

PALMETTO NEWS ITEMS

Things Doing And Happening in Sunny Carolina, Told in Condensed And Pithy Phrase.

Model Farm in Chester.

Chester, Special.—Col. T. J. Cunningham is one of Chester County's farmers who is always endeavoring to find and apply the best and most modern ideas in farming, and a visit to his farm, a little more than a mile west of the city, is always interesting and refreshing. It was the writer's privilege Friday to accompany Col. Cunningham over a large part of the plantation and see what is going on.

Col. Cunningham is, above all things else, a scientific farmer—not a farmer who jumps from idea to idea in mad succession in the futile hope of finding something more successful than the old beaten tracks—but a farmer who is actuated by good sound reason, and who plants one crop one year and another the next on the same piece of land, because the soil demands a certain succession of crops, and because certain crops following each other in a certain succession build up the soil. It follows, therefore, that one sees on this farm no vast acreage of cotton, and cotton alone, but diversification and a general assortment of the crops that this section of the South is best adapted for. Col. Cunningham is giving his attention largely this year to hay, and the many acres of fertile meadows on his home place and the 275 acres that he is farming on the opposite side of the road are yielding him a golden harvest of fine hay. He is confident of getting 200 tons of hay this year, and a very conservative estimate would place the yield at much more than that. The second cutting is now in progress, and the uncut portions of the lush meadows show how fine the yield is.

Col. Cunningham is not much of a believer in terracing. His method for eradicating gullies and washes is by planting cover crops, which not only stop the washes, but at the same time lay the foundation for a fertility. He is putting his idea into operation on what have been heretofore badly washed fields, and already after only one such crop the fields show a noticeable improvement.

The cotton patch that Col. Cunningham is conducting under the directions of the agricultural department at Washington, is showing up nicely, while two patches of corn that are being worked under the directions of the experiment station are also showing up well. One is being worked with the hoe alone, while the other is being plowed. Other conditions are the same. At this stage there is not much difference between the two, the advantage, if there is any, resting with the latter patch.

Col. Cunningham is also making use of some of his fertile meadows as pastures for a large number of cattle that he will put on the market this fall. He also has several Chester county raised horse and mule colts that are growing fast and give promise of making fine stock. It is his idea to make his farm self-sustaining as much as possible, and the intelligent and orderly conduct of affairs, coupled with his past success, shows that he will succeed.

Finds Skull of Missing Man.
Aiken, Special.—The little town of Kathwood on the southern edge of this county is stirred with excitement over what appears to be the most foul murder that community has ever known. Levi Chavous was brought to the Aiken jail and charged with the murder of C. S. Pringles. A hat identified as Pringles', a tin can used when fishing and a skull are the only remains of the apparently murdered man.

Guilty, Says Jury.
Barnwell, Special.—The famous Chester Kennedy case came to a close Thursday morning at 6 o'clock, when the jury returned a verdict of guilty with recommendation to the mercy of the court. The case went to the jury a little after 1 o'clock Wednesday and after deliberating for 17 hours they agreed upon a verdict of guilty with recommendations to mercy.

Another Water-Power to Be Developed in Spartanburg Section.
Spartanburg, Special.—The Electric Manufacturing and Power Company, which owns the power plant at Gaston shoals on Broad river and the street railway system here, has about completed negotiations for the purchase of another large water-power in this section. The officers of the company have not announced the location of the water-power for the reason that a few details are to be arranged before the purchase is complete.

By Accident Child Poisoned at Greer.
Greenville, Special.—The young son of Dr. James, a prominent physician of Greer, died early Monday morning in most excruciating agony. The father hurriedly leaving home Sunday afternoon accidentally dropped a bottle of morphine on the porch and the little fellow picked it up and, when discovered by his mother, had eaten the greater part of the contents of the bottle. A stomach pump was applied too late.

Greenwood's New Cotton Mill.
Greenwood, Special.—An announcement of great interest is that of a resolution by the directors of the Grenfell Mills here Tuesday that the capital stock of the mills will be increased to half a million dollars, the increase to be used with other subscriptions of stock in building a new cotton mill here in Greenwood. The new mill will have ten thousand spindles and two hundred and fifty looms. It will be located near town.

