

PIANOS! PIANOS!

Are you thinking of buying a piano? If so no doubt you want a good instrument: one that will last a life time and give satisfaction. If you buy an Strich & Zeidler piano or an Adam Schaaf piano you will have no cause to regret it. They are made for service. If interested let us hear from you. We always keep on hand a nice stock of the celebrated FAR-RAND ORGANS. Your patronage solicited.

Holland Brothers
Greenwood, S. C.

The Timmons Drug Store.

Is amply prepared to take care of its patrons in their preparations for the festive season. Largest stock of

Fancy and Toilet ARTICLES
in Edgefield from which to select Christmas gifts. Beautiful line of high grade

PERFUMERY
Very large assortment of pictures, China, Vases and toys of every description. This is the place for Santa Claus to make his purchases.

Fresh Nuts, Fruits and Fireworks

Galore

Fruit cake and pound cake in quantity desired

All of the nice things such as Mince Meat, Gelatine, Jello and flavoring extracts. Large shipment of fresh candies in beautiful boxes from one to five pounds.

B. Timmons

See Us For job Work

EYE TALKS

No 1.

Under this heading I propose to give you each month a paragraph or two concerning your eyes.

While designed to advertise my Optical establishment, the talks will, at the same time be interesting—if I can make them so.

GLASSES

Now add at least thirty years of comfortable vision to the average life time, so my work aids every calling and promotes human happiness.

It always makes me happy to help others. Will you not let me help you?

MY GLASSES SATISFY.

GEO. F. MIMS,
Optician.

Edgefield, S. C.

Auditor's Notice.

All persons owning property of any kind whatsoever, or in any capacity, as husband, guardian, executor, administrator or trustee are required to make returns of the same to the Auditor under oath within the time mentioned below and the Auditor is required by law to add a penalty of 50 per cent to all property that is not returned on or before the 20th day of February in any year.

All male citizens between the ages of 21 and 60 years except those exempt by law are deemed taxable polls.

The township assessors are respectfully requested to meet me at the appointments for taking tax returns in their respective township and they are also required to make tax returns for those who fail to make their own within the time prescribed by law. The 50 per cent penalty will be added for failure to make returns.

For the convenience of tax payers, I or my representative will be at the following appointed places on the dates mentioned to receive tax returns:

Roper's, Monday Jan. 15.
Meriwether, Tuesday, Jan. 16.
Collier, Wednesday Jan. 17.
Red Hill, Thursday Jan. 18.
Clark's Hill, Friday Jan. 19.
Modoc, Saturday, Jan. 20.
Parkville, Monday Jan. 22.
Plum Branch, Tuesday Jan. 23.
Morgan's Store, Wednesday Jan. 24.
Liberty Hill, Thursday Jan. 25.
Cleora, Friday Jan. 26.
Pleasant Lane, Saturday Jan. 27.
Meeting Street, Monday Jan. 29.
Johnston, Tuesday Jan. 30.
Herrin's Store, Wednesday Jan. 31.
Trenton, Thursday Feb. 1.
The office will be open to receive returns from the first day of January till the 20th day of February as prescribed by law.

J. R. TIMMERMAN,
Auditor, E. C. S. C.

Annapolis Scholarship.

Congressman James F. Byrnes has been called upon to fill a vacancy at the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland, by the appointment of a principal and three alternates for examination at the Naval Academy, April 16, 1912. For the purpose of filling this vacancy, Mr. Byrnes will have a competitive examination held at Blackville, S.C. Friday, December 29, 1911.

Applicants must have been actual bona fide residents of the 2nd Congressional District for the past two years, and between the ages of sixteen and twenty years on April 16, 1912.

Candidates are required to be of good moral character, physically sound, well-formed, and of robust constitution, and must stand a thorough examination in all the ordinary English branches, including algebra, quadratic equations, and plane geometry (five books of Chauvenet's Geometry, or an equivalent.)

All persons interested should communicate with Mr. Byrnes at once.

Round Trip Christmas Holiday Rates.

Via Southern Railway-Premier Carrier of the South:

Account of Christmas Holidays, the Southern Railway announces reduced round trip fares between many points. Tickets on sale December 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 30, 31, 1911 and January 1st, 1912, good returning January 8, 1912. For detailed information, call on nearest Southern Railway ticket agent, or, John L. Meek, AGPA, Atlanta, Ga.

