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FARM PRODUCTS MUST REMAIN HIGH OR THINGS WILL GO TO SMASH

The United States Department of Labor Has Compiled Some Interesting Figures Along This Line.

You step into a store and buy a pair of shoes and are shocked at the tremendous price. The clerk may tell you that shoes are high because hides are high, and that the farmer himself, is therefore, to blame. But if you happen to know much about how much leather is in shoes, you can assure the clerk that there is not over 50 cents' worth of hide in a pair of shoes, and that it is impossible for you to understand why hide prices should effect the price of shoes more than 25 cents a pair. And, of course the rejoinder to this argument is that wages have gone up.

"Wages have gone up." That is the excuse that is made everywhere, whether the high-priced articles be coal or a suit of clothes.

And how much have wages gone up? The United States Department of Labor has compiled some interesting figures along this line. In the shoe factories, for instance, the men are now getting 122 per cent more than they did in 1916. In three years the wages of workers in shoe factories have more than doubled. That is the reason we have to pay twice as much for our shoes. The cost of hides scarcely enters into the matter at all.

The cotton factory workers have also received unusual increase, and are now getting just twice what they did in 1916. In most other factories, the increase has not been so great. The iron and steel workers are getting almost twice what they did in 1916, but the men working in automobile factories are only getting about 50 per cent more. Railroad workers are getting 72 per cent more, although in some classes of railroad work wages are double. Workers on men's clothing are getting 57 per cent more.

The Department of Labor does not deal with wages paid to farm hands or with salaries of school teachers or fees of lawyers and doctors. Farm hands in Granville county seem to be getting about 70 per cent more than they did in 1916, which is probably about the same advance as other workers have received on the average, although not nearly such a good advance as the workers in shoe factories have received. School teachers have received scarcely any advance, and lawyers and doctors still charge about the same scale of prices.

The cost of living is now supposed to be about 70 per cent higher than it was in 1916. Wholesale prices have gone up even more than this, but the average family can buy as much of what it needs now with \$1.70 as it could in 1916 with \$1. Wages generally seem to have just about kept pace with the cost of living. But now that wages are so high, it will take a long time for the cost of living to come down. High wages mean that everything is pegged at a fairly high level. Farmers must remember this in selling their products. One dollar and twenty cents for corn now is no higher than 70 cents in 1916. Sixty-eight cent oats are no higher than 40-cent oats in 1916. Hogs now have to sell for \$17 to be comparable with \$10 hogs in 1916.

As long as wages remain 70 per cent above the price level of 1916, there should be no prolonged decline in prices of farm products. Everything must remain high unless we have a smash which throws labor out of work and reduces wages.

NEW FALL CREATIONS ARE NOW APPEARING

Skirts Are To Be Narrow Again This Winter, According to the Advanced Styles.

New fall goods and wearing apparel are making their appearance in the Oxford stores. The early fall costumes and hats are now on display, and a limited number of dresses. The tendency of the prices are upward, while the length of the skirts is slightly downward.

The buyers who have returned from the northern markets state that the designs for the fall and winter dresses are very elaborate with prices very much advanced.

The new dresses and skirts are to be narrow again this winter, according to the early fall styles. Short coats with elaborate vestes are leading the fall styles, and many new suit dresses of the same design are among the displays.

A few new hats have also appeared. The trimmings are mostly feathers and very sparing in quantity used, while the materials of the hats are mostly velvets and heavy silk goods.

BOMBHELLS PROPOSED TO ANNIHILATE H. C. OF L.

Senator Kirby's bill reduces prices 25 per cent below present market rate.

Senator McKellar's resolution urges probe by coalition committee.

Representative Igoe's resolution orders the Federal Trade Commission to probe food prices.

Representative James wants President to purchase necessities and market them to consumer at cost.

Representative Kelley proposes U. S. commander food held in cold storage more than three months.

Senator Thomas wants taxes cut down as a starter.

Senator Myers moves to reduce currency in circulation.

Representative Huddleson's bill limits prices to amount charged November 11, 1918 (Armistice Day).

