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Political Markets.

One who signs himself "An Observer" writes from New York City to the esteemed News and Courier and complains of President Roosevelt's recent statement that steel and copper were "selling at too high prices," which statement, it is alleged, caused "the market" to dive immediately.

Now, isn't that just too bad?

About ten years ago, the then secretary of agriculture under a Republican president said that cotton at around 25 cents a pound was "too high" and advised prospective buyers to wait for lower prices. The cotton market "immediately dived"—so low that it didn't begin an upward climb until after President Roosevelt went into office. Did "An Observer" register his protest against the "political cotton market" as he now does against the "political stock market"? Or did it happen that he wasn't "playing the cotton market" and did get "caught" in the recent stock decline? (We presume that he "plays the market," as he admits that "several times recently" he was "in a board room looking at stock prices.")

Unless "An Observer" condemned Secretary Jardine's statement that resulted in such a drastic decline in cotton prices, we refuse to shed even "crocodile tears" over the "political stock market" of which he complains. Incidentally, it might be remarked in passing, that "An Observer" has been a prolific, persistent and caustic critic of the New Deal and all of its works in numerous communications to our Charleston contemporary.

Price Fixing Hits Everybody.

The idea that the artificial maintenance of prices at high levels is the way to prosperity appears to have lost its standing in the politico-economic scheme of things. The President in expressing his disapproval of the Miller-Tydings price-maintenance bill, pointed out the injustice to the consumer if manufacturers were permitted to set the retail price of their products and the authority of government were involved to punish anyone who sold goods at less than the fixed price.

That is sound common-sense—sounded than the common-sense or lack of it shown by legislators in many States who have enacted price-maintenance laws which are resulting in increased prices to consumers and higher profits to manufacturers, but not, so far as anyone has reported, any corresponding benefit in the shape of putting more workers back on the job or paying higher wages.

The motive back of these attempts at maintaining high prices is the theory that only by getting more money for his wares can the "little man" in business survive. Facts and government statistics explode this theory. There are more "little fellows"—that is, independent merchants—in business in the United States today than ever before. It hardly seems to be a proper concern of any government, State or National, to protect incompetents, but that is the tendency of every legislative effort to prevent price competition. It deprives the distributor or merchant of superior ability, because it makes it illegal to sell more cheaply than his competitor does.

The real victim of price-fixing laws is the ordinary citizen, the consumer, who is usually overlooked when such legislation is being drafted. Behind every such measure are "pressure blocs" composed of manufacturers and middle-men seeking their own financial advantage at the expense of the public. They are well organized and vocal. They send representatives and delegations to committee hearings—and the law-makers seldom hear from the consumers as such. They are not organized and have no spokesmen.

A real consumer organization with no pet theories or fads to air and really representative of the average American home could do a lot to stave off the steadily rising cost of living and might be able to block ill-considered efforts to keep prices high and push them higher.—Aiken Standard and Review.

The People-Sentinel thinks that the Standard and Review is correct in much that it says in the above editorial.

Editorial.

Why should the manufacturer be allowed by law to fix the retail selling price of an article? It is argued that the retailer is allowed a 10 per cent. differential in fixing the selling price—that is, he can charge anywhere within the limits of 90 and 100 per cent. of the nationally advertised price—but in the NRA code for the graphic arts industry there was also such a differential in the price list adopted and the whole thing was declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court. And, strange to relate, many of those who so strongly objected to the higher prices under the code have been quite active in fostering the passage of the new legislation.

There is one possibility of relief for Mr. and Mrs. John Consumer: If certain manufacturers persist in the practice of fixing a nationally advertised price for their products, and the law makes that price mandatory, other manufacturers may market similar articles that are "just as good" at a cheaper price. After all, there is no compulsion to buy the nationally priced product.

Brown-Varnadore.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Boyles announce the recent marriage of their adopted daughter, Miss Gladys Brown, to J. C. Varnadore, of Luray. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. J. Swindell, pastor of the Christian Church of Varnville. The young couple will make their home in Luray.

