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MARKET COTTON SLOWLY.

Argued That Price Will Be Depressed if Selling is Precipitate.

Columbia, Aug. 27 — Former Governor R. I. Manning, president of the American Products Export and Import Corporation, today gave out the following statement on the cotton situation by Mr. T. B. Stackhouse. "One of the very largest cotton dealers in the South both for export and domestic consumption made the following statement a few days ago: If as much as four millions of bales of cotton from the 1921 crop, plus the leakage from previous crops, is sold by producers during the months of September, October and November middling cotton will sell at ten cents or lower before December 1, and that, in his opinion, every possible agency should be employed to insure a slow and orderly marketing of cotton until conditions become more normal.

"Others engaged in the cotton business and familiar with existing conditions of both the domestic and foreign demand for cotton, concur in the opinion of this large dealer. The Federal Reserve Banks at Richmond, Va., Atlanta, Ga., Dallas, Texas, St. Louis and Kansas City, have recently sent out letters to member banks advising that said banks will go as far as the law permits in aiding the South to market the 1921 crop and the carry over from previous years in an orderly manner. These banks have practically put cotton on the same basis as they have heretofore put United States bonds, in that they will handle for non-member banks through member banks notes secured by the 1921 cotton crop. Notes of member banks secured by 1920 and 1921 cotton are eligible for rediscounts at said reserve banks.

"In addition to this action on the part of the reserve banks, the War Finance Corporation is empowered under a bill recently passed by the United States, to lend as much as one billion dollars on cotton to individuals firms or corporations and the feeling in Washington is that the House will also pass the bill and there seems to be no question of its approval by the President.

"The Government, through the reserve banks and the War Finance Corporation, has made every provision that any reasonable man can expect to aid the South in orderly marketing of the cotton now held in the South and securing a fair price for same. Domestic mills are buying and will probably continue to buy cotton sparingly and only as needed. Foreign mills are buying the same way, and under such conditions cotton merchants buying cotton can protect themselves only by seeing futures which depress the price. If the 1921 crop is rushed on the market together with the leakage from previous crops, seven to ten cents cotton seems certain, while, if all cotton is marketed slowly, or as the spinning world is forced to have it, fifteen to twenty cents seems equally certain. T. B. Stackhouse."

Sellers.

Miss Ruth Sellers is spending some time in Washington, D. C., the guest of her aunt Miss Annie Sellers.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hudson have removed to Marion. We are indeed sorry to lose this estimable family, but Sellers loss is Marion's gain.

Miss Eva Culbreth leaves shortly for Bellevue Hospital, New York city, where she will finish her training as a nurse.

Mr. Billy Brown Page will spend the winter here with his uncle, Mr. W. G. Page and attend the Sellers graded school.

Mrs. Albert and her three daughters who have been the attractive house guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Page, for some time will leave this week for their home in Birmingham, Ala.

School will begin here on September 5th. Mr. J. G. Baker, Principal, Miss Middleton, Meriwether, S. C., the intermediate grades and Misses Mattie Lyons of Augusta, Ga., primary grades and music.

Mr. Henry Allen and sister Miss Eva, Mr. Harry Sellers and Miss Elizabeth Braddy were in Sellers Sunday.

Misses Olive and Margaret Bethea and Messrs. Ralph and Tom Utley were the guests of relatives here Sunday.

Mr. Austin Watson and Miss Harriet Mayland of Newark, N. J. who were married recently after spending a few days with the groom's parents here, left last Monday for Charleston where they will make their home.

Miss Henrietta Hammond who has been spending the summer here will leave shortly for Winthrop College.

Mrs. Herbert Barksdale of Va., is visiting her father Mr. D. L. Smith here.

Mrs. Allyn and Felix Smith are visiting in Whiteville, N. C.

Our Immigrants Last Century.

During the last century a total of 34,000,000 immigrants came to this country. Of these 8,206,000 were from Great Britain; Germany furnished 5,495,000; Italy, 4,101,000; Austria-Hungary, 4,068,000, and Russia, 3,311,000. France sent only 523,806.

