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The Wisest Cotton Talk.

Among all the resolutions, orations and communications published throughout the South concerning the handling of the cotton crop this fall, it remained for Mr. W. P. G. Harding, of the Federal Reserve Board, to say the most sensible thing at the right time. He says it in the current issue of the Federal Reserve Bulletin. It is well to repeat it here and profit by what Mr. Harding says. He is in a position to speak authoritatively and his views ought to have more weight than the vapors of politicians and the hysteria of calamity howlers.

"The position of cotton today is much stronger, financially and other conditions are much better than a year ago in Mr. Harding's opinion and if the people of the South will not weaken their position by unwise action" they have little to fear. "The cotton tragedy of 1914," says Mr. Harding, "will be succeeded in 1915 by nothing more serious than a drama."

Mr. Harding warns the South in its desire to see a broad market established for cotton to do nothing to embarrass President Wilson in his conduct of international affairs. "It should be remembered," says Mr. Harding, "that the President owes a higher duty to the South, to the whole country and to mankind, at this juncture than the establishment of cotton values. Serious complication between this country and any great foreign power certainly would not enhance cotton values. The President may be trusted to do his duty as he sees it, regardless of private appeals or public clamor."—Wilmington Star.

THIS, THAT AND THE OTHER.

One day Dr. C. Alphonso Smith made this remark: "In order to get the true value of a man you must see him on his death-bed. At any rate you must see him face death. Remember Servetus, Ridley, Lattimer, and in earlier days the galaxy of apostles, Christians, etc."

I have often thought of that saying and was forcibly reminded of it when our little neighbor, Lillie Barbour departed this life. She was but a girl, a young girl who might have prayed for long years. Yet, with a smile on her lips, she calmly stepped across the shadows of the grave. Where many a strong man would have paled, she went without a tremor of the lips.

That makes us wonder at the mysterious strength there is in Christianity. Lillie selected quietly the hymns she wished sung at her funeral. I noticed those hymns: they were the grand songs of former days, songs expressing absolute trust in God. The authors of those hymns had grasped some tremendous truths; they had discerned them in the light of Christianity. This same light fell over the path that led this little girl into Eternity. She had understood and trusted.

And that brings up another thought on Christianity: somehow I believe that this is a Christian town in its manifestations of charity. I believe further that the majority of our people like to help each other. We may have our disagreements but in the hour of sorrow there is much sympathy for the neighbor. We are not always self-centered and can in the hour of need go to our fellow-citizen and extend him the hand of fellowship.

Here is an association or business concern of which the town should be proud: the Smithfield Building and Loan Association.

It was in the year 1913, the 1st of October when the association was organized. The men mainly instrumental in its organization were Mr. Royall, Mr. J. J. Broadhurst, Mr. Brooks. Several others were also active in its organization.

The first series was 411 shares, seven series were issued afterwards and to-day 854 shares are in force. Twenty-one loans have been made to home-builders representing an aggregate sum of \$14,660. This is a very fine showing.

It may be interesting to note here that the largest share-holder holds 50, the smallest share-holder one share.

Even during war-times the Building and Loan Association has done good work and to-day offers an absolutely secure, safe and sane investment. I

note also with pleasure that the association is fortunate in having as its secretary and treasurer a gentleman of unfailing courtesy. "Jack" Broadhurst is one of our most popular and progressive men. He is justly esteemed by the town.

When I read the reminiscences of men like Judge Stevens and Sheriff Powell, I unwittingly dream of the romance of the ante-bellum days. The Old South is rapidly passing away and the new industrial, commercial South is taking its place.

I was permitted to live for a few hours in that old atmosphere of romance through the kindness of Mr. Claude Smith. He took me to the old plantation where he was born. What a place for a novelist to write about the days of yore! The broad grounds, the artistic "big house," the spacious barns and the immense fields are still much as they were. It took little fancy to re-imagine the splendor of those former days: the master, the slaves, the wealth, the culture of those days. It seemed impossible that all that former beauty should have given way to the commonplace of to-day.

An excursion to this place would be a revelation to a class in North Carolina History. It would be a visualization of the past such as no hours of teaching could ever give.

