

Letter from Indian Territory

A Well Known Former Citizen of Lancaster County Writes Interestingly of Conditions in the Territory --This Year's Cotton and Corn Crops--Terms on Which Indians May Now Sell Some of their Lands.

Mr. Editor: Find enclosed P. O. order for \$1.50, for which send me the Lancaster News for one year. The Review has been a welcome visitor to me weekly for several years. It was almost like getting a letter from home. I think it was a wise thing for the three papers of Lancaster to consolidate; better for the publishers and readers.

I am doing very well out here in the Territory. Crops are one month late this year. Cotton is very slow about opening. If we should have a freeze now not more than two thirds would open. We have already had two white frosts, but not all leaves on cotton killed. Cotton is worth 10 1-4 to 10 40 now, and seed cotton 3 35 to 3 50. Quite a lot of cotton is sold in the seed. I am inclined to think cotton will be a better price after the Government report comes out, which will be today—think it will be shorter than heretofore.

War Reminiscences.

Amusing Instances Where Soldiers Obtained Whiskey Under Great Obstacles.

"J. R." in Newberry Observer.

There was one fellow in our regiment who loved whiskey, but he had no money to buy when he found the whiskey. So he had to devise a plan to get the money or get the whiskey without the money, and this is the plan he worked: He procured two bottles just alike; one he filled with water and corked it tight; the other he kept empty, but corked it tight too. He borrowed a large split tail Yankee overcoat, with pockets behind in the tail. He put one bottle in each pocket and struck out for a sutler's shop back in the woods where they sold whiskey on the sly. When he went in he waited until he caught the sutler's eye, and gave him the sign. The soldier managed to slip him his empty bottle; the sutler bided his time until he could fill it and slip it back to the soldier. When the soldier had got the bottle in his pocket he asked the sutler to credit him till next pay day. "No, sir; you may be killed before that time. Give me back my whiskey." So the soldier reluctantly put his hand back into his pocket and drew out the bottle of water and handed it over to the sutler with the remark, "As you are so particular about your old whiskey, pour it out and give me back my bottle." The sutler stuck the bottle neck into his jug and poured the water in, and the fellow marched out with the bottle of whiskey in his coat pocket.

I have one more I want to tell to the boys. The man who told me this is still alive and can

Corn is fairly good this year; worth 30 to 35 cents per bushel.

Health very good; some typhoid fever. Some land selling here now. Intermarried citizens can sell their surplus; in other words, can sell all except their homestead, which is half their lands. When lands were allotted each Indian got equal amount of dollars in land. Lands were graded from 25 cents to \$6.50 per acre. You see some will get much more land than others, but equal in dollars and cents. Before the Indians can sell any of their lands they have to apply to the Indian agent to have their restrictions removed. If removed they can sell their surplus. Quite a lot of questions to be answered. None can sell their homestead for 21 years, so says the Atoka agreement. Land is worth from \$12.50 to \$15.00 per acre. We are hoping for single statehood this winter, that is, come in with Oklahoma. Think when it comes it will come that way, while there are some who want separate statehood.

If you think any of this will be of interest to the many readers of The News you may publish it or any part of it. If not consign it to the waste basket.

Don't forget to send The Lancaster News to me.

Very respectfully,
J. J. Copeland.
Center, I. T., Nov. 3rd, 1905.

vouch for it. While at Camp Winder, near Richmond, the soldiers would go down into Richmond and buy whiskey and bring it into camp and have a regular spree. The officers found it out and placed a guard around the camp. The first day they made a big haul and they had a good time at headquarters, and the old soldiers went to bed thirsty. But they plotted against headquarters, and the next day some of them got passes and went to town and bought loaf bread in large sheets and took it to the grog shops and punched a hole into each loaf, and poured as much whiskey into each loaf as it would soak up—and each loaf would take in nearly a half pint. When they came to the guard they let them pass with their bread. When they got into camp they would set a large pan on the ground, take a loaf of bread in their hands and put their hands between their knees and press the whiskey out, or all that would come out, and then they would drink the whiskey and eat the bread. So you see just what you have to contend with when men want whiskey. Don't let the blind tigers get hold of this, or they will be running a free delivery bread wagon in a few days, and you will have to have a bread inspector.

