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**Don'ts for Cotton Growers.**  
Manufacturers' Record.  
Don't be misled into selling your cotton at five or six cents a pound, as you were last fall, by political and other pessimists.  
Don't get frightened and rush your cotton to market except to the extent that you have to sell it to meet your financial obligations, for the undue crowding of cotton on the market plays into the hands of the speculators, who by the tactics now being employed would break down the price of your cotton and enable them to buy it to their profit and to your loss, as they did last year.

Don't expect either this government or any other to buy your cotton. The government has no more right to buy cotton than to buy grain or hogs.

Don't look for any uneconomic and impossible legislation in behalf of cotton, for most of the theories advanced have bordered on asininity, and some of them have quite reached that stage.

Don't for a moment think that you can barter your honor and your soul and shape your convictions as to right or wrong in world affairs for the price of a bale of cotton.

Don't seek to blackmail other countries by threatening retaliation because their work may interfere with the temporary selling price of your cotton.

Don't permit politicians or others to hold you up before the world as willing to accept a bribe, and to shape your judgment of right and wrong in human affairs by the price that this country or that might be willing to pay for your cotton.

Don't forget that though you have raised more cotton than the South ought to have produced, there is an intrinsic value in cotton which cannot be permanently destroyed.

Don't forget that you can carry your cotton for years without its deterioration, and that the time will come, unless the South continues to grow more cotton than the world demands, when every bale of cotton will be needed at a good price.

Don't defraud your creditors by refusing to sell cotton to meet your obligations, but when you have sold enough to pay your debts, don't forget that the balance is yours to hold until doomsday if you please, and await the time when the world will pay your price for it.

Don't above all else, permit yourself to be misled into believing that your cotton is worth more than your honor; that your cotton must set your standard of morals in studying world affairs.

Don't forget that he who poses the the cotton growers of the South before the world as beggars asking alms, or as regarding a bale of cotton of more value than human life, or the price of a pound of cotton more to be considered than individual and national honor, is the worst enemy which the South has ever had or ever can have.

**SUGAR BEET EXPORTATION.**

State Department Negotiating With Germany.

Washington, Aug. 12.—The State department's foreign trade advisers began informal negotiations today to ascertain whether Germany will agree to the terms on which Great Britain has consented to permit exportations to the United States of German sugar beet seed. Germany stipulated some time ago that any such shipment must go through a German port and that in exchange an equal value of wheat, fozze or meats must be given. Now Great Britain requires that the shipment be made through a neutral port and that no exchange of commodities be involved.

**Money for Militia.**

Washington, Aug. 12.—The federal government has allotted \$48,766.05 for the South Carolina militia for year ending July 1, 1916, according to a statement issued by Gen. Mills, head of the division of militia affairs of the war department, today. Of this amount \$32,300.45 will be used under section 1661 and \$16,564.50 under section 13 of the militia law.

**TO HAVE ATHLETIC GROUNDS.**

Association Formed at Florence and Contract Let for Building Grandstand and Fence.

Florence, Aug. 13.—Florence is arranging to have a park that will offer attractions for any kind of athletic contests and all that the contestants and spectators could ask in conveniences and comforts. The Florence Athletic Park association has been formally organized and charter applied for. This was done at a well attended meeting held last night. The capital stock of the company will be \$2,000. Of this about \$600 has already been paid in and \$1,600 subscribed.

The following board of directors was elected: Dr. J. D. Smyser, M. D. Lucas, Sam Husbands, B. A. Early, W. R. Barringer, W. J. Wilkins, S. J. Royall, N. W. Hicks, F. J. Brand. Officers elected were: W. R. Barringer, president; N. W. Hicks, vice president; S. J. Royall, secretary; B. A. Early treasurer.

The contract for the erection of the grandstand and bleachers, which together will hold 1,500 people, and can easily be extended as demanded by the attendance, was let to C. L. Johnson. The contract for the inclosure fence, embracing about five acres of ground, was let to J. A. Muldrow. The grandstand will be built on two sides of a corner, directly behind the catcher's position in the diamond, giving the occupants a quartering view of the entire field. There will be bath rooms, dressing rooms and all conveniences.

