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**COTTON**

The South approaches its 1915 harvest season with grave concern and much uneasiness. On the heels of the most disastrous cotton season since the Civil War it is feared by many that the crop now nearly ready to be harvested is destined for no better fate than that met by its immediate predecessor. With a three-million-bale surplus in British warehouses and an enormous quantity in storage in this country, it is expected by some that there will be no very great demand for this year's crop by the time it is ready for market. Men who have followed the cotton market for years, express the belief that prices will average about eight cents, which in the light of the high prices prevailing up to the time war was declared in Europe, seems very low. However, the fact that cotton farmers have spent less, by at least 30 per cent, for labor and fertilizers used in producing the present crop, will just about offset the difference in price if the average will come up to that figure.

One thing in the cotton country's favor this year is that money is a great deal more plentiful than it was last year. Much of the previous crop went for practically nothing because bank's could not furnish money for the purchase of cotton. In the North and West banks are literally stopping over with deposits from farmers and manufacturers who are supplying food and munitions to the warring countries and the federal reserve system has been perfected to the point where much money can be let loose in the South to care for its cotton. Added to this encouraging fact, is the possibility that Germany will find some means of getting several million bales into her ports to supply her idle factories.

Taken all together, the outlook is not near so gloomy as appears at first glance. True, cotton cannot sell for any very high price; but we haven't spent much this year, and nearly all of our farmers have produced enough food stuff to keep the wolf away.

The Lumberton tobacco market opened last week with the sale of about 70,000 pounds of the weed, and the Robinsons says "both the farmers and the warehousemen were very pleased." Offerings were of well inferior grades and ranged in price from 2 to 8 cents.

**THE NEW SUPERINTENDENT**

Harnett county, as a whole, may or may not be satisfied with the recent procedure of its board of education in dismissing from service the man who, as superintendent of public instruction, put the county on the educational map; but since that board was determined to make a change, there can be no complaint as to its choice of a new superintendent.

Byrd P. Gentry, chosen Monday to carry on the work so ably managed by J. D. Essell during the past twelve years, is a man of whom the county expects much—his task is a huge one; but, from intimate knowledge of his character, gained through months of close association with him in newspaper work, we are certain he will disappal no one and that he will prove equal to the task which he has undertaken. Progressive in his ideas, true to his ideals, Gentry is of that temperament which fits him for just such constructive work as the educational life of the county demands at this time when the whole South is just awakening to a full realization of what it suffers through inadequate schools and mediocre management. He is a manly man—one whose leadership can be followed with moral and material profit to the follower; and the Dispatch knows he will make good.

The drainage district comprising thousands of acres of swamp land in northern Cumberland county has successfully disposed of its \$90,000 bond issue, and the work of reclaiming that large area is about to begin. The contractors have placed dredging and other machinery a short distance from Wade and will begin cutting canals this week. About 50 miles of canals will be needed in this reclamation project and several miles will be consumed in the work. Contrary to general belief, the government pays no part of the sum necessary for this undertaking. The entire cost is defrayed by owners of the lands which are to be drained, through a bond issue permitted by an act of the State Legislature making it possible for any number of land owners to form a "Drainage District."

Up in Anderson Creek township a fear of mad dogs has seized the people as an epidemic. Commissioner A. A. Shaw says that not less than 30 dogs has been ruthlessly slain by frenzied people who have been gripped by this insidious fear, and that many valuable fox hounds and loved pets are to be included in that number. It would appear that the faithful friend of man has more to fear from mad men than man has to fear from mad dogs in that locality. As a matter of fact, few—very few—dogs go mad. Often through man's inattention to its health and comfort a dog's eyes become glazed, its throat and tongue parched, its mouth frothy. The poor beast wanders around in search of the comforting hand of a friendly human. He wants a kind word, a friendly pat, medicine for his fevered frame. He is a sick dog—not a mad one yet. A little attention to this trust of all friends to man will stave off that madness which is to send him yapping and snapping at everything which obstructs his path. But, poor fellow, he seldom gets that attention. At this time of the year, to the hysterical person every dog is a possible mad one; and such persons are quick to voice the mad dog cry upon the slightest provocation. Thousands of the faithful beasts are killed every year through the cowardly fear of those whom they would gladly die to serve; and it is a pity—a great pity, and should this fall under the eye of Colonel Al Fairbrother, we will think that great friend of the dog to tell us how to stop the killing in this county.

