

The Change of Books.

An Important Circular in Regard to the Matter

Superintendent McMahon, as agent of the State board of education, is beginning to be harassed with questions relative to the change of books under the recent adoption, which goes into effect on the first day of November, and will be compulsory after June 30th.

EXCHANGE OF TEXT BOOKS.

In Hands of Pupils—Inquiries have been made of me as to what books are to be accepted by the publishers in exchange for the books just adopted. The contract is explicit: "All text books of any series or of any edition in the hands of pupils and designed to be displaced by the text books herein adopted."

Freight on new books—The publishers have contracted to pay the transportation on all books, so that the books will cost the extra number of cents printed on the back of the books, and will be sold by the county depository at that extra price.

That no pay warrant shall be issued by any board of trustees or approved by any county superintendent of education in favor of any teacher, who after June 30, 1901, uses in the public schools of this State any text book to the exclusion of the text books herein adopted on the same subject."

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COTTON MEN

IN A QUANDARY.

THE TOP CROP IS EXCITING MUCH INTEREST.

From Augusta Chronicle While the cotton market is on a slow decline, there are those who still have faith and argue that the price will advance. The bears are pinning great faith to the top crop as a further depressing agency on the price and are acting in accordance with this view.

Some samples of the top crop, gathered in this vicinity, are now on exhibition in this city and it is claimed that, if the top crop throughout the cotton belt is as good, it will have the effect of increasing the total crop about a million bales. The time of the first heavy frost also exerts a strong influence on dealings in cotton. A late frost is taken to mean a much larger crop than is now figured on and the reverse is looked for in the event of a killing frost before Nov 10.

Mr H. J. Lamar, of Macon, whose letter appeared in the Chronicle of Tuesday still clings to his belief that cotton will sell at 15 cents before July. In another letter to the same gentleman in Augusta he says: "Dear Sir:—If China were fully in the market now for our cotton and cotton goods the price would now be 15 cents. When it does come in later the price will be that and more."

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"Since writing you I have seen a notice to the effect that Secretary Wilson, of the agricultural department at Washington, has stated that the cotton crop is three million bales short, and that the new cotton schedule to be gotten out by November 15th by the department would give a true estimate, which would knock sky-high the commercial estimates made for speculators, and for the bear element at that."

"He says: 'The commercial estimate is perverted for speculative purposes. A nearly accurate estimate is obtained, but the public is misled for speculative purposes. The crop this year is short and the price should rise. The plan of the speculators is to bear the market until cotton passes from the hands of the producers.'"

"The department is now working to head off the fraudulent estimate, which is a fraudulent one, gigantic in proportion, and made to cheat the farmers out of their just rewards of their year's toil."

"H. J. Lamar."

Undaunted Missionaries.

New York, Oct. 25.—Rev E B Rice, of the Protestant Episcopal Missionary society, today received a letter from Bishop Frederick R. Graves of Shanghai. The bishop said that St John's college, five miles from the city, had been reopened and, to the surprise of all, with an increased number of students. The Protestant Episcopal missionaries were also, in many cases, returning to their posts. Some had gone back to Wuhu, to Nankin and to Hankow.

STRIKE CALLED OFF.

Hazleton, Pa., Oct 25.—The mine workers' strike has been declared off as to all companies which have complied with the strikers' demands, and the strike will be continued against those companies which have not granted the Scranton convention's demand. The strikers will return to work Monday at the places where the tie up is ended.

This announcement was conveyed in a statement addressed to the miners and issued tonight by President Mitchell and other officers of the United Mine Workers.

The repeated requests from various counties that Judge J. H. Hudson be appointed to hold special terms of court are evidence of his high standing as a gentleman and jurist, and give occasion for the observation that the legislature could do much worse than to put the judge on the bench again in his old place. He was shoved off because he would not "lend the pregnant bigges of the knee," but now all that is supposed to be over.—State.

London, Oct 25.—The war office announces today that Lord Roberts hopes to leave South Africa for home about Nov 15, and that Gen Lord Wolseley has consented to continue to perform the duties of commander-in-chief of the army until the end of November.

