

The Dilloneevil

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CONQUERING THE BOLL WEEVIL

I am writing this in the first person singular. I want to take Herald readers on a personally conducted tour through a boll weevil infested county and give them first-hand facts. Last week I spent two days in Bamberg county. Bamberg has been hard hit. It is a county the size of Dillon and there is very little difference in the character of the lands or the methods of farming them. Bamberg makes a normal crop of 30,000 bales; this year it made 4,000. This is Bamberg's third year with the boll weevil. The weevil made its appearance there in small numbers late in the summer of 1919, just the same as it made its appearance here the latter part of July in this year. Bamberg made a short crop in 1919, but in 1920 the seasons were good and the county made almost a normal crop. The farmers tried cotton again this year, but the drought came and then followed the weeks of excessive rainfall and Bamberg's crop was cut from 30,000 to 4,000 bales. From the reports that had reached here concerning conditions in the lower tier of counties I expected to find things as flat as a flounder; I expected to find the streets deserted, half the stores closed, no traffic, smokeless factory chimneys and a general spirit of dejection and depression. But I was agreeably surprised. The only idle industries I found were gineries. The most of them had closed weeks ago. Saturday morning I found the streets alive with traffic. Business men were hurrying here and there. The usual stream of customers was pouring in and out of the banks, the clerks in the stores were fairly busy and business seemed to be normal. There was no general spirit of dejection and depression. The people were not blue. They were smiling. They were optimistic. They have plenty to eat—food is found everywhere in the greatest abundance—many of them have a little money ahead, and those who have no money sell a hog, a few chickens or eggs or some corn when they find it necessary to go to town and trade. One man with whom I talked said conditions as a whole were better than they were last fall. He said the big slump in the price of cotton was such a shock that it paralyzed the people. The boll weevil came on gradually—his work of destruction covered a period of several months and the people had in a way adjusted themselves to conditions before the cotton crop was harvested. They will plant some cotton next year—about 4 to 6 acres to the plow. They take a hopeful view of the future, and are confident that when they emerge from the wilderness of doubt and uncertainty by which they are surrounded at the present moment that it will mark the beginning of an era of prosperity, the like of which the county has never known.

75 Per Cent. Seasons.

I talked with banker, merchant and farmer. I talked with big farmers, medium class farmers and small farmers, and as I progressed from top to bottom pessimism decreased and optimism increased. The big farmer has been hard hit; the small farmer has not suffered to any great extent. I gathered opinions here and there; I told them that in my judgment reports reaching my country concerning conditions in the low country had been greatly exaggerated; that it was like the indiscretion committed at home—the farther it got away from the point of origin the more scandalous it became. That I was there for the purpose of getting the truth; that the farmers of my section were facing the same conditions they had faced in 1920; that they had had three years of the boll weevil and we wanted the benefit of their experience. I had related to me a hundred different experiences, scores of different methods for fighting the boll weevil and dozens of different plans for growing other money crops, but after adding and subtracting and multiplying and deducting all these opinions and experiences and plans I divided the sum total by personal conclusions and observations and find that the net result is 75 per cent of season and 25 per cent of effort.

There are good farmers in Dillon county, but they haven't a monopoly on good farming methods. There are other men who have the "know how." I talked with Mr. C. R. Brabham, a progressive and conservative business man. Mr. Brabham was raised on the farm, went to town when a young man, entered the mercantile business, made a fortune, invested it in good farming lands, retired from the mercantile business and for the past ten years has devoted his entire time to his farming interests. He farms along intelligent and progressive lines and made money off the boll weevil. "Man alone can't beat the boll weevil," said Mr. Brabham. "The success of his efforts in fighting the weevil depends to a large extent on the seasons. If it is a favorable season and he uses the most approved methods—the calcium arsenate treatment—he can make a

normal crop, but if it is an unfavorable season the weevil will eat him up. Even the molasses mixture will not prove effective in wet weather. The rain washes it off as fast as you put it on. It is impossible to tell what kind of seasons you will have and the safest plan is to plant only a few acres to the plow, use a quick-acting fertilizer, work the crop fast and even if the season is unfavorable and your crop is a failure you have not lost much." Mr. Brabham owns both stiff and light lands. He owns a place in the lower part of the county and a place in the upper end. When ratherring time came the results were the same. I did not put the figures down at the time, but my recollection is that he told me he gathered about 40 bales from 250 acres. That was the experience of one of the best farmers in the lower part of the state. The general opinion seemed to be that even though the county was passing through its worst year with the weevil—the third year—that a fairly good crop would have been made with the calcium-arsenate-molasses treatment if the seasons had been favorable, but one veteran farmer told me it had been the worst season he ever saw. The crop was doing fairly well until the July and August rains came. It rained in torrents day after day and for weeks it was impossible to work in stiff land. It was during this wet spell that the weevil got in its most destructive work.

