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THE GOOD ROADS' BONDS

A bill has been introduced in the Senate by Senator Moore deferring the sale of the bonds for the building of good roads until February 1922, and further providing that these bonds may not be sold for less than par net to the county.

Both provisions of the bill, we think, will meet with the approval of the great majority of the people of the county. If the question of issuing these bonds were before the people today, the vote would be five to one against the issue. The losses sustained by the people of the county, with the already high taxes which the people are called on to pay, warn all of us that it is a time for retrenchment and not for the assuming of still greater burdens. At the same time when another crop shall have been made we may find that conditions are so changed that we can do the work contemplated by the bond issue, if the people then are so minded.

Whatever may be the opinion of the people on the foregoing subject, we take it that they are unanimous in requiring that the bonds of the county bearing five and one-half per cent. interest shall be sold for par net to the county. The suggestion that we give some bond broker eight or ten dollars on every one hundred dollars for selling these bonds, whether you call it a discount, commission, or what not, should not appeal to the people of the county. We do not think it does.

It has not been so many years since bonds of the city of Abbeville bearing five per cent. were sold for more than par. The bonds of other municipalities bearing even a smaller rate of interest have been sold in the years past for more than par. It is true that these bonds cannot now be sold for these prices, but the fact that they cannot should be proof that now is no time to rush into further debt. Certainly the burdens of the government with high taxes everywhere are hard enough to bear without selling our dollars, which we are to pay in the years to come, at less than a hundred cents.

The usual cry will go up about the roads in the next few weeks no doubt. The roads will be bad, we may be sure. But the people will do well not to use them too much just now. If the people are not going to use much fertilizers the present year they will have little use for good roads this spring. They will be able without much difficulty to get to town to spend what money they have to spend, and even to pay their taxes if they have the money for this purpose.

Besides we have no assurance that the roads, if built with the proposed bond money, would be kept always in good condition at this season of the year. We have just read an account of the bad condition in which the roads from Greenville to Hendersonville and other points in the mountains now are. These are some of the "good roads" about which we have heard so much. Are we to understand that these "good roads" get in bad fix in the winter months? If so, what is to be gained by spending a half million dollars on our own roads? We have good roads, when they are properly worked, for about nine or ten months in the year, without the expenditure. We have been told that we would have good roads the whole year if the bond money is spent, but it would seem not so, if the mountain roads furnish an index to what we are to have.

There is plenty of time to think over these matters. Surely we may all agree that bonds should not be issued just now, not even though the banks could use the money in their business to good advantage.

NEWS OF THE CITY SCHOOLS

Basketball Game Friday.

The first match game of basketball of this season will be played on the court at the high school Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock between Honea Path and Abbeville. From rumors reaching here from the Anderson County town a strong quintet is being sent out which has challenged both Greenville High and Bailey Military Academy. Mr. Daniel and Chic Galloway, the coaches of our boys' teams believe that Honea Path will have to fight for every goal they make Friday afternoon. Abbeville's line-up will be probably: Donald Harris and Billy Long, forwards; Austin Roche, center; Bruce Galloway and Harold Tate, Guards. The substitutes are Thomas Maxwell, Robert Mundy, Robert Link, Rayford McMillan, "Pink" Socrates Bradley and Edwin Barksdale.

School Societies Elect Officers.

Friday was election day in both of the high school literary societies and from the lobbying, electioneering and propagandizing at recess time one would have thought some life or death measure was to be decided by the august bodies. In the Lanier Society the results of the election were declared to be as follows: President, George Wood; vice-president, Margaret Dawson; secretary, Frances Rose; monitor, Jeansie White; critic, Robert Link.

The Palmetto Society elected for President: John Bradley; vice-president, Grace Milford; Secretary, Ada Faulkner; critic, William Long; monitor, Mary Jones.

Proper Gander Staff Next Session.

The high school faculty have announced that the following pupils will assume charge of editing and publishing Proper Gander for next session: Editor-in-chief, Jack Bradley; business manager, Billy Long; literary editor, Maria Neuffer; local editor, Deby Owen; Exchange editor, Grace Milford; athletic editor, Bruce Galloway; Art editor, Fred Minshall; subscriptions, Ada Perrin, advertising, Edwin Barksdale and Louis J. Bristow, Jr.

4,000 OPERATIVES SHARE IN PROFITS

Durham, N. C., Feb. 1.—Despite depression in the cotton mill industry, the Erwin Cotton Mills company and its auxiliary plants in Durham, Cochemee and Duke have distributed the 1920 profit sharing dividend to 4,000 operatives.

The dividends which amounted to considerable money for each operative came with an announcement that the mills beginning this week, will operate on a five days to the week basis instead of two or three days the basis in force for the past several months.

It is said that some of the Venetians—those who have never been to the mainland—have never seen a horse in all their lives.

FACTS ABOUT COTTON

About 60 per cent of the world's supply of cotton is grown in America.

Cotton is indigenous to all tropical and semi-tropical countries.

Sea Island, grown off the Atlantic coast of the United States are the finest cottons in the world.

Boll weevil has about destroyed the Set Island cotton industry.

Boll Weevil first appeared in the United States at Brownsville, Texas, in 1892.

