

RE-ELECT KIRVEN FOR THIRD TERM

STATE FAIR SOCIETY HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTS OFFICERS.

REPORTS ARE ENCOURAGING

History of the Organization has Been Compiled and Published.—Several Vacancies Filled.

Columbia.—J. N. Kirven, who has been directing the leadership of the State Agricultural and Mechanical society into progressive channels during the last two years, was unanimously reelected president of this organization. A. B. Langley of Columbia, member of the executive committee from the Seventh congressional district, was made vice president to succeed Ben F. Taylor, who asked that his name be not considered for this office. S. J. Summers, M. D., of St. Matthews was made a member of the executive committee from the Seventh congressional district to fill the vacancy created by the promotion of Mr. Langley. The secretary and treasurer will be elected by the executive committee at its midyear meeting next February. The remaining six members of the executive committee were retained. These are:

First district, Benjamin McInnis, M. D., Charleston; Second, R. B. Watson, Ridge Spring; Third, T. J. Kinard, Ninety-Six; Fourth, John D. W. Watts, Laurens; Fifth, B. H. Boykin, Boykin; Sixth, Bright Williamson, Darlington.

At the outset Mr. Kirven explained that the fair just now was "in the best condition financially and otherwise it had ever been," adding, "And we now have on the best fair we have ever held." In substantiation of his claims, a comparison of the attendance records of one year ago with those of this season was made. "The attendance last year was the largest we ever had. On Monday of the present fair the figures exceeded those of the corresponding day of last year by 28 per cent; Tuesday they were 11 per cent in excess of that day one year ago; while Wednesday they were 80 per cent."

Another interesting feature of the annual meeting was the report of the committee, appointed several years ago, to prepare and publish a complete history of the society. W. A. Clark, chairman of the committee, explained that 300 copies of this 330 page history had been issued from the presses and were now being distributed. Collaborators with Mr. Clark in the task of providing a permanent record of the society were W. G. Hinson of James Island and D. P. Duncan of Union.

In assembling data necessary for the publication of the volume, the committee has collected copies of able addresses on agricultural subjects in ante-bellum days. The society desires to preserve these also and an appropriation of \$50 was ordered to defray clerical expenses in pressing this work.

Thirteen life members elected were: G. S. Boynton, Clire; M. S. Whaley, H. E. B. Jervis, E. L. Smith and M. H. Wyman, Columbia; H. D. Jordan, Ridge Spring; S. J. Derrick, Newberry; J. P. Kilgo, Darlington; A. S. Smoak, St. Matthews; G. Gardner, Hartsville; A. Hart Kohn, Columbia; J. W. Razor, Donalds, and Dr. Jacobs, Newberry.

Barringer Heads Mayors.

Columbia.—W. R. Barringer of Florence was elected president of the South Carolina Mayors' association. The next meeting will be held in Charleston, at a time to be designated by the executive committee.

Mayor T. T. Hay? could not remain for the second day of the convention.

He left a letter to the mayors, expressing his regrets that he must leave, and extending to the association a hearty invitation to meet next in the city by the sea. On motion of Mayor Barringer the acceptance was unanimous.

Architects in Session.

Columbia.—The South Carolina Association of Architects was merged with the South Carolina chapter of the American Institute of Architects. This makes the South Carolina chapter of the American Institute of Architects the largest in the south. E. D. Sompayrac was elected president; D. C. Barbot of Charleston, vice president; N. G. Walker of Rock Hill, secretary-treasurer, and the executive committee will consist of these officers and A. W. Todd of Charleston and George E. LeFaye of Columbia.

KORBER TO SUCCEED AS AUSTRIAN PREMIER.

Vienna, via London.—It may be accepted as certain that Dr. von Koerber, now Austrian Hungarian minister of finance, will succeed the late Count Karl Stuerghk as premier. Dr. von Koerber was received by the emperor and went to Budapest to confer with Count Tisa. Should Dr. von Koerber accept, his successor in the financial ministry probably will be Dr. von Spitzweller, now minister of commerce.

