

the purchases made by the North or the West, nor even Europe, and we know that money is cheaper and more plentiful in the North and West as well as Europe, but it is the demand that comes from our Southern mills that is supporting the market. Why? Because we have here in the South magnificent water powers that can be obtained at a nominal cost of \$5.50 to \$7.50 per horse power as compared to New England and elsewhere at from \$12.50 to \$25.00 per horse power, and yet some people turn away from cotton goods.

Following up the cotton plant, we also know that the seed, for many years practically worthless, are now bringing a reasonable but unsatisfactory price. Why is this? The echo answers, the South it not sustaining as she should do the products made from the seed, and strange though true the farmers are largely responsible for present values, for we are reliably informed that during the season past over 6,000 tons of fertilizers were sold in Hawkinsville. At least 75 per cent of these goods contained cotton seed meal whereas so far this season about the same tonnage has been sold and yet only about 5 per cent of the sales contained cotton seed meal, but on the contrary contained animal ammonia produced in the west. Why is this, Mr. Planter? Again we are told that some of our good merchants prefer buying hog lard and are advocating this article in preference to cotton oil compound or hogless lard. To those merchants we suggest consideration and reflection, for we all know that the merchant is sustained by the planter, then why should not the merchant advocate that which the planter directly or indirectly produces, not only advocate, but push its sale, especially compound lard, for when this commodity rises to its true value, instead of the farmer selling his seed at from \$12 to \$15 per ton he will realize from \$24 to \$30 per ton for them. It will no doubt interest our readers to note a recent clipping from a New York paper, as follows: "It may be somewhat curious to note that recently city lard has been selling in the New York market at 6 3/4 cents while the compound has been held at 7 cents."

This quotation merely goes to show that we who live in the South don't appreciate our own goods as much as the people of the far North, but the day of awakening is upon us, for the tidal wave is sweeping over us and the cry for "home-made goods" is heard over land and sea.

As an imitator of primitive journalism The Blingville Bugle is several notches ahead of all publications of the kind yet attempted. It is an interesting feature of the Savannah Press, which carries one of the brightest editorial pages of any paper in Georgia.

The Savannah Press wants to go on record as favoring "Dudley Hughes" for the succession in the event when

GOVERNOR MAY INVESTIGATE PULASKI LYNCHING.

The Atlanta correspondent of the Macon Telegraph says:

"It is not improbable that Governor Smith will take some steps towards investigating the recent lynching of several negroes near Hawkinsville, Ga., and he may offer large rewards for the apprehension and conviction of the guilty parties. He has declined to discuss the matter, but it is known that he views the occurrence as an unfortunate one, and it is said he is inclined to think that it should not be allowed to pass unnoticed. The negroes—some reports say two and others increase the number to four or five—were lynched for the murder of an aged white couple, the purpose being robbery. Their guilt was established on the confession of one of their number. After being hanged the bodies were burned. It is the second occurrence of this kind to take place in Georgia since Governor Smith entered office. The first happened a few days after his inauguration, when a white man was summarily put to death near Dalton.

Beyond ordering a full investigation on the part of the county officials, the Governor's authority does not extend far—possibly no further than the ability to offer substantial rewards."

Exaggerated reports of the affair made it appear worse than it really was, though it was bad enough. There were only three in all killed, but according to the reports the number varied all the way from three to seven, including one woman. Reports sent to the daily papers were magnified in such a manner as to make it appear ridiculous to those familiar with the situation. It was stated in one of these reports that the negroes were taken from the jail at Hawkinsville, but as a matter of fact they were not brought here at all. Another report stated that the negroes were fleeing from Hawkinsville for safety, although the city was as quiet as a lamb and there was no indication whatever of a disturbance here.

It is true the lynching was horrible, but the crime that provoked it was also horrible, and as much as we may deplore the affair it is likely to be repeated just as long as such crimes are committed. It is to be hoped that this will serve as a warning to the negroes and that henceforth they will refrain from the commission of such crimes.

We believe that if Governor Smith would address an open letter to the negroes, counseling them along this line, it would do more good than to follow the stereotyped form of offering rewards for the lynchings as the chances are that nobody will ever call for the rewards.

