

PLEA FOR GOOD TIMES.

BUSINESS TALK FOR BUSINESS MEN

Who are Making the Worst of the Present Situation.

Recently Press and Printer published an article by Barnhart Bros. & Spindler that is worth repeating. Here it is: "Hard Times! Come again no more." We all sing it, we all hope it, but do we know what hard times are? We sing it while we eat beef steak at twenty cents a pound, oysters at fifty cents a dozen, and three kinds of bread at the same meal; we shout it while we smoke cigars, two for a quarter; we think it while we stretch our legs on comfortable Brussels carpet, before a blazing grate, with well-groomed boys and expensively clad girls around us; we shout it to our neighbors across our smooth lawns, or through our plate glass windows; we groan it as we read our morning and evening papers, our plentiful magazines and our costly libraries; we dream of it on our soft and springy beds, while our coal-fed furnace keeps the whole house warm; we mander about it in our well-equipped offices, shout it through our telephones, ring the changes on it as we send telegrams and take expensive summer outings. We meet in our political, social, literary and business conventions, and ring the changes on it while we are spending fortunes with railroads, hotels, restaurants and places of amusement.

And yet, in these days we do not know what hard times are; we think we do, but we do not. The writer knows of a time within his remembrance—and he is no patriot—when, in one of the richest parts of one of the most favored states of the Union, the whole town of some two thousand inhabitants possessed altogether not over \$300 in money—all exchange was by barter; there was no cash payment because there was nothing to pay with. Among the best and richest families (and there were many who thought themselves well to do) beef steak was a once-a-week visitor; round beef was a luxury; oysters were an unheard-of dainty; corn bread was the usual, wheat the rare food; the cheapest pipe tobacco the dissipation; cold bed-rooms, scanty wood fires, woolsey and calico were in the house; 6x8 window panes were helped out by hats, old papers and rags; a weekly paper was an extravagance, and served several families. Ten books made a good, rag carpets were occasional, ingrain scarce, and Brussels a tradition; the sole vacation was a ride to the annual picnic in the one-horse shay; nobody had three, money or heart for conventions or amusements. We men worked from 5 a. m. to 7 p. m. (the aristocrats shortened the time by two hours) and the women worked at all hours.

And yet it is doubtful if there was in those times such a universal spirit of unrest and discontent, such a concert of growling, as to-day. Is it fair? Are we just? Can we afford to waste time in bewailing hard times, when times are easy on us, and treat us far better than we deserve? A manager once said with a chuckle: "The mails have been good to our house to-day; the first brought an order in every letter, and the last one brought a remittance in every letter." We all know (mayhap we are) persons who would have said: "Aha, we have fallen on evil times; the first mail brought no money and the last mail brought no trade."

Let us put aside these ugly tempers of ours; look toward the sun; smile at the shadow; all sunshine makes the desert; "it's a pretty world, senor"; enjoy its beauties, let us borrow no trouble, shed light on our neighbors; quit us like men, and times will seem (as they are) good.

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Saturday Sermons.

Selected. If many men would devote their energies one half as earnestly to the performance of duty as they do it finding some way to avoid them, how much more satisfactory their lives would be to themselves and to others. Secret prayer and communion with God is the never-failing fountain of strength and joy to a Christian. The pastor who enters into the feelings and circumstances of his people—being one of them in their sorrows as well as their joys—will live in their affections.

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Daily. Daily. Daily.
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Lv. Weldon 11 50 9 44
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Lv. Wilson 2 05 11 18
Lv. Selma 2 50
Lv. Fayetteville 15 1 07
Ar. Florence 6 55 3 14

TRAINS GOING NORTH.
No. 78 No. 32
Daily Daily
Lv. Florence 8 45 8 35
Fayetteville 12 20 10 33
Lv. Selma 1 00
Ar. Wilson 1 42 12 22
A. M. P. M.
No. 48 No. 40
Daily Daily
Lv. Wilmington 9 35 7 00
Lv. Magnolia 10 02 8 30
Lv. Selma 12 01 9 36
Ar. Wilson 12 05 9 55
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Lv. Wilson 1 20 11 55 10 23
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Train on Scotland Neck Branch road leaves Weldon 4.10 p. m., Halifax 4.28 p. m., arrives Scotland Neck at 5.20 p. m. Greenville 6.57 p. m., Kinston 7.55 p. m., Returning leaves Kinston 7.50 a. m., Greenville 8.52 a. m., Arriving Halifax at 11.20 a. m., Weldon 11.40 a. m., daily except Sunday.
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Train leaves Tarboro, via Albemarle & Raleigh road daily except Sunday, 5.30 p. m., Sunday 3.00 p. m., arrive Wilmington 7.15 p. m., 4.20 p. m., Plymouth 7.35 p. m., 5.30 p. m., Returning leaves Plymouth, Daily except Sunday, 7.30 a. m., Williamston 7.30 a. m., 9.58 a. m., Arrive Tarboro 9.50 a. m., 11.20 a. m.
Trains on Southern Division, Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Fayetteville Branch leave Fayetteville 5.30 p. m., arrive Rowland 7.11 a. m., Returning leave Rowland 7.35 a. m., arrive at Fayetteville 9.19 a. m. Daily except Sunday.
Train on Midland, N. C. Branch leaves Goldsboro, daily except Sunday 6.00 a. m., arrive Smithfield 7.30 a. m., Returning leaves Smithfield 8.00 a. m., arrive Goldsboro 9.30 a. m.
Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 6.20 p. m., arrives Nashville 7.15 p. m., Spring Hope 7.40 p. m., Returning leaves Spring Hope 8.00 a. m., Nashville 8.35 a. m., Rocky Mount 9.15 a. m., daily, except Sunday.
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2 25 9 00 Pimms Point 5 35 9 30
2 50 9 29 Drivers 5 11 9 54
3 05 9 44 Suffolk 4 57 9 51
3 43 10 18 Gates 4 23 8 51
4 02 10 38 Tunis 4 05 8 15
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5 25 11 57 Hohgood 2 54 7 19
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