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What Farmers Have Done.

Beyond doubt the organization of the farmers and the agitation for the holding of cotton and the reduction in acreage and fertilizer and rallying caused a steady rise of prices for the larger part of the season. The price of cotton has not been lifted to ten cents the pound. Neither has it been dropped to five or six.

It is foolishness to maintain that the cotton producers can choose 10 cents or 12 cents or 8 cents or any other figure and fix it as a selling price. Even were they organized into a compact, closely knitted "trust" they would fail to successfully defy the law of supply and demand. At the same time, it is natural and proper for the farmer to assert himself in fixing the price and to be a factor in fixing it. If he makes it a rule each year to dump the whole crop into the hands of the merchants and mills as rapidly as it is harvested he surrenders his right.

Had the farmers placed the whole crop of 1904 on the market within a few months, as they commonly do place it, the price would have fallen to a figure far below the cost of production. The South would have lost millions of dollars.

When a farmers organization devotes itself to matters connected with farming it accomplishes results. When it goes into politics it ruins itself and its usefulness. When newspaper men in their associations discuss advertising rates and methods of extending circulation they help themselves. When they intrigue to elect politicians to office or to build a big navy they destroy their organization's power.

The farmers organization of 1904-05 has eschewed politics. It saved millions of dollars to the farmers. It should be able to save more millions of dollars in future.

Smiths and Pythians.

The Newberry Observer says:

"The Greenwood Journal, which is in the habit of seeing spooks, says that M. L. Smith is the candidate of the Knights of Pythias and that the gubernatorial boom of the said Smith was launched at Beaufort during the recent session of the grand lodge there. It further says that the dispensary forces are for him. Well, we hope the Knights of Pythias and the knights of the G. M. L. haven't formed a coalition."

The Greenwood Journal did not itself make the statements referred to but quoted an unnamed person who was in Beaufort at the time of the Convention. Until this person is named The Journal must bear the entire responsibility for the reports thus circulated.

We do not believe that Mr. Smith or any other man is the candidate of the Pythians and we doubt the claim that the dispensary favors him.

Statements of this kind made in a general way are unfair. The Journal cannot possibly prove what it has said. We suppose that some Knights of Pythias may support Colonel Smith (we take it for granted that he is a Colonel like other men of fame) and some may even support him on account of an acquaintance formed in the Pythian lodge and grand lodge. These are mighty good places for the forming of respectable acquaintanceship anyhow.

But we assert that Knights of Pythias will support no candidates merely because they are Pythians. Sometimes, though, mighty good Pythians are mighty good candidates and some of the best candidates we have ever seen were unregenerate and hardened sinners.

The Journal of Greenwood has done Colonel Brother Smith an injustice and should apologize both to him and to the Knights of Pythias.

We know a number of Knights of Pythias who have never been elected governor. Others have been elected governor. McSweeney, who is by the way one of the saints of the earth, is an Elk of great importance.

Colonel Smith has much to his advantage. In the first place he is a Smith and they are more numerous and powerful than the Knights of Pythias.—Secondly, he is an ex-base ball player of remarkable prowess. Thirdly, he is big and tall. Fourthly, he has plenty of intelligence. Other things might be said in his favor but we think it best to keep it dark that he is something of an orator and lawyer.

Seriously, the publication of the Greenwood Journal, about Mr. Smith was not fair.

Government Report.

The estimate of the Census Bureau at Washington gives the percentage of reduction in cotton acreage, compared to last year, as 11.4 per cent. The cotton growers association gives its estimate as above 18 per cent. reduction.

We do not know which of the reports are nearer correct, but we venture the assertion that the farmers who did reduce their acreage do not regret it now.

"Voter" in The Herald of last Thursday says:

"The lawlessness of the last three years has been greater than ever before in the history of the State. The Governor is not any more to blame for it than were the Reform Governors when crime was committed under their administration."

Perhaps Voter is mistaken in thinking that lawlessness has increased. However, the Dispensary is still in existence and it causes much trouble.

Tilman and His Pet.

When a few years ago the late Col. Hoyt of Greenville, a prohibitionist, was a candidate for Governor, Senator Tilman "the father of the Dispensary," took an active part against him, on the plea that the Dispensary must be saved. Last year when Cherokee County was about to banish the dispensary the Senator made an apologetic and feeble effort in its behalf. The contest became warm and the Senator did not appear again.

Now Pickens drives away the Dispensaries, and half a dozen others counties threaten to do likewise. The Senator stays at home. The Dispensary is sick. It is no longer popular among the country people. The Senator is a quitter. He always runs away from a losing fight.

