

APPEALS TO FARMERS

PRESIDENT OF STATE FARMERS' UNION URGES

Diversification of Crops as Remedy for Over-Production, and in Order to Secure Better Prices.

President R. Harris, of the State Farmers' Union, comes out this week in an appeal to the farmers to reduce the cotton crop twenty-five per cent of the land now planted in cotton. He urges diversification of crops as the remedy for the alleged over-production of cotton.

There is nothing particularly new in what Mr. Harris says, but he puts it in a very forcible way.

"Diversification of crops is the remedy for 9-cent cotton," says Mr. Harris.

"How is the farmer to be able to price his cotton and get the price he puts on his staple, which represents his labor? There are three things essential. First, organize yourselves; second, co-operate together; third, diversify your crop so as to make home self-supporting. Raise corn, bacon, wheat, oats, horses, mules and more live stock, so as to make manure to enrich your land, and quit buying so much commercial fertilizer in order to stay out of debt. The above system will free the farmers of the bondage they are now in, for the cotton that has been sold up to the present time has been sold at or about the cost of production. The speculators and the manufacturers are saying to you that you are making too much cotton. Now, let's take them at their word and reduce the cotton crop next year to twenty-five million acres and plant the other eight million acres in food supply crops. This would make about nine million, three hundred thousand bales, and the farmer would get as much money for the nine million, three hundred thousand bales as we will get for a twelve million, five hundred thousand bale crop. Just remember, farmers, when you make more of a product than you can control, some one else will take it at your expense and manage it for you for their own interest. Now, every one knows that cotton is not on a parity in price with anything else. A suit of cotton clothes that you could buy three years ago for \$10 now costs you \$18. Cotton should have sold the whole season for 12 cents per pound from the time the first bale was ginned. Now, who is to blame for it selling for 1-2 to 9 cents? Nobody except the producer himself, and do not put the blame on any one else, for the farmers have forced it on the market faster than the speculators wanted it. Never will the farmers be able to get their prices until they make home self-supporting and market the cotton crop as the world needs it. It takes twelve months to make a cotton crop, and we must take twelve months to market it at a profit to the grower. Brother farmer, it is in our hands to remedy this evil, if it is ever remedied, and the sooner we realize it the sooner it will be done. Remember three things to be done: First, organize; second, co-operate, and third, diversify crops. Remember this is a day of organization, and all professional and business men are organized. The farmers are also beginning to realize that they are forced to do likewise for his protection. I will give below the following statistical report of corn, wheat and oats per capita to feed each person, horse, mule and hog in the cotton belt States. I ask you for a close study of this report and you will readily see why cotton is selling at 1-2 to 9 cents. I want to urge everyone who has not sold his cotton to hold on to it until the price goes up. You may rest assured that the farmers over the cotton belt are going to diversify crops next year, and this will mean reduction of cotton acreages:

Table with 3 columns: State, Corn, Wheat, Oats. Rows include Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Indian Territory, Louisiana, Mississippi, N. Carolina, Oklahoma, S. Carolina, Texas, Florida, Tennessee.

"A study of the above statistics will show the great need of diversification of crops, and I want you farmers to remember that your cotton that you are raising in 1903 is now already priced at less than 9 cents. With this fact before you why will you keep on in the over-crop system? The man who diversifies his crops is a public benefactor to his country, feeds his family better, educates his children better, and when he crosses over the river people will moan at his departure."

B. HARRIS, President S. C. Farmers' Union, Pendleton, S. C.

Dispensary Sales for November. Although there was a falling off of over \$3,000 in this county's liquor sales for November, as compared with October, the receipts fully up to the average for the same month in previous years. November sales amounted to \$18,277.16, against \$21,970.04. The business has been but slightly affected by the withdrawal of the two Calhoun county dispensaries two months ago. In fact, the percent of net profit has been greater since the sale was confined to the five dispensaries of Orangeburg county. This is accounted for by the fact that the sales did not decrease in proportion to the amount of expense eliminated.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

Of Property Valuation Now and Before Cutting County.

County Auditor T. M. McMichael gives out some interesting figures of property valuation in Orangeburg county before Calhoun was cut off and what it is now. He gives the valuation of property in Orangeburg county for 1907, before Calhoun county was cut off, and also for this year. The following comparisons will be read with interest:

Table with 3 columns: Year, Value of Real Estate, Value of Personal Property, Value of Railroad Property, Value of All Taxable Property, Three Mill School Tax, Special School Tax, Poll Tax, Taxes From Dogs, Number Dogs Returned.

LODGE OF SORROW.

Memorial Service of the Orangeburg Lodge of Elks.

