

Holding Cotton.

It is a common expression that the farmers will not stick together. While it is natural to resent such a charge is there not more or less truth in it.

A few months ago it dawned on the cotton grower that a thirteen million bale crop of cotton would be made. The normal demand is about twelve million bales, and as there should be a surplus of about two million bales each year, which surplus has been wiped out completely by two small crops, the bumper crop, is little more than the natural demand. It, however, furnished sufficient pretext to the speculators to reduce the price abnormally low, below the cost of production.

For once the cotton planter was roused. He sat on his cotton and demanded better prices. Merchants, bankers and every factory man came to his aid, enabling him to hold his cotton. Organizations were formed everywhere pledging the planter to reduce his acreage. As a result cotton has advanced more than a cent. The Eastern trouble, a great bear force, seems nearing an end and everything is propitious.

But with the slight advance, even before a seed has been put into the ground, the farmer's resolution begins to melt away, and cotton is dumped upon the market.

Surely it is like surrendering to the retreating enemy.

If the farmer is not willing to hold his cotton indefinitely for better prices, he should at least abide the action of his fellows who have pledged themselves to cut down next years crop.

If the fight is given up at this stage of the game, it is perhaps the last time that the sympathy and support of those engaged in other vocations can be enlisted to so great a degree.—Abbeville Press and Banner.

Waycross, Ga., and The Liquor Problem.

Considerable comment has been occasioned by a recent press dispatch from the town of Waycross, Ga., announcing that liquor license for the year had been fixed at \$50,000. A statement has been issued regarding the matter in which it is said that for sixteen successive years the council has fixed this sum as the price for the privilege of purveying liquor to Waycross's 9,000 inhabitants. No one has ever appeared to avail himself of the law, but it is there for any one who sees the chance for profit in it. Four policemen keep Waycross in order, 93 per cent of the children attend school, and one out of ten of the white population own their homes. There is no poor-house. Even as a business proposition, the prohibitive license has worked well, since two railroad shops and a car factory have been located in Waycross.—Charlotte Observer.

The Spartanburg Journal says: "The recent session of the civil court at Spartanburg, although it lasted two weeks, accomplished almost nothing because lawyers and litigants were not ready. It is useless to increase the number of judges unless provision is made for requiring those having business with the courts to cooperate with the courts in getting business done."

H H Evans Will Sue

Case for Libel Brought Against Newspaper—Mr. William Elliott, Jr., to Push the Case.

Columbia Record.

Mr. H H Evans, the chairman of the state board of dispensary directors, has placed in the hands of Mr. William Elliott, Jr., his attorney, several clippings from various newspapers which reflect upon his character according to Mr. Evans' interpretation of these articles and there will probably be a lawsuit as a result.

Mr. Elliott is now in correspondence with the editor and proprietor of the New Barnwell Sentinel, Mr. G. Marshall Moore, and unless some satisfactory explanation is made proceedings will be commenced because of the publication of the following paragraph:

"Is Evans to rule South Carolina with a salary of \$400, when many a poor devil with \$600 or \$700 has to scratch for hungry mouths? Ye economists, if you will, tell us how a man can give box parties, keep daughters at college and be drawn around the streets of Rock Hill in a coach and pair on the pitiful sum of \$400 per annum? There is something rotten in the state of South Carolina, and it reeks from Columbia to Barnwell."

Mr. Elliott when seen this morning said that the amount to be sued for had not been determined on as yet, but that in addition to the suit, there would be prosecution for criminal libel also and that Mr. Evans was determined to stop the publication of such articles.

Mr. Evans said in explanation of the quoted paragraph above that the only money he had made had been in farming and that he was doing as many other farmers were doing—holding his cotton for better prices and planting other crops. He said he was thoroughly disgusted with such attacks and would test the law on the matter thoroughly with every means in his power.

The news will no doubt be received with considerable interest throughout the state and the outcome and developments will be closely watched.

Defamatory to Publish White Man as Negro.

Columbia Record.

A very interesting and important decision was rendered by the supreme court this morning. It is decided that for a newspaper to publish that a white man is a negro is defamatory to the white man, and the newspaper making the publication is liable to a suit for damages. The case was that of an appeal on the part of Mr. Augustus M. Flood, of Charleston, a libel suit having been instituted by him against The News and Courier and The Evening Post, of Charleston, for damages in the sum of \$10,000 because he was referred to as being a negro.

Chronic Bronchitis Cured.

