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Lancaster Mercantile Co

The Evil of Speculation.

The evil of speculation carries its own punishment. Ever since the cotton market reached such sensationally high figures last year the south has been crazed by the possibilities of greater wealth and those who never planted the staple attempted to make fortunes by dealing with futures. The south is naturally "bullish." In New Orleans, and in fact in every city in this section, fortunes have been risked, and if the market had moved upward the farmers and the speculators would have won marvelous profits. But it did not move to suit the players and the producers. There is no sympathy for those who gamble, but there ought to be sympathy for the great army of working people from the farms who have suffered such disastrous reverses by the sudden fall in prices. The losses roll up into the hundreds of millions. A dispatch from New Orleans Saturday night said that before the government estimate was made public that morning, scores of women and hundreds of men surrounded the exchange, waiting with breathless interest for the figures. When the ticket showed that the crop would be over twelve million bales nearly all of the women fainted and the men were startled. They had been foolish enough to gamble and they were whipped out in a day. The conditions might have been the same elsewhere. It is a bad, dangerous, reckless game that can bring only ruin in the end because there is nothing so uncertain as cotton. It ruined the smart men of New York who undertook to control it, and it will ruin all others who are foolish enough to pit their judgment against the world. They should let it alone. There is a more legitimate way of earning a living and the younger people especially should be warned against the risk which attends the placing of every dollar on the on the ticket. Moreover, the average man should have too much sense to be misled by the reports of fabulous winnings of ordinary plungers. These people tell of their good fortune, but they never mention the thousands which were lost.—Greenville News.

A COSTLY MISTAKE.

Blunders are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally life is the price of a mistake but you'll never be wrong if you take Dr King's New Life Pills for Dyspepsia, Dizziness, Headache, Liver or Bowel troubles. They are gentle yet thorough. 25c, at Crawford Bros J. F. Mackey & Co's, Funderburk Pharmacy.

Orangeburg Farmers Agree Not to Sell Cotton Under 10 Cents.

Special to The State.

Salley, Dec. 7.—The farmers of this section held a meeting here yesterday for the purpose of forming plans by which they can keep what cotton they have off the market, two years if necessary. There were about 250 of the most prominent farmers of this section present at the meeting. They are all out of debt and have money enough ahead to carry on their business without drawing on their cotton. All the farmers at this meeting signed a pledge not to market any cotton for less than 10 cents per pound.

Killed By a fall from a Tree.

Special to News and Courier. Edgefield, Dec. 7.—Mr. T. B. Bailey of Clark's Hill a son-in-law of the late Hon G D Tillman, while hunting on a plantation six miles west of town fell from a tree, killing himself instantly. He shot a squirrel which lodged on a limb of the tree and in attempting to get it fell some fifty feet, crushing his skull and breaking his neck. Mr. Bailey was about forty years old and was a prominent citizen of the county.

FIGHT WILL BE BITTER.

Those who persist in closing their ears against the continual recommendation of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, will have a long and bitter fight with their troubles, if not ended earlier by fatal termination. Read what T. R. Beall of Beall, Miss. has to say: "Last fall my wife had every symptom of consumption. She took Dr. King's New Discovery after everything else had failed. Improvement came at once and four bottles entirely cured her." Guaranteed by Crawford Bros, J. F. Mackey & Co., and Funderburk Pharmacy.

Killed On Edisto.

Edisto Island, December 10.—Special: Moses Hanes was killed by a gun shot wound last Friday night. Slick Gadaden has been arrested for the murder, and all evidence points to him.

A Kidney or bladder trouble can always be cured by using Foley's Cure in time. Sold by Funderburk Pharmacy.

Eighteen applicants appeared before the Supreme Court Tuesday afternoon and stood the examination prescribed by the state for those who are admitted to the bar.

It is reported that Senator Tillman will abandon the fight against Crum's confirmation as collector of customs at Charleston. The senator is as much as ever decided that the appointment is unjust and iniquitous but he despairs of convincing the President.

—189 acres, 5 horse farm open good buildings, about 50 acres in woods, two pastures wired in. Will be sold as a whole or divided into two tracts. About 7 or 8 miles Northeast of town. A bargain. Call on T. S. Carter, Agent.

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Earns the Kind You Have Always Bought
Signature of *Charles H. Fletcher*

COTTON STILL DECLINING

To meet this decline we are going to Knife deeper the prices on our goods.

For the next Twenty days we are going to offer the trading public more goods for the money than they ever saw before in Lancaster.

We are offering during this time

\$5.00 Suits at \$3.98; \$7.50 suits at \$5.98; \$10.00 suits at \$7.50; \$12.50 and \$15.00 suits at \$9.00 and \$10.00. \$5.00 Overcoats \$2.98 and up to \$10.00 ones. Pants from 50c per pair, worth 75c, to \$2.50, worth \$6.05. Heaviest weight yd wide Sheetting, weight guaranteed, at 6c yard.

Just received case Bleach to go during this sale 10 yards for 75c. Only 10 yards to the customer. 50 dozen mens' 50 cent undershirts at 38c. Two for 75 cents. 20 dozen Ladies' 25 and 35 cent vests for 19c per garment. A few of those 50c Shirts left at 25 cents.

We still have on hand a few shoes. Price them, you'll buy if you need shoes. Don't miss these bargains. They only hold good for twenty days.

YOURS FOR TRADE,

Funderburk Co.

P. S.—10c bottle Sewing Machine Oil 5c. 10 balls Sewing Cotton 5c and a hundred other things too numerous to mention.

Latimer Gives Up Hope of Good Roads Bill.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Senator Latimer has given up hope of the passage of his good roads bill at the present session of Congress. It has been announced that economy is to be the slogan of the session, and in every quarter where effort for the measure the question of legislative extravagance has been raised. The bill will die at the end of the session.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the health of the people of this county is in imminent danger and must be taken care of. It has been decided that every precaution be taken to prevent prolonged cases of pneumonia, grippe, etc. The best thing to do is to give a good cough mixture as soon as the cough starts. Get MURRAY'S HORE HOUND, MULLEN and TAR. Only 25c a bottle. At all druggists.

Two killed in a Wreck

Charleston, S. C. Dec. 9.—A special to the News and Courier from Florence says: A wreck occurred early this morning on the Atlantic Coast Line at Stony Creek, between Wilmington and Weldon, in which section 2 of No. 25 went head on into a working engine. George G. Boney, engineer of Wilmington and his fireman are reported killed, and several others injured.

A Timely Topic.

At this season of cough and colds it is well to know that Foley's Honeysuckle and Tar is the greatest throat and lung remedy. It cures quickly and prevents results from a cold. Sold by Funderburk Pharmacy.

Gov. Heyward has decided to order an election upon the question of establishing Calhoun county. The date of this election will be the 3d of January.

There will be relief in the South with the knowledge that the senate judiciary committee has decided not to report the Platt bill for the reduction of representation in the South.

Elias R. Moore, of Daezell, Sumter county, was killed Thursday as the result of being caught in the shafting of a cotton gin.

Notice to the Public.

I will hold all inquests in the county. Phone to my residence at Pleasant Hill for me when needed.

J. Montgomery Caskey,
ept. 20—1f Coroner L. C.