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JAIL THE PROFITEER

Many people have been urging the farmer on to greater production this season as a means of reducing the cost of living. And there they stop. Apparently they do not take into consideration the fact that the food speculator is in reality the one who is robbing the poor and filching the rich in order to line his own pockets. He it is who has done most to force the price of foodstuffs to almost prohibitive heights. What we need is an old time curb bit that is big enough and cruel enough to bring the speculators to their knees and keep them there. The farmer should not be asked to become everybody's goat.

THE OLD BLUE DENIM

The old blue denim overall is having its day. It is now the aristocrat of the clothing world. Overall clubs are being formed all over the country as a matter of economy and as a protest against the mounting prices of clothing. It is a common sight in the big cities to see public officials, business men and others from all walks of life going to work in overalls. It is one ray of sunshine which stands out in the sea of high prices which is engulfing the country. The overall today is a badge of honor to all men, from the millionaire down to the humblest of our citizens.

STICK TO YOUR TOWN

The success of your town depends upon the public spirit of its leading citizens. If the leading men are not willing to lay out abundantly their means, erect neat and attractive buildings, advertise largely their business and the inducements offered in their town, and are not willing to patronize home trade and all home industries, then no town, be its advantages ever so great, can expect to grow or flourish. The natural advantages are great accessories to the growth of any place, but public spirit, backed up by common sense and energy, will turn the prairie into a flourishing town or transform it into an elegant city.

Suppose every business man in town took as much interest in the upholding of the town and forwarding all public enterprises as the newspaper men. He works for railroads, manufacturers, schools and churches, good streets, roads, urges, pleads, seolds and badger sand cavorts around generally. Imagine his feelings when some lame string-hatted kind of a fellow reproaches him because he don't boom things enough. If the town does not boom and the prices of real estate advance and the owners grow rich from the result of his labor, he makes nothing by it. He is like the poor boy at the circus—he can stand and look at the pictures without the necessary quarter to gain admission.

CLEAN UP

Did you ever take a jaunt up through the alleys of this beautiful little village. You can tell more about the inhabitants of a town by a trip through the back alleys than many persons imagine. Some of the back yards are neat as pins, while others would put an old brush fence hog lot to shame. We are glad to say that the latter are few and far between. Back yards reflect the character of the owners. Sometimes the front yard will be bubbling over with flower beds and posies and the back yard will be chiefly sloop barrels, scrap iron and brick bats. You can guess what kind of people live there. Sometimes both front and back yards correspond and are wrecks alike. You can easily place the owners. Sometimes both front and back yards show the utmost care and attention and it is hard to tell which is the cleaner. You have no trouble in classifying the people who live here. If either the front or back yard must be neglected, friends, let it be the front one. Don't try to present a Queen Ann front with a Mary Ann back. An ill kept back yard is dangerous and a menace to good health.

And still spring gets in an occasional peep between blizzards.

Better buy that pair of overalls today. Tomorrow they may object to the lowly estimate placed upon their monetary value.

Only four more years until we will be subjected to all of this candidating again. Surely our good forefathers wished a bunch of agony onto us when they framed the constitution.

In the good old days a man did a day's work and received a day's pay, and went home and enjoyed himself until work time the next day. But not so today. A fellow does half a day's work, collects one or two days' pay, and spends the rest of his time wondering how he can make more and do less.

In one of our big cities a citizen wanted an oak center table stained a mahogany finish to harmonize with the rest of the furniture in the room. A workman demanded \$22.50 for the job. Instead of paying it, the citizen bought a can of mahogany stain for \$1.25, a brush for a dollar, and did the job himself in an hour and a half. If other people would use some of the same brand of horse sense the ridiculous cost of existence would soon come down to a sane level.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

Telephone your laundry troubles to 142.

WANTED—To make 100 gingham dresses at \$1.50 each. Mrs. H. B. Emis.

Telephone your laundry troubles to 142.

NOTICE—The following stock certificates in The Bank of Pinewood have been lost, stolen or destroyed. Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the said Bank of Pinewood for the issuance of new Certificates to replace same at the office of the said Bank on the 25th of May, 1920. Certificate No. 27 for 10 shares to N. L. Broughton; Certificate No. 51 for 9 shares to N. L. Broughton. The Bank of Pinewood. 16-41-c.

SALESMAN WANTED—"You can make big money selling our Texas and New Mexico Oil leases locally. Perfect title guaranteed. Deep tests being made. We do the development work. Wonderful proposition. Write or wire, Mid-Continent Finance Company, Victor Bldg., Kansas City, Mo."

WANT TO BUY Clarendon Building and Loan stock. Address P. O. Box 218, City. 11-c

WE ARE prepared to do your calculating, paper hanging and interior decorating. A full stock of wall paper to select from. The Vogel Mantel Co., Sumter, S. C. —13-c.