Will Try to Collect.
Rock Hill, Special.—In a recent meeting of the town council the following action was taken: "Resolved, That the city attorneys be instructed to prepare a warrant charging C. S. May with embezzlement of city funds; that the city attorneys be also instructed to take steps as they may deem proper to secure the city the deficit in May's books."

Will Address Red Shirts.
Anderson, Special.—The committee to select speakers for the Red Shirt reunion to be held in Anderson August 25 announced Monday that Senator Tillman, former Gov. Shepard and Judge Robert Aldrich had accepted invitations to be present and make addresses. Each of these took prominent parts in organizing and leading Red Shirt companies in 1876.

President Taft Promises to Make Anderson a Visit.
Anderson, Special.—Congressman Wyatt Aiken telegraphs from Washington that President Taft Tuesday assured him that he would come to Anderson this fall. He said that he could not name the day yet but he would run up here from Augusta while spending several days there. A committee from the Anderson chamber of commerce called on Mr. Taft in Washington in April and urged that he visit the Electric City.

Little Girl Has Awful Experience.

Fort Mill, Special.—A more extraordinary and terrifying experience comes to few people than that which befell the family of Mr. C. Cook, an industrious farmer living five miles east of here. While playing on the curbing his little 7-year old daughter fell into their well which was walled with 12-inch terra cotta piping which is barely wide enough to let the little body down endwise and smooth as glass on the inside, affording apparently no means whatever of recovery. What is even more remarkable than how the child managed to fall into such a small opening is the manner of her escape. When she arose to the surface of the water instinct prompted her to throw out her hand and knees and in this manner pressed her weight against the sides of the piping with a death clasp that nothing but brute force could move and this was applied in the shape of a pair of scyebands and the little body forcibly recovered after more than two hours of fearful effort.

During this time no amount of persuasion or threats could compel the girl to loosen her grasp sufficiently to grasp the rope dangling around. Whether it was fear, not being able to understand from 30 feet above or a wise Providence that justified her is not known, at any rate for more than two hours this little girl remained in the cold water in a dark well, with nothing but the glassy sides of the piping to press herself against for support.

She is now safe and not much the worse for her horrible experience. The feeling of the parents and neighbors in this trying experience cannot be imagined.

Youths Mysterious Death.

Union, Special.—Louis Vanderford the 16-year-old son of Mr. Ashmore Vanderford, a prominent citizen and progressive planter of the Mt. Tabor section of this county, killed himself Monday morning about 8 o'clock in a patch of woods about 150 yards from his home. Whether the shooting was done accidentally or intentionally is not definitely known, as the whole affair seems to be wrapped in mystery, the family apparently being unable to throw any light upon the cause of the very sad tragedy. It was the sound of a rifle shot from the patch of woods that attracted the attention of Mr. Ashmore Vanderford, father of the young man, and caused him to go to the spot and investigate what was the matter. On his arrival he found his son with a bullet hole through his heart and lungs, which had produced instant death. The bullet was fired from a .32-20 Winchester rifle, which had been in the house, but which Mr. Vanderford did not know that his son had taken out with him. He was a young man of good habits and was in good health.

Final Test Postponed.

Washington, Special.—A persistent wind and a suddenly discovered stoppage in the gasoline feed pipe of his motor prevented Orville Wright from making, Wednesday evening, his final cross-country two-man test of the aeroplane. After he had waited in supposed readiness for the start, for an hour with the aeroplane on the inboard at Fort Myer, the wind died down at last to little more than a whisper, and then it was discovered that the fuel-feed was obstructed. By that time it was dusk, and the flight was declared off for the day, the army officials granting him three days additional time for the test. The time limit under the original contract expired Wednesday.

The failure of the trial disappointed an immense crowd, including President Taft and practically all of the most prominent government officials. All along the course laid out for the trial, people were gathered, on foot and horseback and in vehicles of every conceivable character. At Shuter Hill, just outside of the city of Alexandria, where the turning point was located, was assembled what must have been a fair quorum of the people of that community.

