farmers are expected from adjoining counties.

A large attendance is also expected at the schools to be held at Lincoln-ton, January 24-26, Hoyle Implement Co., co-operating; Salisbury January 31-February 2, Salisbury Hdw. & Furn. Co., co-operating; Lexington, February 3-5, D. A. Shoaf & Son co-operating; Winston-Salem, February 7-9, Brown-Rogers Co., co-operating; Greensboro, February 10-12, M. G. Newell Co., co-operating; Burlington, February 14-16, R. A. Coble Hdw. Co., co-operating.

The News of Corinth.

Monroe, R. F. D. 5, Jan. 17.—Rev. C. H. Martin will preach at Corinth church next Sunday at 11 o'clock.

Mr. W. A. Griffin, who farmed in Mecklenburg county last year, has moved back to his old place in this county.

Mr. Broadus Usher has sold his farm to Mr. M. H. Richardson, and has rented a place from Mr. G. W. Chambers, near Matthews, and will move to it Tuesday.

Miss Beulah Burgess of this neighborhood and Mr. Will Deese of Buford township were married recently at the home of the officiating magistrate, Esq. J. P. Rogers.

In looking over the 1921 calendar, your correspondent finds that January is the only month of the year containing five Sundays and five Saturdays.

Corporal John H. Hannah, who is in the Walter Reed hospital at Washington, receiving treatment for wounds received in France, broke a bone in his leg the other day when he accidentally slipped, falling to the floor. He is getting along fine, however, and is expected home on a furlough some time in February.

We notice in The Journal that the union meeting of the Union Baptist Association will be held at Corinth church, Jan. 29 and 30. We wish to add to this item that dinner will be served on the grounds. Rev. A. C. Sherwood is expected to preach here on Sunday at 11 o'clock.

THOUSANDS OF CHINESE LIVING ON DRIED GRASS

Many Parents Are Selling Their Children to Procure Food, So Terrible is the Famine.

The famine in northern China is a terrible calamity. Thirty million people at least are affected by the scarcity of food, and thousands die daily from starvation or disease. Missionaries in that region report that the poorest people have literally nothing to eat except the dried grass of the field and that parents are glad to sell their children for a small sum, in order to save them from starvation and to buy a little food for themselves. It is a sad demonstration of the inevitable results of overpopulation, a condition that must bear its share of the blame for the war that has devastated Europe. Misled by the temporary abundance of land in our hemisphere and the advance in production that machinery has made possible, the world has turned up its nose at Malthus and his philosophy—prematurely so, for, given time enough, the facts are reasonably sure to bear him out.

Over Inflation of Prices in Monroe.

To the Editor of The Journal:—One can't help but wonder how the prices of food stuffs, gasoline, cold drinks and in fact most everything stays as high as during the war while the same commodities are cheaper in every other city and town in the State.

For instance, gasoline is 34 cents in Monroe and 32 in every other town in the State. Coca-Cola sells for eight cents here and six cents in every other city and town in the South. Lard sells for \$2.00 here and \$1.46 in Charlotte. Creamery butter is 70 and 75 cents here and 59 cents in Charlotte and other places. Compound lard is 20 cents here and 14 cents in other towns. Canned goods are much higher here than other places.

One could stand the high taxes here in view of the fact that we have so many improvements to show for them but there is no foundation for the continued inflation of prices here and it is an open secret that many of our citizens are ordering their food stuffs from Atlanta, Charlotte, and even from smaller places near here. I would like very much to hear an answer to this article from anyone selling the above things mentioned for the time for profiteering has passed.—Citizen.

ATTACKS 'TOP-SOIL' IDEA; REPLIES TO NOVUS HOMO

Senator Price Says Farmers Have Been Missing a Good Thing for Many Years.

