

Bright Outlook Facing Growers Cigarette Type.

Washington, Feb. 21.—According to the 1927 crop outlook report, prepared by the staff of the bureau of agricultural economics and just released, growers of cigarette tobacco have before them an expanding market, "but not one that will stand heavily increased acreage."

On the other hand, producers of dark fired and dark air cured export types are faced with a narrowing market and increased foreign competition.

Concerning flue-cured tobacco, the outlook report says:

"The great danger in the flue-cured situation is that growers may be led into serious over-production in 1927. The prices paid for this tobacco of the 1926 crop in the flue cured district have been very much higher than the prices paid for cotton in the same arena."

"In other words, it is seen that the stage is set for a landslide from cotton to tobacco in 1927. Any such development on a large scale could have only one result—utter demoralization of the market for this type of tobacco with its attendant losses to the growers."

The report says the immediate outlook for Virginia sun-cured is favorable provided a slight reduction in acreage is put into effect in 1927. This exclusively chewing type, it is pointed out, is confronted by a constantly narrowing outlet because the chewing habit is on the wane.

Gloomy are the paragraphs devoted to dark fired tobacco of Virginia, Tennessee and Kentucky. The outlook for this type is the most discouraging of recent years. Says the report:

"It now appears that most growers of dark fired tobacco will receive less than ten cents a pound for the 1926 crop. With tobacco at less than 10 cents, most of these farmers will find it profitable to devote to other enterprises a part of the land and labor now being devoted to tobacco. The undertaking of expansion of alternative enterprises and the improvement of the quality of the tobacco appear to be the only remedies for the present dark tobacco situation."

Equality Before The Law.

(From The Houston Post-Dispatch.) They hanged a man in Folsom prison, California, the other day for participating in the killing of a poor Japanese woman. The fact that a man was hanged in the prison was not very extraordinary. California has a capital punishment law on its statute books and the supreme penalty is frequently carried out. But this man's case was different. He had money, he had family influence, and he had powerful friends. It is easy to imagine what powerful pressure was put upon the Governor to extend clemency. Only occasionally is an Executive put to such a test. But Governor Young's sense of duty prevailed over all other considerations. Society, he said, is entitled to protection. He permitted the law to take its course. It has been a long time since an American Governor has done more to abate the complaint that there is one law for the rich and another for the poor. As that unfortunate young man dropped through the trap door it was a signal that, as far as the Governor of California is concerned, all stand equal before the law.

Notice.

North Carolina, Surry County, in the Superior Court. Mrs. E. E. Ward, Administratrix of T. D. Jones, dec'd, Mrs. Daisy Axson and Rufus Greenwood, heirs at law of T. D. Jones, dec'd. vs. J. F. Jones, J. C. Jones, Cleveland Jones, Mrs. Mollie Griffith, Mrs. M. L. Stanley, Gaither Jones, Marvin Jones, Ellen Jones Donathan, Juanita Jones, William Jones, and Pansy Jones, heirs at law. The defendants J. F. Jones, J. C. Jones, Cleveland Jones, Mrs. Mollie Griffith, Mrs. M. L. Stanley and Gaither Jones above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Surry county, North Carolina, to sell real estate belonging to the estate of T. D. Jones, deceased, to make assets for the payments of debts; and said defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court of said county at Dobson, North Carolina on Monday, February 21st, 1927, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint. This the 17th day of January, 1927. F. T. Lewellen, Clerk of the Superior Court.

REVEALS CONFESSION IN NOTED MURDER CASE

Recalls Man Who Said He Had Part in Death of Joseph Smith; Confesses.

Shelby, Feb. 18.—A silence maintained for 29 years was broken here today when a local minister, one of the most prominent in the State, revealed a death-bed confession of 1898 that brought out hitherto unknown details of a murder mystery in 1844 that has since baffled all America. The victim of the slaying of pioneer days was one of the most outstanding men of that day, Joseph Smith, founder of the Mormon Church and a presidential candidate in the year of his death.

In 1898 Dr. Hugh K. Boyer, pastor of Central Methodist Church here and then a young minister at Mount Airy, was called to the bedside of an aged, dying man. There with the death angel lurking near was unfolded the details of the killing of one of the country's most notorious characters. Death came shortly following the confession and the secret details have been locked in the breast of the minister for 29 years just as safely as in the tomb of the man who confessed a part of the slaying. Yesterday developments came about causing the minister to tell for the first time the information secured in the pact with the dying man.

Long Sealed Lips Speak.

Out of the past from lips long sealed by death comes a most remarkable story. It was that of a participant in the killing of a national character who as a young man fled his native state and came to North Carolina. The years rolled by and one day the forgiveness of God described vividly by an evangelist in the North Carolina town tugged at the heavy heart of the man and he joined the church. Yet he kept his secret. Then in old age came the fatal illness.

Dr. Boyer in an interview Thursday stated that he preached the funeral in Mount Airy, North Carolina, in 1898, of Corporal Belton, who confessed to him on his death-bed that he was one of the four conspirators who slew Smith.

The name of the man who aided in killing one of the most notorious men of the last century in this country, was dug from the archives of the memory of the Methodist pastor through a letter addressed to him from J. A. Cook, of Tioga, Ill. The writer told Dr. Boyer that he had been informed by Rev. Curween Mendley that he could throw some light on the Smith murder, and wrote asking for all the details of the famous mystery that he could supply. In 1898 he was pastor of the Central Methodist Church of Mount Airy, this state. One of the members of the congregation was this Corporal Belton, then quite an aged man who had subsequently been converted by an evangelist who had preached in Mount Airy.