Thaw on Witness Stand.
White Plains, N. Y., Special.—Harry K. Thaw's fate lay in his own hands Wednesday. For six hours he occupied the witness stand while District Attorney Jerome, the man who twice tried to send him to prison, and who once already has thwarted an effort to release him from a criminal insane asylum, delved into his life history. Thaw emerged creditably from the ordeal.

Situation Serious in Spain.
Madrid, By Cable.—The revolution in Catalonia has reached a serious stage. There is much bloodshed and artillery has been employed in the streets of Barcelona to quell the outbreaks. The city is terror-stricken. The revolutionists are reported to be fighting desperately behind barricades. King Alfonso hastened back to Madrid from San Sebastian and issued a decree proclaiming martial law, and the suspension of constitutional guarantees throughout Spain.

Two Young Women Drown.
Lenoir, Special.—The news reached here Wednesday night of the death by drowning at Mortimer of two popular young women of that village, Miss Nannie Bailey and Miss Jetz. The tragedy occurred late Wednesday afternoon in the pond adjacent to the mill of the Bitter Lumber Company at that place. The bodies were recovered shortly afterward and the funeral took place some time Thursday.

A Female Blockader.
Macon, Ga., Special.—Surrounded by a crude outfit, with beer in the tubs and the ripple of a little stream trickling among the fake stands near the prosperous town of Sparta in Hancock county, United States Deputy Marshal Frank Riley Wednesday arrested Pearl Gordon, on a charge of running a blockade distillery. In all his long experience in the service this is the first woman the officer ever captured in a "moon shine" plant.

REPORT IS AGREED UPON

Majority Members of the Conference Committee on the Payne-Aldrich Bill Bring Their Labors to a Sudden Close—Aldrich and Payne Hasten to Fort Meyer and See the President.

Washington, Special.—After working for nearly three weeks at what proved to be one of the longest and most anxious tasks ever experienced in tariff building, the majority members of the conference committee on the Payne-Aldrich bill brought their labors to a sudden close at 6 o'clock Wednesday evening.

Without a moment's delay the Senate and House leaders, whose names are carried by the bill, started away by automobile with the intention of laying their report before President Taft, who had gone to Fort Myer to see what had been intended to be the last official aeroplane flight of the Wright brothers.

All day long the conferees had struggled with the question of bringing down the House rates on lumber to figures they felt would meet with executive approval. In this effort they failed.

Lumber was made dutiable at rates only a little below those named by the Senate bill, and there was a very slight shading from the House rates on gloves of good quality. Although it was not admitted by the conferees, the general impression drawn from the hurried trip to Fort Myer was that Messrs. Aldrich and Payne had been authorized by their colleagues to incorporate in the conference report such figures as could be agreed upon with the President, in so far as they came within range of what the leaders believe will be acceptable in the House and Senate.

Returning from the conference at Fort Myer, Messrs. Aldrich and Payne seemed to be entirely satisfied with the outcome of their mission, although neither would discuss the conclusions reached. It was announced officially that the Democratic members of the conference committee would be called in session Thursday.

In view of President Taft's utterances, Senate and House leaders were predicting that the conference rates on gloves and lumber would not prove satisfactory to him.

Bank Officer Skips With \$50,000.

Tipton, Ill., Special.—The First National Bank of Tipton was closed Monday night and its assistant cashier, Noah R. Marker, is gone, taking with him between \$50,000 and \$60,000, all the cash that was in the bank's vaults at the close of business Saturday. Marker, after sweeping together the money, set the time lock on the safe so that it could not be opened until 9 o'clock Sunday.

Robbers Beat Proprietor of Store and Then Take Many Articles.
Bristol, Tenn., Special.—News reached here Tuesday that robbers entered the store of James Hilton at Boone's creek in East Tennessee, last night, pulled Hilton from his bed in the store room and beat him so that he was unconscious when found. They then robbed the store of many articles. Bloodhounds were put on the trail but were hindered.

