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THE COTTON ASSOCIATION'S MEETING.

The success of Monday's meeting of the County Cotton Growers' Association is truly gratifying to all friends of the present movement of the farmers. The attendance was good, despite the bad weather, and there was evidence of much enthusiasm and a determination on the part of the people of old Lancaster to do their part toward making the association a permanent success. Local associations generally paid over their dues and assessments and reported satisfactory progress. The Association wisely decided to put an organizer in the field, and it selected a good man for the work, Mr. Geo. W. Jones.

Several good speeches were made, Mayor Wylie's being especially strong. He gave his hearers excellent advice along the lines of getting on a cash basis and marketing cotton, as well as upon other points. The Mayor's remarks evidently made a good impression on all present.

POSTOFFICE STATISTICS.

It appears from the Washington correspondence of the Charleston Post that South Carolina uses less of Uncle Sam's postage stamps than any other state in the union, the per capita of circulation being only 52 cents, while that of Nevada, which has the highest record, is \$3.87. The District of Columbia comes next to Nevada with \$3.43 per head. New York ranks third, its per capita being \$3.33.

South Carolina's low rate is attributed to the state's large negro population, many families of colored people never writing or receiving a letter from year to year.

According to the records of the postoffice department, as given by the correspondent referred to, there are now 68,131 postoffices in the United States. The total number 100 years ago was only 1,558. The present number in South Carolina is 1,047. Pennsylvania ranks

first in the number of postoffices, having 4,377. Virginia, with 3,426 postoffices, comes next to Pennsylvania. South Carolina's gross postoffice receipts for the last fiscal year were \$738,724, while those of New York were \$26,338,164.

It is stated that the rural free delivery routes in a few of the Southern states, South Carolina and Mississippi among them, "do not pay for themselves." In other words, they are being operated at a loss to the government, but there is no intimation that any routes will be discontinued on that account.

THE NEWS AS AN ADVERTISING MEDIUM.

The "Business Column" of The News has proven to be one of the most attractive features of the paper. It appears that everybody reads it, and many tells us that it is the first thing in the paper that they look for. It is astonishing what a large per cent of the public is constantly on the lookout for bargains, special sales, etc. All "want" ads, "lost and found" notices, etc., are closely scanned by the average reader.

Advertisers themselves are well pleased with the business column, which never fails to bring desired results. It was only a few days ago that Mr. H. W. Mobley, of Heath Springs, told us of his gratifying experience with The News' column of business notices. Some two or three weeks ago he had inserted in it a small notice to the effect that he wanted to buy a second hand peanut roaster. In a short time he was surprised at the large number of letters that he received, offering to sell him all sorts of roasters. He finally purchased what he wanted from Mr. S. T. Blackmon, of Lancaster, who, having seen Mr. Mobley's notice, promptly communicated with him. Other instances of the same kind have come under our observation.

It is a fact worthy of note that The News, with its present large and rapidly increasing circulation, affords an exceptionally fine field for advertisers. We doubt if another paper in the state, outside of the dailies, is read by more persons than is The News. According to the national government's basis of estimating population, this newspaper has over ten thousand regular readers. As an advertising medium, therefore, The News unquestionably ranks among the best.

—A lady in Union county, S. C., sent an order to Lancaster this week for a "breakfast shawl" she saw advertised in The News by the Heath-Jones Company. Who says advertising does not pay?

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.

DON'T fail to see "Robin Hood" in Chester tonight. This is doubtless the last good show you will have the opportunity of seeing this season. Seats are being reserved for the Lancaster crowd. We will gladly refund anyone's money who is dissatisfied with the performance. Hamilton & Heyman, Mgrs. Chester Opera House.

BEFORE buying a Christmas present, see our line of Cut Glass Ornaments. We have a complete assortment. They are beauties. The Funderburk Pharmacy.

RARE bargain for Christmas present—handsome 8-inch Cut Glass Bowls at \$3.40 each, which is less than cost. L. C. Payseur.

YOU say you can't decide on that Xmas present? If your friend smokes why not give him a Meerschaum Pipe? We have a complete line. The Funderburk Pharmacy.

