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MR. ASHLEY HORNE'S ADVICE ON COTTON SITUATION.

Don't Sell Too Quick but Hold Your Cotton for Consumption Has Gone Beyond Production.

We reproduce the following letter from Sunday's News and Observer for the benefit of our readers:

I desire to answer some recent correspondence from farmers and others asking my views relative to the cotton crop and its probable ruling price for the coming season.

This is a problem that only time can solve, but by combining many opinions may enable the reader to be benefited. This is an unusual crop. What usually occurs in August is now being realized in September, because the crop is two to three weeks late. It is not my experience ever to get a full output from any crop two to three weeks late.

The last bureau report was, in my opinion, too high. I predict the next to be less and continue to lessen to the end of the season, and that the crop will continue to a deterioration exclusive of the damage of frost even at an average date, which will catch a large part of the crop and a larger part than ever before. General deterioration in the crop now seems to be going on from one end of the cotton belt to the other. It is the lint production per acre rather than the extent of acreage which makes the crop.

Now with an intimate knowledge of the cotton crop conditions at this season of the year, I venture the prediction that with the present unfavorable conditions so far as rust and shedding, boll weevils, dry weather, etc., the cotton crop of the season of 1903-04 beginning on the 1st, inst., may prove to be a very moderate one, not exceeding eleven million bales. What is the world's consumption? Not less than eleven and a half million bales, and will be more for the next twelve months than ever before on account of our last year's shortage and the world's progress.

For the last thirty years up to January, 1903, Liverpool seems to have named the price of cotton for the world. Since January, 1903, Wall Street and New Orleans, being nearer the cotton fields, learned the weight of the crop and seem to have taken the swing, now "here she goes, there she goes." What is the matter with cotton? Who ever heard since the days of Reconstruction of thirteen and fourteen cent cotton, sixty dollars per bale? What does it mean? It means simply that one more time in the history the cotton of the cotton planters of the South consumption has gone beyond their production. This is confirmed for it seems like thirteen and fourteen cents would have brought out the last bale in the woods. It seems to me, so far as the present crop of cotton is concerned, the farmers hold the balance of power and are in a position to take the place of Wall Street and New Orleans and name the price of cotton for some time to come. You are up to a good proposition, farmers, provided you are capable of managing it.

I recommend selling your crop slowly down to ten cents, then wait till you can be better informed as to the size of the crop. Would not hurry my crop on the market after it gets under ten cents. As I see it now, you are in a position to control the profits of your own labor. Don't get frightened should Mr. Neil and his associates come out with a twelve million bale crop. They have interests to serve. Wall Street speculators deal in margins and swing from one side to the other. It matters but little with them whether cotton is high or low, provided they see your crop is too big to corner.

The world wants your cotton and will want it bad. They know your crop will not exceed last year's crop, and they know your last year's crop stopped their spindles nearly sixty days, and cotton jumped from eight to thirteen and a half cents. This experience is too fresh and unpleasant on their minds to be caught the second time, therefore they will buy your crop more rapidly than ever before.

I admit this is early for any one to give out an opinion for the future upon a problem that so agitates the world, and I may be wrong but want to warn you of the position I think you hold. My interest cannot be a selfish one as I am on both sides—farmer and manufacturer—but mostly a farmer. I share their loss and gain. My predictions may be misleading, do your own thinking.

ASHLEY HORNE.
Clayton, N. C., Sept. 19, 1903.

To Whom It May Concern!

I am not going to tell you about grape nuts, or extracts, or baby food, or skedam shnapps, or fire and hail insurance, x-rays or radium, or railroad commission, or Aycock's educational speeches, or fool you on the "backer" market, but to let you know that the 20th day of October, 1903, is Johnston County Day at the ensuing State Fair.

This is the first double-barrel fair ever held in North Carolina. The North Carolina Masons are going to build a temple for their annual convocations, and to give all a chance to test the widows mite, the Grand Lodge of North Carolina appointed a committee of true and tried Masons to adopt ways and means to this end. They have instituted a Masonic Fair to be held during the State Fair, and it will be located in Nash Square, right at the Union Depot, in the City of Raleigh, and will be tented, and lighted, and boothed, and supplied, and presided over by fair and faithful representatives of the Masonic, Templars, Shriners, and Eastern Star Orders. Johnston county has been given a special day as above stated.

Let all attend and see the wonderful and elaborate preparations made for us.

