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LORD IS BEHIND CO-OP. MOVEMENT, SAYS BROOM

County Demonstrator Likens Dr. Poe to Nehemiah of Olden Times

CONDITIONS NOW AND THEN ARE ANALAGOUS

Like Some of the Jews of That Day Said About the Wall Being Re-Too Many of the Farmers Are Standing Aloof, Saying "It Can't Be Done." The Story of Nehemiah.

"I am doing a great work and cannot come down," is the message that Nehemiah sent to Sandballat and another gentleman who were conspiring against the doughty Nehemiah when he was rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem and trying to rescue his people from the terrible condition of poverty and oppression they had fallen into. Preacher Dan Austin has a powerful sermon from this text that he used to preach on special occasions in this county. And it is the text that Tom Broom says Dr. Clarence Poe quoted when he was told that old Doc Alexander and Alphabet Stone of the defunct Farmers Union were sending out circulars attacking Poe for crusading in behalf of co-operative marketing.

And it is the text Broom quotes when anyone wishes to divert his attention from co-operative marketing. He says that Dr. Poe is the Nehemiah of the co-operative movement, and now that he is sick from overwork Broom thinks it is a good time to give him some credit. But Broom thinks more. He thinks the Lord is behind the co-operative movement just as he has been behind all movements for great causes.

"Just as the Lord was with the oppressed people of Jerusalem, so he is with the tax-ridden, poverty-stricken cotton farmers," he said. Then he told the story of Nehemiah.

"Hearing the distressed cry of his oppressed race," he began, "Nehemiah, a wealthy Jew, persuaded Artaxerxes, King of Persia, to appoint him Governor of Jerusalem. With letters to the Governors of various provinces, requesting their protection, he set out.

"Arriving in Jerusalem, he found untold distress. The walls surrounding the city were down, the people had lost heart, they had mortgaged their land, vineyards and houses that they might buy corn because of the famine, and they had borrowed money to pay the king's tribute.

"The people were in the utmost depth of despair. With but little food, oppressed by taxes, their burden was greater than they could bear.

"Nehemiah immediately took measures to better the lot of the people. He called the nobles into conference and shamed them for their usury. Then he began the erection of a wall upon the debris of the old ruins."

"Here Mr. Broom interrupted to say: "And like many of our farmers say about the co-operative movement, some of the Jews told Nehemiah that the rebuilding of the wall was impossible. 'We think it is a good thing,' they would say, 'but it can't be done.' The greatest enemy to the co-operative movement is not the cotton buyer, but the farmer who believes the theory is sound, yet assumes the selfish attitude of 'wait and see.'"

Continuing the story of Nehemiah, Mr. Broom said:

"Finally, after much effort, the walls were completed. 'Now,' to quote the Scriptures literally, 'it came to pass, when Sandballat, and Tobiah, and Geshen and Arabian, and the rest of our enemies, heard that I had builded the wall, and that there was no breach left therein; (though at that time I had not set up the doors upon the gates); That Sandballat and Geshen sent unto me, saying, Come, let us meet together in some one of the villages of the plain of Ono. But they thought to do me mischief. And I sent messengers unto them, saying I am doing a great work so that I cannot come down; why should the work cease whilst I leave it, and come down to you? Yet they sent unto me four times after this sort; and I answered them after the same manner."

Today, said Mr. Broom, we find Southern farmers mortgaged to the hilt, high taxes on every hand; and when the modern Nehemiah, Dr. Clarence Poe, began preaching co-operative marketing as their salvation, many voices arose in ridicule.

Hunting Liquor, Sheriff Hunter Gets a Kick

(From the Lancaster News.) Sheriff Hunter sustained a severe kick on the right hip by a mule at the colored camp ground Saturday night while hunting for liquor. The sheriff said he did not get the full force of the kick which was deflected by the animal's foot striking a wagon wheel, otherwise he would have been at home instead of up and about in the discharge of his duties. The print of a part of the mule's foot is to be seen on the sheriff's body. In the search one quart of liquor and three pistols were taken by the officers.

It is said that Germany is about to pay something on account. We gather that this means something on account of p. e. sure.—Manila Bulletin.

LOCAL HOSPITAL MAY HAVE SPECIAL WARDS

The trustees of the Ellen Fitzgerald hospital held a meeting last night, at which time the superintendent, Miss Elliott, made a full report of the work covering July and August. The report showed a deficit in July while in August the receipts about equalled the expenditures. However, for the time the institution has been in operation there is quite a deficit.