G. Frank Bamberg, live-stock dealer and large land owner, had ten acres of cotton near his residence. It was a pet field. He ignored the heavy rains and right after each rain he put his hands in the field and applied the calcium-arsenate-molasses treatment. As fast as the rain washed it off he applied it again and again. He does not know how many applications he made, but all during the long wet spell he kept up the treatment. He made 7 bales on 10 acres, which I think, was the record for the county. I did not find out how much it cost, but the treatments must have been expensive.

"I cannot account for it," said H. P. Bamberg, another large planter, "but the weevil seemed to work in spots. I saw fields in which the work had been intelligently directed. The squares were either picked up or plowed under as fast as they fell, the calcium-arsenate-molasses treatment was used liberally, but still the crop was failure, while just across the road where these methods of fighting the weevil had not been used, where the crop you might say had been neglected, I saw fairly good crops made." Mr. Bamberg said it was 75 per cent season and 25 per cent man.

I could tell of dozens of other cases, but it would be to repeat the story over and over. There was some little difference in the methods employed in fighting the progress of the weevil, but in nearly every case the results were the same. Light land with good drainage, intelligent cultivation and quick-acting fertilizers made from 30 to 40 per cent of a crop, but this was in spots, stiff lands with good drainage made from 10 to 20 per cent of a crop while stiff lands with poor drainage and indifferent cultivation made practically nothing.

The merchants and bankers take a hopeful view of the situation. All the stores are carrying average stocks and the bank statements analyze fairly well. The banks have been liberal with their customers. They have not found it necessary to press them. They too have received liberal treatment from their correspondent banks. Old debts are being gradually liquidated. Here and there where a landowner's line at the local bank is too heavy and his crop has been a failure he is going into the land bank. This has relieved the situation to a considerable extent. New money is not available, but as one business man told me, if a fellow gets to the point where he is compelled to get a loan to save himself he usually gets it. A banker told me Saturday night that he had made a new loan that day—something unusual for this time of the year. Good farming lands have not depreciated in value; they are not on the market, and if a man is looking for bargains in real estate he will have to go somewhere else. Taken as a whole the situation was agreeably surprising. The county is not broke—not by a long shot—and in the next year or two when the people have adjusted themselves to new conditions the county will be more prosperous than ever.

The Bright Side.

The philosophers tell us that out of all evil there comes some good; that there is a bright side to every dark spot, and particularly is this true of the misfortunes following the invasion of the boll weevil. In every calamity that befalls a nation or section there are always one or more outstanding figures that lead the way out of the valley of despair to the peaks of happiness and prosperity.

Saturday afternoon in company with Farm Demonstration Agent Brandon I went to the home of Mr. J. A. Hartzog who lives a few miles out from Denmark. Mr. Hartzog is one of the live-at-home farmers. He does not plant much cotton. Although it was 6 o'clock Saturday afternoon when we arrived at Mr. Hartzog's home we found him at his cane mill putting up the fire under

a syrup pot. Mr. Hartzog makes a very fine quality of ribbon cane syrup. He does it by giving it his personal attention. "Well," said Mr. Hartzog, "let's go up to the house." Arriving at the house he took me to an outhouse where he showed me 1,000 gallons of pure ribbon cane syrup put up in gallon cans and barrels. "Here, try some of these paper shell pecans," said Mr. Hartzog, "they came off my private tree." At this moment Farm Demonstration Agent Brandon pulled out a telegram calling for 200 pounds of pecans and an enquiry for prices on several hundred gallons of syrup which he turned over to Mr. Hartzog. In the outhouse I saw some lye soap and remarked that it had been a long time since I had seen any of the old-time lye soap. Mr. Hartzog went down into a box and took out several cakes 20 years old. He had quantities of it representing different years of manufacture. In his commissary he had hundreds of jars and cans of fruit and other foodstuffs all made at home. He showed me a jar of blackberries he and his wife put up just after they were married, some 20 years ago. From the house we went to the lot where he showed us a pen of fine hogs averaging 400 pounds, ready for the slaughter. Down in his pasture he had many other fine hogs ready for shipping. They were fattening on the pulp from his cane mill. From the lot we went to a field where we found grazing on the cut over cane field of little more than two acres ten head of horses and mules, some six or eight of which were home-raised. In his barn and stables we found six jacks. "Did you make all that syrup on that small patch of land?" I enquired. "Yes, sir," was the reply, "and the stand was not very good, either." "I understand you are not a very large cotton planter, Mr. Hartzog. How much cotton will you plant next year?" "I may plant three or four acres, or I may not plant any at all," was the reply. "I do not think much of cotton," he continued. "There are so many more things a farmer can raise that will turn him out a bigger profit than it is an actual loss to neglect those things for cotton." Mr. Hartzog lives in the heart of the weevil infested section, but he is one of the most independent men in the state. He has something to sell the year round. The boll weevil never has and does not give him a moment's uneasiness. He is always ahead of the world, has no worries, lives at home and takes great pride in his farm. Mr. Hartzog's methods of farming are bound to become universal throughout the south.