Belton's Confession

"I knew Belton slightly," Boyer said, "but took no particular interest in him until he became ill. Then I visited him. Then one day after he had been ill a few days he had grown much worse, and was convinced he was going to die. Calling me he said: 'There is something I want to tell you, something I have had on my conscience a long time. I am going to die and I want to make a full confession before I pass on.'"

He then told me, that he and three other men murdered Joseph Smith in Carthage, Illinois, in 1844. He told me that ten or a dozen men met in the town the night before the killing and pledged that they would neither eat nor sleep until Smith was dead. Smith at the time was confined in the Carthage jail, charged with perjury and adultery. His conduct had infuriated the Carthage people. He was then the head of the Mormons, and had that same year run for President of the United States. Belton said that he and three companions broke into the Carthage jail, and planned to murder Smith in his cell, but somehow the man escaped by jumping through a window. When he fell from the window, which was on the second floor, the blow stunned him so he lay on the ground until the four men ran around to where he was and one of the number shot him through the head and killed him. After that Belton left Illinois and made his way to the South, and eventually came to North Carolina and made his home in Mount Airy."

Joseph Smith was one of the most remarkable characters of the 19th century. He was the sole founder of the Mormon Church. Smith's work was taken up and carried on by Brigham Young, who led the "flock" west into Utah, where the Mormon mother church and community now exist.

Notice of Foreclosure of Sale.

By virtue of authority vested in me in a certain deed of trust executed by Hosea Payne and wife Mary E. Payne, to the undersigned trustee, which is recorded in the office of register of deeds of Surry county, in book 75, page 206, the debt therein secured being due and unpaid, and at the request of the holder I will sell at public auction for cash, in front of the Bennett Building on

Saturday, February 26, 1927, at one o'clock P. M.,

the following real estate lying in Stewart's Creek Township, Surry county, North Carolina, and more particularly described and defined as follows:

Beginning at a stake in the Virginia line S. 19 1/2 chs. to a creek, thence down said creek as it meanders S. 56 deg. to a spring branch, thence near S. as the creek meanders 5 1/2 chs. E. 7 chs. to a creek, thence N. 32 chs. crossing the creek to a stake in the Virginia line, thence W. to the beginning. Containing (45) forty-five acres more or less.

Sale of said land will be made to satisfy the debt secured by said deed of trust with cost of this sale to add. This the 24th day of January, 1927. C. M. Lewellyn, Trustee.

Notice—Trustee's Sale of Land

By virtue of authority vested in the undersigned trustee in a certain deed of trust executed by V. L. Goins and wife, Essie Goins, for Willie Gammons, to secure an indebtedness of \$850.00 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Surry County, in book 75, page 25, having been made in default of the notes therein secured, and at the request of the holder, I will sell for cash, to the highest bidder, at public auction in front of the Bank of Mount Airy, Mount Airy, N. C., of the following described real estate:

Saturday, March 19, 1927, at 1 P. M.

Adjoining Saughan Goins on the North, H. Schaffer on the West, P. L. Wood on the East, John E. Goins on the dividing line, and on the South; containing 32 1-2 acres, more or less, and being one-half of lot p. 11 of the lands of the Slate Mountain Orchard Co., as surveyed by R. L. Lovelace.

Sale made to satisfy an indebtedness of \$850.00 principal, interest and cost of sale to add. This the 16th day of February, 1927. EDW. M. LINVILLE, Trustee.

As Drowning Men GRAB AT STRAWS

so will the thrifty shoppers of Mount Airy and vicinity "nab on" to the great values afforded by the few remaining days of our great sale.

Lose no time in getting here, as the sale positively ends Monday. Such values as we now offer will be history after that time.

We have urged our customers to take advantage of the savings—and many have done so. Now we issue the final warning of the closing date.

Figure your future needs and buy now for the great saving you may make.

We have some unusually strong values in Men's and Boys' Clothing and Shoes, and these are staple goods—something you can safely buy for wear a little later on.

All who owe us are urged to make settlement this week, as W. G. Lewis quits the firm on March 1st, and the accounts must be settled.

A SHIPMENT OF NEW SPRING DRESS GOODS AND READY-TO-WEAR IS ALSO BEING INCLUDED IN THE CLOSE-OUT DAYS OF THIS GREAT SALE. LADIES, THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY. COME TODAY!

W. G. LEWIS & CO. MOUNT AIRY, N. C.

Granite Hill At Auction!

ALL THE REMAINING ACREAGE AND UNSOLD LOTS, CONTAINING ABOUT 65 ACRES, WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER

Sat. Feb. 26th AT 2 P. M.

SALE TO BE HELD ON THE PREMISES. THIS PROPERTY, LOCATED ON THE PATRICK ROAD, ADJOINING FLAT ROCK SCHOOL AND CHURCH, OFFERS A GOOD INVESTMENT TO ANYONE.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS ANNOUNCED ON-THE GROUNDS.

Don't Miss This Sale Guy D. Grimes, : : : Owner

Eyes Examined Glasses Fitted



PHONE 411

Dr. P. W. GREEN OPTOMETRIST

Specializing in correcting errors of the eye and making glasses. Next To Blue Ridge Hotel

Moved--

We are now located in our new quarters on Franklin Street, where we are better equipped to give prompt and efficient service. Your phone orders solicited.

Remember---

We are in the Leonard block, next to Fowler's Grocery Store. Same Phone No. 284.

Sanitary Meat Market BADGETT & PRUETT