

TRUCK GROWERS REAP GOLDEN HARVEST.

Development of an Industry that is Pouring a Stream of Gold into the South. Dillon One of the Few Coast Towns that has Not Profited by the Industry while Other Sections Less Favored are Growing Rich. Plan to Organize a Local Association.

If there is anyone in this section who does not believe trucking pays all they will have to do to be convinced to the contrary is to spend a day in Dillon and look at the number of trains passing through every day laden with vegetables.

There was a time not many years ago when all the truck raised on the lines of the Atlantic Coast Line in South Carolina, Florida and Georgia was carried North in express cars attached to the regular trains, but the development of the industry was so rapid that extra express trains were put on. It was not long before the crop became so large that these extra trains could not handle it and then the railroad people began to move the crop with fast freight trains. Every day numbers of these long freight trains laden with all kinds of vegetables pass through Dillon and every time one touches the northern markets with its valuable consignment it starts a stream of gold flowing back to the south.

But still there are people who say that trucking does not pay. There are men living near Dillon who own small farms that produce barely enough cotton to provide the necessities of life for their families and just enough corn to keep a mule half fed the year round. Some of them were never known to have a surplus dollar but once in their lives and that was the year when cotton sold for 15 cents per pound. They are honest in the belief that cotton is the only money crop the south can produce because they are influenced in thought by the laws of heredity and not by the lesson of experience or observation.

But trucking does pay. If it didn't the men who started the industry years ago would today be bankrupt. But instead they are increasing their acreage from year to year and are accumulating comfortable fortunes. The tales of sudden wealth that come from trucking regions these days read like the stories of fabulous wealth that came from the gold fields of the west in the early 40's and while many of them may be exaggerations still there is enough truth behind it all to cause the ambitious man to sit up and think. When factories shut down and there comes a stringency in the money market the laboring man can do without an extra suit of clothes or an extra under garment, but the laws of nature force him to eat and it is seldom that "hard times or over-production force the price of food stuffs down to a point below the cost of production.

A dispatch recently sent out from Lake City says that string beans are bringing \$1.75 a crate. The crop in that section is unusually large and as the cost of production does not exceed 50 cents per crate it is readily seen that truckers in that section are reaping a golden harvest.

The soil of the Pee Dee section is peculiarly adapted to trucking and this country is destined to become the trucking center of the world. There could

be given scores of instances where men have grown comfortably rich growing fruits and vegetables, but to tell the story of their successes here would consume too much space. However, in order to show how rapidly the industry is developing in this section a letter from Cheraw to The News and Courier is submitted below:

"What was an industry, and an experiment, a few years ago in this section of the country, has grown into the full stature of its manhood. Three attempts, in as many distinct lines of produce, were made both to see if this soil was adapted to the wholesale raising of fruits and vegetables, and if they could be raised with a reasonable amount of profit, so far away from the great shipping centres. The verdict has been affirmative on both questions.

"Some miles south of here a man started with a small patch of dewberries a year ago. He now has ten acres, and is not only disposing of all his berries to good advantage, but is selling plants. He expects next year to ship berries in carload lots, with some of his neighbors engaged in the same line.

"A little north of here a man rented land at a yearly rental of \$11 per acre, for the purpose of raising melons for the market. Last year he sold nearly \$12,000 worth of melons, and bought the place. He is in the melon business still more extensively this year.

"Also to the north is a large peach orchard, owned by a stock company of Cheraw and Marlboro business men. They have been shipping peaches in carload lots for several years, as well as supplying the home market. They are now putting up a large canning factory to use up all their surplus stock.

"Now comes a man, under the direction of a New York commission house, who is looking for a tract of 250 acres, upon which he intends to put an expert planter, who will pay particular attention to melons, cucumbers and asparagus, with beans, tomatoes, lettuce and dew berries as side crops.

"One of our enterprising citizens across the river annually makes a crop in Florida, and then comes home and makes a second crop, much of which he ships back to Florida."

There are several reasons why The Herald would like to see the farmers of this section engaged in trucking, the main reason being that it turns a stream of gold into the community at a time of the year when money is badly needed. Another is that lands in this section have become so valuable that it is unprofitable to raise cotton on them at less than 10 cents per pound. Another is that it would give employment to hundreds of people who depend entirely upon cotton as a means of existence.

