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Wednesday, November 15, 1905.

Secretary Cheatham, of the Southern cotton growers' association, certainly roasts Secretary Wilson, of the National agricultural bureau, but none too severely. Wilson eminently deserves all he gets. His November report on the condition of the cotton crop was indeed ridiculously absurd. Any one who knows anything at all about the raising of cotton knows that at this season of the year the crop is made and well-nigh gathered. There is no "condition" about its growth to report. And yet we find Secretary Wilson issuing a November report of that kind—something unheard of and never before attempted by his or any other department. Whether or not it was Mr. Wilson's intention to help the bear interest, his so called estimate has certainly had that effect.

THE FARMERS AND THEIR ORGANIZATION.

As will be seen by announcement elsewhere in today's paper, the annual meetings of the various sub-divisions of the Southern Cotton Growers' Association are soon to be held. The first meeting will be of the township or school district associations, to be held on the first Saturday in December. The county meeting is to follow one week later, on the 9th. The State association does not meet until January 3rd, and the Southern Association still later. The township associations reorganize and elect delegates to the county association, the county to the State and so on.

These meetings are of vital importance to the success of the farmers' great organization and should be largely attended. Especially should every farmer in every township be present at his township meeting, and see to it that delegates are chosen to the county meeting who will by all means attend.

It is impossible to estimate the vast possibilities for the good of the country that lie in the wise and successful management of the cotton growers' association. What has already been accomplished with imper-

fect organization and a lack of complete unanimity is an earnest of what may be done by thorough organization and united effort.

The farmers never had a better opportunity than they have today in their association to become masters of the cotton situation, and if they let this opportunity pass by unimproved their interests will receive a setback from which it will take years to recover.

It will not do for some farmers to hold aloof, sit down and do nothing and wait on the others to do all the work, pay all that is to be paid and do all the holding of cotton. Every man must put his shoulder to the wheel, bear his part of the burden and work continuously for the success of the organization. Let those who are not members of the association join at the approaching meetings and thereby identify themselves with this great movement.

THE CHATTANOOGA CONFERENCE.

The Conference held in Chattanooga last week on quarantine and immigration was largely attended, as many as fourteen southern states being represented. The question of state's rights entered largely into the discussion of the subject of quarantine, but the conference evidently felt that the preservation of the health of the south overshadowed all other questions, for it passed with but one dissenting voice resolutions offered by Congressman John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi, memorializing Congress "to enact a law whereby coast maritime and national frontier quarantine shall be placed exclusively under the control and jurisdiction of the United States government, and that matters of interstate quarantine shall be placed under the control and jurisdiction of the United States government, acting in cooperation with the several state boards of health."

In regard to immigration, the conference unanimously passed a resolution favoring the encouragement of such immigrants coming to this country as "white persons who are willing to subscribe to our laws and who appreciate and love the genius of our institutions." The resolution also states: "We repudiate and denounce as untrue any and all rumors and slanders that may have been circulated to the effect that the south is unfavorable to honest and industrious white immigrants."

Attention Juniors!

We earnestly request every member in Lancaster County of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics to attend the flag raising and bible presentation ceremonies at the Kershaw graded school Thursday of this week, Nov. 16th. Don't fail to take your regalia.

Lancaster S. C. Nov. 14, 1905
J. S. Wilson,
W. D. Chambers,
for Committee.

Newspapers are to be used as text books in the Northwestern University, Chicago, in order to make students familiarize themselves with current events.

The Sessions of Synod.

Synopsis of the Proceedings of that Notable Gathering of Associate Reformed Presbyterians in Due West.

The A. R. P. Synod, which has been in session at Due West for the past few days, was unusually largely attended and the proceedings of much interest. The Synod was treated to a number of very fine sermons and addresses. Among the sermons highly spoken of was one delivered by the Rev. R. Lee Robinson, a talented son of Lancaster, now in charge of the A. R. P. church of Camden, Alabama, where Synod will hold its meeting next year—due to the efforts made by Mr. Robinson.

