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INDUCEMENTS TO BREACH MARKETING CONTRACTS

MADE A MISDEMEANOR BY THE LEGISLATURE OF NORTH CAROLINA; THOSE ATTEMPTING THESE BREACHES ARE LIABLE TO BE PENALIZED \$500 FOR EACH OFFENSE.

Recently many reports have reached the Southerner of attempts that have been made by some parties to induce some farmers to breach their contracts with the Cooperative Marketing Associations.

It has been rumored that some farmers have been told that they had a perfect right to sell their tobacco wherever they wish to do so and nothing could be done by the law.

There is another rumor that some farmers have been approached to make fake mortgages and liens in order to embarrass the association and prevent the signer from complying with his contract that he has signed.

These rumors and reports have been heard recently by the Southerner and we think it is high time that the people generally know what the law has to say on this question.

In the Laws of 1921, Chapter 87, section 25, will be found the following: Misdeemeanor: Breach of marketing contract of cooperative associations; spreading false report about the finances thereof.

Any person or persons, or any corporation whose officers or employees knowingly induces or attempts to induce any member or stockholder of an association organized hereunder to breach his marketing contract with the association or who maliciously and knowingly spreads false reports about the finances or management thereof shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine of not less than \$100 and not more than \$1000 for each such offense, and shall be liable to the association aggrieved in a civil suit in the penal sum of \$500 for each such offense: Provided, however, this shall not apply to a bona fide creditor of any member of stockholder of such association or agents thereof or attorney of any such bona fide creditor, endeavoring to make collection of the indebtedness.

SUFFOLK BAND ENGAGED FOR THE CONVENTION

Preparations are still going on for the state convention of the Colored Firemen of the state that meets here Aug. 15 to 17.

The Suffolk band has been engaged for this occasion and the different committees are hard at work to make this convention what it should be.

Let everybody get behind the colored fire boys and give them a boost that our people know how to do.

The president of the company is George Lucas, foreman Luke Lloyd, and H. D. Knight is the secretary.

PARIS, Aug. 3.—Separation of the Rhineland from Germany with its own parliament and government and separate financial regime supervised by the allies, is part of the scheme of penalties presented to Premier Poincare as representative of opinion of the French parliament and which he is known to have taken under consideration.

Have Returned From Salisbury

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Speight, who have been spending some time with their daughter, Mrs. Francis Muddock, of Salisbury, have returned home. Mrs. Speight's many friends will be glad to learn that her health has greatly improved.

Mrs. B. F. Eagles Some Better Today

The Southerner is glad to announce that the condition of Mrs. B. F. Eagles this morning showed a little improvement, though she is still dangerously sick.

NOT FIGHTING ALL PRESS, HE SAYS

"I don't believe the people of North Carolina expect their governor to be harassed and blackguarded by a few newspapers as I have been since I entered office," said Governor Morrison yesterday, taking keen exception to newspaper reports of his speech before the Farmers State Convention Tuesday. "Three-fourths of the newspapers in the state are very friendly to me and it is inconceivable that I should have assailed the entire press of the state."

The governor stated that his remarks were aimed at one particular paper which he called by name. He admitted that in the course of his address, which was heated, he used some general terms but the object of his attack, he maintained, was the one paper.

"Since I have been governor every newspaper man here has been treated courteously in this office," the governor continued, "even those who were unfriendly to me."

Furthermore, the governor declared, that he will carry the fight on some newspapers which he says have attempted to deride and degrade the governor into the campaign this fall, and he expects to make it warm for them.

"I have no objection to honest criticism or difference of opinion, so long as I am treated in a dignified way, but the efforts to blackguard and belittle the governor is a slur on the state," he declared.

MOTORISTS IN AFRICA NEVER TRAVEL WITHOUT HORNS

NAIROBI, Kenya Colony, East Africa, July 1.—The toot of a single motor horn has been found sufficient, in Africa, to quiet stampeded oxen and cause a trio of flesh-hunting lions to slink away into the bushes.