Charles Becker, the New York police lieutenant charged with instigating the murder of Herman Rosenthal for which four gangsters paid the death penalty a year ago, was himself subjected to the extreme penalty in the death room of Sing Sing prison last week. He went to his doom with protestations of innocence upon his lips, and apparently firm in the belief that the governor, the judges who tried him and the district attorney who prosecuted him were influenced by a strong political power. Becker was a Catholic, and it is extremely rare that one of that faith goes to his God without a full and true confession of his sins. His last statement written a few hours before the electric chair was to receive him, reiterates his former statements as to his innocence and exculpates the wife who had worked so hard, first for his acquittal, then for a commutation of the death sentence to life imprisonment. There is no doubt that Becker was a ruthless grafter. At the time of Rosenthal's murder, New York's police system was honeycombed with graft, and when this graft was exposed, Becker was the first important grafter to come within the grasp of the law. Sentiment was strong against him; the press was unanimous in its condemnation, and had he been as innocent as the unshorn lamb, it is not probable that he would have received very merciful treatment from a New York jury. His firm stand by his original plea of not guilty has caused many to believe that an innocent man has become a martyr to public clamor for blood.

**Too Late.**

She kissed the old man; she showered upon him kisses and tears. She told all the people how good he was. I thought if she had only given half a dozen of those kisses a year for the last ten years, how the tender-hearted old gentleman would have smiled through his tears. But now he took it all very coolly. He was dead. He was old and poor; she was young and rich. She had ten rooms, but no room for father. Yet he made room for her when he had only two. The old man was not educated. She was—at his expense. He had fed and clothed her for twenty years at home and at college, until she had risen into more refined and cultured society and married among new friends. The old people's address and dialect were too coarse. She kissed him and buried him in a beautiful coffin. Dear father is to have a beautiful monument. A warm kiss while living is better than cold marble when dead.—Young Woman.

Mr. R. C. Barrett, farm demonstration agent for Moore county, was in town Thursday to assist in the winter cover crop meeting, and he was very much surprised to find Dunn so large and so progressive a town. He said, too, that there was no reason why eastern Harnett should not become one of the leading food producing communities of the State. Here, he said, we have every natural advantage for the raising of cattle and the production of most any food crop we desire to cultivate. All that is needed is harder work and a larger use of intelligent methods. Moore county, he said further, hasn't so fertile soils as those of this locality, but her farmers have learned new methods and, by applying those methods to their work, are making more progress. One thing that pleased him more than any other that he noticed here was the evidence of co-operation between the people of the town and those of the country. He said that is the right idea, for he agrees with William J. Bryan in his belief that without a progressive, progressive back country any town will die of its own weight.

Typhoid threatens you.

**FREE TYPHOID VACCINATION ALL DAY MONDAY**

Town Commissioners Have Arranged With Dr. Charles Highsmith to Have Every Resident of the City Inoculated Against Dangerous Disease.

Typhoid fever is avoidable. That is, even if you are exposed to infection, there is a way through which you may avoid the disease. Vaccination will protect you against it; and the board of commissioners have provided a way through which you can receive the new treatment without cost to you.

The board has arranged with Dr. Charles Highsmith to have every resident who desires it vaccinated during the hours between 8 and 12 a. m. and one and six in the afternoon of Monday, August 9. The doctor's office is the place the initial treatment and the 2 subsequent ones will be administered. Every applicant will have an opportunity to be treated, but there will be no time for quibbling. If you have had typhoid within the last five years, or have been given the preventive treatment during that period, you need not be vaccinated now; otherwise, if not actually sick, you need to be treated. Before coming to the office decide finally that you want the treatment—the doctor will have no time for the timid and undecided.

This opportunity saves you at least the price of the treatment, which, ordinarily is \$3 for each person, and it will make it practically impossible for you to have typhoid fever within five years of the date of treatment.

If you want to avoid grave danger, this is an opportunity you should not miss. It will not come again.

Mr. Sam Stone, the genial Emporia distiller who has recently completed at Benson one of the finest homes in east Carolina, was here Saturday and was lamenting the fact that the tax assessors of Johnston county had assessed his beautiful new property at almost its actual value. He says that all realty owners in Benson have been hit rather hard in the new assessment, and that that fact does not at all set well with their dispositions. In this we think friend Sam and his neighbors are wrong. One very great fault with North Carolina people is their propensity to put their holdings through a shrinking process at tax-listing time, and there is no telling how much harm has resulted to the State through the prevalence of that fault. Not only does it work a hardship upon the few people who conscientiously list property at what they think to be its actual value, but it also causes outsiders who are not acquainted with conditions to think that Carolina property is practically valueless. If every county in the State will do as Johnston has done, everybody will be better off.