At the meeting last night ways and means were discussed for the installation of an elevator and x-ray machine for the hospital. A committee of three, consisting of the chairman, Mr. J. H. Lee, Mr. R. A. Morrow and Mr. D. B. Snyder, was appointed to take up the matter of arranging two wards, one for men and one for women, which may be occupied at a minimum price, which would take care of a number of patients of moderate means.

The Journal's informant states that the late Mr. V. C. Redwine, who died in the Ellen Fitzgerald hospital a few days ago, told him while on his death bed that if he got well he intended writing an article for The Journal telling of the excellent service, accommodations, cleanliness and sympathetic attention he had received since entering the institution. He also spoke of Miss Elliott, the superintendent, in the highest terms.

Miss Elliott states that quite a number have recently contributed fruits, vegetables, etc. to the institution and that it was thankfully received. "Anybody who wishes to contribute any such articles as the above, also any other articles that are eatable will confer a favor upon the institution by so doing."

Catches 24-Pound Fish

Reuben Beckham, the accommodating ferryman at Catawba river on the Calhoun highway, says the Lancaster News, made the catch of the season about two weeks ago when he landed a carp weighing twenty-four and three-quarter pounds. In circumference the big fish measured twenty-four inches and was thirty-three and one-half inches long. The catch was made with an old-time split basket of large size. Mr. Beckham has since caught several nice carp but said they were not to be compared in size to the 24-pounder.

Bootleggers have become so numerous in Windsor (Ontario) that they are wearing identification tags to prevent them from attempting to sell their wares to one another.—Toronto Globe.

Terms of Settlement of the Long Rail Shopmen's Strike

Baltimore, Sept. 13.—The terms of settlement of the railroad strike by individual railroads were reached at a four day's conference in the office of St. Davis Warfield, in this city, beginning September 2, between Mr. Warfield and B. M. Jewell, president of the Railroad Employees' Department, American Federation of Labor and two associates. Settlement was made possible when, at the meeting of the Association of Railway Executives held in New York August 23rd that passed the resolution breaking off negotiations, Mr. Warfield, president of the Sea Board Air Line, cast the only vote against the resolution.

This action left the way open for direct negotiation with B. M. Jewell that led to the termination of the strike. These settlement conferences at later sessions were also attended by A. H. Smith, president of the New York Central lines; Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, and members of the executive council, Railway Employees' Department, American Federation of Labor.

At the conclusion of the negotiations, Mr. Jewell called the meeting of the policy committee of the Railway Employees' Department, at which the terms of agreement were accepted. Mr. Willard undertaking to present the conditions of settlement to a number of railroads.

The terms of settlement of the railway shopmen's strike on individual railroads are as follows:

1. In order to bring an end to the existing strike of employes upon the undersigned railroads and relieve the country from the adverse effects thereof and to expedite the movement of essential traffic, the following memorandum of agreement is made upon the understanding, which the parties hereto accept, that the terms hereof shall be carried out by the officers of companies and the representatives of the employes in a spirit of conciliation and sincere purpose to effect a genuine settlement of the matters in controversy referred to below. This paragraph does not apply to or include strikes in effect prior to July 1, 1922.
2. All men to return to work in positions of the class they originally held on June 30, 1922, and at the same point. As many of such men as possible are to be immediately put to work, at present rates of pay, and all such employes who have been on

ABRAHAM POSSESSED A MOST WONDERFUL GIFT

Threw Thigh Out of Joint and Claimed Freight Train Had Struck Him

Abraham Sospic Aberia, plus several aliases, may not be a witch, but he knows a stunt that would eclipse the witches of Bible times. Last Thursday night Abraham blew into town from the "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere," stating that he is originally from Russia, but more recently from Washington, D. C. Abraham says he is familiar with the city of Monroe, having built hundreds of stove flues here. But that isn't the interesting feature to the story. Last Thursday night Abraham started, as he says, over into North Monroe to visit some of his colored friends, but he stopped at the railroad crossing on the Morgan Mill road and when found he was lying on the ground moaning and groaning, and when asked what had happened to him he replied that freight train No. 6 had struck him and knocked his hip out of joint. Dr. Creft, one of Monroe's colored physicians, was summoned and he is still carrying a strained back as the result of picking the two hundred pound Abraham and placing him in his car to carry him to the colored hospital.