"For ten years I had chronic bronchitis so bad that at times I could not speak above a whisper," writes Mr. Joseph Coffman, of Montmorenci, Ind. "I tried all remedies available, but with no success. Fortunately my employer suggested that I try Foley's Honey and Tar. Its effect was almost miraculous, and I am now cured of the disease. On my recommendation many people have used Foley's Honey and Tar and always with satisfaction." Sold by Funderburk Pharmacy.

Foley's Honey and Tar
for children, safe, sure. No opiate.

Retreat to Harbin on Again.

No Chances for Kuropatkin in the Open Country, Into Which He is Being Driven.

Chicago, March 16.—A special cable to The Daily News from Tokio says:

"The Pass, which was held by about a division of Russian troops, is now in possession of the Japanese. After a slight resistance the Russians evacuated at midnight the strong position they held, prepared months ago, setting fire to the railroad station and other buildings. The Japanese troops, which had occupied Yangpao and east of the Fushun, are in hot pursuit of the retreating Muscovites along the Kirin road. It is predicted that the Russians will retreat to Harbin.

"Tokio is preparing a municipal celebration of the Japanese victory for Saturday."

General Kuropatkin and the remnants of the army which was defeated by the Japanese on Shalhe and Hun rivers and again around Mukden and Tie Pass, are now in the mountains a few miles north of the southern entrance to the pass, trying to shake off their pursuers, who apparently, are not going to repeat the mistake of Liao Yang and allow the Russian army to escape. Kuropatkin has been re-enforced by the garrison of Tieling and other northern towns and a few new troops, who were on their way from Russia when the battle of Mukden began. But even with those, there seems to be little hope for him. He has some 30 or 40 miles of hilly country to Feng Chutsien, which might enable him to hold off the enemy for a time but once in the hills, he has before him nearly 300 miles of flat, open country and innumerable rivers and streams to cross. This is what is termed the great valley of the Sungari, but is in fact an immense plain, bounded on the east by high mountains, and extending northward into Siberia and westward into Mongolia. Kirin, east of the railway, and Harbin, the most northerly point on the railway, where it branches off to Vladivostok eastward and to Siberia westward, are the centers of this wonderfully rich country, resembling in many respects the Northwest Territory of Canada. The distance from Tie Pass to Harbin is very little less than 300 miles, except for the first few miles, every acre is under cultivation or supporting herds of cattle, sheep and horses. So far as the commissariat is concerned there is no need of it. Hardly a pound of last year's crop of beans, millet or wheat left the country, the Russians buying it all, but storing it at stations along the railway, immense shelters being erected for its reception. They also purchased all the cattle and horses in the country.

Another few weeks and the road would be impassable. But if Kuropatkin is hard pressed, there is not a defensible position, unless he abandons the railway and seeks safety in the eastern hills.

St. Petersburg, March 17.—It is officially announced that Gen. Kuropatkin will be replaced by Gen. Linevitch as commander-in-chief of the Manchurian army.

Pneumonia is Robbed of its Terrors

by Foley's Honey and Tar. It stops the racking cough and heals and strengthens the lungs. If taken in time it will prevent an attack of pneumonia. Refuse substitutes. Sold by Funderburk Pharmacy.

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A great reduction in prices

For The Next Thirty Days

in all Winter weights, so govern yourselves accordingly. Everyone come and take advantage of these slaughtering prices.

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We will offer to the trade for the next month the following goods at cost, as we want to make a clean clearance of Winter wear in order to make room for Spring goods. So come at once and inspect our stock, even if you don't wish to buy, for it is a pleasure to show our customers what startling values we have in store for them

All Winter weights in Clothing—Suits, Pants and Overcoats, at actual cost. Also Capes, Jackets, Furs and Muffs accordingly. Blankets, Comforts and Lap Robes, the same way. A big assortment of Knit Skirts at your price.

We have 150 pairs of Shoes to offer very cheap and which are of the very best that is manufactured. But, after breaking the boxes in removing from one store to the other, have decided to place them on the Bargain Counter and let them go at a great sacrifice. Our entire line of Shoes will be knifed to the core, as we have entirely too many.

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We have the largest and best selected stock of Ladies'

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A pretty line of Mohair tailor made Skirts in all the leading shades.

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We have the swellest and nobbiest line of Spring Silks in all the up-to-date shades, so come at once and take a look and you will be pleased with prices, pattern, and quality.

Laces and Embroideries! Knowing that ladies have a perfect mania for such, we have bought extensively the best and cheapest that money could buy, and feel assured that we can please the most fastidious.

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