Have you ever stopped to notice the courtesy of the telephone people? Mr. Dillahunt has gathered about him a crew of efficient zealous workers who delight in rendering service to the public. He is to be congratulated on his management of the local office and his help deserves the same praise. The operators are some of our finest young ladies, Misses Carletta Creech, Pauline Ennis and Nellie Sanders.

Got Caught by Sleeping on His Job.

On Friday night of last week, Will Graffenreed, of Wilson's Mills, decided to eat some chickens belonging to his neighbor, George Vinson. So he took a sack and entered his chicken house and broke the necks of several chickens and placed them in his sack. For some reason it seemed best to him to wait a little while before starting back home. He may have heard some noise or it may have been that he feared the chickens had waked some one about the place. While waiting to find out that everything was perfectly quiet he dropped off to sleep. Saturday morning the Vinson negro went to the home of Mr. W. G. Wilson and asked him to go with him to see his visitor who was still sleeping. They awoke the chicken thief and you may imagine he did not feel very much at home under the circumstances. Nothing but sleeping on his job caused him to be caught, and he will doubtless be more careful hereafter.

Wheat Acreage in Europe.

Dun's Review. War's ravages apparently have not turned the European wheat fields to battlefields as extensively as generally was supposed, according to figures gathered by the Department of Agriculture. No figures are available from Germany or Russia, but in Germany the acreage probably has been increased, and Russia's acreage probably is still the world's largest.

But in the countries of the northern hemisphere, where wheat ordinarily approximates 240,000,000 acres, eight show estimated plantings of 153,825,000 acres, against 143,652,000 acres last year. The conclusion is that despite the apparent billion bushel crop in the United States the farmers of other countries have been spurred into efforts to increase their own production.

Russia's area during the last few years averaged 80,000,000 acres. The United States now comes second with 59,417,000 acres, an increase of 11 per cent over last year. British India has 32,148,000 acres, against 28,464,000 last year; France 14,142,000 acres, not including wheat area in the region occupied by Germany, which in 1914 amounted to 860,170 acres, against 16,049,000 last year; Canada's acreage increased from 10,293,000 acres to 12,896,000; Italy has 12,528,000, an increase of 6.3 per cent; Spain, 9,784,000, an increase of 1.1 per cent; Hungary (proper) has 8,105,000, against 8,623,000 last year; Roumania, 4,805,000, against 5,218,000 last year; Denmark shows a slight decrease; Great Britain, 10 per cent increase; Luxemburg, 7 per cent increase; Switzerland, 10.1 per cent increase; Japan, 1 per cent decrease.

Child Drowned in Tub.

A negro child at the home of William Graves, who lives on the land of Mr. J. M. Vinson near Wilson's Mills, lost its life on Friday, July 30th, by falling into a tub of slops which were being saved for the hogs.

Johnsny—"Papa, what is a philosopher?" Pa—"A man with a good liver, heart, stomach and bank account."—Chicago News.

T. R. HOOD MADE PRESIDENT.

Directors of the First National Bank of Smithfield Met Monday Night and Named Successor to Mr. Woodall.

The directors of the First National Bank of Smithfield met here Monday night and after adopting suitable resolutions relative to the death of Mr. W. L. Woodall, late President of the Bank, chose Mr. T. R. Hood as his successor. Mr. Hood has been vice-president of the bank for the past year or two. For many years he has been a member of the Board of Directors and is one of Smithfield's leading and best known business men, having been in the drug business here for the past forty years. He has served the County for two terms as Treasurer, and was also Treasurer of the town for several terms. With Mr. Hood at the head of the bank it will continue to grow and prosper as in the past years.

Europe's Great Need of Coal.

The British order in council forbidding shipment of coal and coke save to British possessions is very significant as to the effect recruiting for the army is having upon the industries and productions of Great Britain.

In Australia, New Zealand and Canada the same point has been reached, and this must also be true of France and Italy, where with comparatively small populations great numbers of men have gone to the lines of battle.

It is now plain that in these countries keeping up the strength of the armies in the field for the future months means the steady reduction of the producing forces, the lessening of products and outputs, and this will compel the increase of purchases from neutral countries.

Italy, France, Spain, Holland, Denmark, Norway and Sweden will now all be in the market for greater quantities of coal, as by this order in council even the British allies are shut off from the British supply.