Solomon and Hiram, and the Widows Son, and the Entered Apprentices, and the Fellowcrafts and the Overseers, and the workmen will all be there. So loose your log-line, and your tape line, and your fish line, and your plow lines, and take your setting maul, and your trowel, and your plumb and your level and your trestle-board and walk on the Masonic pavement and view Boaz and Jachin, with their lillywork and their network and pomgranite, and the columns of Tuscan and Doric, and Ionic, and Corinthian, and Composite and go through the west gate and the south gate up the winding stairs into the Sanctum Sanctorium that the Children of Israel have been toting around ever since Old Pharaoh scared them so bad and took his last bath.

Reduced rates on the railroads and free walking in the city. No excuse for not going to the feast. Let Johnston be well represented, as she doubtless will.

Written by request of Fellowship Lodge No. 84, A. F. & A. M. Respectfully,

C. S. POWELL.
Sept. 23, 1903.

A Boy's Wild Ride for Life.

With family around expecting him to die, and a son riding for life, 18 miles, to get Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, W. H. Brown, of Leesville, Ind., endured death's agonies from asthma; but this wonderful medicine gave instant relief and soon cured him. He writes: "I now sleep soundly every night." Like marvelous cures of Consumption, Pneumonia, Bronchitis, Coughs, Colds and Grip prove its matchless merit for all Throat and Lung troubles. Guaranteed bottles 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at Hood Bros. drug store.

STATE NEWS NOTES.

Some of the Week's Events Scissored and Condensed from the Press.

The State convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union will be held at Hickory October 14.

Henderson will vote on the question of a dispensary and distilleries at an election to be held October 20.

Miss Atlanta L. Bradford, of Oak Ridge, has been left \$75,000 by the will of an aunt, who resided in Texas.

Twenty-two counties have been loaned \$18,025 for sixty-four school districts—this under the recent school house loan.

An election on the question of establishing a dispensary in Kingston will be held October 27th. The town now has saloons.

A first class hotel for negroes, the finest of the kind in the South, is to be opened in Asheville October 1st. Noah Murrough will be the proprietor.

The people of the Wolf Island section of Rockingham county claim that wolves are operating in that section and there is much excitement in consequence.

The livery stable of J. J. Little, at Wadesboro, was burned with five horses and ten mules Friday night. The loss is estimated at \$6,000 with \$1,500 insurance.

The White Oaks cotton mill being built by the Cones at Greensboro will have a pay roll of \$750,000 a year. There will be 120,000 spindles in the mills.

At least twenty-five cases of appendicitis have occurred at High Point this year. The doctors seem to think that there is local cause, but are unable to tell what it is.

The Governor will be asked to commute to life imprisonment the death sentence of John Flowers, the white man recently convicted at Wilson of criminally assaulting his 10 year old daughter.

Mrs. Irene Orr, widow of Engineer Orr, of Charlotte, who was killed on the Southern Railway near Belmont, Gaston county, last May, has entered suit against the Southern for \$40,000 damages.

The steamer Alma and the freight depot of the Norfolk and Southern Railway at Elizabeth City were burned Wednesday night. The fire started on the steamer. The estimated loss is about \$100,000.

Some months ago at Dudley, Wayne county, M. B. Fields, a merchant, and A. Spruill, the railroad agent at Dudley, engaged in an affray in which Fields shot and seriously wounded Spruill. In Wayne Superior Court last week Fields was sentenced to six months on the chain gang and Spruill was fined \$1 and made to pay all the costs of the case.

Again the matter of a union depot at Durham, which threatened to become a State issue, has been settled—if it will only stay settled. Under the direction of the corporation commission the Southern, Seaboard, Norfolk and Western railroads have agreed to build at Durham a depot costing \$50,000. The contract has also been let for a new union depot at Winston and Charlotte is striving for one.

Safe crackers Saturday morning made an attempt to blow open two safes in the postoffice at Clinton. The explosion awoke several people, but the robbers made good their escape. Dr. F. H. Holmes was attending a patient at the Murphy house, just across the street from the postoffice, and as he started to leave the explosion occurred. He immediately aroused several men and hastened to the scene. It was found that the larger safe had been badly wrecked. Nothing of value was carried off by the robbers.

The Hotel Richmond building, including the Bank of Pedee, a furniture store and clothing store, at Rockingham, was destroyed by fire early Friday morning. The fire is supposed to have originated in the dining room of the hotel. The loss exceeds \$20,000.