Frank L. Jenkins, TPA., Augusta, Ga.

AUCTION SALE.

Having decided to move to Georgia I will sell at auction about the middle of January my piano, furniture, store, cooking utensils, buggies, wagons, harness, mower, rake, harrows, planters and other farming implements, 60-gallon self measuring kerosene tank, general merchandise, oats, corn, fodder, hay, blacksmith shop tools, milk cows, dry cattle, four oxen, one Devon bull, twenty head Berkshire hogs and pigs, about 40 colonies of bees. The exact date and fuller notice will be given later.

S. CHEATHAM,
Cleora, S. C.

HOLD COTTON, SAYS BARRETT

Urges Farmers to Farm as if Staple Crop Not in Existence—South Carolina Plan.

To the Officers and Members of the Farmers' Union:

At this critical stage in the cotton situation, with the Farmers' Union and scores of business leaders and general southern factors battling to stem the tide of unfair prices, the first duty of the farmer is to hold his cotton.

Those who sell at present prices are simply giving away a margin of several million dollars to spinners and speculators. Quotations after the first of the year will establish the truth of that assertion. The most difficult part of the campaign is now upon us. To waver is to lose the effect of the splendid work already accomplished.

In South Carolina, under the leadership of E. J. Watson, president of the Southern cotton congress, they are instituting a system of pledges which binds the planter to hold his present cotton for thirteen cents; and further, not to sow more than sixty per cent of the arable acreage in cotton for the coming season. The plan is an excellent one. Statistics and our own common sense tell us that the crop now in hand is worth much more than is being offered for it. But if civilization needs the sharp lessons of a short crop to emphasize the wisdom of fair dealing with the farmer—then so be it!

The south is in better position to be absolutely independent than any other section of the country. Just assume, for the sake of illustration, that soil conditions were such that we could not produce cotton. We would then proceed to realize upon the south's heaven-sent heritage by producing the great staple crops raised in every other section of America, the crops they rely upon to sustain life, to bring in revenue, to promote prosperity.

Think what southern soil can yield. Corn, wheat, oats, barley, rye, sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes, turnips, peas, vetch, burr clover, alfalfa, ribbon cane, sorghum, watermelons, all kinds of vegetables, cows, hogs, sheep, goats, mules, poultry and poultry products, dairy products, and all manner of fruits.

We could simply wipe cotton out of consideration, still make a living, and bring in enormous sums from the world-at-large for southern crops.

In the face of these tremendous assets, it is nothing less than criminal folly to concentrate on cotton. Cut down on it, ruthlessly! Make it strictly a surplus crop. Produce any or all of the other crops I have enumerated. Then the perennial cotton problem will cease to be one, the cotton we do raise will bring a fair price and it will not be incumbered by the large amounts now insanely sent outside of the section for staples that should be raised here.

CHARLES S. BARRETT,
Union City, Ga.

OTHER FELLOW GETS PROFIT

Pork Can Be Raised Just as Cheaply in South as in West—Picture by Prof. W. F. Massey.

"But go down in the cotton country and you will see thousands of men year after year growing a small crop per acre of cotton by the aid of a little low-priced fertilizer bought on the credit of the cotton crop, and paying big prices for western bacon that the Dutchman raised and made a profit from, a railroad made a profit on carrying the hogs to Chicago, and the packer became a millionaire, and another railroad hauled it south and the local merchant, who has a chattel mortgage on many a crop of cotton, puts a big profit on bacon because of his risk, and the cotton croppers try to make all these people rich out of their one crop, when they could make the pork cheaper in the south than the western farmer can, because of the cheap land and the great variety of crops they can produce for the hogs to gather for themselves."

What do you think of the above picture by Prof. W. F. Massey? Is it true? We regret to admit the cold facts as stated by Professor Massey. Now let us call our wife and children around the fireside on a cold winter night and make a vow to live at home, practice the most rigid economy, and stay out of debt and the problems will soon be solved. Then we will be independent prosperous farmers.

Work for Humus.

