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SHEER FOLLY TO PLANT MORE THAN HALF A CROP

Indications Are, Says Mr. Broom, That There Will be a Carry-Over of Ten Million Bales.

PREPARE NOW TO SOW OATS

By T. J. W. BROOM.

The Federal Department of Agriculture makes the statement that the indicated world supply of unspun American cotton July 21, 1921, will be between nine and ten millions of bales. This corroborates the Memphis Conference which made the estimate that there would be more than nine million bales of unspun American cotton July 1, 1921. The total unspun cotton in the world is estimated to be between twelve and thirteen million bales, July 31, 1921. Nearly enough to supply the demands of the world for another year.

With these facts before us it looks like sheer folly to plant for more than a half crop of cotton. When we take into consideration that the ten year average of unspun American cotton on hand at the beginning of each fiscal year has been one million two hundred thousand bales, and that July 31, 1920, there were six million and eighty-six thousand bales of unspun American cotton, and that this amount will be increased to near ten million bales July 31, 1921, it makes cotton look like a good crop to go light on this year. To the farmer who is in debt, and most farmers are, because of the heavy losses last year, it may seem impossible to materially reduce acreage and meet his obligations, but when we consider that in lieu of existing conditions one bale of cotton will sell for more money than two, provided all cotton farmers act together in curtailing acreage, it looks like the easiest way to pay debts would be to produce the one bale of cotton and save the added expense to producing the second bale.

One Farmer is Buying Cotton.

But the farmer is not asked to reduce his crop by one-half, the only thing that he is asked to do is not to plant more than one-third his cultivated land in cotton. It is estimated that if every farmer will do this, the acreage will be reduced fifty per cent and that financial bankruptcy to the South will be averted. Hundreds of farmers in this country can sign the pledge to not plant more than one-third their cultivated land in cotton and yet not reduce. We have talked with some of the most successful farmers of the county about this proposition and they tell me that they have never planted more than one-third of their cultivated land in cotton. One of these said, and he is one of the most successful farmers in the county, "I will sign that pledge, for I have more than half of my farm sown to wheat and oats, and will plant more than half the remainder in corn. I made fourteen bales of cotton last year, have bought six bales, and have a dollar and do not owe a cent, and can finance myself to make another crop and not sell a bale of my cotton." This farmer has often made the statement to me that he can produce his hay cheaper at home than he could haul it from Monroe if it was given to him, and that he would rather produce his own wheat because of the rotation and opportunity for pasturage that it gave him for his livestock, than to haul the flour from town. We believe the proposition not to plant more than one-third the cultivated land to cotton would be a profitable system for every farmer in the county to adopt as a permanent system regardless of what cotton may sell for in the future, because it will mean a self-supporting agriculture.

These pledges will be soon circulated in the county and in the meantime farmers are requested to seriously consider this matter.

Prepare to Sow Spring Oats.

We want to suggest that farmers prepare to sow spring oats, not only as a means of reducing cotton acreage, but to supply needed forage this summer. An acre of fairly good land sown to oats will, in all probability, make more hay than the same land if planted to cotton will pay for next fall, and the hay can be produced much cheaper than the cotton. Oats, cut in the milk or early dough stage, when the stalks and blades are still green, makes a hay that is greatly relished by all kinds of stock, and is superior to the best timothy hay. Sow the Fulghum, Apple, Red Rust Proof, or Burt, in the order named for best results. Two hay crops can be grown on the same land if desired. After the oats are off, cowpeas or sorghum can be grown. Another advantage in having lands devoted to hay crops is the opportunity it gives for getting in clover and oats, or vetch and oats, for hay early in the fall.

Another crop that every farmer in the county should prepare to grow this year is soybeans. They should be planted in every row of corn grown in the county for the improvement of the land if for nothing else. One of the largest farmers in the county said to me last fall, that he considered that a crop of soybeans grown in the row with the corn and let remain on the land to be worth a ton of fertilizer to the following crops. We have it demonstrated here in the county that they will double the wheat and oat crops following corn with the beans in the corn.

If you are in need of soybeans seed see your county agent for prices and where to obtain them.