DEFENDS LEGISLATIVE RECORD

To the Editor of The Journal:—"Novus Homo" is right when he said in his article that he was of the opinion that I was partly responsible for the revaluation act and the road law. This act on my part does not mean that either of them are correct. When I err I am always willing and ready to acknowledge my errors. Yes I was on the job at Raleigh at all times; my record there is an open book for any and every one to see. I acted in all matters as I thought for the best. I thought then and believed the revaluation act was right. I think all property should be placed on the tax books at its true cash value. I so stated this fact in my former article and if "Novus" had read my article carefully as he should he would have seen just what I said. It is the administration of the law that I am up in arms about. When I was supporting the measure in the senate how in the dinah could I tell who was going to administer or how the law was going to be administered. "I admit I am not as far sighted as 'Homo' is. 'Homo' further said that 'it seems' that I did not become aroused till I went to pay my tax. You are wrong here 'Homo' and here you let your mouth go off again without being informed. I became 'aroused,' if you wish to term my actions as being aroused, last summer and went before the board to get my assessment lowered but failed to a great extent. I knew then my land was unjustly assessed and condemned the assessment. I knew then my taxes would be high and dreaded to pay them. There is hardly a landowner in the county but knows that land in this county is not justly and equitably assessed and that 'no' and here let your mouth go off again without being informed. I became 'aroused,' if you wish to term my actions as being aroused, last summer and went before the board to get my assessment lowered but failed to a great extent. I knew then my land was unjustly assessed and condemned the assessment. I knew then my taxes would be high and dreaded to pay them. There is hardly a land owner in the county but knows that land in this county is not justly equitably assessed and that land is unjustly bearing the burden of tax. If I help do a thing and later see that it is not properly administered it is no reason that I should close my mouth to the fact; but on the contrary I should put forth every effort to correct any error that I have committed or helped to commit. This I am doing and shall continue to do as long as I live in all matters. 'Novus Homo' to the contrary notwithstanding. I am not a rich man by any means as he indicates, neither have I rich lands. I am a common farmer and have honestly made what little I have under many adverse circumstances. I like the great majority of farmers and landowners, have been put to it at times, but by energy and grim determination partially succeeded. And that is why we who have succeeded to a certain extent do not wish our property or the proceeds of our hard earned land confiscated as it is being done under a good law but improperly administered. The tax commission sees the mistakes that have been made and in its report to the governor asks that a remedy be given. Gov. Bickett sees and knows the mistakes and the unjust administration of the same and in his message calls attention to some and asks that the tax books be made to speak the truth. If my land is assessed twice too high then I am paying a \$120 rate and not a 60 cents rate. If it is assessed at one-half more than its value then I am paying 90 cents and not 60 cents. Any darn fool can see this and can surely see or anticipate what I am driving at. It is no trouble to get to the true value of personal property as there is almost a fixed market value on same and especially is this so when it comes to cash, notes, stocks, bonds, etc. But on land there is not a fixed market price. There is hardly two tracts or parcels of land in the same community that will bring the same price either at a public or private sale. These are facts and I defy contradiction. And again I want to say here in passing that all farming land should be assessed at a value fixed upon the productive qualities of that land. Land that produces one-fourth bale of cotton to the acre should not be assessed as much as land that produces one-half or one or two bales of cotton per acre. I think now is the time while the legislature is in session to become aroused as there is some changes in the machinery of the law that should be remedied. The Farmers Union of the county in called session at Waxhaw (as I notice in the Waxhaw Enterprise) expressed themselves in fine language which should be read by every farmer and business man in the county. This article reads as follows:

"The Farmers' Union of the county met in called session at Waxhaw last Monday for the purpose of considering the much agitated road and tax questions. There was a great deal of discussion, a noticeable degree of warmth being developed. The discussions finally culminated in the appointment of a committee to frame

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MARSHVILLE MAN GIVEN THE RADIUM TREATMENT

Prof. Roy A. Marsh in Baltimore Hospital with a Very Distressing Illness.

COMMUNITY MEETING IS HELD

Marshville, Jan. 17.—Mr. Oscar Bowman, one of Uncle Sam's efficient mail carriers of Marshville, had a very annoying accident when he started forth on his route Friday morning. A bridge inside the incorporate limits of the town had been washed completely away by the down pour of rain, and when Mr. Bowman attempted to drive across the small branch his Ford plunged its nose completely under the water, elevated its hind wheels on the bank and gave up the struggle. Mules were pressed into service to drag the car from its precarious position, and quite a quantity of water was found in it. Dr. Blair's car had to be extricated from the same branch the following morning.