TENANT WANTED.—To work good 2-horse farm on shares in Creek neighborhood. Comfortable buildings on place. Apply at once to J. M. Cook, Creek P. O., S. C.

ALL who have seen our pearl-handle Pocket Knives say they are the prettiest they have ever seen. Give your friend one Xmas. The Funderburk Pharmacy.

FOR the benefit of those who desire to see the opera, "Robin Hood," in Chester tonight, the L. & C. will run a special train, leaving Lancaster at 7:00 p. m., and returning leave Chester immediately after the show. The fare for the round trip will be 75 cents.

THE only Safety Razor that shaves is the "Gillette." We have them. We carry a complete line of Razors in cases, suitable for presents. The Funderburk Pharmacy.

A NICE lot of Wyley's Xmas Candies just received. Also a nice line of Cigars, 25 to the box, for Xmas. The Funderburk Pharmacy.

THE merchandise enumerated below is the best that can be procured; fresh from first hands, all competition met and satisfaction given to every patron. The smallest lot given the same consideration of the oldest purchaser. Best New York and Vermont Apples, Sweet Florida Oranges, Malaga Grapes, Turkish Figs, Arabian Dates, Lemons, California Prunes, Jersey Cranberries, Mixed New Crop Nuts (no cold storage), Barico Coconuts, Domestic and Italian Chestnuts. Fine assortment French and American candies, Canned Goods, Cigars, Snuff, Smoking and Chewing Tobaccos, etc. Excelsior Fruit Stand (Lemmond).

WE HAVE plenty of Hard Coal on hand—the kind that don't stop the flue. The Heath-Jones Co.

1000 LBS. good Tobacco in 10-pound caddies—cost 30 cents pound. For the next 30 days we will sell it for 25 cents per pound. The Heath-Jones Co.

I WILL be in my office next Thursday, instead of on the usual days—Friday and Saturday. M. C. Gardner, County Supervisor.

WE STILL have 3 tons of those fine Danish cabbage, which we are selling at \$2 per hundred pounds. They are fine for krauting purposes. Bennett Grocery Co.

I WILL let to the lowest responsible bidder, at Camp Creek church, [colored] on Monday, Jan. 1st, 1906, at 12 o'clock m., the contract to build a colored school house. Specifications to be made known on day of letting. W. D. Jones, clerk b'd trustees.

THIRTY years' experience enables me to say that I have the finest Christmas Cakes of all kinds to be found, at Bennett's store. W. F. Swearingen.

WE ARE too busy to tell you what we have. If you want anything good to eat call on Bennett Grocery Co.

IF YOU want some nice fresh Spanish Mackerel and Trout call up the Lancaster Fish Market quick, as they are going fast. Phone 79.

I HAVE, at L. & C. Depot, 15,000 lbs. fine Danish Cabbage for krauting purposes at \$2.10 per hundred lbs. Come quick as they are going fast. E. C. Lanier.

FOR SALE AT COST.—I have 500 Cultivated Blackberry plants for sale at 5cts apiece, which is just what they cost me. E. C. Lanier, Lancaster, S. C.

Professional Cards

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

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

Residence phone, No. 1187. Office, Davis Building, cor. Main and Dunlap streets; phone No. 72.
Will practice in both town and county. All calls, day or night, will receive prompt attention.

Don't
Put
Off
The

OVERCOAT

You will want it tomorrow. Look at our \$12.50 Overcoats..... Match them if you can for \$15.00. Others as low as \$3.00.

Wool Underwear

That doesn't shrink—warm, soft, serviceable and it will be the same size in March as when it started off in December.

Ladies' READY TO WEAR Hats

We have just received a fresh supply of these goods, and they are going at the usual rock-bottom prices. Come and see them.

Straws show which way the wind blows.
Crowds show which way the trade goes.

We are having the largest fall trade in the history of our business, yet we are not depending on chin music or printed prices. Come, let us show you our Dress Goods, Ladies' Jackets, Shoes, Clothing and Furniture.

Williams-Hughes Co

The Underselling Store