

**ILLITERACY WORK IS MAKING PROGRESS**

**This County Comes 11th Among Counties of State in Pushing This Phase of Work.**

In Laurens county there are 6,104 persons who can neither read nor write their names, according to a statement given out by the state department of education. There are 5,230 negroes in Laurens county who can neither read nor write. Laurens ranks 11th among the counties of the state in the campaign against illiteracy. The statement given out by the department of education, in part, follows:

The State Department of Education assisted by the Illiteracy Commission has made a vigorous fight against the illiteracy which exists in our State and now that the census figures for 1920 have been published it is a matter of just pride that South Carolina leads the nation in reducing her percentage from 25.7 per cent in 1910 to 18.1 per cent in 1920. In rank among the states, South Carolina still maintains the next to bottom place, ranking below every state save Louisiana. In white illiteracy the State has climbed from third place from the bottom in 1920 to sixth place in 1920, now ranking above New Mexico, Louisiana, North Carolina, Tennessee and Kentucky. In negro illiteracy, the State ties with Mississippi for third place, maintaining the same position of 1910. While this record testifies to the work which the public schools and the schools for adults have been doing, there is yet much work to be done before we can rank with many of our sister states. Iowa records the lowest illiteracy, 1.1 per cent, while Louisiana records the greatest, 21.9 per cent. In nine states less than 2 per cent of the population was illiterate while in ten states (South Carolina included) the per cent was ten and over.

Pickens county now registers the least illiteracy in the state, 10.7 per cent. Greenville county comes second with 11 per cent while Berkeley registers the highest illiteracy, 34.4 per cent with Jasper county next highest 33 per cent. The data for Laurens county are as follows: Total number

of illiterates 6,104 or 19.7 per cent. Number of white illiterates, 805 or 5.3 per cent. Number of negro illiterates 5,299 or 33.6 per cent.

Practically 2,000 pupils were perfect in attendance at school. In the first grade there were 4,130 pupils 3,436 of this number learned to read. For instruction of these pupils the State paid \$3.85 per white pupil and \$1.36 per negro pupil.

The figures just given for State and county demonstrate the worth of the adult work. The fact that 2,000 pupils did not miss a session signifies the keen desire of the adult to acquire learning. They came to school after a hard day's work through winter's cold and summer heat and struggled good naturedly over their lessons. Often a teacher or visitor would hear them express genuine regret that they had been deprived of an education in youth but they rejoiced in the opportunity now given them by the state and were happy in the thought that compulsory education now makes it possible for children to grow up with educational advantages. The greatest good which is coming to the state from this work is not to be found in the fact that many people are learning to read and write but that the adult pupils are awaking to a larger realization of their duty to the community and state. They no longer feel that they never had a chance and further their example of attending school is causing many persons with little education to pull down their books, who, if left to themselves, would have fallen into illiteracy.

The figures compiled from the report show that Laurens county ranks 11th among the counties of the State in pushing this phase of educational work. There were organized in the county 12 schools with a total enrollment of 363 pupils, taught by 13 teachers.

For the whites: Number of schools 4, enrollment 193, pupils per school 48, average attendance 80, perfect attendance 7, pupils in first grade 65, pupils in second, third and fourth 95, pupils in fifth, sixth and seventh 33, taught to read 37, taught to write 12, term in days 313. The 5 teachers do-

ing this work were employed at a cost of \$153.40 per teacher or \$3.97 per pupil.

For the negroes: Number of schools 8, enrollment 170, pupils per school 21, pupils in first grade 74, pupils in the second, third and fourth 87, pupils in the fifth, sixth and seventh 9, taught to read 63, taught to write 62, term in days 164. The 8 teachers doing this work were employed at a cost of \$28.00 per teacher or \$1.32 per pupil.

