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Cotton Market

The Fayette Falcon:

I am a farmer and raise cotton on a Fayette county farm, gin in Somerville and have marketed cotton here for years and in justice to the cotton growers of this section I ask that you publish the following.

The condition of the marketing situation in Somerville of every thing grown on a farm has been deplorable for years and in the cotton market being uniformly worse than in the market for any other crop. And the past season's cotton market condition here has been disgraceful. During the season about closing farmers have ginned in Somerville the best bids they could get there and then carry cotton to Stanton, Oakland, Williston, Hickory Withe, and make profits as high as \$50 per bale over the prices offered at Somerville. This is radically wrong and I want to see it corrected before another cotton season. It has been currently reported and believed the whole season that the three buyers in Somerville were in fact one, all getting orders and price limits from one head and one controlling the whole business there. All things point to the truthfulness of this rumor and it is believed to be correct. This condition has caused hundreds of bales of cotton which rightly belong to the Somerville trade to go to these other points to be sold, and the sellers have done their trading there where they found the market for their cotton.

Men not engaged in the cotton business at all have outbid the regular buyers in Somerville the past fall by several cents per pound and then carried the cotton to these other smaller towns and sold it at sufficient profit to give them good pay for their time and trouble. Now, why can not the regular buyers there pay as much for cotton as can these farmers that have bought some and sold at such a profit as I have stated? There is something terribly wrong with the marketing there and it ought to be corrected.

Why can Stanton, buyers Oakland, buyers, Williston buyers and Hickory Withe buyers pay more for cotton than the Somerville buyers? It is just because the buyers in Somerville are bossed by one head and that head wants to make a fortune out of the cotton business, and that is all. I want to see the farmers who would sell their cotton in Somerville next year organize and say to the buyers that unless a fair price is paid for the cotton these buyers can never get a bale. Have market days and all sell together, and if this is made known buyers a plenty will come here on those days and we will not be subject to the trust that has had its own way here for several years past.

The fruit growers of California had to organize before they could get a square deal, the potato growers of the Atlantic coast country had to do the same, the grain growers of Canada the same, and it is time for the cotton growers of the Somerville territory to take the same step and save themselves many dollars each season.

If others are of my way of thinking and this get a place in the columns of the Falcon, let us hear from others who do not feel that the cotton raisers have been fairly treated the past season.

COTTON FARMER

The Falcon gives space to the above communication with reluctance. We hate to have appear in these columns any thing that is against this city, our home and the one we expect to continue in. But there is no denying some of the statements therein, for they are true, and there is this fact that we must remember: The Falcon gets its support from the farmers of the county just as does every merchant, every lawyer, every doctor, and every other business enterprise. We give the communication space and offer space to the local buyers if they desire it and have an explanation of the situation to offer to the public.

If they have paid the highest prices they could afford, while other towns paid more, much more, perhaps they would not mind saying way that was the cause. If the combination does not between local buyers really exist, they can say so, and if it does not exist they might say why it was ever formed and for whose interest.

The communication is a severe indictment against this city for permitting such a condition to continue for the several years complained of and if it is not improved before another season irreparable injury will be done.

A good remedy for a bad cough is BALLARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP. It heals the lungs and quiets irritation. Sold by Price Drug Co.

Program of the American Cotton Association, Jackson, Tennessee February, 3, 1920

The statement that "the farmers will not plan and work collectively for their own financial and social well-being" has been repeated so often that it has become a trite saying. That such a statement is supported by past observations and experiences is admitted, but that does not imply that it can not and will not be done. The farmers are beginning to think seriously and intelligently, as well as men of other professions and calling upon the great issues that underlie the economic affairs of the world. They are fast learning that main strength and awkwardness are no longer the essential qualifications for success on the farm. The sowing, the cultivation, and the reaping of the various crops are only a part of the duties and responsibilities modern conditions have placed upon him. He is confronted with the stubborn fact that he must know of the world's economic conditions and keep abreast with the changing requirements and demands for food and clothing on the part of the entire human race. He also understands that he should have knowledge at first of how, when, and where to market the products of the soil as well as the stock that he grows. He should know how to prevent economic, if not criminal waste of the past growing out of the prevailing system of preparing and marketing all the crop and especially the staple commodity of the South.