Chancellor Johnson has sold his Donoho plantation to Mr. A. L. Calhoun, of Clio, S. C. This valuable property is perhaps one of the finest plantations in the state and brought as much as any of its size in South Carolina.—Marion Star

Slips of tarred pasteboard are used for shingling roofs in Japan. They are said to be as satisfactory as wooden shingles and much cheaper. The State W. C. T. U. convention is to be held in Marion November 1 to 3

Progress of the Campaign.

Dooley Wants One Place to Vote For His Principles

AND ANOTHER TO VOTE FOR HIS CANDIDATE.

"How's th' bettin' on th' election?" Mr Hennessy asked

"'Tis goin' on splendidly," said Mr Dooley, "an' before long they'll be some money put up. At th' present time th' parties is offerin' to agree. Richard Croker offers to bet th' north wind again th' fill iv Lincoln Park with croze that Bryan's th' man, but he wants too much odds. Oa th' stook exchange yesterday a well known broker that's supposed to be actin' fr James R. Keene offered to wager th' contents iv a balloon again a larg full iv smoke that Mack'll carry Lway. Th' other party to th' wager rayfused th' offer an' th' two sports compromised on a bet iv th' drinks that Shakespeare wrote 'To Have an' To Hold.' I was comin' up in th' car tonight an' there was two lads discussin' th' situation. I bet ye a million dollars, says wan iv thim, 'that McKiney carries Kansas.' 'What odds'll ye give?' says th' other. 'Two to wan,' says th' lad. 'I take ye,' says th' other. 'By th' way did ye buy that sewin' machine fr ye'er wife?'"

"'Tis a quare campaign, Hinnessy. In th' first place there ain't any issues. Ye can usually sore up an issue in a campaign, but in this wan, no wan is goin' to vote th' way he believes. Says me friid Benjamin Harrison: 'Th' conduct iv th' administration has been little short iv bellish. Th' idea that this gover'mint stud send out troops to murder an' pliage an' elope with th' strugglin' races iv th' boochous Ph'lippeens, makes me blood bile almost to th' dew point. I endorse ivrything William J. Bryan says on th' subject an' though it goes bard fr me to say it, life long Raypublican that I am, I exhort ivry fellow iv mine to put imities aside, fr get his prejudices an' cast his vote fr William McKiney.' Says me friid E. J. Connelley, th' wan that translated th' Monroe doctrine into English: 'No crime oud be worse thin th' demoralization an' degradation iv th' dough we all wurruk so bard, fr, unless it wud be th' interference iv polluted anarchists with thim trusts that has dayviled th' resources iv th' profession iv which I am a dasarvin' mumber. But fr these vast combinations iv capital an' industry they wud be no security in this country that th' banks wudden't take. An' with th' growth iv th' trusts our country expands an' increases an' gets larger till they's hardly a corner iv th' wuruld where th' inhabitants ain't afraid we' comin' in. I hope fr to live to see a day whin th' glories iv our civilization an' thursts an' syndicates an' sound mooney an' little iv that, will penetrate the disolate places iv th' earth, an' th' stars an' sh'rines will wave over a wuruld ayeber,' he says, 'free, fr, or dead,' he says 'Thio rally r-round our banner, put ye'r shoulders to th' wheel an' give a looz pull, a strong pull an,' he says, 'a pull altogether. Fr commercial combinations, expansion, th' subjugation iv subjugatable races, gold money an' th' peerless William J. Bryan."