WATSON REVIEWS TOBACCO SEASON

SMALLEST CROP BROUGHT LARGEST CASH RECEIPTS.—MARKETS.

PALMETTO CAPITOL NEWS

General News of South Carolina Collected and Condensed From The State Capital That Will Prove of Interest to All Our Readers.

Columbia. The state department of agriculture, commerce and industries made public the annual report for the year 1915 on the number of pounds of tobacco grown and marketed in this state. In speaking of the result of the 1915 tobacco season, Commissioner Watson said:

"The department, under the law, began to keep records of the tobacco crop in 1909. That year very nearly 28,000,000 pounds of tobacco were raised, but the price was low, and it brought but little over \$2,250,000. The two following years the crop decreased very considerably in both volume and amount of money produced. Then for four years consecutively the volume of the crop steadily increased, until the maximum was reached in 1914, the year the war broke out.

The preceding year a smaller crop had sold at 12.77 cents per pound, bringing to the farmers \$4,584,000, the greatest amount ever received from the tobacco crop in this state. In 1914 the price fell, and while people still planted tobacco, and raised a big crop, the amount received from it was only \$2,765,372. The price having fallen to the lowest figure recorded since 1909, 7.02 cents per pound, the total number of pounds raised last year was 37,995,284.

"This year, with a crop of only 20,079,993 pounds, the smallest crop with the exception of those of 1910 and 1911, the price went to a higher figure than ever before, 14.11 cents, and has brought to the farmers \$2,813,448.87. This year the crop was marketed early and there were no October sales at all.

"During the season 22 markets were operated. Lake City led in the number of pounds marketed, with Mullins a close second, but Mullins led all the markets of the state by very nearly \$100,000 in the amount received from the sale of tobacco. Lake City coming second and Timmonsville third."

Phosphate Rock Show Decrease. Special from Washington.—The United States geological survey made public operations in the phosphate industry during the year 1915 in the United States.

Phosphate rock marketed in the United States in 1915 amounted to 1,825,667 long tons valued at \$5,413,449. Compared with the production in 1914, which was 2,734,043 long tons, valued at \$9,608,041, this was a decrease of 893,376 long tons, or nearly 33 per cent, and in value \$4,194,592, or nearly 44 per cent.

County Agents are Busy.

Fairfield County.—One farmer sold \$475 worth of bur clover seed and will make a bale of cotton to the acre on the same land. Orders placed for over 3,700 pounds of crimson clover seed to go on 65 different farms.

Engine Kills Little Child.

Charleston.—Report has been received here of a distressing accident at Rutlin, near Waterboro, where an Atlantic Coast Line engine run over and killed the 2 1/2 year old son of the Rev. J. B. Bell of Bethel circuit. The child ran upon the tracks, falling under a moving engine. A fireman made a heroic but vain effort to rescue the child, narrowly escaping injury to himself. Although living several hours after the accident, the little fellow, horribly mangled, had no chance for recovery.

San Antonio, Texas.—More than a million dollars has been made available by the War Department for providing winter quarters for troops on the border.

Southern department headquarters was advised to this effect and ordered to proceed with work at once. Contingents are to be erected for troops of the regular army engaged in border duty and provision has been made for framing and flooring the tents of national guard troops.

SINK 11 STEAMERS IN ENGLISH CHANNEL

GERMAN TORPEDO BOAT SQUADRON STAGE RAID.—DO MUCH DAMAGE.

RETURN SAFELY TO BASE

Fleetilla Reaches German Waters After a Raid Through the Straits of Dover in the Line Folkestone, Boulogne in English Channel.

Berlin, via London.—At least 11 out-post steamers and two or three torpedo boat destroyers or torpedo-boats were sunk or damaged by a German torpedo-boat squadron in the English Channel between Folkestone and Boulogne, according to an official communication issued here.

The communication says: "Parts of our torpedo forces moved from a German base Thursday night, through the straits of Dover and Calais to the line of Folkestone-Boulogne, in the English Channel.

