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REAL PUNCH IS BEING PUT INTO DRIVE ON H. C. L.

Palmer To Prosecute Every Dealer Who Sells Above Fair Price Committee Quotations. (Washington Special.)

The real punch behind the government's campaign to reduce the high cost of living is being administered with vigor.

While Attorney General Palmer was telling the senate agricultural committee that he intended to prosecute every dealer guilty of selling a higher price than those listed by the fair price committee of each county word came from Chicago, St. Louis and Birmingham of seizures of great quantities of foodstuffs by federal officials, who recently were instructed to proceed under the food control act to stop hoarding.

In Chicago 1,282 tubs of butter worth \$50,000, was seized; in St. Louis 284,180 pounds of coffee, which has been showing rapid advances in price, in Birmingham 100 barrels of sugar.

Majority Not Profiteering.

Mr. Palmer told the senate committee that he believed the great majority of farmers and food dealers were not profiteering, but that the suggested amendment to the food control act extending it to clothing and providing a criminal penalty of \$5,000 fine or two years imprisonment, or both was necessary to make effective the campaign against those who are dishonestly gouging the public.

There was a division of opinion among the senators as to the advisability of the legislation, several declaring that the amendment gave the department of justice too drastic powers over commerce while others questioned the constitutionality of extending the life of the food control act beyond the declaration of peace, as has been suggested.

Eleven Cents for Sugar.

Officials of the food administration notified the department that 11 cents a pound was a fair price for sugar and this information was transmitted to district attorneys, with the significant statement that where higher prices were being charged, there evidently was profiteering.

THERE ARE NO FOOD PROFITEERS IN OXFORD

There Is No Sugar Here At Any Price.

It is rumored around town that one of the grocers recently sold sugar at 15 cents the pound.

The Public Ledger questions the report. We may have men here mean enough to juggle with foodstuffs in the hour of the nation's peril but we do not have any one here foolish enough to attempt to do such a thing. But if there is any one here who is guilty of profiteering in foodstuffs, the detectives will land him in less than sixty days.

All special agents of the department of justice over the country have been ordered to assist district attorneys in uncovering evidence of profiteering in foodstuffs and other necessities.

Eleven cents a pound has been adjudged a fair price for sugar by the department of justice.

"Dealers charging more will be investigated," said Assistant Ames. "Ten cents a pound is a fair wholesale price. The additional penny should be enough profit for the retail dealer."

All sugar now being sold in the United States is controlled by the government throughout the United States Sugar Equalization Board with headquarters at New York. This board buys all raw sugar produced and imported.

It then sells the raw sugar to the refining companies. The board stipulates the price at which the refining concerns shall sell the sugar to wholesalers. Wholesalers are under license but their selling price is not fixed.

THE PLOT THICKENS

State Department Demands "Immediate Adequate Action" On Part of Mexico.

The Mexican bandits have captured two American aviators and are holding them for \$15,000 ransom, word having been sent that the ransom must be paid by the 18th or the men will be killed.

After eight days of suspense since the aviators patrolling the border disappeared, messages were received by military authorities at Matamoros, Texas, Sunday demanding payment of the ransom in gold to Dawkins Kilpatrick, of Candelaria, Texas.

Cattlemen attending a cowboy camp meeting at Fort Davis, Texas, raised \$15,000 in fifteen minutes Sunday and placed it at the disposal of the military authorities.

OXFORD TOBACCO MARKET WILL OPEN TUESDAY, SEPT. 9TH

At a meeting of the warehousemen of this section in Henderson last Monday, the motion to open the Oxford, Henderson, Durham and other nearby markets on Tuesday, September 9, was unanimsly adopted.

THOSE PRETTY CATALPA TREES IN MAIN STREET

Twenty-Six Were Planted and All Are Living.

Those beautiful Catalpa trees, which adorn the parkway in Main street, attracts the attention of everybody who passes that way, especially the large number of tourists. They were planted three years ago by and under the supervision of the Oxford Woman's Club.

When the club took over the parkways there was nothing in the enclosure but stiff red clay which had been a road-bed for more than one hundred years. Into this clay, holes as deep as a wash tub were dug, into which the sprouts, about two feet tall and as thick as a man's thumb, were inserted.