**FARM DEMONSTRATOR ENDORSED**

**Business League Thinks Well of Work of Farm Demonstrator and Asks for Continuation of Work.**

On motion of Mr. C. H. Roper in the meeting of the Laurens Business League last night, the work of the farm demonstrator in this county was endorsed and the county delegation was memorialized to provide a sufficient appropriation for the continuation of the work in this county.

Mr. Roper declared that the work of the demonstrator was needed at this time as never before and his motion was passed unanimously.

The committee on marketing reported through Mr. Hughes that it was making progress with its investigations but was not yet able to make definite recommendations. At the suggestion of Mr. Hughes, a resolution was passed to invite Mr. Long to attend the next meeting of the league to make an address on marketing, the meeting to be held at a date suitable to Mr. Long.

The League had expected to have Hon. R. Goodwin Rhett, of Charleston, to address it on the subject of the proposed \$34,000,000 road program for the state but Mr. Rhett wrote that he was not able to attend. The league went on record as endorsing the proposed road program in principle. After hearing the report of the committee on the jail authorized by the legislature several years ago and hearing that nothing was being done, the League adopted a resolution calling on the delegation to appoint a commission that would act. The motion passed unanimously.

**DAVIS, LOCKED IN TRUNK POSITIVELY WON'T STAY**

**Baffling Magician to Bewilder Local Folks Here Friday Night.**

Local people who love the art of magic, will have every opportunity to get an "eye-full" of bewildering illusions when Davis, Master Magician, appears here with his program of magical feats.

Davis is scheduled here for Friday evening of this week at the Opera House as a part of the lyceum course. He is one of the best in the business and his entertainment is elaborately staged. Davis does all the old time feats of magic and adds to the list a new line of sleight-of-hand work which is most bewildering to say the least. He has been called "The Man Who Mystifies" and his list of illusions includes his famous trunk trick, which has so far been incapable of solution—at least from the audience's side of the footlights. In this trick Davis is bound hand and foot, tied up in a mail sack, locked in a trunk, after which the trunk is securely roped. The whole job is done by local folks. Of course Davis jumps out almost as soon as the last knot is tied on the ropes, but just how he does it is a rather difficult question to answer. He slips in and out of handcuffs with a most amazing cleverness and he does a hundred and one other stunts which at times almost make the cold chills run up and down your spine.

Local folks are already discussing his appearance here and doubtless he will be greeted with a large audience.

**NO TIME FOR HUNTING**

**Clemson College Entomologists Say Fight Against Boll Weevil Must Not Be Delayed.**

Clemson College, Jan. 12.—"So far the weevil has not suffered seriously on account of the winter weather, says Prof. A. F. Conradi, entomologist, in answering inquiries about the probable infestation next season. "It is entirely possible that we may yet have very cold weather, but with a pest as serious as the boll weevil, it is necessary that we consider every possibility. There are yet many fields with

stalks and stubble on them, many unkept ditch banks, many unkept orchards, and many margins of woods offering shelter to this pest. It is difficult to conceive how any farmer can afford to take time to go squirrel hunting when these menacing winter hotels for the weevil on his farm are staring him in the face every day."

**HOG SALE AT CLEMSON**

**Agricultural College to Offer Duroc Jerseys and Poland Chinas February 8th.**

Clemson College, Jan. 12.—The animal husbandry division of Clemson College will hold its first bred sow sale at Clemson College on Wednesday, Feb. 8th, according to announcement made today by Prof. L. V. Starkey, chief of the division. Fifty purebred hogs will be offered in this sale. Of this number about thirty will be Duroc Jerseys and the other twenty will be Poland Chinas.

An invitation is extended to all who are interested to attend this sale, says Prof. Starkey, whether they intend to buy or not. Because of present financial conditions it is most likely that this offering of first class purebred hogs will go at a low figure, and for this reason it will be a good opportunity for farmers to get some good animals cheap.