The Herald's plan is to organize a Trucker's Association, with a membership of not less than six progressive farmers. Let each member obligate to plant two acres of vegetables, divided into beans, lettuce, beets, Irish potatoes or such other vegetables as they may select, provided, however, that each member plants the same amount of a certain vegetable, plants them at certain periods designated by the Association and uses the same methods of culture in order that each crop will mature about the same time. This will enable the members of the Association to ship their truck in bulk, that is in car load lots, and thus save to each other a good portion of the profits that otherwise would be wasted in transportation charges. The Association can also elect its president and

treasurer and the selling of the entire crop can be delegated to one or more members of the Association. If the experiment is a failure no one loses any great amount of money, if it is such a success that it will encourage others to engage in the industry and make this section a trucking centre the Association will have done the community a great service and land owners will reap their reward in a wonderful increase in the value of their lands.

If anyone is interested in this plan to help their community by encouraging the trucking industry and is willing to join such an organization The Herald would be glad to have them send in their names or make any suggestions that will improve on the plan outlined above.

MEETING S. S. CONVENTION.

Marion, S. C., May 19th., 1909. The Dillon Herald, Dillon, S. C..

Dear Sir:-

The Twenty Seventh Interdenominational Sunday School Convention will be held at the Mullins Methodist Church on Thursday and Friday, June the twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth next. Under our Constitution and by laws, each Sunday school in each township elects delegates to a township convention, which meets at one of the churches in that township. The representation in the township and County Convention is arrived at as follows: The officers and teachers of Sabbath schools and ministers of the gospel are officio members of the Township and County Conventions. In addition, each Sunday school is entitled to one delegate to every twenty members or fractional part thereof in the County Convention.

As the time to organize is short, we suggest that each school elect delegates to the Township Convention on the first Sunday in June, and that the Township Convention be held on Friday the eighteenth of June. Of course, if a different time will suit better, either for electing delegates to the Township Convention, or for holding of the Township Convention, you will not follow our suggestion.

The Executive Committee has appointed one man in each Township to see that his township is thoroughly organized and the delegates elected to the Convention. The Committee appointed are as follows: Harleesville, R. P. Stackhouse, Carmichael, R. P. Hamer Jr; Manning, W. J. Carter, Betha, John D. Coleman; Kirby, C. G. Bruce; Wahee, B. F. Dill; Moody, D. M. Dew; Marion, William Stackhouse; Reaves, S. W. Smith; Hillsboro, R. K. Hayes; LeGette and Rowell, R. E. Smith; Brittons Neck and Woodbury, W. H. Thompson.

In naming the above committees, it was not the purpose of the Executive Committee to place the entire burden of organizing the township upon these gentlemen, but it was simply to have some man who would take charge of the matter and act as chairman of a committee to be chosen by each township? We expect you to co-operate with the gentlemen above named. We will furnish blanks upon which the reports from the schools and townships should be made. We will send these blanks to the committeemen above named, and you can get them by calling upon the committeeman appointed from your township. We want each township to be represented by a full delegation at the Convention to be held at Mullins, as it promises to be the most successful one in the history of the Association.

We are making efforts to have distinguished speakers from a distance to be present to address the Convention. We expect to travel out of the old beaten paths and give the people something new. Of course this means that some expense must be incurred, but the advantages to be derived are so great, and the amounts expected from each township are so small, that we confidently expect each township to respond promptly and cheerfully.

We suggest that the Treasurer from each township bring with

him the contribution of his township, and we think the following sums should be paid by the various townships, to wit: Marion Township, Twenty Dollars; Mullins, Fifteen Dollars; Reaves Fifteen Dollars; Manning, Fifteen Dollars; Harleesville, Ten Dollars Kirby, Sever; Collins; Hillsboro Seven Dollars; Carmichael, Seven Dollars. LeGette and Rowell, Five Dollars; Wahec, Three Dollars; Brittons Neck and Woodbury, Three Dollars.