Medical Association Meets.

The regular monthly meeting of the Barnwell County Medical Association was held at the Shamrock hotel in Blackville on Thursday night of last week.

After the meeting had been called to order, several matters of importance to the association were discussed and passed on.

Dr. Ben F. Wyman and Dr. Simmons, of Columbia, members of the State Board of Health, outlined the work planned for Barnwell County through the health department for the next few months. Both speakers gave interesting talks and made many helpful suggestions.

Dr. Stevens Re-elected.

The Central Zone of the South Carolina Optometric Association met in Columbia Monday night with Dr. P. W. Stevens, zone chairman, in charge of the meeting. Dr. C. H. Pointel, of Columbia, lectured on "When to Recommend a B2 Type Case," and Dr. C. H. Wiesepape, also of Columbia, lectured on "Orthoptics in a B2 Type Case." During the business session, officers were elected to serve for the next term as follows: Dr. P. W. Stevens, of Barnwell, zone chairman; G. Robert Dickert, of Columbia, zone secretary; Dr. J. M. Hoffer, of Camden, basic chairman, and Dr. C. H. Wiesepape, of Columbia, orthoptic chairman. The next regular meeting will be held in Orangeburg on June 3rd.

A Large Family.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Carter spent Mother's Day with the latter's aunt, Mrs. Lizzie Ray, Glenville, Ga., on which date Mrs. Ray celebrated her 76th birthday with a family reunion. She is the mother of 13 children, 11 of whom are living, and these, together with 81 grandchildren and 41 great-grandchildren, were all present with the exception of two grandchildren.

Mrs. Ray's relatives and friends in Barnwell County will learn with pleasure that she is in the lead for the prize offered by the State of Georgia to the mother having the greatest number of children and grandchildren, the next highest number being 59. Other nieces joining her on this occasion were Mrs. Belle Dyches, Mrs. C. H. Delk, Mrs. D. J. Hartzog, Mrs. J. P. Collins and Mrs. J. O. Sanders.

Presented in Piano Recital.

Blackville, May 15.—On Friday evening, May 7th, Mrs. G. Frank Posey presented Miss Louise Collum, the talented 15-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Collum, Sr., in a lovely piano recital. The gymnasium of the Blackville high school was attractively decorated for the occasion with floor baskets of mixed garden flowers and jardinières of white shasta daisies.

Miss Collum's numbers were performed with fine quality of tone and interpretation, and a large audience enjoyed the beauty and technique of the selections. Miss Collum was assisted in her program by Miss Lila Teal, a gifted violinist, of Conway, whose numbers were also greatly enjoyed.

The following program was rendered:

Re-employment Agency Aids Many in Barnwell

The local office of the national re-employment agency, since its inauguration in 1933 with Col. N. G. W. Walker, of Barnwell, at the head, and Mrs. Goldie C. Holman, also of Barnwell, as his assistant, has placed hundreds of men on the payrolls of private business.

When the office was first opened office space and equipment were furnished by the town of Barnwell. Since the destruction by fire of the town hall, the offices have been moved to the old Caldwell building on Main street. At the office any unemployed of this section can register and when possible will be placed on the payroll of some private organization. Applicants are carefully interviewed to ascertain as near as possible just what work they are best fitted to do and if they are thoroughly competent in that work.

All of the workers on CWA and WPA were put to work through this office on the various government projects of construction over the county, such as the construction of the Barnwell school building, the Williston field house and the Blackville gymnasium. These buildings were built by private contractors and the labor had to be of the first class to be acceptable to these contractors.

During the fiscal year ending July 1, 1936, the Barnwell office led all offices in the State in the placing of men on private payrolls, being ahead of such large offices as Spartanburg, Greenville, Columbia and Charleston. At the present date the office ranks fifth in the State and Colonel Walker states that he is satisfied that he will be able to raise this total before July 1. The record shows for itself the steps which have been made in this section toward recovery.

