

DABBS ON SEED PRICE

Ex-President of Farmers Union Replies to Present President.

I have read the criticism of the committee on cottonseed prices by my good friend Col. Claffy, president of the Farmers Union, and think it is due to Mr. Jennings and myself to make a short reply. It is also due to the producers of seed to give the figures upon which our agreement was made. But first I wish to say that the commissioner of agriculture invited the farmers to be present and if they were too busy or too indifferent to attend they should not find fault with the seven of us who did attend, but rather should be thankful that we were interested enough to attend. Our doing so advanced seed \$2 per ton. Further, we put as much represented the farmers at the New Orleans convention will represent them, for that convention is composed of delegates not elected by the farmers but named by the governor, commissioner of agriculture, president of American Cotton Association, president of Farmers Union and superintendent of education. And each one says his own way and is responsible to himself alone. But, if they will take the information Col. Claffy has and figure out a higher price for seed and have the mills agree to it, we will all be thankful.

I wish to say that convention can secure an agreement with the cotton mills to work cotton for a fair differential "spread" they call it in cottonseed parlance, between the price of the products and the raw material it will have earned the everlasting gratitude of the producers of cotton and of the ultimate consumers of cotton goods as well. I assure our committee have cottonseed and cottonseed products much nearer than cotton and cloth-ings. I regret that Col. Claffy and another gentleman who was loaded with information were not put on the committee in place of Mr. Jennings and myself; or, at least that they did not give us the information they had. I asked the gentleman for an array of figures he had to take with me into the committee meeting. He said, "No, I want this to use from the floor when you make your report." Does any one suppose that Mr. Jennings and I were so simple as to receive a price of \$70 per ton when we could have demonstrated that \$102.40 per ton is the value of seed based on Col. Claffy's figures when he writes about \$2 oil?

We did not have these figures. And if that is anything like correct, the Alabama farmers were "buncoed" almost as badly as we were. In fact we were told that Alabama's prices of \$75 were based on July 29 market and that the day before only \$70 was being paid in Alabama and \$10 less for wagon seed. The committee based our "fair price" on oil at nineteen cents—\$56.42; meal at \$69—\$33.88; hulls at \$3—\$2.14; linters at three cents—\$2.25; total \$96.69, less 5 per cent for excessive moisture, \$91.86. On this we calculated, mill profit at 5 per cent, against \$3 last year, \$4.59; working cost \$15.50, freight \$2, same as last year. Price for seed \$69.77, but agreed price \$70 taking twenty-three cents from the mill's \$4.59, leaving the mills \$4.36.

If the market was manipulated to bring about that result and it may have been done, I wish Col. Claffy would tell us what we can do about it. Seed were showing 18 per cent moisture and were rotting on the hands of farmers, dealers, railroads and mills. Against that condition we have a harder problem than cotton to deal with. I only wish we could come as near securing the value of our cotton as we are of cottonseed. But no farmer is bound by us to sell his seed; if he can take care of his seed and hold them back until he can force the prices named by Col. Claffy he will, under the agreement made last Thursday, get \$102.50 for seed.

Thanking you for space to get this information before the farmers. Yours respectfully, E. W. Dabbs.

RESULT OF LATE WAR.

Still in Doubt Says William Mather Lewis.

"The next two months will give the answer as to whether America won a victory in the war or suffered a colossal defeat," said William Mather Lewis, director of the savings division of the treasury department, in a message addressed to the six million members of the War Savings Societies throughout the United States today.

"The war cost many thousands of priceless American lives and billions of hard-earned dollars. This treasure was spent in vain if the lessons taught by the war are not put into practice in the United States. America financed her mighty war machine and fed the starving Allies through the thrifty practices which our formerly spend-thrift people suddenly developed. Thrift will win the victory in the trying period of reconstruction.

"But thrift is not evident at this time, when, as President Wilson says, 'we are facing tasks more difficult, more complex, less easily understood, than those of war.' One of the greatest of reconstruction tasks is to reduce the cost of living. This menace will not be conquered by boosting the wages of labor. It will be handled by allowing production to catch up with consumption and this can only be done by careful spending the elimination of wastefulness.