Examinations and x-ray pictures failed to reveal anything wrong with Abraham after he reached the hospital, but it was very evident that his hip was out of joint and the bones could be heard rubbing together. But not until the railroad claim agent from Charlotte, where the negro had pulled off a similar stunt, arrived Wednesday afternoon was the cat let out of the bag. When the agent walked in and saw the negro he at once recognized him and said:

"Hello, what are you doing here?" Abraham replied that the train had struck him. To this the claim agent replied: "Yes, I know you," and he left for Charlotte to get certain information to swear out a warrant for the negro.

Claim Agent Cured Abraham But during the dark hours of the night before the claim agent had time to return, the thought of "dat Charlotte Gentlman" effected a complete cure and Abraham left the hospital while nobody was looking that way, leaving money, clothing and all. And now everybody, including the physician, are wondering what kind of animal Abraham is anyway. Dr. Creft is of the opinion that he possesses the power, gift or witchery of throwing his thigh out of joint and that he is making an effort to capitalize the gift. Outside of that, nobody knows where he is nor what he is doing, but if anybody happens to see a strange negro rambling around in his midnight clothes, they are respectfully asked to report to police headquarters at Monroe.

A man who probably knows says there never was a meal so expensive as the free lunch.

MOORE AND CROW ARE RECEIVING AGENTS

One at Marshville and One at Waxhaw Will Take Charge of Cotton

Mr. E. H. Moore of Mutual Bank & Trust Co., Marshville, N. C., and Mr. W. M. Crow of Waxhaw, have been appointed receiving agents at those points for the N. C. Cotton Growers' Co-operative Association. These points, Waxhaw and Marshville, will be the only points in Union county outside Union County Bonded warehouse at Monroe where cotton from members of the Association will be received.

Mr. Crow can be found at weighing platform at Waxhaw any day in the week from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. Members are urged to hasten delivery of their cotton to the points mentioned.

Mr. Crow and Mr. Moore will receive the cotton, sample, tag, issue bill of lading and make out members draft for his advance of \$50 on each bale.

Monroe, Waxhaw and Marshville will be furnished a complete list of the members of the association in the county with their contract numbers. In case you have not received contract numbers and have a certificate of membership in the association the number on your certificate is the same as your contract number. Put your membership number on a piece of paper or a memorandum book, and ask either of these gentlemen to compare them so they will be correct. Quite a few members who have signed the contract and whose names are on list furnished are without numbers. This does not mean your cotton will not be received and your draft or warehouse receipt will not be cashed, as the banks in the county have been advised for the present to honor all drafts and warehouse receipts regardless of numbers. No member will go without his advance should he desire it.

There is quite a lot of talk going around, so I am informed, that members who do not want to take advantage of the \$50 per bale advance will have to pay interest on it anyway. This is a mistake. If you do not want an advance you will not have to accept it, nor will you be called upon to help pay the other fellow's interest. We wish to urge members though to accept this advance, deposit the money in some bank in your county, and if you do not need it the bank will be glad to get it, as it puts that much more money in circulation in your county and helps to boost the price of cotton. In case you do accept this advance, we wish to advise you to immediately have draft cashed, as it has a bill of lading attached, and until that draft reaches Raleigh the association cannot touch that cotton in railroad station until the bill of lading reaches Raleigh. It is therefore important that when you get this draft with bill of lading attached to it go to a bank at once and get your money so that the bill of lading can be on its way to Raleigh.

Our books will be open for the time being for new members and any farmer who wishes to join the association can go to either Mr. Moore at Marshville or Mr. Crow at Waxhaw or Mr. Plyler at Monroe and sign a contract and your cotton will be accepted, draft or warehouse receipt issued and you can immediately get your \$50 advance.

While Mr. E. H. Moore is the receiving agent, it does not mean that his bank is the only place in Marshville where your draft will be cashed, as the Bank of Marshville will do the same. Mr. Moore is only acting as our agent, and he will gladly make out your draft for the other bank if you desire him to do so.

Any other information that members may desire, if they will address me, Monroe, N. C., I will be only too glad to see them in person or decide them by letter. If any farmer desires he wishes to become a member of this association, if he will advise me I will call to see them at once.

Very truly yours,
E. W. GILLIAM,
Field Representative Union County Cotton Growers Association.

KU KLUX TO PARADE STREETS ALBEMARLE

At least a Letter to the Editor of the News-Herald Says That They Will

(From the Stanley News-Herald.)