There is no valid reason why the farmer can not organize of themselves and within themselves for their own economic and social betterment. The necessity for such a step is facing them today as all other special enterprises, professions and vocations have been and are being formed into associations and unions claiming that the law of self-preservation demands it. Can it be shown that the farmer is an exception, and therefore, exempt from the mandates of such a law?

The diversification of crops in the South and the curtailment of the acreage of cotton to a sane and safe basis are only a part of the great program confronting those who own and till the soil. The use of the right kind of machinery, correct system of book-keeping, the right relation and proper cooperation between the landlord and the tenant, the ability to take up the lost motion in general operations and the keen appreciation of the relative value of the best planting seed and highest bred stock as compared to the other kind are the essential qualities for successful farming in these later days. Then add to these the before mentioned knowledge of and preparations for marketing the stock raised and the stuff produced and the South is on a sure foundation for becoming the most profitable agricultural section in the world.

There is no better way to accomplish all of this than to get together and agree upon a plan and every-body stick to it. A meeting, therefore, has been called by the Executive Committee for Tennessee of the American Cotton Association in Jackson, Tenn., Feb. 3rd, 1920. The matter is of so much importance that the Governor of Tenn., has issued a proclamation calling upon the farmers and particularly the cotton growers to come together on that day and make it an epoch in the history of the agricultural life of the State. It is the purpose of the Executive Committee to have as much of open discussions as possible, and therefore, hope to vary greatly from the prepared program which is given below.

10 O'CLOCK A. M.

Address of Welcome, J. D. Johnson, Mayor.

Response, T. C. Long, Jackson.

Banks will finance and assist the better handling of cotton, E. A. Maddox, Somerville.

Sane the waste, Dr. Tate Butler, Memphis.

Attitude of the oil mills and ginners toward the better handling of cotton, T. J. Hartman, Jackson.

Make the long haul a short haul by better roads, Thos. B. King, Memphis.

Sane selling of cotton, E. R. Loyd, Memphis.

The Press an essential factor, F. R. Ogilvie, Brownsville.

Warehouse and handling cotton, Lem B. Cox, Memphis.

What was done by, T. E. Johnson, Jefferson, County, Ga.

The merchant and farmer co-operating, W. H. Maxwell, Stanton.

Address, Gov. A. H. Roberts, J. P. Matthews, Oakland, Tenn., Chairman.



HON. W. McDONALD LEE OF VIRGINIA, National Director for the Campaign for National and World Wide Prohibition.

SHOWS NEED FOR "DRY" CAMPAIGN

INTERVIEW WITH DIRECTOR W. McDONALD LEE.

LAW ENFORCEMENT FIRST

\$9,000,000 To Be Spent in Fighting Bolshevism By Americanizing Foreigners.

W. McDonald Lee, National Director of the great campaign launched by the Anti-Saloon League of America, has made the following statement showing the objects of the campaign, why it is necessary, and to what purposes the funds raised will be devoted.

"We have three great aims in this campaign," declared Mr. Lee, "all of which will appeal to every patriotic American who has the welfare of his own country at heart and any regard for the moral and spiritual welfare and progress of our neighboring nations. These aims are as follows:

(1) To aid home Law Enforcement (requiring about nine million).

(2) To Americanize the Foreigner (requiring about nine million).

(3) A Dry World by 1930 (including Mexico and West Indies).

