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## ANOTHER BIG BLOW GIVEN KING COTTON

### Impetus Given to Diversified Farming Saturday.

### THREE SPEAKERS ADDRESSED MEETINGS

#### Growing of Alfalfa and Breeding of Cattle and Hogs Divided the Interest of the Assembled Farmers and Business Men at the Meeting Saturday.

Instructive and constructive are the words that best characterize the addresses made at the farmers meetings held in the court house Saturday. Prof. E. A. Spencer, of the Presbyterian college at Clinton, and Prof. R. L. DeShields, of Clemson college, spoke in the morning and Dr. W. W. Long, of Clemson college, spoke in the afternoon. Dr. Long was to have spoken at the morning meeting, but was detained out of town and did not arrive until too late to speak. One of the concrete results of the meeting was the decision to have one of the Clemson experts visit this county periodically to supervise the feeding of several carloads of cattle. Since it would be difficult to secure a sufficient number of young cattle in this county for feeding purposes, it was decided to have Mr. Long buy some at other points and ship here. He said that they could be bought for five cents a pound. Those who would like to cooperate with others in buying a carload were notified to advise Mr. John D. W. Watts, county demonstrator, either in person or by letter within ten days of Saturday's meeting. Quite a number have already entered their names for five head and more. The indications are that several hundred head of cattle will be fed in the county under Clemson supervision.

Prof. A. E. Spencer's address was devoted to impressions of his visit with other Clinton men to Rock Hill to view the Cherry alfalfa farms and to the information which he secured while there. After praising the hospitality of the Rock Hill citizens very highly he went into the details of his trip there. At the outset he said he was impressed with the fact that the advantages of soil and climate in the vicinity of Rock Hill were no better than in this county and that application of intelligent methods had made the difference in the prosperity of the two sections. Alfalfa, he noticed there was growing in small plots everywhere, even in the front yards of the city. The Cherry farm consists of 217 acres of alfalfa, in addition to other crops, and 50 acres will be seeded to alfalfa this year. He said that Mr. Cherry averaged five cuttings of alfalfa per year, with an average of a ton per acre at each cutting. The cured hay sold for \$18 to \$20 per ton, but that he expected to get even more, possibly \$40 per ton by erecting a corn mill and marketing the product to better advantage.

The cultivation of alfalfa requires constant attention. To secure a good stand, land is broken in the fall and planted in a cover crop, using two tons of lime. In the spring this is turned under and two more tons of lime are used. Then sow peas and cut before allowing to go to seed. In the fall of the year, break again and allow to settle and then disc both ways with a disc harrow. Allow it to stand a few days and then put in the alfalfa seed, using from 18 to 20 pounds of seed per acre. To secure results the seed must be inoculated, inoculation fluid being secured from the Washington government. This should be ordered early, as the demand generally exceeds the supply. The first year's crop will not be as large as succeeding years and ideal conditions require re-seeding about every ten years. The plant should not be allowed to go to seed under any condition. If weather conditions retard the growth of the plant, cut just before seeding whether it has attained to much growth or not, being careful not to cut low enough to reach the sprouts of the next crop underneath. Mr. Spencer said that it is not advisable to go into the cultivation of alfalfa on a large scale without previous experience. One or two acres is as much as a small farmer should plant at first and this might be increased from time to time to at least 15 acres, which is the ideal

## LAURENS FLOODED WITH BOOSTER SPIRITS

### Town Boosters from Columbia and Greenwood Met Here Thursday Noon.

The quiet serenity of our "little town" was delightfully broken into shortly after noon Thursday by the arrival in rapid succession of two "booster" crowds, the one from Greenwood and the other from Columbia, about one hundred enthusiastic and enterprising citizens being in each party. The Greenwood boosters came by automobile, arriving first and taking dinner at the Central restaurant where they had made advance arrangements. After refreshing themselves here they gathered on the court house plaza where their band gave a concert.