Refusing Major Heath's Offer to Resign in His Favor, Senator Price Says That the "Pickings Are Gone"

HE DENIES CONFERRING WITH THOSE PROMINENTS

Says the Present Road Commission Head Is Only Monroe Man He Has Talked With.

WANTS TO HELP HIM LAND JOB

To the Editor of The Journal:—If you and the public will pardon me I would like to ask for space for one more communication in regard to the road question. I would not write this, for the people have already acted in mass meeting, and their voice prevails whether I or Major Heath is pleased or not; but as the Major has come at me with a broad side for some purpose I do not know and as the water seems to be fine and he has invited me to come in, so here I go.

I am almost afraid to speak out very strong for fear he will put me in his Ananias club. He has come at me with his big stick, in fact he has stayed them right and left. If you don't want to get a knock out blow then you must stand in with the Major and do as he says or woe unto you. How well do I recall what a very prominent man said on one occasion when asked how he thought the Major would do as road commissioner—that that was one thing sure and that was that if everything did not do or go as the Major wished that he would cuss out the whole push. That is just what de Major am done. He has cussed out Jim Price, Zeb Green, W. L. Hemby, A. A. Secrest, Billy Bivens, John Sikes and members of the Chamber of Commerce with but few exceptions and he does not call out by name these exceptions. He has cussed out Mr. Henderson and Ira Mullis, but this was not done at this special cussing but at a former cussing away back yonder about May 1, 1920, when the Major was seeking to oust Mr. Henderson and finally did oust him so as to get Mr. Henderson's job. The Major raised h— then to get a job and now he is raising h— to keep his job.

Says Job Is Worthless One

The Major says "I am a friend of Jim Price and wish that he was present, etc., so that he could have asked questions of Jim as to his recent flop on the road question." Now, Major, I used to think and did so up to this time that you and I were friends as you say, but when you say if I will join you in this road matter that you will resign and let me have your job, I no longer can be led to believe that you are a friend of mine. Why, my God, man, what would I want with your job! Your job now is a worthless one. The pickings are all gone. Nothing there for me. This offer does not sound like one coming from a friend. You have ate all the pie. The dishes are licked clean. Not even any crumbs left for the dogs.

I did not want to criticize the Major and would not have done so if he had not drawn the ring and called me in. I have never been known to back from a clash of this kind and God forbid that I ever should. I always try to champion the cause of right and I may have wrong, as the Major says I have in this instance, but if I do, just as soon as I find I am wrong I will have the manhood to say so and not be a stickler for the wrong in order to be bull-headed. If it's pie I am after then it makes no difference if I do land wrong, in fact I should land wrong.

Does His Own Thinking

In the Major's speech as reported in The Monroe Journal of Jan. 25 he charged that "I had been influenced by the directors of the Chamber of Commerce," etc., etc. Now I want to say here once and for all that this statement of the Major's so far as it applies to me is false. Major Heath should know that I am not built that way and he does know it, but in his cunning and fox manner was trying to mislead somebody. I am a man that does my own thinking and arrive at my conclusions without the permission of any one. I don't even know who the directors of the Chamber of Commerce are. If the Major has enemies in the Chamber of Commerce I do not know it and I do not think it fair in him to accuse me of being influenced by any one much less his enemies. I have not even consulted with a single member of the Chamber of Commerce, that is to my knowledge, for as I said I do not know who the members are.

Wants to Live in Monroe Some Day

Again the Major says in his article in The Journal of the 4th inst. that "from his letter (referring to me) he has evidently been in conference with some of the 'prominents' of Monroe." So here he comes again accusing me of being in conference with some of the "prominents" of Monroe. Who are those "prominents" of Monroe that have such a wonderful influence over me? There must be some wonderful people in Monroe. I know I have a lot of good friends in Monroe and I am proud of this fact. I have no enemies there that I know of and I have often expressed the hope that some day I may get to the point in life that I will be able to move to Monroe and be among so many of my good friends. If I never get to that point in life then I would like to spend my latter days here in the best section of country in the world, but would like to have a road

that I could get to Monroe occasionally, anyway to meet and mingle more often with my good friends. As it is, if the Major was to die I could not attend his funeral as it would be impossible to get there over our five hundred and fifty thousand dollar road.

