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CHEAP COTTON.

Not only to show that the minds of great men run together, as may be evidenced by a reading of the editorial in this paper of Monday last and the following editorial from the Manufacturers Record, but to let the readers of this paper know just what one of the most thoughtful writers in this country thinks, and what one of the closest observers sees, we reproduce what the editor of the Record says on the above subject:

"Randall N. Durfee, a New England spinner and a prominent member of the National Cotton Manufacturers' Association, has written an article for the New York Journal of Commerce almost every paragraph of which begins with the dictum 'cotton should be cheap.' It should be cheap, says Mr. Durfee, because it is a prime necessity, because it furnishes clothing for the poor man, because millions of workers are dependent on it for a livelihood, because 'only in times of cheap cotton does the manufacturer secure a reasonable profit on the capital invested,' etc., etc. We ought to strive to produce as cheaply as possible, says Mr. Durfee, instead of curtailing production. He thinks that the cotton-producing sections are capable of producing large enough crops to make cotton cheap. As these arguments, however, appear by themselves to be a little too 'raw' it should be stated that Mr. Durfee also contends that 'by cheap cotton is not meant a price which does not show a profit to the producer. All interests handling cotton are entitled to a reasonable profit, but the producer is not entitled to charge 20 cents for cotton costing 10 cents, any more than the manufacturer is entitled to charge \$1 for the finished cloth costing 50 cents.'"

Perhaps Mr. Durfee thinks cotton labor is inefficient and unprogressive. It is. Five-cent cotton had a way of closing schools, dressing labor in rags, housing it in hovels and prohibiting the construction of churches. It made the slavery of pre-Lincoln days appear in comparison as some sort of heaven. It degraded even the negro. It swelled the death lists, apotheosized ignorance, pauperized whole sections. Before the Civil War there had been negro slavery in the South. After the Civil War, the cheap cotton advocates undertook a new enslavement of the whole South, white and black.

"There is and can be no such thing as cotton production at ten cents the pound, under boll weevil conditions, and nobody knows it better than does Mr. Durfee. And nobody knows better than he does that if production of cotton at ten cents the pound were possible it would be possible only by sweating blood out of American citizens and giving them in return not even a proper food supply. Mr. Durfee knows that, or ought to know it. Nay, more; he knows that that a price of twenty cents for cotton, now, is an infamous price—havoc-making. To defend it is equivalent to defending the march of an invading army through the South, spreading destruction at every turn.

"The maintenance of American dominance in cotton production is desirable, highly desirable, provided profit also is maintained, but not otherwise. Philanthropy is carried to an extreme if the Southern farmer is to go on indefinitely producing cotton at a loss. None more than the farmer laments the necessity for acreage reduction, but Mr. Durfee knows, or ought to know, that the only way in which the boll weevil can be fought at all successfully is by intensive cultivation, and intensive cultivation requires concentration of available labor on smaller, not larger, acreage. Doubling the

acreage might actually reduce the size of the total crop.

"No cotton is cheap that degrades millions. No cotton is cheap that is paid for by the misery and ignorance of blacks and whites. No cotton is cheap that reduces whole populations to the condition of Indian serfs. But if Mr. Durfee and his associates so intent on profits for themselves, would work for cotton prices that carried with them something like a living wage for the producers, out of the prosperity resulting the South unquestionably, we think, might through educational processes, etc., gradually achieve a greater efficiency, which would correspondingly reduce production costs. 'Distress cotton,' however, is not a national asset; it is a national liability.

"It is true that foreigners are making stupendous efforts to establish cotton production in their own colonies. Maybe Mr. Durfee has noted that they are doing it by guaranteeing prices, which is the equivalent of guaranteeing profits. They are not worried so much about price as they are about supply. If more production is what Mr. Durfee wants, he may be able to get it by guaranteeing prices also. We do not doubt that hundreds of planters would be quite willing to contract to produce cotton for him at cost plus a reasonable profit. The trouble with many men of Mr. Durfee's type, however, is not that they want cotton at a fair price, but that they want cotton at an unfair price. They want it at less than cost. Indeed, a little less selfishness and a little more conscience would be good for more than one depressor of cotton prices. Moral responsibility! The boll weevil may be, as some negroes think, a visitation from the Almighty in protest against the conditions under which cotton has been produced.

