

BRIGHT BUSINESS OUTLOOK.

Beneficial Effect of Less Fertilizer and Reduced Acreage.

Washington, August 15.—A statement issued tonight by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States after a careful investigation by its committee on statistics and standards takes an optimistic view of the business outlook in general and announces that the former feeling of apprehension of "something is going to happen," because of the European war, has almost entirely disappeared.

The statement has the following to say regarding the cotton situation in the Southern States:

"The reduction in the cotton acreage as compared with last year is approximately 16 per cent and combined with this is about 40 per cent decrease in the use of fertilizers, because being confined largely to South Atlantic States. A tentative long distance forecast on so uncertain a matter as the total yield of cotton indicates a production this year of about 12,000,000 bales, exclusive of linters, which possibly will run up to 600,000 more bales. As a whole the crop has done well and is in generally good condition, although needing rain in central and southern Texas. Owing to the wet season in some sections, there are a number of complaints of boll weevil, though it is not possible yet even to approximate the damage done. Even with lower priced cotton, however, the situation in the South will be radically different from last year. Enforced economies have everywhere prevailed in the agricultural sections. Old material and implements are being used in cultivating and the cotton crop this year will be the cheapest raised in the war of production in many years. Consequently the South will be in a much better condition to stand low priced cotton this year than last."

Loafing by Boys.

We wonder why it is so many young men can be seen loafing upon our streets until a late hour of night. Many of them are from our best families. The fathers of these young men, many of them at least, are numbered among our best citizens. If their cow or their horse or even their private dog was away from home after dark they would be out on a search, but their own children can roam the town all night with apparently no effort being made to find them. The boy seems to be turned loose at a tender age to wander at will into the path of sin and vice, and then we wonder where all our tramps and worthless specimens of humanity come from. It is a regrettable fact that too many of them come from seed germinated in good homes and then sown in a careless manner upon our streets and back alleys. Is your boy wasting his life on our streets? If so, had you not, at least, better look after him as carefully at nightfall as you would your horse or cow. We do not intimate that this evil exists to a greater extent in this community than in our sister towns, but the evil seems universal and increases in magnitude as the years roll by.—Manning Times.

His Biggest Interest.

A man in another State was once asked which of his several investments paid him the highest rate of interest, and he promptly replied that it was the dollar he paid on his subscription to the local paper.

"One day I wanted to buy a cow," he said, "and was intending to make a trip of about fifteen miles to get one that I knew was for sale at a certain price. But just before starting I happened to pick up the local paper and noticed that a nearby neighbor was offering one of the same breed at a dollar less than the other one. He really sold it to me for \$4 less. I saved a long thirty mile drive and \$4 in cash because I had paid a dollar for the paper."

"That was just one instance, but as a matter of fact I saved both time and money in many different ways during the year, and all through reading the ads in a paper that had cost me but a dollar a year. I consider that dollar the best investment I ever made, and I am investing as regularly as the year rolls round, and always with most satisfactory results."

Asylum Built for Them.

A few months ago, at a council meeting in a certain small town, a well-known alderman astonished the members by saying:

"Gentlemen, we have been sending our lunatics to — asylum for a long time now, and it has cost us a great deal of money; but I am glad to be able to tell you that we have now built an asylum for ourselves."

"The month just closed was the driest July of record, by 0.17 inch," says the monthly summary issued from the weather bureau office at Columbia by Richard H Sullivan, section director.

UGH! CALOMEL MAKES YOU DEATHLY SICK.

Stop Using Dangerous Drug Before It Salivates You! It's Horrible!

You're bilious, sluggish, constipated and believe you need vile, dangerous calomel to start your liver and clean your bowels.

Here's my guarantee! Ask your druggist for a 50 cent bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone and take a spoonful tonight. If it doesn't start your liver and straighten you right up better than calomel and without griping or making you sick I want you to go back to the store and get your money.

Take calomel today and tomorrow you will feel weak and sick and nauseated. Don't lose a day's work. Take a spoonful of harmless, vegetable Dodson's Liver Tone tonight and wake up feeling great. It's perfectly harmless, so give it to your children any time. It can't salivate, so let them eat anything afterwards.