The reason, Major, that I flopped over on this road question is that I saw that the present system was a failure and would not do. I felt interested, as all citizens should, and am now taking the part I am solely for the good of the people of this county. I am not looking as to how it shall benefit a few as a few are always benefited at the expense of the many, but I am trying to look at it from an unbiased standpoint and hope that we finally will get the best and most economical law and one that will be the most benefit to the greatest number.

Acts Proved Worthless

The Major twits me by asking if I were not for the present law and did I not help pass some amendments to same at special session, etc. Yes, sir, de Major am right, I did, and by the way, I have these amendments lying right here before me and looking at them I see that these amendments are numbered from 39B to 39H inclusive and I want to say right here in this connection that I then recognized that the system was proving a failure and wished to do all I could by amendatory acts to straighten same, but I find that some of these acts were not worth the paper they were written upon.

Take for instance, Sec. 39C which says "That it shall be the duty of the road commission or other road authorities to keep, or cause to be kept, an accurate itemized account of all road funds received from any source and how the same is expended by townships and it shall be the duty of said road commission or other road authorities within 30 days from the passage of this act to make or cause to be made an itemized statement of all funds heretofore received from any source for road purposes, and an itemized statement of disbursements of same by townships and the said road commission, or road authorities, shall cause the same to be published in one issue of at least one weekly newspaper published in such county and it shall be the duty of said road commission or road authorities in such county to publish in the first week in October, 1920, a complete, correct and detailed, itemized statement of all road funds received and disbursed by townships in said county since the last published statement and such statement shall be published in at least one newspaper as directed once every month thereafter a similar statement shall be made and published as provided. That if said road commission or other road authorities shall fail or refuse to keep such an account, or to make or cause to be made and published the statements herein provided, each member thereof shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and punished at the discretion of the court."

Wants Itemized Statement.

Remember it says plainly a "correct and detailed itemized statement" and have same published. Now, Mr. Editor, if there ever has been an itemized, detailed statement published I have never seen it and I would be glad to get a copy, if I am mistaken, and I will cheerfully correct this matter. If I am right and no such itemized, detailed statement has been made then the system is not altogether responsible, but some of the responsibility for its failure is upon the Major. Let's have that itemized statement. I want to see how much each one got in Sandy Ridge. I want to know how much Bill Jones got and what for; how much Jim Smith and what for; and how much the Major got and how many days, etc., etc. In fact I and the people want just what the law says, "an itemized, detailed statement." What does itemize mean anyway? Don't take all the people to be fools. If we can't get this statement, then it looks very much like Mr. Brock might get busy and have this statement forthcoming.

Wouldn't Have Thought It.

No, Major, I don't think it nice in you to pretend to be my friend (this shows your foxiness; ask me to come and have a seat with you at the table; in fact ask me to take your seat at the head (offering to resign in my favor) when lo and behold the pickings are all gone; no pie, not even a crumb for my pup! It's too bad, and I would have never thought that de Major would be guilty of such an act.

Says the Major Is a Puzzle.

The Major says that "everybody knows that Jim Price is a fairly good politician, etc." I may be a fairly good one, hope I am, but I want to here now once and forever, to hand it over to you as my superior. I am only a novice compared with you, when it comes to playing politics. There is not a man in the county to compare with you when it comes to playing politics. Just one instance will suffice. You remember how cunningly and completely you ousted Henderson and Mullis. That was a great game. You played it successfully. You made a great do, and you had some mighty good help too, and all just for Henderson's job and the people were on to it. You may have fooled a few, but a mighty few.

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TRAMPS ARE NOW GETTING PLENTIFUL AT WINGATE

One Awoke Citizen to Secure Matches to Build Himself a Fire in the Railroad Station.

DEATH OF MRS. R. F. HUNNICUTT

Wingate, Feb. 10.—Mrs. R. F. Hunnicutt died Tuesday afternoon after an illness of several months. Mrs. Hunnicutt was forty-five years of age and was a beloved woman. The deceased is survived by her husband, seven children and two brothers and one sister. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon by Rev. A. C. Sherwood at Bakers, where the remains were interred in the cemetery there.