"The devil has to run to keep up with the man who talks about doing good."

ROBESON MAN HITS OIL.

Ex-Sheriff McLeod Becomes Multi-Millionaire Overnight.

The following is from The Robesonian of Lumberton. The above caption is spread in big type clear across the top of the first page of the Iola (Kan.) Daily Register of August 19. Former Senator Geo. B. McLeod of Robeson is the man referred to. In display type part of a 2-column head, is the line, "Biggest Well in New Gas Field." The story begins as follows:

"Senator McLeod, of Iola, an operator in the Deer Creek and Elsmore oil fields, checked over his available cash and found he had some \$5,000. I'll pay it all on that Colony field," he said. He took the George Robbins lease of 7 acres in Colony from Irwin and Payton, put on a rig, and took the Pearson lease northwest of this location and slapped in another rig. Now he has a pair of bearings, noisy ones, the gasers that come in with a swish and roar. The Robbins well came in last night and the Pearson this afternoon. He has 17,000,000 cubic feet of gas in the two wells."

Gas is retailing at Colony, the paper says at 80 cents per thousand. There follows a long description of the boring of a well, with deafening noise and the spraying of dirt, and this: "The drillers were plastered with dirt and sand from the well. They stuffed cotton in their ears and stayed on the job. Paul Irwin had made the location and was superintending the drilling for Senator McLeod. And when the big noise came his face was wreathed in smiles. He had picked the location of the biggest producer to date."

Former Senator McLeod has been operating for some time in the Kansas oil fields. He has many friends among the Robesonian readers who will be glad to learn of his success.

Kemper.

Miss Kathleen Stubbs of Charleston visited here recently.

Mrs. R. Finch visited in Florence last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Thorn, Jr., spent a few days at Myrtle Beach last week.

Miss Grace Hayes of Horry visited relatives here last week.

Miss Louise and Bettie Hayes went to Myrtle Beach last week.

Miss Sarah Finch spent a few days at Fork last week.

Mr. Billie Sanderson and sisters, Aline and Lorraine visited at the home of Mrs. P. Barfield last week.

The School Improvement Association will meet at the Teacherage Tuesday afternoon. All members are invited to be present.

HARD TIMES.

Smithfield Herald. A farmer came in the office not very long ago and among other things started talking about hard times. He is in a precarious condition at present, said he, but knows conditions are not half as bad as they were when he was a boy. He said that the reason why farmers were complaining so much now was because all of their lives had been spent in prosperity and luxury. He said that they should have lived, however, about 50 or more years ago, when land was cheap and food scarce.

Some of the facts told by this man are very true and should be considered by our people at present. He told of the time when he worked from sunrise to sunset at the hardest kind of farm labor for only 27 cents a day. There were plenty of applicants for his job and only by the hardest work did he manage to maintain it.

VILLA MAKES INQUIRIES RELATIVE TO OUR CATTLE.

Mexican Rebel Chief Has Quieted Down and Wants to Stock up on Tar Heel Angus Cows.

Mocksville, Aug. 24. — Sanford and Rich, who have a large herd of Angus cattle near Mocksville, N. C., have recently been getting some inquiries from Mexico and South America for prices and information on their Angus cattle.

One of the inquiries last week was from Gen. Francisco Villa, of Mexico. Villa has quieted down it seems and is now living a useful and peaceful life on his farm and ranch in Durango, which consists of over a half million acres. Villa is stocking his ranch with good cattle and apparently doing all in his power to make his place a credit to himself and the thousands of people who live on his place.

OFFICER McCracken GOES TO FAYETTEVILLE.

Sheriff Bethea says he regrets to lose Rural Policeman John McCracken who resigned last week to accept a position on the Fayetteville police force. Sheriff Bethea says that Officer McCracken was a valuable man and did excellent work in the position he filled. He was particularly active in running down violators of the prohibition law. Mr. McCracken is succeeded by Mr. F. L. Sitton, former chief of police in Dillon, who has a well established reputation as a most excellent peace officer. Since resigning from the force several years ago Mr. Sitton has been engaged in farming and cotton buying. The former profession he will continue on a limited scale.