Two native drivers were recently conducting a wagon drawn by 16 oxen to the railroad camp, in the wilds near Nakuru, the site of the new Usin Gishu railroad, when the spans were attacked by three lions. The drivers fled to nearby trees. The oxen became panic stricken and dashed down the rough road, dragging along the body of one ox, killed by the lions, with the swaying wagon behind them. The lions followed their prey.

This was the mad procession that greeted a lone motorist at a curve of the road. He had no rifle, and it was almost an unconscious movement that took his hand to the horn button. At the first sound the lions seemed nonplussed. The motorist then blew loud and long, as the uncanny and sustained shriek rose above the clamor of the frightened animals, the lions slunk away among the rocks, headed for the shelter of the bush, and the oxen swung clear of the dust-covered automobile and came to a stop at the side of the road.

FIGHTING AND BIBLE READING INSEPARABLE IN CHINA.

NEW YORK, Aug. 3.—Wars and politics around Peking do not interfere with the sale of the Scriptures.

The American Bible Society has announced that it recently shipped from its headquarters in Shanghai 187,000 Bibles to the sub-agency in Peking. This was the largest single shipment ever sent out in the history of the society's work in China.

A year ago a record-breaking consignment of 588 packages was sent by mail, through the efficient Chinese postoffices, to Szechuen. Although this order fell into hands of robbers along the Yangtze river, the books were ultimately all delivered.

THE BATTLEBORO HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

The Battleboro high school will open up in its new building on Sept. 4. This is a very handsome structure and was erected this summer. Its cost is \$40,000.

Curtis Crisman is the principal. Miss Mary Robertson, Miss Nellie Turkington, Miss Jessie McKee, Mr. F. G. Elliott and Miss Margie Perry compose the faculty.

RETURNED TO RICHMOND.

Mr. Jesse Meeks, who was here to attend the funeral of his sister, Mrs. B. F. Moore, has returned to his home in Richmond.

Mrs. Lena Martin, who has been on a trip to Canada, returned home last night.

THURSDAY'S PROGRAM.

Below is given Thursday's program of the North Carolina Farmers and Farm Women's Convention that is in session at Raleigh:

"The man who uses hook and line Pulls in his single fish, But who join hands and pull a sein Get all that heart can wish, And each man's share is greater far. In size as well as weight. The secret of success is this—

C O - O P E R A T E "

Thursday Morning.
Both Sections—Men.
Pullen Hall.

How Cooperative Marketing is Actually Working:
9:00-9:45—Cotton: Dr. B. W. Kilgore, Director.

9:45-10:30—Tobacco: G. A. Norwood, President, Tri-State Tobacco Growers Association.

10:30-11:00—Peaches: Hon. Robert N. Page.

11:00-11:30—Cooperation Among Fruit and Truck Growers: C. D. Matthews, State Horticulturist.

Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor; for if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow; but woe to him that is alone when he falleth, for he hath not another to lift him up.—Ecclesiastes.

Justice commands us to have mercy upon all men, to consult the interests of the whole human race, to give to every one his due, and injure no sacred, public, or foreign rights, and to forbear touching what does not belong to us.—Cicero.

Thursday Morning.
Separate Session—Men.
Eastern Section—Men.
Pullen Hall.

11:30-12:00—Cotton Boll Weevil: Franklin Sherman, State Entomologist.

12:00-12:30—What Grass and Livestock Can Do for Eastern North Carolina: Otis F. McCrary, District Agent.

12:30-1:00—Practical Poultry Production and Demonstration of the Equipment: Allen G. Oliver, Poultry Club Agent.

Western Section—Men.
Room No. 1, Holladay Hall.

11:30-11:50—Fertilizing Crops for Better Seed Production: Piedmont and Mountain Sections: W. F. Pate, Agronomist in Soil Fertility, North Carolina Experiment Station.

11:50-12:20—The Control of Disease Carried by Field Crop Seed: F. A. Wolfe, Division of Plant Diseases, North Carolina Experiment Station.