Proposal, much echoed, that Wilson use the billion dollar subsidy wheat to pay the farmer the difference between the \$2.26 price guaranteed and the market, as regulated by supply and demand.

Administration names committee to propose ways and means.

WHAT IT COSTS TO RUN THE CITY OF OXFORD

The Heaviest Single Item in the Budget Is the Interest On Bonds.

At a called meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Oxford, held in the Mayor's office July 29, Mayor Stem was present and presided over the meeting. The members of the board present were: Messrs. Williams, Yancey, Ray and McFarland.

The meeting was called as required by law to hear any complaint or objections to the budget as prepared at meeting July 14th. There being no complaint or objections either in person or in writing, on motion of Mr. McFarland the following budget was adopted to meet current expenses for the year ending May 31st, 1920:

Budget.	
Executive department	\$2,900
Police department	2,400
General street	1,500
Stable expenses	1,200
Fire department	1,800
Water	2,700
Lighting	2,100
Sanitary department	2,400
Town property	1,800
Interest on bonds	10,000
Sewer	1,800
Cemetery	600
Sinking fund	1,300
Graded school	6,300
Total	\$38,800

GRANVILLE COUNTY WELFARE BOARD HOLDS MEETING

Assistants Will Be Placed In Every Community of the County.

The County Welfare Board, composed of Mr. J. E. Jackson, superintendent of welfare work; Rev. R. C. Craven, Mr. Graham Daniel and Mrs. Mary Cooper Evans, held a meeting in Mrs. Capehart's office Saturday.

The latitude of welfare work was discussed and the far reaching results the board desires to accomplish by a thorough organization in the county engaged their attention.

The board adopted a plan by which every community in the county will feel the benefits of systematic welfare work.

An assistant will be appointed in every community of the county to aid in carrying along the work. Welfare Officer Jackson will name the assistants and instruct them and have them in the field when the schools open. The board and appointees serve without compensation.

There are at best 6,000 school children in the county who will come under the watchful care of the welfare officer and his assistants. Their health and morals will be looked after and they will be put through some kind of a physical examination to what extent is determined by the law covering welfare work.

The board also had under consideration the work that is to be prosecuted among the colored people of the county.

TELEGRAPH OFFICE MOVED

Now In the Back Room of National Bank Building.

The Western Union Telegraph Company has leased the rear room of the National Bank, on Bank street, and moved into their handsome new quarters Monday.

PLANS FOR A FINE HOTEL IN OXFORD IS BEING DISCUSSED

A Modern Fireproof Brick-and-Stone Structure With One Hundred Rooms Hants the Dreams of the Promoters.

One hears much these days about a modern fireproof 100-room hotel for Oxford, but the people of Oxford talk so much and act so slow that there is no telling how long it will take to get things in readiness and erect the building.

Just how far the project has advanced the Public Ledger is not advised, but it is stated for a certainty that the promoters hold options on two or three valuable sites in the business section of the town and that the determination to build a high-class hotel for tourists is strong.

We already have a hotel here abundantly able to take care of the average man and the average crowd, as was demonstrated recently when the farm agents of the district met here and adopted a resolution thanking the management of the Exchange Hotel for the manner in which they were entertained.

The new hotel would no doubt be operated along more elaborate lines. It would be a good thing to look at and a good place to stop and the charges would be in proportion to the service. You could not expect to fill the rooms with cheap Johns and come clear. Every time you ride on a hotel elevator or rinse your fingers in a cut-glass bowl it costs something, to say nothing of the steam heat, hot and cold water, luxurious furnishings, three dainty meals per day served by pretty maids.

This will be the class of custom the new hotel will cater to. It is to be connected up with a string of hotels run in like manner, and a hotel man of wide experience says a high-class hotel in Oxford with 100 rooms is by no means too large to accommodate the number of tourists who know a good thing when they see it and patronize it as long as their welcome holds out.

It is claimed that a high-class hotel, and by this we mean one that is exquisite in appointment, is an inducement to capital. At least they would have elegant surroundings for themselves and their families while they were erecting their homes and their manufacturing plants.