A special from Due West Monday to the Charlotte Observer gives some of the proceedings of Synod at follows:

The committee on the orphanage reported that the effort to establish an orphanage at Hickory Grove, S. C., had failed and that it had been decided to maintain the one at present supported in the West.

A resolution was passed, offered by Rev. Rev. R. F. Bradley, to have a committee appointed to revise and enlarge the confession of faith of the Church. After some heated remarks by the author of the resolution, Synod voted to refuse to entertain the motion.

Rev. A. S. Rogers offered a resolution asking that the salaries of all pastors be increased owing to the increase in cost of living. This resolution was adopted.

One of the most interesting discussions of the day arose over the report of the committee on foreign missions. It was presented to the Synod in the form of a majority and minority report. The former requested the Synod to authorize an additional appropriation of \$500 for the work in Mexico, that Dr. Neil E. Pressly be instructed to canvass the churches for \$7,500 to build a new school house in Tampico, and that in view of the seeming impropriety of the measure it is deemed unwise to enter any new field this year. This latter clause was brought in as the action the committee had taken on the field in India, for which Miss Alexander, teacher in English at the female college, has offered her services. The minority report asked the Synod to authorize the board of foreign missions to receive contributions for this field and that immediate action be taken looking to the establishment of a mission in India in cooperation with the United Presbyterian Church, or independently.

This afternoon, after prayer by Dr. R. G. Miller, divine guidance in reference to this issue which was considered as the most vital the Synod has yet faced it its present session, the minority report was adopted. Six hundred dollars has already been pledged by some private members of the Sardis, N. C., congregation whose names are not to be divulged. The Synod's action on these matters means that a mission will be started in India in the near future if the board of foreign missions deems the idea feasible.

Mr. Charles Catoe, about 40 years old, was found dead in his bed at the Eureka mills, Chester, a few days ago.

Emperor William, a short time ago, received an unusual present—a pair of scissors, but so exquisitely made as to be valued at nearly \$500. A steel merchant was the giver. He had the Emperor's portrait and some celebrated historical buildings engraved on the scissors. The engraver is said to have worked five years at his task.

Business Notices.

All Notices inserted under this head at the rate of ONE CENT A WORD for each insertion. No notice to be counted less than 25 words.

LOST.—On Monday night, between the residence of Mrs. J. S. McCardell in East End and the graded school building, a brown fur, lined with gray. Reward if returned to this office.

THIRD Arrival of 36 inch changeable Taffetas in all the new shades; \$1.00 quality 80 cents. Lancaster Mercantile Co.

WANTED.—200 head of geese and turkeys. Highest cash price paid. J. S. Wilson. At Southern Depot.

PLANT onion sets now. I have them. J. B. Mackorell.

PLACE your order for celery for Thanksgiving. J. B. Mackorell.

TOBACCO, Just received one hundred 10 lb. caddies good plug tobacco. Will sell for two dollars per caddy. Come quick. Also five car loads good Virginia high grade flour to sell at the old price. You know flour has recently advanced 30c per barrel. Bennett Groc. Co.

A BOX of Huyler's candy for you Thanksgiving. J. B. Mackorell.

TWO STORES, one dwelling and two rooms, in Lancaster, for rent. Apply to W. J. Cunningham.

Professional Cards

JOHN E. WELSH,
DENTIST,
Lancaster, S. C.
Office Up-stairs in Masonic Building.

DENTISTRY.
DR. R. M. GALLOWAY,
Surgeon Dentist.
Office Up-stairs in Ganson Building.

DR. R. G. ELLIOTT,
Lancaster, S. C.

Residence phone, No. 187. Office, Davis Building, cor. Main and Dunlap streets; phone No. 72.

Will practice in both town and country. All calls, day or night, will receive prompt attention.

Notice to Debtors and Creditors.

All persons indebted to the estate of the late W. C. Cauthen are hereby notified to make payment to the undersigned, and all persons having claims against said estate are requested to present same, duly attested.

Mrs. Julia Cauthen,
Admrv.

Notice to Taxpayers.

