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**PUBLIC MARKET PRICES.**

Many cities which maintain public markets to help cheapen food are finding that those markets are not serving their purpose, because the dealers persist in charging as much as retail grocers and meat stores outside.

This is, of course, unjust and even absurd. In some cases the market stalls are provided rent free. Rents, in any event, are always placed far lower than ordinary store rent, for the special purpose of enabling the dealers to sell cheaply. The market dealers, moreover, have no delivery system to maintain, and no telephone and other services to pay for.

There is an implied understanding that the public will receive, in lower prices, the benefit of the market accommodation furnished the dealers by the city, with an additional saving earned by going to the market and carrying away their purchases.

If things are not sold cheaper at public markets, why pay the taxes to maintain those markets, and why go to the extra trouble of patronizing them?

The same principle applies, in some degree, to the sale of eggs, fruit, vegetables and other country produce at farmhouses—a method that has become common since the automobile came into general use. It is found generally that the farmers charge about as much for their goods as the city dealers, despite the fact that they are paying no store rent and other commercial expenses. Since the purchaser himself pays all the expense, why should he not get the produce at the same price the farmer or gardener or poultry raiser would charge the middlemen buying from him, plus whatever slight amount is justified by selling in smaller quantities?

**FOOD COSTS AND STOCK MARKET.**

The assertions of food manufacturers that they are not at all responsible for burdensome prices would be more convincing if it were not for the tall tale testimony of the stock market.

Almost without exception, the stock of corporations engaged in making or handling foodstuffs and drinks has gone up lately. There seems to have been more of a boom in them than in almost any other line of securities.

The market price of securities is a pretty good barometer. When there is a boom in any line, it means that that line is making more money than usual.

There is no question that the food industry in general has been making a great deal of money. And however the men interested may justify their profits to themselves, they will have great difficulty in justifying them to the public on whom the burden falls.

**THE "NEXT WAR."**

"As conditions now exist," says General Bernhardt, in an article written for an American newspaper, "there is danger that in one way or another we will withdraw from our obligations. Then a new war will be a necessity."

He explains that the allies, through the peace treaty, have sought to make it impossible for Germany to wage war in the future, and the treaty will achieve exactly the contrary."

He finds that the clause obligating Germany to surrender the men responsible for the war and its crimes is absurd, and blandly announces that "the who would pronounce it good to give up the Kaiser and the leaders would dig his own grave."

The only reproach the Kaiser deserves, he says, is "for having begun the war too late."

He pronounces it "an utter mistake to believe that progress of humanity is possible in eternal peace."

He represents his country as merely playing "possum." "Possibly the German nation will for a while content itself with the position to which the late war relegated it, but it is a grave error to believe that will be possible in the long run."

He is certain that "the late war conceals in itself a new war," that the conditions imposed on Germany will

result, at no distant time, in a "violent reaction." War may delay a little, "but come it will."

Here is the same old spirit of German militarism, flaunting itself flagrant and unashamed. The war, according to this view, was not a crime meriting punishment and atonement, but merely a great game which Germany, through some miscalculation or other, happened to lose. Sooner or later, the Germans must try again, and with a great victory wipe out the disgrace and inconvenience resulting from their present failure.

It does not matter at all that they have accepted the Allies' terms. They do not intend to abide by them one minute longer than they are compelled to by superior force. Let the Allies weaken or cease watching, or let the Germans grow strong enough to feel self-confident once more, and this treaty, like its predecessors, will be but another scrap of paper.

It is really a good turn that Bernhardt and his robber brethren do the world in making such frank announcements. It helps to put and keep the Allies on their guard.

**MAJ. PATRICK DREW DEAD**

Barnwell, Aug. 9.—Major Patrick Drew, one of the best known traveling salesmen in South Carolina, and for many years prominent in the South Carolina National Guard, died at his home here early this morning. The funeral services will be held at the Catholic church at Barnwell at noon today and the interment will follow in the Episcopal churchyard.

Recently, while in Asheville, Major Drew became unwell and was advised to go home, so he returned to Barnwell. For the last week he had been very ill.

Major Drew travelled for the Craddock-Terry Shoe Company of Lynchburg, Va., and as their representative made a splendid record, his sales always ranking among the best in the Southern States. He was a man of wide acquaintance and the announcement of his death will bring sorrow to many friends in all sections of South Carolina.

When the South Carolina National Guard was mobilized for duty on the Mexican border Major Drew came to St. My, but his health was such that he was not among those sent to Texas. He was for years active in the militia and his official record is an enviable one.

