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WHY BRIGHTS ARE LOW.

Correspondence Between a Prominent Tobacco Grower and the Vice-President of the American Tobacco Company.

There has been considerable discussion relative to the low prices of bright tobacco, especially of that class known as "cutters," or cigarette tobaccos. We know of no two gentlemen better qualified to handle this subject than those whose signatures are attached to the following letters:

Greenville, N. C., Aug. 29, 1900
Mr. J. B. Cobb,

New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:—Since 1891 I have been connected with the warehouse business on this market. At that time tobacco was selling at prices sufficiently remunerative to encourage our people to extend its cultivation which was done at an amazing ratio. At that time, also, cotton, which prior to the introduction of tobacco had formed the principal money crop of the farmers, was selling, and continued to sell for a number of years thereafter lower than ever before, and this of course stimulated tobacco culture as nothing else could. But, mind, you, our people principally, the price of tobacco and cotton being the same, had much preferred to grow cotton, as they understood cotton culture and it was much less laborious. As time went on with the increased production of tobacco the price of this product has declined, and the short cotton crop of last year caused the price to advance and contrary to the predictions of many wisecracks last spring the tobacco crop in eastern North Carolina in particular, was reduced in acreage not less than 25 per cent. and it is very probable 33 1/2 per cent. On account of extreme seasons I am firmly convinced that the condition of the crop is not more than 75 per cent. as compared with last year. I have gained this information from actual observation and from most reliable information from my section of the east. As one who has spent his time and a very liberal share of his meager substance for the upholding and development of the tobacco industry here, I write to you as one of the heads of the largest tobacco concerns in the world, to ask your views of the situation as regards the prospect for better prices. I know this, sir, that with the present prices of the better grades prevailing throughout this season, with cutters selling at a fair and prospects for even better prices, there will not be enough tobacco planted in eastern North Carolina next year, if it were all sold on the Greenville market, to give the warehousemen a good year's work. There are hundreds of idle barns standing now in the fields of Eastern North Carolina, and with the condition as above outlined in force throughout the season, when the next season comes around there will be thousands of them standing as sad reminders of a past dream. I have written you not because I think your company any more responsible than many other factors but because I know you are a broad gauge business man, and a North Carolinian, and I trust you will regard my letter as seeking information on a subject in which we are virtually interested. With best

wishes, I am yours truly,
O. L. JOYNER.

New York, Sept. 7, 1900.

Mr. O. L. Joyner,
Greenville, N. C.

Dear sir.—I have received and carefully considered your letter of the 29th ultimo.

The price of leaf tobacco in Virginia and North Carolina has been closely observed by me for a number of years past. The low price at which it has sold since the fall of '96 is due in my judgment to a number of causes chief among them being over supply. The causes for this over supply are well set forth in your letter, and are due, as you say, to conversion of cotton farms into tobacco farms.

Along with this large supply of tobacco has come a largely decreased demand for this particular class of it which has been grown in Eastern North Carolina and South Carolina, and which is used for the manufacture of cigarettes. I need only cite you that the output of manufactured cigarettes in the United States during the past fiscal year was a little over 1,500,000 short of the output in 1899. This decrease in output of manufactured cigarettes is due mainly to discrimination against the cigarette itself on the part of Congress and the legislatures of the different States. Tobacco which is used to-day in the manufacture of cigarettes is taxed fifty cents per pound, whereas that used in plug and smoking tobacco is only twelve cents per pound, and that used in cigars taxed from twenty to thirty cents per pound, according to the size of the cigar. A majority of the Western and Southern

States have inaugurated additional taxes on the sale of cigarettes, and this is also largely done in towns and cities in the West and South.

I believe there are more cigarettes consumed in the United States today than at any time in its history, but a large portion of them are made from granulated tobacco by the consumers themselves out of such tobacco as "Bull Durham," "Duke's Mixture" and "Cameo."

Among other causes which have contributed to lower prices may be mentioned the fact that consumers of tobacco have through experience that a ripe lug of ordinary color smokes just as well as a fine center, which sells at two or three times the price. A large quantity of bright tobacco is being exported annually for use in foreign countries, and if the supply be curtailed for two years, prices would in my judgement go to a point where the raising of tobacco would bring profit to the farmer. It would be of great benefit if the sections interested in raising bright tobacco would give more attention and make greater effort in the direction of having Congress impose no heavier tax upon leaf grown in say, North Carolina, and used in cigarettes, than it does on leaf grown in that same State and used in plug or smoking tobacco, or grown in Pennsylvania or Connecticut, and used in cigars.