"A fourth of the money raised in the campaign is to be left in the State for object one, 'Law Enforcement,' which means creating public sentiment for observance of law, and demand for officers who will enforce the law. Internal Revenue Commissioner Daniel Roper and Federal and State officers nearly everywhere invite such cooperation by our organization and similar ones. Liquor interests have organized—is said with \$400,000,000 fund—twenty-four States, in effort to elect a Congress that will increase alcoholic contents from one-fourth of one per cent. to ten, or even forty per cent., and thus defeat the aims of Prohibition and nullify the Eighteenth amendment.

Honor Roll

The following is the Honor Roll of the Fayette County High School for the fourth month:

4th Year—Wm. Durbin 94-45; Elizabeth Winfrey 93-25.

3rd Year—Mamie Wilkinson 91; Mary Reeves, 91; John Winfrey 90.

2nd Year—Franklin Locke 91; Dixon Robinson 90.

Colds Cause Grip and Influenza

LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets remove the cause. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." E. W. GROVES signature on box. 7c.

"Another fourth of the money, for object two, goes to the Anti-Saloon League of America for work among aliens in this country. We must make good and law-abiding citizens of those foreigners who stay with us, through education, literature and speakers in the only language they may know. While harangued by anarchists and booze-advocates they remain a menace to our institutions. These scattered colonies within our borders can be reached only through the systematic and studied propaganda of the National League.

"Such of the remainder of the funds as may be determined by the State and National League is to be devoted to object three. All the world is now our neighbor. Five critical years have demonstrated that we are vitally affected by conditions elsewhere on the globe. One dollar's worth of liquor will counteract a hundred dollars of the money so generously given to missions by Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, Episcopalians and others. Let's help make effective these missionary gifts. The missionary pleads for our help against the emigrating liquor dealer and his wares that are hurrying to other shores.

"Under objects one and two the Anti-Saloon League seeks to remove the cause that Y. M. C. A., Red Cross, Salvation Army and other noble bodies are earnestly striving to remedy. With law enforcement, proper education and removal of temptation there will be less poverty, fewer dens of vice, a redemption from misery to women and children, and the work of those great organizations will be made easier and the quicker accomplished.

"Under object three it will be possible to 'clean up' Cuba and the Bahamas from the liquor and vice contagion that is already affecting our shores. Mexico also, because of which probably a hundred million dollars a year is spent by our American Government to keep the peace, would be less a disturbing element if drunk were abolished and this can be accomplished. As an aid in preventing Bolshevism from spreading to our shores, some countries of the Old World should be made acquainted with our customs and laws and their citizens taught to respect such before emigrating here.

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Somerville Bank & Trust Company Re-organized

Steps taken the past few days have led to a re-organization of the Somerville Bank & Trust Company and an enlargement of the business and facilities of the institution.

L. W. Hughes who is assistant to the President of the National City Bank of Memphis bought from H. S. Shaw who has been Cashier of the Somerville Bank from its organization, a majority of the stock of said bank and with Sam Steinberg, a capitalist of Memphis, and W. M. Mayo and W. T. Loggins, of Somerville, arranged to take charge of the bank on next Monday, February 2, and operate it.

At a meeting of the directors of the Somerville Bank & Trust Company held at the bank Thursday afternoon, January 29, the official body of the bank was re-organized, Dr. C. W. Robertson resigning the presidency, H. S. Shaw resigning as cashier, and the board elected W. M. Mayo as President, in active management of the business of the institution, L. W. Hughes was elected first vice-president, Wyatt Wilkinson continuing as vice-president, H. P. Stainback elected Cashier, and W. T. Loggins Chairman of the Discount Committee. Mr. Shaw continues as a member of the board and was elected Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Mr. Mayo has resigned the vice-presidency of the Fayette County Bank, a position he has held for many years and will give his entire energies to the building up and enlarging the business of the Somerville Bank & Trust Company. He suggests that The Falcon state positively that the new management of the latter bank is absolutely bona fide and has no connection in any form or manner with any other banking institution.