Respectfully,
J. W. JOHNSON,
D. K. McDUFFIE,
R. J. BLACKWELL,
J. C. SELLERS,
J. D. McLUCAS,
E. C. EDWARDS,
Executive Committee.

Program of the Pee Dee Baptist Sunday School Association.

The Pee Dee Baptist Sunday School Association will convene in the Dillon Baptist Church May 28th. and 29th. There will be no Sunday service on account of the Graded School Commencement. The sessions of the Association will close with the service on Saturday evening. The following programs have been prepared:

FRIDAY MAY 29TH.
10.30 Devotional exercise.
10.45 Enrollment of delegates and organization.
11. Discussion: "The Development of the Sunday School Idea in the Bible," By G. T. Gresham and H. C. Brabham.
11.30. "Music in the Sunday School," By Dr. W. B. Oliver.

AFTERNOON SESSION.
3.30. Devotional exercises.
3.45 "The Sunday School as an Evangelizing Agency," By A. E. C. Pittman.

4.10 "The Sunday School as a Developing factor in the Mill Community," By W. C. Wallace.
EVENING SESSION.
8.30 "The Organized Sunday School," By B. K. Mason.
9. "Teacher Training," By R. Ford.

SATURDAY MORNING MAY 19TH.
10. Devotional exercises.
10.15 Address by Dr. E. W. Spillman, Field Sec. of the Sunday School Board.

10.45 "Constructive Geography in the Sunday School," By J. J. Douglas.
11.15 "Helps and their Use in the Sunday School," By J. A. Mason and J. I. Allen.

AFTERNOON SESSION.
3.30 Institute work by B. W. Spillman.
4. "The Practical Application of Modern Methods to the Sunday Schools of this Association."

EVENING SESSION.
8.30 Address, "Baptists in Sunday School History," By B. W. Spillman.
Music for the occasion will be furnished by the orchestra of the Florence Baptist Church.

Closing Exercises.

The commencement exercises will be held at the High School Auditorium, beginning on Sunday, May 30, with a sermon by Dr. S. C. Bird, president of Chicora college, Greenville, S. C.

On Monday evening, May 31, Prof. L. T. Baker, of the Department of Pedagogy, University of South Carolina, will deliver the annual commencement address.

The past year Mr. T. B. Stackhouse offered a medal for the best essay from the pupils of the Tenth grade of the Dillon school. Six pupils entered the contest for this medal and Mr. Stackhouse has been invited to be present on Monday evening to present this medal. This is the first medal that has ever been offered for anything since the school was established, and the recipient of this medal may justly feel some pride in winning this distinction.

There will be no graduating class this year, as the present eleventh grade had their class exercises last year, and the tenth grade will not graduate until they complete the eleventh year, as the eleventh grade has been permanently added to the High School course.

The last week of school will be given to final examinations.

ALBERT PRINCE EDWARDS.

Born May 27, 1846. Died May 13, 1909

Few men have attained to that high eminence which ennobles manhood and lifts them up as an object lesson to the world is an undeniable truth that God in his infinite wisdom in creating all things. His crowning act, His noblest work was shown when he made an honest man. Born and reared in Marion county his life was with people who knew him and honored him for rugged virtues. His scrupulous honesty and uncompromising adherence to truth, and to know the subject of this notice was to know a man in the truest sense of the word. As a friend, no one felt a keener interest in all who were worthy to be classed among his friends. Hypocrisy was a foreign element in his character, deception as a means to enrich himself, even the thought of such subterfuge was an insult to his noble nature. He died as he had lived, trusting Him who is mighty to save, ready and willing to be ushered into the presence of his Savior and his king. He was a consistent member of the Dillon M. E. church. He did more than pay his dues. His life was an open book and could be read of all men that he followed in the footsteps of his Master.