"Lord bless me, 'tis enough to make a man dizzy, Hinnessy. They're me friid Grover, I thought, be havine, we'd heard th' last that iv him, but fr an occasional groan frim th' wilds iv Noo Jarsey. A year ago 'twas: 'Where's Cleveland?' 'Th' Lord only knows or cares. Probly drivin' a milk wagon.' An' how is it today? Th' shore is Bazzard's Bay is crowded twiny deep with men whoopin' through megaphones. They're a stout man sturin' out on the water in a little boat with a jug in front to balance. An' 'tis me o'f'ficer, th' lost, th' defeated, th' hated an' despised th' traitor, S. Grover Cleveland. 'Grover,' says a man with a horn. 'What is it?' says the lad in th' boat. 'Ar ye iv favor iv gold money?' 'I dinnae. I've got a whale on th' line.' Grover, says another. 'What d'ye want—scarin' th' fish?' says Grover. 'Ain't ye again expansion?' 'I can't bear ye,' says Grover. 'Get back a little—about a mile—an' speaks more slow: 'Woo'd ye come out fr Bryan?' 'I wudden't come out fr anything but fish.' 'Ar ye a pathrite or a traitor?' 'I'm ayeather; I'm busy.' 'Woo'd ye tell th' people to vote fr sound money?' 'Tell them to take anny kind they can get fr their votes. 'Will ye abandon Mark Hanna?' 'He was an abandoned man before.' 'He needs no more wurrudd thio he has said fr himself.' 'Ye'er country is bein' rooned.' 'Th' fishin' is bein' rooned be ye'er noise,' says Grover. 'Leader, row me off a mile or two where I can drop a hook in peace. Manewille, I'll take a pull at th' bait an' pounce on bow much pleasanter it is to be catchin' fionny monsther thio dodgin' bricks. Gawd help th' land,' he says, 'lingorin' illa pray, he says, 'where statesmen multiply, he says, 'an' fisherman decay, he says. 'Annyhow,' he says, 'they didn't know a good thing whin they had wan, which, he says, 'was me.'"

"An' so it goes—Croker an, Carl Schooriz, Altgeld an' Olney, Rosenfelt an' Quay, Carlisle an' Stewart. What's a plain, foolish an' thoughtless man like like mesep to do? Sure they ought to have wan place fr a citizen

to vote fr his principles an' another to vote fr his candydade." "I," said Mr Hennessy, "will vote as I shot." "With ye'er eyes shut?" said Mr Dooley "fr th' way."

Wholesale Suicide in China.

Announced That Kang Yi Died October 18th and

Yu Hsien Has Committed Suicide.

Washington, Oct 26.—The Chinese minister has received a dispatch stating that Kang Yi, a member of the cabinet, with Yung Lu and one of the intense anti foreign leaders, whose punishment was demanded by the powers, is dead; also that Yu Hsien, the late governor of Shan Si, who is said to have been responsible for the death of many missionaries, has committed suicide. Minister Wu regards this act as the result of disfavor which high officials have received from the throne.

The text of the communication is as follows: "Cablegram from Viceroy Chang Chi Tung, dated October 25, states that governor of Shan Si has reported that Kang Yi died on Oct 18; that Yu Hsien (late governor of Shan Si) has committed suicide by swallowing gold leaf; and Prince Tuan has not been permitted to accompany the court."

"Cablegram dated October 24, from Director General Sheng, states that an imperial decree has been issued directing Prince Ching and Earl Li to fix and submit for approval the several penalties to be inflicted on those princes and ministers that ought to be punished. He adds that Kang Yi has died of sickness, and that Prince Tuan and Prince Chwang have not been allowed to accompany the court (to Shen Si)."

The death of Kang Yi is an important event, as he is one of the ringleaders whose punishment was demanded by the powers. He held the position of assistant grand secretary and president of the civil board and also was one of the six Chinese statesmen making up the privy council, or cabinet, which is the body nearest the throne. Although the dispatch to Mr Wu says only that Kang Yi "died" on the 18th inst, it is thought that this "death" was the natural result of the disgrace which has overtaken the anti foreign and Boxer element.

Gov Yu's method of suicide, by swallowing gold leaf, is unique to China. It is a means by which high personages take their life, the gold leaf being representative of their high station. The leaf forms a congealed ball in the canals of the body and brings death from suffocation.

Minister Wu's advices today also show that Prince Tuan has been visited with severe censure from the throne, and to such an extent that it would be no surprise if he followed the course of Kang Yi and Yu He has been prevented from accompanying the imperial court to Sian Fu, and remains at Shan Si, cut off from further influence on the throne. It is expected that he will be banished, which, to a prince of the blood, is worse than decapitation, and under the Chinese idea of propriety, suicide is likely to be his end.

Minister Wu laid his dispatches before Secretary Hay.

GENERAL HAMPTON.