A letter that had been signed but which had the name of the writer torn off, was handed to the News-Herald this morning which announced that on the night of September 18th, the Ku Klux Klan will parade the streets of Albemarle in full regalia, and requested that we publish a statement to this effect in the paper. Seeing visions of ourselves suspended to a dead limb on some of the highways of Stanley county if we failed to conform to this request, we do hereby announce the fact, without vouching for the authenticity or truthfulness of the fact that the parade will be held. Just how many knights of the Ku Klux Klan will participate in the parade was not stated in the letter, neither was the hour when the parade will take place announced, but we assume it will be in the early part of the night, if at all. No doubt, however, Albemarle will have a thrill on Monday night, September 18, and that the populace will know what a procession of the hooded organization looks like when all dressed up and no place to go.

In several southern states fish are being turned loose to eat mosquitoes. Poor fish.

TURKS ARE ON RAMPAGE AND SMYRNA IS BURNING

MISS PEARLE JOHNSON A WINGATE VISITOR

North Carolina Young Lady Teaching in the Eliza Yates School, Shanghai, China, Is Entertained

Wingate, Sept. 14.—Miss Pearle Johnson of Shanghai, China, who is at home in Pittsboro on her first furlough spent the week end in Wingate as a guest of the Pearle Johnson Sunday school class of Meadow Branch church.

Miss Johnson was sent to China seven years ago by the Foreign Mission board of the Southern Baptist convention to teach in the Eliza Yates school of Shanghai.

The special occasion of Miss Johnson's visit was the reunion of the members of the Pearle Johnson class, in the Gladstone-McNeil hall of about forty girls who felt honored to bear the name of such a consecrated and attractive missionary as Miss Johnson. The missionary interest of the class is providing funds for the education of one of the young girls in the Eliza Yates school. A number of the charter members of the class were present, with the young ladies of the Fidelis class who were the invited guests of the day.

The devotional exercise was conducted by Miss Wilma Morgan, who will be a student at Coker College this year. This was followed by the singing of "In the Garden With Him," which was rendered by Miss Willie Bivens, a student of Fredericksburg Normal of Virginia, and Miss Ruby Perry of Wingate.

Miss Natta Liles, teacher of the class, introduced Miss Johnson, expressing the sincere happiness of all in having this occasion. Miss Johnson, then made very vivid and real her description of the Eliza Yates school by taking her hearers through each grade, describing teacher and pupils, at the same time showing pictures and curios illustrating the modes of living and customs of the Chinese. She brought to each one a personal message of the need of this great empire and intensified in each heart a deeper missionary purpose.

Miss Johnson was invited by the pastor, Rev. J. E. Hoyle, to speak at the 11 o'clock church services on some interesting part of her work. She selected the city of Shanghai, where she is located as her subject. After her description of the things that make up that cosmopolitan city, the audience felt that they had a personally conducted visit to that oriental city. She told of the inspiration the seventy five million dollar campaign had meant to the churches of China in becoming independent.

This hour with Miss Johnson meant much to the missionary spirit of the Meadow Branch church.

Sunday afternoon Miss Johnson in Chinese costume spoke to the Junior B. Y. P. U. and the Sunbeams. Her talk was the best described by one of the Juniors, as the most beautiful thing he had ever heard or seen.

Monday afternoon she brought to the Woman's Missionary Society and ladies of the town and near-by towns a most interesting description of a visit to large Buddhist Temple. In describing the devotion and sincere sacrifices of these heathen worshippers to their gods and religion, a message of rebuke was carried to each heart, often when the Great Cause of Christian service is presented.

Social Feature

Miss Nettie Liles delightfully entertained at a dinner party last Monday evening, September 11 at 6:30 p. m. in honor of Miss Pearle Johnson, her interesting and popular visitor for the week-end.

The guests gathered in the Stewart Hall and while waiting the summons to the dining hall enjoyed a number of musical selections rendered by Miss Augusta Britt. Then the guest went over to Central Hall of the Wingate school where they were directed to their places by place cards in the beaks of tiny yellow birds perched on the edge of blue-baskets of mints.

The dinner was served in three courses, enough time being allowed during courses for toasts. Rev. J. E. Hoyle gave a splendid tribute to the missionaries and Miss Johnson responded in a lovely manner. Mr. C. C. Burris gave as a toast "A Call From China." Mr. J. C. Jones responded as "America." Misses Sallie Trull and Lillian Gatum, members of the Pearle Johnson Sunday school class, served the courses. After the dinner the guests returned to the reception room where they were entertained by some vocal selections by Mrs. J. E. Hoyle. A more pleasant company could not have gathered for a more pleasant time.