WHOLE-TIME HEALTH OFFICER FOR GRANVILLE

Dr. J. A. Morris Will Put In Full Time.

The Granville County Board of Health, composed of Messrs. J. Ennis Davis, chairman Board of County Commissioners; Major T. G. Stem, Mayor of Oxford; Prof. J. F. Webb, superintendent of county schools; Dr. T. L. Booth, and Dr. W. L. Taylor, of Stovall, met Monday.

The question of a whole-time health officer for town and county was debated at some length, and resulted in the election of Dr. J. A. Morris, of Wiltou.

EXTENDS INVITATION TO HON. W. J. BRYAN

The secretary of the Granville County Fair is in correspondence with Hon. William Jennings Bryan. It is hoped that the great commoner will see his way clear to visit Oxford and deliver a speech at the Fair Grounds on October 14-16.

BULLETINS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—Maintenance of one field army with a war strength of 1,250,000 men, is proposed in a bill establishing a permanent military policy was sent to Congress today by Secretary Baker. The active force of this army would be 510,000 regulars, while the remainder would be young men who had taken a three-months military training course, which would be compulsory for all 19-year-old youths. This reserve strength would be used to fill out the 26 infantry divisions and one cavalry division into which it is proposed to divide the regulars.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—Four hundred and fifty thousand members of the brotherhoods of railway and steamship clerks, freight handlers and express clerks today joined with other railroad workers in "demanding that unless something be done materially to decrease the cost of living, our wages must be raised to give us relief."

CHICAGO, Aug. 4.—Grain and provisions crashed heavily downward today in value. Selling was on a large scale, influenced chiefly by the widespread agitation against the high cost of living. Within an hour corn prices dropped 5 1-2 cents to 8 cents a bushel and pork \$1.25 a barrel. December delivery of corn, the principal option, fell to 1.49 1-4 and January pork to 48.00.

NEW YORK, Aug. 4.—Agitation against the high cost of living and generally disturbed labor conditions caused prices to brake more than \$5 a bale during today's early trading on the cotton market. October contracts which sold at 35.50 and closed at 34.50 on Saturday, opened at 34.00, and within fifteen or twenty minutes sold off under heavy general liquidation.

OXFORD MAY PURCHASE FOOD FROM GOVERNMENT

Mayor Stem Will Call a Meeting of the Town Commissioners To Pass Upon the Question.

Mayor Stem stated yesterday that in all probability the commissioners would assemble in extraordinary session this week with a view of passing upon the proposition to purchase one or two car loads of government food which is to be released in a few days.

Certain town officials are understood to favor purchasing at least fifteen tons of food. The commodities being sold through various official agencies include tinned meats, vegetables, fruits etc. Canned beef, it is understood, could be retailed for less than 25 cents, and other things in proportion.

A ROMANCE THAT GREW OUT OF THE WORLD WAR

Sergt. Roy Williford's Sweetheart Pays Him a Visit At the Old Homestead.

Our fine young soldier friend, Sergt. Roy Williford, who left one of his legs in France, came down from New York three weeks ago, where he is taking treatment preparatory to entering the vocational training school this fall.

On arriving at the home of his father, Capt. Andrew Williford, near Berea, Roy talked incessantly of his best girl, who lives in New York City. Miss Williford, Roy's pretty and vivacious sister, hit upon the scheme of inviting the young New York lady down to spend a couple of weeks with her. This met with the approval of the good old father and mother, who feel that there is nothing too good in this world for their noble son. And the scheme also met with a hearty response in the heart of Miss Belle McCormick, Roy's pretty little New York friend.

Members of the family met the young lady on her arrival in Oxford and drove immediately to the elegant home near Berea, where the whole family fell in love with her. The "fatted calf" was killed every day, and the young lady, whose heart and mind is sweet and pure, looked out upon the broad landscape and exclaimed with enrapture: "There is nothing quite so beautiful in all this world as the blue hills in Granville and my Granville friends in particular."

Sergt. Williford and Miss McCormick motored over to Henderson Friday and caught a train for New York.