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**Forceful Evidence.**  
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<p>One table Remnants—all kinds of cloth piled out to move out quick. Each piece marked</p> <p>1 lot Percal and Calicoes, worth 15c, on today's market price, our price a yard this week ..... <b>10c</b></p> <p>1 lot Ladies' Bed Room Slippers, assorted lot stacked out, worth \$1.50 to \$2.25. Your choice of the lot during this sale ..... <b>98c</b></p> <p>1 lot Ladies' Coats, black and assorted colors, worth \$10.00 to \$12.50. your choice of the lot at ..... <b>\$4.95</b></p> <p>1 lot Ladies' Black Coats, worth \$7.50, your choice of the lot at ..... <b>\$2.95</b></p> <p>All Ladies' Fine Coats at one-half price this week.</p> <p>15c quality Sea Island, yard wide standard ..... <b>10c</b></p> <p>1 lot good Dress Ginghams, worth 25c to 30c a yard, on sale this week ..... <b>19c</b></p>	<p>1 lot Crinkle Bed Spreads, \$1.25 white, \$2.00 value, now ..... <b>\$1.25</b></p> <p>1 lot of Men's and Boys' Hats—Sample and odd lots, your choice while they last at ..... <b>48c</b></p> <p>1 lot Men's and Boys' fine Fur Hats—Samples and odd lots. Your choice ..... <b>98c</b></p> <p>1 lot Men's, Women's and Children's Sweaters and some Coats. Your choice ..... <b>98c</b></p> <p>1 lot Men's Work Shirts, full cut Blue Cheviot, this week ..... <b>69c</b></p> <p>Men's \$1.50 Union Suits, this week at ..... <b>98c</b></p> <p>Men's Undershirts and Drawers, \$1.00 garments this week at ..... <b>68c</b></p> <p>1 lot Ladies' fine Shirt Waists, Crepe-de-Chine and Georgette, \$5.00 waists, this week's price ..... <b>\$2.39</b></p> <p>1 lot Silk Poplin Dress Skirts, \$4.50 value for ..... <b>\$1.98</b></p>	<p>1 lot 36-inch good Bleaching, worth 15c to 18c, this week ..... <b>10c</b></p> <p>\$1.00 White Quilt (Counterpane) special this week ..... <b>\$2.39</b></p> <p>25c Men's Linen Collars on sale this week for ..... <b>15c</b></p> <p><b>SPECIAL CLOTHING SALE</b></p> <p>\$20.00 Men's and Young Men's Suits ..... <b>\$10.00</b></p> <p>\$25.00 Men's and Young Men's Suits ..... <b>\$12.50</b></p> <p>\$20.00 Men's and Young Men's Suits ..... <b>\$15.00</b></p> <p>\$35.00 Men's and Young Men's Suits ..... <b>\$17.50</b></p> <p>1 lot Men's Suits, odd lots, assorted kinds. Your choice of the lot during this week ..... <b>\$8.95</b></p> <p>\$3.50 Blankets, this week's sale price ..... <b>\$2.39</b></p> <p>\$5.00 Blankets, this week's sale price ..... <b>\$2.98</b></p>	<p>\$1.00 bottle Wine of Cardui, this week ..... <b>79c</b></p> <p>\$1.00 bottle Wampoles Cod Liver Oil, this week ..... <b>79c</b></p> <p>\$1.10 bottle S. S. S. for the blood, this week ..... <b>79c</b></p> <p>30c bottle Foley's Honey and Tar for coughs and colds this week .. <b>20c</b></p> <p>10-quart Galvanized Bucket this week ..... <b>19c</b></p> <p>1 lot Children's Hose, sizes 5, 6, 7, this week, per pair ..... <b>5c</b></p> <p>Best Union Made Overalls for working men, this week .... <b>\$1.45</b></p> <p>1 lot Men's good Blue Overalls, this week ..... <b>98c</b></p> <p>\$2.75 White Counterpane, on sale this week at ..... <b>\$1.89</b></p> <p>25c Men's Soft Collars, on sale this week at ..... <b>10c</b></p>
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