Gen Wade Hampton of Columbia, S. C., says the Washington Post, "who has been quite ill for several days at the Metropolitan Hotel, is considerably improved. He went out driving yesterday afternoon with his son, Mr Alfred Hampton, who is employed by the government in the immigration service at New York." The people of South Carolina will regret to learn that Gen Hampton has been unwell and will wish him a speedy and complete restoration to health. He told the Post reporter: "I am very anxious to see Mr Bryan elected president of the United States." This is such a statement as we would have expected from the leader of '76. There has never at any time of his life been any difficulty in finding out where Gen Hampton stands on any question. Though he has reasons to be disgusted with the party for which he has done so much, he is as loyal a Democrat as any other, and supports the Democratic principles and nominees without qualification.—State.

Washington, Oct 26.—A suit for \$50,000 damages for breach of promise against United States Senator Wm V. Sullivan of Mississippi was filed in the District of Columbia court this afternoon by Miss Lucy Leeton of Oxford, Miss. The plaintiff in her affidavit alleges that she, "an unmarried woman, at the request of the defendant undertook and promised to marry him and the defendant undertook and promised to marry the plaintiff, which he without cause or right has refused to do."

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FINE TOBACCO AVERAGE

The highest average ever made on tobacco the number of pounds being taken into consideration, was made yesterday by F. M. Rodgers, Jr., at the Florence ware house under the management of Mr C. A. Gregory. There were two loads of tobacco, the lowest pile sold for 20 cents per pound, the highest for 25 cents per pound. This was a straight sale and no fake about it, the average was something like 35 cents per pound for 1,895 pounds.—Florence Times

"Did you ever eat a prairie oyster?" asked a drummer who had returned from Kansas. "The prairie oyster is the substitute which the Kansans have for the real thing. To make it you break a raw egg in a cocktail glass, taking care to keep the egg whole, for if the yolk gets mixed with the white the oyster is messy and untidy. Then you add a little vinegar, salt and pepper. Care must be taken about the seasoning, as too much vinegar or too much salt spoils all. You toss down the prairie oyster quickly. You swallow it whole, as you do with the real kind. As a matter of fact, it is a palatable mouthful, and much to be preferred to the Kansas oysters that come thousands of miles in cans. It is astonishing how many eggs in the prairie oyster form a man can eat. I have polished off a dozen in an evening, and there are Kansans who can enjoy thirty or forty one right after another."—Philadelphia Record.

Spartanburg Review: A recommendation of the grand jury in this county is that all roads be so graded that the grade will not exceed 5 per cent, provided it can be done without increasing the distance more than 50 per cent. This jury is striking in the right direction. They have seen a practical demonstration of what can be done by having roads scientifically laid out. In the past few years, Spartanburg has made a tremendous stride forward in the matter of road building, and while much remains to be done, the first principle in good roads is a scientific survey of the route.

Newport News, Va., Oct 24.—While addressing the Virginia Presbyterian synod at today's session Rev Dr Craig of Atlanta, Ga., suddenly fell to the floor and in a few moments expired. Heart disease was the cause of death. Dr Craig was well known in the Presbyterian church throughout the south and held the office of secretary of the board of home missions of the southern general assembly. His wife and daughter were attending the synod with him.

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A. W. CROSSWELL, Resident Agent for Sumter and vicinity. Aug 11

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.

OFFICE OF COUNTY TREASURER SUMTER COUNTY, SUMTER, S. C., Sept. 22, 1900. NOTICE is hereby given that I will be in my office in the County Court House at Sumter from October 15th to December 31st, 1900 inclusive, for the collection of taxes for the fiscal year 1900. The levy is as follows: For State purposes, 5 mills. For County purposes, 2 1/2 mills. For School purposes, 3 mills. Total levy, 11 1/4 mills. Also the following special school levies: School District No. 1, 2 mills. School District No. 16, 2 mills. School District No. 18, 3 mills. School District No. 20, 3 mills. Mt. Clio, 2 mills. Concord, 2 mills. Privateer, 2 mills. No 5, 1 mill. No 17, 1 mill. Commutation Road Tax for 1901 \$1.00, payable from Oct. 15th 1900 to Feb 1st 1901. H. L. SCARBOROUGH, Treasurer Sumter Co. Sept 26—13t