

AN INTERESTING LETTER FROM R. D. COTHRAN

Cothran Optimistic.
 Editor of The Manning Times, Manning, S. C.
 My dear Editor:
 Please give me space in your valuable paper to get some tobacco items before the farmers of our county.
 I came to the tobacco city of Winston-Salem, N. C., about two months ago, we are selling worlds of tobacco. I am with the M. W. Norfleet Tobacco Warehouse Co., in the capacity of auctioneer. These people own and operate the Piedmont Warehouse, which has forty-eight thousand feet of floor space. Winston has twenty-four million pounds of tobacco and the above named concern gets about half of what is sold here. Tobacco prices are better than I ever saw them before. Tobacco is selling even better than it did in 1913. The quality of tobacco isn't as good as this section usually grows either, this was caused by excessive rains doing growing season.
 I enjoy seeing the farmers wear the glad smile, these good old honest fellows that have toiled hard in summers sun, stand around and await their chances at the check window, where they frequently get three and four hundred dollars for a two-horse wagon load of tobacco, these fortunate boys get their pockets full of twenty dollar "Woodrow Wilson" bills, and when they return to their good wives and daughters they carry new farm hats, dresses, etc., they are received with joy and glad smiles, and their only regret is "John will say to Mary, "wife I am sorry we did not plant more tobacco last spring," and of course Mary said to John, "I told you what to do and you would not listen to me."
 Boys, just a word more about Winston-Salem, this city is the home of the greatest tobacco manufacturers in the world and especially the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company.
 Only recently I went through his factory, I visited the home of Prince Albert smoking tobacco, the large scale upon which this tobacco is manufactured is amazing. The machinery in this great factory performs with cunning, that almost surpasses human ingenuity. R. J. Reynolds is indeed a genius and he has revolutionized the tobacco manufacturers industry. He now makes more cigarettes than are made in St. Louis.
 He puts up Browns Mule and feeds him well, Reynolds first found this mule here, and named him Browns Mule, and since then he has found millions more of them, and has shipped them broadcast all over the country, every farmer almost has plowed with Browns Mule.
 R. J. Reynolds ships a solid train load of tobacco every day to different parts of the United States.
 Well so much for the preliminary above, I want to get down to South Carolina and Clarendon County in particular. As I see it 1917 is going

BACKING UP PROOF.

The Kind That Manning People Cannot Deny.

Many an earnest Manning man or woman has publicly endorsed Doan's Kidney Pills.
 Week after week, month after month you've read their statements. Would these Manning people recommend any medicine if it were not good?
 Would they confirm and repeat their statements after years had passed?
 Local proof is good evidence. Testimony confirmed years after is better evidence.
 The following Manning man's statement leaves no room for doubt. It must convince every kidney sufferer who reads it.
 "If your back aches—if your kidneys are weak, profit by Mr. Reardon's experience:
 J. E. Reardon, Manning, says: "I suffered from backaches and pains across my loins. I used Doan's Kidney Pills and they brought me prompt benefit." (Statement given January 31st, 1911.)
Doan's Always Effective.
 Over three years later Mr. Reardon said: "Whenever my back or kidneys trouble me, I always use Doan's Kidney Pills and they put me in good shape."
 Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Reardon has twice publicly recommended. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

to be the banner year of the agriculture people of the South and West. We are told that fortune knocks at every mans door once in life. Let us hope this will be true to a certain extent in 1917. The world today is consuming at a greater rate than it is producing. Europe is taking all our exports she can get. A great deal more of the products of America in the shape of cotton, grains of all kinds would go over if only Germany could get it. England with her superior navy, and with her "Bull Dog" grip of commerce and her determination to starve the Kaiser and his bunch of war devils, are keeping back stuff that Germany would gladly buy.
 This is the time that the Southern and Western farmer should awake to the true realization of their golden opportunity, that old adage we all know, "make hay while the sun shines." The cost of living should not bother the farmer, he first of all should make special effort to make himself self supporting, this can be done by making what you must have to live on at home. Every farmer should make his living at home, if he doesn't he is not making a success of the greatest avocation on earth. I cannot picture or imagine anything more enviable than to see a man surrounded by home luxuries, produced by his own hands.