In the midst of the festivities, the sound of "brass and cymbals" on East Main street heralded the approach of the Columbia boosters, who had just arrived by special train. They came from the depot marching four abreast "diked up" in long linen duster coats and caps a la minstrel, making a rather striking appearance. They marched around the public square and gathered in front of the court house.

In the meantime, the hour had arrived for the Greenwood boosters to depart and, order from the "steering committee" rounding them in line, they moved out of the square and down our beautifully paved South Harper street in impressive style.

The Greenwood boosters having gone, attention was again directed to the genial Columbians, who first entertained with vocal selection by a lively and accomplished quartet. Dr. H. K. Aiken then took a position on the court house steps and welcomed the boosters to Laurens, expressing the hope that the visit would result in mutual benefit to the two sister cities. The meeting was then turned over to the Columbians and several addresses were made, one by Mr. A. W. Langley, another by John W. Lillard and another by D. E. Efrd, secretary of the state fair. The first two dwelt at length upon the slogan of the booster party, "Carolina First", telling of the great era of prosperity which is dawning upon the state and urging a better understanding and a community of effort between the different cities of the state in order that the fullest benefit might be derived from its wonderful resources. They invited the Laurens people to trade in Columbia when the local stores are unable to supply their needs. Mr. Efrd addressed himself to the subject of the state fair and harvest jubilee, urging everyone to attend and help in making both a success.

It seems that the Columbia boosters were expecting to have dinner here also, but as none of the local caterers were definitely advised in advance whether or not to expect them or how many to prepare for, no preparations had been made for them. However, by scattering about among the different restaurants and the hotel most of them secured meals, though they hardly fared as well as the Greenwood boosters who had made advance arrangements.

The capital city contingent left Laurens about 3 o'clock via the C., N. & L., making several stops on the return trip. Judging from the newspaper reports the following day, they considered their trip to the Piedmont a great success.

Best planting time, though it may be planted later. Mr. Spencer also told of the co-operative spirit existing among the Rock Hill farmers. As one instance of the benefits derived from co-operation, he told of the purchase of lime at \$2.25 a ton which had previously cost \$3.25. Mr. Spencer runs a small dairy of about ten cows and spoke highly of alfalfa as a cattle feed. His address was given close attention.

Prof. DeShields spoke on live stock. He said that the discussion of alfalfa and live stock went hand in hand, as each contributed to the success of the other and both contributed to the solution of the south's great problem, increasing the fertility of the soil. Alfalfa is needed to feed the stock, and stock is needed to enrich the land. He said that the most progressive agricultural sections were those where the live stock industry is most developed. Prof. DeShields said that he had already seen the live stock industry advance far enough in this state to prove to him conclusively that this section is adapted to it. The imperative need, though, is to get rid of the scrub stock (Continued on Page Eight.)

## ARE YOU INTERESTED?

### Lyceum Course may be Had in Laurens This Winter if Sufficient Interest is Manifested.

Announcement was made several weeks ago that a lyceum course would be put on in Laurens this winter provided enough tickets could be sold to guarantee the expenses. A partial canvass of the city was made several days after this announcement, but the solicitors did not meet with enough success to warrant them in continuing the canvass at that time.

The course which has been tentatively selected for this city is one of the best that the lyceum company had to offer. In fact, several of the selections were the highest priced attractions that they had to offer, attractions that will appear in Greenville, Spartanburg and other larger cities. Two of them will be on the lyceum course at the Atlanta auditorium. There are three musical numbers and two lectures in addition to a lecture given under the auspices of the Carnegie Peace Foundation. A rescription of the different numbers here would require too much space, so it will not be attempted.