A BIG CHICKEN RANCH.

Cheraw Men Expect to Sell Over \$25,000 a Year.

The Cheraw Chronicle says: Mr. J. L. Crawford, jeweler, of Cheraw, who has recently built a modern California bungalow about two miles from Cheraw, is launching an industry in our midst which we trust will blaze the way for our farmers in the poultry business. Mr. Crawford has secured the services of L. W. Wertheim, of Blairstown, N. J., who has had 24 years' experience in raising chickens and is now president of the Susquehanna Poultry company, a large poultry ranch in New Jersey. Mr. Wertheim will come to Cheraw in September and will build and manage a poultry ranch at Mr. Crawford's home about two miles from Cheraw. The ranch will be stocked with 3,000 white Leghorn chickens and the equipment for housing and breeding is to be the latest and best models now used. For instance, the laying houses have electric lights installed equipped with switches that will automatically turn on the lights at 3 o'clock in the morning, thus giving the hens a 15-hour work day.

Mr. Crawford plans to sell non-fertile eggs for table use, hatching eggs, by the setting, day old chicks and broilers. He figures he will market between 25,000 and 30,000 broilers a year.

Mr. Wertheim, who was in Cheraw a few days ago closing final arrangements, said that the climate here was ideal for the project and he was delighted with the prospect of making Cheraw his future home. The ranch will cover about 20 acres and will be nearing completion by October 15.

This will make two poultry businesses of note for Cheraw. Mr. H. R. Hickson having for a number of years conducted a farm of possibly the finest show chicken in the state. His birds are always among the first prize winners wherever they are entered. He is planning to show in Norfolk, New York and other northern cities this fall.

Spends Week in Boll Weevil Section.

Rev. J. A. Langley, pastor of the Little Rock Baptist church, has returned from Ulmer in Allendale county where he held a protracted meeting. Allendale is in the centre of the boll weevil section and what Mr. Langley has to say about this section and the weevil is interesting:

"In no place," said Mr. Langley, "did I find the farmers complaining. Although this is their third year with the weevil they will make about 50 per cent of a crop. Some farmers will make almost a normal crop. This is, however, where they went into the fields when the crop was young and picked the first weevils off the blossoms. The first crop of weevils is the most dangerous crop. They lay the eggs that later on produce millions of small weevils. The small weevil, or rather the weevil in the growing stage is the one that does the damage. He has a good appetite and it does not take him long to eat up the blossoms on a cotton stalk. I drove around the country and saw many fields of cotton that promised a good yield. In every instance, however, it was told that the first crop of weevils had been destroyed by picking them off the blossoms. Rapid cultivation is another way of getting ahead of the weevil. One farmer who did not use any fertilizer will lose his entire crop. The crop grew slowly and the weevils destroyed the blossoms as fast as they matured. Although this is the third year of the weevil in that section the people seemed to be getting on fairly well. They do not owe much money and have plenty to eat. As the weevil does the most damage the third year I suppose I saw conditions at their worst and there should be a gradual improvement from now on."

Eighty Years Ago and Today.

It has been ascertained by the United States Department of Agriculture that in a region where eighty years ago, the labor of a man for one day of ten hours produced forty-five pounds of cotton in the seed as an average for a season's work, he now produces one hundred and twenty-seven pounds of cotton in the seed, or nearly three times as much, per average day of work, the result of improved agricultural practice.

Flow of the Gulf Stream.

It has been found that the Gulf Stream has a current greater than the combined flow of all the great rivers of the world. In one hour ninety billion tons of water move along its course.

Useful Change.

A woe-begone traveler in a small Georgia town approached the ancient colored man who operated the one-ox ferry across a dinky stream and accosted him with:

Uncle I am broke, and I got to get across the river. Will you trust me for it?

"Fare is only 3 cents, boss."

"I know, but I haven't got the 3 cents."

Uncle Mose placidly resumed his pipe. "Boss" he decided, "ef you ain't got 3 cents you won't be no better off on dat side de river dan you is on dis."

McLAURIN GETS 20 YEARS.

