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TO REDUCE THE COST OF LIVING

FARM PRODUCTS TO BE CARRIED DIRECT TO DOOR OF THE CONSUMER.

TEN CITIES ARE SELECTED

By Parcel Post Postmaster General Burelson Will Cut the Cost of Living.

Washington. — Preliminary steps were taken by the postoffice department to perfect its plan for reducing the cost of living by having the parcel post carry farm products direct to the door of consumer. Ten cities were selected to begin the work of establishing direct connection between producer and consumer. Postmaster General Burelson having issued an order permitting the use of crates and boxes for butter, eggs, poultry, vegetables and fruit shipped by parcel post.

Orders went to the postmaster at Boston, Atlanta, St. Louis, San Francisco, Baltimore, Detroit, LaCrosse, Wis.; Lynn, Mass.; Rock Island, Ill., and Washington, directing them "to receive the names of persons who are willing to supply farm produce in retail quantities by parcel post." Printed lists of these names will be distributed among town and city patrons.

"By the use of the lists," said First Assistant Postmaster General Roper, "the city consumer can get in touch with a farmer who will fill his weekly orders for farm produce. The consumer will receive the product fresh from the country, and the personal relationship established no doubt will tend to improve the quality. The farmer will be relieved of carrying his produce to market, as the rural carrier will make daily collections at the farmer's own door of the retail shipments to city consumers."

"The point has been raised that difficulty will be experienced in the return of hampers and other containers. This problem does not appear to me to be difficult, as the farmer may use inexpensive hampers whose value would not warrant their return, or he may use the higher grade hampers for which he may include an additional charge to be credited to the consumer on the return of the hamper by parcel post."

EUROPE CONTROLS RADIUM

Claimed Americans Fail to Recognize Importance of Radium.

Washington.—How the American people failed to recognize the importance of radium as a cancer cure until European countries had obtained virtually all of the present available supply, is graphically told in the annual report of Joseph A. Holmes, director of the federal bureau of mines, made public. The report tells in detail of the bureau's unsuccessful efforts to obtain a quantity of radium sufficient to supply the twenty or more hospitals of the public health service and "serve in part to meet the needs of the various cancer hospitals of the country."

Director Holmes estimates that "in the United States 75,000 persons die each year from cancer. Explaining that radium is considered the most promising cure for certain types of cancer, the director says the most serious barrier to progress in demonstrating this is the scarcity of radium. "There probably is not more than thirty grams of radium now available for use in such treatment in all countries," the report says. "Of this amount there probably is not more than two grams of radium bromide in the United States, in the hands of a few surgeons. Probably fifteen grams of radium bromide was produced during 1912, and of the fifteen grams nearly 11.5 grams were extracted in various European countries from ores shipped to them from the United States, mainly from Colorado and Utah."

Man's Slays Four Persons.
Oak Park, Ga.—J. A. Eubanks, a farmer of this place, killed his wife and two young daughters as they slept, and after setting fire to his home, barn and several tenants' houses, fired a bullet through his own forehead, killing himself.

Two Badly Hurt on Trestle.
Atlanta.—Edward L. Huie, senior at Tech, and Miss Mabel Bixbie, a milliner, were seriously injured when the Seaboard Express No. 5 from New York City to New Orleans ran them down as they were walking over a trestle near this city. As the fast train swept around the curve, thirty minutes late, the engineer saw the couple crossing the steel structure. Too late, he blew a warning blast. The couple attempted to escape, but before they ran ten feet the pilot of the engine had tossed them into a dry gulley.



Gustav Bauch is an American railroad man who disappeared in Mexico and is believed to have been killed by the constitutionalists. Carranza has ordered an inquiry into his death, but Villa says he was slain by federales.

DOG SAVES FORTY LIVES

GUESTS OF WINDSOR HOTEL, IN MILWAUKEE, SCURRY DOWN FIRE ESCAPE.

Yelping of Vagabond Pup Awakens Hotel Proprietor, Who Rouses Guests in Time.