Orangeburg Lodge No. 997, B. P. O. Elks, held their annual Memorial Service Sunday afternoon at half-past three o'clock in their lodge room. A more beautiful service we have never witnessed. It was both impressive and appropriate, and those who witnessed it will not forget soon the solemnity of the occasion. The best talent of the city rendered the musical numbers and the eulogy was delivered by the Hon. Thos. F. Brantley. The program was well gotten up and faithfully carried out. The exercises were presided over by Mr. A. Calhoun Doyle, Exalted Ruler of the lodge. The following is the program:

- Funeral March, Chopin, Lodge and Orchestra. Opening Ode, "Auld Lang Syne," Choir. "Largo," Beethoven, Orchestra. "Faith, Hope and Love," Schueker, Mrs. W. G. Smith. "Tremere, Schumann, Orchestra. "Lead Kindly Light," Hymnal, Choir. "A Bunch of Violets on Grave," Bennett, Orchestra. "Santa Maria," Faure, Mrs. W. R. Lowman. Violin obligato by Mr. Henry Kohn. Address and Eulogy, Last Exalted Ruler, T. F. Brantley. "Apple Blossoms," Benedix, Orchestra. Closing Ode, "Nearer my God to Thee."

Meets Here This Week.

The Annual Conference of A. M. E. church for the lower section of South Carolina convenes in Orangeburg at the A. M. E. church on tomorrow morning. The A. M. E. church has the largest colored membership of any church in this State and country. It has two conferences in South Carolina, and is presided over by colored bishops entirely. The conference will have several hundred clerical and lay delegates in attendance, and will be entertained by the colored people of the city and surrounding county.

Gave Pastor Pound Party.

The Augusta Herald says: "As a token of regard and hearty welcome to their new pastor, the Baptist congregation of North Augusta, tendered Rev. E. M. Lightfoot a pound supper on Friday evening. A large gathering assembled at the home of Mr. W. F. Sample and from there proceeded to the parsonage. Their arrival was a pleasant surprise to the pastor and his family and a delightful evening was spent." Mr. Lightfoot has been well received at his new home and he seems to be very popular.

Pastor and Family Arrives.

Rev. G. C. Davis and family, of Clifton Forge, Va., arrived in the city on Friday and entered immediately upon his duty as pastor of the Baptist church, to which position he was called a few weeks ago. Mr. and Mrs. Davis have two children, and we extend them a warm and cordial welcome to our little city. We hope they will find a residence among us pleasant and be the instrument in God's hands of doing a great work here.

Train Ran Into Wagon.

The Charleston train on the Southern Railway ran into and badly damaged a wagon at the Sellers Avenue crossing at 1 o'clock Monday morning. The train was delayed a short time. No blame attaches to the engineer as the team balked on the track.

THE OTHER SIDE

OF THE CALHOUN COUNTY CHURCH TRIAL.

Mr. John Vaughn, of Jamison, Gives His Version of the Facts in the Case.

Having published the article alluded to by Mr. John Vaughn, of Jamison, we publish his version of the trouble leading up to the trial, as an act of justice to him. Mr. Vaughn's letter as we find it in the Christian Appeal is as follows: Editor, Christian Appeal: Please allow me space in your valuable paper for the other side of that very attractive Calhoun county church trial.

The correspondent of The News and Courier at St. Matthews said some things I suppose he got at second hand as I am told that he did not stay till the trial was ended; but what we believe to be second hand matter we will mention further on in this article.

The charge preferred by Rev. J. H. Thacker against me was malicious slander, based on a remark I made, to wit, The South Carolina Conference levies an assessment on the church every year for the publication of its minutes which is prorated to the different churches and is collected the same as other claims levied on the church, and, I said, I believe selling the minutes after they had been paid for and the church was rascally business and I had had no light on the subject because me to believe otherwise. I only expressed an opinion about a practice without any personalities whatever, and it did not concern me who the cap fit, for I have believed it to be wrong, no matter who did it.

But it may be the time has come if you wish to express an opinion and hold membership in the Methodist church you must see the Boss first. Now does it not seem reasonable that when Rev. Thacker heard of my remark and felt hurt about it if he was the Christian gentleman he claims to be, and I, at almost every service, when he came to me and asked for an explanation? But no, he did not come; maybe he thought that coming to an old man and a poor one at that, might injure his dignity as he seems to be stuffed with that ingredient.