You will pardon me for affirming in this connection that our company is earnestly desirous that the farmers shall make a profit upon the tobacco crop, and for two or three years past we have purchased more freely than was actually required, in an effort to maintain prices. We are carrying today over 100,000,000 pounds of leaf tobacco, whereas a fair supply would be, say 60,000,000 pounds.

Yours very truly,
J. B. COBB.

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Brief Mention of the Comers and Goers.

Rev. F. A. Bishop went to Conee today.
 T. H. Bateman went to Scotland Neck this morning.
 Rev. D. W. Davis, of Washington, was here today.
 J. F. King returned Thursday evening from New York.
 K. L. Smith and wife and little daughter returned Thursday evening from Baltimore.
 Miss Annie Kitchen, of Scotland neck, arrived Thursday evening to visit Miss Rosalind Rountree.

The Young Man's Manners.

Society asks little of a young man except to behave well. If he is manly in looks, if he has a good manner, is civil to his elders, if he has any little gift of entertaining—any "parlor tricks"—if he sends a few flowers occasionally, looks pleasant and is polite, his way will be smooth to success—always providing that he is really a gentleman.

He never joins her on a thoroughfare unless the friendship be an established one and only with her permission—nor will he stand and converse with her.

It is provincial to walk "sandwiched" between two women, to stare, or look after any one who has passed.

In public conveyances a man does not pay a woman's fare unless he is her escort except in emergency, when he must ask if he may.

Introductions are rarely made in public places or conveyances.

A man precedes a woman when entering a theatre or public place. In a church the lady goes first. He may precede her up a public staircase, but in a private house in ascending and descending, he follows.

In picture-galleries, elevators in public buildings, hotel and theatre corridors, they being thoroughfares, a man retains his hat. In a hotel he removes it if women are present.

If a lady bows to a man in a restaurant he rises slightly from his seat in acknowledgment. When he is with a party, if a lady with her escort stops to speak to his friends he rises and remains standing until she passes on. He also rises if a man is introduced to him when with a stag party.

If a bachelor shows some little hospitality it advances him much in favor. If he has attractive rooms, or has anything to show, he may give an afternoon tea or a chaffing-dish supper. Simplicity is in order. A bachelor's entertainment is usually regarded in the light of a frolic and his efforts indugently considered.

A bachelor may live where he likes without loss of social position, if he belongs to one good club, which he may only use for the address on his cards and note paper.—October Ladies' Home Journal.

Former Governor Thomas J. Jarvis has made it a quartet for the United States senatorship race, his letter having been issued a few days ago. He is an able man and one who would look well to the interest of the people of North Carolina, if he were chosen to that position.—Asheville Citizen.

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Men Suits the 3.00 and 3.50 quality, while they last \$1.92	Ladies Coat Suits, Tailor Made Silk Taffeta Linings, All Wool \$15 quality now \$4.98

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Ladies' Shirt Waists, worth 98c, \$1.25 and \$1.50 at..... 38c	Checked Nainsooks, worth 8c..... 5c	19c..... 9c	Side Combs, worth 25c..... 4c
Ladies' plain and fancy Linen Waist, white Collars and Cuffs, worth \$1.50..... 38c	12 yards Valenciennes Lace, worth 25c..... 9c	Steel Rod Umbrellas, silk covers..... 85c	Fancy Stripe White Lawns..... 5c
58-inch extra heavy unbleached German Damask..... 23c	Ladies' Drop Stitch Hose, worth 39c..... 23c	75c quality..... 39c	Men's Cuffs, per pair..... 5c
Children's Fast Black Hose, worth 12 1/2..... 5c	Children's extra heavy 20c Hose 10c	Cheese Cloth, all colors..... 31c	Welled Pique, all colors..... 9c
Best Linen Canvas, worth 19c..... 8c	Silk Windsor Ties, worth 50c..... 23c	Fancy Foulard Silk, worth 75c 25c	English Curtain Cretonne..... 7c
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Knitting Silk, all colors, worth 10c spool..... 2c	Honey Comb Towels, good ones, 41c	Nottingham Lace Curtains worth \$1.25 pair, all colors..... 49c	Shirt Waists sets, worth 50c..... 29c
Men's Collars, worth 12 1/2..... 5c	Stockinet Dress Shields..... 8c	6-4s Imported Irish Damask, worth \$1.25..... 69c	Men's Silk Bosom Shirts..... 44c
Silk Elastic Webbing worth 40-inch Percale Lining, worth \$1.25..... 69c	English Woven Bed Spreads, worth \$1.25..... 69c	Fancy Stick Pins, worth 15c..... 4c	Best Corset Steels..... 5c
		Men's Colored Shirts Collars and Cuffs..... 25c	Box Fancy Stationery..... 10c
		Silk Pulley Belts, all colors..... 19c	Window Shades, spring roller..... 14c
		Embroidery Cotton, worth 5c..... 2c	Ladies' Mercerized Satteen W 14c
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A STEP AT THE TIME.