He was only sixteen years old when he took his father's place in the ranks of the 8th S. C. Regt., while Grant invested Petersburg, Va. Boy as he was he did a man's duty, when the end came and our Southland had rest from her baptism of blood, he with ex-sheriff Evans, tramped back, worn out but with brave unflinching heart to fight for existence, midst thieves and carpet-baggers. Mr. Edwards lived by farming; the last few years of his life he made Dillon his home. He married Miss Penny Rodberts she, one daughter, Mrs. Clyde Carmichael, and five grand children survive him. His last illness was long and his suffering was intense, yet, he bore it all without a murmur, ever thoughtful for those who ministered to him, insisting for them to leave him alone and rest. His Masonic brethren took charge of his remains and with all due honors laid him away in Mt. Holly cemetery. The long course that followed his remains to the grave was a merited tribute to his worth. M

Civic League Notes

At a recent meeting of the League it was decided to hold meetings monthly instead semi-weekly as heretofore. They will be held on the fourth Friday in each month at five o'clock in the town hall.

There will be a meeting of the League tomorrow (Friday) afternoon at five o'clock. Members are requested to be present.

It will be of interest to the public to know that in a short while an artesian well will be placed near the depot. Arrangements are now being made to begin work.

In a few weeks the League will have an entertainment in the form of "A Trip Around The World." The inhabitants of Dillon will have an opportunity of visiting foreign countries without traveling by water.

The mayor and council have promised to co-operate with the League in work that cannot be accomplished otherwise. We thank these gentlemen for their kindness.

The Herald also comes in for a share of our appreciation for the prominence it has given our League notes and the splendid work Mr. Jordan has done for us in his editorials.

Mrs. C. R. Taber, Secretary.

The Dillon Herald \$1.50 a year.

Homicide at Hamer.

News has been received in Dillon of a killing which occurred at Hamer Saturday. The principals were negro tramps who had been employed for several days at Mr. Kilgore's saw mill. The shooting occurred at the home of Mr. J. F. Graham where the negroes who were tramping on the railroad towards Rowland stopped to get a drink of water. The man who did the killing is Charlie Greer, said to be from Sumter, and according to letters found on his person by Magistrate McEachern the dead man is Henry Jones and hails from Georgetown. The negroes were strangers to each other until a few hours before the killing. Jones, it seems, had stolen a pistol from Greer and when the negroes stopped at Mr. Graham's house Greer suddenly caught Jones in the collar, accused him of the theft, pressed a pistol against his abdomen and fired. The bullet pierced the intestines and the negro died in 20 minutes. As the negro fell he exclaimed: "I put your pistol in yonder pile of crusties." When a search was made the missing weapon was found at the spot indicated. Greer fled immediately after the shooting and concealed himself in an abandoned shanty at Toler's saw mill. Mr. J. F. Martin who runs a store at Hamer learned of the negro's hiding place and Saturday night about 11 o'clock proceeded to the mill and placed the fugitive under arrest. Sunday the prisoner was carried to Marion and placed in jail. The dead negro was buried near Hamer Sunday afternoon by some members of his race.

Farmer Falls Dead as He Raises Gun to Shoot Automobile Party.

Saturday evening as Dr. and Mrs. T. E. McBrayer and children were returning from the country in an automobile, driven by a young man named Thompson, they were met by two farmers riding in a buggy. Thompson stopped his car and asked them to pass. This they refused to do, but each got out of the buggy, and while one held the mule the other man, whose name was John Walker, was in the act of leveling a gun at the party, when he fell to the ground in an unconscious condition, his death occurring within an hour.

In the meantime Dr. McBrayer did everything in his power to save his life. There seems to be much prejudice among the country people against the automobiles, and this man, from all appearances, must have been prepared for an emergency of this kind, as he had a gun and a box of cartridges in his buggy and there is no telling what the outcome would have been had he carried out his design.

An Empty Shell.

The marble slab before the door, suggestive of the last sad end, Memorial oft, of wealth and worth, The closing scene—last end of men.

We sought to learn the heroic dead, The epitaph revealed the news, And the tears from Brick's sad eyes, L. Cottingham was selling shoes.

Statement.

Of cotton from the churches of Kentyre, Pee Dee, and Hamer, for the years 1907 and 1908:

Total amount of seed cotton	10726
Seed cotton to Kentyre,	6264
" " " Pee Dee,	3599
" " " Hamer,	863
Total amount of lint cotton	3789
which was sold for 10.15)	
Making a total amount of	\$384.56
divided as follows.	

Kentyre	\$222.01
Pee Dee,	\$129.58
Hamer,	30.97
Hauling,	2.00
	\$384.56
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