No, he has not said one word about that remark to me verbally, though he has talked to other members of the church as to how he was going to do for me. He goes home and writes to me about what he heard, and in reply I told him what I had said, and he then sends a committee to me and I told them what I wrote to Rev. Thacker. They asked if I would retract and I told them no. They said a trial was necessary and never did make an effort to see if my remark was true or false that I knew of. But in our correspondence Rev. Thacker asked if I would retract and apologize and I replied if he would show an instance where the South Carolina Conference had authorized him to sell the minutes I would retract and apologize but he could not show it. Then he said he would have to defend the church.

STATE COLORED COLLEGE.

President Thomas E. Miller Makes His Report.

Thomas E. Miller, president of the South Carolina Normal and Industrial college, at Orangeburg, has submitted his twelfth annual report to the board of trustees. The reports show a total of 683 students. No deaths were reported during the past year, and health of the students has been good. The college farms has reduced well, and are sorely in need of fences and a pair of mules. The sum of \$1,500 is asked for fences, \$450 for mules, \$1,500 to furnish and equip the new laundry building; \$1,200 to finish 12 rooms in Bradham hall, and \$1,500 for the farm. This makes a total of \$6,100. This will be asked in addition to the annual appropriation of \$5,000.

In the report of the trustees, it is stated that there has been a deficit of \$4,000 to January, 1903, and the president and executive committee were obliged to secure bank advances on their personal and official names for the running expenses of the college, which will be for virtually six months, by the time the legislature meets. The hope is expressed that the general assembly will take some steps to obviate the necessity of this action in the future.

Give it a Trial.

There is no business that cannot be increased and benefited by advertising. No class of advertising pays as well as a well written newspaper ad. There is no work you can do that would bring you as great returns as to use thirty minutes each day in the study of advertising, if you are in business. Every merchant should advertise. It is a kind of standing invitation to the public that you would be glad to serve them. Give it a trial.

Some Big Turnips.

Mr. E. C. Hoover, manager of the poor farm, understands how to make good crops of vegetables and other things needed by the inmates of the poor house. We saw some turnips he raised that were about as fine as any we ever saw. Several of them averaged five and a half pounds each. They were of the cow horn and rutabaga variety. They were fine specimens and shows what can be done right here in the way of raising vegetables.

GLAD THEY ARE BACK

PRESIDING ELDER SMITH AND PASTOR DAVIS

Are Popular With the People in and About Bowman—Other News Items of Interest.

Bowman, Dec. 5.—Special: The Methodists of Bowman are well pleased at the reappearance of Rev. G. W. Davis as pastor of the Orangeburg Circuit. Rev. Davis is a strong preacher and has done good work on the Orangeburg Circuit. The fruits of the revival services which were held at the several churches some months ago, in which he was assisted by the Danner brothers, is still in evidence, and the prospects are bright for the accomplishment of a still greater spiritual harvest during the coming year.

There is also much gratification that Rev. Charlie Smith will continue to hold the reins of government as P. E. of the Orangeburg District. Rev. Smith has renewed many old acquaintances as well as made a number of new ones among the members of this district, and it is hoped that this coming year will be one in which the Holy Spirit will manifest itself in much power during the services held from time to time on the several charges of his work.

Merchants continue to send out and haul in old buggies, wagons, etc., closing out a number of lines here and there. The country is fast going from bad to worse in this respect, and unless there is a halt made and the credit system drawn in with much tighter lines, bankruptcy will stare many a lien merchant in the face a year hence.

JOHN VAUGHN, Jamison, S. C.

VERY SAD DEATH.

Mrs. George W. Fairley Passes Away After Short Illness.

The death of Mrs. Maud Fairley, the beloved wife of Mr. George W. Fairley, which occurred at their residence on Middleton street, about seven o'clock Friday evening, is one of peculiar sadness, and touches the deepest emotions of our hearts. The passing away of this lovely and beautiful young wife has brought great sorrow to large circle of friends and acquaintances, with whom she was very popular. Mrs. Fairley was formerly Miss Maud McKown. She was born in Capeville, Va., 26 years ago, but had been a resident of this city for seven years. Besides a husband and little daughter, the latter, only three weeks old, Mrs. Fairley is survived by a father and seven sisters, one of whom is Mrs. Elliott Rickenbaker, of this city. The funeral services were held at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon and were conducted by the Rev. Messrs. McGee and Holmes, of the Methodist and Episcopal churches, respectively. The remains were laid to rest in Sunnyside Cemetery. The sympathies of this community go out to the young husband, who has been so terribly bereaved.

DUNDEE.

GINNERS' ASSOCIATION REPORT.

Total Crop Estimated at More Than Twelve Million Bales.

In the annual report of the National Ginnners' Association, issued Sunday, the total number of bales of cotton ginned to December 1, is placed at 1,064,000, and the total crop for the season is estimated at 12,873,000 bales, exclusive of linters or repacks. The report by States follows:

Table with 3 columns: State, Amount Ginned, Total Crop. Rows include Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Kentucky.