The promoters of the lyceum course are willing to make a further effort to secure the course provided they meet with encouragement. Those who have not yet been approached or who have not yet bought tickets are requested to telephone Mr. Allie Lee, at The Advertiser office, or Mr. L. G. Balle, at the Enterprise National Bank. Upon request, literature will be provided so that the course may be studied. It is not desired to sell the tickets over the telephone, unless the purchaser may wish, but the intention is to find out how much interest is felt in having the course. The price of a single ticket for the six numbers is \$2.50 and for a double ticket is \$4.00. Telephone today.

## AROUSING INTEREST IN COUNAY FAIR

### Officials were at Fairview Stock Show and Put in Good Work for the Laurens Fair.

With the increase in the price of cotton and the consequent optimistic spirit which is catching hold of the country, increased interest is being manifested in the annual county fair. From all corners of the county come reports from those who will send exhibits. Although the premium list has not been quite completed, the list will be as complete as last year and doubtless many numbers will be added. With the large increase in forage crops this year, the field crop department is expected to surpass that of any previous year.

Pres. Byrd, Gen. Manager Watts and Mr. W. R. McCuen attended the Fairview stock show last Friday and put in some good work for the Laurens fair. They received assurances from a number of Fairview exhibitors that they would send entries to the Laurens fair. Among these were several who had never sent exhibits to the Laurens fair before.

Arrangements are being made to provide stalls on the grounds for that class of stock which needs protection from the crowds and from other animals. The lack of stalls has kept many exhibitors away in past years. It is well to keep the date in mind, Friday, October 15th. Every indication points toward the most successful fair in the history of the county.

## Boys Crews Property.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Meng have bought the old Crews place on West Main street near the First Presbyterian church, the sale being made through Mr. B. M. Wolf. The house is now occupied by Mr. J. I. Coleman and family who will continue to live there for some time. The property was bought from Mrs. Louie Crews Gooch, of Atlanta.

## Rock Bridge Fair.

The Rock Bridge school will hold its community fair Saturday, October 9th. Prominent speakers including Mr. Swearingen, state superintendent of education; Mr. Gunter, state supervisor of rural schools, and Hon. R. A. Cooper have been invited. Everybody is invited to come, look, listen and eat. A first class barbecue dinner will be served on the grounds by the rural school improvement association.

## DEATH OF JOHN H. BALLE.

### Died in Hendersonville Yesterday Morning and will be Buried Here This Afternoon.

Mr. John H. Balle, son of the late L. G. Balle, Sr., of this city, died in Hendersonville, N. C., yesterday morning after a lingering illness. The news was conveyed in a telegram to Mr. L. G. Balle, Jr., yesterday morning and he and Miss Beulah Balle left on the afternoon train for Hendersonville. The remains will be brought to this city this afternoon on the train from Spartanburg which arrives here at 4:30 and will be interred immediately afterwards in the family plot at the Laurens cemetery. The friends of the deceased and of the family are invited to attend.

The deceased was thirty six years of age and is survived by a wife and child, besides his mother and several brothers and sisters. He was a young man of many fine traits of character and was universally beloved wherever known. He was a member of the Methodist church and took much interest in church work. The news of his death cast a gloom in those quarters where he was known when growing up here.

The surviving brothers and sisters are Messrs. B. H. Balle, of Philadelphia, and L. G. Balle of this city; Mrs. S. J. Evans, of Roanoke, Va.; Mrs. A. P. Harris, of Albermarle, N. C.; and Miss Beulah Balle, of this city.

## DISTRESSING ACCIDENT.

### Goldville Citizen Loses Life Underneath Wheels of Automobile.

Claude White, an operative in the Bama Manufacturing Company's plant at Goldville, was run over by an automobile at Goldville last Tuesday evening and injured so seriously that he died a short time afterwards. The car was being driven by Mrs. L. W. C. Blalock, who was prostrated with grief over the unfortunate occurrence.

According to the testimony at the inquest Mr. White was walking along the street and took an unexpected turn directly in front of the automobile. Although it was not going at a fast rate, the pedestrian was so close to the car that it could not be stopped in time to save him. The car knocked him down and passed over him, breaking one leg and causing internal injuries. Medical aid was immediately summoned, but he died within an hour's time.