Milwaukee, Wis.—Guests of the Windsor hotel, numbering nearly two score, were compelled to flee for their lives when a fire, which destroyed the hotel and the Western Newspaper Union plant, in the southern portion of the building, and burned out the four-story structure. The barking of a dog sounded the alarm in time for escape.

Charles Sandberg, lessee of the hotel, declared that every guest of the hotel got out safely. The property damage is \$200,000.

The barking of a vagabond dog aroused Mr. Sandberg, the hotel keeper, and he and policemen went through the halls smashing in doors where the guests failed to answer knocks. Guests were soon scurrying for safety clad in night attire.

Patrolman Wilke was the last to emerge from the mission of awakening the guests. He said the guests had all been awakened and managed to get out.

BANDIT MAKES RICH HAUL

Bandit Robs Express Messenger on Santa Fe Railway.

Beaumont, Texas.—After bundling the messenger, "Reb" Martin, in a gunnysack, a masked man robbed the express car attached to northbound Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe passenger train No. 202 of several packages of currency, estimated to aggregate about \$14,000, and escaped from the train at the village of Helbig, 12 miles north of Beaumont. Posses, which went to Helbig from this city in automobiles, have not found trace of the bandit, who is believed to be hiding in the dense forest about the village.

G. A. Taft, general superintendent of the Wells-Fargo Express company, estimated the amount stolen at \$14,000. The money was part of a shipment made by a Houston lumber concern to be used in paying their employees at camps along the road.

Tuscaloosa Swept by Fire.

Tuscaloosa, Ala.—Fire in the business section of Tuscaloosa early did damage estimated at a quarter of a million dollars. Three business houses and their stocks were destroyed. The cause of the fire has not been determined. Rosenau company, department store owners, were the heaviest losers, their building and its contents being valued at \$150,000.

Wants \$2,000,000 for Atlanta P. O.

Washington.—Among the things recommended by the efficiency commission in its report on the Atlanta postoffice is the erection of a new building to accommodate the increasing volume of business handled by the Atlanta postoffice. In lieu of this, Congressman W. S. Howard has introduced a bill recommending a \$2,000,000 appropriation to erect a public building for the postal department. Mr. Howard says that in the event a regional bank is located in Atlanta the present postoffice can be used for it.

BUREAU REPORT ON COTTON CROP

CROP IS ONE OF THE LARGEST EVER GROWN IN THE UNITED STATES.

NEW METHOD IN REPORTING

Over Thirteen Million Running Bales Produced by Southern Farmers, Is the Report.

Washington.—One of the largest cotton crops ever grown, amounting to 14,127,356 equivalent 500-pound bales of lint, was produced by the farmers of the United States during 1913, the census bureau announced in its preliminary report of cotton ginned as reported by ginners and delinters to February 28.

These figures compare with 13,703,421 equivalent 500-pound bales of lint and 609,594 bales of linters last year, and 15,682,701 bales of lint and 567,575 bales of linters in 1911.

The department of agriculture's estimate, announced December 12, placed the 1913 crop at 13,677,000 equivalent 500-pound bales.

The total value of the crop, including the value of cotton seed, is unofficially estimated roundly at more than \$1,000,000,000, compared with last year's \$920,000,000, and \$963,000,000 for the previous most valuable crop, that of 1910.

With this report the bureau of census departed from its previous method of reporting the cotton crop by not including the quantity of linters in the total production. Director William J. Harris announced this was done because with the installation of modern machinery closer delinting of seed had increased the quantity of linters and at the same time lowered the average quality of the fiber so that now only a small part, if any, was used as a substitute for lint cotton.

The number of running bales of lint cotton, counting round as half bales, was 13,964,981, and of linter cotton, 629,019 running bales, compared with 13,488,539 running bales of lint and 602,324 running bales of linters last year, and 15,563,073 running bales of linters in 1911.

Included in the production for 1913 are 29,267 bales, which ginners estimated would be turned out after the time of the March canvass.