The guests of the evening were: The members of the Faculty of the Wingate school, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Beach, Miss Rosa Futrell, Miss Maude McDaniel, Miss Augusta Britt, Miss Allie Staton, Mrs. J. E. Hoyle and Mr. C. C. Burris, Rev. J. E. Hoyle, pastor of Meadow Branch church, Mrs. Baxter Williams, president of the Woman's Missionary Society, Miss Hattie Belk of Monroe, Miss Mary Gaddy, leader of Junior B. Y. P. U., Mr. J. A. Bivens, superintendent of the Sunday school, Mr. J. C. Jones, pastor of Berean church, Mr. Rhodes, principal of the graded school, and Mrs. Rhodes.

Dr. and Mrs. M. A. Griffin and little son, Mark, Jr., of Asheville, are visiting Dr. Griffin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Griffin.

People Are Leaving City As Fast As They Can Be Landed On The Warships

FIRE WAS STARTED BY A TURKISH OFFICER

Scores of Buildings Have Been Destroyed Including American Consulate and Property Damage Already Has Reached Many Millions.

Constantinople, Sept. 14.—Smyrna is burning. The population is in a panic. All the wives and children of native Americans are being evacuated to Athens. The cause of the fire is not yet known.

Scores of buildings in the eastern section of the city have been destroyed, including the American consulate. American marines and allied soldiers formed a fire brigade, but the conflagration is beyond their control. The property damage is estimated in millions.

The fire originated in the Armenian quarter and spread rapidly.

Turks Fire on Population Smyrna, Sept. 14.—The Turkish irregulars who are in control of the city are firing upon and terrorizing the population.

Sir Harry Lamb, the British high commissioner, left aboard the British battleship Iron Duke. The British marines are withdrawing, leaving the protection of the city to French and Italians and nationalist guards and American blue jackets.

Turks Indulging in Massacre in Smyrna

London, Sept. 15.—The conflagration in Smyrna was started by a sergeant of Turkish regulars, according to Miss Mills, head mistress of the American college in Smyrna, says a dispatch to The Times from Athens. The sergeant was seen to enter a house carrying several cans of petrol. Up to Wednesday evening the damage was estimated at 15,000,000 pounds sterling.

The correspondent says it is reported in Athens that up to the time of the outbreak of the fire about 1,000 persons had been massacred, and it is feared the damage is now much greater.

Fourteen Americans Missing

Washington, Sept. 14.—Fourteen Americans are missing in the fire-swept sections of the city of Smyrna, the state department was advised tonight in a cablegram from Rear Admiral Bristol, acting American commissioner at Constantinople.

Admiral Bristol said his information came from Arthur J. Heyburn, chief of staff of the American destroyer fleet at Smyrna, who reported that the fire, starting about 1 o'clock Wednesday afternoon in the American quarter, had practically obliterated the entire European quarter of the city, and still was raging.

The missing Americans were all naturalized citizens, the dispatch said, adding that all native Americans listed with the authorities had been accounted for.

All warships of the various powers in the port of Smyrna are crowded with refugees, Captain Heyburn reported, and ships were constantly leaving for nearby ports loaded with fugitives. The American destroyer Flotilla was taking an active part in the work, he said, the Simpson having sailed with a large party for Athens, the Eusal with 600 for Salonika and another for Piraeus with 400.

Among those on the last ship—the name of which was garbled in transmission, were students of American benevolent institutions at Smyrna and the staffs of several American commercial houses.

Earlier dispatches from Admiral Bristol have described the condition of refugees in Smyrna as "appalling." He placed the total there at not less than 300,000.

MRS. MILLER MAY DIE

Woman Who Was Shot by Prohibition Officers in Critical Condition

Shelby, Sept. 14.—The condition of Mrs. I. B. Miller, who was shot two times last Wednesday night, sometime after the attempted search of the automobile in which she was riding near Casar by a party of officers consisting of Prohibition Officer Houser and deputies Hoyie and Wesson, was today declared by officials at the Rutherford hospital to be very grave. Surgeons are yet unable to state what the final outcome of her injuries will be.

The bullet which first struck her, entering her back and penetrating the liver, has not been removed.

This is the bullet which was fired, according to Mr. and Mrs. Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, by the officers who first stopped the car near Casar.

The second bullet, the one presumably fired later in the night by Policeman Cabanis of Lattimore, which entered the back of Mrs. Miller's neck, ranged around the head and shattered the jawbone, which has been removed.

Surgeons are doubtful whether or not Mrs. Miller will be able to stand the operation necessary for the removal of the bullet lodged in her liver.

This may be an awful country, but we own more than three-fourths of the world's gold.