The State whiskey business is the one great institution with which the Senator's name is connected. In the history of South Carolina the "Tilman Whiskey System" will be chronicled as one of the notorious and disgraceful failures of the time. Will it be written that the time came that the Senator was ashamed of it and showed it?

Beyond doubt Laurens is the place for the proposed castle of the Pythian grand lodge but we do not believe Laurens will be selected for it. This involves a reflection upon the judgment of the grand lodge but that can't be helped.

The Russians are calling Rear Admiral Neb-er-gat-off a coward. How can they expect a man with a name like that to keep his nerve?

"Tit for Tat."

Chief Grady and the local constabulary left Monday afternoon for a raid in the Dark Corner. Arriving near Gowansville their turnout broke down. They left it on the roadside and engaged another. In the latter carriage they proceeded a distance, and then "took to the woods," in quest of illicit distilleries. Penetrating the lone, unfrequented parts of the mountains, they were fired on a number of times, but without effect. After a diligent but fruitless search they returned to Gowansville, and on investigation discovered that the broken down vehicle they left had been taken in hand by the moonshiners and cut to pieces and burned up. They secured other facilities and returned home, their horses not having been disturbed.—Spartanburg Herald.

U. S. IS NOW FOURTH NAVAL POWER.

Washington, June 2.—Figures prepared by the Naval Intelligence Bureau of the Navy Department under direction of Capt. Seaton Schroeder, its chief, show that, as a result of the battle just fought and its predecessors, Russia has dropped from third to seventh place in naval power and Japan has risen from seventh to sixth. The fighting has put the United States up from fifth to fourth place and Germany from fourth to third.

Russia Drops from Fourth to Seventh Place.

The naval powers now rank in this order: Great Britain, France, Germany, United States, Italy, Japan, Russia, and Austria. Prior to the Battle of the Sea of Japan they ranked as follows: Great Britain, France, Russia, Germany, United States, Italy, Japan, and Austria.

Austria is the only power whose rank is unaffected by the battle. Italy moves from sixth place to fifth. Great Britain's tonnage is 1,595,871; France's, 603,721; Germany's, 441,249; that of the United States 316,543; Italy's, 254,510; Japan's 252,661, Russia's (which formerly was 447,315) is now 227,243. Austria comes last with 112,336.

This does not include vessels over twenty years old, gunboats and other vessels of less than 1,000 tons, torpedo craft of less than 50 tons, transports, colliers, repair ships, torpedo depot ships, converted merchant vessels, or yachts.

Practically all that Russia has left is the Black Sea fleet. Of her nineteen battleships only seven remain; of her eleven coast defense vessels, including smaller battleships and monitors, only seven; of her seven armored cruisers, three; of her twenty other cruisers, fifteen; of her forty-one torpedo boat destroyers, thirty-three; of her eighty-five torpedo boats, eighty-two.

The Cotton Prospect at Mt. Bethel.

MT. BETHEL, June 3.—The merry song of the plowman is heard in this community to-day for almost the first time in two weeks.

Farmers who did not cut the cotton acreage are in a fair way to make less cotton than those who were true to their pledges, hands cannot be had at any price, prices range from sixty cts. to one dollar per day. This is to induce hands to leave their own farms and work for others but it don't work. Some have offered to turn part of their cotton crop over to others after plowing it one time to be worked on shares but there is no one to take them.

It is the opinion of this scribe that cotton production will be reduced thirty three per cent this year in this township.

AGRICOLA.

Cuban Diarrhoea.

U. S. soldiers who served in Cuba during the Spanish War know what this disease is, and that ordinary remedies have little more effect than so much water. Cuban Diarrhoea is almost as severe and dangerous as a mild attack of cholera. There is only one remedy however, that can always be depended upon as will be seen by the following certificate from Mrs. Minnie Jacobs of Houston, Texas: "I hereby certify that Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy cured my husband of a severe attack of Cuban diarrhoea, which he brought home from Cuba. We had several doctors but they did him no good. One bottle of this remedy cured him, as our neighbors will testify. I thank God for so valuable a medicine." For sale by Laurens Drug Co. and Dr. B. F. Fosdy. 44-46

CASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of

LAUGH AND GROW FAT.

Bishop Potter tells this story on himself. He was preaching in a small town up the State, and after the sermon he held an informal reception. As the last man in the line received by Dr. Potter, approached the latter, he said, "Doctor, I never heard a better sermon in my life." Dr. Potter says he was somewhat surprised, because no one in the church had seemed to evince any particular interest in the sermon while it was being delivered, and he was glad to find one man who had been impressed.