Taxes will be due and payable without penalty from October 15 to December 31, 1905.

The tax levy for State purposes is 5½ mills, for ordinary county purposes 4½ mills, special county purposes (L. & C. R. bonds) 2 mills, constitutional tax for school purposes 3 mills, making a total levy of 15 mills on all taxable property of the county. In School Districts Nos. 5, 30, 32 and 46, there is a special levy of 2 mills additional for school purposes; in District No. 24, 3 mills; Districts Nos. 12, 17 and 39, 4 mills; District No. 38, 5 mills; No. 14, 6 mills, and No. 40, 7 mills. In Cane Creek Township there is a special local levy of 4½ mills for railroad purposes; Gill Creek, 5 mills, and Pleasant Hill, 3 mills.

There is also a tax of one dollar on each male citizen between the ages of twenty-one and sixty years, except ex-Confederate soldiers and sailors, or those who are so disabled that they cannot earn a support by manual labor.

J. E. BLACKMON,
Treasurer Lancaster County.

PRESIDENT PAUL MORTON

Outlining the policy of the new management of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States in an address delivered before a Convention of Equitable Agents, among other things says:

"Already there has been a saving in the administration of your Society amounting to approximately \$600,000 per annum. This equals 4 per cent. on an investment of \$15,000,000.

This is the equivalent to having \$15,000,000 more 4 per cent. bonds in our vaults. There will be other economies, and I can only repeat that retrenchment and conservative management is going to be our policy. I have great ambitions for the Equitable. I want it to be not only the greatest and the best but the safest and most conservative life insurance institution in the land. I want it to be the one that the agents will like the very best to work for. I want it to be the one that bankers and people who have securities for sale can feel that they will always get a square deal from. I want it to be the one that policyholders will recommend their friends to insure in and that everybody can point to with pride. I want it to be known, not only as the strongest financially, but the strongest morally."

Moral: Insure in the Equitable Life, "Strongest in the World."

W. B. Knight,

— Special Agent, —
LANCASTER, S. C.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
County of Lancaster.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.

Annie E. Wilson, in her own right and as Executrix of the will of William Knight, deceased, Plaintiff,

vs

Sarah Sittare, W. Jack Knight and others, Defendants.

BY VIRTUE of a decretal order made by his Honor O. W. Buchanan, Judge presiding, dated Oct. 20th, 1905, I will sell at public auction, in front of the court house, in the town of Lancaster, in said county and State, to the highest bidder, on

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4th,

next, within the legal hour of sale, the following described lands, in Cedar Creek township, county of Lancaster, in said State, formerly belonging to William Knight, deceased, and described as follows, viz:

First. Ninety-seven [97] acres, more or less, on the waters of Dry creek, bounded north by lands of Anderson Caskey, east and south by Dry creek, and west by lands of Miss McIlwain.

Second. Fifty [50] acres, more or less, known as the "Home place," bounded north by Dry creek, east by lands of Anderson Caskey, south by the Johnson lands, and west by lands of Miss McIlwain.

Third. Fifty [50] acres more or less, known as the "Jack Knight tract," bounded north by Dry creek, east by lands of Martha J. Estridge, south by the Johnson lands, and west by lands of Anderson Caskey.

Fourth. Fifty-seven [57] acres, more or less, bounded north by Dry creek and estate lands of J. S. McCardell, deceased, east and south by lands of Mrs. A. E. Wilson and Mrs. Alice Thompson, and west by lands of Mrs. Alice Thompson.

Terms of sale CASH. Purchaser to pay for papers.

JOHN P. HUNTER,
Sheriff, L. C.

R. E. WYLIE,
Plaintiff's Attorney.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the tax books of the town of Lancaster, S. C., will be open for the collection of taxes on the 1st day of November, 1905, at the office of the town Treasurer, and all taxes remaining unpaid on the 1st day of December, 1905, pursuant to Section 1 of the Supply Bill of 1905, will be subject to a penalty of 15 per cent for the non-payment of the same, together with cost.

R. E. WYLIE,
Mayor.

Oct. 10, 1905.