Mr. R. F. McWhirter spent Monday in Charlotte on business.

Bruce and Russel, children of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Griffin of Pittsboro, N. C., visited friends in Wingate this week.

The Perry Mill Company has not been running this week on account of some repair work that is being done on the boiler.

Mr. A. B. McWhirter is in Maxton on business.

Mr. D. H. Perry is suffering from a nervous breakdown but is improving rapidly.

There will be preaching at the Baptist church here Saturday afternoon at two o'clock and at eleven o'clock Sunday morning and six-thirty in the evening. Everybody is invited to attend these services. We are sure that the pastor, Rev. Mr. Sherwood, has something in store for us that will be worth our time.

The girls auxiliary of the Baptist church met with Mrs. C. M. Beach Tuesday afternoon. The roll was called and minutes read of the last meeting and approved. After which an interesting program was rendered, circle No. 1 having the program in charge. It was decided by the auxiliary to meet every first and third Sundays immediately after Sunday school.

Mr. H. K. Helms spent Tuesday in McAdenville on business.

Mr. C. C. Lamb has resumed his work as agent here with the S. A. L. after recovering from an attack of pneumonia.

Mr. Hazel Wright spent the weekend with relatives in South Carolina.

Mr. Jack Duncan spent a few days in Wingate this week.

Mrs. JAW McManus of Tradesville, S. C., visited her daughter, Mrs. E. B. Wright last week.

Miss Ora Biggers spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Biggers.

Several tramps have been hanging around Wingate for the past few days. A few nights ago one spent the night in the depot. He lay down on the seats and went to sleep and when he awoke the fire had gone out. Having no matches he went up to a man's house and woke him and got him to give him a few matches. The tramp then returned to the depot. There being no wood nor coal in the waiting room, he managed to get an egg crate which he broke up and started his fire.

MAN SCATTERS GREENBACKS

Many \$100 and \$50 Notes Destroyed Before Police Interfere.

Denver, Feb. 6.—A man tearing up greenbacks and scattering them broadcast on the streets in the business section late last night was arrested. The policemen were shocked to observe that the bills were of large denominations, mostly \$100 and \$50 greenbacks.

"What are you trying to do? Does not this stuff mean anything to you?" demanded the police.

The only answer was an angry scowl.

At the police station handfuls of the torn greenbacks and a few good ones were taken from the prisoner. There were more than \$1000 of destroyed bills.

Efforts to get any explanation from the man were unavailing. From documents in his suitcase, the police said they believed the prisoner to be Peter Ada McAvich, a miner from Hermine, Pa. The papers showed McAvich's age to be forty-eight years. A Pullman ticket from Red Oak, Ia., to McCook, Neb., was found in his effects.

Presbyterian Church Notes

I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving. Psa. 69:30.

10 a. m., Sunday school, W. A. Henderson, Superintendent.

11 a. m., Worship and fourth sermon on "Temple teachings." 7:30 p. m., Praise service and sermon. The praise service will be led by the Intermediate Department of the Sunday school.

Foreign Mission week, Feb. 20-27. The Woman's Auxiliary will observe next week, Feb. 14-19, as Self-Denial, and Week of Prayer. Meetings each afternoon except Wednesday, when the meeting will be at 7:30, and Mrs. Suttentfield's class of young ladies will have a special program.—Reporter.

Trade Commissioner Arthur Young reports that American exports to Spain increased 240 per cent from 1914 to 1919. The 1914 total was \$30,000 while that of 1919 was \$102,000,000.

The Bureau of Statistics of the Labor Department announces that the cost of food declined eight per cent in December over November figures.

MARSHVILLE BUSINESS GOOD DESPITE THE RAIN

Wednesday Saw Many People Out With the Buying Spirit — Mr. Davis Continues to Improve.

MANY STUDENTS ON HONOR ROLL

Marshville, Feb. 10.—The two important features of Marshville news this week are the rain and the big sales. The rain may be general, but the sales are absolutely local. There seems to be something doing in the old town now. Wednesday saw numbers of people out with the buying spirit and absolute disregard of the elements. Opportunity was in the air and the folks were wasting no time making use of it. As for the rain—well all things have an end—Cheer up!