The coroner held an inquest over the body the following day and the jury's verdict was that death was due to an unavoidable accident.

The deceased was between 55 and 60 years of age and had no relatives in this section. A brother from another state arranged for the funeral.

## Death of Young Man.

Lanford, Sept. 27.—The community was saddened a few days ago when a telegram was received by Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Fullright stating that their son, Walter, who was in Idaho, was dead. The news was heart-rending to his parents and friends. Young Fullright left Lanford over two years ago and went west as many of our young men did to work in the harvest fields. Having fallen in the hands of good people, he remained with them, while many of his comrades returned. He was a young man of high character, having sin in all of its phases. He joined the Baptist church three years ago and has honored his lord and master ever since, so far as his church and friends know.

At the time of his death, he was working near Georgetown, Idaho, as a shepherd.

## Barksdale School Opening.

The Barksdale school will open for the new session next Monday, October 4th. The teachers for this year are Mrs. Earl Owings and Miss Claudia Gray of Gray Court. Both of these are new teachers but come highly recommended. The trustees and patrons of this school are expecting a very large attendance and one of the most successful years of the school.

## Meeting of Kings Daughters.

There will be an important meeting of the Kings Daughters with Mrs. Fleming Smith on Friday at 4 o'clock. After the business session there will be a social meeting at Holmes Spring.

## DR. W. S. CURRELL TO ADDRESS TEACHERS

### First Meeting of the County Teachers' Association to be Held Saturday.

The first meeting of the year of the County Teacher's Association is to be held Saturday morning in the court house, beginning at 10:30 o'clock. Address will be made by Dr. W. S. Currell, president of the University of South Carolina, Mr. R. E. Babb, chairman of the county board of education, superintendent J. H. Sullivan and Miss Will Lou Gray, rural school supervisor. After the business meeting Miss Gray will tender a reception to speakers and teachers to which a number of others have been invited. The meeting being the first one of the year is a very important one and a large attendance is expected. Mr. B. L. Parkinson, president of the association, has written the following to stress the importance of attending:

"Every teacher in Laurens county should be present on Saturday morning. Dr. Douglas, president of S. C. Presbyterian College, and Mr. Branch, vice president of the Thornwell Orphanage, have assured the president of the county teachers' association that the association would have their cooperation and support for the session of 1915-16. Numbers of teachers who were not active members of the association last year have promised to become active members for this year. To be an active member of the association, a teacher must not only be present; but she must have her name on the roll and pay her membership fee of \$1.00 or his membership fee of \$1.50. The association was good and helpful last year. Let's make it better this year. No teacher will get more out of the association than she puts into it. What is your attitude toward the association? Is it one of criticism? If it is an attitude of criticism, you need not expect to get help. If it is an attitude of helpful co-operation you may expect help and inspiration. Let's all join in making the Laurens County Teachers' association for the session of 1915-16 a democratic organization, an organization that shall be of mutual benefit to each of its members. "Come, join, pay your membership fee, and take an active part."

B. L. Parkinson, Pres.

## INSANE NEGRO WOMAN SLAYS HER-HUSBAND

### Janie Fuller Deals Death Blow to her Husband with a Hammer.

Jeff Fuller, a negro man living on Mr. Will Stewart's place in Youngs township, was slain by his demented wife, Janie Fuller, Thursday afternoon. The blow that brought about his death was struck with a hammer when the deceased was ignorant of any pretended attack. After felling her husband with the hammer, the crazed woman seized a large firebrand from the fireplace and made a ferocious attack upon his insensible form, defacing him so that his features were not recognizable. She ran amuck for some time after the killing but was later apprehended and brought to the county jail.

An examination of her mental condition was made by the county physician Friday morning and later she was sent to the insane asylum in Columbia. The woman had been in a demented condition for some time and it is said had made threats against the life of her husband, but her condition was not thought serious enough to justify carrying her to the asylum.

