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Happenings in Georgia

As Chronicled by "Former Lancastrian"—Good Crops and High-Priced Mules--Many Mouths Watering for Thanksgiving Turkey--Gratifying Condition of the Public Schools throughout the Country.

Mr. Editor: The crops throughout Georgia are well nigh all gathered and the fields present a clean appearance, except, perhaps, in a few places where there is a small top crop of cotton. This will hardly amount to much, and in our opinion the number of bales already picked will be very nearly the total crop made. Various estimators are inclined to increase their estimate of the crop, and eleven million bales is getting to be a popular estimate. With even this large a crop, they expect higher prices for cotton later on. But the conservative farmer is willing to part with his holdings at 11 cents, "when it goes back there again."

Next week Thanksgiving Day comes again and thousands of turkeys are fattening, to be slain and prepared for a good old turkey feast that day. The country is in a fairly prosperous condition and farmers, merchants, professional men, and all classes have great reason to feel thankful. Of course, you have to make exceptions for fellows like the man, a farmer, well known as a chronic grumbler, who was asked after a very fine year for crops what he had to complain of. He replied, "Yes, we have made fine crops this year, but it is pesky hard on the soil."

Our city has just held her biennial municipal election and, perhaps, the hottest ever held in the history of the city. There were only two candidates for mayor, although there were many for aldermen. One of the candidates for mayor, the incumbent, was re-elected over his opponent, a splendid lawyer, ex-Judge and former Carolinian, by a small majority. For more reasons than one, we supported the latter, but a few more than half of the voters preferred the former, so we are numbered with the crowd that got left.

A bit of history connected with the county jail in Jones county, this state, is the fact that the builder of said jail, shortly after finishing the job, which was many years ago, committed some offense and was the first prisoner to occupy a cell within the walls of the new jail. Like Mr. Greene, we believe it was, of "Greene and Gaynor" fame, who had a similar experience, he was given a splendid opportunity to test the strength of the prison he had constructed.

The price of mules in these

parts looks mighty high to prospective buyers. Carload after carload of them are shipped here and sold every year, no matter how high the price, as the farmers say they must have 'em, for the "mule and the nigger" are mighty essential on a farm. It seems now that the nigger is fast severing his connection with the farm and the question of labor is becoming a serious one. We believe in a strict enforcement of the vagrancy law, to help matters along this line, as many of the negroes who are leaving the farm become worthless idlers on the streets and other places.

All over the country, the public schools are now running in full blast. It is interesting to notice what increased interest is being taken in educational matters, what up-to-date and systematic methods are being introduced, etc. No doubt about it, the public schools of the country are a hundred per cent better than they were a few years ago and it means that the coming generation is to be better equipped for fighting life's battles, better informed and better trained than past generations have been.

Former Lancastrian.
Macon, Georgia.

Store Robbed

Mr. R. C. Nisbet's Store Across State Line Burglarized--Thief Thought to be in or about Lancaster.

The store of Mr. R. C. Nisbet, in Union county, N. C., was broken into and robbed last Sunday night, the thief taking 3 guns, 2 overcoats, lot of shoes, loaded shells, etc. A negro named Charlie Austin is charged with the crime and Mr. Nisbet was in Lancaster yesterday on the lookout for him, having found where he had spent the night before in this county. Mr. Nisbet recovered one of the guns and also one of the overcoats at the place the negro stopped Thursday night.

Another Railroad.

Heath Springs and Granite Quarry to be Connected by Rail.

The Excelsior Granite company is preparing to build a branch railroad from its quarry to Heath Springs, where it will connect with the Southern. Work on the road will no doubt be started at an early day.

The company's indefatigable president, Mr. Stewart Heath, is losing no time in getting everything ready for the construction and operation of the connecting line.

John Buckley, of Augusta, Ga., shot and killed a woman, Daisy May, in that city Friday and then took his own life.

The Junior Order.

To Observe Tomorrow as a National Thanksgiving Day.

The National Council of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics having designated tomorrow, Sunday, as a national Thanksgiving day, the day will accordingly be fittingly observed by the Lancaster Council.

The members will meet at their hall at 10 o'clock in the morning, and from there will march in a body to the Second Baptist church, where appropriate religious services will be conducted by the pastor, the Rev. T. A. Dabney.

Hughes vs Western Union

An Interesting Case from Lancaster Finally Settled by the Supreme Court.

The Supreme court has affirmed the decision of the circuit court in the case of W. Alonzo Hughes against the Western Union Telegraph company. It will be recalled that the plaintiff, a resident of Heath Springs, recovered a judgment against the defendant company for \$700, damages for failure to promptly deliver to him a telegram from Florida informing him of his brother's death, and thus causing him to arrive at the place of the brother's death after the interment of the body.