"The development of the co-operative selling plan in the South is so rapid that many look forward to the time when the price will be fixed as absolutely, year by year, as is the price of steel. Cotton then will be 'cheap.' It will be 'cheap' in the sense that it will be sold for actual cost of production, plus a reasonable profit. But the kind of cheap cotton Mr. Durfee seems to vision will, we trust, never again be seen in the United States."

FORESTRY CONFERENCE

Columbia, Oct. 10.—The conference on forestry, recently called by Governor Harvey, to consider possible legislative plans by which South Carolina can match the federal government with funds for reforestation, will meet here tomorrow at 1 o'clock. Delegates from every part of the State—those interested in the subject—have been appointed and invited by the Governor to attend. Representatives of the federal department of the interior, forestry division will be present.

MINSTREL SHOW.

The Comrade club assisted by the girl scouts, will give a Minstrel Show at the Community House Friday night, for the entertainment and pleasure of their friends. A good time is promised for specialty sets and ground Tumbling are on the program.

LOSES FINE COW

Robers Ellis of Cold Springs, says he is having lots of bad luck. He lost a fine milk cow about a week ago, and this week a mule and another milk cow. This is bad on the stock, but lightens the "feed bill."

GETTING RICH

H. D. Reese of Biloxi, Miss is here for a few days visit to his son. He says that he is enjoying good health in his present home and is getting rich off of fish, oysters and Yankee tourists.

CALL CONVOCATION

There will be a Call Convocation of Hesperian Chapter No. 17 R. A. M. Friday night, Oct. 13, 1922, at 7:30 p. m. sharp. The Mark Masters Degree will be conferred upon candidates.

F. E. Harrison, Jr. H. P.  
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Flowers for all occasions at W. A. Harris, Agent for Fant's Greenhouse, Anderson, S. C. High Class funeral flowers a specialty. adv.

DROWNED CHILDREN  
IN BATH TUB AT HOME

Father Then Blows Out His Own Brains.—Despondency Over Being Out of Work.

Rochester, N. Y. Oct. 10.—The bodies of a father and his three children today lay side by side in an undertaking establishment, victims of a tragedy last night. The children, Evelyn, 5, Grace, 2, and Russell 6 months, were drowned in a bath tub at their home by the father, William E. Wheeler, who then fired a bullet into his brain. Despondency because of inability to obtain employment was responsible for the crime, police said, Mrs. Wheeler discovered the tragedy after the returned home from church. A note protruding from beneath the bathroom door told of the act of her husband and gave instructions as to the disposition of his body and the furniture in the house. It read in part:

"Dear Milly: It had to come at last, I can see no other way out. Pay up every bill, That's what I did it for. I'm taking the kiddies with me so you and no one else can say that I left them a burden on you. If I were to hang on longer it would be the same old story.

Mrs. Wheeler told police that her husband appeared to be in excellent spirits when she left for church.

The children were found clasped in each other's arms on the bottom of the tub which was half filled with water. The father hung over the edge of the tub, still clutching the pistol with which he killed himself.

LOOK HERE!

Why is there one Divorce in every eight Marriages?  
Why cannot every marriage be perfect?  
For the answer see

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15c Admission 30c.

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OTHER GOOD SUITS \$18.00; \$20.00; \$22.50

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Now is the time to get big values for your money

Get busy; we are ready with the goods

DRY GOODS

- 36 inch Heavy Sheeting ..... 10c yd.
- 40 inch Sheeting ..... 15c yd.
- Checked and Plaid Homespun ..... 12 1-2c yd.
- Calico, light and dark ..... 10c yd.
- Heavy Outing, prices ..... 12 1-2c, 15c an d20c yd.
- Heavy Chevots ..... 20c at 15c, 25c at 20c yd.
- Dress Gingham ..... 10c yard
- Apron Gingham ..... 10c and 15c yd.
- 20c Dress Gingham at ..... 15c yd.
- Amoskeags 32 inch Dress Gingham at ..... 25c yd.
- Heavy Cotton Flannel price from ..... 20c to 25c yd.

WOOLEN DRESS GOODS AND SILK

- 36 inch Serge ..... 25c yd.
- 36 inch Wool Serge ..... 50c yd.
- \$1.00 Wool Serges in all colors ..... 75c yd.
- \$1.50, 54 inch all Wool Serge ..... \$1.25 yd.
- 36 inch Silk Messaline, extra good quality at \$1.35 yd.

