

FARMERS, MERCHANTS, AND BANKERS SHOULD FIGHT FOR 12c. COTTON

"Twelve-Cent Prices Are Justified by The World's Demands, by The Crop Outlook, by The Financial Condition of The Country and by The Opportunities Now Afforded by The Federal Reserve System"—A Campaign to Save \$250,000,000 to Southern Growers

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To the Editor The Advance:

I beg space in your columns, Mr. Editor to present a subject of utmost importance to our Southern country. There is no doubt in most thoughtful minds but that the South's cotton crop is going to be worth \$750,000,000 to the men who own it next Spring but it is worth only \$500,000,000 to the producers at present prices—and it is to save to Southern growers and to our Southern country this extra quarter of a billion dollars that the united energies of press and people should now be directed. The fundamental facts seem to be clear:

1. Cotton, even though the new crop of 1915 has started coming on the market, is still selling on the basis of prices fixed by last year's 17,000,000 bale crop.

2. These prices must soon be adjusted, however to fit the conditions of a 12,000,000 bale crop (or probably about a 10,000,000 or 11,000,000 bale crop), and this adjusted price ought at the very least to reach twelve cents a pound for middling.

As briefly now, as clear argument will permit, I wish to point out and emphasize the truth of these statements.

The World Demands

Twelve Cent Cotton

Assuming even a 12,000,000 bale yield of Southern cotton this year (and it will probably will be less), this year's world production will be 3,000,000 bales short of the world's conservatively estimated consumption during the coming twelve months. This is to say, the world will consume every pound of this year's crop and 3,000,000 bales of the present surplus.

Secretary Hester of the New Orleans cotton change estimates last year's southern production (of the commercial crop), at 17,004,000 bales. The United States Government estimate (16,134,490 plus 792,464 lintsters) is 16,926,954 practically 17,000,000 bales. This was over 2,000,000 bales in excess of the 1913 crop.

Now what happened with this bumper 17,000,000 bale crop in spite of all the demoralized conditions of trade and finance—the crop of which it was said last fall we should not export 4,000,000 bales? The facts are that the world used so much of it that the total world's visible supply of all cotton in mid-summer this year was only 5,435,168 bales against 2,522,276 bales the year before. In other words, with a 17,000,000 bale Southern crop to handle the world's visible supply increased only 1,000,000 bales. What is going to happen this year then, with the South offering 5,000,000 or 6,000,000 less—and the production of other countries also decreased? And this query brings me to another

point:

The World's Crop Prospects

Justify Twelve Cent

Mr. W. P. Harding of the Federal Reserve Board early in the Summer secured reports from consular officials all over the world indicating a total cut in the world's cotton crop this year of 5,000,000 bales. Egypt and India reporting radical reductions in acreage. Since that time the prospects have further declined.

But even if we accept this early over estimate of the crop we see that if last year's crop, being 3,000,000 bales bigger than this year's, yet increased the surplus only 2,000,000 bales, then this year's crop will leave a 3,000,000 bale deficit—to be drawn from the surplus.

The facts are, however, that even a twelve million bale estimate for the South now seems too high. This is not simply my view but the view of many experts, including so competent an authority as the New York Journal of Commerce which has just declared that in view of present conditions the yield seems likely to be nearer ten million than twelve million bales. And now comes the Wall Street Journal itself quoting William S. Hallinburg, of Daniel O'Dell & Co., as saying: "The current season's crop may be as low as 10,500,000 bales. It is entirely within the reach of present conditions that we shall see 12 1/2c cotton before the end of the season."

These two authorities base their estimates chiefly on condition reports from all over the South but might have added the further testimony that the South cut its fertilizer consumption this year from 4,431,000 tons to 2,636,000 tons—almost in half—and the effect of this cut will probably make itself most evident from now on as a closer scrutiny is given the fruiting of the crop.

The reader can easily see for himself therefore, that if we have only a ten million bale crop, the factories of the world would utterly drain the market dry, leaving it subject to such condition as occurred a few years ago when speculators carried prices to 17 and 20 cents a pound.

And now having pointed out that twelve cent prices are justified because the 1915 crop is certainly 3,000,000 and possibly 5,000,000 bales short of the world's demands, meaning that factories and munition factories will consume all the present yield with the greater part if not all the world's visible surplus.

I also wish to call attention to the fact that—

American Prosperity

Justifies Twelve Cents

The American Banker's Association has just been meeting in Seattle, Washington, and what was the message that the Pres-

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BIG CROWD AT FARMER'S PICNIC

Helpful Discussions Heard and Pleasant Day Spent at Corinth

About six hundred people—farmers and their wives and their children with a sprinkling of people from Elizabeth City—attended the farmer's institute and basket picnic at Corinth church Friday.