Former Dillon County Resident is Found Guilty of Assault.

W. H. L. McLaurin former Dillon county resident, charged with assault upon several little girls, entered a plea of guilty at Charlotte Monday, according to Tuesday's issue of the Charlotte Observer. The sentence of the court was that McLaurin must serve 20 years in the state prison.

The crime with which McLaurin was charged was committed several months ago and feeling was so high that McLaurin was closely guarded while he was in jail awaiting trial.

According to the Charlotte paper alienists testified that McLaurin was not mentally responsible for his acts. McLaurin, a native of North Carolina, lived in Dillon county until several years ago when he went to Florida. It is said that he was convicted of a similar crime in that state and served a prison sentence. Dillon county people who knew him when he resided here were of the opinion that he was not normal. Although a man of unusual intelligence, he was of an eccentric nature and seemed to have rather a warped and distorted vision of things.

Floydale.

Miss Maybelle McLaurin has returned from a visit to Henderson, N. C.

Misses Reaves and Mary Alford are visiting friends in Mullins.

Miss Anna Whitlock of Maxton, N. C., is spending the week with Miss Hallie McLaurin.

Mr. Harold Gaddy spent the week end with Burke Hayes.

Miss Olive Bethea spent the week end at Sellers.

Mr. Worth Adock of New York is spending some time with his sister, Mrs. French McLaurin.

Miss Hallie McLaurin has returned from a visit to her grandmother at Maxton, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Taylor and Misses Carriere and Nina Bryant have returned from a visit to friends and relatives at Fayetteville, N. C.

Mrs. Harry Blackwell and children returned from Hartsville last week after spending some time with friends and relatives.

Rev. P. K. Crosby began revival services at Mt. Andrew M. E. church Sunday night. Preaching at eleven in the morning and eight p. m. each day.

The community picnic which was held at Campbell's Bridge last Thursday was enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. K. B. Hodges are spending several days at the home of J. H. Stackhouse.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunlap Utley of Clemson College are spending several days at the home of Mrs. Lou Utley.

Miss Blanche Moon of Graham, N. C., is visiting friends and relatives here.

Miss Lucile Mills spent Sunday at Tabor, N. C.

J. E. Swearingen, State Superintendent of Education, made a very interesting talk at the community picnic last Thursday.

Misses Ruth and Penelope Berry have been visiting friends at Barnville, S. C.

Miss Hallie McLaurin entertained a number of her friends at an afternoon picnic Wednesday afternoon in honor of her guest Miss Whitlock.

A very interesting game of baseball was played at Floydale last Thursday between Clio and Floydale, the score standing 12 to 4 in favor of Floydale.

Carolina.

Mr. Ansel Alford of Floydale is visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Robertson of Rowland are on a visit to their sister, Mrs. D. B. McInnis.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunk McLaurin and children and niece, Leora McInnis, visited Mrs. L. M. Morrison at McColl Saturday.

Mrs. Laurin McInnis and daughter, Flora C., spent a few days with her sister, Mrs. Gus Alford of Dillon last week.

Mrs. L. W. McInnis and two children, Charity and Duncan, spent the week end at the home of her father, Mr. Neil C. McLaurin of Wesley.

Several folks from the community attended the Educational Rally at the Robert Fletcher Memorial school, Marlboro county, last Wednesday. Some able and fitting addresses were made by Drs. Snyder of Wofford and R. H. Wright of the Eastern North Carolina Training School for Teachers Greenville, N. C. This is a modern up-to-date building with its teachers' nearby erected at a cost of \$200,000, by the father and uncle of Robert Fletcher as a memorial to his supreme sacrifice in the world war.

Ed. Sneed's Nerve.

For nerve commend us to Ed Sneed, colored, of Bruswick county, who last Sunday morning killed his wife, hid the body in a swamp and then calmly proceeded to Sunday school, opened it as usual, assigned the classes and fulfilled his duties as superintendent without a flicker of compunction. And when later the body was found, Ed appeared to be proud of the way he had conducted himself under what he styled "trying circumstances." The trying part will take place when Superior court convenes.—Rockingham Post-Dispatch.