Consider the Knocker.

One of our exchanges said recently: "Newspaper men have a hard time. If we say nice things in our paper we seldom hear from them, but if we make a mistake, or if some one fails to see what they think we ought to see, the paper is criticised."

That's too sadly true. It's an old saying "that the doctor buries his mistakes, but the newspaper man can't hide his." Did it ever occur to you, how few mistakes creep into the newspapers, and when one does it is so glaring that it is magnified in its importance. This is not a defense of errors, for there should be none, but it is to point out that others err as grievously as the newspapers.

Newspaper workers are a proud race of people. They love their work. They are jealous of its good repute. And whenever you hear a sore head or failure, or a cheap job hunter knocking newspapers, don't believe what he says. He might be the biggest and meanest prevaricator in creation. The best way is to read the newspaper and see for yourself what it is. The man who can't use newspapers for his selfish ends abuses them.—Columbia Record.

The Remains.

"The Girl He Left Behind Him," is the heroine of an anecdote by Frances Pritchard, fair dancer in the "Passing Show of 1915."

A negro died without medical attendance, and the Coroner went to investigate.

"Did Samuel Williams live here?" he asked the weeping woman who answered the door.

"Yussah," she replied between sobs.

"May I see the remains," asked the Coroner.

"I is de remains," she answered proudly.—Young's Magazine.

Passing Shots.

Keep your eye on this town—get close to it—stay by it—and in time you will recognize a good thing when you see it.

Are you doing as much for your home town as the town is doing for you? Think it over, and perhaps in time you may be able to answer "yes."

A mud hole in the street is seen by everybody, is in the way of everybody, is cursed by everybody, and yet nobody seems to want to remove it.

Never tell a man with red blood in his veins not to get angry. He is liable to construe your advice as an indication that you have no red blood of your own.

The twentieth century has produced at least one brainy man besides ourself. He suggests that thrifty housewives dry out their old coffee grounds and keep them for the use of borrowing neighbors.

We sweat blood for a few minutes the other day when a matron with a marriageable daughter asked our opinion as to who is the most beautiful young lady in town. We arose to the occasion and came out with flying colors, but we are not putting any one wise as to the hole in the dilemma. Do your own sweating.

Could Not Comply.

Wife—Henry, you really must have the landlord come and see for himself the damage the rain did to our ceiling.

Hub—I can't without letting him see the damage the children have done to the rest of the house.

For a Sprained Ankle.

If you will get a bottle of Chamberlain's Liniment and observe the directions given therewith faithfully, you will recover in much less time than is usually required. Obtainable everywhere.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy Cures Colds, Croup and Whooping Cough.

Church Notes

The public is cordially invited to attend any of the services of the various churches of Kingstree.

Baptist Church.

REV W E HURT, PASTOR. Services every Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock and evening at 8:00 o'clock.

Sunday-school at 10:00 a. m. Prayer-meeting Wednesdays at 8:00 p. m.

Methodist Church.

REV D A PHILLIPS, PASTOR. Preaching every Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock and evening at 8:30 o'clock.

Sunday-school at 5:00 p. m. Mid-week prayer meeting every Wednesday afternoon at 5:00 o'clock.

Presbyterian Church.

REV P S MCCHESNEY, PASTOR. Preaching every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. Sunday-school 4:30 p. m.

Prayer meeting Wednesday, 8:00 p. m.

Business Enough for One Day.

The present generation is scarcely aware that at one time our one-dollar and two-dollar bills were marked with Roman instead of Arabic numerals. Therefore when the youth left in charge of the general store in a small country town was approached by a stranger and asked for change for an eleven-dollar bill, he looked curiously at the greenback but acceded courteously to the request. The owner of the store sauntered in some time later.

"Well, Sam, any business?" "Nothin' 'cept changin' a 'leven-dollar bill fer a drummer," the boy answered unconcernedly.