Congressman John H. Small was master of ceremonies, assisted by H. M. Pritchard of Weeksville, representing the farmer's Union. Mr. Small stated the object of the meeting and made an interesting address on the subject of co-operation. He explained the meaning of co-operation by apt illustrations, pointing out particularly what the fruit growers of California have been able to do by working for instead of against each other's interest. Mr. Small has just returned from a trip to California and in his remarks spoke of what he had actually seen.

Present also was Mr. R. W. Freeman, who some time ago appeared before the county commissioners here and induced them to secure a county farm demonstration agent for Pasquotank County. Mr. Freeman urged the importance of this work and the need of co-operation between the demonstrator and the farmers whom he serves. He also emphasized the need of farm demonstration in Camden, this county having quite a large representation at the meeting.

Mrs. James S. McKimmon of Raleigh was the next speaker. Mrs. McKimmon has charge of the girls canning clubs of the state and she had an interesting talk about the value of the work in making better homes in the rural communities through the saving of fruits and vegetables by scientific canning. Through the canning clubs, the speaker said, the girls are taught habits of economy and the value of preventing waste. Through their work they not only provide for the home table but may earn a livelihood as well.

Tick eradication was the next thing discussed, and the speaker was Dr. T. M. Owen of the bureau of animal industry. Dr. Owen told of how the cattle tick hurts the price that may be obtained for beef cattle shipped from Elizabeth City and declared that there could be little hope of the cattle ticks eradication and of improved stock in the county until the county adopted a county wide stock law. He then discussed the method of tick eradication and stated that this was a matter comparatively simple after the adoption of the stock law. He predicted that the stock law is bound to come in this county within the next few years. From one o'clock until half past two was given over to recess for dinner, and during this time the crowds gathered under the trees and around the table to enjoy the good things provided for the occasion. It was a basket picnic, and the groups were small but those who had brought no dinner found abundant hospitality everywhere.

In the afternoon came one of the most interesting events of the day—an address on rural sanitation by Dr. Lumsden of the United States Department of Health. Dr. Lumsden showed himself a speaker of unusual charm and despite the hot weather was heard with

CANNING CLUBS DO GOOD WORK

Girls of Pasquotank Give Demonstration in Canning at Picnic

The Canning Club Demonstration of the Pasquotank Tomato Club Girls was one of the most interesting features on the grounds at the Corinth picnic Friday.

Just after dinner the girls gave their demonstration while both men and women looked on with keen interest. The demonstration was in charge of Miss Marcia Albertson, under whose supervision the club has been organized and the work carried on.

At two big tables covered with white cloths the girls, dressed in white and wearing their aprons and caps with the Club emblem and motto, did the work; Misses Winnie Wood, Lynda Reed, Frances Staunton, and Roberta Coefield peeling and packing, and Misses Mattie and Irene Bright sealing and tipping the cans. The big ripe tomatoes were quickly and skillfully peeled and packed, passed to the canner, exhausted for three minutes and passed on the second table where the cans were sealed and tipped. Besides the four girls in the demonstration there were present from the Corinth Club, Misses Bessie Carter, Annie Pritchard, Gertrude Sample, Ida Mae and Mary Leigh Thornton, and Mrs. Pritchard from the Nixonton Club, Misses Ebbie and Beulah Parker, Francis Stanton, Martha Coefield, Josie Lee Cartwright, Mrs. Blount and Mrs. Reil.

The Tomato Club Girls have canned this season between 2,000 and 2,500 cans of tomatoes in addition to other fruits and vegetables. At their exhibit arranged near the demonstration table were to be seen in glass jars most tempting peaches, pears, apples, snap beans, lima beans, corn, pepper mangoes, baked pears, Tomato catsup, chili sauce, and tomato mince meat, besides their tin cans of tomatoes which bear the club label.

The speakers of the day, particularly Mr. Small and Dr. Lumsden referred to the work of the girls with great appreciation, Dr. Lumsden speaking especially of the excellent spirit of co-operation that characterized the work. Mrs. McKimmon also expressed much pleasure in the excellent progress made by the girls in their first year's work, selecting from their exhibit a few of the most attractive specimens of canned goods to be sent to the State Fair at Raleigh; among these, pepper mangoes, tomato catsup, and chili sauce.

The speakers also recommended and urged an appropriation of five hundred dollars next year from the county for the extension of this work, and it is believed that this can be done. The shelves of the club members are beautifully stocked with vegetables and fruits, and many orders have been filled for housekeepers in the city here. As soon as the canning season is over the girls will begin marketing the remainder of their stock.

closest attention and interest. Much more interest has been manifest in these institutes since they have come to be held at Corinth instead of Elizabeth City.