GASOLINE SYSTEM—Oil Tanks and Pumps, Air Compressors, Computing Scales, Show Cases, Account Registers, Floor Scales, Rebuilt Cash Registers, Safes, Store Fixtures. The Hamilton Sales Co., Columbia, S. C. No.5-4f.

WANTED—5000 collars every week to laundry. The Hoffman French Dry Cleaning Co., Manning, S. C.

STOLEN—Last Saturday night my horse and buggy was stolen in the town of Manning. Finder notify John Stroy, Manning, No. 2 p

WANTED—Man to locate in Manning to sell and collect; one who can furnish team and will hustle. Big money can be made on this proposition. Address P. O. Box 571, Sumter, S. C. 15-31-c.

WANTED—Laundry of all kinds, to handle, The Hoffman French Dry Cleaning Co., Manning, S. C.

FOR SALE—One new Colts lighting plant, complete with all fixtures and piping, has never been unboxed, A bargain. J. P. Commander, Sumter, S. C. 11-c

WANTED—Laundry of all kinds, to handle, The Hoffman French Dry Cleaning Co., Manning, S. C.

FOR SALE—Two good mules and a pony, cheap. J. D. Alsbrook.

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NOTICE

The following certificate in Manning Development Company has been lost or destroyed. Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the said Manning Development Company at its office in Manning, S. C., at the office of DuRant & Ellerbe, for the issuance of a new certificate to replace same, on the 3rd day of June, 1920. Certificate No. 1 for 2 shares issued to Louis Levi. 17-6wks. Louis Levi.

MANNING DEMOCRATIC CLUB

- Jos. Sprott, President.
- S. J. Clark, Vice-President.
- E. J. Browne, Secretary.
- Delegates to County Convetnion.
- R. D. Clark.
- H. J. Bomar.
- Alternates.
- S. J. Clark.
- Fred Lesesne.
- Executive Committeeman.
- C. R. Sprott.

Notice to Electric Consumers

To Our Patrons:---

In the face of the advanced prices in every line of industry, labor and material, we have endeavored to furnish electric current at the same price charged ten years ago, but for the past two years the electric plant has been losing money each month, our rates should have been increased before, but we thought prices would come down, but they have steadily increased and today everything in our line is higher than ever.

Below is a comparative statement f the cost of operations in the year 1918 and 1920.

Cost of Operation Per Week

	Mar. 1918	Mar. 1920
Engineer	\$14.00	\$30.00
Asst. Engineer	10.00	25.00
Two Firemen	20.00	42.00
35 Tons @ \$3.30	115.50	same @ \$6.00 210.00
Oil	5.40	20.00
Taxes	8.00	10.00
Cost of Repairs	20.00	50.00
Total per week	192.90	387.00

It will be observed that the operating expenses in 1920 is double that of 1918.

For the month of March 1920 the operating expenses were as follows:

Labor	\$100.00
Fuel	900.00
Oil	80.00
Taxes	40.00
Upkeep and repairs	100.00
Salary of Supt.	100.00
Total expenses	\$1,620.00
Total receipts	\$1,402.00
Net loss	218.00
Total	\$1,620.00

No part of the expense in connection with the Ice Plant is included in above.

We are confident that our customers do not expect us to operate at a loss of \$218.00 per month. A comparative statement of other months in 1917 and 1918 with 1919 and 1920 will show the same ratio of loss. We simply can not continue in business under present conditions.

In order to give good service the plant must be maintained and kept to the highest degree of efficiency. It is our purpose to add to the plant and purchase additional machinery so that our patrons will receive the desired service, and in order to do so, we are compelled to raise our rates as follows beginning May 1, 1920:

Lights

Minimum, per month	\$1.75 per K. W.
1st 50 K. W. per month	18c per K. W.
Next 50 K. W. per month	15c per K. W.
Next 100 K. W. per month	13 1/2c per K. W.
Next 300 K. W. per month	12c per K. W.
Over 500 K. W. per month	10 1/2c per K. W.

Power

250 K. W. or less	10c per K. W.
251 K. W. or over	8 1/2c per K. W.
Minimum \$2.50 per horse power.	

We being the only distributors of electricity in town, if any citizen questions the above statements, or is not satisfied of the justness of this increase in rates, if such one will visit our office, we shall be pleased to show him our pay roll, invoices and all books pertaining to the business. They are open for your inspection.

Our plant has kept running because no dividends have been paid in two years and we have been able to borrow sufficient funds to keep same in operation.

The Manning Light and Ice Co.

MEAT

We have it every day in the week.

CHOICEST CUTS

Every Tuesday and Friday we have

FRESH FISH

J. A. SURLLES

NIMMER BUILDING

MANNING, S. C.