"According to the report of Commander Michelsen at least 11 out-post steamers and two or three torpedo-boats were sunk, partially or totally, near hostile ports. Some members of the crews who were saved were captured.

"Several other guarding vessels and at least two destroyers were heavily damaged by torpedoes and artillery fire. Also the English post steamer Queen was sunk south of Folkestone, the crew having time to leave the ship.

"In the channel near the Farnel Lightship there was a striking action by German torpedo boats. "Our torpedo-boats safely returned to German waters without any loss."

FORCE OF 11,000 TROOPS NOW GARRISON CHIHUAHUA CITY.

Five Aeroplanes and Two Aviators Ready For Use Against Villa.—Railroad Bridges and Tracks Torn Up by Bandits.

El Paso, Texas.—Chihuahua City is now garrisoned by a force of 11,000 men, according to a Carranza official who arrived here from that city. He said General Maycotte recently arrived at Chihuahua City from Torreon bringing five aeroplanes, two English aviators and a force of Carranza troops for use against Villa.

An ore train was burned, railroad bridges were destroyed and the track of the Mexican Central Railroad cut by bandits near Artis.

The American also brought a report that Villa's troops were planning to attack Parral, Jimenez, Santa Rosalia and Torreon soon.

Bandits under the command of Villa are operating trains on the western division of the Mexico Northern Railroad, between Santa Ysabel and San Antonio, a report received by government agents here stated. Villa, according to the same source, now has approximately 4,000 men, some of whom are not armed.

LETTERS MAY GO BY AIR. NEW YORK TO CHICAGO.

Buffalo, N. Y.—The United States Army, Navy and Postoffice Departments are vitally interested in a proposed non-stop mail-carrying flight between Chicago and New York to be attempted by Victor Carlstrom, American aerial pathfinder.

The Army and Navy Departments will take official cognizance of the flight because Carlstrom will use a Curtiss biplane like those being tried out by the Army aerial corps.

LIQUOR ADS IN PAPERS SOLD AGENTS FINED.

Jackson, Miss.—Two local news agents, charged with selling copies of a Chicago newspaper containing a liquor advertisement were fined \$50 each by the police judge here, but the fines were remitted on the promise of the agent that in the future they would delete such advertisements before offering the papers for sale.

VILLA GETTING ARMS FROM U. S. IS CLAIM.

Atlantic City, N. J.—Reports that arms and ammunition had been smuggled into Mexico from the United States and assistance of the Mexican representatives that the United States Government take steps to check the assistance they declare Villa and other bandits are receiving from persons on this side of the border featured the discussions of the Mexican-American Joint Commission at the close of the month's conference.

\$1,000,000 TO PREPARE TROOPS CAMPS IN WINTER.

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TO STUDY VITAL PROBLEMS

Southern Commercial Congress Is Called to Meet in Norfolk December 11-14, by E. J. Watson.

Columbia.—E. J. Watson, president of the National Association of Commissioners of Agriculture, has called a general conference of the members to be held in Norfolk, December 11-14, during the convention of the Southern Commercial Congress.

Mr. Watson, in making the call, said to the members: "I have the pleasure to announce to you that the Southern Commercial congress, which is to hold its eighth annual convention in the city of Norfolk, Va., on December 11-14, has suggested to our association the advisability of holding a conference of the members of our association at Norfolk during this convention.

"It is the purpose of the gathering in Norfolk to devote its sessions to the practical consideration of vital questions relating to agriculture and education, and the industries, to commerce, and most particularly to an interpretation of the relation of the United States economically to international reconstruction and readjustment, following the close of the world war. It is the general purpose to review existing conditions as brought about by the world war situation and to endeavor to outline a program that will meet the demands of the future.

"The suggestion having appealed to me most strongly, particularly in view of the fact that present-day conditions are thoroughly abnormal, and readjustments will be forced, I have deemed it wise and timely that such an informal conference be held. While this is not intended to call a regular meeting of our association, I do hereby call a general conference of the members of our association, for the purpose of discussing these things among ourselves, and participating in the general sessions dealing with the general subject. In doing so, I wish to earnestly impress the hope that each one of you will make every possible endeavor to be in Norfolk in attendance upon this general conference, which will be held on the afternoon of December 11, and also of participating in the general sessions covering the four day period indicated above."