The association will build the park and let it for athletic events and shows and the work will begin on the erection of the buildings at once. The fair association has contributed the grounds free of cost to the association for this purpose.

**LOCAL INTEREST IN RIGA.**

American Consul at Russian Port a South Carolinian.

Greenwood Index.

Quite a number of Greenwood people are watching closely to see what will befall Riga, the chief Russian port on the Baltic, for the reason that the United States consul there, Mr. Douglas Jenkins, was for a long time a resident of this town. He came to Greenwood shortly after being graduated from the Citadel as a stenographer for Mr. F. Barron Grier. He made Greenwood his home for several years and then went to Pickens to practice law on his own account, later becoming a partner with the late Col. Jule Boggs. Afterwards Mr. Jenkins went to Greenville and was with the Greenville Daily News for some time. He stood the examination for appointment in the consular service while with the News and just before taking up his first work, that of consul at St. Pierre, a French island possession off the coast of New Foundland, he was married to Miss Charlotte Furman, of Charleston. Mrs. Jenkins died last October, leaving two little girls who are with their father in Riga. Mr. Jenkins not only has to look after Uncle Sam's interests in that big port, but he has all the affairs of the warring countries, hostile to Russia, to look after as well. He has warm friends here, who wish him continued success in the diplomatic service.

Grafting Pecans on Hickory Trees.

Walter I. Herbert of Newberry spent yesterday and last night in Columbia on a visit to his daughter at the Columbia hospital. Mr. Herbert brought with him some samples of preserved figs, which he plans to introduce to the Columbia market. The preserves are put up in small tins, to be retailed at 10 cents each. The figs were grown on Oakland farm, where Mr. Herbert has always produced an abundance of good things to eat. For many years Mr. Herbert was the leading apiarist of his section of the State.

An interesting story brought to Columbia by Mr. Herbert was that government experts are grafting pecan cuttings onto hickory tree limbs on Mr. Herbert's farm. Mr. Herbert took this matter up with the government asking information of the department of agriculture. In compliance, they sent the experts there to execute the task. This is being done in other sections of the State also, Mr. Herbert says.—The State.

**KILLED BY FALLING TREE.**

Young Negro Meets Instant Death at Bethune.

Bethune, Aug. 12.—John Ellerby, a young negro man, who recently came here from Kollock to work for the Meiklejohn Lumber company, was crushed to death yesterday afternoon near here by a tree falling on him. The man was "tonging" a log and a tree which was lodged against another one near him commenced to fall. Instead of running from the falling tree, he ran directly beneath it and was instantly killed.

**URGE MINISTERS TO ATTEND.**

Preachers Find Great Good in Stay at Clemson Summer School.

Clemson College, Aug. 14.—The ministers who are attending the summer school at Clemson College are so thoroughly impressed with the value of the course to country ministers that they have written a letter urging that other ministers come to the college for the course. The letter follows:

"Having accepted the invitation of Mr. W. W. Long, head of the extension division of Clemson college, and Rev. W. H. Mills, special collaborator in the country church work, to attend the summer school of Clemson College offering a special course to pastors of rural churches we would call the attention of pastors throughout the State to some important facts: The grounds of the college are beautiful, the climate superb, and every arrangement has been made for the comfort of the pastors, as well as for the farmers and the corn club boys now in attendance. The more than two hundred students now present, while not so much in evidence as the large cadet student body, are a healthy and enthusiastic body of men and boys. Already we have been carried into new field of thought and investigation which of necessity must increase the usefulness and efficiency of the earnest pastor.

"There is no thought of minimizing in any particular the primary purpose of the ministry of bringing men into the knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus Christ, but, inasmuch as physical men are living in a physical world we recognize the fact that the field for our services is a larger one than we have realized in the past. To say that we have been pleased with the course so far is to put it mildly, and we would earnestly urge that the pastors of the country churches take advantage of the opportunity and spend at least one week here.

- G. W. Davis,
- P. A. Murray,
- T. W. Malphrus,
- D. H. Everett,
- J. A. White,
- J. W. Walling,
- L. H. Gardner,
- P. H. Bussey,
- S. C. Morris,
- J. D. Huggins.

