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VAIN IMAGININGS.

"We imagine from a letter from E. I. R. in the Columbia Record that Sumter is all set on fire about the South Carolina Western making its through line by Florence instead of by Sumter after Sumter had given some forty-five thousand dollars to get the road into that city. Sumter really has no kick. She got a new road through a very valuable territory and the South Carolina Western people were not responsible for their hopes that the through line would go that way. We know because we had our own hopes built the same way and on the same sort of foundation but it did not come from the promoters of the road, but from our own inventive genius. The road that the people of Sumter got will be worth all that it cost them and if they are disappointed in getting a bargain in the proposition it is their own fault but entail no loss. They hoped to get more than they paid for at the same price. Florence has never been worried about that through line to the West, this town just happens to be in the right place for it, and we did get a sight more than we paid for, but that sort of luck has really spoiled Florence and Sumter need not be jealous. Every town which has been tapped by these Bonsal roads has had the same hope. It is not yet settled where the through line will go but it will follow the shortest line, and that is a certainty."—Florence Times.

The only sapient statement contained in the above is in the last sentence. A through line will naturally follow the shortest line, and if the Seaboard is really seeking a through line from Charlotte and the West to Charleston, the shortest line is through Sumter. Knowing this fact as well as our friend in Florence, the level headed business men of Sumter, who guaranteed to rights of way for the South Carolina Western when Mr. Bonsal made his proposition, are calmly awaiting the next move in the railroad game. Sumter is neither "all set on fire" nor "jealous of Florence." Sumter people are always pleased when Florence or another town in this territory secures something good or makes a substantial improvement, for every development in this section helps Sumter. Besides, Sumter people have been convinced by past events that no matter what good thing Florence gains, Sumter is sure to get something better and bigger. People are too busy over here doing things to take time to be jealous of another town's good fortune and they have too much faith in their own town to discount the future.

LOCKOUT OF 20,000 WORKMEN.

Grave Conditions Threatened in Chicago as a Result.

Chicago, June 23.—The lockout of 20,000 men engaged in the buildings trade here recently threatened by contractors who are putting up buildings in the downtown district, became effective today. The lockout followed refusal of 150 striking stone masons to return to work.

Officials of the building trades council declared that they would retaliate by calling a strike and stopping building construction throughout the city.

In Kansas City.

Kansas City, June 19.—Construction of a number of buildings held up last week by a lockout against 1,500 members of the buildings trades council by the Building Construction Employers' Association was resumed here today with non-union labor.

The Rev. Thomas E. Green, pastor of the Bethany Congregational Church St. Louis, and S. D. Davidson and Thomas R. Sullivan, of Kansas City, members of the Socialist party were fined \$500 each here today on a charge of blockading the street while speaking at a curb Socialist meeting last night.

Winter is now on the way—the longest day of the year has come and gone.

THE STATE OF BUSINESS.

Dun's Review Reports Considerable Betterment in Seasonable Distribution.

New York, June 20.—Dun's review will say tomorrow.

"Increased activity in retail distribution of seasonable merchandise due to the favorable weather is reflected in a slightly improved demand in wholesale markets. The winter wheat harvest is now under way in most sections of the belt and is equaling expectations of a heavy production.

"Further supreme court decisions in railway rate cases, confirming those of a week ago, produced little or no effect on speculative markets. In iron and steel a slight increase in activity is reported, although demand continues quiet and price concessions to secure new orders are made by some producers. Dry goods jobbers are still operating conservatively.

"It is estimated that July interest and dividend disbursements will exceed \$263,000,000, as compared with \$56,000,000 last year. Failures this week number 264 in the United States against 253 last year, and 20 in Canada."

NOMINATIONS APPROVED.

Senate Acts Favorably on Gonzales and Other Ambassadors.

Washington, June 18.—The nominations of Thomas Nelson Page, of Virginia, as ambassador to Italy; Edward J. Hale, of North Carolina, as minister to Costa Rica; Pleasant A. Stovall, of Georgia, as minister to Switzerland, and William E. Gonzales, of South Carolina, as minister to Cuba, were favorably reported today by the Senate foreign relations committee. Among the postmasters was Marcy B. Barnwell, Key West, Fla.

REFUSE SERBIAN REQUEST.

Prospects of Peace in the Near East Seem to Become More Distant.

London, June 20.—Bulgaria yesterday delivered a voluminous note to the Serbian government, practically declining the latter's request for a revision of the ante-bellum treaty and the possibility of a peaceful settlement of the Balkan trouble is receding.

The projected meeting of the four premiers at St. Petersburg gives no sign of materializing.

Dr. Jordan and Mr. Bryan.

Chicago Tribune.

