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SIGN THE PLEDGE.

No farmer who understands the proposition will refuse to sign the pledge for acreage reduction which has been sent out by the South Carolina cotton association and the Lancaster county cotton association.

Reports are coming in to headquarters of the county association that the farmers are a little slow to sign. It is not within the province of this newspaper to go out and tell the farmer what he shall plant and how much upon his own land, but if it can convince him that a short crop will bring in as much money as a big crop and cost less in production, it will have done a good work.

If the farmer wants a big price for a little cotton or a little price for much cotton he can have what he wants—if he will conduct the production of the staple in the proper way. If he reduces and keeps production within the bounds of demand, the price will be high; if he does not reduce acreage and there is an overproduction, the price will be low.

It is entirely unnecessary to say that supply and demand is going to be the controlling factor in the price of cotton this year. It took a war such as the world had never before known to sky-rocket the price up beyond thirty-five cents last year, but it is different now. There is not the demand for cotton there was then. However, the price will sky-rocket again whenever there is more demand than supply, and the way to bring that condition about is to produce less, and in producing less, produce more food for the family and the livestock.

PROHIBITION AND FANATICISM

Prohibition is one thing and fanaticism is another. There is also a possibility that the enforcement of the prohibitive measures in some sections has been made so particularly obnoxious as to create purposely a sentiment for the old ways. One of the best things, if not the best, that ever happened for the states which adopted prohibition was prohibition. There are few to challenge that statement and there are none to successfully challenge it.

"Residents returning to this city from northern points are indignant over the alleged manner in which they are treated by Virginia officers, who search practically every train passing through the state in the hope of finding whiskey. 'I do not mind prohibition,' one of them said, 'nor do I object to enforcement of the law after it is made, so far as it concerns that state. But when officers create a more serious breach of rights in order to carry out a law of less importance, the limit has been reached. If there should start a rise of Bolshevism over prohibition it may well be attributed to the rude manner in which the officers of Virginia search the trains, and the support accorded these officers by the state.'

"In the middle of the night the train is stopped, and with a pistol staring them in the face passengers are subjected to the roughest treatment. Disregarding the fact that a woman may be asleep in a berth, these officers pull the curtains aside and flash a light under the cover in search of whiskey. Thus is protection of womanhood forgotten in the eagerness to obtain reward for an arrest. The end does not justify means in cases of this nature. Even were the train full of whiskey it would be better to let it pass over Virginia soil than to subject women to such degradation. Shall the innocent suffer in order to reward the officers of Virginia?"

"Only the other day a young lady from Charlotte was bringing her father a quart of Scotch whiskey, a favorite brand he had not tasted for years. Her personal effects were searched and she was placed in jail overnight with negro women, merely because she had one quart for her father. Shall we, as a nation of principles, stand by and see such actions continue without interruption?"

"And if you have \$1,000 in your pocket you cannot give bond, unless you own land in Virginia. Instead, you must pay a Virginia land owner \$10 to go your bond, or await delayed trial in a dirty cell. Virginia has stained her reputation as a state not only by permitting but by advocating this ruthlessness. But I do not think that America, as a nation, should be disgraced by its continuance."

"The foregoing facts are corroborated by several persons who came through Virginia last week. They say that this is no longer practiced by federal officers, pursuant to instructions from the attorney general, but that the Virginia state officers have become worse." We have no reason to believe the above story is exaggerated except that it is so remarkable a statement. If we were a lawyer we should say that the invasion of a Pullman berth by an officer without a warrant to search that particular berth was a serious violation of law, regardless of the purpose for which search is made. And, if not a violation of law a violation of principles not contemplated by the law. If such practices are continued by the officers, an interesting case might be brought to trial by the aggrieved party bringing an indictment against the officers, and this might have the effect of putting a stop to such practices. If such methods in the enforcement of prohibition are honest, it brings prohibition to fanaticism; if an attempt to discredit pro-

hibition, the parties guilty of such attempt should be punished. We don't believe an officer can lawfully enter a hotel room occupied by a guest without a warrant authorizing the search of that particular room, and what is the difference between a Pullman berth and a hotel room, so far as the rights of the occupants are concerned?