12:20-12:40—Rate and Date of Seeding Wheat and Oats: G. M. Garren, Division of Agronomy, North Carolina Experiment Station.

12:40-1:00—Early Maturing Soybeans and Their Value to the Piedmont and Mountain Sections: P. H. Kimef, Division of Agronomy, N. C. Experiment Station.
Dinner, 1:00 to 2:00.

Thursday Afternoon.
Joint Session—Men.
Pullen Hall.

2:00-2:30—Business Meeting.

2:30-3:00—Election of Officers, Resolutions, etc.

DR. CLARENCE POE AND DR. KILGORE IN THE CAMPAIGN

RALEIGH, Aug. 3.—Dr. Clarence Poe, editor of the Progressive Farmer, who was the first man to sign the marketing contract for members of the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative Association, will take active part in the sign-up drive this month to secure a total of 600,000 bales of cotton for the association. He will make his first address in the campaign at Dunn, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Dr. Poe will speak at several other points in the state later and will also take an active part in the cotton campaign in South Carolina.

Dr. B. W. Kilgore, director of the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service, who was the second Tar Heel to sign the marketing contract of the association, is giving much of his time to the present membership campaign. He has already spoken at several points in the state. He will make an address at Littleton on Friday and Saturday he goes to Tarboro, where he will speak at 2:30 in the afternoon at a mass meeting of cotton farmers.

Dr. Kilgore will make a series of addresses in the interest of cooperative marketing of cotton next week beginning at Lillington, where he speaks Monday morning in the court house, at 11 o'clock. In the afternoon of the same day he will speak at Sanford. Tuesday he will be at Pineview, in Harnett county, and Wednesday he will make an address at Angier.

J. A. Evans, of the United States Department of Agriculture at Washington, who has been taking an active part in the cooperative movement has been secured for three addresses in the state. He will speak at Greenville Friday, and Saturday afternoon he will be at Snow Hill. On Monday, August 7, he will make an address in the court house at Monroe, at 11 a.m.

EAST CAROLINA CROP OF TOBACCO IS BAD

GOLDSBORO, Aug. 2.—Tobacco crops in eastern Carolina are the worst ever, in the opinion of G. Wray Holt, manager of the Imperial Tobacco Company, who has just returned from an inspection of them.

He predicts not more than a 50 per cent yield around Kinston, Greenville, Rocky Mount and perhaps Wilson. Heavy rainfall is given as the reason for the low grades of tobacco in this area.

Back toward Smithfield and in the area that extends from there to Fuquay Springs, the crops get better and a fair yield is expected from many of the farms in that locality.

But tobacco or no tobacco, it cannot stifle talk of the opening of the cooperative association here today. The cooperators believe that the poor yield expected this year will be one of the greatest strengths added to their cause. They say that all the great loss in the past has been on the poor quality of tobacco which they were forced to sell for whatever they could get for it, while this time they claim that by being in league with the growers of the western part of the state where the fine qualities of tobacco will result this year, they can force the price up on the poor grade.

Officials of the tobacco companies have little to say on the subject of cooperative marketing except that they do not know the opinion of their companies for the very good reason they have not expressed an opinion.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Aug. 3.—A smashing victory for the Farmers' Union, labor element and opponents of the Ku Klux Klan in Oklahoma was indicated today, when returns from 1783 out of 28037 precincts gave Mayor Walton of Oklahoma City a lead of 21,000 over R. H. Wilson, reputed to have the Klan support, in the gubernatorial race.

PROHIBITION IN MICHIGAN POLITICS

DETROIT, Aug. 2.—The wet and dry question is expected to play a leading part in the political dramas that will be enacted in Michigan this year.

Decision of the Michigan division of the National Association Opposed to Prohibition not to submit to the voters next fall a proposed amendment permitting the sale of beer and light wines within the state in the event of the Volstead act's modification, leaves this organization free to press its fight in the various senatorial, congressional and legislative campaigns, it was indicated.