**Johnston County Man Shot.**

Mr. Thomas Roney Johnson, was shot in Garner, N. C., last Wednesday. We give the story below as related to us by Mr. Johnson himself.

He had started to Raleigh through the country on a buggy buying up chickens and eggs as he went along. He spent Tuesday night in Clayton with Mr. George Branan, leaving there for Raleigh about three o'clock Wednesday morning. He reached Garner about six o'clock and stopped and sold a man two chickens and inquired for Mr. George Bailey. A man who happened to be passing at that time conducted him to the home of Mr. Bailey. He told Mr. Bailey he wanted to wash and comb his hair before going to Raleigh. Water and a towel and comb and brush were furnished to him. Mr. Bailey invited him to breakfast. Before eating Mr. Johnson went to his buggy and took some eggs to be fried for them. He says Mr. Bailey finished eating before he did and part of the eggs were placed in Mr. Bailey's dinner basket and he hurried off on his bicycle to his work. Mr. Johnson finished eating and moved his chair over to a door to rest a few minutes before starting to Raleigh. In about ten minutes Mr. Bailey returned and he saw him go to a bureau drawer and begin looking for something. Mr. Johnson's idea was that he had returned for something which he had forgotten. Instead of this he drew a number 38 revolver on Mr. Johnson. As Mr. Johnson was leaving the door he shot him in the right shoulder, the ball going into one of his lungs. Mr. Johnson was taken to Dr. Buffalo's office where the wound was dressed, after which he was brought to his home in Selma in an automobile.

On Friday he was taken to Raleigh for treatment, but it was decided that the ball could not be extracted and so he returned to Selma. He is doing as well as could be expected.—Smithfield Herald.

Farmers of Robeson in a meeting held at Lumberton last week decided that 40 cents per hundred should be the maximum price paid for cotton picking during the season now about to open there. Up to this year prices for picking have ranged from 50 to 60 cents, but, with the present price prospect, it is probable that the Robeson example will be followed all over the cotton belt.

**NOTICE OF BOND ELECTION**

Notice is hereby given that there has been an election ordered to be held in Black River Township, at the usual voting or polling place or places therein, by the Board of County Commissioners of Harnett County, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters thereof, the question of voting a Twenty-Five Thousand Dollar Bond Issue for the purpose of improving the various roads of said township in accordance with chapter 427 of the Public Local Laws, 1913, under which act said election was ordered, at which, all those in favor of road bonds shall vote a ballot upon which shall be the words "For Bond Issue" and those against bond issue, shall vote a ballot having upon it the words "Against Bond Issue." Said election, to be held on the 7th day of August, 1915, in accordance with said above chapter 427 of the Public Local Laws, 1913, the same being entitled "An act to improve the roads in Harnett County and for the issuing of bonds by the county and the several townships therein."

D. H. BENTER,  
 Chairman of the Board of Co. Com.  
 JOHN M. McLEOD,  
 Clerk of Board.

**NOTICE OF REGISTRATION**

Notice is hereby given that there has been ordered by the Board of County Commissioners of Harnett County, a new registration of the voters of Black River Township, for the purpose of registration of those wishing to vote in the election ordered by said board to be held in said township, Saturday, August 7th, 1915, for the purpose of voting on a Twenty-Five Thousand Dollar Bond Issue for the improvement of the public roads of said township; that R. D. Overby was appointed registrar in said order and that the registration books will be open at his store in Angier, N. C., on and after July 27th, 1915, for twenty days for the registration of those wishing to vote in said election.

This 7th day of June, 1915.  
 D. H. BENTER,  
 Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners.  
 JOHN McLEOD,  
 Clerk of Board.

