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**HC PRICES ROSE — AND
FELL**

Interesting conclusions may
be drawn from a recently com-
pleted analysis of wholesale and
retail prices and wages for the
years 1860 to 1872 in which tend-
encies strikingly like those of the
present day are revealed, show-
ing finally a slump in prices
which, economists and students
of market conditions say, soon
may be expected if history is to
repeat itself.

The figure of 100 is taken as the
basic level of all three in 1860.
There was a gradual rise during
1861 and 1862 and 1863, and at
the end of the last year wholesale
prices were at 150; retail prices
at 140; and wages at 130. Dur-
ing the year 1864 came the sharpest
rise and wholesale prices to the
210 mark, reaching the peak in
January, 1865. Meanwhile
both retail prices and wages had
taken a more gradual rise, the
former standing at 165 in Janu-
ary and wages being at 150.

In April, 1865, the war ended
and their came a sudden drop in
wholesale prices, which fell to
160 in July of that year and then
rallied to 180 by the end of the
year. Retail prices and wages
continued a steady rise through-
out the year; not being affected
by the end of the war and reach-
ed the respective levels of 170
and 165 at the end of 1865.

In the year following the close
of the war, or 1866, there was a
marked variation in the trend of
the three. Wholesale prices
fluctuated rather violently but
with a constant downward trend,
and they continued this down-
ward course with occasional
sharp rallies for seven years fol-
lowing the war, scoring a net loss
of from five to ten points a year,
until in 1872, just prior to the
great panic, they were at 130 or
just 30 points above the pre-war
figure.

PRAGRAPHERS AND SUGAR

The sugar supply is so uncer-
tain that the ultimate consumer
has quit making inquiries about
so small a matter as the price per
pound.—Washington Star.

In spite of the fact that it may
be called a sweet subject we have
observed that the average house-
wife becomes quite sour when
discussing the sugar shortage—
New Orleans States.

The sugar planters raise cane
in the first place that the public
may have sugar, but it is the pub-
lic nowadays that is raising can
because it can't get the sugar
that comes from the cane that the
planters raised.—Springfield (Ill)
Register.

Don't go and hoard your two
pounds of sugar. The ants may
get it.—St. Joseph Gazette.

One who wishes to can fruit
and can't, sees no sense in the old
saying: Sweet are the uses of

adversity.—Fitchburg (Mass.)
Sentinel.

AFTER FOUR YEARS

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NOTICE

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Board of Education and by order
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sioners of Halifax County, N. C.,
there is a Special Bond Election
called to be held on July 14, 1920
in Hobgood, N. C., Palmyra Town-
ship. The amount of the bonds
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bearing interest at the rate of 6
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to run from one to twenty years.
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build a School in said township
and the proposed tax rate is 20c
on the one hundred dollars val-
uation of property and 60c on
each taxable poll in said town-
ship.

By order of the Board of County
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Judges.
day of June 1920.
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J. H. NORMAN, Clerk.

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