In announcing submission of light wine and beer amendment would be postponed, at least until the state election in the spring of 1923, Robert Wardell of Detroit, secretary of the anti-prohibition organization, declared his group would concern itself in every division of the campaign in Michigan this year, both in the primaries and general election.

This announcement closely followed one by the state division of the Anti-Saloon League, that said the drys were busy checking the record of every candidate for public office and would make a flat-footed declaration concerning the league's stand on each candidate some time before the days set for balloting. The league already has undertaken its investigation of each candidate, it is announced, and declarations are expected within a short time.

The wet forces announced their decision to withhold submission of a beer and wine amendment was made because at the time there was a possibility that the so-called anti-prohibition school amendment might be submitted again this year. This latter proposed amendment would require an affirmative vote for passage while the wet amendment would require the same sort of an expression. The fear was expressed by the wets, Mr. Wardell said, that those opposed to the school amendment might vote "no" on all questions to make sure they had registered opposition to the one.

WHAT VIENNA DRINKS TO QUENCH ITS THIRST

VIENNA, July 14.—This city consumed in the past year 113,992,500 liters of beer, 46,357,900 liters of wine and 2,436,200 of spirits, according to figures just published. Taking the population at nearly 2,000,000, this was a per capita consumption of 62 liters of beer, 25 of wine and 4 of spirits, a total of 91 liters, or a little over 95 quarts.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Aug. 3.—With women voting for the first time in state elections, candidates are being nominated today in Tennessee for senator, representatives, governor, and state offices.

Mrs. George Pennington and son returned yesterday afternoon from Maxton, N. C.

WESTERN EUROPE GETTING BACKITS TELEGRAPH LINES

MOSCOW, July 7.—The overland telegraph route from London and Western Europe to the Levant, Persia and India, operated before the war by the Indo-European cable company, soon will be re-established. From England the line will run to Emden; thence overland thru Poland and Russia to Odessa, and thence by cable to Constantinople where the Indian connections will be made.

Most of the Russian section of the line is in fairly good shape.

"Look, fadder, there iss a fly in my soup."
"Sh—eat the soup until you come to de fly. Then tell the waiter, and he will bring you another dish."
—Pithy Paragraphs.

LULL TODAY IN PEACE MANEUVERS IN STRIKE

NORTH CAROLINA COTTON REPORT

RALEIGH, Aug. 2.—"Cotton is holding its own in spite of the boll weevil and bad June weather," reports the Cooperative Crop Reporting Service of the Departments of Agriculture.

"The latest condition of the crop in Edgecombe county is reported at 73 percent of a full crop with the state average of 78 per cent or a crop of 849,000 bales, this being about 7 per cent of the south's forecasted production.

"Last year, the cotton condition were very poor to begin with but the late summer and fall were unusually favorable, with a large reduction in acreage. North Carolina perhaps made her largest per acre yield and that with reduced fertilizers."

"This year, the wet weather has done considerable damage in the eastern counties, and the boll weevil along the south border is destined to receive full recognition from now until October.

"This year's 13 per cent increase in this state's cotton (1,601,000 acres) brings the total area almost back to the 1920 large crop. A month ago, we had an average condition of the belt. North Carolina ranks first as the largest user per acre of cotton fertilizers 406 lbs. and of the percentage of the acreage fertilized 95 percent.

LANSING, Aug. 3.—A number of automobile factories in Michigan are facing a fuel shortage that may compel a shutdown within the next few days, according to reports to the state public utilities commission.

The Ford Motor Company reported it had a fourteen day supply and unless a fresh shipment comes from unlooked-for quarters it might be forced to cease operations.

AMERICAN GOODS FLOOD THE "THIEVES MARKETS" EUROPE

RIGA, July 10.—The so-called "thieves markets" of Europe are today crowded with the product of American factories. When the American army went home, enormous stocks of equipment of various kinds were disposed of in France and Germany, by sale and otherwise, and much of this surplus has found its way to the many open air gatherings of the continent where men and women bargain for a miscellaneous mass of articles under the tacit understanding that one must not inquire whence the things come.