Next year will be a good time to raise grain crops, vegetable crops, farm animals of all kinds and fowls. Why; this country is now importing eggs from China. Just think of it, when we should be exporters instead of importers. The blooming Chinamen is digging up eggs buried by his forefathers fifty years ago and exporting them to the foreign devils in America. The farmer can put his eggs up so they will keep just as easy as he does vegetables. Most any intelligent economist can tell you how to do this.
 Nineteen-seventeen will be an ideal time for early truck patches, beans, cucumbers, squash, etc., will bring big money on Northern markets. People are going to buy this kind of truck to reduce the cost of living. If things are in big demand now, should they be in less demand next year, when people will need them just as much as they do now?
 This country certainly can not get the cost of living reduced until we have made enough for ourselves and Europe too. See that you are a producer in the future, profit by what you now see and know to be true.
 We are to be congratulated upon the re-election of Woodrow Wilson, a man that has done more for the agricultural class of people of this country than all our presidents from Father George Washington to Woodrow Wilson's day. He has put the country on a sound financial basis. His mastery over Wall Street in nineteen-fourteen, when he put a crimp in the money panic, that the Wall Street Leaches, were about to put on the South and West, to prevent them from getting money to handle the cotton of the South and the grain crops of the West. I will mention only one thing that he did that prevented this and that was the establishing of the Federal Reserve Bank. And Mr. New York Banker unlike what he did under a Republican administration opened his money vaults to the Southern and Western banker and said by this "Wilson is for the American people." We find that he has more sense than Teddy Roosevelt, and that we can not bring a money panic as was brought under our tool Mr. Roosevelt in 1907.
 God Almighty has seen proper in his providence to help the American people beat this bunch of grafters again in 1917.
 Wilson's re-election is absolutely unparalleled in American history. We fail to know of a man being elected to the high office of President of the United States of America, without the sanction of New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Illinois. Wilson won in spite of Wall Street's billions, He won in spite of the Pennsylvanians, He won in spite of Illinois and her millions, He won in spite of Hughes, Taft, Roosevelt, Penrose and the entire Republican host, Woodrow Wilson won when he carried the Pacific Coast.
 Now friends you will pardon the digression as I can not talk or write

on the subject of prosperity of our country without having mentioned our great leader and benefactor.
 Let us now get back to Clarendon county as I have already stated above try and make yourselves self supporting. Cultivate what tobacco and cotton you can attend to after making something to live on. Tobacco will sell high next year. I know of no reason to think otherwise.
 Our tobacco in South Carolina is being used by American manufacturers more now each year. You know our crop heretofore, has been always largely export. But from the best line I can get on the situation we need not have any fear about prices not being good.
 I expect to see everything you grow bring it's full value; I believe you will have a banner year in 1917. I am anxious to see a good bright tobacco crop grown in our county next year. All colorful tobacco is scarce in this crop.
 Now friends what is first and foremost in making a crop as outlined above? I will say first the plant lands. The plant situation cost South Carolina possibly a million dollars or more this year. Be certain and prepare your beds good this time and avoid them being destroyed as they were in February of this year, select new lands protected by woodland from the North and West winds, if you can. I think new lands require less burning and will always give a better result. Get land with a medium moisture, not crawfishy or too loamy, try and get a rather close dark fine soil. Be certain and cover your land good and by all means do not leave it unfenced as the cows and hogs, when they are weeding it for you, while you are fishing next spring will destroy your plants.
 I have seen so many beds destroyed in the last few years this way until I am anxious for this to soak in good, and hope in the meantime it will save some farmer friends money.
 Going back to the plant land be sure and prepare your bed well before sowing seed. Use plenty of stable manure and some fertilizer.
 I will have tobacco seed for free distribution at the Home Bank and Trust Company. Watch this paper for the announcements which will be made later. I am going to have a good tobacco seed this time grown in the Piedmont section or North Carolina and will also have the Slate tobacco in Old Virginia.
 I am thoroughly interested in the farming element of our county and am only too glad to serve you any way I can. Get your seed early this time. Do as I have advised you to do and I really believe you will reap a good harvest along all farm lines in 1917. When you get your tobacco bring it to the Central Warehouse and let me sell it for you.
 Thanking you for past patronage and wishing you much success this coming year I am your thshrdl chmrd coming year.
 I am yours very truly,
 R. D. Cothran.

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 The Best Salve In The World.

