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The Weather.

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THE COTTON CONTROVERSY

The following is taken from a northern newspaper and gives the viewpoint South in reference to the cotton crop:

There is no let-up in the controversy over what to do with the cotton price. Efforts in restraint of trade and to boost prices in a natural monopoly are still persisted in, and the country is treated to a spectacle affecting a vast region which, if attempted elsewhere would invite precipitation.

The Impression North has been that the South is united on the cotton problem, but such appears not to be the case. There is a side other than the planter's. A sample of the manner in which this is presented is found in the circular letter of a wholesale hardware house located at Ft. Worth, Texas.

He buys a hoe for 50 cents that used to cost 75 cents. He buys a fan at 15c that used to cost 25c.

He buys a single tree at 35c that used to cost 50c. He buys a sweep at 3 cents that used to cost 15 cents per pound.

He buys a piler at 75 cents that used to cost \$2. He buys nails at 4c that used to cost 6c per pound.

He buys wire at 3 1-2 cents that used to cost 10 cents per pound. He buys hames at 50c that used to cost \$1.

He buys traces at 45c that used to cost 75c. He pays 50c for picking where he used to pay \$1.

He borrows money at 8 to 10 per cent where he used to pay 12 to 15 per cent. And while prices for articles which he uses have decreased the farmer is told further:

He sells wheat at \$1 that used to bring 80c. He sells oats at 50c to used to bring 12c.

He sells corn at 75c that used to bring 12c. He sells hay at \$14 that used to bring \$1.

He sells turkeys at \$2.25 and sometimes \$4 that used to bring 60c. He sells chickens at \$3.50 that used to sell at \$1.25.

He sells a horse at \$1.50 to \$225 that used to sell from \$20 to \$100.

The purpose of the letter is to urge merchants and bankers that they insist upon cotton raisers selling at least a part of their supply at current prices, on the ground that they are actually spending with somebody else's money.

THE CITY ATTORNEY'S "BROADSIDE"

On the 9th of November the City Council of Anderson was called in extraordinary session to "adopt" the report of City Attorney Sullivan, who for two months had been working on the matter of deciding whether or not the franchise-contract which had been entered into between the City of Anderson and the Southern Public Utilities Company, was or not legal and valid.

The Intelligencer had the temerity to contend that it was not right for the City Attorney to have taken the commission to investigate this matter and report that the franchise was invalid after having been the City Attorney under the previous administration and not having then advised Council as to its invalidity.

Since that time there has been much said in The Intelligencer by advocates of both sides, including several articles from the City Attorney, Capt. H. H. Watkins, President Z. V. Taylor, "Subscriber," Col. J. V. Stribbling, and several editorial comments by the editor.

In today's issue City Attorney Sullivan takes several columns more to make a further defense of his position and reply to some of the attacks made upon him. In this reply he says some very unkind and unwarranted things about each of his "opponents", if we may so term them.

The charge that Mr. Mattison has directed the policy of this newspaper in the recent controversy is unfounded in fact. Mr. Mattison is one of the most high toned and clean gentlemen the editor of The Intelligencer has ever known.

So the statement, "the president of the Anderson Intelligencer Company, Mr. M. M. Mattison, who has been permitted to direct the policy of his paper as to the franchise and has directed it with deliberate partisanship from the beginning until now", is false, and the further veiled insinuations against him are equally so, and we defy the City Attorney to produce one scintilla of proof in support of his statements.

As to the charge that The Intelligencer has been unfair to the City Attorney, we do not believe that such charge would be believed if we were to say nothing about it. Every courtesy has been shown the City Attorney, though there have been times when we would have been excused to have acted otherwise.

The City Attorney lays much stress on ethics, and what is correct from the standpoint of an ethical code. He upbraids The Intelligencer for not informing him that it was going to publish an interview from former Councilman Elmore. For the life of us, we cannot see wherein we were called upon to inform the City Attorney that Mr. Elmore had favored us with an interview.

