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LOCKHART JUNCTION

Lockhart Junction, Sept. 8.—Rain is much needed in this section for all late crops. The war talk and low price of cotton is the talk these days as politics is about over. It seems the greatest rally is past and today will settle it for the next two years. The cotton question is the greatest of any of these with us for we don't think that we people of the United States will have to go to war as long as Wilson is president. We hope there will turn up a way for the farmers to get a good price for his cotton. I will suggest that every farmer keep his cotton in his own warehouse, by that I mean in his own cotton house as long as he can. There is no one but who could keep his cotton till the first of November. I do believe if everyone would get a higher price—keep the cotton off the market for a while anyway. We are getting nothing anyway when we take 7 1-2c. It does not look like it would go any lower if we wait and let us risk it. Now keep it at home is what I am going to do for a few months anyway and risk chances.

Mr. W. H. Page and Miss Evelyn Holman were married in Charlotte, N. C. at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Danner, on Wednesday, September 2. Mr. Page is a well known citizen and progressive farmer of Jonesville township. Mrs. Page is a young lady of sterling qualities. She is known here and throughout the state, as she has been teaching for several years. They have many friends who wish them much happiness through life.

I stopped at the home of Mr. Chester Garner, a well known and progressive farmer of Pinckney township, last week. I met Mrs. Garner and daughter canning vegetables out in the cannery in the shade. They told me they had canned 358 cans of peaches, 125 cans of beans, 105 cans of tomatoes, 18 cans of damsons and were not done canning yet. This was what I like to see—laying up for winter use.

Miss Corrie Haney is spending this week in Spartanburg with relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Lancaster of West Springs were visiting at the home of Mr. A. J. Gallman for the week-end.

Mr. Ralph Mayes of Sulphur Springs was visiting in this section on Sunday and attended Sunday school.

Miss Lois Gallman has returned from Sulphur Springs where she has been spending a week with relatives and friends.

Miss Emmie Hames gave a moonlight picnic at the close of her school last Thursday night at Mr. T. M. Tweed's and all enjoyed a nice time and had plenty to eat.

Mr. J. J. Garner celebrated his 70th birthday last Thursday, September 3, by giving his many friends and relatives a picnic with hash and everything good to eat. Mr. Garner received several presents. We wish for him many more days like this, for he is enjoying good health for his age.

Mrs. Nancy White died at the home of Mr. D. C. White Saturday, September 5. She died very suddenly after she was stricken with paralysis and only lived a short time. This good woman was one of our oldest citizens, being 88 years old and had been in very good health except falling a few years ago and broke her leg. She had to use her cane and crutches to walk with but she had a good mind up till her death. In her feebleness and old age she seemed to realize more fully that God was her helper. She has many relatives and friends who mourn over her loss.

The daughters and sons of Mr. John and Camillus Little of Kelton and Miss Mabel Kelly passed through here yesterday on their way to Spartanburg academy. Miss Jessie Gallman goes to Spartanburg Business college. Moxey.

WILKINSVILLE

Wilkesville, Sept. 7.—It has been some time since I have written a letter to The Times and its about time I ventured another. The Times is our old family newspaper, in fact, it is one of our household necessities and its bright face and newsy columns always has a cordial welcome with us and our family. I always read, besides its splendid editorial, the newsy letters from various correspondents in different parts of the county, and appreciate both of these for they are clean, clear and well gotten up and this is what makes a paper popular, always. I have been struck with Comrade G. T. Gault's letters in the last issues, that of the fourth especially; that paragraph in which the writer deals with the situation politically on the Ridge. It is so good, and covers so much ground at this particular time that we feel like passing it on to others. Comrade Gault is one of the connecting links between the past and present generation and what he says is well worth remembering. He is no "fire eater," and no bushwhacker to strike below the belt. He has already tasted the bitter pill of war and knows how to express the horrors of its calamities and in his appeal in behalf of his "weak and erring" brethren he touches a chord that finds a ready response in every patriotic heart—one that is filled with love for our fellow men and the fear of God. William T. Sherman of incendiary notoriety said: "War is hell." Yes, and he might have emphasized its expression by saying "War is hell turned loose." No matter whether it is between armed soldiers in the field of battle contending for the mastery, or between citizens of the same commonwealth at the ballot box contending for what they think is right—the issue is the same. It is true nevertheless, that a good war is better than ignoble peace, however costly either may be.

Miss Myrtice Fowler, the beautiful and attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. G. Fowler, was married to Mr. Arthur Wilkerson at the home of her parents last Wednesday evening, by the bride's uncle, Rev. J. T. Fowler, of McColl. The happy couple after the consummation of the marriage ceremony took their departure for a

bridal trip through several states and cities of our beloved Southland.