And so this is the brief story of how a cotton community is passing through its worst year with the boll weevil. I do not wish to make a comparison but I will draw a parallel between the two counties. To summarize briefly: Bamberg faces another year of uncertainty with plenty of food and feedstuffs, with many debts unpaid, with only 4000 bales of cotton on hand and a large colored tenant population to care for and still the people are confident they will overcome these conditions. Optimism runs high. And on the other hand here is Dillon county with its 25,000 bales of unsold cotton still on hand, most of which is unpledged, with the bills payable of its nine banks almost wiped out, with its small per capita indebtedness, with a record-breaking food crop safely tucked away in storage houses, with its annual production of 4,000,000 pounds of tobacco to fall back upon as a second money crop in the event its next cotton crop is a failure, with only a small colored tenant population to care for and yet we are living in a wilderness of fear and doubt and suspicion and uncertainty, all of which is of our own making. There is every reason why we should be happy and contented.

A. B. JORDAN.

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NOTICE

All persons are hereby warned not to employ or give shelter to my boy Wiley Junior Carter, age 18, who has left my home without cause.

W. A. CARTER, 12 8 1tp Dillon, S. C., Route 2

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It's too much to try to work every day against a constant dull backache, or sudden darting pain in the small of the back. Be rid of it. Try Doan's Kidney Pills. Your neighbors recommend them. Ask your neighbors J. M. Tolar, carpenter, Hampton St. Dillon, says: "Not long ago I was suffering awfully with my kidneys and for nearly three weeks I could hardly get around. Bending over or lifting anything heavy was almost impossible, my back was too sore and weak to allow it. I tried several remedies but got no relief. Nights the action of my kidneys caused me to get up several times and my sleep didn't refresh me. I finally heard of Doan's Kidney Pills and got a box at the Rogers Drug Co. and used them according to directions. They soon ended my trouble and fixed me up in fine shape."

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CITATION

The State of South Carolina, County of Dillon, by Joe Cabell Davis, Probate Judge:

Whereas, N. J. Rogers has made suit to me to grant unto him letters of administration of the estate and effects of W. H. Rogers with will annexed.

These are, therefore, to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said W. H. Rogers, deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Dillon on Thursday, December 15th next, after publication hereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand this 29th day of Nov. Anno Domini, 1921.

JOE CABELL DAVIS, Judge of Probate, 12 1 2t. Dillon County.

TREASURER'S NOTICE

The books for the collection of county, state, poll and road tax will be opened in my office, October 15 and continue open until the last day of December, 1921, without penalty. After said date the following penalties will be added:

One per cent January, 1 per cent additional in February, 5 per cent additional until the 15th day of March when the books will close.

All districts have special levies for school purposes. The following is the total levy for the various districts:

Table with 3 columns: Dist. No., School Dist., Levy Mills. Lists districts from Carolina to Sellers with corresponding levy rates.

All parties between the ages of 21 and 60 years, inclusive, are liable, unless exempted by law, to a poll of \$1.00. All parties between the ages of 21 and 55 years, inclusive, are liable to a capitation road tax of \$3.00, unless exempted by law.

Those who desire to pay their taxes through the mail may expedite matters by dropping the Treasurer a card asking for the amount of their taxes, so as to avoid sending the wrong amount, also stating the township or townships (if property is owned in more than one) and if possible give school district where property is located. After paying taxes examine your receipt and see if all your property is covered; if not, see about it at once.

All persons writing for information or asking for receipt to be sent to enclose the return postage, as no provision is made for this item of expense.

By following the above suggestions complications and additional costs may be avoided.

Any persons wishing the amount of their taxes will write me not later than December 1st.

Yours truly, JNO. R. WATSON, County Treasurer. 9 29 1t.

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CROP AND CHATTEL MORTGAGES titles to real estate, mortgages real estate, bills of sale, planters contracts, rent liens, claim and delivery papers for sale at The Herald office.—3 24.

POSTED SIGNS—Signs for Posting lands for sale at The Herald Office—11 3.

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