Major Drew was born in Ireland 60 years ago, coming to the United States when a young man. He lived in Barnwell many years ago, but removed his residence from here for a while, during which time he resided in Columbia. About eight years ago he returned to Barnwell.

He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Sophie Vogel, of Barnwell.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Managers Appointed for the Special Congressional Primary**

The County Democratic Executive Committee met in the Court House at noon Saturday with a sufficient number of members present to arrange for the primary election ordered by the State Committee to nominate a candidate for Congress from the Seventh District. Managers were appointed to serve at each of the clubs at the primary election on August 26th and on September 9th, in the event that a second primary shall be necessary.

A resolution was adopted requesting County Chairman John H. Clifton to take up with the State Chairman the matter of affording opportunity of enrollment to the young men who have become of age since the last primary and also to the men who were in the army and were not enrolled last year. It was the sense of the meeting that these men should be permitted to enroll and thus be given the right to vote in this primary.

The status of club members who have removed from one club district to another since the last primary was also discussed, and it was the sense of the committee that these men should be permitted to transfer from the club in which they were enrolled for the 1918 primary to the club of the district in which they now reside, and that they be permitted to vote at the club of the district in which they have established residence since the last primary.

A resolution was adopted urging all Democrats to vote in the primary and that every one who votes in the primary make it his business to cast his ballot in the general election. This is most important for the preservation of the integrity of the party, as there is a threat of an independent candidate at this election. All Democrats who have not obtained registration certificates since July 1st, 1918, are reminded that certificates issued prior to that date are void and that they will not be permitted to vote in the general election unless they have certificates issued since July, 1918.

On motion of Mr. H. L. Scarborough a resolution was adopted that: The President and Secretary of each club be urged to appoint a committee of three or more whose duty it shall be to see that every Democrat within their club district registers on the first Monday in September, which is the last opportunity for registration before the general election.

The act of the last session of the legislature applying the Australian ballot system to all clubs having an enrolled membership of fifty or more members was brought to the attention of committeemen present. At the last primary the system was applicable to incorporated towns only, but hereafter it will be enforced in all clubs having fifty or more members. Chairman Clifton was requested to

draft a circular letter to the presidents of all clubs setting out briefly but explicitly the rules and regulations of the Australian system as applied to the primary.

The question of providing funds for the expenses of the primary was discussed at some length. The committee has only a small balance left from the last campaign, and as the county committees are not permitted by the party rules to levy assessments upon congressional candidates, this being the prerogative of the State Committee, there is no source from which funds may be drawn, except voluntary contributions from members of the party. Chairman Clifton was requested to communicate with the State Committee and ascertain what part of the expenses of the primary that body would pay. It was also decided that each member of the County Executive Committee would undertake to raise funds from among his club members to assist in defraying the expenses of the primary. Mr. Clifton, as the representative of Ward 2 Club, guaranteed to raise \$50 which would be the equivalent of ten cents per capita for the club membership. Mr. Scarborough, also, said he would guarantee to raise a fund from Ward 1 Club. If the other clubs do likewise the financial problem will be solved.

**NOTICE**

**Primary Election to be Held Tuesday, August 26th, 1919.**

Notice is hereby given that a Democratic Primary Election will be held in the several clubs, established by order of the Democratic Executive Committee for Sumter County at the following places on Tuesday, August 26th for nominating a candidate for Congressman, pursuant to the Constitution and rules of the party and in accordance with the Acts of the General Assembly of the State, regulating Primary Elections and that the second primary, if one shall be necessary, will be held on September 9th, 1919.

The following named persons have been designated and appointed as managers and clerks of the primary elections to be held by the Democratic party for Sumter county, August 26th and September 9th:

Ward 1—L. W. Jenkins, J. Leslie Brown, A. E. Gregg; J. M. Fogle, clerk.

Ward 2—W. J. O'Neal, J. B. Baker, Marion W. Seabrooke; L. E. Wood, clerk.

Ward 3—Henry P. Moses, J. P. Booth, Jr., P. P. Finn; J. R. Wells, clerk.

Ward 4—E. I. Reardon, Major Shelley, T. B. Kennedy; W. L. Brunson, clerk.

Borden—G. W. Hatfield, C. M. Emanuel, Carl Emanuel.

Concord—J. P. Gordon, H. D. Brunson, J. P. Brogdon; Albert Brogdon, clerk.

Dalzell—P. K. Bowman, M. L. Moore, H. C. Edens; S. P. Gaillard, clerk.