Mr. E. H. Moore spent several days last week in Richmond on business.

Mrs. Lillie Price is visiting relatives in Wilmington and Lumberton.

Miss Mittie Green attended the wedding of Miss Cullie Marsh to Mr. B. C. Edwards in Charlotte last Saturday evening.

Mrs. M. E. Applewhite spent last week in Wilmington with relatives.

Mrs. Hurd Davis has returned from Baltimore where she has been with her husband who is taking treatment at Johns Hopkins for sleeping sickness. Mrs. Davis continues to improve. Mrs. Davis is with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Morgan.

Mrs. Charlie Barrino spent the week-end in Monroe the guests of relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Croff Edwards of Baltimore are the guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Edwards, and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Tadlock.

Mrs. J. S. Harrell entertained the Book Club with a valentine party on Wednesday afternoon. The room was decorated with numbers of pink hearts, cupid, pine and blooming plants. The hostess had written a valentine story in which occurred frequent blanks, these blanks to be supplied by the guests from the given names of the club members. Mrs. E. E. Marsh was given the first prize, a satin and lace sachet, and Mrs. J. T. Garland the second, a heart shaped box of candy. Butterfly salad, sandwiches and coffee were served. The guests were then sent upon a hunt about the room to find letters left by Cupid. These proved to be quaint valentine for each guest. Besides club members there were present Mrs. Claude P. Griffin, Mrs. J. T. Garland, and Mrs. J. M. Edwards.

The following pupils of the Marshville school made the honor roll for the fifth month.

First grade.—Lil Kirk Huggins, Harold White, Max Harrell, Annie Lee Haney, and Roy Hargett.

Second grade.—Mabel Bass, Mabel Griffin, Herman Moore, Glenn Moore, Hubert Strawn, Stinson Williams and Garry Harrell.

Third grade.—Margaret Griffin, Virginia Bailey, Ell Bivens, Howard Stegall, Wallace Harrell, Connie Burns, Mae Tucker, Willie Dean, Lamar Little, Boyce Hargett.

Fourth grade.—Kenneth Gaddy, Mabel Ruth Heaton, Beuna Brewer, Ollie Mae Phifer, Mae Newsome, Halie Mae Rollins, and Josephine Sturdivant.

Fifth grade.—Evelyn Bailey, Bruce Staton, Nannie Lee Long, Boyd Strawn, Ruth Blair, Cassie Belle Glover, Selma Stegall, and Billy Harrell.

Sixth grade.—Ellis Marsh, Kathleen Newsome, Willie Gaddy, and Roy Tucker.

Seventh grade.—Virginia Griffin, and Furman Little.

Eighth grade.—Martha Stegall, Kate Swanner, Hal Griffin, Jean Hallman, Ivaz Green, Harry Bivens, and Haskell Bivens.

Ninth grade.—Marge Marsh, Vera Leonard, George Dean.

Tenth grade.—Edwin Griffin, Hal Marsh, Ellie Phifer, Effie Strawn.

Eleventh grade.—Kate Morgan.

GIRL IS ATTACKED AT DANCE

Despite Blow on the Nose, She Still "Wants Her Bill."

Winthrop, Mass., Feb. 10.—Because Violet L. Hagman took it into her pretty head to dance three times with another man, William T. Talcott, who had been keeping company with her for five years, lost his head and struck her on the nose. Blood was drawn and her new evening gown was spoiled, but Talcott would not give her a handkerchief nor allow the other man to do so.

That was the testimony of Miss Hagman, nineteen years old, in the District Court today, where Talcott was on trial for assault. Talcott said he believed she still cared for him.

"Why, when I pass her home on the way to court, she ran out of the house, put her arms around me, hugged and kissed me," he testified, "saying 'I want my Bill. I'm just as much to blame for this as you are. I don't want to go to court.'"

Under cross-examination Miss Violet said she still "wanted her Bill," but the court held that the assault was unwarranted and fined Talcott \$10. He appealed.

Good Piece of Good News.

To the Editor of The Journal:—The best local news lately is that the contract for a new high school building will probably be given within the next sixty days. It can be constructed as cheaply now as it can within the next two years and be giving service. Don't forget the gymnasium, the library and the large auditorium, please.—H. D. Stewart.

