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WHAT IS A COTTON BEAR?

Well may this question be asked.

In the Manufacturers Record is given a definition that can not be disputed.

"Every man who seeks to break down the price of cotton is to the extent of his ability and influence striving to impoverish the cotton grower, to keep small children in the cotton field instead of in school, and to keep hundreds of thousands of women at work in the fields instead of caring for the homes, their husbands and the children; he is striving, consciously or unconsciously, to keep millions of people in the slavery of poverty and ignorance more desperate by far than the slavery of the black man prior to the Civil War. Every manufacturer, every cotton factor, every speculator who seeks to bear the cotton market is guilty of a crime which in this day is more culpable than was the trade of the slave-trader in olden days."

BEARS AT OLD TRICKS.

The bears on the cotton exchange are again up to their old tricks, trying to hammer down the price of cotton.

In the face of the government report, that predicted a cotton crop of six and one-half million bales of cotton, they are turning heaven and earth to discount this report, by stating in their propaganda that the government has underestimated the crop of 1921.

To offset this pernicious propaganda, Secretary of Agriculture Wallace will issue a statement that will put a fly in their pie.

And it also stated that some startling statements will be given by the expert detectives of the American Association.

There was a time when rumors would count for facts, but this insidious bear will now be fought with fire, and the day is not far distant when these contemptible gamblers would be branded as the worst enemies of our country.

A pastor in Worcester, Massachusetts has requested a salary reduction. His reason for this was because the members of his parish had been compelled to accept wage cuts of from 10 to 20 per cent, and therefore he believes it only fair to stand by his congregation. What a sermon this would be to the railroads and the labor unions if they would only heed it!

If what "Cyclone" McLendon, evangelist, did to Spencer and Atlanta means anything Tarboro is due for a real shaking up.—Greenville News.

Yes, Brother Hedrick, that's what the Tarboro people are looking for, and we don't think they will be disappointed. McLendon is a shaker.

GARDNER INSECTS STILL ALIVE.

A few days ago The Southerner published a statement that a piece of coral had been discovered in Fishing Creek near Tarboro, or what purported to be coral.

The Raleigh Evening Times eventually read this short article and published the following on its editorial page:

"Piece of coral has been discovered in Fishing Creek near Tarboro. Probably consists of the bones of some of the insects who supported Max Gardner in both of the primaries."

We wish to inform our distinguished friend of the Times that the Gardner insects of old Edgecombe county have never regretted their support of Max Gardner. We can't say this of some other "insects" whom we know.

If the Times thinks of Gardner's supporters as bones of insects, let him come down and examine for himself. We propose not to treat him as badly as Matt does it.

Alamance county won at the State Fair last week a prize of \$500. It was an agricultural exhibit of the county, that contained 763 articles, including the various kinds of farm products gathered from all sections of the county. Alamance is to be congratulated, but what we want to know is what is the matter with Edgecombe? Our county ought to have had that prize.

The special session of the legislature will be called in session on December 6th, 1921, says a recent statement from the governor.

The sweet potato storage warehouse that was recently erected in Rocky Mount is now meeting with a hearty response from the farmers of Nash and Edgecombe counties.

Some one a few days ago asked the question, why did not Tarboro have a storage warehouse? The only answer is that our people in this section do not raise a sufficient amount of potatoes.

Governor Morrison in speech at the negro fair, said: "I never heard of a bolshevist negro in my life." Come to think of it, who has? The governor is about right.

President Harding recently said that social equality between the races must not be considered. And yet the Republican party appointed a big black negro from the state of Georgia as national committeeman, and this is in absolute keeping with what the president says again: But the black man must have an increased political, economic opportunity if the American nation is to live true to its traditions of democracy.

It goes without saying that any state in which 82 per cent of the population is engaged in production on the farms the biggest part of the industrial machine is agriculture. Agriculture constitutes the biggest buyers, the biggest wealth producers, and the biggest wealth investments of any other class of people in this state and in this nation, and is the most important part of the economic machine in the South. And when it gets out of fix it affects all other parts.

The above is taken from a speech delivered before the recent session of the N.C. Producers Association by D. J. Y. Joyner.

It is an old saying that when the farmer fails, everybody else fails, too, and that when the farmer is prosperous, prosperity is abroad in the land. Especially is this true in a country like the Southern states and the West.

But somehow or other, the farmers' prosperity does not depend on good crops or fair crops.

If he gives the world all the wheat it wants and has a little more, he is ruined by over-production, and in case he makes not enough, he does not have sufficient means to supply his needs.

In America, the farmer receives for every dollar's worth of produce sold to the consumer or only about 8 to 10 per cent, while in Denmark, he receives 72 per cent.

The farmer is not an expert buyer, nor is he an expert seller. His business is to produce and make wealth. His mind is not drilled in the intricacies of the business world, and therefore if he wants to dispose of his produce upon a sound and profitable basis, he must employ trained men to get the best price for his goods.

The only way to get the best price for a farmer's produce is to have a representative plan that is sound in principle and is a practical demand having prices and a cash value.

As he is now, he stands helpless up his cotton and other farm produce at the other fellow's price and says nothing. He simply asks the price and humbly takes it.

We believe under the cooperative plan of selling the farmers are in sight of the promised land. Yet there are some who will doubt and hold off.

Lord Robert Cecil says that in the future there will be no such thing as one side winning a war and the other side losing in the old way. Time was when a powerful, aggressive nation invaded a weaker nation and the conquering soldiers then brought home rich loot or earned new and valuable territory. But the late war with Germany has proved that the victor of the modern war gains nothing material.—Lincoln (Nebraska) Star.

In the war now going on between the railroads and the operatives, it may be interesting to ask what thing material will be gained for either side. If Cecil's above statement of fact be correct?

GUARDS GO ON TRIAL FOR MURDER OF A CONVICT

SPARTANBURG, Oct. 28.—Thomas Hatchette and Lee Porter, former guards of the Spartanburg county chaingang, were placed on trial today charged with murder in connection with the death of Thomas Keelan, a convict.

WOULD PAY BONUS FROM CORPORATION TAX FUNDS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28.—Senator Reed introduced an amendment to the tax bill today providing that taxes on corporation excess profits to provide a fund to pay bonuses to veterans.

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