Round bales included numbered 99,916 compared with 81,528 last year and 101,554 in 1911.

Sea Island bales included 77,490 compared with 73,777 last year and 119,293 in 1911.

The average gross weight of bales for the crop, counting round as half bales and excluding linters, was 505.8 pounds, compared with 508.0 last year and 504.5 in 1911.

VILLA REACHES TORREON

Federal Stronghold Shelters 9,000 Troops Under General Velasco.

Constitutionalist Headquarters, Yermo, Durango, Mexico.—General Villa and his army of 12,000 rebels invested the federal stronghold of Torreon. The khaki-clad columns occupied the environs of the city without opposition, and in wheeling and dragging field pieces into place to shell the federal trenches, dug at every point where the federal commander, Gen. Refugio Velasco, expects attack.

Velasco's army is estimated to number 9,000 men. South and southwest of this city his position is regarded as almost impregnable by reason of the mountains, through which only three passes run, and these have been rendered almost impassable by fortifications and barbed-wire entanglements. In other directions the city is reached through the desert and high hills.

Lansing Named to Succeed Moore.

Washington.—President Wilson nominated Robert Lansing of Watertown, N. Y., to be counselor for the department of state, succeeding John Bassett Moore, and Cone Johnson of Texas to be solicitor for the department, succeeding Joseph W. Folk. Mr. Lansing is an associate editor of the American Journal of International Law and the author of several works on international subjects.

Identifies Train Robber.

Atlanta, Ga.—Harry B. Melville, the postal clerk on the Queen and Crescent southbound train No. 1, running from Cincinnati to New Orleans, which was robbed near Birmingham of \$40,000 on the night of February 19, arrived in Atlanta and identified A. O. Perry, one of the three alleged yeg-men, who were arrested at No. 89 Brookline street, as the train bandit who stabbed him in the back with a knife when he refused to tell the gang of robbers where all the money in the small car was hidden.

MARGARET ALLEN TRIMBLE



Miss Trimble is the pretty daughter of South Trimble, former congressman from Kentucky and now clerk of the house of representatives. Miss Trimble is popular with the younger set in Washington.

MANY BURIED UNDER WALLS

BUILDING FALLS IN HIGH WIND, CAUSING DEATH AND DESTRUCTION.

Tragedy in St. Louis Due to Collapse of a Wall of Burned Building.

St. Louis, Mo.—At least two persons were killed, fifteen buried under debris and ten injured when the west wall of the Missouri Athletic club building, which was destroyed by fire, in which thirty persons lost their lives a week ago, collapsed under a high wind here, and crashed through a four-story building occupied by the St. Louis Seed company.

The wall of the Missouri Athletic club building, which stood seven stories high, crumbled when a 35-mile wind veered to the northwest. A few minutes before the collapse, Building Commissioner McKelvey, who was directing 170 men in the work of exploring the ruins of the Missouri Athletic club, feared the wall would fall and ordered his men out of the debris. This action probably prevented a heavy loss of life.

The four-story building occupied by the St. Louis Seed company had weakened, apparently during the burning of the Missouri Athletic club building, which adjoined it on the east, and when the brick wall crashed on the roof of the four-story building, the walls of the latter gave way and all above the second floor crumbled.

COTTON EXCHANGE REFORMS

New York Organization Adopts the Nine-Grade System.

New York.—Submission to the nine-type system of cotton grading favored by the United States government was acknowledged by the board of managers of the New York cotton exchange in the adoption of a resolution making the government standard types of cotton the basis for trading on and after April 1, 1915.

The resolution reads: "Resolved, That the government standard types of the following grades of cotton, i. e., middling fair, strict good middling, good middling, strict middling, middling, strict low middling, low middling, strict good ordinary and good ordinary shall be the basis for determining the grade of all cotton for delivery upon contracts maturing on and after April 1, 1915."

