

HOW TO FIGHT THE WEEVIL.

Alabama Citizen Offers Timely Advice to Bamberg Farmers.

Mr. S. D. Dantzer, of Autangville, Alabama, spent several days in Bamberg last week visiting relatives and friends. Mr. Dantzer is related to a number of Bamberg county families, and visits the county occasionally. He resides in a Mexican boll weevil infested country, and knows something about the ways of the weevil, and also knows what the people in Alabama have done to combat the weevil. Mr. Dantzer relates the experiences of the Alabama farmers with the weevil as follows, which will be of interest to the farmers here:

"The first year he usually makes his appearance in the fall and but little can be done toward checking him except to destroy as many as possible before they hibernate for the winter. Though they are usually no so few the first year that it will not pay to spend much time in looking for them. The second year there will not be many weevils before the last of August or September, therefore, it will do but little damage. It will pay however to have hoe and plow hands keep a sharp lookout for weevils from the time, cotton chopping is commenced and when they see one follow and catch him and to make the hands move vigilant offer a reward of say 5 cents each for all weevils caught early in the season. The first weevils are usually found in the bud of the cotton about the time the third leaf is coming out where he subsists until the cotton puts on squares (or forms) after which he lives by puncturing the square and sucking the juice therefrom. Before leaving each square he deposits an egg therein which brings forth another weevil in about three weeks.

"The third year is the time to make the fight in earnest for with all that you can do great damage will be done, especially if there is much rain during the months of June and July. Commence the fight same as the second year and in addition soon as the punctured squares begin to drop have them picked up and burned once a week for about six weeks (children can do this work). It will also pay to use a boll weevil catcher, which is simply two tin troughs connected, containing oil drawn along the row with the cotton passing between them into which the weevils and punctured squares drop. There are several kinds of these machines, all of which that I have seen are good.

"The most important work to be done this, the third year, is to gather the cotton before cold weather, and cut up and plow in the stalks with two or three-horse plows or tractors before the weevils hibernate for the winter.

"A full crop of cotton should not be planted the third year. Five to 10 acres to the plow is best, contingent of course upon the labor supply and the risk you are willing to take, but by all means the stalks should be buried or burned before cold weather and this should be continued several years—how long depends entirely upon your work of destruction and the rains in June, July and August.

"After the third year by using energetically the experience and knowledge you have gained you can make cotton right along, but it will be unsafe to plant more than half of a normal crop for several years, because when he comes it is to stay. He has not even deserted the first friends he made on entering the United States.

"You already have the weevil in this State putting in his work of destruction and will advance from 30 to 40 miles a season, therefore, it is well to commence preparations for his coming next year, by reducing the acreage in cotton and planting more grain and raising more cattle and hogs. Keep up this diversification every year with gradual reduction of cotton acreage until the third year after the weevil first visits your cotton field where if you have only five acres to the plow you will be hurt very little.

"While the destruction of the weevil is almost beyond the limit of imagination, farmers should not become panic stricken and sacrifice their lands or allow their labor to leave. Keep a steady nerve, hold on to land and labor, and in a few years a better and more lasting prosperity will dawn."

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THE WOLF OF WALL STREET.

How David Lamar Worked Coup for Fortune.

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He has a cunning that is wonderful and a skill in some matters that is uncanny. At times he has used men of the highest probity as pawns in the promotion of his schemes. One illustration will suffice to show the man's adroitness.

There was a coal strike 15 or 20 years ago which was fought with extreme bitterness. The coal people would not recognize the union leaders, and the union leaders had their forces so well organized that production was paralyzed. The stock market was affected seriously.

One day John Mitchell the union leader, was called to the telephone in the Hoffman house. After some preliminary precaution, the speaker said:

"I am Mr. Morgan, I wish you would come to my house in Madison Avenue tonight at 8:30. I shall have several men there with whom you now are at war. If you desire bring several of your associates, not more than three or four. Let us see if dispassionate exchange of views can not bring some settlement to this senseless quarrel."

Mr. Mitchell said he would be pleased to accept.

Later Mr. Morgan was called to the telephone and this is the message he received:

"This is Mr. Mitchell of the coal miners' union. I believe if you will use your good offices to bring about a meeting of myself and my associates and of the gentlemen representing the leading coal interests a way may be found to settle the strike. I promise nothing except our willingness to discuss this serious trouble man fashion and without prejudice. If you say so, my associates and I will be at your Madison Avenue home at 8:30 tonight."