We wish for them all the pleasure that a happy married life can afford. The people of Salem are making ready for the meeting of the Bethel Presbytery which is to take place at 8:30 o'clock next Tuesday evening the 15th. Immediately after the adjournment of the presbytery, preparatory services for the full communion will begin and on the following Sabbath the Lord's supper will be celebrated. Rev. E. E. Gillespie of Yorkville will assist Rev. W. B. Arrowood, the pastor, in the preaching service. We are authorized to say that the public is cordially invited to attend any and all of these services.

Your correspondent is looking forward with much interest to the meeting of synod at Union this fall which I hope to attend, not as a delegate but as a quiet looker-on.

Prof. and Mrs. L. B. Hames, who have been spending their vacation in the mountains of North Carolina, have returned and will open Sunny-side school on the first of October. Vox.

KELTON

Kelton, S. C., Sept. 7.—We are having some hot weather now. Cotton is opening very fast and picking will begin in earnest as soon as most of the fodder will be gathered. Politics is very quiet on the Ridge and tomorrow will decide the second primary. The newspapers boosting Manning just as they did Smith and I guess he will be the next governor.

The newspapers are full of resolutions, etc., concerning the cotton situation; almost all kinds of plans are suggested and it went amount to a row of pins unless there is some concerted action. With all the cotton growing, states resolutions are like pie crust, easy broken and for all the cotton growing states to pass a law to cut their acreage 50 or 75 per cent of last years crop, I don't believe it would stand the test of the courts. Yes, there are many that would join together to carry it into the courts to test the constitutionality of the law. I am no lawyer and never have had a case in court and don't want one but I believe if all the cotton states were to get together and all pass a law that every farmer could plant all the land he wanted to in cotton but all the bales he made to every plow, say two to five hundred pound bales to the plow and all over that he made to tax it \$5.00 per hundred pounds lint or \$25.00 per bale and this tax money used to run each government. I believe such a law would stand in the courts as good as the road tax law of our State; such a law would not deprive any man from planting all his land in cotton if he chose to do so. This idea of planting half the acre in cotton next year that he planted this year is not a fair proposition for many reasons. First, many cotton farmers have already cut their acreage 50 per cent. It would not be fair for that poor farmer who only makes 4 to 6 bales to the plow and the other fellow who never has reduced his crop but rather increased it and is making from 15 to 20 bales to the plow and sometimes more and if every man was to reduce his acreage 50 to 75 per cent, the farmers would try to make as much cotton on 7 1-2 acres as they were making on 15 acres this year and what would be benefited. After all there is over one million bales old cotton on hand, a 15,500,000 crop making this year and nearly all of Europe now and soon will be engaged in one of the greatest wars the world has ever known and no one known how long it will last, the hundreds of thousands and likely millions of men killed and disabled in this greatest of wars and the tens of millions of their families unable to buy the cotton goods that can be made out of cotton we had on hand and yet the United States may be drawn into this war before it is ended. There are men in the United States who want to crown themselves with glory as generals and colonels, etc., little caring how many privates there are to do the fighting. We have a wise president and a wise cabinet whom I believe will do all they can to keep this country out of the struggle. Some who want to get some honor will cry our flag has been insulted or our nation's honor is at stake. Well just let them tackle our country and we will give them the best we have. Well, I will get back to the cotton situation—unless we can get some kind of law on the cotton question that I have outlined, we had just as well drop the matter and let every man exercise his own judgment, granting that we can get all the money we want and can get storage for it for one year and then raise another crop. It all would be put on the market and little demand for it and we would be glad to get five cents for it should the war continue a few months. The best thing the South should do should the war continue until next March would be for us to plant not a seed of cotton. The best piece I have seen on the cotton question was that dictated by J. W. Norwood, of Greenville, in The Columbia State.

Mrs. Gibson, wife of Rev. Gibson, who has been in a hospital in Spartanburg, has returned home.

Sunday night closed a very interesting meeting at Mt. Joy Baptist church. Rev. Wren did the preaching. He is a very forceful speaker. The result was several joined the church. Misses Elizabeth and Mary Little and Mabel Kelly, Messrs Fendren and Bill Little, and Charley Garner left this week for Landrum to attend school. G. T. G.

Caterpillar Has Reached Greenwood County.

