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Fertilizers Higher.

All the Crude Materials Have Materially Advanced.

President Morgan, of The Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company Says The Selling Price is Lower Than Cost of Materials Warrant.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 1, 1900.

To the Editor: My attention has been called to a communication in the News and Observer, published under date of Wednesday, January 31st, 1900, in reference to the advance in the price of fertilizers, wherein it is stated that the farmers of Pitt county, North Carolina, propose to organize and fight the advance in the prices of fertilizers, and by insinuation our Company is censured as the cause of this advance.

I desire to make a plain statement of facts and conditions as now obtained in the fertilizer trade, and to show to the dealers and consumers of fertilizers that the advance in the price of manufactured fertilizers is not only just and warranted but is absolutely necessary, and that the manufacturers of fertilizers could not afford to sell them at the price ruling last year unless they did so at a very heavy loss.

Now to get down to facts and figures; we will see what has really caused the price of fertilizers to be advanced this year over last:

Acid Phosphate being one of the principal ingredients in all complete fertilizers, I desire to show here how much this article costs to make in excess of the cost price for the same thing last year. The advance in pyrites, from which sulphuric acid is made, is more than \$2.00 per ton over last year. The advance in Nitrate of Soda, which is a necessary ingredient in the manufacture of sulphuric acid, is fully \$8.00 per ton more than last year. Phosphate Rock has advanced a minimum of \$1.75 per ton at the mines, and in some grades of rock the advance is more than \$3.00 per ton. These three articles constitute what is necessary to make Acid Phosphate. Put them together in the proper proportion and a ton of Acid Phosphate will cost \$2.07 per ton more than it did last year.

Every piece of factory supplies and machinery, coal, and everything necessary to operate a factory, is from 25 to 100 per cent. higher than it was a year ago. This will add certainly an additional 10c. to the cost of a ton of fertilizer, making in the most conservative and reasonable estimate possible a ton of 13 per cent Acid Phosphate, bagged and ready for shipment, cost the manufacturer \$2.37 more than it did twelve months ago.

Now let us look at complete ammoniated fertilizers: We will take what is commonly known as standard grade of complete fertilizer, running, say, 2 1/2 per cent of ammonia, 8 per cent of available phosphoric acid, and 1 per cent of potash. As I have above demonstrated, acid phosphate costs \$2.07 more than last year. This is equivalent to a little more than 10c. per 100 pounds. In making the 2 1/2, 8 and 1 fertilizers, 1,200 pounds of acid phosphate would be necessary, so at 10c. additional cost per 100 pounds, the additional cost for acid phosphate would be \$1.20.

If cotton seed meal was used for the ammonia, it would take approx-

imately 700 pounds, and cotton seed meal is now worth \$6.00 per ton more than last year, which is equivalent to 30c. per 100 pounds, and 700 pounds would cost \$2.10 more than it did last year. Now add 20c. for extra cost for the bags and you have \$3.50 per ton more for the materials than we paid for these same materials last year.

If tankage or blood was used for the source of ammonia instead of cotton seed meal, the advanced cost over last year would be \$3.20 per ton, as ammonia from tankage or blood is now 6c. per unit higher than last year, so for 2 1/2 per cent of ammonia the extra cost over last year would be \$1.50.

Sulphate of ammonia is the only other source of ammonia commonly used in the manufacture of fertilizers. Twelve months ago this article was selling at about \$43.00 per ton. We paid for this week \$62.00 per ton. Now I assert that the price of fertilizers has not advanced nearly so much as the price of raw materials going into them. Let us see who is to blame if any one, for the advance of these crude materials. Take Pyrites: We buy from Spain more than three-fourths of all we use Nitrate of Soda: We buy entirely from South America. Potash Salts: We buy entirely from Germany. So it cannot be said that our company controls or is in any wise responsible for the advance of these materials, as we have no interest whatever in any of these properties, either directly or indirectly.

Take phosphate rock. We do mine a small proportion of our wants of phosphate rock, but we mine none for sale and we buy from other mines more than two-thirds of what we consume. So no one will suppose that we were anxious to put up the price of phosphate rock.

As for cotton seed meal we have no interest either directly or indirectly in any cotton seed oil mill, so we are not responsible for the advance in this article. Blood and tankage are made by the large packers in the West, and we have no interest and no control over these products in any way.

Why, then, should the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company be blamed for the advance in the cost of crude materials, and would it be business like for us to want an advance in crude materials, of which we have to buy almost entirely all of our needs and of which we produce absolutely nothing, except a small quantity of phosphate rock? It is our aim and purpose to manufacture fertilizers as cheaply as possible and to sell them at as low a price as we can afford, thereby stimulating a large consumption of fertilizers and their general use for all crops.

Let us see how the farmer is situated: He is getting this year from 2 1/2 to 3c. a pound for his cotton more than last year, and we understand that for a great deal of the cotton seed the cotton seed oil mills are now paying 25c. per bushel. Are these advances wrong, and are the manufacturers who are having to use this product condemning the parties who produce them simply because the demand is such that the price has increased so enormously over last year. At present prices the farmer can sell the cotton seed from one acre of land and buy as much fertilizer as he usually puts over two to three acres, even though there is a small advance in the price of fertilizers caused by the manufacturers having to pay high prices for the materials entering into them.

We propose to be perfectly fair and candid in our statements and believe that when an unprejudiced farmer looks into the situation he will realize that he is not charged as much for fertilizers as the cost of materials under present conditions warrant.

Yours very respectfully, S. T. MORGAN, Pres. Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co.

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Merrily rang the marriage bells on the morning of the 31st of January, 1900, in the ancestral home of Mr. and Mrs. Bailey.