The nine-grade system has been applied by the New Orleans exchange for years, and is said to simplify the marketing of the product. Conciliatory action was taken last fall by the New York exchange, but the concession did not completely appease dissatisfaction in the South, which has insisted on a complete surrender, it is said.

Girls Flee for Their Lives.

Wellesley, Mass.—Perfect discipline, coolness and bravery on the part of students and faculty members prevented loss of life or injury, when college hall, oldest of the Wellesley college buildings, was burned here. Two hundred and fifty young women students, fifty instructors and fifty maids, were in bed when the fire was discovered. Every one was saved, and not one of the scores who marched in an orderly procession through the smoke-filled hallways, suffered so much as a scratch.

SEC'Y MAXWELL ON INHERITANCE TAX

PAYS THE VANDERBILT ESTATE WOULD PAY STATE \$500,000 UNDER N. Y. LAW.

DISPATCHES FROM RALEIGH

Doings and Happenings That Mark the Progress of North Carolina People Gathered Around the State Capitol.

Raleigh.

Secretary A. J. Maxwell, of the corporation commission, calls attention to the fact that had the North Carolina estate of the late George W. Vanderbilt been subject to inheritance taxation under the New York instead of the North Carolina inheritance tax law it would have paid into the state treasury not less than a half million dollars instead of the \$100,000 in tax that it is estimated that the North Carolina state treasury will receive from the estate as inheritance tax. Under the New York inheritance tax law the Vanderbilt estate in that state will pay four per cent under the inheritance act into the state treasury while in North Carolina it will only pay one per cent into state treasury.

Mr. Maxwell explains that the North Carolina inheritance tax act provides a flat one per cent tax on all inheritances above exemptions except to collateral relatives, making the North Carolina rate as high as the New York rate on small estates, but the New York act has graduated increase in rate for the larger estates. He says this graduated system that New York has is approved by nearly all states and by the national association on state and local taxation, which is endeavoring to promote uniformity of such taxation methods. He points out that had the North Carolina inheritance law been the same as the New York act State Treasurer Lacy would have at least a half million dollars more from the Vanderbilt estate alone. And this would have taken care of the present deficit in state finances and been felt by no one.

Mr. Maxwell does not call attention to this in any criticism of the legislature, which really provided the state at the last session with decidedly the best revenue act the state has ever had and the best inheritance tax law the state has yet had, and that about half the inheritance tax the Vanderbilt estate will pay will be due to improvements which the last legislature made in that statute. Still Mr. Maxwell believes that there is room for improvement in this inheritance tax act in getting it in line with the New York and most of the other state statutes so that the state will fare better in the future. He insists that the principle of graduated inheritance tax is too well recognized by the other states to be longer neglected by North Carolina. He believes that if the graduated principle in taxation is justifiable anywhere it is, in his opinion and the opinion of the times, justifiable inheritance taxes on the large estates.

Bryan and Daniels Will Attend.

A letter received recently by Editor Clarence Poe of The Progressive Farmer, who with Collector J. W. Bailey and President Alexander of the Farmers' Union is leading the movement within the party for a progressive Democratic convention to be called to meet here soon, from Joseph Daniels, Secretary of the Navy, states that he and Secretary of State Bryan will be here for the convention on whatever date is agreed upon.

Governor Grants Requisition.

A requisition from the governor of Florida was honored by Governor Craig recently for William L. Wiggins, who is now in Winston-Salem under arrest awaiting the arrival of the Florida officer to take him back. He is charged with the embezzlement of \$100 from the Lyric Moving Picture Show in Orange county, Fla. He was a partner in the management of the theater.

Raleigh Entertains Road Scout Party.

Raleigh entertained the scout party of the United States Office of Public Roads and the American Highway Association for a brief time, the party stopping long enough to address a goodly crowd of good road enthusiasts in the chamber of commerce rooms before resuming their run to Smithfield and Pinehurst in their tour of inspection from Richmond to Atlanta over the Capital-to-Capital Highway. They report great improvement in the condition of the roads from Richmond to Raleigh via Petersburg.