Friends over the county of Mr. Roy A. Marsh will be interested to know that he underwent a very serious operation in Johns Hopkins hospital on last Monday for the removal of tumor on the brain. When the incision was made however, it was found that the tumor had become so deeply embedded that its removal by the knife would be very unwise, so the attending physicians have decided to give Mr. Marsh the radium treatment in hope that he may be prevented from having any further trouble. Mr. Marsh has been superintendent of the Rutherfordton school for several years and ranks among the foremost high school teachers in the state. He was married on last August to Miss Bessie Mae Hallman of Marshville. Mr. and Mrs. Marsh have a number of friends over the state who will regret to learn of Mr. Marsh's distressing illness, and hope that his recovery may be complete. He and Mrs. Marsh will remain in Baltimore for some time. Mrs. J. F. Hallman, Mr. E. E. Marsh and Rev. A. Marsh who have been in Baltimore with them for a week have returned.

The second meeting of the recently organized community club was held on Wednesday afternoon at the Presbyterian church. Miss Eunice Watson presided over the meeting, and read the by-laws of the organization which were unanimously approved and adopted. It was decided to hold two meetings a month; one in the afternoon for business transactions, and the other to be held at night when all citizens of the town can be present. The programs of these public meetings bid fair to be unusually interesting; various subjects relative to community welfare will be taken up from time to time and treated from a profitable standpoint to all. Dues of ten cents per month will be taken as membership offering and the funds used for the benefit of the town. The first meeting to be held for the general public will be a sort of get together affair. The purpose of the club will be set forth in interesting, short and snappy speeches by some of our local orators. Music will be furnished by the music department of the school, both vocal and instrumental under the direction of Mrs. F. W. Ashcraft and Miss Rachel Haynes, while Mrs. J. S. Harrell's expression class will give some humorous readings. The date will be announced soon, so watch for it and be prepared to come and give this worthy organization a boost. The chronic kickers and conscientious objectors - to - all - things - progressive please stay at home!

Mr. Talmage Austin has returned home after a week's visit north.

Wingate People to Arkansas.

Wingate, Jan. 17.—Mr. M. D. Newcome, Mrs. J. K. Bivens, Mrs. J. P. Griffin and Mrs. Laura Bivens, with several others left last Wednesday for Arkansas to visit relatives and to go sight-seeing.

Mr. Hugh Helms, who has been suffering from an attack of pneumonia, is improving fast.

Mrs. E. C. Snyder of Monroe, president of the Red Cross of Wingate, met with some of the members last Wednesday afternoon to decide in what way to dispose of the money the Red Cross had in the bank. It was decided to send it to the Baptist Missionary Board to be sent to the needy and suffering.

Mrs. Daisy Thomas who has been right sick for sometime is improving rapidly.

Messrs. Clegg Vaughn and Mr. Sam Perry both seniors of the Wingate high school went to Monroe last Saturday and stood an examination for mail clerk.

Mr. B. D. Austin is suffering from an attack of pneumonia, but his condition is somewhat improved.

Miss Georgie Dean of Marshville was the guest of Miss Mary Bivens last week.

Mr. Clyde Bivens visited his mother, Mrs. Minnie Bivens, last week.

Misses Eva and Lina Webb of the Wingate high school spent the week-end with their parents at Wadesboro.

Miss Bess Bogan of Charlotte is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Y. M. Bogan.

Mr. Hugh Smith of Raleigh visited the high school last Saturday. He made an interesting talk to the students. The students always welcome visitors.

Mr. C. M. Perry is suffering from a very severe attack of pneumonia. Mr. Charlie McIntyre of the United States navy is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McIntyre.—Scout.

A STATE CONSTABULARY URGED UPON LEGISLATURE

Organization Wanted to Support Federal Prohibition Agents in Suppressing Moonshiners.