Speaking of ethics, along this line, suggests that it perhaps would not have been unethical for Mr. Sullivan, as City Attorney, to have furnished the Southern Public Utilities Company with a copy of his decision prior to its publication in the newspapers, or prior to its being presented to the City Council, in order that this company could have been represented at the Council meeting, or at least in the newspapers before a prejudice had been created against the company.

Yes, the Southern Public Utilities Company purchased several hundred copies of The Intelligencer containing the articles of Capt. Watkins and President Taylor, at exactly the same price and on the same terms that City Attorney Sullivan could have secured an equal number of copies containing any of his articles.

As to the City Attorney's refusing further to discuss the matter in the columns of The Intelligencer, we opine that he will not discuss it in another paper, if the rule of newspaper ethics holds good in Anderson as we believe it does. We trust he will not deprive our readers of the enjoyment his articles gives them, to say nothing of the amusement furnished the babies in our homes.

OUR DAILY POEM

Unrecorded Heroism. I watch her as she dons her little frock, - And sets the trim hat on her shapely head, Her boots and gloves are good—a girl must dress, Although her breakfast's simple tea and bread!

—New York Times.

Letter From the People.

Mr. Stribbling Writes Again. EDITOR THE INTELLIGENCER: I am pleased to note in your editorial on the franchise question—issue 28 instant—the following: "Let us get to the bottom of this thing and see what is right if possible."

Ordinance granted the so-called Southern Public Utilities Company, its successors and assigns by Mayor Lee G. Holleman acting against the will of the people of the city of Anderson—assuming to grant to the said company the right to use "all public places" of the city for the purpose—among other things—of "selling, transmitting and distributing electrical energy to and within the city of Anderson" and to its inhabitants, etc.

The matter quoted from the so-called ordinance—an ordinance granted by the council only and not approved by the people of the city—clearly shows its purpose to be used as an instrument in the hands of the water power trust conspirators—in name of Southern Public Utilities Company—to further their unlawful operations and purpose of complete monopolization of the power resources of the Piedmont region of country.

Respectfully, JNO. V. STRIBBLING. November 28, 1914.

THE GREAT STRUGGLE FOR SUPREMACY

brought the Russian offensive to a standstill and inflicted heavy losses. Farther south, and west of Novo Radomako the Germans also claim to have repulsed the Russians, while for the armies advancing to besiege Cracow, the Russian headquarters announces a "decisive success."

This battle, although considered in military circles here not as important as that around Lodz, would open the way for the Russians into Southern Silesia if they are successful. In the west the Allies are still waiting for the new attack by the Germans, which has been so long promised. All communication between Belgium and Holland has been stopped, so that nothing authoritative can be learned of what the Germans are doing.

Advertisement for The Christmas Store for Men's and Boys' Gifts. Includes an illustration of a Christmas tree and a gift box labeled 'MERRY XMAS'. Text: 'The shadow of the Christmas tree is now looming up in the background. This is the store that put the clause in Santa Claus (the clause reads: Any present you may buy here can be changed or exchanged after Christmas.)'

Advertisement for Peoples Furniture Co. Text: 'A Lesson in Retail Mercantile Business as Demonstrated Last Week by the Peoples Furniture Co. Question: "How to sell TWENTY Kitchen Cabinets when having only FIFTEEN in stock." Answer: "Advertise in the Daily newspapers of Anderson." SASSEEN, The Ad Man.'

Advertisement for Mr. J. A. McCullough at Orr Mills Today. Text: 'Hon. Joseph A. McCullough, of the Greenville bar and one of the best known and most eloquent speakers of the State, will deliver the address at the meeting to be held at Orr Mills auditorium, at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon, under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association. Mr. McCullough's subject will be "A Down and Out." The general public, ladies included, are cordially invited to attend the service.'

Advertisement for Sullivan Hardware Co. Text: 'Happy Thoughts XMAS 1914 Well Christmas will soon be here again and the old problem confronts you—what shall I give? We have a select line of Rochester Solid Copper Nickel Ware in which you can find many items that would make a most acceptable gift. SEE OUR SHOW WINDOWS Sullivan Hardware Co.'