"Very well; be there," replied Mr. Morgan.

That evening three or four of Mr. Mitchell's associates rang the bell of Mr. Morgan's house between 8:15 and 8:30 and were admitted to the big reception room, where some presidents of great coal railroads and some big coal operators had assembled. A delightful dinner was served and there were wine and cigars after which the gentlemen began to talk. They were not so bitter or unwilling to make concession while they sat in friendly companionship, and a little after midnight they came practically to agreement.

Then, Mr. Morgan, in asking all present to be at his office at 10:30 in the morning to ratify in writing the agreement, said he wanted to express his high regard for Mr. Mitchell and let all know it was due to his suggestion that this statement had been made possible through bringing the conflicting parties together at his home.

Mr. Mitchell protested that the credit was not due him, but to Mr. Morgan from whom the suggestion came.

J. P. knitted his brows in surprise. Then he said, "Huh," and let it go at that.

While the conference was on a man stood in the shadow in Thirty-sixth street watching the Morgan house. When the party came out he was close by while they were shaking hands and bidding each other good-bye, and saying they'd see each other again at 10:30 in Morgan's office.

The man who had been watching hurried to a telephone office and did some calling to London, where the stock market opens hours before it does in New York.

In the morning there were mysterious rumors that the coal strike was settled in a secret conference. The afternoon before, just before closing, there had been heavy buying of coal shares. There was heavy buying also at the opening this particular morning.

At 10:30 a. m. there was a wild whooping in Wall street. John Mitchell and party and the coal railroad men had got together.

Then the market boiled. In a shop in New street a man watched the ticker and gloated. Thousands and tens of thousands were coming into his possession every few minutes through the rolling tape.

There were persons in Wall street who considered it queer that some one had anticipated the coal settlement and "cleaned up."

They started an investigation for Mr. Morgan's information.

"It was the Wolf," they reported to the great banker.

Then and not till then did Mr. Morgan begin to understand how Mitchell thought Morgan suggested the conference and Morgan thought Mitchell proposed it.

Lamar always worked alone. That

perhaps, is one explanation of how he got his name of the Wolf, the lone wolf. He made few friends. He gambled heavily and lived extravagantly. He played no favorites. When Von Rintelen came here with a big bribery fund to promote German propaganda and prevent munitions from being shipped, Lamar was one of the first to grab him. What Lamar did to that fool German's bank account was a wonder.

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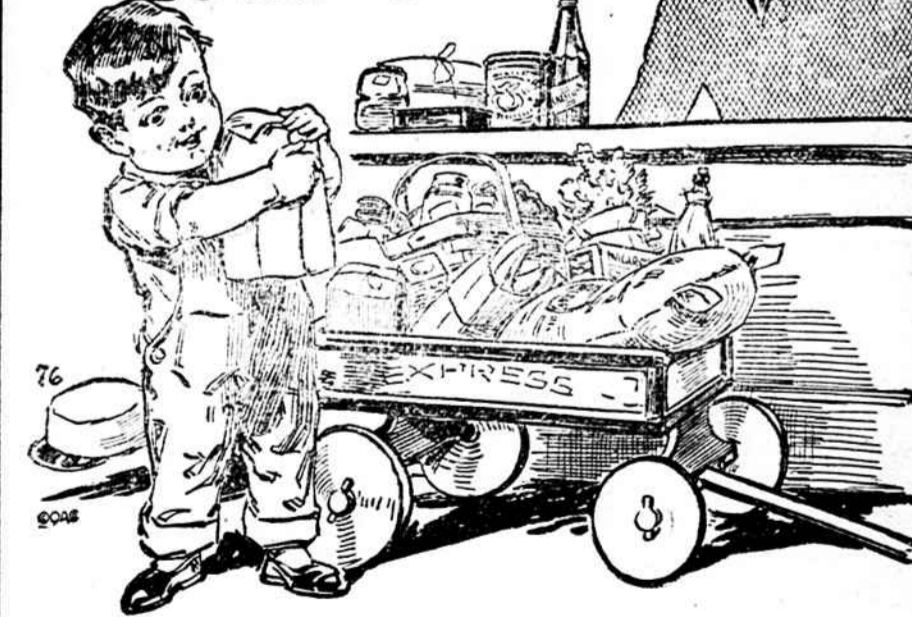
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