DuBose—M. Dorn, M. R. Rivers, T. J. DuBose; R. J. Yates, clerk.

Earle—Harry Hodge, Haskell Broadway, L. A. McDaniel; J. C. Cooper, clerk.

Farmers—R. C. Wactor, W. W. Mellett, J. C. Dawkins; A. L. Ardis, clerk.

Hagood—B. F. Myers, A. H. Saunders, B. Moody; Julian Saunders, clerk.

Manchester—M. A. Coulter, E. R. Williams, D. W. Alsbrooks; F. M. Coulter, clerk.

Maysville—E. B. Muldrow, Joseph Witherspoon, J. W. Spencer; F. A. Stuckey, clerk.

Oswego—J. F. Moore, A. S. Brown, Eugene Cummings; M. W. Andrews, clerk.

Pisgah—J. E. Dupre, J. T. Watson, Lem Baker; Leon Stuckey, clerk.

Pleasant Grove—C. L. Player, J. Willie Baker, J. R. Goodman, H. T. Goodman, clerk.

Privateer—A. P. Hinson, J. M. Jackson, G. A. Nettles; J. A. Kolb, clerk.

Rafting Creek—J. A. Reams, S. W. Young, J. E. Brown; J. L. McLeod, clerk.

Reids—B. F. Kolb, Blanding Ardis, Geo. Geddings; Horace Avin, clerk.

Salem—O. B. Tisdale, A. J. Pringle, J. B. Warren; J. H. Wilson, clerk.

Stateburg—N. B. Murray, G. V. Nelson, J. F. Frierson; James Simons, clerk.

Shiloh—W. W. Green, Silas W. Truluck, S. W. Coker; S. B. McElveen, clerk.

Taylor—S. A. H. Truluck, N. M. McNeal, J. E. Truluck; John T. Truluck, clerk.

Trinity—S. J. Mims, T. E. Mims, T. J. Keels; Shafter Keels, clerk.

Wedgefield—E. E. Aycock, J. J. Geddings, Jerome Weinberg; Albert E. Aycock, Jr., clerk.

Zoar—J. B. Britton, Harry Davis, P. L. Jones; R. G. Jones, clerk.

One of the managers for each club will call upon the undersigned for the box for his club, tickets, etc., and will qualify on or before August 25th, 1919. The secretaries of the several clubs will deliver the original club book of enrollment to the managers of the election. The polls will open at 8 o'clock a. m. and remain open until 4 p. m., Aug. 26, 1919, whereupon the managers will proceed to count the votes and after tabulating the result shall certify the same and forward the ballot boxes containing the poll list, ballots and all other papers, except the club book, by one of their number to the County Chairman, within thirty-six hours after the close of the polls. The managers shall return the original roll book to the secretary of the club immediately after the declaration of the result of the balloting, or as soon thereafter as possible. The managers shall administer to all persons offering to vote the oath required by the party rules and shall arrange a table, desk or other place upon which the ballot box shall be placed, so as to enable each voter to deposit the ballot without interference, hindrance, crowding or confusion.

The County Committee will meet at 12 o'clock noon on August 28th, 1919, to tabulate the returns, declare the result of the primary and for such other business as may come before the committee.

JOHN H. CLIFTON,  
County Chairman.

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**COUNTY FARMERS VISIT FLORENCE**

A Large Number Visit the Pee Dee Experiment Station on Friday

Eighty farmers of Sumter County, representing practically every section of the county, went on the trip to the Pee Dee Experiment Station at Florence yesterday.

Mr. J. Frank Williams, County Agent, and E. I. Reardon, Managing Secretary of the Sumter County Chamber of Commerce were the managers of this pleasant and profitable tour and they were very much gratified with the interest manifested by the farmers of Sumter County.

Mr. R. E. Curren of the station with Professors Barr and Lewis of Clemson College met the farmers and conducted them over the extensive experimental farm and explained to them many things which the farmers ought to know. Rain interfered to some extent in the day's events, but all of the farmers agreed that they were well repaid for the time taken in visiting the station.

At 2:30 o'clock the visitors were taken into Florence and had a fine dinner served them at the Atlantic Coast Line eating room.

Mr. Clyde Brown, managing secretary of the Florence Chamber of Commerce, and a committee of Florence business men, welcomed the visitors to Florence.

Mr. Commander of the Florence Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. R. E. Curren, welcomed the visitors during the dinner in short but happy talks, while Messrs. H. L. Scarborough and E. W. Dabbs in behalf of the visiting farmers, responded in appropriate and appreciative talks.