Cooper to Be Candidate. Columbia.—Robert A. Cooper of Laurens, after an informal conference with personal friends, announced that he was in the race for the Democratic nomination for governor in 1918.

Mr. Cooper's announcement aroused much interest in political circles. Numbers of people from various parts of the state, after his decision became known, called on him and assured him of support.

Mr. Cooper is well known throughout the state. He has served as solicitor of the Eighth circuit for 12 years and prior to his election to that office he represented Laurens county in the general assembly.

Mr. Cooper was in the race for governor in 1914 and came within a few votes of getting in the second race. He ran again this year and polled over 30,000 votes. Mr. Cooper is a splendid speaker and has a large personal following. He stands for all that is progressive in the democracy of South Carolina.

Some of Mr. Cooper's friends are planning for a big rally some time in the spring in Columbia, when plans will likely be laid to begin an active campaign for him.

SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS ITEMS.

G. B. Wingard of Lexington again this year received first premium for the individual fair exhibit at the state fair. This is the third year in succession that this prize of \$125 has been awarded to Mr. Wingard.

Griffith T. Pugh was unanimously elected president of Columbia college, at a meeting of the trustees.

South Carolina Wesley Bible Class federation will meet in Columbia with Washington Street Methodist Episcopal church, South, about April 1, 1917.

Earle Harris, son of W. D. Harris, plunged into 30 feet of water and saved Charles Purcell from drowning at Neal Shoals.

Work on the 28 foot channel up the Cooper river to Charleston to the navy yard will start shortly, as a big dredge belonging to the contracting company, has arrived to commence the digging task.

The 31st annual session of the Woman's Synodical Missionary society met at Johnston last week.

Enterprises having an aggregate of capital stock of \$278,000 were authorized by the secretary of state one day last week.

The campaign in Spartanburg to raise \$5,000 for Woford college resulted in \$14,248 being raised the first day.

The 16th anniversary of the Columbia Bible society, organized simultaneously with the American Bible society, was celebrated October 22d in the auditorium of the First Baptist church.

Laurens County.—Cotton planted June 2 after crimson clover was better than cotton planted two weeks earlier on which a side dressing of 10 pounds of nitrate of soda was used. Orders have been placed for over 12 tons of clover seed.

Some idea of the varied work that the county farm demonstration agents are doing in the various sections of the state may be gained from the following brief summary of activities in half a dozen counties as reported by Clemson college:

W. W. MOORE



W. W. Moore, adjutant general, attended the national rifle matches at Citadel class, which represented South Carolina finished in Class A.

Hall Appointed Cotton Breeder. An important step in the campaign by Clemson college and the farm demonstration forces to combat the boll weevil was taken, with the announcement that E. H. Hall, farm demonstrator for Richland county, had been named to devote his entire time to cotton breeding work. The announcement of the appointment was made after a conference between W. W. Long, state farm demonstration agent, and Bradford Knapp, head of the United States farm demonstration work in the south.

CATTLE AWARDS AT STATE FAIR.

The following awards have been made in the cattle department of the state fair:

Ayrshires. Bull three years old and over: First prize \$30, S. V. Skinner, Oxford, N. Y.; second \$10, T. J. Kinard, Ninety-Six. Bull two years old and under three: First prize \$15, S. V. Skinner, Oxford, N. Y.; second J. D. W. Watts, Laurens. Bull senior yearling: First prize \$10, S. V. Skinner; second \$7, J. D. W. Watts. Bull junior calf: First prize \$7, S. V. Skinner. Cow three years old and over: First prize \$15, T. J. Kinard; second \$10, S. V. Skinner. Cow two years old and under three: First and second prizes \$15 and \$10, S. V. Skinner. Heifer senior yearling: First prize \$10, S. V. Skinner; second \$7, J. D. W. Watts. Heifer junior calf: First prize \$7, S. V. Skinner. Graded herd: First prize \$25, S. V. Skinner. Breeder's young herd: First prize \$15, S. V. Skinner.