At high noon the gallant bridegroom and lovely bride—Benjamin Kit Kyzer and Elizabeth Caroline Berley met the officiating clergyman, Rev. J. G. Graichen, at the altar of holy wedlock and were united in marriage according to the forms of the beautiful service of the Lutheran Church.

As the bridegroom and bride entered the room and stood beneath the glistening white silk canopy for the marriage service, the attendants took their places amid the sweet and enrapturing strains of the wedding march rendered by Miss Eloise Kammer in her own inimitable way.

The following ladies and gentlemen figured in the select list of bride's maids and groom's men: Mr. H. J. Rawl and Miss Florence Meetez, Mr. Thomas H. Caughman and Miss Lucia Oswald, Mr. Frank Kammer and Miss Gussie Barre, Mr. Hamp Kammer and Miss Florrie Caughman, Dr. Sam Harman and Miss Lula Kammer, Mr. Clay Roberts and Miss Blanche Kyzer, Mr. Milton Kyzer and Miss Nannie Caughman, Mr. Jacob Roberts and Miss Lula Harman.

At the close of the marriage ceremony congratulations were poured in upon the happy couple, and a brief interval was spent in merry making, conversation, repartee and music.

The music was one of the chief features in the entertainment of the occasion, and was discoursed upon the mandolin and guitar by the talented artists, Mr. Samuel Leaphart and Miss Eloise Kammer.

The dinner was superb and beggars description. The happy company surrounding the table showed their appreciation by the ecstatic mood manifested in laughter and jest as they partook of the rare delicacies before them.

Ecstasizing shy violets in leaves of tender green, sweeter than the lids of Juno's eyes, scattered about the plate of each guest attracted general attention as they exhaled their intoxicating perfume and whispered in their sweet sibilant language of love and happiness to the bright eyes that looked admiringly upon them.

The decorations of the parlor were tasteful and beautiful. The walls were adorned with courtly ivory and rich festoons of cedar falling gracefully from the ceiling formed a graceful canopy.

The bride was gowned in a handsome silk of a delicate castor shade and the bodice was of a pretty combination of white applique silk and duchesse lace.

The gifts were numerous and both beautiful and useful. Amid a shower of good wishes and benedictions the guests departed leaving

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Baxter Items. To the Editor of the Dispatch: Only a few hours ride through the blowing wind of the recent past would cause most any one to exclaim in the language of the old dard, "Never mind de welder so de wind don't blow," but today the weather is different, the wind is calm and old mother earth herself seems to be an earthly paragon of perfect loveliness. If we could only live in such a world forever, what a blessing life would be, but we must remember

our lives are exactly what we make them. If we choose all our lives will be sunshine and happiness. It is darkness when we make it so. Farmers are making rapid progress in preparing their lands for a new crop, and it is hoped that a bountiful harvest will be given them as a reward for their labors. Only a small quantity of fertilizers will be used in this section this year. Our farmers have learned the lesson of making their own fertilizers and every sensible man knows what the outcome will be.

A large crowd enjoyed a pleasant evening at Hulon Sunday school on a recent Sunday. The children are always attentive and seldom are absent. It is very interesting to see such a large crowd in the little house every Sunday afternoon where songs of praise are sung and a step-dance are offered up to the Eternal Throne in behalf of the many pupils present. If every community only realized the need and value of a Sunday school in their midst, how very different would be the impressions made upon the mind of every child? Of course no one is going to say that every child who attends a Sunday school is going to grow up a Christian man or woman, but there is one thing that cannot be denied, every child that attends a Sunday school regular receives some divine truths that will make his or her bright joy in after years. Though they may never become a Christian, yet they will carry within them the pleasant memory of the days when they were young and went to Sunday school.

Mr. John Lever of Arthurs (better known as Sleepy Old Bob) was up to see his best girl a short while ago. Mr. Lever is very happy, or seems to be, while in our section. You know why. Well, John is a good fellow, and we hope he will give us some cake.

With best wish to all concerned in living at all, I am your humble Scribe.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, ss. FRANK J. CHENEY, Notary Public.

Storn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1899.

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2. "System in Schools."—Miss Mary C. Wingard.
3. "Teachers' Salaries."—Prof. R. E. Shealy.
4. "The Vertical System in Writing."—Prof. S. S. Lindler.

A Card of Thanks. We sincerely desire to express our grateful thanks to our neighbors and friends for their kind services and loving favors rendered Henry L. Price and family during his late illness and death. May the Lord enable them to continue their kindnesses to mankind. Very respectfully, The Family.

If the Baby is Cutting Teeth. Be sure and use that old and well tried remedy, Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic and is the best remedy for diarrhoea. Twenty-five cents a bottle. It is the best of all.

Do's Prayer for Peace. Oa one evening little four-year old Dorothy had failed to remember her father in her prayer because he had scolded her. "You must pray for papa, too Dot," said her mother. "But I don't want to" replied the little one. "But you must, Dot," said her mother. Dropping upon her knees again, Dot added: "And for pity's sake, bless papa, too, and let us have peace in the family."

"I think I would go crazy with pain were it not for Chamberlain's Pain Balm," writes Mr. W. H. Stapleton, Hiram, Pa. "I have been afflicted with rheumatism for several years and have tried remedies without number, but Pain Balm is the best medicine I have got hold of." One application relieves the pain. For sale by J. E. Kaufmann.

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Would Nurse Him Himself.

They found her hurriedly pecking a valise. "Where are you going?" they asked. "To the Transval," she replied. "But I thought you didn't believe in women going to war?" "I don't; but if you think I am going to let any of those red-cross women cure my Harold back to health if he is wounded you are mistaken. I'm going to be there myself."

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