The visitors were unanimous in the opinion that the Pee Dee experiment station is doing a great work and that the farmers of the Pee Dee counties ought to visit this important station oftener than they do.

The trip was a delightful event all the way through, and many of the visitors said they are going there "early and often," as the information received and the observations are very valuable.

On the return trip the Young Pedigreed Seed Farm was visited and some of the best cotton seen this year was inspected. Another stop was made at the Duroc Hog Farms at Cartersville, where the party were shown some high class Durocs. Four hundred head of registered Durocs are kept on this farm. One of the party from Sumter remarked that he did not know that there were so many hogs of that size in the State of South Carolina.

**FOOD PRICES SOAR**

Decrease in Supply in July Shown by Crop Report

Washington, Aug. 8.—With living costs soaring the nation's principal food crops showed sharp decreases during July resulting from droughts and pests over much of the growing area.

Wheat production fell off 221,000 bushels during the month, according to the forecast, today of the department of agriculture, corn showed a reduction of 27,000,000 bushels; oats 137,000 bushels; barley 27,000,000 bushels, and white potatoes, 34,000,000 bushels. Rice alone of all the crops, showed an increase.

Total production of wheat was forecast at 940,000,000, but this was an increase of 23,000,000 bushels over the forecast last December 1 and 149,000,000 bushels over the five-year average from 1913 to 1918. Winter wheat showed the greatest loss with 124,000,000 bushels with spring wheat production showing a decline in 97,000,000 bushels.

Spring wheat production fell off sharply in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota. Largest prospective reductions in corn yield were in Indiana and Illinois.

**TOBACCO MARKET**

Prices and Receipts in Local Market Continue Good

Due to the fact that Friday was a big day in Sumter on account of the auto races, the tobacco sales were not as large as usual, although the prices were about the same.

The Moore Brothers' Warehouse sold 54,258 pounds for an average of about twenty-six (26) cents. This is a better average price than that of any previous day on which sales were made.

At the Banner Warehouse total of 36,260 pounds were sold for the average of twenty-six cents.

The prices of the local markets are growing better daily as Friday's sales will indicate.

Today the houses are cleaning up, preparatory to the heavy sales expected on next sales day.

**GLENN SPRINGS IS REVISITED**

One of the Old Habitués Returns After Many Years

Glenn Springs, August 6, 1919. For the information of prospective visitors to this great health resort I advise the buying of railroad tickets to White Stone—not to Spartanburg. The mail for this place comes and goes via White Stone, and autos for passengers meet trains twice a day. The charge for a passenger from White Stone to Glenns is one dollar—the distance is about seven miles. The distance from Spartanburg is 15 or 16 miles and the charge, I am told is anything a passenger will pay. Have heard of charges from \$3 to \$8. But on the contrary I heard a chauffeur who seemed to prefer to go to Spartanburg, agree to take two passengers from here to Spartanburg for \$1.25 each. At present I hear that the hotel and also the principal boarding-house are both overflowed. But the people go as well as come every day, and those who are willing to double up until they can do better can no doubt get in.

I have been here about a week but have seen few if any of the familiar faces of ten or more years ago. However, all have the old Glenn Springs habit of being sociable. All talk without waiting for introductions. The price of land and condition of cotton crop about here are the leading topics. Land does not seem to be so high as in our vicinity, but I have not heard of much on the market.

Thanks to the attention of Mr. T. G. McLeod and Dr. N. Y. Alford, I have enjoyed a number of auto drives around the country, and if what I have seen is indicative of the balance of the Spartanburg farms, I would judge that so far from there being a reduction of cotton acreage, there must have been an increase, even the terraces, that I have always seen covered with grass and weeds all, or nearly all, have a row of cotton and it is the finest looking cotton in the field. All the cotton I have seen is of fine growth and flourishing appearance, in weed, but the general observation is that it has very little fruit. However, the people here say there is time yet to make a good August crop, yet they admit that the crop is later than usual.

The county chain gangs are working the roads leading to this place, a work that was, and is yet, much needed. Many of the visitors have commented on the fact that all the gangs we have seen are composed entirely of white men, several of the members being almost boys. To see them swinging picks and shoveling clay in the broiling sun naturally aroused our sympathy. I did not find out where the negro convicts are if they have any, and I presume they have. Since writing this I have inquired, and was told that the negroes are in separate gangs. One gentleman said he saw a gang of all negroes.