Asheville Bankers on Trial.
Asheville, Special.—The second day's trial of the First National Bank of Asheville cases; the conspiracy and embezzlement charges against Messrs. William E. Breese, Joseph E. Dickerson and W. H. Penland, three officers of the defunct banking institution at the time the bank closed its doors, was featured by the outlining of the government's contention by District Attorney Holton and the dry and methodical wading through "bogus" notes by Colonel Burgwyn, a witness.

Tillman's Health Good.
Columbia S. C., Special.—According to those who are in a position to know Senator B. R. Tillman is in good health and not ill as some of the Northern papers have reported within the past few days. Dr. J. W. Babcock, a lifelong friend of the Senator and Tillman's physician for many years, said Tuesday that the reports of the Senator's illness were unfounded.

Killed in Court Room.
Little Rock, Ark., Special.—Shooting over the head of United States Senator Jeff Davis, W. Y. Ellis, a resident of Pine Bluff, fired a bullet into the heart of Nathaniel Parker Willis, owner of a liquor cure at Indianapolis, Ind., in the circuit court room here Tuesday afternoon. The shooting was the tragic ending of a lawsuit brought by Willis against his divorced wife, who had subsequently married Ellis, for the possession of his child.

A WORLD'S RECORD

The Wrights Win New Laurels in The Air.

AEROPLANE RECORD IS BROKEN

Noted Aviator in His Aeroplane, With Lieutenant, Frank P. Lahm, of the Army Signal Corps as a Passenger, Makes Beautiful Flight of One Hour, Twelve Minutes and Forty Seconds, Upward of Fifty Miles, and at Speed Averaging About Forty Miles an Hour.

Washington, Special.—The world's aeroplane record for two men as to both time and distance, was broken Tuesday evening in a beautiful flight of one hour, 12 minutes and 40 seconds—upwards of 50 miles, and at a speed averaging about 40 miles an hour, by Orville Wright at Fort Myer, with Lieut. Frank P. Lahm, of the army signal corps, as a passenger.

The former record was made last year by his brother, Wilbur, joint inventor with him of the machine in which both achievements were performed at Lemans, France, with Professor Painleve, of the French Institute, as passenger. That flight was 1 hour, 9 minutes and 35 seconds. Wilbur was an eager spectator of Tuesday's flight by his brother.

The cheering which heralded the setting of a new mark in the conquest of the air, was led by President Taft in person, who had sat, an intensely interested spectator throughout the flight, and who insisted at its conclusion upon personally congratulating the brothers upon their success.

This success was all-important to the Wrights in that it completed the first of two crucial tests of their machine imposed upon them by the United States government—the so-called "endurance test," which requires them to remain one hour continuously in the air with one passenger. Orville did nearly 13 minutes better than that, and could have kept on indefinitely—three hours and a half, the limit imposed by the gasoline capacity of the supply tank.

His devoted sister, Miss Katherine Wright, who nursed Orville through the period of his recovery from that disaster, in which he was hurt Sept. 17, 1908, and Lieut. Selfridge was killed, anxiously watched him from the shed where the aeroplane is kept, and when he returned unhurt from his flight, gripped him eagerly by the arm, nestled her face against his breast and said: "Bully for you, brother; it was beautiful."

President Taft hastening to them grasped the hand of both and said: "I congratulate you heartily, sir. It was a great exhibition. You beat the world's record."

The machine used in the test-flight consists of two planes, one five feet above the other, and measuring 36 feet from tip to tip.

The seat for the operator is placed in the centre of the lower plane, to the left of the motor. The passenger sits on the other side of the motor. The motor itself is a product of the Wright brothers and is a four-cylinder, 30 horse-power, water cooled gasoline engine.

The weight of the machine including both operator and passenger, is a trifle under 1,200 pounds.