The immense number of naval, auxiliary and merchant vessels now in constant use between Great Britain, India, Australia, New Zealand and the Dardanelles and the great probability of others being required to convey a South African contingent from the dark continent to serve at Gallipoli or in France evidently require that every ton of coal that British mines are now producing be kept for Britain's own use.

With all their known dislike of the provisions of the munitions act recently passed by the parliament, every week will witness the enlistment of hundreds of miners, and as long as the war lasts there will now be steady diminution in the numbers of the skilled workers in the mines, and the production of coal in Great Britain cannot be increased now during the term of the war.

The call upon the coal supplies of the Atlantic coast ports of the United States will therefore become much more urgent, and the coal-carrying roads of Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania must immediately prepare for the larger tonnage they will be required to transport. The export shipments at every one of the ports of the Atlantic will be increased enormously this summer, autumn and winter, and this in itself will furnish a great stimulus for general business.—Washington Post.

According to the University News Letter Johnston County had 1,412 farms that bought stock feed when the census of 1910 was taken, or 23 per cent of the whole. Dare County stood at the head of the list, only 12 farms having to buy stock feed, while New Hanover stood 98 on this list. Johnston ranked 17.

Last June Canada had 29,304 miles of steam railroads and 1357 miles of electric railways.

ROLLER MILL RUNNING.

The Smithfield Roller Mill is now running and I am prepared to grind wheat and give you good flour on short notice. Mr. W. J. Bailey, an experienced miller, is in charge.

R. O. COTTER.
Smithfield, N. C.

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We have not enough copies of our issue of Friday, June 4, for our files. If some of our subscribers who happen to have a copy of The Smithfield Herald of above date will kindly send it to us, we shall greatly appreciate it.

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**THE BIG
Banner Warehouse**
Smithfield, North Carolina

To All Our Farmer Friends:

It is with great pleasure that we announce to our friends the opening of the Big Banner Warehouse on Tuesday, August 17th. Since last season we have made some very needed improvements which will be very beneficial to you and your stock. Our floor space now covers nearly one acre and we can place two hundred loaded wagons in our drive way at one time. Your tobacco will not now be jammed together on the floor as it used to be and you will not be bothered about getting your empty wagon out of back lot, for now we have two back gates, one on east and one on west side of lot. Also have plenty box stalls and a fine well of water. Two nice grading rooms attached to Warehouse and two large Prize Houses. We have a very competent office force. Mr. J. N. Cobb will be bookkeeper and weigher; Mr. Paul Eason will be his Assistant. Mr. N. M. Lawrence, Sr., will pay off for us. Mr. S. A. Moore will have charge of the Grading Room and also be floor manager.

When your last pile of tobacco is sold you go to office and your check will be waiting for you. All the large Companies will be represented on our market by the same gentlemen who were here last season. We will have no trouble in getting money to pay for this crop.

The Banner Warehouse is in better position to take care of this crop than ever before. We have sold every pound of tobacco that we bought last season and expect to buy a large percent of this crop. We can not now tell what the prices will be, but think good ripe tobacco with some color will sell very well. Be sure you let your tobacco get thoroughly ripe before you house it and do not take it out of the barn too soft. Start with us and finish with us and you will never regret it.

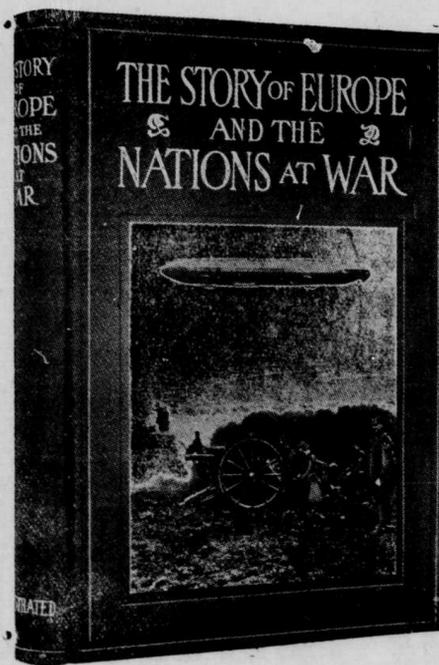
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