"What point interested you most?" Dr. Potter inquired of his admirer. "Well, I'll tell you," returned the latter. "You are the first man I ever heard explain what Sodom and Gomorrah meant. Until I listened to your sermon I always thought Sodom and Gomorrah were husband and wife."—Brooklyn Eagle.

Civilization progresses. There are now but few towns in Ohio where deaths are referred to as demises.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

He.—"I never speak unless I have something worth saying." She.—"Aren't you afraid of losing your command of language?"—Detroit Free Press.

"Jimmie, Jimmie, don't you know its awful to say those swear words?" "I was dus' playing I was papa huntin' for his collar button."—Detroit Free Press.

"De man dat devotes hisse'f to fault findin', said Uncle Eben, 'turns out many a fine job o' work dat doesn't give satisfaction to nobody.'—Washington Star.

"In politics, aren't you?" "Yes." "H'm! Are you a point-with-pride or a view-with-alarm?"—Puck.

"On the Hills of Joy" is the title of a new book. Haven't read it, but—those are the hills we're looking for! F. L. S.

THE BRIGHT OUTLOOK.

There'll be more joy on our old farm Than in a dozen states, When all the colleges are out An' Sally graduates!

We'll tune the old piano then— Hang roses on the gates, An' step up proud in all the crowd When Sally graduates! F. L. S.

NOT A MASTERPIECE.

A Scotch laboring man who had married a rich widow exceptional for her plainness was accosted by his employer. "Well, Thomas," he said, "I hear you are married. What sort of a wife have you got?"

PROVED HIS TEACHER WRONG.

Little Willie's father found his youthful son holding up one of his rabbits by the ears and saying to him: "How much is seven times seven, now?" "Bah," the father heard the boy say, "I knew you couldn't. Here's another one: Six times six is how much?" "Why, Willie, what in the world are you doing with your rabbit?" asked the father.

Willie threw the rabbit down with disgust. "I knew our teacher was lying to us," was all he said.

There's just one thing

You must acquire If you would set The world afire. And that's to know The thing to do To make the world Run after you.

SUGGESTIVE OF THE TIMES.

While Jay Gould was traveling on the Wabash System he stopped over for dinner at a little town in Southern Illinois. The party ate some eggs, among other things, and when the bill was presented to Gould it contained the item, "One dozen eggs, \$1.80." The great railroad magnate remarked that eggs must be at a premium in that section, to which the restaurant keeper replied, "No, sir, eggs are plenty enough; but Jay Goulds are mighty scarce."—Exchange.

THE TIDES OF LOVE.

Flo was fond of Ebenezer—"Eb," for short she called her beau—"Talk of tides of Love!" Great Caesar! You should see 'em—Eb and Flo. —Philadelphia Press.

DISCOURAGED.

"Mamma," remarked Dottie, if I get married when I grow up will I have a husband like papa?" "I suppose so, dear," said mamma. "An' if I don't get married I'll be a old maid, like Cousin Charlotte, won't I?" "I guess you will, pet. Why?" "Oh, nothin'—only I wish I was a boy!"—Cleveland Leader.

THE BISHOP'S GAITERS.

A using story is told of Dr. Gore. He was once walking in the street when two little boys were attracted by his black episcopal gaiters. "Wot's 'em?" asked one in surprise. "Oh, 'e—e's a Scotchman in mourning," was the reply.—London M. A. P.

FINAL.

Mistah Johnsing—Can't yo' gib me no hope, Liza? Miss Jackson—Once an' fo' all, Mistah Johnsing, I tells you I won't be no man's cullud supplement.—Puck.

A Fearful Fate.

It is a fearful fate to have to endure the terrible torture of Piles. "I can truthfully say," writes Harry Colson of Masonville, Ia. "that for Blind Bleeding, Itching and Protruding Piles, Bucklen's Astringent Salve, is the best cure made. Also best for cuts, burns and injuries. 25c. at Palmetto and Laurens Drug Co. 44-46

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Charleston & Western Carolina Railway. (Schedule in effect April 16, 1905.) Table with columns for train numbers, destinations, and times.

ARRIVALS:—Train No. 1, Daily, from Augusta and intermediate stations 1:45 pm; No. 52, daily, from Greenville and intermediate stations 3:35 pm; No. 87, daily, except Sunday, from Greenville and intermediate stations 6:40 pm; Train No. 2, daily, from Spartanburg and intermediate stations 1:30 p.m.

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