Begin; With the Shorter Ones and They Get Longer.

Knights of Pythias meet tonight. Daughters of Rebekah meet tonight.

The sewer from the new hotel is being laid.

There was nothing cold about Thursday night.

Court will probably adjourn for the term this evening.

Vertical copy books 5 cents at Reflector Book Store.

Just received—a new lot of Sour Kront at J. S. Tunstall's.

S. M. Schultz's store will be closed on Wednesday Oct. 3rd, Holiday.

I have calls for Standard Sewing Machines. That's satisfaction, cheap, at S. M. Schultz.

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Lost Part of Finger.

Thursday while working about his printing press, Mr. H. T. King editor of King's Weekly, got his right hand caught in the press and lost the end of his middle finger.

Not Tried this Court.

The James murder trial is still going on at Greenville.—Southerner.

Mistake, brother. The trial has not been going on at all and will not be until January.

Notice.

A meeting of Pitt County Tobacco Association will be held in Greenville on Saturday, October 20th, at 2 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of selecting delegates to attend the State Tobacco Association to be held in Raleigh October 24th and 25th, 1900.

J. J. LAUGHINGHOUSE.

Light Infantry.

Capt C. T. Lipscomb had the Greenville Light Infantry out for drill again Thursday night. At every meeting the boys show more proficiency, and they expect to rank with the best drilled companies of the State.

The following non-commissioned officers have been appointed for the company:

Sergeants—1st, A. D. Johnston; 2nd, Paul Metrick; 3rd, J. B. Corey; 4th, S. M. Dauel; 5th, J. B. Jarvis.

Corporals—1st, Thomas Duke; 2nd, B. E. Patrick; 3rd, Edward Greene; 4th, C. E. Rountree; 5th, J. H. Cheek; 6th, E. H. Foley.

Baseball is in its last throes.

A person may fall into money without hurting himself, even if it's hard cash.

The literary tramp probably refuses to cut wood because he dislikes hack work.

Some men don't realize that they need a rest until they come home from their vacations.

When a man takes too much rock and rye to break up a cold it's the rye that makes him feel rocky.

The woman who is continually giving her husband a piece of her mind is not conducive to his peace of mind.

DIRECTORY

CHURCHES.

EPISCOPAL.—Sunday-school 9:30 a. m. W. B. Brown, superintendent. Lay Services every 2nd and 4th Sunday morning.

BAPTIST.—Services every Sunday, morning and evening. Prayer-meeting Wednesday evening. Rev. J. N. Booth, pastor. Sunday-school 9:30 a. m. C. D. Rountree, superintendent.

METHODIST.—Services every Sunday, morning and evening. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. Rev. N. M. Watson, pastor. Sunday school 3 p. m. W. F. Harding, superintendent.

PRESBYTERIAN.—Services third Sunday, morning and evening. Rev. J. B. Morton, pastor. Sunday-school 10 a. m. E. B. Ficklen superintendent.

CHRISTIAN.—Services at the Opera House every 2nd Sunday morning and night. Rev. D. W. Davis, pastor.

CATHOLIC.—No regular services.

LODGES

A. F. & A. M.—Greenville Lodge, No. 284, meets first and third Monday evening. R. Williams, W. M. J. M. Reuss, Sec

I. O. O. F.—Covenant Lodge, No. 17. Meets every Tuesday evening. R. J. Humber, N. G. E. E. Griffin, Sec.

K. of P.—Tar River Lodge, No. 93, meets every Friday evening. R. M. Moye, C. C.; T. M. Hooker K. of R. and S.

R. A.—Zeb Vance Council, No 1696, meets every Thursday evening. W. B. Wilson, R. M. R. Lang, Sec.

JR. O. U. A. M.—Meets every Wednesday night at 7:30, in I. O. O. F hall. J. B. White, Councilor.

A. O. A.—Egyptian Council, No. 6, meets every first and third Thursday nights in Odd Fellows Hall. J. Z. Gardner Worthy Chief; D. S. Smith, Sec.

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