In the placement of labor on public road construction, the local office has on file several very complimentary letters from the contractors whom they have served and from the labor department in Washington. These letters contain praise for the efficient manner in which the labor was furnished them and for the efficiency and skill of laborers furnished.

Many local people who were unable to secure employment by any other means have registered with this office and through the work of the national re-employment service have been placed on jobs that paid them well and gave them a chance for advancement. Farm laborers, store clerks, filling station helpers and any other form of employment may be secured through this agency, in addition to the road work and building contract workers. Local business concerns, as well as out-of-town companies list their help wanted with the re-employment agency and men are sent them immediately.

There is no charge for this service and Colonel Walker and Mrs. Holman request that anyone out of work and

ed: Serenade, op. 3 (Victor Herbert)

Valse triste, op. 44 (Sibelius), Miss Collum; Norwegian Dance, op. 35, No. 2 (Grieg), Miss Collum and Mrs. Posey; violin solo, Miss Teal; Slow Movement, from Moonlight Sonata, op. 27, No. 2 (Beethoven), Miss Collum; violin solo, Miss Teal; To Spring, op. 42, No. 6 (Grieg), Dark Eyes (Peery), Miss Collum; The Glow Worm (Lincke), Miss Collum and Mrs. Posey; violin solo, Miss Teal; Liebestraum No. 3 (Liszt), Miss Collum.

WILLISTON-ELKO DOWNS

BARNWELL IN TIGHT GAME

Williston, May 18.—Williston-Elko defeated Barnwell here this afternoon in the 10th inning when Lemon muffed Whitaker's infield drive and Greene scored to break a tie and end the game, 5 to 4.

Barnwell held a one run lead until the fifth inning, when the locals scored two runs on timely singles by D. Ponder, Benson and Rogers. Lemon's drive to left field in the eighth inning went through Crouch and was good for a home run, scoring Carter, who was aboard, and put Barnwell again in the lead. Still added another run for the visitors on a wild pitch.

Williston-Elko came back in their half of the eighth and scored a run when J. Ponder pounded out a three-bagger, scoring Fieniken ahead of him, and went on to deadlock the count in the ninth inning. With two gone in the 10th inning, Green singled, Crouch beat out an infield drive and Benson was hit by one of Whitaker's pitches to lead the bases. Whitaker's drive to Lemon, who muffed it, broke up the game as Greene scored on the play.

desirous of securing a position come to the local office and register.

Of the hundreds who have been placed through this branch, many are now holding responsible positions; others, who, prior to the depression were working at jobs they did not like or could barely make a living from, have found work which they enjoy and can make a comfortable living from, and others, who found temporary employment, have returned to the office for the purpose of being registered again and another position found for them.

It is believed by local employers and employees that the continuance of this agency will keep down the unemployment situation and render inestimable service.

The "Bonus Boys" vs. High School Team

A game of baseball between members of the local American Legion Post and the Barnwell High School team is scheduled for this (Thursday) afternoon at 5:30. Much interest is being taken in the scheduled game and those who will attend will have the pleasure of seeing such "old timers" as Angus Patterson, Martin Best, "Pat" the barber, Rowdy Gleaton, Wilson Walker, Ted Girardeu, "Little" Perry Price and others back on the diamond "doing their stuff." The opposing team of high school boys is expected to give the "bonus boys" a good match. Come out and root for your favorite team.

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Champagne Waltz
MATINEE TUESDAY—4:00 P. M.

WEDNESDAY, BARGAIN DAY

MATINEE 10c—NITE 10c-15c

PRESTON FOSTER in

"We Who Are About to Die"
MATINEE 4:00 P. M.

THURSDAY-FRIDAY, MAY 27-28

SIMONE SIMON and JAMES STEWART in

"7th Heaven"
MATINEE THURSDAY 4:00 P. M.

SATURDAY ONLY, MAY 29

Jane Withers in **"Holy Terror"**

—ALSO—
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