**LOST IN BLACK RIVER.**

J. P. Reagin Drowned While Bathing in Stream.

Kingstree, Aug. 12.—Information of the drowning of J. P. Reagin in Black river at Martin's Cross Roads, about six miles from Kingstree, reached here late yesterday afternoon. From information received it seems that Mr. Reagin, accompanied by two young boys by the name of Player, went to the river about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon to go in swimming. Soon after going into the water Reagin disappeared, the boys could not see anything of him, his clothing was still on the beach where he had left them; they became alarmed and went home, where they reported that they believed Mr. Reagin had drowned. A search was immediately instituted and the body recovered near where he had entered the river an hour later. Mr. Reagin was a farmer, married and leaves a wife and three children. The deceased is a brother of J. J. Reagin, who has charge of the Standard Oil company's business at Kingstree.

Mr. Reagin's remains were buried this afternoon at Mr. Vernon church cemetery.

**ARMY FLYER KILLED.**

Capt. Knox Loses Life and Lieut. Sutton Suffers Probably Fatal Hurts.

Fort Sill, Okla., Aug. 12.—Quartermaster Capt. George H. Knox of the First aero squadron, U. S. A., was killed and Lieut. R. B. Sutton, his aide, probably was fatally injured today when an aeroplane in which they were flying fell 500 feet. The squadron had just been transferred from California.

The officers had been conducting experiments on the army reservation since Tuesday.

The aviators ascended about 9 o'clock this morning. They had been aloft only a few minutes when the aeroplane was observed to be falling. Capt. Knox and his aide made desperate efforts to control the machine.

Knox was instantly killed. Sutton was hurried to the army hospital, where an operation was performed in an effort to save his life. The cause of the accident has not been ascertained.

**BULTMAN SHOE CO.**

New Shoe Firm to Be Incorporated.

Columbia, Aug. 13.—The secretary of State this morning commissioned the Bultman Shoe Co., of Sumter, with a capital stock of \$11,000, the petitioners being J. E. White, J. N. Brunson and E. W. A. Bultman. The company intends to do a general retail shoe business.

**INJUNCTION AGAINST MARSCHER**

Judge Restrains Beaufort Councilman From Acting in Tax Case. Refuses Mandamus Plea.

Aiken, Aug. 13.—In a decision regarding the Beaufort tax case handed down today, Judge Rice has ruled that he has no jurisdiction to issue a mandamus against Police Chief Mann ordering collection of the delinquent taxes in question, Beaufort being outside his own circuit, and that he could do so only in case he were sitting there.

However, he has issued an injunction against W. F. Marscher, cashier of the Peoples bank, collection of whose taxes is in litigation, restraining him from interfering with the chief of police in the collection of delinquent taxes under order of the city treasurer.

The question of the bank's liability not having been formally brought before him, Judge Rice made no ruling thereon, beyond a mere statement in his decision of his opinion that it should be made to pay its delinquent taxes.

**TO COLLECT TAXES.**

Steps Will be Taken at Once to Compel Action.

Beaufort, Aug. 13.—News from Aiken that Judge Rice had issued a mandamus restraining Councilman W. F. Marscher from interfering with the collection of the taxes assessed against the Peoples bank, of which he is cashier, was received here with much interest this afternoon. Steps will be taken at once to have the chief of police make the collection.

Today's issue of the local paper carries an advertisement of City Treasurer Legare for the sale of property of George Holmes, one of the largest property holders of the city, against whom \$10,000 in back taxes has been assessed.

**Boys Go to Clemson.**

Willie Young of Alcolu, and Neal Hodge of Manning, won the free trip to Clemson and are there this week with the other members of the corn club boys that were lucky to get this trip. These are two of Clarendon's brightest boys, and we predict that they will make their mark in this world.—Manning Times.

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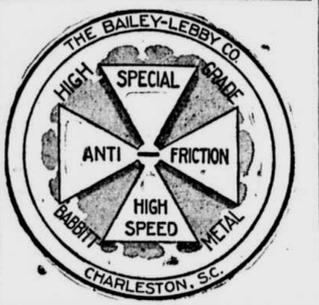
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