PROMINENT RAILROAD FINANCIER DEAD.

Chicago.—Charles Wilcox Hotchkiss well known in financial and railroad circles is dead at Battle Creek, Mich., of organic heart disease. He was 53 years old. He was chairman of the board of directors of the Virginian Railroad.

NORTH CAROLINA CAVALRYMAN KILLED.

El Paso, Texas.—Private Lee Furtie of Troop A North Carolina Cavalry, was killed in his tent while writing a letter, by the accidental discharge of his pistol. He enlisted at Mount Island, N. C.

M. E. CHURCH SOUTH NOT TO BARGAIN AWAY INHERITANCES.

Atlanta.—The Bishops of Southern Methodist Episcopal church, in view of some things that have been said and repeated on public platforms and public prints, have issued a statement setting forth positive and emphatic their position on the question of inheritance, in which they declared that "we are not ready to bargain away any of the great inheritances and glowing memories of other years for any consideration."

At a very enthusiastic good roads meeting held in McCormick there were gathered about 200 men, representing the bankers, the merchants and the farmers of the county.

Twenty-one farmers of Privateer township, here, wanted a Farm Loan Association and will make application for \$91,000.

The State Chamber of Commerce, through the efforts of Congressman A. F. Lever has finally succeeded in securing an expert and disinterested government cotton grader for the Sumter cotton market for a part of the 1916 cotton selling season.

RUMANIANS FALL BACK FROM DANUBE

TEUTONIC ALLIES CROSSING DANUBE ON MANY PONTOON BRIDGES.

FRENCH GAINING IN SOMME

On the Transylvania Front the Russians and Rumanians are Apparently Operating Successfully Against the Teutonic Allies.

London.—Aside from the continued progress of the Teutonic Allies in the Dobruja region of Rumania and fresh gains by the French and British in the Somme region of France, there is little if any change in the situation in any of the various theaters of the war. The Rumanians and Russians in Dobruja are still in retreat before the German, Bulgarian and Turkish troops who are now endeavoring to make their way across the Danube at various points on pontoon bridges, according to the Sofia War Office.

On the Transylvania front the Russians and Rumanians apparently are operating successfully against the Teutonic Allies near the junction of Bukovina, Transylvania and Rumania, and to the south near Campulung and in the Jiu Valley have gained successes over them. In the fighting in the Jiu Valley the Rumanians are declared by Bucharest to have captured two Howitzer batteries which latter were turned against the Austro-Germans. According to Berlin the Teutons have made additional gains south of Kronstadt and in the direction of Campulung.

Following up their advantage of Saturday the British captured another German trench Sunday northeast of Les Boeufs in the Somme region.

BORDER CONTROL CHARGES DENIED; INCIDENT CLOSED.

Administration Officials Relieved to Receive News; Alleged Author of Criticism Says He Did Not Authorize Statement.

Washington.—What promised to be a new source of serious friction between the United States and the de facto government of Mexico apparently was cleared away through formal repudiation by Eliseo Arredondo, Mexican Ambassador designate, of a statement issued here under the name of Luis Cabrera, assailing the American government for permitting aid to reach Villa and other bandits from its side of the border. Mr. Arredondo went to the state department with the explanation that he statement was put out by an employee of the Mexican news bureau, he de facto government's semi-official publicity agency, without the knowledge or consent of either the Embassy or Mr. Cabrera. This was accepted by the department and the incident was closed.

INVASION OF BRITISH ISLES IS POSSIBLE.

London.—Field Marshal Viscount French, commander-in-chief of the armies in the United Kingdom, addressing the volunteers at Derby, said that an invasion of the British Isles was not a mere possibility, but a possibility. This they must be prepared to meet.