There were twenty-six Catalpa trees set out in Main street at regular intervals that cover a distance of a quarter of a mile. All of the twenty-six, save one, are about seven or eight feet tall, and at the noon hour cast a dense shadow upon the ground twenty-five feet in circumference.

Standing in front of the Baptist church and looking down Main street to the front door of Senior F. W. Hancock's residence, the alignment of the trees is absolutely perfect. The only dwarf or undersize tree is the line is the seventh tree from the lower end. It has the proper color and shape, but it is decidedly smaller than the rest.

Passing that point the other day and noticing that the trees was undersize, Judge Devin suggested that perhaps its growth was impeded by a stone beneath the root.

The Catalpa tree is a genius of America. It was discovered by Catesby, in Craven county, North Carolina, in 1726. It has broad, ovate leaves and is cultivated extensively for shade and ornamental purposes.

WINDING UP THE JOB ON THE LUMBERTON MARKET

Several Oxford Men Will Return In Two Weeks.

Several Oxford men who are connected with the tobacco interests at Lumberton and markets in South Carolina, spent last week at home pending the opening of the markets which were closed ten days ago on account of the strike of railroad employees.

The railroads having adjusted matters with the strikers, all of the Oxford tobacco men returned to their posts Sunday so as to be on hand at the opening Monday morning.

All of the Oxford men who have been on the market at Lumberton and in South Carolina state that prices are sky-high for medium and good grades.

Col. Ballou, who is constantly on the go and visits all of the South Carolina markets three or four times a month, estimates that it will take eighteen days or three weeks to finish marketing the South Carolina crop. Some of the men think that the job can be completed in two weeks. At any rate, all of the buyers and helpers will reach Oxford on or before Monday, September 8th.

LARGE CHICKEN HAWK CAUGHT

Justin Rankoff Will Keep It In Captivity.

A large chicken hawk lighted in the tree at the rear of the Court House late Sunday afternoon. The young men in the neighborhood got busy with bricks and stones and succeeded in dislodging the bird from its perch. One stone struck the bird and while it was falling from the tree, it spread its wings and flew with considerable force against a window on the opposite side of the street and fell to the sidewalk unconscious.

Mr. Justin Rankoff, machine operator at the Orpheum, picked the bird up. The hawk regained consciousness and Mr. Rankoff has it in captivity and is feeding it on English sparrows.

STATE CONFERENCE BEGINS SEPTEMBER 15TH

Beginning September 15, with Governor T. W. Bickett presiding, the University of North Carolina will hold a State and county council in which representatives of the State Departments of Education and Health and of the Highway, Tax and Public Welfare Commissions, together with representatives of county commissioners and of corresponding county officers will participate.

IS THIS COUNTRY DRIFTING ONTO THE ROCKS?

What Some of the Southern Papers Say of the Surrender At the Behest of Four Buccaneers.

The papers all over the country show that they have clearly sensed the significance, the real meaning, of this momentous hour in the life of the Republic.

(Baltimore Sun)

Like dictators, they establish themselves in the Capitol, and at the point of the strike bayonet forced Congress to obey their orders. They carried their defiance of public opinion so far as to announce immediately after the passage of the emergency measure by the Senate that they would not rescind the strike order until the bill became a law with the President's signature attached. And the extraordinary spectacle was presented Saturday evening at the Capitol of this country of the President of the United States having to beg the big railroad chiefs, through his Secretary of Labor, to call off the strike before his actual signature was appended to the measure, and to accept his word of honor as a gentleman that he would sign it without fail bright and early Sunday morning.

(Augusta Chronicle)

That piece of political perjury which was enacted in the House on Friday and in the Senate of the United States on Saturday—in answer to the defiant demand of certain railroad brotherhoods, which stood, "stop watch in hand," as one Senator aptly expressed it, threatening to tie up every railroad in the country unless Congress came to time with a Federal statute providing for an "eight-hour day with ten hours' pay" without arbitration—may serve to stave off an immediate clash with a certain element of organized labor, but as sure as the sun shines, it will rise again to plague this Government and its people from the highest to the lowest.

So we have the spectacle of the Government of these great United States, with their 100,000,000 of people, surrounded abjectly, with eager haste, to the unceasing, unrelenting demand of only 400,000 members.