NEW TEACHERS WELL EQUIPPED

And Others Return to Work From Special Summer Courses

Elizabeth City's High School will open on September 20th with a corps of teachers whose record in training and experience promises a year of the best work in the history of the school. All of the old teachers during the Summer have been making themselves better fitted for their work, while the new teachers who have been added to the faculty come especially well trained for and experienced in their particular branches.

Miss Slough, a graduate of Illinois University, who has taught for four years of the O taught for four years in that state, will have charge of the department of Latin, and Miss Doughton, a graduate of Guilford college, who has done special work in English at Radford, will teach the classes in high school English. Mr. Newsome, the new teacher of Mathematics, is a graduate of the State University where his work won particular recognition, giving him the highest record in that department achieved during the last seven years.

Of the old teachers, Miss Housekeeper, who has the department of science has been doing special work at Columbia University this Summer, while Miss Albertson has been taking special work at Chapel Hill. At some time during the fall term Miss Albertson hopes to do observation work at the Washington Irving High School of New York, where the method of teaching history has attracted attention all over the country and been the subject of much comment and interest.

Mr. Sonntag, who is in charge of the department of modern languages has been taking a course during the Summer at Chicago University.

Superintendent Spragins, who's now entering upon his second year's work here, is pleased with the outlook and expects a large enrollment on the opening day.

GOOD MEETING CLOSED

Rev. C. R. Angell has just closed a meeting at Ballards Bridge with good crowds attending and a number of new members added to the church.

This church has called Rev. A. A. Butler of Maxton as their pastor and Mr. Butler will live in the parsonage at Ballards Bridge and preach at Ballards Bridge and Whiteville Grove. Mr. Butler was for several years pastor of the Baptist church at Hertford and will be warmly welcomed back to his ward.

SAWYER-UPTON

Frank Sawyer the son of Mrs. Missouri Sawyer of Belcross and Miss Maude Upton the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Upton, of Belcross were married here Sunday by Rev. I. N. Loftin. Both are members of prominent families of Camden county and have numbers of friends here. They were accompanied by Miss Beulah Creekmore and Mr. W. C. Morrisette.

BURGLAR ENTERS FLOOD HOME

Midnight Prowler Frightened by Screams Escapes on Freight

Mrs. J. W. Flood, who lives on Pearl street and who was at home last night with no other protection at her house besides that of her small children, was awakened shortly after midnight by the noise of a window being raised. Thinking that the noise was at a neighbor's house she was on the point of dropping back off to sleep when she was startled into the knowledge that some one was trying to gain entrance to the door of her bedroom. Her screams for help attracted the attention of her neighbors but before assistance could reach her the intruder had escaped by the back door.

Bloodhounds were brought to the scene and took a trail to the Norfolk Southern railroad tracks. A freight train had just passed and it is thought that the burglar escaped by boarding the freight.

Mrs. Flood spent the rest of the night at the home of a neighbor. Search this morning failed to discover that the intruder had taken anything from the house.

HOSPITAL NEWS

The following patients were discharged from the hospital this week: Mrs. Banks, Main Street, Elizabeth City, and Mr. M. L. Miles, Edenton; Margaret Bailey, Pasquotank county; L. Hinton, Elizabeth City. Mrs. Jordan Ryland, Mr. Newbern, Powell's Point, and Mr. Cowell of Salem township are sitting up daily in the sun parlor. Mr. T. Crank of Elizabeth City, and Mr. Halstead of Weeksville, are doing well.

Among the recent admissions are: Mrs. Edna Mizell, Weeksville; Mrs. Maggie Pappendick, Pearl street, Elizabeth City; Major Morrisette, Road street; Mrs. Caroline Seyfert, Pennsylvania Avenue, Mrs. Margaret Humphries of Woodville, and Mr. George Culpepper who was brought from Norfolk Saturday night and operated on immediately upon his arrival at the hospital.

DAIRY LICENSE REDUCED

The aldermen met in called session yesterday afternoon to pass on the question of the dairy license tax, which was fixed in the beginning at two dollars for every milk cow. At this meeting the amount was reduced from two dollars to one dollar. Persons having cows within the city limits but not operating dairies are not subject to license tax.

The tax levy of \$1.51 recommended by the city manager was adopted.

Whereas a license fixed by the state for a concern doing a real estate and rental business is fifteen dollars, the board passed the ruling that any one desiring to do only rental business should pay a license tax of ten dollars.

The city manager reported that certain mills and manufacturing plants which have been blocking the sidewalk have been notified that this space must be kept clear.