The decision of the Supreme court was published in The State a day or two ago.

"One Man Out of Thousands"

Waxhaw Enterprise.

Our citizens can appreciate the value of the news, but how many subscribers actually dream one night about what he reads the paper and is worried to become about it that he hurried off to town the next morning to pay up. He is one out of thousands. Our observation would lead us to believe that the majority of them sleep too soundly to dream about what they owe the newspaper. It is a very difficult matter to get a great many men even to think of a little matter like that when they are wide awake. A man must be very near the kingdom when he can dream about what he owes the newspaper.

Fire in Wingate.

The Stewart livery stables in Wingate were burned last Monday night. Two mules perished in the flames. The origin of the fire is not known.

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The Hawfield-Steele Nuptials

---Interesting Event in the Tirzah Section.

Mr. T. B. Hawfield, of Harrison, and Miss Kate Steele, of the Tirzah neighborhood, were married on last Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's parents, Capt. and Mrs. J. J. C. Steele, Rev. W. W. Ratchford, pastor of the bride, performing the ceremony. The attendants were Dr. Kerr and Miss Bernice Walkup, Mr. Sam Steele and Miss Annie Hawfield.

The marriage was a quiet home affair, only a few relatives and intimate friends of the couple being present. The bride was attired in a very beautiful and becoming gown of white silk and carried a bouquet of white carnations. She wore a pair of white slippers which her mother wore on the occasion of her wedding forty-five years ago.

After the ceremony a sumptuous dinner was served in the spacious dining room. The happy couple were the recipients of many valuable and useful presents. Both the bride and groom are deservedly popular with a very large circle of friends and acquaintances, and on the occasion of their wedding many good wishes were showered upon them.

On the following day Mr. and Mrs. Hawfield, accompanied by a few friends, drove to the hospitable home of the groom in the Harrison neighborhood, where a delightful reception was tendered them. For the present they will make their home in the Harrison neighborhood.—Waxhaw Enterprise.

Weddings this Week

The Season for Marriage Bells Now Fairly Opened.

Mr. W. L. Sowell, brother of our fellow townsmen Messrs. Henry and Jesse Sowell, and Miss Lizzie Fletcher, daughter of the late James Fletcher, of Jefferson, were married last Sunday, 19th instant, by the Rev. R. J. Blackmon.

Mr. Van J. Covington, of Cheraw, and Miss Lela Walters, daughter of Mr. Dock Walters, of De Light, were married Thursday, 23rd instant, by the Rev. R. J. Blackmon. Mr. Covington and his bride have gone to Cheraw.

Waxhaw Enterprise.

Mr. Geo. F. Winchester, of the Pleasant Grove neighborhood, and Miss Billa Hinson, of Monroe township, were married Sunday morning at the Methodist parsonage at Monroe by Rev. W. R. Ware. Mr. Winchester is a well known and popular young man and is a brother of Mrs. T. C. Haigler, of this place.

Mr. Sid Cauthen and Miss Lucy Bowers were married in Heath Springs last Sunday, at the Methodist parsonage, the pastor, the Rev. David Hucks, officiating.

To Reduce The Acreage

President Jordan Talks of the Plans and Also of Scheme to Hold 3,000,000 Bales of Cotton.

Atlanta, Nov. 23.—President Jordan, of the Southern Cotton Growers Association, in an interview said the proposition to tie up 3,000,000 bales of cotton and hold it for higher prices, in the face of the already established short crop and the unprecedented consumption, was well under way and promises successful results. He said:

"The entire machinery of the association will be put in motion within a few days, pledging the cotton growers of the South to a reduced acreage for the next year."

"We will begin thus early to hold down acreage to give the planters a full opportunity to make arrangements for another year."

Here it is Again!

Another Man Loses Heavily by Not Having His Money Deposited in Bank.

Special to The Charlotte Observer.

Rutherfordton, Nov. 22.—Mr. Vance Rhodes, one of Polk county's best known and most substantial citizens, had the misfortune to lose his house and contents, together with something over \$1,200 in cash, by fire on Sunday night last. Further particulars cannot be learned at this time, but it is said there was no insurance. This is not the first time Mr. Rhodes has sustained heavy loss by keeping large sums of money at his home. Some years ago unknown parties broke into his house and his absence and stole over \$1,000 also.

Thinks The News's Advice Good.

From Kershaw Era:

The Lancaster News in last Saturday's edition had an admirable editorial on the value of pulling together in matters pertaining to the public welfare. If the citizens of our neighboring town could be made to act upon the excellent advice given by Editor Connors the town would soon exhibit a different air and spirit altogether from that which has characterized it in recent years. It would also be astonished at its future rapid development.

Four men were hanged Friday in Carson, Nev., for the murder of Jack Welch two years ago.

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