Organization of a state constabulary to support the federal prohibition and county authorities in suppressing the widespread manufacture of liquor in North Carolina will be urged at the present session of the North Carolina general assembly, it has been learned.

Federal authorities admit that the job has grown too big for the limited staff of forty-six federal agents now employed in this state.

The annual report to William Brame, prohibition agent, by H. C. Gulley, chief of the North Carolina division, declares that a conservative estimate would show an increase of a hundred per cent in illicit distilling in the state during the past year. Illicit distilleries captured number 4,668 and the number of men and women arrested numbered 2,317, two-thirds of the number being taken by federal agents.

"We are not able to take care of the complaints that are made to our department," said Mr. Gulley. "The rural population of North Carolina is infested with violators of the prohibition laws and in some communities it is very serious."

During the past year 8,257 gallons of contraband liquor were seized by federal agents and half that quantity by the sheriffs of the various counties. Federal agents seized 12,405 fermenters, 21,953 gallons of apple cider, 4,450 gallons of molasses, 3,070 pounds of sugar and 1,048,264 gallons of beer. Forty-six horses and 91 automobiles were seized and sold at public auction.

The total value of the property seized and not destroyed was \$65,047 and the value of property seized and destroyed was placed at \$412,947. Taxes and penalties assessed against violators of the law totalled \$1,153,181, which does not include the penalties imposed by county authorities. The cost of administration in the state was placed at \$150,000 leaving the federal government a net profit of \$1,074,238.

J. W. Rowell in Raleigh.

Wingate, Jan. 17.—Prof. J. Henry Highsmith, state inspector of high schools, paid a visit to the schools here last week. Saturday morning, he conducted the opening exercises at the high school and delivered one of the best lectures on "Life" that has been given during this session. The purpose of his visit was to lay plans for the organizing of a teacher training class here to aid students who expect to teach in the public schools. We learn that the plans have not been fully completed but it is a fine undertaking and would materially help in raising the number of teachers for the county.

Rev. J. W. Rowell, assistant grand lecturer, for the Grand Lodge of Masons of the State left this morning for Raleigh to attend the annual session of the grand lodge. The board of custodians and lecturers meet Monday and Tuesday before the opening session of the grand lodge at seven o'clock Tuesday evening.

Mr. C. W. Vaughan is supplying at the Snyder school while Mr. Rowell is away.

Bishop Darlington, who was to preach and dedicate at the Methodist church here Sunday afternoon failed to arrive on account of sickness in his family and will come at a later date for this service.

Rev. Mr. Edwards, the pastor preached an excellent sermon on "Prayer" at the Sunday hour.

Wingate Telephone company suffered some loss by the ice the past week and communication has been cut off to some extent but will soon be repaired and in good order.

Our jovial doctor reports that the health of our people is good. Only a few mild cases of grippe.—Refro.

Mr. Green Seeks Some Information.

To the Editor of The Journal:—The "movement" to place the Register of Deeds and the Sheriff back on the fee basis seems to be getting up as much speed as possible with the exceedingly limited motive power that is behind it.

May I ask who is interested in this "movement" and who expects to profit by it? Are the salaries of the Sheriff and Register of Deeds too small to pay them for the services rendered? If so, why did they seek these positions?

Will the reactionaries who are furnishing the motive power for this "movement" also ask that the office of County Treasurer be re-established on the commission basis? If we are going to re-act why not make a complete job of it?—J. Z. Green.

THOMAS MEIGHAN A NEW PONCE DE LEON

He Discovers That the Fabled Fountain Does Not Insure Youth, But That Real Love Keeps One Young.

Thomas Meighan does the Ponce de Leon stunt in the new William De Mille production, "Conrad in Quest of His Youth," which comes to the Strand theatre Wednesday. Mr. Meighan plays the title role, and he finds that the secret of youth lies not in the fabled fountain, nor the elixir for which scientists have been experimenting for the past centuries, but in love. This story by Leonard Merrick has provided Mr. Meighan with one of the most pleasing photoplays in which he has been seen in some time. Margaret Loomis plays opposite the star.