The new management of the Somerville Bank & Trust Company will at once put on an active campaign for increasing its business and invites the consideration of the banking public of this community.

In the hands of Mr. Hughes who has had large experience in bank publicity and bank building, we expect a rapid growth in the business of the Somerville Bank & Trust Company.

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There's a "Nigger" in the Sugar

The American people have not fully made up their minds as to whether they are being robbed by the sugar trust, but most of them have a suspicion that such is the case. The way local dealers are parceling out the sweet stuff indicates that the supply is being juggled somehow. Alfred W. McCann, the pure food expert, asserts that sugar profiteers have gouged \$90,000,000 from the American people in the past few months. He brings the Sugar Equalization Board, created as a part of the Food Administration under Mr. Hoover, to his support. This Board, still in existence, had the opportunity to buy the Cuban sugar crop at six and a half cents a pound. President Wilson would not authorize the purchase. Then,—explains Mr. McCann the Louisiana crop came onto the market at seventeen cents a pound wholesale, whereupon our Cuban understudies promptly boosted their prices, and perfected their little "corners" with the results that are found every time a pound of sugar is purchased by the consumer.

Mr. McCann's theory is noticeably incomplete with reference to the sugar refiners trust, as well as it relates to the domestic sugar beet crop. He supports the attempt to fasten the blame for present high prices of sugar, and the shortage of it, upon the Cubans and the Louisiana planters.

It is a short memory that cannot recall the sugar investigation in the Senate a year ago last winter, when he Spreckels interests exposed the American Sugar Refiners, and accused the latter with having juggled the allocation of sugar under the Food Administration and manipulated the American market. According to Mr. Spreckels the trust succeeded in shutting out their competitors including of course Mr. Spreckels—the man who hollered.

At that time Mr. Spreckels insisted that if the Cuban markets had been left open to free competition that the law of supply and demand would have made sugar plentiful and cheap, whereas under the system of Government purchase there was nothing but confusion in the midst of which the sugar trust manipulated the situation. The Spreckels doctrine was carried out this year when the President kept "hands off" and let the Cuban sugar supply find its natural outlet. Mr. Spreckels has not protested against the condition which finds his refineries, and the American Sugar refineries, and the whole balance of the crowd, pinching out sugar to the dealers, who in their turn are operating according to the old Vanderbilt philosophy that "the people be damned"—at something like 20 cents per pound.

Mr. McCann and [George Zabriekie, chairman of the Sugar Equalization Board, are both hot in the collar because the Government did not purchase the Cuban crop, and they lay the present high prices to that fact and to the manipulations of the Louisiana producers. Possibly they are right in the adoption of these long-distance explanations. And then, again, possibly the dividend sheets of the sugar trust and the "independent" Messrs. Spreckels as well, will eventually record the same old tale of a successfully manipulated market and a successfully manipulated public. It would not be surprising.—SELECTED.

The Census Locally

Work of the United States Census in Fayette county began January 9, after being delayed because of the weather and the non-arrival of the blanks from the Department.

Hon. J. B. Summers, Supervisor for this county has selected 18 assistants to take the census over the county and the work is progressing in a manner entirely satisfactory to him and to Hon. L. E. Gwyn, Supervisor for the tenth congressional district. The 18 doing the active canvassing of this county are C. S. Casada, Mrs. J. B. Summers, Miss Mary B. Tatum, Robert Freeland, R. R. Young, J. A. Sanders, McKnight, S. M. Owen, S. P. Crawford, Davis M. Carpenter, E. F. Pearson, A. W. Morrison, R. T. Peak, W. H. Pearce, H. T. Kryder, Ben Black, Miss Lucella Havercamp.

The work has been somewhat delayed throughout the month by rains and it hardly expected that it will be completed by the end of the present month, at which time it was first expected to be completed. The census takers are finding the people of this county ready and willing to give the needed information and are meeting with no objections such as are reported as being met with by the census workers in some sections of the country.

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