Mr. M. M. Smith, of Raleigh, engaged Robert Young, colored, as porter on short acquaintance. Two days later Mr. Smith wanted to go on a journey and he gave the negro \$30 in silver with instructions to carry it to the bank and exchange it for bills. The negro took the money and Smith is still waiting for him to come back with the bills.

The postoffice at Troy, Montgomery county, was robbed Friday night. The robbers secured tools from a blacksmith shop, with which they drilled a hole in the safe door. Then they used their explosives, which easily opened the door. Between three and five hundred dollars in stamps and money were taken and some valuable papers.

Talk about a profitable business! If the newspaper business isn't "it" we are badly mistaken. In the last two months we have been offered shares in two gold and copper mines, nursery stock, tickets to a county fair, stock in a wireless telegraph system and a chance to purchase cotton in a Southern cotton market (sure to get in on the ground floor), that is "dead sure" to advance within thirty days, and several other good things, too numerous to mention; all in exchange for advertising space in the Sun at an advance over regular rates. If you ever want to start a collection of things you can't possibly use, get into the newspaper business.—Durham Sun.

About Rural Delivery.

On October 1st, next Thursday, six new rural delivery routes will go into operation in this county. For the benefit of those living on these new routes, we publish the following clipping:

"These routes are of great convenience to the people who live on them if they avail themselves with a lawful box, in which to deposit and receive their mail. The law requires that each family shall erect a box. The carriers make their trip once every day except Sunday. The boxes can be purchased from \$1.15 to \$2 and will last a long time. This is all you will ever have to do to get your mail brought to you, and any business that you wish to do can be done through these boxes. If you want to purchase a money order all that you have to do is to make out an application and place it in your box and the carrier will receive you for same and take your letter and money to the postoffice and purchase a money order and place it in your letter and mail it or return it in your box as you may wish. Money orders are much cheaper for small amounts than registered letters, and are also much safer. Money orders cost from 3 cents to 30 cents, according to the amount of the order, small amounts being cheaper than registered letters. Can get stamps or stamped paper through these boxes. They are the same as a postoffice placed at every man's door and cost a very little and belong to the purchaser while people who live in towns have to pay \$2 yearly for rent on a box."

Fearful Odds Against Him.

Bedridden, alone and destitute, Such, in brief was the condition of an old soldier by name of J. J. Havens, Versailles, O. For years he was troubled with Kidney disease and neither doctors nor medicines gave him relief. At length he tried Electric Bitters. It put him on his feet in short order and now he testifies. "I'm on the road to complete recovery." Best on earth for Liver and Kidney troubles and all forms of Stomach and Bowel Complaints. Only 50c. Guaranteed by Hood Bros., Druggists.

WEEKLY CROP REPORT.

Cotton Picking Progressing Well—Crops Marketed as Rapidly as Ginned, Land Washed Much.

For the week ending Monday, September 21, the weekly crop report for the North Carolina section of the United States climate and crop service says:

"The first part of the week continued fair and warm, but during the passage northward of the sub-tropical storm over western North Carolina on the 16th and 17th considerable rain fell over most of the state, with the largest amounts in the western section. At some places in the west heavy rains washed lands considerably, and high winds blew down some corn and bruised a little tobacco. The amount of damage was small, and generally the rain-fall was beneficial to all late crops, and placed the soil in excellent condition for plowing. Following the rain occurred a decided fall in temperature, and the remainder of the week was quite cool, with temperatures below the normal. Very light frosts were reported the mornings of the 18th and 19th in several western counties, without any damage to crops. The minimum temperature was 26 degrees at Asheville the morning of the 19th. During the latter portion of the week, which was fair, and favorable for farm work, owing to the excellent condition of the soil, fall plowing began to make more rapid progress, and a considerable amount of fall oats and rye were sown.

Cotton continues to open rapidly on stiff land, but rather slowly on light lands; picking is progressing well, and the crop is being placed on the market as rapidly as it is ginned. From previous reports of rust and shedding, and complaints of small bolls, it is estimated that cotton will not produce as large a crop as was anticipated a month ago. Late corn was benefited by rains, and in the extreme west the crop is still very green for the time of year; cutting old corn continues, and practically all of the corn is ready to gather in the eastern and southern portions. Gathering fodder is nearing completion. Cane seems to be an excellent crop, and making syrup is progressing with a good yield. Cutting and curing tobacco continue in Surry, Person, Stokes, Caswell, Granville and Davidson, but this work is now nearly finished, though there is some tobacco which can hardly be cut for a week or two yet. The late crop is curing well. Showers are very beneficial to turnips which are now doing nicely. Field peas appear to be bearing well and are being gathered, saving late hay also continues. Sweet potatoes, rice and peanuts are good crops. The season for fruit is passed, only some winter apples of poor quality remain.