A single pound of cotton has been spun into a single thread more than 1,000 miles in length.

The prospect is that there will be an unspun supply of American cotton at August 1, of 9,607,000 bales. Before the war the average amount of cotton on hand at that date was about 1,200,000 bales.

The "Visible Supply" of cotton, and the total supply on any given date are two entirely different things.

Manufacture of cotton goods is the very foundation of British wealth.

There is now enough unspun cotton in the world to last about two years.

The average price of middling cotton at 10 leading cotton markets in the South Saturday was 14.03 cents.

The statistical year for cotton runs from August 1st, to July 31st.

U. S. Census Bureau reports 12,016,000 bales ginned to Jan. 16th. The next ginning report will be published March 20th.

URGES FARMERS TO REDUCE THEIR ACREAGE

American Cotton Association Sends Letter to Clerk of Court Stating Necessity to Cut.

Columbia, Feb. 1.—The American Cotton Association has sent a statement addressed to the cotton growers to the clerk of court in every county in the cotton belt with the request that the latter post this statement on the bulletin board in the county court house. The statement urges the cotton growers to reduce their acreage this year and gives a brief summary of the reasons which makes this action on their part necessary.

Replies have already been received from many of the clerks saying that they have complied with the request and officers of the association express the belief that a large majority of the 850 clerks in the cotton belt will do so.

The notice which is being posted on the bulletin boards in the county court houses is addressed to the cotton growers and reads as follows:

"Restricted exports of American cotton and limited consumption by American mills has resulted in great depression in the price of cotton and in the accumulation of large supplies of the staple all over the South. The only solution of the problem is to stop producing cotton on a normal scale until the spindles of the world are able to operate on a normal basis. No cotton farmer should plant more than one-third of his cultivated land in cotton in 1921. Production of cotton this year must be decreased 50 per cent so that not exceeding six million bales will be harvested in 1921. Any other policy will be suicidal and will result in untold suffering and continued financial disaster

to the entire cotton belt, including farmers, merchants and bankers. The purchasing power of the entire civilized world is lower than it has been during the past one hundred years, as a result of the present financial cataclysm, following the four years of enormous expenditures of the world and sacrifice of human life. "Large farmers who are holding their 1920 crop for higher prices should plant no cotton on their lands in 1921. Others should not plant to produce in 1921 more than one-half of their production of cotton. Quit the cotton game for one year and produce abundant supplies of corn, oats, hay, peas, potatoes, peanuts and other food crops. Raise hogs, cattle and poultry. Live at home one year and economize. Such a policy if strictly enforced, will result in putting the price of cotton back to living values and will make Southern farmers independent of western corn cribs and smoke houses. A half crop of cotton in 1921 means financial independence. Another large acreage in cotton will mean continued financial disaster, wreck and ruin. Sign the cotton acreage reduction pledge and get in line to protect your home and the entire business future of the South. Don't be a slacker in this hour of peril but prove to the world that Southern manhood can meet and overcome every emergency which confronts them."

MRS. JONES, SISTER OF GOVERNOR COOPER DEAD

Columbia, S. C., Feb. 1.—Governor Cooper left yesterday afternoon for Ware Shoals, where his sister, Mrs. Sallie Jones, died yesterday. A telegram informing him of Mrs. Jones' death was received by him on the golf links at the Country Club this afternoon, shortly before his train left.

SKATED 163 MILES

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 1.—In an endurance contest at the Ice Palace here, finished late last night, Frank Gallagher of this city skated 165 3-8 miles in 24 hours. He was in fairly good condition at the finish.

'LETS GO' STANDS OUT AS BEST U. S. SLOGAN

Washington, Feb. 1.—"Lets go" was the chief battle slogan of the American army in the world war. There were other popular and effective phrases used by the troops—"Where do we go from here?" and

"When do we eat?" for instance but in the opinion of Col. Edward L. Munson, chief of morale, general staff, was made public today, "For every day use, in rest, or in battle, the slogan "lets go" stands foremost. None other seems so typically American, so broad and so satisfying."

Two Hard Words to Remember

Lisenbee and Optometrist

When you want to remember "Lisenbee", think of listening to the little honey-maker.

When you want to remember "Optometrist", just say to yourself, "opposite to me"

When your eyes are giving trouble be sure to think of both words.

DR. L. V. LISENBEE

McMurray's Victrola Shop Abbeville, S. C.

HAVE YOU



Taken Advantage

...of this...

Half-Price Sale?

Lots of People Have and You Ought Not to Miss It.

Men's and Boys' Clothing and Underwear

Saturday Night, February 5th, will end this sale, and we'd like to see you come in before that time for some of these unusual bargains. Kuppenheimer, Styleplus, and Schloss Brothers' Suits for men at half price; also all of our Boys' Suits, Men's and Boys' Odd Trousers, and all of our winter Weight Underwear at Half Price for the balance of this week.

Parker & Reese

Beautiful Cut

Glass

I have just received a new and attractive shipment of

Cut Glass, Bric-a-brac, and Silver, both Hollow and Flatware.

The prices are in accord with the downward trend of the market and you are invited to come in and see this elegant line.

F. E. HARRISON, Jr.

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