East Lynne Tonight.

This evening at the Academy of Music will be seen of the greatest plays that has ever been presented to the theater going public of this country, "East Lynne." The play presents the story of a woman who loved and lost, and appeals to the heart of every man and woman. The play will be presented by a company of well known actors, and they have received favorable comment everywhere they have appeared. The play is one which always draws a large patronage. The prices tonight are from twenty-five to seventy-five cents.

Death of a Baby.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Hutto, of Norway, died on last Tuesday, aged four months. It was a sweet little bud, and has been transplanted to the home above, where it will await the coming of loved ones left behind. Mr. and Mrs. Hutto thank their friends for their kindness during the sickness of the little one.

Keeping Boys on Farm.

Do you talk with your boys about the business of the farm? Is your daughter satisfied? Is your home such a one as she can invite her young company to without being ashamed? Fathers and mothers, are you companionable with your sons and daughters, or must they sneak away from home in order to have an enjoyable time?

FOUR ECLIPSES NEXT YEAR.

The Calendar Presents Some Interesting Facts and Figures.

With the issue of the calendars for 1909, many of our people are studying the facts and figures of the tables, nothing among other things that there will be four eclipses next year. They will be equally divided between the sun and the moon. Three of the number, total eclipse of the sun, a total eclipse of moon, another eclipse of the moon, will be visible in this section, while the fourth, a partial eclipse of the sun; will not be visible in this country.

A total eclipse of the sun, which will occur on June 17, will be visible to the United States, with the exception of a small part of the Pacific States. A total eclipse of the moon is scheduled for November 26 and 27, which will be in the nature of a Thanksgiving offering.

A partial eclipse of the sun, December 12-13, will not be visible to the people of the United States, and a chance to see Old Sol partially hide his face will be denied us. The new almanac reveals a number of other interesting things. Among the number, New Year's Day falls on Friday. Washington's Birthday on Monday and July 4 on Sunday. Of course Monday will be utilized, but what is the Fourth of July without the 4th? Lee's birthday on Tuesday, Thanksgiving day will be Thursday (sure), November 25. Christmas day will be on Sunday and the little folks will have to keep quiet when they see what Santa Claus has brought.

Labor Day of course will be on a Monday, and the date will be September 6. Memorial Day will be on Monday. The superstitious ones will have an easy time next year, as only one Friday will be on the 13th. This unfortunate month is poor August. There will be several narrow escapes, however, as many thirties are Thursday and Saturday.

WHY SUFFER?

Breathe Hyomei and Kill the Loathsome Catarrh Germ.

Just as long as you have catarrh your nose will itch, your breath will be foul, you will hawk and spit, and you will do other disgusting things because you can't help yourself. The germs of catarrh have got you in their power; they are continually and persistently digging into and irritating the mucous membrane of your nose and throat. They are now making your life miserable; in time they will sap your entire system of its energy, its strength, its vigor and vitality. But there is one remedy that will kill the germs and cure catarrh, and that is Hyomei, the Australian dry air treatment.

The J. G. Wannamaker Mfg. Co., the druggists, will guarantee Hyomei to cure catarrh, or money back. Don't delay this pleasant antiseptic treatment. Breathe in Hyomei and kill the germs.

Little Things Worth Knowing.

A glass of hot water before breakfast is a cleanser and tonic for the entire system. For an oily, greasy skin, squeeze half a lemon into the water; drink without adding sugar. Olive oil, taken internally, is excellent for biliousness, and with a little much to improve a yellow, pimply skin. Commence by taking a spoonful before breakfast and one at bedtime.

For the baggy appearance under the eyes, rub gently with the tips of the fingers dipped in alcohol. Afterward massage in the same way with cold cream.

When shampooing never rub the soap directly on the hair, as it gums and is almost impossible to rub or rinse off. Always have the soap in some liquid form.

For a soft painful corn try the old-fashioned remedy of binding it nightly in common baking soap moistened with a little water. The most stubborn and painful corns will disappear after three weeks of this treatment.

Bushy, irregular eyebrows should be brushed lightly with a camel's-hair brush dipped in olive oil. The same treatment is good for stiff and harsh eyebrows, and is said to make them grow.

In massaging wrinkles use the tips of the fingers and thumb, always working across the line; never follow the lines of the creases. Hot water, if taken a cupful on rising and another when going to bed, will help to reduce the weight of a stout person. Cold water unless taken with meals, will not increase flesh, but has a tendency to harden and make it firmer.