(Manufacturers' Record)

By the side of this question that of the tariff, which has seemed supreme in importance, or that of "preparedness," vital to the nation's existence, almost seem to sink into insignificance, for what is the use of trying to save a country from poverty or to save a nation from destruction if the nation is composed of a hundred million people who are willing to sacrifice for temporary convenience, or who are willing to be blackmailed into yielding principle because of the threat of a strike, and who will suffer financially if they do not do so?

Unless either the people or their courts undo this revolutionary legislation this "stand and deliver" mandate of the buccaneer brotherhoods—then, indeed, is this great republic of ours drifting onto the rocks.

HENDERSON CLAIMS TO HAVE SOLD MORE TOBACCO THAN OXFORD

Henderson Tobacco Men Say That The Department of Agriculture Gave Out Wrong Figures.

The Henderson Daily Dispatch says that the tobacco men of Henderson are disputing the report made public a few days ago by the State Department of Agriculture, in which it stated that Henderson handled only 9,865,386 pounds of the weed in the year from August 1, 1918, to July 31, 1919.

The tobacco men claim that the statistics compiled by J. C. Cooper, of the America Tobacco Company's Henderson office, from records he kept for every day a sale was held last year show that Henderson sold 11,342,394 pounds, which is more than a million and a half above what is credited to the Henderson market by the State Department of Agriculture.

The Department of Agriculture put Winston ahead of all the markets in the State in number of pounds sold; Wilson second; Greenville third; Rocky Mount fourth; Kinston, fifth; Oxford, sixth; Henderson, seventh.

According to the Henderson tobacco men Henderson led the Oxford market in pounds sold, the average for all sold being \$37.09 per hundred pounds.

The average of the sales last season on the Oxford market was \$37.30 per hundred pounds.

GETTING READY TO MAKE THE MEXICANS BEHAVE

The Next Time The United States Goes Into Mexico There Will Be Something Doing.

El Paso, Aug. 18.—One of the largest ordnance depots in the United States is to be established at Fort Bliss within a short time. For the last two weeks large amounts of ordnance supplies have arrived and more is coming in daily.

Complete equipment of British 75 millimeter guns for two regiments will be part of the ordnance at this point. Seven new steel storehouses are to be erected at Fort Bliss. A second depot, similar to that at Fort Bliss, is being established at Brownsville, Texas.

Forty-eight one-man armored tanks of the "whippet" type have arrived from the army reservoir depot at Columbus to army posts near the Mexican border during the last two days.

IT COSTS SOMETHING TO LIVE IN NORFOLK

The Most Costly Place To Live In The United States.

Washington, Aug. 18.—The cost of living in the principal cities of the country has risen approximately to 80 per cent in the last four and a half years from December, 1914, to June this year, food and clothing showing the largest increases. Bureau of Labor Statistics issued indicate the South was affected about the same as the large cities of the North, while the Pacific coast escaped in large part the excessive prices charged.

Norfolk, Va., showed an increase of 87.05 per cent; Savannah 79.76; Jacksonville 77.48; and Mobile 76.64, while in New York it was 70.22; Chicago 74.47; and San Francisco 65.58.

Statistics were not issued for all cities of the country but only for the shipbuilding cities.

GET READY FOR THE BIG GRANVILLE CO. FAIR

To Be Held October 14-16—Liberal Premium List—High Class Amusements—Speakers of National Reputation—The Three Pretty Belmont Sisters Will Make Balloon Ascension Daily.

Everything is shaping up ready for the big Granville County Fair, which will be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, October 14, 15, and 16th. Tuesday will be known as "Soldier's and Peace Jubilee Day;" Wednesday, "Educational Day;" Thursday will be "Everybody's Day."

Prominent and famous speakers of Statewide and National reputation will be present.

Attractive and liberal premiums will be awarded in all departments by the association and the State. Competent judges from the agricultural department will be on hand to make the awards.

The amusement feature will be wholesome. A brass band will enliven the occasion and the three handsome Belmont sisters will make balloon ascensions daily.

See the formal announcement of the fair elsewhere in this paper and begin at once to make your arrangements to be on hand.

THE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Dr. Nelson Thomas authorizes the Public Ledger to cite that he hopes to call a special meeting at an early date to get the people of Oxford and the county interested in the establishment of a hospital.