Boy Kills Baby Sister.

Camden, N. J., Nov. 9—Walter Wirth, aged nine years, yesterday shot and killed his sister Freda, aged three years, in the kitchen of their parents' home. During the temporary absence of their mother, Walter procured a shotgun, and pointing it at his sister, pulled the trigger. The load struck her in the head, killing her instantly.

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A County Fair.

Our Kershaw Contemporary Agrees With The News That Lancaster Should Have a County Fair-- Good Men Suggested as Leaders.

The Kershaw Era.

The Era coincides fully with THE LANCASTER NEWS in its view that Lancaster county should have a county fair. The same idea has impressed us frequently heretofore and we are unable to give any good reason why we have not sooner urged it. There are many reasons why a county fair would be helpful, but the following, submitted by the News, are sufficient of themselves to give all the encouragement needed to the enterprise.

"What a stimulus a county fair would prove to be to even better stock raising, better farming and gardening, and better poultry raising! But aside from these manifest advantages, how pleasant and profitable it would be for the people, men, women and children, to meet together once a year in friendly, social intercourse."

We believe if a few such men as Col. Springs, W. T. Gregory, R. E. Wylie and J. C. Elliott of Lancaster and E. D. Blakeney, J. T. Stevens, R. L. Blackmon, E. M. Estridge and others of Kershaw would interest themselves in it actively, a fair for Lancaster county would be assured for the next year.

Died in Florida.

Mrs. J. H. Nichols, Formerly Miss Sallie Curry of Lancaster, Died Unexpectedly, in Wildwood.

The friends in Lancaster of Mrs. H. J. Nichols will be pained to hear of her death, which occurred several days ago at her home in Wildwood, Fla. Her maiden name was Sarah Curry, daughter of the late George Curry, and was raised in Lancaster by Mrs. Sallie Lindsay.

The Wildwood News, of the 3rd instant, gives the following account of Mrs. Nichols's death:

Mrs. H. J. Nichols died Saturday afternoon between 1 and 2 o'clock at her home east of town.

The death of this well known and much beloved lady was a great shock to the entire community. She had not been well for some time, but no anticipation of fatal results was had until just before the end came.

Mrs. Nichols was well and favorably known, being a lovely Christian woman. She was 27 years of age, a native of this place and a member of the Presbyterian church.

She leaves a husband, four small children and a sister, together with a host of relatives and friends to mourn her death.

The funeral took place from the Adamsville church, Revs. Auld and Collier officiating.

Mr. R. E. Gregory, of Taxahaw, is a visitor to Charleston this week.—Mr. Gregory has two sons in Porter Military Academy.

Cheap Excursion Rates via Southern Railway.

On account Charleston's Annual Gala Week and Coast Fair Association, November 6-11 1905, Southern Railway will sell tickets from all points within State of South Carolina, including Augusta, Ga., at rate One First Class Fare Plus 25 cents for the round trip, tickets sold November 4th, to 10th, inclusive and for trains arriving Charleston before noon November 11th; with final limit November 13th, 1905.

Southern Railway will provide extra coaches on all trains into Charleston November 5th, to 12th, inclusive and all who wish to take advantage of the exceedingly low rates can do so and feel assured that plenty of room will be provided.

For additional information, call on ticket agents or address,

R. W. Hunt,
Division Passenger Agent,
Charleston, S. C.

Notice.

To the overseers of the Public Roads of Lancaster County.

I again ask you all to warn out your hands and work each of your sections of the public roads, as many days as the law requires or until you get your road in good condition. I want to find that each section of road in the county is worked good between this and the last day of November. As you all know you can't do much good working the clay roads during the winter months.

The grand jury held a meeting on the first Monday in September last and requested me to give notice to all of the overseers to put four days' work on each section of road by the first Monday in Oct. and for each of you to make a report to me that day. And I did so, but many of you failed to work or to make any report. So I kindly ask you all to read the report of the grand jury at the last term of the court. You will see by that report that they want to have the roads worked better than they have ever been in the past, or have the law enforced against any one who fails to discharge his duty. Let every one do his duty, and the law will not be enforced against any one, but otherwise, they say it must be done. Take due notice therefore and govern yourself accordingly.

Respectfully,
M. C. Gardner
Co. Supr.

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