"The Federal Trade Commission has begun an investigation of companies promoting 'wild cat' oil stocks. Such concerns flourish only when there is 'easy money,' when the people through extravagance develop the get-rich-quick germ.

ry department is receiving reports from the field indicating that pawn shops, stock promoting concerns and a certain type of merchandizing houses are reaping a rich harvest through the fact that owners of Liberty Bonds are willing to sacrifice these securities at prices far below the market in order to satisfy the desire for luxuries or to secure stock on which they are promised an impossibly high rate of interest.

"If the people are not willing to protect their personal prosperity and the welfare of the government at this critical time by practicing wise economy by holding on to their Liberty Bonds and War Savings Stamps, by waging an unceasing fight against any merchant who seeks to overcharge them—if, in other words, the thrift lessons of the war are forgotten, then we are a defeated nation and not a victorious one."

MACK CONCLUDES MEETING

Personal History of Evangelist Has Good at Wadesboro.

"Cyclone Mack," Evangelist Baxter F. McLendon, of Bennettsville, S. C., left yesterday afternoon for Bennettsville, where he will spend ten days, prior to beginning a five weeks' campaign in Kingston, says a Wadesboro, N. C. dispatch Thursday. The Charlotte Observer. The big tent was shipped yesterday and several of his personal workers have gone on ahead to make preliminary arrangements at Kingston.

It is impossible to estimate the good accomplished here by the campaign conducted by the evangelist, who is rapidly becoming one of the foremost evangelists of the day; and it is not too much to say that a man who can thrill the thousands he has thrilled here for more than four weeks is already one of the greatest evangelists in the United States.

The late lamented Chapman, on hearing McLendon pray, asked who he was and later approached him, and put his arm about him and said he was destined to be the evangelist of the age. From a gambler and a desperado to a great evangelist who can draw 10,000 people to hear a single sermon is a far cry, but that is "Cyclone Mack," who is a storm-center of energy, enthusiasm and zeal.

The prayer meeting was largely attended last evening, and the spiritual life of this section has received a new tone.

The offering to the evangelist was more than \$4,000, and incidental expense was paid to the amount of \$1,500. In addition to this a purse of more than \$100 was given Mrs. Steidly, a personal worker, and a purse was also presented to Professor Carroll, choir leader.

GOVERNMENT CROP REPORT.

Condition Declined Four Per Cent During Month Ending Aug. 25.

The government report issued last Wednesday by B. B. Hare, South Carolina Field Agent of the United States Department of Agriculture, shows that there was a decline of 4 per cent, in conditions of both cotton and corn from July 25, to August 25. Cotton declined from 71 to 67 per cent in South Carolina and corn from 80 to 76 per cent. The deterioration in condition of both is attributed almost wholly to excessive rains during the latter part of July and the first two weeks of August. The boll weevil, of course, is doing considerable damage to cotton in the extreme southern counties.

It appears that the western and central counties suffered more severely from the excessive rains than did the eastern and northwestern counties, the condition of both cotton and corn being much better in the Pee Dee and Piedmont counties than in other sections of the state.

The forecast of production of cotton in South Carolina will approximate 1,160,000 bales. Of course, the final output will be larger or smaller than this amount as weather conditions hereafter are better or worse than average conditions. The abandoned acreage of cotton since June 25, according to reports made by correspondents and from personal observation of the Field Agent, will not exceed 2 per cent.

The corn crop for the state will be smaller than usual, the condition in some localities being very good while in others it is very, very poor. The abandoned acreage in the state will be at least 10 per cent, the most of which is confined to late planting. The estimated production for the entire United States is 2,858,000,000 bushels, which is approximately 275,000,000 bushels more than the estimated production in 1918.