The storekeeper started for the cash drawer, looked long and sorrowfully at the old two-dollar bill, then said sadly:

"Put up the shutters, Sam. We've done business enough for one day." —Collier's Weekly.

Recommends Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy.

"I never hesitate to recommend Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy," writes Sol Williams, merchant, Jesse, Tenn. "I sell more of it than of any other preparations of like character. I have used it myself and found it gave me more relief than anything else I have ever tried for the same purpose." Obtainable everywhere.

Send us the news.

How true it is that comfort may be extracted from even the most distressing circumstances. Nothing can exceed the discomforts and horrors of war, yet the present tragedy in Europe is teaching millions of people to economize who never would have done it but for the adversities now upon them. In most cases the lesson thus gained will continue to be carried out for all time after the war is over. In this land there are thousands of families that would be better off every way if more economy were practiced, and it should be done voluntarily, and not through the compulsion of war.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury

as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free. Sold by Druggists. Price 75c per bottle. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Registration Notice.

The office of the Supervisor of Registration will be open on the 1st Monday in each month for the purpose of registering any person who is qualified as follows:

Who shall have been a resident of the State for two years, and of the county one year, and of the polling precinct in which the elector offers to vote four months before the day of election, and shall have paid, six months before, any poll tax then due and payable, and who can both read and write any section of the constitution of 1885 submitted to him by the Supervisors of Registration, or who can show that he owns, and has paid all taxes collectible on during the present year, property in this State assessed at three hundred dollars or more. H A MEYER, Clerk of Board

RUB-MY-TISM

Will cure your Rheumatism Neuralgia, Headaches, Cramps, Colic, Sprains, Bruises, Cuts and Burns, Old Sores, Stings of Insects Etc. Antiseptic Anodyne, used internally and externally. Price 25c.

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Table listing prices for various plants and flowers: Best single specimen, Best collection, Palms, Ferns and Begonias, etc.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

Table listing prices for children's department items: Best specimen in quilts, Best specimen in netting, Best specimen in crocheting, etc.

AUTOMOBILE SHOW.

P. H. Stoll, Manager. Prizes to be given for best decorated automobiles in parade, of any make or size. First prize \$2.50, Second prize 1.50, Third prize 1.00, Fourth prize .50.

BENCH SHOW.

H. T. Burgess, Superintendent. 1. Owners are charged with the care of all dogs while on the grounds, and must not permit any to run loose. 2. Dogs may be removed, upon the permission of the superintendent, after 5 o'clock p. m. but must be exhibited all three days of the fair. 3. All dogs must be the property of residents of Williamsburg County.

Table listing prices for dog shows: Best setter dog, Best pointer dog, Best hound dog, Best collie or shepherd dog, etc.

Table listing prices for miscellaneous items: Best red wheat, Best half bushel of corn, Best peck of rice, etc.



ARE YOU ON THE SAFE SIDE? IF NOT, WHY NOT? Whose fault is it? It is not ours. We offer you the necessary requirements to place you on the safe side, and would be more than delighted to WRITE YOU A POLICY that will protect you from all loss by fires at a very low rate.

LIGHTNING RODS. H. L. WHITLOCK, Lake City, S. C., Special Sales Agent. Representing the largest manufacturers of all kinds improved Copper and Galvanized Section Rods.

WATTS' JEWELRY STORE KINGSTREE, S. C. I keep on hand everything to be found in an up-to-date jewelry house. Repairing and engraving done with neatness and despatch.

CYPRESS SASH DOORS BLINDS. L. WETHERHORN & SON, CHARLESTON S. C. MOULDINGS AND MILLWORK.

The Meanest Miller in Town is prepared to grind your corn into fine meal, coarse or medium grits. Bring along your corn. I am also prepared to grind your wheat into the very best grade of flour—the home ground kind.

THE MONITOR. The improved Self-Heating Sad Iron saves half the time, half the labor and all the worry on Ironing day. Recommended and for sale by Mrs. S. P. Britton, Salters Depot, S. C.

Undressed Lumber. I always have on hand a lot of undressed lumber (board and framing) at my mill near Kingstree, for sale at the lowest price for good material.