The water has the same old taste and effect but the place does not have the old time appearance. The walks from the hotel to the spring are not kept up, except on the principal one. The others are rough from washes and grown up with weeds, while the ground in front of the hotel is grown up with tall grass and has no appearance of attention. From the number of demijohns, full and empty, that I see passing I judge that considerable water is being sold in that shape, but the bottling plant that the Simpsons had seems to have been discarded.

Capt. Jack Lancaster is still on his old job with hot and cold baths, but the old 25 cent service is now 75 cents.

N. G. O.

**DELIGHTFUL DANCE AT ARMORY HALL**

Large Number of Out of Town Guests

Friday night at Armory Hall was held one of the most delightful dances of the season. The rain had helped to make it more comfortable than usual. A large crowd was present, many of whom were visitors in the city. Some of the out of town visitors at the dance were: Misses Rhetta Heath, Harriet Patterson, Margaret Thornton and Julia Riser, and Messrs. Vandy Brown, Owen Riley, Hugh James, and Davender Bethea. Dancing was enjoyed by the young people from ten to three.

St. Johns, N. F., Aug. 11.—The British battleship *Renew*, which is bringing the prince of Wales, was sighted this morning as it entered Conception Bay.

Washington, Aug. 11.—In a letter to the railroad brotherhoods Senator Pomerene declared that the Plumb plan is worse than socialism, and predicted that the American people would never approve it.

**"HAGOOD GOES TRAVELING"**

A national highway does not signify that it is a fine road else the one from Camden to Cheraw would be splendid. Of course the recent rains had put all our roads in bad shape but we found on our trip to St. Pauls, N. C., the other day, roads much better than the one above mentioned. The dam in Thompson's Creek swamp just this side of Cheraw had been broken, and was under repair. Pee Dee had been on a rampage and put things in bad shape generally. Generally speaking all the roads in Marlboro County were fairly good and most of those in Scotland and Robeson Counties, N. C. Returning, we came by way of Darlington and Bishopville where the roads were excellent except near to Heriot's Cross Roads on to Providence, where they in some places were almost impassable. The worst roads we have seen anywhere are in Sumter County.

Our country is on unparalleled development. Take Kershaw county out to the northeast, a section of country as unpromising as most, unless it be Chesterfield, and here we found crops of corn and cotton almost on par with the best in Sumter county. Chesterfield astonished us almost beyond measure for we had never dreamed such crops could be grown there as we found some equal to the best we saw anywhere. Of course the crops in Marlboro were fine as were those in North Carolina. Did you know considerable tobacco is grown in Chesterfield, some in Kershaw, plenty in Marlboro. We saw very little corn in Marlboro. The poorest cotton we saw anywhere was in Lee County.

The cheapest land we found was in Chesterfield, at twenty-five and thirty dollars. All the rest was going from fifty to three hundred and that in the country, not suburban land.

Crops were more badly damaged by the recent floods in Lee and Sumter counties. Every where business was brisk.

Mrs. H. C. Bethea is again able to be up.

The youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Allen is quite delicate.

Miss Margaret Lenoir at home for a few days with her parents, has gone to Clemson.

The Y. W. C. A. at Camdgn are camping at Dinkin's Mill.

The successful politician is a judicious straddler. Also he is an expert at trenching. This does not mean that he hugs the old ruts but that he follows the way that gives fewest joints to the people.

As long as white folks stay in their places, negroes are apt to stay in theirs.

"HAGOOD."

Rembert, S. C., August 7, 1919.

**Cotton Market**

**LOCAL.**

P. G. BOWMAN, Cotton Buyer.  
(Corrected Daily at 12 o'clock Noon).  
Good Middling 31-1-2.  
Strict Middling 31.  
Middling 30 1-2.  
Strict Low Middling 28 1-2.

**NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.**

	Open	High	Low	Close	Yes'd'ys
Oct. . . . .	32.08	32.15	31.20	31.42	32.12
Dec. . . . .	32.38	32.38	31.45	31.65	32.28
Mch. . . . .	32.28	32.35	31.38	31.54	32.16

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**NEW ORLEANS.**

Jan. . . . .	—	31.78	31.13	31.17	31.69
Mch. . . . .	—	31.88	31.12	31.12	31.75
Oct. . . . .	—	32.00	32.07	31.08	31.13
Dec. . . . .	—	32.00	32.03	31.04	31.11

Frank H. Barrett.

New York, Aug. 8.—Four men were arrested here today charged with criminal anarchy, after a raid by police and secret service agents

**FOR CONGRESS**

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Congress to succeed A. F. Lever, resigned; and I pledge myself to abide the result of the Democratic primary.  
GEORGE BELL TIMMERMAN.

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