When all fall and winter seeding has been done then utilize the time whenever the weather and condition of the soil will permit in plowing under all the vegetable matter on the cultivated lands to furnish humus. Whenever the weather is unfit for outdoor work we can repair harness and gear, work in the blacksmith shop, and so on. When the soil is too wet and the weather will permit, we can remove stumps, construct broad hillside embankments, repair and build fences, whitewash outhouses and so forth. We should value our time in the winter more than we do.

Cotton Crop Is Greatest.

Cotton is the greatest money crop in the world. An average crop of cotton is a good thing for the south—a big crop is a dangerous thing for the south. Let each individual farmer do his duty in this matter next year.

Farmers' Educational and Co-Operative Union of America

Matters of Especial Moment to the Progressive Agriculturist

Many a six-footer is a little short. Most rat holes will bear looking into.

One way to raise money is to raise mules.

Isn't the lover who braves the storm a rain-beau?

It doesn't require an axe to cut an acquaintance.

Sometimes the clothes speak louder than the man.

Co-operation spells recuperation among farmers.

Keep busy and you'll have no time to be miserable.

Many things are well done that are not worth doing.

Corn on the cob is more acceptable than corn on the foot.

The lawyer thrives upon the contentions of his neighbors.

Cut down your cotton acreage and try to increase the yield.

There is no impropriety in using a spring wagon in the fall.

Time is the most expensive item that enters in the average job.

A cross husband is about the meanest cross a woman has to bear.

Most farmers want to be considered as men before they are labeled and ticketed as farmers.

Co-operation and the employment of trained business men in the selling is the salvation of the farms.

What profiteth it a man if he raise the best crop in the country and loses money in the selling?

Knowledge is power, and so is a gasoline engine. Both must be used to get the most good out of them.

The real leaders in farm work or in anything else are the men who say "come on boys," not the men who say "go along."

It's easy to be thankful when we are prosperous but it takes real optimism to be thankful things are no worse when we suffer heavy losses.

Prosperity Seen When All People Live on Farm Products and Grow Cotton as Surplus.

G. H. Alford, one of the agents of the government representing the agricultural department and who has been working chiefly in Claiborne county this year, talked to business men and planters at the Vicksburg Cotton Exchange last week and said some good things, among them the following:

"The planters who keep their laborers and force them to grow plenty of corn, rice, potatoes, molasses, hogs and poultry for home use, and to cultivate say six or seven acres of cotton, according to government instructions, will grow more prosperous every year. They will not grow as much cotton, but it will not be necessary for them to send two-thirds of the money obtained for cotton to other sections of the country to pay for farm products. Boll weevil or no boll weevil, prosperity will be the rule in Warren county when all her people live on the products of the farms and grow cotton as a surplus crop. I meet planters every day who are anxious to sell their plantations. They tell me they are in debt and will never be able to raise the mortgage. They say that the boll weevil is here to destroy cotton—their money crop. They are mistaken on two counts. Profitable crops of cotton can be grown in spite of the boll weevil and cotton is not now a surplus money crop. They will grow profitable crops of cotton as a surplus crop in a year or so. They will then all live at home and grow say two-thirds as much cotton. The cotton money will then raise mortgages instead of paying for corn, bacos, lard, mules, hay, etc. The boll weevil means diversified, farming and stock raising. This means fertile soil and good farming. Fertile soil and good farming means high priced land. The boll weevil will probably keep the price of land down for two or three years, but diversified agriculture and the raising of good hogs, cattle, mules, horses and other stock will force the price up and up until it will sell for four or five times its present market value. Let every planter hold a tight grip on his land. There is no excuse for the blues. The northern farmers are getting rich. They cannot grow cotton. They cannot grow sugar cane, rice and many other crops that can be grown in Warren. Any crop will grow here, that the northerners can grow. Diversified farming and stock raising and the growing of cotton as a surplus crop will put Warren county on the high road to genuine prosperity.

Teachings Bear Fruit.

The old mortgage and credit system is rapidly weakening. The teaching of the Farmers' Union is bearing fruit. Every true blue farmers' union man is living at home and practicing the most rigid economy. Thousands are leaving the land of bondage and entering the promised land—the land of pay-cash-as-you-go. Let us all join the band that is marching to the promised land.