The cotton caterpillar has reached Greenwood county. Messrs O. A. Etheridge, Payne Henderson, James Stalworth and James Rodgers of the Phoenix section, have found the pest on their farms and with the assistance of Demonstration Agent Faris, are at work to get rid of it. Cotton where the worm has been found will be destroyed. No reports of the caterpillar's appearance in any other part of the county have been made.—Greenwood Journal.

THIRTY-ONE FOOD DEALERS NOW UNDER INDICTMENT

Charged Under Sherman Law With Price Fixing—Others To Be Indicted.

Washington, September 4.—Thirty-one food dealers were indicted here today by a Federal grand jury under the Sherman law on counts charging price fixing. It was the first big development in the investigation of the department of justice is conducting at the direction of President Wilson, against food dealers who are alleged to have seized upon the European war as a pretext to increase the cost of living. All the indicted men are local produce dealers or commission merchants. No nationally known firm was indicted.

At the department of justice it was said government agents working in many States for evidence of price fixing, were expected to make reports soon, which officials hoped would be the basis of other indictments.

Attorney General Gregory said: Under conditions now existing throughout the world, capitalization of misfortune and oppression of our own people by the arbitrary increase of the prices of foodstuffs are so peculiarly reprehensible that, whenever convictions can be obtained, the government will insist upon sentence of imprisonment—no fine or no civil remedy will be deemed adequate.

To Ask for Indictments. United States attorneys are being instructed promptly to ask for indictments whenever the facts will permit, to push these to early trial, and upon convictions to insist upon prison sentences.

"It must, of course, be remembered that, without the District of Columbia only those agreements and combinations which affect directly interstate or foreign commerce can be reached. As to other matters, State statutes must be relied upon."

The men indicted here today are charged with having fixed prices "by ballots," "suggestions" or verbal agreement, and to have circulated price lists which completely eliminated a comparative market for food. That is alleged to be an unlawful restraint of trade prohibited by Sherman anti-trust law between the states and in federal districts. The penalty on conviction is a year's imprisonment or a \$5,000 fine, or both.

Bench warrants were issued for all the indicted men and bail was given for their appearance in court.

Farm Folks are Learning.

1. They are beginning to quit farming by signs of the moon and beginning to farm by sense of the earth.

2. They have quit "laying by" by the time of the year and are beginning to "lay by" by the condition of the crop.

3. They no longer buy fertilizer by the smell of the goods, but are beginning to buy it for the plant food it contains.

4. They are beginning to realize that there is no sense in killing Southern grass all winter, nor in paying freight and brokers' charges on Western corn and meat when we can raise them here without these extra charges.

5. And especially do they realize that it doesn't pay both to pay freight on hay and buy nitrogen in sacks, when clover, vetch, and cowpeas will not only furnish cheap feed, but gather fortunes in nitrogen "free-gratis" from the air above us.

6. They are beginning also to see that it is cheaper to use horse-labor that needs food but not clothing than human labor which needs both food and clothing—and cheapest of all to use a maximum of machinery which requires neither food nor clothing.

7. They see, too, that the main question is not how much we make, but how much we keep, and that time prices and foolish marketing may keep men poor in spite of wise production.

8. And finally they are beginning to realize that just as there is many a load which one horse working alone would never budge but which several horses hitched together pull easily, just so there is many a plan for the farmer's benefit which farmers single-handed can do nothing with, but which a group of farmers hitched together can easily accomplish.—The Progressive Farmer.

Can't Lay it on the Negro.

The Pensacola News is an advocate of educational progress in Florida, but is inclined to excuse the State for its present bad showing. "Florida's percentage of illiteracy," it remarks "is doubtless largely due to its negro population."

This is a common failing with us in the South. Whenever some one says "The percentage of illiteracy in this State is twice the American average," some one is likely to answer, "Oh, that's just because so many negroes can't read and write."

Fortunately for the sake of truth, however, the census shows separately the figures for white and colored illiteracy, and we can favor the Pensacola News with the figures for Florida's white illiteracy entirely apart from that of the negroes. Florida's illiteracy for native whites of native parentage exceeds 5 per cent, whereas in twenty states of the union the illiteracy for such native whites is less than 1 per cent.—The Progressive Farmer.

TILLMAN IS AT HOME.

Says Blease is Dead and That State is Emancipated.

Augusta, Sept. 5.—"Blease is dead, and we should say little of the dead except good," was the prelude to a brief interview here today, in which Senator Benjamin R. Tillman declared that "South Carolina has emancipated herself from Bleasism and that Governor Cole Blease has been forever eliminated as a factor in the State's politics by his defeat in the recent senatorial primary."

"I am not going back to Washington before December, unless they start to dock my pay," said Senator Tillman, when asked how long he would remain south.

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