It is an extremely interesting question—the extent to which the amiable idealism of our secretary of state is influenced at this time by the disingenuous reasoning and dogmatic assertion of Dr. David Starr Jordan. It is not a very serious matter, despite the means of propaganda at his command, that Dr. Jordan should have determined "there is to be no war." But it is of vital importance that Mr. Bryan not act or reason officially upon any such alleged certitude.

That "there is to be no war" is all America's profound hope and confident expectation. There is no war sentiment in the United States, no military party, no military class, no military interest of great weight. But Dr. Jordan's theory that "it takes two to make a quarrel" as he applies it is a palpable fallacy apparent to any one who is not intellectually dishonest, while men whose sources of information are a good deal better than Dr. Jordan's seems to admit that the aggressive factor in Japanese politics is by no means to be ignored.

It takes only one to make a quarrel, unless the other party is so weak or so abject as to accept any terms the aggressor makes, but the United States, while it is not ready for war or for defense, is not so weak or so abject. The fundamental question now at issue with Japan is one of sovereignty, of our right to say who shall be admitted to be citizens. That is an issue upon which the United States will fight to the end if necessary, and Mr. Bryan cannot afford to go on the assumption that peace talk in the United States will settle that issue, if the Japanese aggressive party is able to influence Japanese opinion on the delicate racial question involved.

Dr. Jordan's assumption that only war talk in America is a dangerous factor in the present situation is contrary to fact, and while Dr. Jordan makes a practice of denying or ignoring all facts incompatible with his dogmatic presumptions, Mr. Bryan must not be led into so dishonest and destructive an error.

By abolishing human nature Dr. Jordan has abolished war in the world he is dreaming or pretending. We have a right to demand that Mr. Bryan, or if not Mr. Bryan, then the president, shall face the facts and all the facts. The foolish assumption that because a nation cannot afford to go to war she will not, has no foundation in human experience, and while the factors making for peace between the Japanese and American nations are happily, very influential and, we hope, controlling, they do not dispose of the factors threatening war.

MAYESVILLE TOBACCO MARKET.

Every Possible Effort Will be Put Forth to Have Good Market in Town.

Mayesville, June 19.—That Mayesville is to have a live tobacco market this season, and one that will make some of the older markets sit up and take notice, there can be no doubt. From present prospects, everything points to a good season in this industry and the local market has men behind it who mean to do everything possible to forward the interests of this market and make the warehouse a grand success from every standpoint.

The owners of the warehouse and prize house, Messrs. A. A. Strauss & Co., of Sumter, are preparing this property for the opening of the market which is only a few weeks off now. As these buildings have been idle for several years, there was necessarily much repairing to be done, but the owners according to agreement with the lessees have spared no expense in putting the premises in thorough repair and shape for the conduct of a successful market. New roofs have been put on where needed, windows replaced and runways and steps built. In fact, everything needed to make a convenient and suitable warehouse has been done. The buildings have been thoroughly renovated, also. The facilities for handling tobacco will be second to none.

The lessees of the warehouse for this season are Messrs. J. R. M. Motley of Danville, Va., and J. F. McElveen of the Shiloh section of this county. Mr. Motley is an experienced tobaccoist of many years in the business. He was located last year at Ocala and has been on other markets and is well known by many of the planters in that section and in the tobacco section of Sumter county as well. He is a believer in giving the highest prices possible for the weed and in encouraging the growers in their work by all legitimate means. He is engaging at present in advertising his warehouse and boosting the town as well. Mr. McElveen needs no introduction to the planters of tobacco in Sumter and adjoining counties. He is regarded as one of the best judges of the golden weed in this State and is well known in most of the markets. For many years, he has been engaged in the business of auctioneer, a very important post, and will this season act in that capacity here. The planters have confidence in him and his work and he is now doing some very effective advertising among the farmers.

The managers have been assured of a large and strong corps of buyers for this season. All of the leading manufacturing concerns will be represented on the floor of the local warehouse. Messrs. Motley and McElveen will guarantee that the prices will be right and that each and every man shall get a square deal at this market. They do not believe in having dissatisfied patrons and will give no cause for any "knocking" on the part of anybody.

From all reports, the tobacco crop is in a very fair condition although the recent cold and the heavy winds in some places have caused some deterioration in the crop. All things considered, though, it is hoped that the 1913 yield will be good and that the grades will be better than in some years. Many farmers have planted the weed for the first time this year and their prospects are especially good. It is hoped that with a good season this year, that next year there will be a general planting of tobacco in all sections of the county. Among the large planters in this immediate section who are cultivating tobacco this season are Messrs. R. J. Mayes, Jr., W. S. Chandler, M. C. Mayes, and J. F. Bass, and J. C. Parnell. F. J. Bass is an experienced tobaccoist, coming from the tobacco belt of Virginia some years ago. Much credit is due him for the re-awakening of the industry around here and in helping the new planters of the weed.