Charter No. 7858.

PERSONALS.

Mrs. Glenmore B. Barron, of Union, is here on a visit to her father, Sheriff J. P. Hunter. Miss Etta Skipper has returned from Gastonia, where she visited for several days as the guest of her friend, Mrs. A. B. O'Neil. Miss Anna Mae Perry, of Belltown, spent last week with Miss Azalea Scott.

Reserve District No. 5.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

First National Bank

At Lancaster, in the State of South Carolina, at the Close of Business on March 4, 1919.

Table with columns for RESOURCES and LIABILITIES. Resources include Loans and discounts, Total loans, Liberty Loan Bonds, etc. Liabilities include Capital stock paid, Surplus fund, etc.

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, County of Lancaster—ss. I, E. M. Croxton, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. E. M. CROXTON, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of March, 1919. V. E. CRAIG, Notary Public.

Bank No. 33. Statement of the Condition of the The Bank of Lancaster. Located at Lancaster, S. C., at the close of business March 4th, 1919. RESOURCES. Loans and Discounts \$640,035.99 Overdrafts 8,766.57 Bonds and Stocks owned by the bank 147,100.00 Bonds deposited 248,500.00 Furniture and fixtures 2,450.89 Banking house 6,042.18 Other real estate owned 3,500.00 Due from banks and bankers 143,569.03 Currency 21,664.00 Gold 2,660.00 Silver and minor coin 4,142.12 Checks and cash items 1,791.86 Total \$1,230,222.64

ALBANIA WANTS AMERICA TO TAKE MANDATE THERE Paris, March 13.—The Albanian delegation to the peace conference, after a hearing Thursday by the commission dealing with Greek questions, sent a note to Premier Clemenceau, as president of the conference, proposing that in the event its claims were not admitted by the supreme council that a mandate be given to the United States to occupy and administer for one year the territories claimed by the Albanians.

PLACE YOUR ORDERS for Sweet Potato Plants now and you will make sure of getting them. Nancy Halls, Porto Rico, Godby Golden and others. J. B. Mackorell. 32-1f.

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BUSINESS NOTICES

FOR SALE—Good milk cow, fresh. Also several nice Berkshire pigs. Apply to B. L. Parker, Lancaster, S. C., Route 2. 30-2t.

STRAYED—One black female Berkshire shoat from L. F. Dabney's lot. Weight 80 to 100 pounds. Reward for return to L. F. Dabney. 40-2t.

WILL THRESH cane seed Friday, March 21 at my home. N. H. Hallman. 30-1t.

LOST—Automobile crank between News office and W. A. Davis' residence. Reward for return to News office.

FOR SALE—Several good mule cows, one registered. Three good cheap mules. J. E. Nesbit, Van Wyck, S. C. 39-41.

SWEET POTATOES FOR SALE—Porto Rico pure stock for seed and eating \$2.00 per bushel cash with order. No better grows. J. C. Hilton, Westville, S. C. 39-4t.

WANTED HIDES—Cow, horse

mule, sheep, goat hides, mink muskrat, possum, fox, coon skins. Capers Cauthen, White street. See me before you sell your hides.

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PROFESSIONAL CARDS

DR. J. REECE FUNDERBURK, Dental Surgeon. Office Hours: 8:30 to 12:30 A. M. 2:00 to 6:00 P. M. And by Appointment. Office Phone 160. Residence Phone 52. Office over Lancaster Pharmacy.

CITATION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION. STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, County of Lancaster. By J. E. Stewman, Judge of Probate. Whereas, William P. Cole hath made suit to me to grant him Letters of Administration of the estate and effects of Lewis T. Cole, deceased.

These are, therefore, to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to show cause, if any they have, why the said administration should not be granted. Given under my hand, this 26th day of Feb. Anno Domini 1919. J. E. STEWMAN, Probate Judge.

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