A TENDER MESSAGE FROM A GOOD OLD MOTHER

Wishes the Young People Much Happiness By Right Living and Right Thinking.

Beautiful indeed and fraught with grave and tender warning is the message submitted to the Public Ledger by a dear old mother. She is no doubt unduly alarmed at the change that has come into the lives of the young people of the present generation, and the change has been for the better, but the dear old mother, tender and true, seems not to realize that the young people at this day and time are better qualified to protect themselves than at any time in the history of the world. The letter follows:

As a mother, and one who appreciates the gravity and responsibility of womanhood, I have for several years past looked with sorrow upon the ever-increasing trend of modern society to a greater laxity of morals and a more complete separation from that which is pure and good and elevating. I would not be classed as a moralist, neither as a critic nor an idealist, but as a tender, loving mother I come and ask that our young women and young men stop and give an ear to the warnings, more correctly I should say, to the pleadings of mother, and of women older and better fitted to advise, to teach, to warn.

It is a sad travesty on the training of the youth of our nation when it becomes necessary to appoint committees in some places to restrain and regulate the conduct of young people at certain places of amusement.

We love our girls and boys, and our heart's desire is that they shall find true happiness, and true happiness can be secured only by right living and right thinking, certainly not by the foolish indulgence of vulgar and indecent amusements.

We come to you, our childer, not in an unkind spirit, but with love, with solemn pity, with understanding. We make our appeal for the re-establishment of right living and a decent order of things.

A MOTHER.

CHICAGO HAS GOT ENOUGH OF THE NEGRO RACE

The Herald Asks Governor Bickett How Many Negroes North Carolina Can Absorb.

The Chicago Herald, one of the first papers in the Northwest to array the negroes of the South against the white, claiming that they were down-trodden and persecuted, sent the following telegram to Governor Bickett last Friday and requested an immediate response:

Many negroes who came here for war work are anxious to return South if the South needs them. Their spokesmen ask us to inquire how many your State can absorb. They are of the more industrious class, distinct from the bad element responsible for the difficulties here. Please Rush Answer at our expense.

Not until fifty people had been killed in the riots and the hospitals overcrowded with wounded and one hundred buildings burned to the ground and three thousand women and children made homeless, did the Chicago people realize that the South is the place for the negro.

They invited the negro to their city, they entertained them in their homes and placed themselves on equality and made them what they are. After putting the devil into him, they request the Southern States to absorb them with all of their attending evils, or else they will shoot him like they would a dog.

Deliver us from the Chicago negro. We have no such people down here and we don't want them to come down here and contaminate those that we have.

The Boston people, too, have misled the colored people and made them believe that the people of the South are their worst enemy. A clash between the races in that city will come sooner or later, and when it does the colored people will know for a certainty that their friends are the white people of the South, where he is known and appraised at his true worth.

COOPER'S WAREHOUSE IN HENDERSON BURNED DOWN

New One Will Be Built At Once.

(Henderson Daily Dispatch.) Cooper's Co-operative Warehouse, one of the oldest tobacco sales rooms in the city, was destroyed by fire shortly after 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

The origin of the fire is a mystery. Incendiarism has been suggested, but this cannot, as yet, be substantiated. It burned so fast that all trace of its inception was obliterated. D. Y. Cooper, Jr., manager of the warehouse interests of the Coopers, stated that the insurance would amount to approximately \$12,000 or \$15,000. When it is estimated that the cost of replacing the building will crowd closely upon \$50,000, it may be seen that the loss will be very near \$35,000.

Great haste is to attend the rebuilding. Every available man for whom space can be found to wield a shovel and pick or a mason's trowel will be put on the scene.

TO HAVE ANTI-TOBACCO LAWS ENACTED IN ALL STATES OF THE UNION

New York, August 4.—After a two months' inquiry conducted in this city, Chicago, San Francisco and elsewhere to determine whether there was a concerted campaign to bar the use of tobacco now that liquor has gone by the boards, the Association Opposed to National Prohibition issued a statement here charging that the Women's Christian Temperance union was backing a movement to have anti nicotine laws enacted in every state in the union.

