

GREENVILLE TIMES.

SATURDAY, NOV. 27, 1868.

THE STATE SIGNAL SERVICE.

We have received the following explanatory circular from the Director of the State Weather Service, at Oxford:

This Service expects very soon to begin sending the daily weather indications of the U. S. Signal Service to your town over the railroad telegraph lines, through the courtesy of the railroad Superintendent. These indications will be posted up by the railroad agent, but to give them the largest publicity, so that everybody in the neighborhood may have the benefit of them, a set of signal flags should be placed showing by their color and position the character of the weather to be expected. As this is a volunteer weather service we must call upon the patriotic spirit of your town people to procure the set of flags needed, and arrange for their proper display. In most cases the authorities of the town take the matter in hand. In some cases a subscription paper readily secures the small sum necessary, or a public-spirited citizen takes entire charge of the matter.

If it can be done, it is a good plan to engage the railroad agent who receives the indications to hoist the signals when these and a suitable flagstaff have been provided. The set of 4 signal flags, viz., white, (air weather); blue, (rain); black, (temperature signals); and white, with black square in centre, (cold-wave), can be procured from Washington, made of standard bunting six feet square, for \$8.00. Less durable, and less handsome flags of cotton cloth will cost about half as much. The cost of pole and tackle will be small, and these can be procured in any town.

Please let us hear promptly through your Mayor whether or not your people are willing to provide for the display of these signals. If desired we can order the flags sent you by Express. C. O. D. Further information will cheerfully be given.

Respectfully,

R. B. FULTON,
Director Mississippi Weather Service.

A set of first-class instruments, tested at the U. S. signal office in Washington can be obtained at the following prices in Washington, viz:

	Cost.
Thermometers.	\$5.00
Maximum (self-registering).	1.00
Minimum.	1.00
Felt gauge.	1.25
Measure stick.	25
Instrument shelter.	2.00

Total \$12.75
This office will furnish free of charge a book of instructions, all necessary forms, etc., and many useful and interesting publications from the office of the chief signal officer.

"It will be the means of soon securing better predictions of the weather changes and storms."

"It will soon prepare Mississippi for a system of storm signals displayed from railroad trains that will be widely beneficial to agricultural interests."

"It will give to every county the government standards for temperature, rainfall, wind velocity, humidity, etc., which are sources of useful public information."

"It will put within reach of local agricultural societies means of accurate observations, which in the course of years must be valuable to my locality in the study and adoption of crops."

The collection of statistics regarding rainfall and wind storms will lead to results of great practical value to every interest in the State.

Giving the Sunk Lands Office.

[Memphis Ledger.]

The levees north of here, near the Plan Point works, to the extent of 425,000 cubic yards, are to be let on the 23rd inst., and the money to pay for the works is to come out of the Government appropriations. It is said that a line for levees in the latter region was run some two years ago, and it is possible that this line will be adopted, though this is not from any official source. If may and it may not utilize a part of the old line of levees which ran through and partially protected the State lands from 25 years ago.

The Railroad Commission.

Second Jury—December Term, FIRST DISTRICT.

S. L. Spencer, E. Frankel, J. W. Strode, G. D. Tatner.

SECOND DISTRICT.

W. W. Worthington, A. C. Morgan, John D. Shields, M. Rosenberg.

THIRD DISTRICT.

J. M. Montgomery, W. N. Hood, H. T. Tracy, S. Goldsmith.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

D. B. Stanford, J. A. V. Feltner, J. S. Smith, Chas. Clark.

FIFTH DISTRICT.

James Thompson, W. O. Aldridge, J. S. Myers.

Petition for Mayor License.

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Madison County, Mississippi:

We, the undersigned, do hereby present our humblest

body to grant us

JOHN E. HAGE.

a license to sell tobacco and intoxicating liquors to citizens of other states, to visit passing and other guests, and we recommend that John E. Hage, who is a reliable man, a sober and sensible person, be granted such license, and as an only friend we

wish to present him.

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