Dr. Thomas sees the necessity of a hospital and believes that the necessary funds can easily be secured by systematic effort. A large number of the leading people of the county have pledged their time and means to Dr. Thomas in the great undertaking.

A PECULIAR DISEASE MAKES ITS APPEARANCE IN GRANVILLE

Chickens, Dogs and Cats, Apparently In Good Health, Leap Into the Air and Fall Dead.

Mr. Sam Daniel, the excellent superintendent of the Home for the Aged and Infirm, is greatly alarmed at the strange disease that threatens to exterminate his chickens.

Chickens, apparent in the best of health, suddenly leap into the air, make a gurgling sound, and fall dead upon the ground.

Eighteen of his flock performed this wonderful feat Sunday. And to cap the climax, the old house cat, the pet of the inmates, while crossing the yard, leaped into the air and fell dead on the spot. To be in fashion, the old dog performed the same diodes and fell upon the ground, but his vigorous constitution saved him from an untimely death.

The peculiar disease is unknown and unheard of here. Mr. Daniel came to Oxford Monday and was in consultation with the doctors and druggists with a view of eradicating the disease.

AUTO SMASHES THROUGH PLATE-GLASS WINDOW

Pedestrian James Bullock Had a Close Call.

The fifteen-year-old son of Dr. Cheatham, superintendent of the Colored Oxford Asylum, while driving an automobile last Saturday morning had the misfortune to lose control of the machine and it darted across the sidewalk and broke a plate glass window in Horner Bros. Company's store. It came near running over Mr. James Bullock, who was passing the store when the crash came.

That the machine was moving with considerable force is evidenced by the fact that one of the pillars on which rests the upper story of the building was shattered at its foundation.

Dr. Cheatham expressed a desire to make good all damages.

LIST OF THOSE WHO TOOK PART IN THE WORLD WAR

The Same Being the Honor Roll of the Oxford Graded School.

(Courtesy of Miss Jeannette Biggs) The following are the names of the boys who attended the Oxford Graded Schools whose names are on the Honor Roll of the School in the World War. Two gold stars, by the names of Winfield Taylor and Ernest Hart, represent the boys who so nobly gave their lives for their Country. This roll will be permanently arranged and closed in the near future and it is earnestly desired that any one knowing the name of any old scholar that should be placed on this roll will notify Mr. G. B. Phillips at once.

John Stedman
Beverly Royster
Roy Royster
Berkley Spencer
Bernard Spencer
Tommie Spencer
Bert Taylor
Burt Taylor
Charles Taylor
Ashbourn Capehart
Joe Taylor
Lindsey Taylor
Kennon Taylor
Jennings Walters
Guy Wheeler
John G. Webb
William Webb
John D. Williams
Frank B. Brant
Robert Harrison
Wilson Jackson
Lee Pender
William Pender
Baldy Moore
Willie Adecek
Edward Ballou
James Ballou
Edward Hicks
Ernest Howard
Hubert Curran
Sidney Curran
John G. Hall
Howard Joyner
Jesse Carroll
Garland Hobgood
Frances Hays
Henry Wrenn
George Sizemore
Harry Rann
George Rawlins
Henry Walters
William Medford
Marshall Callis
Ray Crews
Albert Barnes
Lewis Thornton
Thornton Yancey
Zack Burnett
Allen Osborn
Kersey Smith
Thomas Pace
Lewis Turner
Jack Glenn
Edgar Chappell
Richard Glass

MADE ONE DOLLAR EVERY MINUTE HE WORKED

Nothing Like Knowing How To Turn The Trick.

An Oxford speculator on the South Carolina tobacco market, who spent last week here, said that he is getting along very well and manages to make both ends meet, even if the cost of living is high.

"They don't know how to grade tobacco down in the Palmetto State. They bring it in and dump it on the warehouse floor just any old way," said the speculator. "I bought a few piles of mixed grades and rolled back my sleeves and sorted it out. It took me about two hours and thirty minutes to do the job, but my profits amounted to \$150.00."

THE LAW AND CIDER.

The Prohibition Law Don't Touch The Beverage.

The farmers in this section are afraid to convert their apples into cider lest they be arrested under the prohibition laws. They don't know where they are at on this question and nearly every day some one calls on Sheriff Hunt for enlightenment.