Rains reported: Raleigh, 1.28 inches; Goldsboro, 0.78; Greensboro, 2.86; Lumberton, 0.52; Newbern, 0.76; Weldon, 0.68; Wilmington, 0.80; Charlotte, 3.20; Hatteras, 3.50; Asheville, 0.40; Liberty, 1.96; Saxon, 1.45; Mocksville, 2.60; Morganton, 1.32; Settle, 3.77; Maron, 0.79; Moncure, 0.98.

McLean-Atkinson.

The following card has been received by friends here: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Atkinson announce the marriage of their daughter Robena to Mr. Charles Edgar McLean Wednesday, October the fourteenth nineteen hundred and three Washington, D. C.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

Has world-wide fame for marvelous cures. It surpasses any other salve, lotion, ointment or balm for Cuts, Corns, Burns, Boils, Sores, Felons, Ulcers, Tetter, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Chapped Hands, Skin Eruptions; infallible for Piles. Cure guaranteed. Only 25c at Hood Bros., Druggists.

GLENN A CANDIDATE.

He Desires to be Governor and Places Himself in His Friend's Hands.

Winston-Salem, N. C., September 22d, 1903.

To the People of the State: Unable to answer all letters received, I take this method of announcing to my friends throughout the State, that I will be a candidate before the next Democratic State Convention for the office of Governor.

Having been actively canvassing the State for twenty-six years, the people know me, so I will open no headquarters and enter into no scramble for the nomination. I can campaign for my party and beg votes for my friends, but it is a new role to electioneer for myself, so I will submit myself into the people's hands, asking them to let my candidacy be known, so that those desiring to aid me can do so, by seeing that I get in the primaries, all the votes to which I may be entitled.

To be Governor of North Carolina, is a high and laudable ambition, and I most earnestly desire to attain this high office, as both a token of the people's esteem, and a proof of their confidence in me.

If nominated, I will canvass the State, using every effort to insure Democratic success, which means, the State's safety and prosperity. If elected, knowing no man or class of men, in the discharge of my duty, I will strive to advance all the interests of the State, endeavoring to procure "the greatest good to all, without detriment or injury to any." Having faith in the people I believe I will be nominated, if, however, any of my worthy competitors are selected by the Convention, I will cheerfully abide its decision, and continue in the future, as in the past, doing all I can to promote true Democracy, as my party's success is to be valued more than my personal ambition. I regret that I cannot meet the people face to face and discuss with them the great issues before us, but this seeming impracticable, I leave all to them in Convention Assembled.

Respectfully,
R. B. GLENN.

Raleigh Home Wedding.

At 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the home of the bride, on South Person street, this city, Rev. J. C. Massee joined in holy wedlock Mrs. Ida Lewellyn to Mr. N. R. Mitchiner, of Johnston county. The couple was attended by Mr. C. B. Edwards, of this city, and Mr. J. F. Edwards, of Oxford, brothers of the bride.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchiner left at 4:10 p. m. for their home, two miles from Wilson's Mills, where a large reception was tendered them.

Mrs. Lewellyn for several years past has been in charge of the folding department of the bindery of Edwards & Broughton and is held in highest esteem. Mr. Mitchiner is a well-to-do planter of Johnston county.—News and Observer.

Cherry-Smith.

The following card has been received here:

Mrs. Celestia Smith requests the honor of your presence at the marriage of her daughter, Lula Green, to Mr. Thomas Henry Cherry, on Wednesday morning, October 7th, at 10 o'clock, 118 North Wilmington street, Raleigh, N. C.

What Is Life?

In the last analysis nobody knows, but we do know that it is under strict law. Abuse that law even slightly, pain results. Irregular living means derangement of the organs, resulting in Constipation, Headache or Liver trouble. Dr. King's New Life Pills quickly re-adjusts this. It's gentle, yet thorough. Only 25c at Hood Bros. Drug Store.