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Even at that, Sherman stated it in a whisper.

Halifax County crows having mobilized for their annual autumn sortie on Spanish peanut stacks, growers of the famous nut had better be on guard.

It remains for the half-witted street preacher to remind us of the coincidence of the order for the contract for two new battleships to be given the same week.

Will the Greensboro News tell us the name of the "barker" that cried out in the News columns the attraction of the Central Carolina Fair a couple of weeks ago.

Wouldn't it have been a little more appropriate for Miss Clark's "Wear cotton" movement to have inserted "More" after "wear"? She was appealing to the tender sex we believe.

**The Price of Cotton in 1906.**

The Newton Enterprise, taking note of the absurd and demagogical attempt of Republican speakers to charge the price of cotton to a Democratic administration, recalls that in November, 1906, cotton sold as low as 6 1/2 cents and that a meeting was held in the court house at Newton and delegates appointed to attend a meeting of farmers and manufacturers in New Orleans, held to formulate plans to stem the downward price of cotton. Continuing the Enterprise says:

Many of our readers will remember that meeting in the court house. It was a non-partisan meeting. It was the mid-term election year of Theodore Roosevelt's second administration. The election was just over and nobody then or during the campaign attributed the low price to politics. Instead of crying calamity in the campaign that year and trying to turn a misfortune that all alike regretted, to the party in power at Washington and for the election of their candidates for county offices, the Democrats, and the Enterprise did its full part, counseled patience and concert action in marketing a crop that was so large that if thrown on the market hurriedly would cause much distress. This was the beginning of organized co-operation of Southern farmers. It won that year, for by spring and summer the price rose to 8 cents. If Democrats had gone over the country that year blaming Roosevelt with the price of cotton and howling politics, as Republicans are now doing, they would have made themselves ridiculous and been guilty of dishonesty and crime.

That year the crop was three or four million bales less than it is this year. There was no war anywhere in the world. The seas were open and the great mills of England, France and Germany, Austria and Russia were running on full time.

Contrast the conduct of Democrats in 1906 with Republicans this year. Instead of attributing the present low price of cotton to the war that has taken the men out of the mills of all Europe and sent them to battle, as they know is the case, and co-operating with and aiding the farmers to hold their cotton, they are playing the role of the demagogue and the enemy of the farmers.

**Honor Roll Oak City High School.**

Oak City, N. C., Oct. 20.—The following is the honor roll of the Oak City high school:

First grade—Elaise Ross, Pauline Davenport, Hazel Piland, Margaret Hines, Mary Medford, Sarah Long Johnson, Gladys Everett, Myrtle Hyman, Lucile House.

Second grade—Rudolph Whitley, Clifton Hyman, Christine Piland.

Third grade—Syble Ross, Virginia Hines.

Fourth grade—Elizabeth Moore, Selma Johnson, Annie Hurst, Mary Lee Savage, Wheeler Daniels, Herman Piland.

Fifth grade—Edgar Dimmette, Bertha Piland.

**True**

The south must take steps to take care of and protect its products after they have been made. So far as agricultural production is concerned it can be easily demonstrated that the south is wasting from 5 to 50 per cent of its energy and industry.—Wilmington Star.

**CURRENT NEWSPAPER GOSSIP.**

**Sayings of the Press About What is Taking Place Here and There.**

Now that the franchise election is over in Wilmington, what will they start for a lively time? Those Wilmington sports must have an excitement circus nearer home than Europe.—Bladen Journal.

"It is understood that Raleigh will have a warm municipal campaign next spring. Already there is talk of candidates for the jobs as commissioners, but the spring will bring out many more."—Raleigh Times.

Few persons ever go down under the weight of their own burdens and responsibilities. It is when they have to assume too many of the burdens and responsibilities of others that the crash generally comes.—Henderson Gold Leaf.

Perhaps, some folks may feel that speakers and newspapers are worrying them a powerful lot about the proposed Constitutional amendment, but they will worry much more and much longer if the amendments are not adopted.—Wilmington Dispatch.

In reducing by twenty per cent, his own salary and the salaries of all employes receiving over \$2,500 a year, President Harrison, of the Southern Railway, sets an example of retrenchment beginning at the end most capable of standing it.—Norfolk Virginian Pilot.

Just a century ago all Europe was in war against Napoleon at thirty-six he had conquered Europe. He had forced his way from petty office rank to command of the continent. The seeds of the present European war were shown in his meteoric career.—Greenville Reflector.

In the present condition of the cotton market is found an unanswerable argument why our farmers should grow less cotton, raise those things that will enable them to live at home and have some corn, oats, wheat, hay and hog meat to sell. These last named articles always bring a good price.—Gastonia Gazette.