WILL GOV. SMITH HAVE OPPOSITION?

It is the understanding that former Railroad Commissioner Joseph M. Brown is seriously considering the advisability of becoming a candidate for Governor against Gov. Smith. If he decides to be a candidate it is probable that he will announce the fact, and also his platform, sometime this week.

There is no doubt that there is considerable dissatisfaction with Gov. Smith's administration, but it is a question if there is enough to justify the belief that he could be defeated. The custom of giving a governor a second term is so well established that there would have to be strong reasons presented for denying that honor to him.

Just at this time it would be a pretty difficult matter to frame a platform that would appeal strongly enough to the people to induce them to break away from the Macon platform on which Gov. Smith stood two years ago, and on which he still stands. Besides, it would be said at the very beginning of the campaign, that Mr. Brown's real purpose in opposing Gov. Smith was a grievance. It is doubtless true that he has a grievance. He was removed from the office of railroad commissioner without, as far as the public knows, sufficient reasons. He had so short a time to serve that he couldn't have antagonized to any considerable extent Gov. Smith's railroad policy, and, hence, a reason for his removal must be looked for elsewhere. It is assumed by some that the reasons were purely personal. If that is the case, the quarrel between the two men would influence the political affiliation of their respective friends, but would hardly make a political issue that would influence a large number of voters.

It isn't possible, however, to discuss the question of Mr. Brown's candidacy as intelligently and as fully as if his platform were known. He may have issues to present to the people that are wholly outside of his personal differences with Gov. Smith. If so, he might have a better chance of winning, in the event he becomes a candidate, than he is generally supposed to have. He has strong friends in every part of the state and the fact that his father played so conspicuous a part in the state's affairs would undoubtedly be a source of strength to him. The mere announcement that he is thinking of being a candidate has undoubtedly excited great interest throughout the state.—Savannah News.

The Atlanta Georgian Saturday published a rumor to the effect that Mr. Brown's formal announcement would be made next Wednesday, accompanied by a statement from Mr. Thos. E. Watson, offering comfort, if not support, to Mr. Brown.

Owing to the very large vote by which Hon. Hoke Smith was elected over his opponents and the fact that it is customary to give the governor a second term without opposition, it seems that Mr. Brown would stand a

poor chance of winning against the present incumbent if Mr. Watson gives Mr. Brown active support and can muster some following for him. It is claimed he did for Governor there is no telling what. At any rate, if things are as rumored, Governor Smith will "sit up and take notice," and cause him to take the step which event there will be time in the old state-

In today's Dispatch appears the formal announcement of Wm. J. Speer for state treasurer. Speer is thoroughly familiar with the duties of this office, which he has performed for more than twenty years. He enters the race with the assurances of strong support and promises, if elected, to give the state a most faithful service than he has rendered in his former administration.

Editor W. J. Vaughn of the Milledgeville News to Mr. McAuliffe and Henry of the Augusta Herald. Editor has made the News a splendid paper and as his successors are paper men of long experience will no doubt be kept to the present high standard.

Dr. S. A. Knapp, of the States farmers co-operative work, declares that the weevil is advancing on Georgia at the rate of fifty miles a year and will reach the Georgia borders unless action is taken now. He is in Atlanta and is urging farmers to take prompt action to secure a larger yield of cotton.

To the Democratic Voters

I am a candidate for State Treasurer subject to the action of the Democratic party in the approaching primary. In making this statement I refer with confidence to a pardonable degree of pride in the service in the treasury covering a period of more than twenty years, during which time I have protected the financial interests of the state as well as the interests of the people in the various banks with which I have had satisfaction to the people. In this office will, I believe, be discharged as a sufficient guarantee of the faithful performance of the duties of this important position. I earnestly request the support of my fellow citizens.

Very respectfully,
Wm. J. Taylor

Atlanta, Ga., March 9,

Notice.

Meet me at Taylor's cafe and lodging. The dining room is in charge of Mrs. Taylor, who will receive all guests a prompt and cheerful attention.

We cater to the trade as well as gentlemen.

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