Make no engagements which lead to entanglements with the world

STORIES OF OUR SOUTHLAND.

Nancy Hanks the Mother of Abraham Lincoln.

(By T. Larry Gantt.)

One of the most delightful and romantic spots in the mountains of western North Carolina, "the Land of the Sky," is the Chimney Rocky region at the foot of Old Bald of earthquake fame, that created such a sensation some 25 years ago by its shaking and quivering, the convulsions tearing great rocks from its sides and forming a cave in the solid granite. For several years I have spent my summer vacation there.

Some years ago I was touring through that region in a hack with Col. Erwin, a prominent lawyer of Rutherfordton, and who knew every cattle path and mountaineer. When opposite a log cabin on the roadside, with stick and dirt chimney, Col. Erwin told our driver to halt and gave a "Hulloa!" On an old man appearing at the door Erwin said, "Come out here, Hanks!"

There leisurely came to the hack a very tall, rugged featured typical mountaineer, barefooted and in his shirt sleeves, apparently 75 or 80 years old, but erect and in perfect condition. His face and every feature were familiar to me, but I could not call to mind where I had seen him.

"Ever seen him before?" asked Col. Erwin.

I replied that I sure had and his face was as familiar as pig tracks.

"I never seed you before that I can call to mind, stranger," replied the old fellow, as he leaned against the hack and took a good look at me. "and 'tain't likely I'd forget ez homely a face as your'n," he added with a good natured grin.

"May have seen you in Spartanburg," I suggested.

"Never wuz thar in my life—always stay right aroun' here. I once went to Asheville, but that wuz 'er long time ergo," he replied.

"Ever seen Abraham Lincoln?" asked Col. Erwin.

I replied that I had not but had seen his pictures, "and," I continued, "that old rooster there is the express image of Lincoln's picture."

"I never seed Abe Lincoln, either," replied Hanks. "Me and him are sorter kin. My grandmother and Nancy, his ma, wuz sisters. They tell me Lincoln got ter be a big man."

I turned to Col. Erwin and asked him where did he get that stuff he was trying to feed me on.

The colonel assured me that there was no joke, and the old mountaineer before us was undeniably a great first cousin to Abraham Lincoln, and the resemblance, between the two men was so marked as to be noticed at a glance. He then went on to explain that Nancy Hanks, the mother of Abraham Lincoln, was born and raised to young womanhood in Rutherford county, North Carolina, when her family sent her to some relatives in Kentucky, where she met and married Lincoln.

"I hear'n my grandmother say when on her death bed," put in Hanks, "that the only thing she had to regret wuz making her pap drive her sister Nancy off."

Col. Erwin then gave some interesting information about Nancy Hanks, the mother of Abraham Lincoln. She was born in Rutherford county, North Carolina, so this state can claim a half interest in President Lincoln. The Hanks were very poor people, but respected for their honesty and worth.

The history of this family is known to all the residents of Rutherford county, being handed down from father to son. The spot where the home of the parents of Nancy stood is pointed out, and her kinspeople are scattered all over that section. They are plain mountaineers, 100 per cent. American.

Nancy was a fine sample of a healthy mountain lass, large in size and remarkably good looking. In handsomest young woman in the Chimney Rock section. The Hanks were poor but ambitious, and they gave Nancy a good rural school education. She fitted herself to teach the three months' school then found throughout the mountain settlements, and was offered and accepted a school in Macon county, North Carolina, not far from her home.

Mr. W. R. Dillingham of Spartanburg tells me that his grandmother lived in Macon county at the time Nancy Hanks came there to teach school and knew her well. She said that Nancy was one of the finest looking girls she ever saw, was the picture of health, and well educated for those times. She was given a three months' school and boarded with a family named Enslow, who were well to do and ranked high in the county. But the head of the family had a bad moral reputation and his wife was very jealous of his attention to other women. The attentions shown by Enslow to Nancy Hanks became the talk of the settlement, and she gave up the school and returned to her family in Rutherford county. The scandal followed her there, and her family being a sensitive and high spirited people, Nancy was sent to some of her relatives in Kentucky, where she met and married Lincoln. Her being sent away was also due to the fact that she had several unmarried sisters and who hoped by this step to put an end to gossip. There is no question about this part of my story being true, for that old moun-

ANOTHER FINE BUILDING FOR DILLON.