Another movement that will help the local market to a great extent is the recent organization of a Chamber of Commerce here. This body will push the interests of the tobacco market at all times and a committee of live workers has been appointed to look after the market and advertise it. With a wide-awake commercial organization to help things along, there can be no reason why Mayesville should not conduct a successful market and greatly boost up the town and community at the same time. The tobacco industry has done wonders for some of the towns in eastern South Carolina and Mayesville intends and will have a share in this prosperity.

The opening of the markets is near at hand and within the next few weeks, the golden weed will be placed on the floors of the warehouses and the season of 1913 will be on in full force. Mayesville is the only tobacco market in Sumter county and she is entitled to the patronage of the planters of her county and also as many of the neighbors as will give her a trial.

FAIR FOR BISHOPVILLE.

Mass Meeting of Farmers and Business Men of Lee County.

On June 26th at 11 A. M. there will be held in the Court House at Bishopville a mass meeting for the whole of Lee County. The farmers and any and all people are requested to attend this meeting.

The purpose of this meeting is to put before the people the proposition of an agricultural fair to be held at Bishopville in November during Thanksgiving week. This will give the farmers, the boys' corn clubs, and the girls' tomato clubs an opportunity to exhibit free of charge what they have done. The farmers will be requested to bring in live stock, poultry, etc., of all kinds, just anything that shows progress in farm life.

The program and plans for these exhibits will be worked out at this mass meeting, Thursday June 26th. There will be men here that have taken part in the organization of such agricultural fairs, to tell us how it is done and the advantages to be derived from it. We will have with us such men as Capt. J. F. Claffey, of Orangeburg, Mr. D. F. Efrid of Lexington and efforts will be made to secure Hon. E. J. Watson. If you have no other interest it will be worth your while to come out and hear these men, and they will tell you things that you can take back with you and use to advantage, when it comes to marketing your crop.

And let it be understood that no one will be asked for subscription to stocks or contributions whatever; its purpose is merely to get the farmers together that they may begin to prepare their exhibits for November. However, we want you to come out to this meeting whether or not you wish to take part in any of the exhibits or contests.

To encourage this movement you will not only be permitted to enter your exhibits free of charge, but prizes will be offered, and competent and trained men will be secured as judges. This movement is not some scheme to get you farmers to Bishopville, then some sharp guy pat you on the back with one hand and rob you with the other, but it is to encourage and foster the interest of the farmer, and put before the people of the State and country what a great agricultural county we have. The Chamber of Commerce, Mr. L. L. Baker, District manager of the United States Demonstration Work, and Mr. Welch, county manager, are behind this movement and we believe we will have the hearty co-operation of every interest in town and county.

Fortunately for those who attend this meeting, they will have the opportunity of attending two attractions of the Chautauqua, one in the afternoon and the other in the evening; just these attractions alone will be worth your trip.

We realize that it is a busy time just now with the farmers, but if he is of the progressive public spirited kind he will make the sacrifice and come to help further this movement which will be a means of uniting and bringing together of the farmers. You can't afford to stay away when its being launched and promoted by and for your own interest. Let everyone come.—Bishopville Vindicator.

STUDY SCHEDULE CHANGES.

Passengers From Hartsville Will Soon Find Trip Easy.

Hartsville, June 19.—F. M. Jolly, traffic agent and B. H. Meeks, freight agent of the A. C. L. Railway company of Wilmington and Florence, respectively, spent today in Hartsville in the interest of their road. Mr. Jolly's special business here was to hold a consultation with the local agent, V. Tatum, and others over a contemplated improvement in the passenger service for Hartsville and other points on the line. The idea as gathered by The State's correspondent is that a change is being contemplated looking to giving Hartsville a service that will put passengers into Columbia via Darlington and Sumter by 7 o'clock. Leaving here at a suitable hour in the afternoon a train will probably be put on the Bennettsville-Sumter division, from Maxton to Columbia. Passengers from Hartsville then will have a through train to Florence instead of just the junction at Floyd as now operated. Passengers going to Columbia will change at Darlington for Columbia. The arrangement will be an ideal one and will be similar to the schedule now operated over the S. C. Western and Seaboard.

Dr. Blackford declares that brunettes make the best workers. Nevertheless, the blondes dearly love to look on and see it well done.—Wilmington Star.

It seems about time for the fish to enter a protest, for since the season opened the fishermen have not let up on them a single day, hardly. The fishing last week was reported to be especially fine and it is probable that this will encourage the fishermen to try harder this week.

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