C. B. ADAMS LEADING FIGHT AGAINST PAR CLEARANCE

Acting for State Bankers, He and H. A. Page, Jr., Start Legal Proceedings of Southern Wide Interest.

CASE TO BE HEARD AT MONROE

In behalf of the state bankers opposed to par clearance, Mr. C. B. Adams, vice-president of the Farmers & Merchants Bank, and Mr. H. A. Page, Jr., of the Page Trust Company, have secured a temporary injunction from Judge W. E. Harding restraining the Richmond Federal Reserve bank from carrying out its intention to evade North Carolina's new clearance act, which was passed last Saturday by the General Assembly.

The injunction is returnable at Monroe before Judge J. Bis Ray at the March term of the Superior court, and the case will be one of Southern-wide interest.

The North Carolina clearance law, the passage of which Mr. Adams was largely instrumental in securing, requires the federal reserve bank to pay a clearance rate of one-eighth of one per cent on checks. This charge, it is pointed out, is necessary for the salvation of small banks. The federal reserve bank, however, insists upon par clearance, intimating that the North Carolina act is unconstitutional.

The operation of the new act, said a leading Monroe bank director this morning, is best illustrated in the following manner: "Suppose," said the director, "I give a check on a Monroe bank to a New York firm. This firm deposits it with a New York bank, which in turn sends it to Richmond for clearance. After its arrival at Richmond, it is forwarded back to the Monroe bank, which must clear it with either the actual cash or New York exchange at par. This, it can readily be seen, is quite a burden upon the local banks. It is obviated, however, by the North Carolina act, which requires the federal reserve bank to pay one-eighth of one per cent for clearance. This expense falls upon the bank, not the customers."

The injunction was secured in Charlotte yesterday by Messrs. Stack, Parker & Craig, and in speaking of the case, the Charlotte Observer says:

"The step was hailed here last night as the first open action of the non-member banks in their fight for the privilege of charging exchange in the cashing of checks. For months the battle has waged back and forth, the reserve bank insisting checks should be cashed at par.

"The passage of the par clearance law by the North Carolina general assembly at Raleigh last Saturday was followed, it is said, by the Richmond bank sending a letter to non-member banks in this state threatening to send an agent to North Carolina and collect checks on the smaller banks, later forcing these institutions to pay cash in clearing the checks.

"Immediately on receipt of the letter from Richmond, the non-member banks of North Carolina got busy and took steps to restrain the federal reserve banks from proceeding with its announced intentions. It was pointed out that the credit of the smaller North Carolina banks is menaced, in that a check dishonored in Richmond would have an unfavorable effect upon the bank issuing it.

"The Richmond bank, it is understood, insists the North Carolina law is unconstitutional and would be so adjudged by the courts. The banks are determined that the courts shall have the opportunity of so ruling.

"Already an agent of the reserve bank, Mr. Wheelright, is said to be busy in North Carolina, and the injunction was also served on him.

"Interested parties pointed out last night that while only about 20 banks combined to secure the injunction, it is so drawn that any or all of the 200 non-member banks in the state can participate later if they so desire."

ALARM CLOCK AWAKES HENS.

Egg Layers Begin Work of the Day by Electric Light.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 10.—Believing that the early bird lays the most eggs, William Sloan calls his hens off their roosts at 6 o'clock in order that they may waste no time during the maturing period of the day.

And in order that his fowls may have plenty of light while darkness still prevails on the outside, he has provided an electric lighting system, which is automatically switched on while the clock is clanging. By these incentives Sloan's hens are now producing their maximum limit of eggs.

One morning after the alarm called the hens to duty the artificial orbs did not glow forth on time. The hens, after lazily hopping off their perches when awakened by the alarm, got back on them again when the lights failed to flash. None scratched, cackled or produced eggs, but instead took and extra nap.

What One Doctor Says.

Dr. M. C. Lyons says: "After careful investigation I heartily recommend it (Rheuma) for all forms of rheumatism." English Drug Store sells and guarantees it. Use of one bottle will convince you why this well-known doctor praises it so highly.

A healthy appetite is a priceless possession, but an expensive thing to have.