CHINESE GIRL BABIES THROWN TO THE WOLVES

Union County Boy Writes of Horrible Sight That He Witnessed in Chefoo, China.

FRANK PLYLER IS IN SIBERIA

Mineral Springs, Jan. 17.—In a letter received here by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter W. Plyler, Mr. Frank Plyler relates a horrible scene that he witnessed in Chefoo, Japan, while there on a furlough. It was hundreds of bodies of Chinese girl babies thrown into a canon where, when he saw the place, they had been half-devoured by wolves. That part of China is now in the midst of a great famine, and the parents say that they are unable to procure food for all of their children, so they slay the girl babies.

Mr. Plyler is stationed on the U. S. S. Albany, at Vladivostok, Russia. Since he enlisted in the navy in August, 1919, he has made several trips to Japan, China and the Philippines. On his last trip to China, he was given a five-day furlough to visit Peking, the capital of China. He is now spending his second winter in Siberia. Mr. Plyler's letter reads, as follows:

"Dear folks at home:—

"Just a few lines tonight to let you know I am still O. K.

"I had four letters from you all yesterday, and you bet I was glad to get them.

"We have been working for the past week, taking on coal and supplies. We were to leave here tomorrow, but the Helena, the ship that was on her way to relieve us, lost one of her propellers in a storm and had to put in at Nagasaki for repairs. So we may be here for sometime. I was very much disappointed, for I am anxious to leave here. It is so cold now our desks can't be scrubbed. The water freezes as fast as it leaves the hose.

"Everything is very unsettled here now. We are not allowed to go ashore after five p. m. The Vladivostok government is expected to go bolshevik. It does the Japs are going to take over the city and there is likely to be trouble. Sometimes I wish something would happen. It is so dull here.

"Say, mama, you asked me to tell you something about these people. The greater part of the Chinese are illiterate. They work hard but are dirty and filthy. Every Chinese port we go to you will see the Sampans, Chinese boats, around the ship picking up scraps of bread or anything else to eat. They fight to get to the slop chutes where we throw the scraps from our table. Of course, some of them are well educated, and wealthy. They are clean and dress like civilized people. I say civilized for the greater part of them are just in a state of semi-civilization. They have a great fancy for bright colors and their clothes sure look odd. In the middle and lower classes, the ladies, if you want to call them that, wear pants and a kind of jacket. The men wear pants with enormous legs, the seat of them hanging to their knees.

"Their houses are of all kinds of wood, stone, brick, mud, bamboo, reeds and rushes. In the interior the farmers live mostly in mud houses. If they had any tools some of them would be good farmers.

"There is a lot of difference in the Japs and Chinese. On an average the Japs are much smaller than the Chinks, and as a rule are much better educated and more inclined to modern dress. Like the Chinks, a lot of them worship idols. But to go back to the Chinks, they have some of the most horrible looking idols at all, and some are fine specimens of wood carving and sculpturing. In some of the Buddhist Temples at Peking I saw their Gods. They have a god for everything—a god of love, of fire, of water, of war, of peace, and many, many others.

"You asked about the missionaries. There are some in almost every port, but I can't tell anything much about their work for we are never at one port long enough.

"About fifteen miles from Chefoo is a gorge or canyon. There you may see the most horrible sight. It is a pile of the partly eaten bodies of little girl babies that were thrown in there by their parents. They claim they can't support them and throw them away for the wolves to eat. Believe me they are some welves too. A bunch of them came near us one day when we were on a hike. They were long, lean, hungry looking brutes.

"The Russians live and dress like others. Of course in winter they wear furs and most all of the men wear boots.

"What is the trouble with the price of cotton? Surely the price will soon be better.

"I must stop for this time, write often.—As ever, Frank."

Card of Thanks.

We desire to express our sincere thanks to those who were so kind and sympathetic to us during the sickness and death of the wife of John A. McCollum.—The McCollum family.

Exactly.

"My dear," exactrestated her husband, "don't you cook much more for dinner than we can use?" "Of course," retorted his wife. "If I didn't how could I economize on the left-overs?"