Cowpeas and peavine hay are the best for years but the acreage is much smaller than usual, the seed at planting time being very scarce and unusually high priced. Estimates show that there is a 5 per cent increase in the number of fattening hogs in the state at this time over that of last year.

Leaving baseball, football and boxing aside, there is no longer a great disparity between woman's and man's athletic prowess. But whether the women should be permitted to compete with the men in the golf, tennis, shooting and other championships is debatable ground. If the men oppose it, one can hardly blame them, for it must be years before victory over a woman will be regarded as anything but "Dead Sea Fruit," and defeat as anything but a disgrace.

Probably the first woman in America to hold an elective school office was Emma Willard, the famous educator, who in the early part of her career was elected superintendent of schools in the town of Kensington, Conn.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Items of Interest from All Sections of South Carolina.

A new Methodist church building is under construction at St. George.

The McGee Hotel, one of the landmarks of Fountain Inn, was destroyed by fire last week.

The South Carolina Synod of the Presbyterian church, is to be held in Anderson on Tuesday, November 4. Exemption from taxation on their investments in Liberty bonds, according to a statement given out by the commission last week.

Rev. W. P. Cline, Jr., formerly in charge of the Lutheran Brotherhood Home in Columbia, has resigned his post to accept a pastorate at Pulaski, Virginia.

Watson Bell, a well known young South Carolina newspaper man, for some time past employed on the Spartanburg Herald, has obtained a position as managing editor of the Wilmington, N. C. Star.

Corp. Miles B. Seay of the Thirtieth Infantry, U. S. A., whose home is in Columbia, has been awarded the distinguished service cross for extraordinary heroism in action near Crezancy, France, July 15, 1918.

Hearings on claims of several classes regarding Camp Sevier and Camp Jackson are to be held in the near future at Greenville and Columbia. Col. Edwin Bell and Capt. Lambert will represent the government in the matter.

Robert W. Green, 106 years of age, Charleston's oldest voter and probably the oldest in the south, has registered to vote in the municipal election in Charleston on December 9. Mr. Green is hale and hearty, despite his venerable age.

The coal chute of the Charleston & Western Carolina railroad at Laurens, was burned last Thursday afternoon. The chute was a wooden structure with a capacity of twenty car loads. When burned it contained about 600 tons of coal, some of which was saved from the fire.

Charleston Post No. 10 of the American Legion, has recently been chartered. A number of men and women of Charleston, who saw service during the late war have joined the post. A post has also been organized at Kershaw.

The state tax commission will not allow claims advanced by banks for. At the last session of the legislature there was a bill introduced to exempt from taxation certain bank capital if invested in Liberty bonds. The bill failed to become law by reason of a clerical oversight, and bonds are not tax exempt, according to the commission.

Further steps in the original proceedings brought by the state of Georgia against the state of South Carolina growing out of boundary dispute between those states, were taken in Washington, last week, with the filing in the supreme court by South Carolina authorities of an answer to the claims of the other state, together with a motion to have the proceedings dismissed. In its reply, Attorney General Wolfe, on behalf of the state of South Carolina, claims that the existing boundary is in accordance with the Beaufort convention which he asserts has been acquiesced in by the state of Georgia and recognized by the courts.

Grocers and the like who employ women clerks declare that they find them equal to men in nearly every

respect except one—they do not seem able to cultivate the power to estimate weight and measure with any degree of exactitude. While a man may be able to judge the weight of a piece of meat, cheese or other commodity the woman clerk is usually all at sea when it comes to "guessing the weight." She may be able to tell all the points of quality concerning the article in a way to beat men, but when it comes to estimating a weight—well, she can't.

CURRENT EVENTS.

Interesting News Happenings Gathered From All Over The World.

Fighting continues between the Servians and Montenegrins, according to advices from Paris.

Columbus Waters, a Catawba county North Carolina farmer was struck by lightning and killed last week.

Henry M. Robins, commissioner of the United States shipping board and Mark H. Ryman, general counsel, have resigned.

Tramway, gas, electrical and dock workers are on strike in Marseilles, France and traffic is almost completely paralyzed.