If American industries do not get the swing during the European war, then there is no virtue in the republican cry of protection. European imports, especially from Germany, have been entirely cut off and Americans will be compelled to buy million of dollars of American made goods. The war is in effect a high protective tariff."—Raleigh Times.

A college education may not fit a young man with special knowledge for any given business, but four or five years of mental broadening will develop his intelligence and his capacity to learn and to adapt himself to the needs of business. That is, one advantage. Another is the culture that education brings, the interests to which it introduces us.—Smithfield Herald.

There is no doubt that there will be more small grain planted in Robeson this year than ever before. We hear of one thirty-two horse farm in the country that will be sown entirely in wheat, oats and rye. The owners will find that they will realize more money for small grain, followed by peas, than they would from cotton even at a fair price. Let others do likewise. It wouldn't be a bad idea to cut out cotton entirely for one year.—Lumberton Tribune.

The report of the corporation commission on the condition of the state banks shows that more is being put in the savings and time accounts by the depositors and less being carried on open accounts. There may be some ground for criticism, which has been going the rounds, that others besides the banks were guilty of hoarding, but then the spirit of saving is a good one and should be encouraged.—Kinston Free Press.

**A Good Business Stroke**

It would be a good business stroke for the farmer to exchange some cotton for blooded stock either hogs or cattle, and make for, better meats which always command a high price. Some of the raisers of fancy cattle in the state are offering to give ten and one half cents for cotton in exchange for cattle.—Williamston Enterprise.