In the market of Riga, covering an area of two blocks, there are offered for sale daily large quantities of U. S. army paraphernalia, particularly clothing, and sanitary articles bearing the names of different American relief organizations. American phonographs give daily concerts of American airs, which invariably attract the crowds from the music of competitors with their German machines playing Russian tunes. American sewing machines, too, are on sale in some stalls, and in others there are American made knives and forks vieing with German, Polish and Russian manufactured goods of the same kind. Also there are thousands of old and worn collars, still carrying the mark which gives their birthplace as Troy, New York.

The purchaser takes his pick at his own price, provided he can reach an understanding with the polyglot store keeper, who will bargain with him in any one of the four or five languages now current in the streets of Riga.

NEW YORK, Aug. 3.—The Standard Oil Company of New Jersey today announced a reduction of two cents a gallon on gasoline.

CHICAGO, Aug. 3.—There was a lull today in the peace maneuvers in the rail strike. Strike leaders turned their attention toward Washington, where the president had a telegram sent by the shopmen accepting his peace proposals on condition that the union's interpretation of settlement suggestions be recognized.

Rail executives are also awaiting news from the capital after their acceptance of the president's suggestions, except that relating to their seniority.

CHICAGO, Aug. 3.—Robert Johnson, aged 42, an employe of the Illinois Central shops at Burnside, was beaten to death this morning by four unidentified men, police reported.

The assailants escaped. Witnesses told the police that the men accosted Johnson and asked him not to go to work, then attacked him.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 3.—With a lead of nearly nine thousand on the face of unofficial returns from all but 442 out of 3848 precincts, supporters of Senator James Reed today declared he had defeated Breckinridge Long for senatorial nomination. Long expressed confidence, however, that he would be successful.

Fine Display of Scissors.

Mr. Syd Brown may not know how to use scissors, as is the case with most men, but he certainly knows how to display them, as he has done in the window of Marrow-Pitt Hardware Company.

Miss Mary Elliott McCabe after several weeks' visit in Augusta, Ga., and Columbia, S. C., has returned home.

TARBORO AGAIN LOSES.

Tarboro again lost at the game in Greenville yesterday by a score of 6 to 1. Tarboro had three pitchers in the box and lost out. Batteries, for Tarboro, Crump, Cobb, Webb and McQuinn; Greenville, Boehling and Keating.

Washington had to give up the sponge three times this week to the Farmville boys, who have been playing some ball.

With a score of 13 to 2 in favor of Kinston, the New Bern team lost their rabbit's foot yesterday. New Bern went to pieces with ten errors in this game.

AROUND CONETOE.

Mrs. Frank Liles is visiting Mrs. J. B. Warren and Mrs. Rush Stancill. Mr. and Mrs. Carey Raper of Winston-Salem spent Tuesday here.

Miss Francis Warren went to Greenville yesterday.

Mrs. Acra Mayo and Miss Lydia Mayo spent Tuesday with relatives.

Mrs. C. M. Thigpen spent the week end in Wilson attending the Primitive Baptist Union.

Misses Lou and Harriett Warren attended the union meeting last Sunday at Conoh church near Oak City.

Mrs. T. L. Worsley and children, after spending last week with her sister, Mrs. J. E. Bulluck, has returned to her home in Rocky Mount.

CHICAGO, Aug. 3.—Ten thousand shopmen on the Santa Fe, who have formed an association of new employes, today telegraphed Chairman Hooper of the Labor Board demanding that their rights be safeguarded in any settlement of the shopmen's strike. They are entitled, they said, to protection in seniority rights acquired during the strike.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—Great Britain's note to her debtor nations suggesting cancellation of the whole interrelated indebtedness will cause no change in the policy of the United States toward its foreign debts, it was stated officially today at the Treasury Department.