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COTTON PRICES

The price of cotton continues to decline. It is selling today for approximately \$50 a bale less than it brought three weeks ago.

For low grades of staple, there is practically no market. If the producer would sell his low grades, he must meet the parsimonious price he is offered or keep them.

A few years ago, the divergence of price between good and low grades of cotton was infinitesimal. The difference was so inconsequential as to be of scarce concern to the cotton producer.

Today the difference between middling and low grades ranges from \$50 to \$75 a bale. Either that or no market at all. Why this change? Why this stagnation, this paucity of demand for a commodity which hitherto constituted an essential need?

Organized labor can probably answer the question if it will. The statement is made upon authority of certain cotton dealers that the labor question is the biggest problem the spinners are confronted with today.

Scores of woolen mills have already closed their doors, rather than submit to complete domination. It is also reported in some quarters that the chief reason for the tremendous decline in the price for low grade cotton is the refusal of employees to handle it because it is not clean.

It may be that the "open shop" question has in direct bearing upon the gubernatorial campaign. It is probably true that the governor of Texas, single-handed and alone will be responsible to remedy conditions that ought to be remedied but the fact nevertheless remains that the principle involved is one in which the people of Texas are vitally interested.

"Equal rights to all and special privileges to none" is the essence of democracy. If organized labor is enjoying special privileges, at the expense of the business of Texas, it is somebody's duty to apply the remedy. It is a national question. It is, indeed, a question that is world-wide in its ramifications. At the same time, we know of no better way in which to meet the application of the remedy than electing a governor in Texas who stands for the fundamental principles of the democracy which are opposed to domination of the province by any class, whether or not.

Labor is entitled to a square deal and it should be guaranteed if by every means of law and justice. The remedy also is entitled to the same consideration.

TAKE YOUR CHOICE

Ordinarily a man's legal position has nothing to do with his political affiliations for holding public office. If he is old enough to vote for the statutes and young enough to preclude mental infirmity, the exact number of the years is not a material question. In view of recent developments however it appears to the Caller that the age question has a good deal to do with the governor's contest, because it involves the issue of veracity.

The family bible says Pat Neff was born November 26, 1871. In which case, Mr. Neff was more than 46 years of age on September 12, 1918 and therefore not subject to registration for military service.

If the family bible is in error and Mr. Neff was born November 26, 1872, as he seems to have thought he was, then he was less than 46 years of age on September 12, 1918 and, therefore, subject to registration, and should have registered.

Section 3 of the Draft Act, approved August 31, 1918, reads as follows:

"Persons shall be subject to registration as herein provided, who shall have attained their eighteenth birthday and who shall not have attained their forty-sixth birthday on or before the day set for registration."

Copies of his poll tax receipts, sworn to by him, indicate November 26, 1872 as the date of his birth.

Life insurance policies issued to him indicate November 26, 1872, as the date of his birth.

Records of the State Legislature of which he was formerly speaker, indicate November 26, 1872, as the date of his birth.

Records of the State University of which he was once a student, indicate the same fact.

"Who's Who in America" and "Martindale's American Lawyer's Directory", basing their information upon data usually furnished by their subjects, both indicate November 26, 1872, as the date of his birth.

If Mr. Neff was born November 26, 1871, he was not subject to the draft.

If he was born November 26, 1872, Mr. Neff was subject to the draft and violated the law when he failed to register.

The family bible, so Mr. Neff's mother declares by affidavit, says he was born November 26, 1871.

Mr. Neff has been saying for many years that he came into the world November 26, 1872.

We do not doubt the existence of the family bible. We have the word of Mr. Neff's mother for that.

And yet if we believe the bible, we can not believe Neff's own sworn statements.

If we believe Mr. Neff, we can not believe his mother and the family bible.

Take your choice. Any way you view the incident, it is hardly creditable to one who has worked overtime for several months telling the people of Texas about his countless virtues and splendid patriotism.

LYNCH DAVIDSON

It is rarely that the people of Texas have an opportunity to vote for a candidate for public office who has anything to commend consideration of him apart from his political record. As a rule, we must content ourselves with evidence, documentary or otherwise, concerning his attitude upon public questions, how he voted concerning this measure or why he opposed that.

In the contest for the office of lieutenant governor which will be determined in tomorrow's primary, we are fortunate in being able to consider issues not altogether political.

Lynch Davidson, who received a substantial plurality in the first primary, is a successful business man. By sheer force of personality, by dint of hard work and undoubted determination, he has made a place for himself among the business men and builders of Texas that marks him as a leading citizen.

His record is clean, honorable and progressive. In the city of Houston where he has lived for many years, he is known and respected as a person whose that has always been consulted upon the right side of every public question.

Mr. Davidson's candidacy presents to the people of Texas an unusual opportunity to secure for themselves the service of a successful business man. His candidacy should appeal with especial force to the people of this section where Mr. Davidson has keen interests and where his knowledge of conditions will enable him to render intelligent service.

The Caller hopes and believes that the people of this section will regard it as a privilege, no less than a duty, to make Mr. Davidson's election practically unanimous so far as they are concerned.

LEARNING PLANT MYSTERIES

The Bureau of Plant Industry, United States Department of Agriculture, is looking ahead to the time when our fields will have to till a billion human stomachs—the time when the varieties of the palate will reach from remote corners of the globe and our factories will demand raw materials now undreamed of as factors in industry.



Just Folks by Edgar A. Guest

PRETENDING NOT TO SEE
Sometimes at the table, when he gets mischievous, then Mother calls across to me: 'Look at him, sweet, don't you see? What he's doing, now, isn't it? Make him sit up in his chair. Don't you see the funny way that he's sitting? An' I say: 'No, he seems all right just now.' Mother placed him there for me. An' she thinks I ought to see. Everything that's wrong, he does. An' I correct him, just before there will come a time some day. When he mustn't get that way. But I won't be all alone. Besides, him by don't say, 'No, it's something gone wrong, so I just look the other way.' (Copyright 1920, by Edgar A. Guest.)

EUROPE NEEDS COAL

Coal is power. In many nations there are, and in its possession we see the most business events of the world in these post-war days. Germany has become a coal famine, it is not alone decreasing factory coal times. Besides, she is the rest of the world, after the war has been followed by the extent of war. France had a tremendous coal strike which upon coal production has caused the same effect as in other lands. This year after getting all the coal that she can spare, counting on a handsome loss from the United States, and shipping to Belgium, France will have 16,000,000 tons less than the 30,000,000 tons of coal she requires. It is small wonder that the French people were unanimous in sending German emissaries with the promise to deliver coal at a rate of 1,000,000 tons a year to France. Even so, France faces a coal deficit this year of 20 per cent of her needs.

Coca-Cola advertisement featuring a large illustration of a building and people. Text includes 'Drink Coca-Cola DELICIOUS and REFRESHING' and 'when "delicious and refreshing" mean the most. THE COCA-COLA COMPANY ATLANTA, GA.'

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BAILEY RALLY ARTESIAN PARK 8 o'Clock Tonight HON. CLAUDE POLLARD former attorney general and an orator of unusual ability will discuss the issues of the campaign in the interest of the candidacy of JOSEPH WELDON BAILEY FOR GOVERNOR All citizens of Corpus Christi and Nueces County are invited to be present. (Paid Political Advertising)

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