**THROUGH SLEEPING CARS TO AND FROM ASHEVILLE**

The Atlantic Coast Line, in connection with the Southern Railway, has inaugurated through Pullman sleeping car service from Florence to Asheville, Westbound, and from Asheville to Wilmington, Eastbound, tri-weekly, by the route, and on the days and schedules shown below:

**WESTBOUND**

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays  
 Lv. Florence, S. C. .... 8:10 P. M.  
 Lv. Sumter, S. C. .... 9:30 P. M.  
 Ar. Columbia, S. C. .... 10:50 P. M.  
 Lv. Columbia, S. C. .... 11:15 P. M.  
 Ar. Asheville, N. C. .... 12:30 A. M.

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays  
 Lv. Asheville, N. C. .... 7:00 A. M.  
 Ar. Columbia, S. C. .... 2:30 P. M.  
 Lv. Columbia, S. C. .... 4:10 P. M.  
 Ar. Sumter, S. C. .... 5:50 P. M.  
 Lv. Sumter, S. C. .... 7:30 P. M.  
 Lv. Florence, S. C. .... 8:40 P. M.  
 Ar. Wilmington N. C. .... 12:25 Night

Through connection may be formed with the Asheville sleepers by using the following schedules:  
 Lv. DUNN ..... 8:48 P. M.  
 Ar. Florence ..... 7:35 P. M.  
 Lv. Florence ..... 8:35 P. M.  
 Ar. DUNN ..... 11:35 P. M.

These cars are run one way in the day time to give passengers an opportunity to view the beauties of the North Carolina mountain scenery.

For detailed schedules and summer excursion fares to Asheville and all Western North Carolina resorts, apply to  
 N. H. BIDDLE, Ticket Agent,  
 Dunn, N. C.  
 W. J. CRAIG, T. C. WHITE,  
 Pass. Traf. Mgr. Gen. Pass. Agt.  
 Wilmington, N. C.

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**J. E. BLACK**  
 Local Agency

Mr. G. M. Tighman returned yesterday morning from a visit to the Carolina mountain resorts.

# NOTICE!

**Six more Prizes yet that have not been called for.**

**Come at once and try Your Keys. You may have the Lucky Ones.**

**Barnes & Holliday Co.**  
 Dunn, - - - North Carolina

**THE NEWS OF ANGLIER**

Angier, August 4.—Prof. James E. Dowd and family arrived in town recently and will make this their future home. Professor Dowd, being elected as superintendent of the school at this place, succeeding Prof. J. E. Redfern, who accepted a position of a similar nature near Winston-Salem, N. C.

The new sales stable of R. D. Overby and Bro. are now completed and adds another new branch of business to this already mammoth concern. They expect to carry a full stable of choice mules and horses and will no doubt furnish this section with the best in that line, as they do in all other respects.

Next Saturday, August 7th, an election will be held here for Black River Township, which will decide the fate of roads in this section. The vote will be on a \$25,000 bond issue for roads in this township and it is expected will be very close, the voters being seemingly about equally divided. Enthusiasm is running high and quite a bit of campaigning is being carried on, which, it is hoped will result in a decided victory for the advocates of good roads. This question has been voted on here once before and carried by a good margin, but it seems there was some technical error which prevented the bonds being sold. However, now, they claim by an act of the last Legislature the old bonds are reliable, but since the new issue has been waived for a six per cent. bond, while the old one called for a five per cent. bond, it is hoped the present issue will carry by a good majority.

Tuesday night, August 3rd, Rev. James A. Campbell, pastor of the Baptist church at this place, began a series of protracted services which will continue at least throughout the week. He will be assisted by Rev. C. Almon Upchurch, of the Southern Baptist Home Board, who we understand, is a strong and forceful preacher. The public is invited to attend these services.

Protracted services closed at Kennebec last Monday night. Rev. Ben Campbell conducted the majority of the meeting. There being no church building at that place, pine tops and other brush were used in the construction of a temporary place of worship, which formed quite a unique church and answered the purpose very well. Thousands attended these services and we are told several conversions resulted. Rev. James A. Campbell, pastor of the church at this place, was present Monday night and assisted in the organization of a Missionary Baptist church at that place. Kennebec is a lumber manufacturing place and sprung up in the course of a few days, like the western towns we read about.

Messrs. B. F. Williams, J. A. Hockaday, E. H. Gardner, W. E. Wilson and Dr. C. R. Young attended regular session of the Board of County Commissioners at Lillington Monday.

Several hundred people attended the singing at Bethel Sunday. Honourable Walter P. Byrd, of Lillington, will address the voters of Black River township at Angier Thursday, August 6th, 4 p. m., on the road bond question.