A pallid skin indicates an anemic condition of the blood, the lack of the red corpuscles; a good iron tonic is a necessity to improve such a complexion. We, none of us, eat as much fruit as we should, and if grapes and apples were always substituted for heavy puddings and pies most of the beauty culturists would have to retire from business. While drinking these juices of course, so much water could not and need not be taken.

Repairing Run Down Soil.

Clover and the legumes will not restore an old and run down soil unless they are supplemented by manure or fertilizers. A well managed system of dairy farming where everything grows on the farm is fed out is the best and will produce more good manure than any other system of farming adapted to a large portion of the country.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

PICKED UP ALL ABOUT BY OUR REPORTERS.

What Is Happening in the Country as Well as in the Cities and Towns.

There was big crowd in town yesterday. The usual amount of horse swapping was indulged in yesterday. Mr. Dennis Gilmore, of Holly Hill, spent Sunday and Monday with Mr. J. L. Sims.

Yesterday was a sloppy day, but it did not keep people from moving about the streets freely. The weather is very changeable, but it will settle down to steady business after Christmas.

Settle up your paper as soon as you can. We need the money to pay our honest debts.

The Hon. Samuel Dibble and Col. W. G. Smith left last evening for Washington to attend the Southern Commercial Congress.

The members of the police force have appeared in their new helmets and uniforms, and they present a handsome appearance. The city is having some good permanent work done on Amelia street. When finished it will start, and save the taxpayers money.

All the land sales made here yesterday amounted to some \$38,000. The lands did not sell as high as they did some time ago.

A tenant house on the farm of Mrs. W. W. Taylor, just outside the limits of the city on the Bull Swamp road, was destroyed by fire about five o'clock on Friday morning.

The Walsn Directory Publishing Company, of Charleston, S. C., has six men in town getting up data for the new city directory, which will be published early in the New Year.

The Majestic Mfg. Co., of St. Louis, Mo., has a man at M. O. Dantzer's store this week, showing the Majestic Range in actual operation, baking and serving biscuits to the large crowds.

It costs considerable money to get up a city directory, and the merchants are earnestly requested to help out the publishers by taking advertising space in the directory that is to be issued soon.

Mr. Taft might save himself a lot of worry if he would let the newspapers choose his cabinet for him. They are evidently willing to do it, but the trouble is, that no two lists of appointees exactly agree.

Messrs J. J. and W. A. Snow, of Charleston, representing the Peruvian Guano Corporation, gave us a call yesterday. Mr. W. A. Snow will reside here permanently to represent the Corporation and distribute its goods among the farmers.

We are asked as to the origin of the saying, "He isn't in it." It was first used by an editor who died and went to heaven and looked around for the man who took his paper three years and left it in the postoffice marked "refused."

"East Lynne," a noteworthy production by a company of well-known players will be presented at the Academy of Music tonight. "East Lynne" is a great moral drama, and should be played to a packed house in Orangeburg.

Rev. L. P. McGee, who was returned to St. Paul by the Conference, was greeted Sunday morning by a large congregation to whom he preached a splendid sermon. Mr. McGee and his congregation are looking forward to a prosperous and profitable year.

We agree entirely with the Orangeburg correspondent of The News and Courier that this county's liquor affairs are in the hands of honest and capable men, who pay close attention to every detail of the business, thereby saving many dollars to the taxpayers.

The other day a man happened to stroll into a store where they didn't advertise, and was looking around among the relics of ancient days stored there, when he ran across a man who was wanted on a charge of murder, and who had remained safely hidden there for years.

Men sometimes broach the subject of saving to their wives. It is recorded that once upon a time, one said, "My dear, we'll have to be more economical." And she replied, "Yes, let's smoke less tobacco;" and that ended the conversation, but did not begin the economy.

Kolt Cummings in a buggy and Col. D. Weston Stuber in a buggy collided on Russell street and the Colonel's buggy was turned over, bruising him a little and hurting his hand. We did not learn how the accident happened. The Colonel was driving his pair of ponies.

The alarm of fire on Saturday morning about nine o'clock was caused by the burning of some oil that a girl was using to start a fire in a stove in the building next to the house of the East End Real Company on Railroad Avenue, and it might have been a serious fire.

The new police uniforms are a credit to the city as well as to the Gent's Clothing Company, who furnished them. The uniforms are equal in appearance to any used in the larger cities. The Gent's Clothing Company handle the very best in their line. Give them a call, and be convinced.

The Three-Times-a-Week Times and Democrat was discussed on all sides Monday. Several gentlemen said they would warmly welcome it. From the complimentary remarks made to us about the proposed change we expect it to run up our list of subscribers to three thousand in a short time.