An attempt was made Friday to assassinate Baron Saito, Japanese governor of Korea. The Korean city of Seoul is virtually in a state of siege.

No single nation can menace the United States, General Peyton C. March told the house military affairs committee in Washington last week.

Frank I. Carpenter, a well known druggist of Dallas, Gaston county, N. C., died suddenly at his home in Dallas, last week. He was 39 years old.

Eighty million dollars worth of bacon on the Liverpool docks is in danger of spoiling because of the delay of handling it, according to a London dispatch of last week.

American army aviators have been forbidden to fly across the Mexican border under any circumstances by Major General Dickman, commanding United States border troops.

The New York City department of markets has completed its plans to put foodstuffs on sale from trucks throughout the city. Companies are being organized by the city to carry on the work.

The house of representatives on Thursday passed a resolution setting September 13, as the time for the joint session of congress to receive General Pershing. A word of honor will be presented him.

President Wilson has agreed to meet a delegation of representatives of northwest organized labor at Seattle, Wash., for a conference, which it is declared by labor men will deal with the release of political prisoners.

The Plumb plan must be buried beyond all hope, or it will become the rallying point for nationalization of all industries, declared Edgar J. Rich, before the house commerce committee in Washington, last week.

The Turkish government has replied to the American message warning against further massacring of Christians by stating that all possible measures are being taken for the protection and security of residents of the Anatolia district.

"The attitude of the Boston authorities on the police strike is encouraging to Bolshevism," said Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, in a statement issued last Friday on the Boston police strike situation.

The senate military committee has favorably reported on a resolution offered by Senator Harris of Georgia, which would allow Confederate veterans to use coats, tents and blankets now at Camp Gordon, during the Confederate re-union at Atlanta, next month.

Governor Bickett of North Carolina increased his pardon record by three last week, granting pardons to two negroes and a white man. One of the pardons granted was given to William Austin, a negro who killed a white man after the white man had entered his home.

Frank McCarthy, New England organizer of the American Federation of Labor announced Friday night that the policeman's union of Boston had accepted the suggestion of Samuel Gompers that they return to work and await the outcome of the labor conference at the White House on October 6.

AMERICAN SPORTS ABROAD.

Europe Shows Appreciation of Athletics From U. S.

"Of all the nations which, in the war period, had a real introduction to American sports and pastimes," writes Edwin A. Goebwy, in Leslie's "none showed more aptitude in appreciating their finer points and embracing them on a wide scale than the people of France, Italy and Poland. Baseball, football, basketball, soccer and track and field sports were received with open arms, and the physically fit, both in and out of the armies, in the nations mentioned, adopted the American athletic methods and clamored for an extension of the work. For a considerable time past specially detailed representatives of the 'Y'and men from the American army have been teaching American sports to specially designated athletic representatives of the various countries. These in turn are to teach others of their own nationality to go out among the people and spread the knowledge they have gained. The object is to make a better people physically throughout France, Italy, Poland, etc., with American pastimes as the medium through which this is to be accomplished.

Already particularly in France and Italy, a sufficient number of athletes have been trained to take up the work of instruction among the school children, and the result obtained thus far among these latter are both surprising and gratifying. However, it was not until after considerable dispute and discussion that the athletic leaders of the various allied foreign countries agreed to give the American instructors full swing. That the French track and field team which took part in the inter-allied games was trained by an American is a fact, but his caused no little dissent among the French athletic directors. However, Lieut. Col. Soo, of the French army, who was charge of athletics for the polius, insisted that Lewis C. Schroeder, of the 'Y' have absolute charge of this training work, and he won his point. Col. Soo pointed out to his French colleagues that French athletes never have been able to do anything in the Olympic games, and it was time to adopt American methods."

Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands has a true woman's love for flowers. In the park and conservatories at Het Loo the rarest flowers and plants are found, on whose care neither labor nor expense is spared. These are often visited by the queen, to take note of all, but particularly to watch the development of such plants as her own hands have set out.

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