HEGGEROW SYSTEM PERMITS PLENTY OF SUNLIGHT TO GET AT THE PLANTS.

are the most productive and have the longest fruiting season. As a rule, varieties that have the most vigorous and healthy foliage are the most productive, while those with a weaker growth of foliage and a greater susceptibility to leaf blight are usually more prolific.

Winter protection may be dispensed with upon well-drained sandy soils, but appears to be a necessity upon heavier ones.

Lost Liners.

It seems incredible that a ship could utterly vanish, but that such an occurrence is possible is shown by the long list of liners that have been lost with all hands in the wide Atlantic. There was the President, with 136 souls on board, which utterly vanished in 1841; then the City of Glasgow, with her 480 passengers and crew, which disappeared without trace in 1854; and two years later the Pacific, which sailed from Liverpool with 240 aboard and was nevermore heard of. The Tempest, another big liner, vanished in 1859, the City of Boston in 1870, the Huronian in 1902, the Waratah six years ago, and of the fate that befell them the world has never yet gained tidings and probably never will.

How to Sharpen Razors.

Cutters have certain rules for sharpening razors, pocket knives, etc. "A razor," said one of the craft, "must be laid flat on the hone, because it is held flat on the hone, and requires a fine edge. But a pocket knife requires a stiff edge, and the moment you lay it flat on a stone, so as to touch the polished side, you injure the edge. It must be held at an angle of 20 to 25 degrees and have an edge similar to a chisel."

Worth Careful Thought

Do you read the label to know whether your baking powder is made from cream of tartar or, on the other hand, from alum or phosphate?

Royal Baking Powder is made from cream of tartar, derived from grapes, and adds to the food only wholesome qualities.

Other baking powders contain alum or phosphate, both of mineral origin, and used as substitutes for cream of tartar because of their cheapness.

Never sacrifice quality and health for low price.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO. New York

ORCHARD TOPICS

GOOD HINTS ON STRAWBERRY

Most Profitable Varieties are Those Not Influenced by Differences in Soil and Climate.

Professor Laszby gives the following summary of essential points to be kept in mind:

The most profitable varieties for the commercial grower are those not easily influenced by differences of soil and climate. Those which succeed well on wide areas are usually better than those which have a mere local reputation.

Pistillate varieties when properly fertilized are more productive than the sorts with perfect flowers. The value of a variety for fertilizing pistillate flowers does not depend so much upon the amount as upon the potency of the pollen.

The flowers of pistillate varieties are less liable to be injured by frost than the flowers of perfect varieties. Varieties that are neither very early nor very late in point of maturity

are the best plan is to have a box containing salt where the animals can get to it whenever they so desire. Either fine salt or rock salt can be used, although we prefer the latter.

A Dainty Touch.

"And her mean husband thinks she's extravagant." "Why?" "Just because she insists on having Fido's monogram stamped on his dog biscuit."

Activities of Women.

Great Britain has 17 women who are peacemakers in their own right. One hour for lunch each day must be allowed all women workers in New York state.

Barnard college girls have taken up jiu jitsu, the ancient sport and defense used in Japan. An army school of cookery, at which women instruct, has been inaugurated for the training of military cooks who will serve at the front with the British army, and already 13 women are engaged in this work.

Miss Hoyt Skinner of Georgia has been appointed by the department of agriculture to demonstrate farming to women of the South. Sophie L. Burke of Detroit has given \$25,000 for the establishment of a home for the reclamation of children with criminal tendencies.

Making Paper From Grass.

The department of agriculture is experimenting with wire grass as a source of supply for pulp in making paper. It is reported that the resultant paper has proved thoroughly satisfactory, but that more bleaching powder must be used than in the case of poplar stock.

Mother's Sculpture.

Auguste Rodin, the sculptor, who has given all his art works to France, is an admirer of Isadora Duncan's classical dancing. One day, several years ago, when he was calling on the dancer in her Paris home, her little girl climbed familiarly on the master's knees. M. Rodin took the child's tiny fingers in his large hand and gazed at them with deep interest. Then, turning with a smile to the mother, he said: "Madame, you are a great sculptor."

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