Beef Scrap For Fowls.
Beef scrap is indispensable for yarded fowls, and for range fowls also in winter. They only eat a small quantity after gradually feeding it to them, even when kept in their reach all the time, but this little they must have to be profitable as layers or breeders. It, like the alfalfa, may either be fed dry, and kept in their reach all the time, or fed in the mash. Two heaped table-spoonfuls to a dozen fowls per day, if fed in mash, produce good results. When giving a mash feed give all that will be eaten up clean, but none to be left. —Mrs. J. C. Deaton, in Progressive Farmer.

An Important Appearantence.
An important article of furniture for the poultry house is a shallow box of four compartments, for oyster shells, grit, mash and charcoal. This should also be so placed that litter is not thrown into it. Also have a box of road dust, with a sprinkling of ashes, and occasionally a dust of sulphur or insect powder. "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

A Handsome Living.
Col. Roessle once said there may not be any very large fortunes made in poultry raising, but there is a handsome living for any one who has the love for the pursuit, the ability to raise and care for the stock, and a small capital to start with. These three things must go hand in hand; separately they cannot bring success.

Moist Mash.
If moist mash is used—and we think best to use it where fowls are confined to small yards, and have access to no fresh green food—it may be fed at noon to advantage. Two pounds of shredded alfalfa, scalded, and one pound of bran added to make it a crumbly mash, is good.

If an egg is allowed to remain in one position too long, the yolk adheres to the membrane of the shell.

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POULTRY DEPARTMENT



Exercise For Fowls.

There is no doubt that exercise is very beneficial to fowls. Among humans the lack of exercise combined with high feeding causes most troublesome diseases, such as dropsy. The same laws govern the animal world. There are several things that exercise does. One of these is, it prevents the birds becoming too fat, which in turn destroys their usefulness. No matter how much a bird eats, if it exercises it will keep the fat from accumulating, as the muscular exertion causes the lungs to work excessively, and in doing this they burn up a large amount of carbon, which comes from the food. Being burned up in this way, it does not accumulate on the body and around the intestines in the form of fat.

In the poultry house, whole grain should be fed in cut straw or chaff spread thickly. If it is fed in hay or whole straw the task of uncovering it is too light. The finer the straw the more perfectly will it cover the grain that is sown in it, and the more difficult will be the task of getting it out, which the hens must do kernel by kernel. If poultry keepers would follow this plan their fowls would lay more eggs, for the reason that they would not be over-fat and would be in generally good health. The mere fact of exercise does not cause the production of eggs.

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Pastor Acts as Minstrel.

The Rev. Louis J. Richards, pastor of the Church of the Messiah, Universalist, appeared at Fort Plain, N. Y., as interlocutor in a local minstrel show. The performance was for the benefit of his church and was attended by a large audience. As a middle man Pastor Richards was a brilliant success. To add to the oddity of the occasion and indicating the breaking down of bigotry barriers John J. Galvin, editor of a local newspaper and one of the foremost Catholics in this region, was one of the end men.

Mr. Richards is a young and progressive pastor of liberal ideas and plans which he fearlessly executes. He is a Texan, and when a theological student won highest honors for oratory in that State. His appearance in a minstrel show caused much shaking of heads and quivering of chins among the staid and conservative Mohawk Dutch of the valley.

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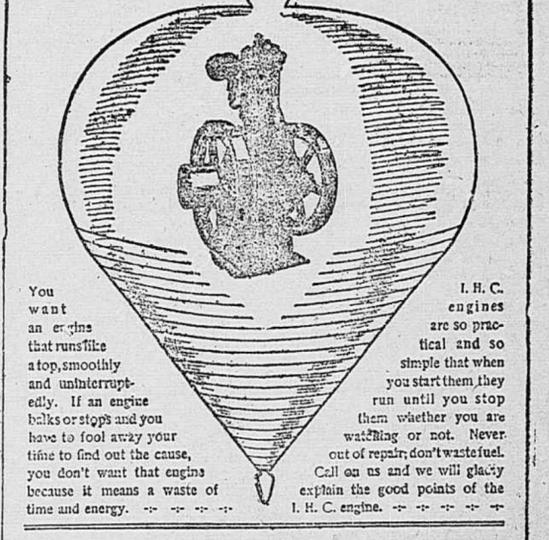
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