BLANKETS

- \$3.00 Blankets at ..... \$1.98 per pair
- \$3.50 and \$4.00 Blankets at ..... \$2.98 per pair
- \$5.00 Blankets at ..... \$3.50 per pair
- \$6.50 Blankets at ..... \$4.50 per pair
- \$8.00 Blankets at ..... \$5.50 per pair
- \$10.00 Blankets at ..... \$6.50 per pair
- \$3.00 White Bed Spreads at ..... \$1.98
- \$2.00 White Bed Spreads at ..... \$1.25

SWEATERS

COMPLETE ASSORTMENT AT LOWEST PRICES

- Men's Sweaters prices from ..... 98c to \$2.00
- Boys' Sweaters, prices from ..... 98c to \$3.50
- Misses Sweaters, prices from ..... \$1.25 to \$3.50
- Ladies' all Wool Sweaters in all colors prices from ..... \$1.48 to \$4.50

MEN'S AND YOUNG MEN'S CLOTHING

- \$15.00 Men's Suits at ..... \$12.50
- \$25.00 Men's Suits at ..... \$19.00
- \$35.00 Men's Suits at ..... \$25.00
- \$25 Men's Suits in coat and pants in all-wool goods, made up well and going as long as they last at \$17.50
- \$18.00 Men's Overcoats at ..... \$15.00
- \$15.00 Men's Overcoats at ..... \$10.00
- Men's Rain Coats from ..... \$3.50 to \$6.00

BOYS' SUITS.

- Boys' Suits in all sizes from ..... \$1.98 to \$10.00
- Boys' Knee Pants in all sizes from ..... 75c to \$2.50

MEN'S ODD PANTS

- \$3.50 Men's Pants at ..... \$2.50 a pair
- \$5.00 Men's Pants at ..... \$3.50 a pair
- \$7.50 Men's Pants at ..... \$5.00 a pair
- \$9.00 Men's Pants at ..... \$6.50 a pair
- \$2.50 Men's Pants at ..... \$1.98 a pair
- Men's and Boys' Dress Shirts from ..... 75c to \$1.50
- Men's and Boys' Work Shirts from ..... 48c to \$1.00

UNDERWEAR

- Men's heavy Fleece lined Undershirts and Drawers ..... 63c each.
- Men's Ribbed Undershirts and Drawers, best grade at ..... 75c each
- Men's "Haynes" Unionsuits at ..... \$1.50 suit
- Ladies' Undewear price from ..... 48c to \$1.00 garment

LADIES' COATS, SKIRTS AND WAISTS

- Ladies and Misses Long Coats, from ..... \$4.50 to \$15
- Ladies Serge & Plaid Skirts from ..... \$2.50 to \$6.00
- Ladies' Cotton Georgette and Crepe de Chine Waists price from ..... 75c to \$3.50
- Lades' Petticoats, price from ..... 98c to \$1.50

SHOES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

- Men's solid leather work shoes from..... \$2.50 to \$3.50
- Boys' solid leather work & dress Shoes price from ..... \$2.00 to \$3.50
- "Beacon Shoes" for Men ..... \$5.00
- Men's Dress Shoes price from ..... \$2.50 to \$5.00
- Ladies' and Misses Shoes price from..... \$1.50 to \$4.50
- Women's solid leather work shoes from \$2.50 to \$3.00
- Infants' Shoes price from ..... 98c to \$1.50
- Trunks from ..... \$5.00 to \$10.00
- Suit Cases from ..... 98c to \$5.50

LADIES' AND MISSES NEW FALL HATS

- Ladies' Hats from ..... 98c to \$3.50
- \$3.00 Ladies' House Dresses at ..... \$1.98

HOSIERY

- Ladies' and Men's Hose from ..... 10c to \$1.00 a pair
- Children's Hose from ..... 10c to 50c a pair
- 5-4 Fancy and White table oil cloth at ..... 28c a yard
- Table Damask, price from ..... 40c to 75c per yd.
- 25c Towels at ..... 15c each
- 50c Towels at ..... 38c each
- Men's and Boys' Caps from ..... 25c to \$1.00 each
- Men's Hats from ..... \$1.50 to \$5.00 each
- Men's best make Overalls 2.20 weight denims \$1.50 pr.
- Men's 2.40 weight denim Overalls at ..... 98c pair

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