Tuesday night Atty. F. T. Dupree and Dr. C. R. Young addressed a number of citizens at the Hockaday School House near here on the road bond question. To-night (Wednesday) they will speak at Johnson School House near here.

Mr. H. T. Wells, of Boynton, Va., returned to his home at that place Tuesday morning after visiting his daughter, Mrs. F. T. Dupree, of this place.

Mrs. J. P. Dixon returned from Norfolk this (Wednesday) p. m. where she had been visiting her son, Mr. W. J. Dixon.

Mrs. H. T. Wells, of Boynton, Va., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. F. T. Dupree, of this place.

"Doc" Smith, the well known catcher, spent a few days at home this week. He is "receiving" for Red Springs at the present writing we understand.

The annual catalogue of Angier High School has been mailed out and is a fair representative of Angier State High School. Superintendent Dowd, the present incumbent, has had a number of years experience in school work and comes to us with an excellent reputation.

Mr. A. L. Overby went to Greenville Saturday and returned Sunday with a new Overland, Overby Bros. have secured the county agency for that car, we understand.

Attorney F. T. Dupree has completed his residence on Main street and it adds considerably to the appearance of that section of town.

Miss Mary Williams, of Goldsboro, is in the city visiting relatives and friends. Miss Mary is very popular in this place and has a host of friends who are always glad to see her.

A fine boy was recently born to Mr. and Mrs. John W. Hockaday.

Mr. J. P. Dixon returned recently from Benson, where he has been visiting relatives etc., and supervising some farm work on his place near there.

Our friend, "Sambo," has returned from Sampson after spending some time down there looking over the Huckleberry crop.

Prof. J. E. Dowd is one of the new Ford owners in our berg.

"Monte Christo" at the Bijou.

On Friday night of this week, the Bijou will present the most stupendous feature that has ever been exhibited in Dunn. The Famous Play-er's production of "The Count of Monte Christo" is the bill for Friday.

Everyone has heard of Alexander Dumas, the noted French novelist, and "Monte Christo" is considered his masterpiece. Indeed, it is classed by literary men, as one of the ten World's Greatest novels.

The Famous Players have spared no expense in making this production

up to and perhaps beyond their already high standard of excellence, and with the noted stage star, James O'Neill in the title role, one in which he has played thousands of times on the legitimate stage, you can rest assured that you are going to see something that is worth while.

The plot of this intensely interesting story is one that can be followed equally well by children as by adults. A dashing young sailor, lately promoted to captain, is seized at his wedding breakfast, and taken to the notorious chateau d'If, for alleged plots against the king. While confined in this dreary dungeon, he burrows underground into the cell of another prisoner, an old abbot, who in the course of time dies, and gives "Monte Christo" the secret to an enormous treasure that is hidden on an island in the sea. How he manages to escape from the prison, gain the treasure, and finally work out his awful revenge against his enemies, is unfolded in a plot that is thrilling and interesting to the extreme. If you haven't read the book, it will be an education to you, to familiarize yourself with this great novel, and if you have read the book, you will enjoy the recollection of the events as they are thrown upon the screen.

There will be only two shows, starting at 8:00 and 9:15. The doors will be open at 7:45 so if you want a good seat, you had better come early.

A six piece orchestra will furnish the music Friday night.

Bloss H. Butler on Carr.

Mr. Bloss H. Butler, writing in the News and Observer, shows the States opportunity in the production of corn. Writing in his interesting style, he says that corn is the great crop of the United States, that of 1913 being worth about a billion and three-quarters dollars. "Over a hundred and five million acres are planted in corn in this country, three times as much as is planted in cotton. The American corn field would cover all the area of North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey and Pennsylvania." He shows that the records for big yield per acre are in the south as follows:

"A Mississippi boy comes first with 202 bushels per acre; Georgia 187, Alabama 176, South Carolina 171, Virginia 166, Texas 164, North Carolina 148, Pennsylvania 148, Kentucky 144, Arkansas 124, Louisiana 112 Iowa and Illinois are the leading corn states of the union, and leaving out Iowa the production of corn North and South would be very nearly balanced. Texas is the third state in the value of its corn crop, while of the first fifteen states rated by the value of the corn crop, eight are Southern and seven are Northern, and North Carolina is one of the eight. These fifteen states produce nearly 85 per cent of the entire value of the corn crops."—Sanford Express.

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