Ten Judges to Nominate.

When the State Democratic Convention meets here next June it will have to nominate only one state officer, a candidate for Corporation Commissioner, and confirm the nominations of 10 candidates for Superior Court judgeships. There is no doubt about the nomination of E. L. Travis as Corporation Commissioner. He is the present chairman of the Commission and will have no opposition for the nomination to succeed himself.

So far as is known all the Superior Court judges whose terms expire with this election will stand for renomination and as yet no accountants are made in any of the districts of candidates in opposition. The candidates for judge are selected in the several judicial district conventions and these nominations are confirmed by the state convention and included in the regular state ticket. The districts in which there are to be nominations for the coming election follow:

First District—Judge W. M. Bond.

Fifth District—Judge H. W. Whidbee.

Sixth District—Judge C. C. Lyon.

Tenth District—Judge W. A. Devlin.

Thirteenth District—Judge W. J. Adams.

Fourteenth District—Judge W. F. Harding.

Sixteenth District—Judge J. L. Webb.

Eighteenth District—Judge M. H. Justice.

Twentieth District—Judge G. S. Ferguson.

There are to be no nominations for Supreme Court judgeships for four years yet.

Hamlet Has Best Kept Groceries.

State Food Chemist Allen says there has been considerable decrease in the number of violations of the state pure food laws during the past year and that the most trouble that his inspectors find now is the sale in bulk by North Carolina dealers of substitutes for the pure articles in a number of lines of groceries, especially lard, vinegar and syrups. These are shipped into the state, labeled according to the law as substitutes with ingredients specified, but are sold by some unscrupulous merchants as the real articles of the retail trade, and there is no law to reach these violations effectively.

Mr. Allen says there is much improvement in numbers of the important towns of the state in the cleanliness of the grocery stores, but that in his judgment Raleigh has the most poorly kept grocery stores of any town he knows.

He says Hamlet has about the best kept grocery stores to be found in the state.

Postmasters Recently Appointed.

Shoals, Surry county, John A. Martin. Floral College, Robeson county, Alexander H. White; Dunlap, Iredell county, Mrs. Belle M. Howard; Okisko, Pasquotank county, John L. Ludford; Yadonville, McDowell county, Addie J. Satterfield; Sunburst, Haywood county, John H. Peebles; Hannersville, Davidson county, Lacy E. Helper; Rex, Robeson county, Joseph F. Pittman; Brummett, Mitchell county, Mrs. Bessie Tipton; Onvil, Montgomery county, Mrs. Diza A. McAuley; Vander, Cumberland county, Daniel N. Carter; Eunice, Allegheny county, Monroe Jordan; Round Peak, Surry county, Benjamin F. Jarrell; McLeod, Richmond county, Ernest L. Pegram.

Supreme Court Decisions.

The Supreme Court delivered opinions in only seven appeals this week's delivery day. The list follows:

White vs. American Peanut Company, Bertie County, reversed; Holton vs. Norfolk Southern Railway, Craven, new trial; Pate vs. Lumber Company, Sampson, affirmed; Tyler vs. Hinton Lumber Company, Duplin, affirmed; Brock vs. Wells, Duplin, affirmed; Taylor vs. Brown, Duplin, affirmed; Massie and Pierce vs. Hainey, Sampson, error.

Hall of History Open Sundays.

An arrangement has been made whereby the new Hall of History will be open to the public each Sunday afternoon during hours that will not conflict with church services. Another new departure, now that the Hall of History is opened up in the splendid new quarters in the state building will be evening lectures from time to time, the purpose being to make the fine collection of historic exhibits of the most value possible to the general public.

Government Watchman Dies.

William E. Cooper, who was stricken with paralysis recently while on duty as night watchman at the temporary postoffice and government building, died a few days ago. He was 45 years old and had been in the government service several years, as elevator man in the old government building now being remodeled, a position that he was to fill again when the remodeled building is occupied again by the local departments of the government. Mr. Cooper was a widower and leaves two children.