The organization is hopeful of having Congress submit a constitutional amendment before March 20, 1924, its semi-centennial, forbidding the cultivation, sale, use or export of the weed for smoking or chewing purposes.

DURHAM TO HAVE A UNIT

This Is Intimated in a Letter From Gen. Royster to Maj. McLendon.

(Durham Sun.) Durham is to have a unit of the new North Carolina National Guard.

At least this is the news strongly intimated in a letter received by Major McLendon from General B. S. Royster. This letter was received in response to one written by Major McLendon inquiring as to the National Guard and Durham's chance for a unit.

Col. John T. Britt arrived from Washington Sunday and is spending a short vacation at home.

CAPT. E. E. FULLER SPENDING SHORT FURLOUGH HERE

Will Engage in the Insurance Business Again.

Capt. E. E. Fuller, who left Oxford two years ago for Camp Sevier, later going to France in command of the Oxford volunteer infantry, returned from overseas two weeks ago, reached home from Camp Mills Saturday. He is here on fifteen days' furlough, at the end of which time he will report at Camp Lee for final discharge.

Capt. Fuller was among the first of the troops of the American Expeditionary Forces and was among the last to return. He saw much active service on the Ypres front, where he was at the head of a battalion for several months. He was later detailed in the reclamation service and spent several months at Verdun, later going to the American headquarters at Toul, where he was engaged in checking up and tabulating equipment, supplies, etc.

Capt. Fuller is a handsome soldier and the service seems to have agreed with him. Col. Minor, who commanded the 120th infantry of the famous Thirtieth division, stated at the Fair Grounds here last spring that Capt. Fuller was one of the best and bravest soldiers of the American army.

It was rumored here that Capt. Fuller would remain in the service, but his many friends here are glad to learn that he will join his brother in the insurance business which he established before going abroad.

TOBACCO PRICES AT LUMBERTON HAVE ADVANCED

Three Warehouses Crowded Last Week and Prices Take a Jump (Special to the Public Ledger)

Lumberton, August 4.—The three large warehouses here were crowded with tobacco every day last week. Prices showed a substantial increase over the previous week.

Prices for ripe, bright tobacco have ranged from 45 to 65 cents the pound, while the lower grades have advanced around 5 cents on the pound.

A farmer sold one curing from six acres—1,426 pounds—here Thursday for 64 1-2 cents the pound, or a total of \$919.77 for the barn. Several others sold like number of pounds for from 60 to 63 cents the pound.

While much tobacco was injured by the excessive rains, it is thought the 1919 crop will sell for as much money as did the 1918 crop. Hundreds of thousands of dollars are being paid out to tobacco growers each week and business is on a boom.

PRICE LIST OF GOVERNMENT FOOD SUPPLIES

Expected to Reach the Oxford Post Office In Few Days.

No portion of the army food supplies put on the market by the War Department and served out through the Post Office Department has been received here, according to Postmaster Lassiter, who said that all he knew about it was what he had read in the papers. It was announced from Washington that householders in all parts of the country were to share in the cheap distribution, and it is considered likely that price lists will be received here probably next week.

PLEASE ANNOUNCE ALL THE SPACE YOU HAVE FOR RENT

Those Who Can Share Their Homes With People Who Have No Place.

Every day there is a legitimate demand for rooms, and the demand is not being supplied by any manner or means. It would be well if every one who has any surplus room would make a careful estimate of the amount of space they have that they could and would rent and let the fact be known.

There are always a certain amount of rooms for rent, but the demand today is for more than the normal amount of rooms, and this being true all possible should be done to relieve the situation and supply the demands. There are perhaps a good many homes in Oxford where rooms have not heretofore been for rent that might supply some at this time of great need.

Every "for rent" room in Oxford should be brought to the front and made available.

Cohn & Son's Reduction Sale.

Many people from town and county are availing themselves of the big reduction sale now on at Cohn & Son's. Something to suit every man, woman, boy and girl is found in the elegant stock of goods which is marked down to suit everybody's pocketbook. See the announcement of Cohn & Son on the last page of this paper.