A Distinctive Reason

What is the chief reason for the superiority of Royal Baking Powder?
 There are several good reasons, but there is one which distinguishes Royal from other baking powders.
 This reason, which every woman should know, is that Royal Baking Powder is made from cream of tartar, which comes from grapes. This means a healthful fruit origin. It means natural food as distinguished from mineral substitutes used in other baking powders.
 There is no alum nor phosphate in Royal Baking Powder.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO.
 New York

HONOR ROLL.

Roll of honor of Davis Station School for second month, ending November 10th.
 Requirements: A minimum of 90 per cent on lessons and of 95 per cent on department.
Advanced 1st Grade.

Lessons	Dep.
Elsie Chewing - - - - - 95	95
Abram Rawlinson - - - - - 94	95
Third Grade.	
Cora May Rawlinson - - - - - 90	95
Fourth Grade.	
Luke Broadway - - - - - 92	95
Ella Corbette - - - - - 92	98
Fifth Grade.	
Maggie Dennis - - - - - 96	96
Lulla Horton - - - - - 91	98
Clara Belle Richburg - - - - - 95	95
Sixth Grade.	
Vivian Rawlinson - - - - - 96	98
Seventh Grade.	
Bob Horton - - - - - 90	95

Other grades unrepresented.
 (Signed)
 Miss Helen E. Malone, Principal.
 Mrs. R. E. Broadway, First Assistant.
 Mrs. Helen C. Chewing,
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south of Wauhatchie, Tenn., late today. The injured are:
 L. S. Brown, mail clerk, Carthage, Tenn., sprained ankle.
 Major Thurmon, negro porter, Nashville, cut on head.
 Officials of the road said spreading rails probably caused the derailment. Six of the ten cars in the train left the track and were thrown in a zigzag line across the rails. When a wrecking crew reached the scene only the engine and the four rear Pullmans remained on the tracks.
 The injured men and most of the passengers were brought into Chattanooga tonight.
English Paper Going Up.
 London, Nov. 20.—A resolution was adopted today at a meeting of representatives of British newspaper proprietors, held in London, recommending that the newspapers throughout the country raise their price by half penny.

Line-Tar Relieves A Cold

Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey contains all the soothing elements of pine forest. It heals the irritated membrane, and by its anti-septic properties loosens the phlegm, you breathe easier, and what promised to be a severe cold has been broken up. For that stuffed up feeling, tight chest or sore throat take a dose of Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey and prevent a wearing, hacking cough dragging through the winter. At your Druggist, 25c.

DIXIE FLYER JUMPS TRACK
 Three Injured in Accident Caused by Spreading Rail.
 Chattanooga, Nov. 20.—Three trainmen were injured, one seriously, when the Dixie Flyer, passenger train, No. 95, of the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railway,

FIRST ANNUAL LEE COUNTY FAIR!

Bishopville, S. C., November 29-30, December 1 and 2.

The Biggest of all the County Fairs!

GREETINGS TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH CAROLINA!

The citizens of Bishopville and Lee County extend an invitation to the people of South Carolina to visit the First Annual Fair of Lee County, and promise that they will not only be entertained, but will see the most complete display of South Carolina products of Farm and Factory ever presented at a County Fair.

Horse Show Everyday!

Automobile Races, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY.

MOTOCYCLE RACES THURSDAY.

The Main Exhibit Building is the Largest Exhibition Building in the State (except the Iron Building at the State Fair Grounds), and will house a most extensive Exhibit of Agriculture, Manufactures and Varied Industries.

FRIDAY---SCHOOL DAY.

Addresses by Hon. A. F. Lever and Dr. W. W. Long. All School Children of Lee and adjoining counties will be admitted free.

Trotting and Running Races

EVERYDAY---OPEN TO THE WORLD.

The purses offered are large and sufficient to attract owners of the best horses. The Best Horses in the State have entered. The Exhibits of HORSES, CATTLE, SWINE and POULTRY will be the largest ever presented at a South Carolina County Fair.

WEDNESDAY---Opening Day!

Governor R. I. Manning and Senator E. D. Smith will address the people.

Thursday!

All old soldiers will be admitted free and are invited to be the guests of the Fair Association.

THE GREAT AMERICAN SHOWS! THE MOST REFINED AND UP-TO-THE-MINUTE MIDWAY EVER PRESENTED IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

SPECIAL RATES ON ALL RAILROADS! The Bureau of Information will furnish visitors with First-class Accommodations on application.

Don't Fail to Visit the Last and Best Fair of the Year!