First National Will Convert I. Blum Building into Modern Building.

Last Thursday the First National Bank awarded to Contractor McBryde of Cheraw the contract for remodeling the I. Blum store at the corner of Main street and Railroad avenue and converting it into a modern bank building.

The bank has had the plans under consideration for some time, but final arrangements were not completed until last week. The First National purchased the property about a year ago.

The plans call for a modern bank building with tile floors, marble interior work and stone and brick on the outside. The upstairs will be converted into offices. The bank proper will occupy 70 feet of the corner building and in the rear of the bank will be an office building 30 feet wide.

According to the plans it will be one of the handsomest bank buildings in the eastern section of the state and will be quite an addition to the town.

Work will begin on the building in the next 30 days and the bank expects to be able to move in its new quarters by January the first.

Nellie McLendon to Columbia.

See Deen Advocate.

When Probate Judge J. C. Davis, of Dillon county, learned that Miss Ella C. Perry, superintendent of the State Industrial School for Girls had refused to take back Miss Nellie McLendon, who tried to commit suicide in the Bennettsville jail, he notified Probate Judge Julian McLaurin that he (Judge Davis) had committed Nellie McLendon to the State Industrial school till she was 21 years old; that she had not been paroled, and he did not understand why she was away from there, or why they refused to take her back.

City Clerk H. J. Ribby then communicated these facts to the State Board of Public Welfare, whereupon Governor Cooper directed that the girl be sent back to the State Industrial School for Girls.

She was therefore taken back by Chief of Police Cunningham Tuesday morning and turned over to Miss Perry.

As soon as Miss McLendon saw Miss Perry, she commenced cursing her and said "I am going to kill you." Although she was held by officers, she kicked Miss Perry in the stomach and seriously hurt her. The girl was then placed in a cell.

New York at Work and at Dinner.

In New York City a passenger train arrives every fifty-two seconds; a ship leaves the harbor every forty-eight minutes; four business firms start up every forty-two minutes; four transient visitors arrive every second; every day 350 new citizens come to make their homes; each day 3,000,000 messages are sent and received by telephone; every evening more than \$1,250,000 is spent in the hotels and restaurants for dining.

Some are more concerned over their troubles than about using their talents.

tainner spoke of his grandmother's regret at having been instrumental in driving Nancy from home and for which act she expressed regret on her death bed.

Some years ago a little pamphlet was published which endeavored to prove that Enslow was the father of Abraham Lincoln, and showed pictures of the Lincoln and also those of the Enslow family. The Enslows still live around Asheville, and do not deny their relationship with the martyred president. Mr. Dillingham says that the older citizens of Macon county firmly believe that Lincoln's father was Enslow, and as proof of this fact some years ago a member of the family entered a court house, where a new judge was presiding, and who was impressed with the striking resemblance.

I spent some time tracing the local history of the Lincoln family, and also read a number of books on Abraham Lincoln. But except this old scandal, and which was resurrected after Lincoln became famous, I can not find a thing to substantiate it. On the other hand the life of Abraham Lincoln states that he was born three years after Nancy moved from Rutherford county to Kentucky, and her marriage to Lincoln.

But there is no doubt or question but that Nancy Hanks was born among the mountains of Rutherford county, North Carolina, that she was sent to Kentucky after her name became mixed up with Enslow's, and that members of her family are today found among the hardy and brave mountaineers of the old North State.

Also, the strong resemblance between the old mountaineer and Abraham Lincoln, and which is noticeable to even a stranger, shows that the tall stature and the marked rugged features of Lincoln were inherent from his mother's family.

And just here let me state that for pure blooded, 100 per cent. Americans you must go to the mountains of the two Carolinas and Georgia. Their thin soil and poverty have kept back alien immigration and the same families that carved that region from the wilderness and expelled the Red Men still reside there.