## Goes In For Cattle Raising.

Dr. W. H. Dial purchased several days ago about forty-five acres of the Dr. J. A. Barksdale estate on the northwest side of town from Mr. C. Douglas Barksdale, the executor of the estate. The sale was engineered by Mr. B. M. Wolf, the real estate dealer. The land lies partly along the river and is well adapted to the pasturing of cattle. Dr. Dial has already made plans to utilize it for this purpose and expects to give the cattle raising industry a thorough trial. With three other men, Messrs. J. W. Todd, Eugene Hudgens and Maj. W. A. Watts, he has purchased a registered Red Polled bull and will breed his stock according to the best standards.

## Moves to Newberry.

Mr. M. L. Senn, who has been an operative at the Watts Mills for over eight years, has decided to move to Newberry. He and his family will leave today. He has accepted a place with the Mollohon Mills.

## EXPECTED OFFENSIVE WELL UNDER WAY

### Great Gains in Two Days of Fighting.

### RUSSIANS ALSO SCORE VICTORY

### Germans Will Have to Make Choice of Eastern or Western Fronts, Belgians are Also Active, Rumania Asks Bulgarian Government to Explain Military Preparations.

London, Sept. 27.—The British and French have gained greater results in two days than in the preceding twelve months since the battle of the Marne. With upwards of 20,000 German prisoners in their hands, something like 30 guns, without including machine guns and with a formidable breach in the German line, the allies apparently have the long expected offensive well under way. The advance is general. The effect is emphasized by the fact that on the eastern front a substantial Russian gain is recorded.

Petrograd states General Ivanoff's army won a striking victory over the Germans and Austrians in the southeastern theatre. A thousand prisoners were taken.

The Belgians are taking a prominent part in the new offensive. Their official announcement reports the capture of a German post on the right bank of the Yser with the consequent evacuation of adjoining German trenches.

It is believed here the new move in the west again brings the Germans face to face with the necessity of making a choice between two fronts, as was the case in the early part of the war.

Military writers point out that the Russians now are holding the Austrians and Germans on a 700 mile front while the presence of nearly 2,000,000 strongly entrenched Germans has failed to present an advance in France. This, they say, must increase the perplexities of the German general staff and react immediately on any plans which may have been formed for new attacks in the south or southeast.

Little activity is reported from Dardanelles. The Turks announce success of a countermining operation and continuation of artillery exchanges.

Shell fire from a German submarine sank the British steamer Natal, a transport, south of Crete in the Mediterranean. The crew was landed.

Rumania in a friendly note has asked the Sofia government to explain Bulgaria's military preparations, according to information reaching Italy.

## Pounding Continues.

London, Sept. 27.—The great French and British offensive against both sides of the elbow joint of the German positions in the West has not slackened but Gen. Joffre's afternoon bulletin reported no new outstanding success.

The British statement told briefly of big losses inflicted on the Germans northwest of Hulloch, where heavy German counterattacks were parried off.

Berlin maintains that counterattacks have checked the allies' drive with heavy losses, but as the Germans do not claim to have recovered ground taken from them, the indications are that the allied gains Saturday and Sunday have been generally maintained and at some points improved and that the fighting has reached the stage of vicious attacks and counterattacks which may persist for weeks.

It is estimated that prisoners captured by the allies during the push will reach a total of more than 23,000, but this is offset to some extent by the German claim that nearly 7,000 French and British fell into their hands.

Denied more news of the great battle, England is awaiting developments with an eagerness not equalled since the critical days when the Germans fell back from Paris. Meanwhile the public is warned to expect heavy losses and that the Germans already two million strong from the coast to the Swiss frontier, may throw reinforcements into the line for a struggle the like of which even this bloody war has not yet seen.

Optimists also are reminded that (Continued on Page Eight.)