Senator Simmons, upon the receipt of a letter from a constituent, asking him whether or not he has a right to make cider of his fruit and if so under the present law what disposition he can make of it, took the matter up with the Attorney General who replied:

"The present law prohibits the manufacture and sale only of distilled spirits or malt or vinous liquors. Whether cider can be regarded as a vinous liquor has been a matter of very considerable doubt. I have, however, advised the Secretary of the Treasury that it is not a vinous liquor and therefore not prohibited by the prohibition law. I understand however, that the commissioner of internal revenue rules that cider is subject to a tax if it is sold as wine and that it is subject to the soft drink tax if put up and sold in bottles."

Merchants Go North.

Mr. Frank Blalock, buyer for the men's department of the Long Company, returned from the northern markets last Friday. Mr. Josh King, buyer for the other departments of the Long Company, left for New York yesterday and expects to return next Monday.

It is quaint that Henry Ford, the pacifist, has given birth to the most aggressive, bloodthirsty and reckless race of human beings ever known—the people who drive divvys.

FARMERS WANT TO KNOW HOW MATTERS STAND

It Won't Do To Fool With the Boy Handed Sons Of Toil. (Washington Special.)

Warning was given Saturday by representatives of farmers' organizations testifying before the House and Senate agriculture committees, that unless present disturbed conditions resulting from profiteering "in goods and wages," and strikes were settled soon, the country would face a far worse situation from the high cost of living next year than at present.

Farmers, they said, were preparing now for next year's crops and under present conditions they could not estimate what the probable market would be. Fear was expressed that there would be decreased production both on this account and because of President Wilson's statement in his message vetoing the repeal of the daylight saving law, placing industrial production ahead of farm output.

The House and Senate committees are considering amendments to the food control act designed to enable the Department of Justice to wage a more active campaign to prevent hoarding and profiteering and the joint session was held to hear the farmers' representatives. The committees hope to act finally on the amendments next week and rush the legislation through Congress.

MONEY FOUND AND RESTORED TO OWNER

It don't take the Public Ledger long to find the owner of a lost pocketbook. In our last issue we stated that a pocketbook containing a neat little sum of money had been found on the streets of Oxford. Sally Barns, a colored woman who lives several miles from Oxford, saw the notice and hastened to the Public Ledger office to describe the purse and contents. We referred her to Mr. J. Robert Wood, who found the purse on the sidewalk in front of his store.

It was a dark leather pocketbook and contained \$12 and a sales check made by Horner Bros. Co. and signed by one of the clerks. Mr. Wood had already consulted Horner Bros. Company, but they could not recall who made the purchase.

When Sally described the purse and contents and said that there was a little slip of paper in the purse that showed that she had bought something at Horner Bros. Company's store, there was nothing else to do but to hand the purse to her. Sally said that her husband is quite sick and that the restoration of the \$12 was a God-send.

SCARCITY OF HOUSES CAUSE DEPLORABLE CONDITION HERE

Business Man Will Sell Out and Leave Oxford.

It is indeed sad when we contemplate that there are not enough dwellings in Oxford to accommodate those who desire to settle here, but it is still more distressing to learn that one of our valuable business men will sell his business and leave Oxford because he cannot hope to secure a home for his family here when his present lease expires.

The gentleman referred to has conducted a business here for more than fifteen years and his family is in high esteem. He says that he regrets to sell his business and leave Oxford, but rather than be "dumped out" in the chilly winter months, and no where to house his family, he desires to make arrangements to sell at an early date. He is willing to pay a handsome rental and remain in Oxford, but those who have money to build houses say that it is next to impossible to build houses at present on account of the scarcity of labor and the high cost of building material.

PLENTY OF SUGAR ALMOST IN SIGHT

It Will Drop To Less Than Eleven Cents a Pound.

The people should shortly be getting all the sugar they want at less than 11 cents a pound. The United States Sugar Equalization Board has sent out word that would appear to serve as a good foundation for this belief. It develops that more than 100 ships are now engaged in bringing sugar to this country from Cuba. Some of these vessels have already arrived and others are loading in Cuban ports and will be dumping their cargoes within a short time. The board expects the refiners in this country to be working at full capacity by the end of the week.

—What has happened to Colonel House? Has he got hay fever? It seems to us that he is just the kind of chap who would be likely to have it.