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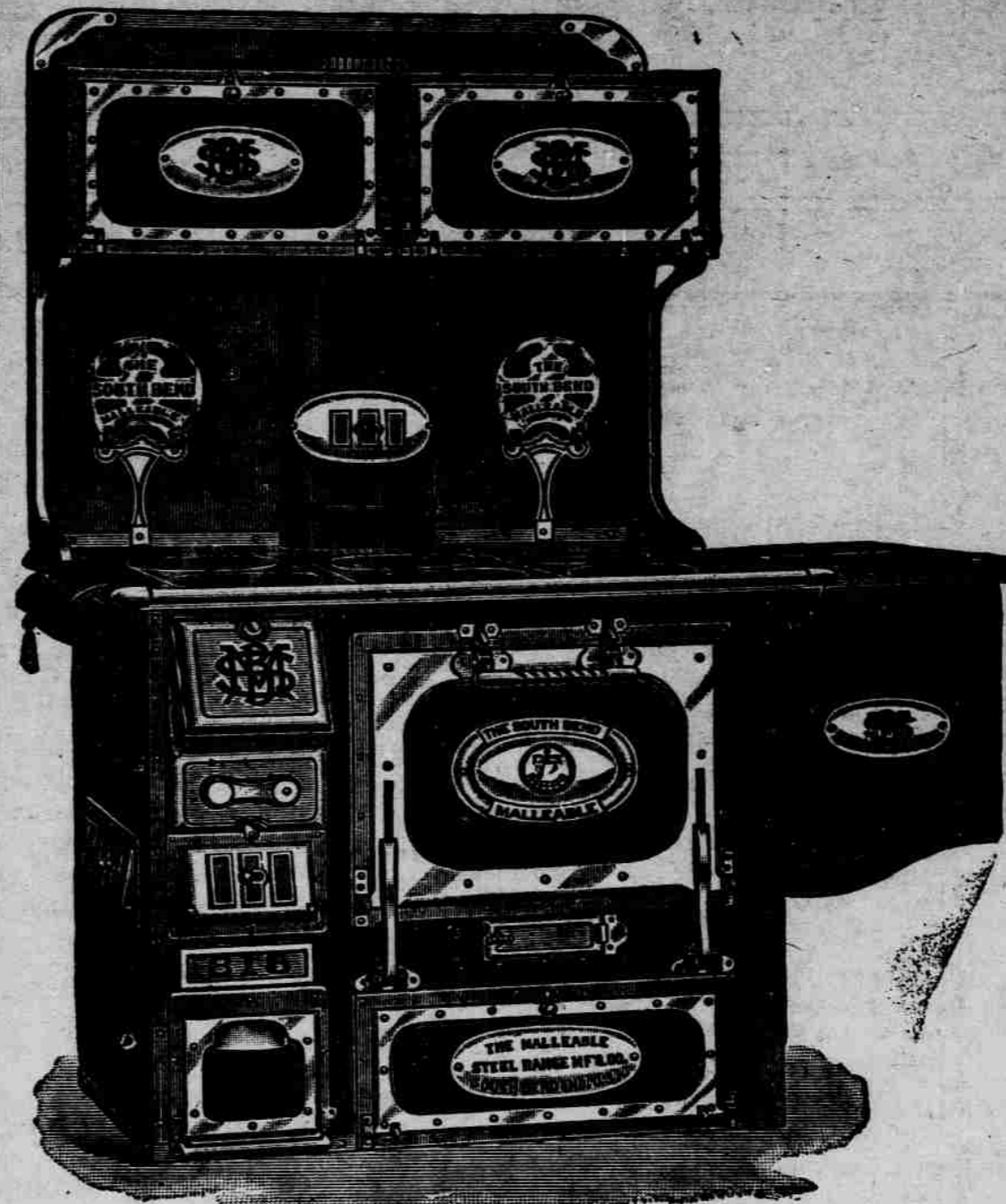
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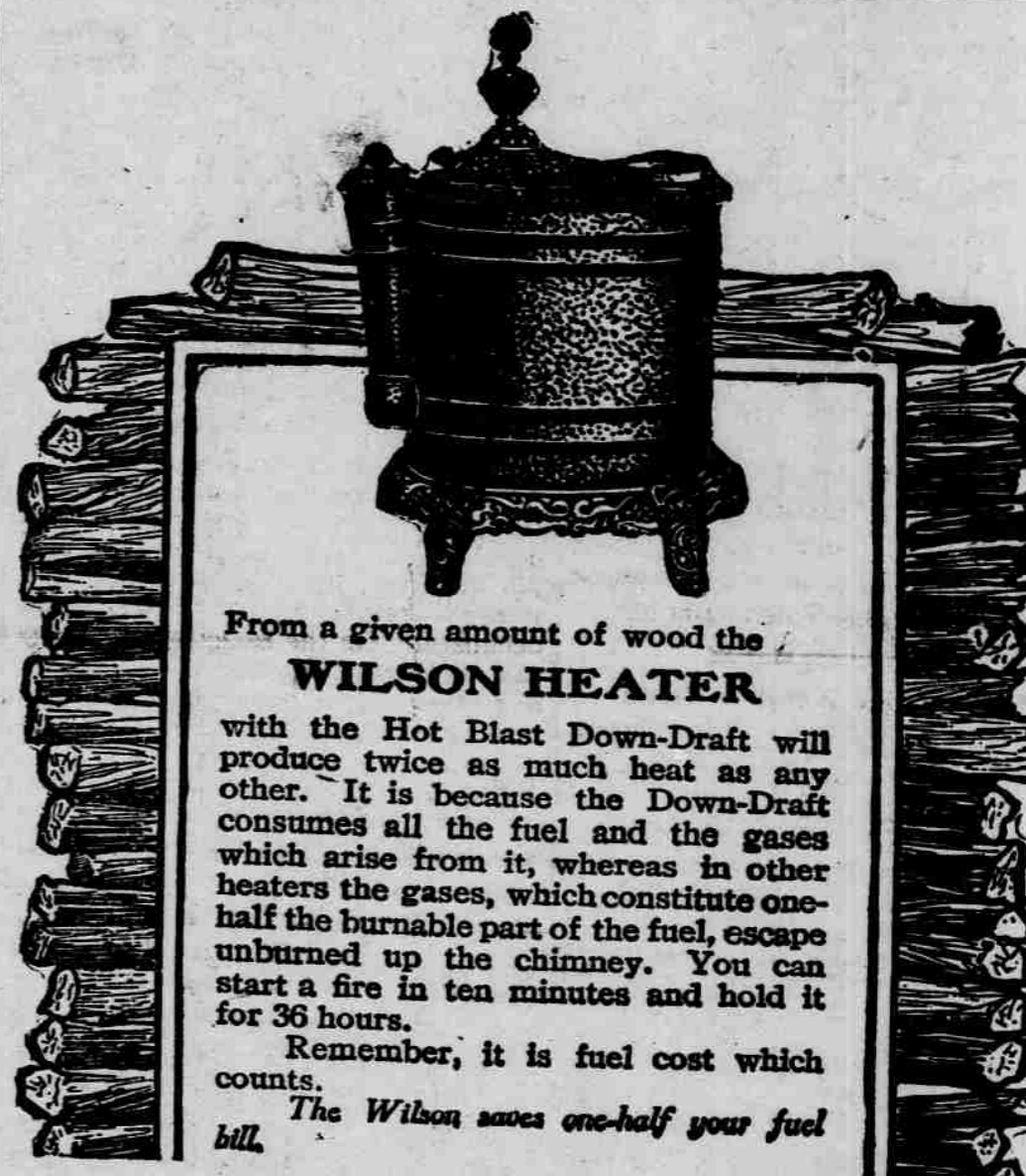
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