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THE DAY OF THE FARMER.

While a number of cotton sellers were waiting for the buyers to get ready to make a bid on some cotton in the cotton yard, one day this week, a poor professional man, who had no cotton to sell, jokingly remarked that he did not see how the farmers could live with cotton and cotton-seed bringing present prices.

The gentleman referred to farms, but he is not a farmer. A real farmer does not buy "other things," but produces them. And a real farmer knows that in point of labor, and other expenses it costs him very little more to produce corn, oats, hay, small grains and other necessities on the farm than heretofore.

Let us look at his money crop on the other hand. On a three horse farm he produces eighteen bales of cotton. He pays six bales for rent. He sells the balance of his cotton for one hundred and thirty-five dollars per bale, or a total of sixteen hundred and twenty dollars.

And this is not all. A man in the country with good pasture lands may raise hogs for sale, cattle for sale, poultry for sale as well as all manner of farm products which he can readily dispose of on the markets of the towns and cities.

COTTON.

The cotton crop for the present year will be short, it is admitted. That it will be much shorter than is now thought we are forced to believe. The crop everywhere is late and late cotton never gives as good yield as early cotton.

This is accounting in some measure for the present price. The cotton is not coming on the market as fast as has been expected, and after thirty days from today, the amount coming forward will be greatly reduced.

ent prices are inviting, and it is no time to advise any man to hold cotton, even if we were disposed to do so, especially if he owes money for land or other investments, but we should not be surprised to see cotton go higher than at present.

SHIPPING BOARD'S NEW OFFICIAL FLAG

In a few weeks there will begin to appear on the seven seas a new flag, symbolizing the return of the United States to all its fellowship with the leading maritime nations of the earth. The new standard is the recently adopted official flag of the United States shipping board, which is creating a national merchant fleet.

FAIR MANAGEMENT PLANS BIG SHOW

Resources of the State to Be Mobilized.

Columbia, Oct. 10.—Prosecution of the European war will not retard preparations for a record attendance upon the State Fair which opens on October 22. The resources of the State are being mobilized from every section.

Miss Edith Parrott of Winthrop College, State agent for Home Demonstration work, is also in Columbia marshaling the resources of this field. She is being assisted by Mrs. Dora Dee Walker, assistant State agent, and Miss Gladys Smith, special agent.

The State Department of Agriculture is also organizing its array of striking exhibits. This is always an important demonstration of the progress from year to year achieved in South Carolina agriculture.

Crops throughout the State are yielding abundantly this fall and the agricultural exhibits are expected to be of an exceptionally high character. Preparations to meet the exigencies of the war has caused the farmers of the State to diversify as never before, and the exhibits this year should cover an unusually large scope.

The location of Camp Jackson in Columbia is to be a distinct factor in attendance upon the State Fair, October 22-27. Relatives and friends throughout the state, of boys at Camp Jackson, will come to the State capital at that time for the dual purpose of getting a view of the immense military station, and also of visiting their relatives.

The cantonment will provide attractions from other sources. A game of football between officers teams will battle for supremacy on Wednesday of fair week. Saturday another contest will be staged between military teams, a strong aggregation of enlisted men having been lined up for a struggle with the fighting crew from the Charleston Navy Yard.

SASHES AND WIDE GIRDLERS.

Sashes and wide girdles are an important accessory of many of the newest gowns, says the Dry Goods Economist. In girdles, the wide crushed styles made of fabric or of ribbon are favored, being twisted twice around the waist and buttoned at either side.

The Japanese sash with butterfly bow frequently adorns the back of a

gown else a single loop with two long ends is arranged at one side. Sashes made half in fabric, half in another, notably in black velvet and white satin or in silk jersey and printed crepe de chine, figure to some extent. These are usually tied in a knot below the hips at the back.

MITCHELL B. CANN.

M. B. Cann, who runs the Stark Vehicle Company, and who is known in these parts as Kinney Cann, has been misnamed. His name is Mitchell Cann. He is the namesake of the Mitchell wagon which he sells whenever he gets ready.

He walked into the office Wednesday night and sat down feeling a bit "chesty." Sam McCuen hadn't sold much of the Emporium's furniture and he was thinking of other things. Mitchell sat around for awhile waiting for Sam to ask something about the sales for that day, and when it seemed that he wasn't going to do it, he said to Sam, "Why in the don't you have some questions to ask about the wagon business tonight?"

CASE REVERSED.

The case of Robert Gilliam as administrator of Whit McBride against Southern Railway has been reversed by the Supreme Court. McBride was killed on the Southern Railway while engaged as a section hand. His administrator sued under the Employers Liability Act, and secured a judgment for damages on account of his death in the sum of \$800.

J. Howard Moore and Wm. N. Graydon represented the plaintiff, and J. Moore Mars the defendant Railway Company.

TWO AMERICANS DIE.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 10.—General Pershing has advised the War Department of the death of two members of the American expeditionary forces in France. They are Sergeant Patrick Cassidy, infantry, who died October 1, as the result of a fall from a railway train, and private William J. Sanders, medical department, who died October 6th from natural causes.

Cassidy's next of kin is a niece, Miss Margaret Seager, Syracuse, N. Y., and that of Sanders a cousin, Miss Grace Rooks, Shaver, Ark.

BRITISH LOSE 16 SHIPS PAST WEEK

Weekly Report British Losses Shows 14 Over and 2 Under 1,600 Tons Lost.

London, Oct. 10.—British merchant vessels over 1600 tons sunk by mine or submarine in the last week number fourteen, according to the official statement of the British admiralty tonight. Two vessels under 1600 tons and three fishing vessels also were sunk.

The summary: Arrivals, 2,519; sailings, 2,682. British merchant vessels over 1600 tons sunk by mine or submarine, including one previously, fourteen; under 1600 tons, including one previously, two.

Fishing vessels sunk, three. British vessels unsuccessfully attacked, including three previously, five.

WHAT MR. STALLINGS SAYS.

Mr. Tom Stallings, the Southern Express Agent here, says that he is having twice as much work as he used to have while the gallon-a-month law was in effect. The whiskey that came in for awhile in quarts is now pints and he says he don't care how soon they quit getting the pints.

MR. SHIVER BETTER.

The friends of Mr. Sam Shiver will be glad to know that he is getting along nicely. He is at Dr. Pryor's.

Messrs. T. P. Milford and George W. Milford were in the city Thursday selling cotton.

J. D. Duncan was here on Monday in attendance on court, being a jurymen.

OBSERVATIONS. Local News and Comment in Short and Headless Paragraphs.

Our pages are display windows.

New subscribers are coming in every day.

John Whaley is driving the Greenwood laundry wagon.

Abbeville is the best cotton market in this part of the State.

There will be communion service at th A. R. P. church next Sabbath.

Charlie Evans purchased from E. H. Longshore a Buick No. 4, last week.

You didn't see that man here this week running a "gimme-stand" did you?

The Semi-weekly Press and Banner is an all round good family newspaper. It will pay you to subscribe for it, \$1.50 a year.

Christmas packages for the boys in France will have to be mailed by Nov. 15th in order to reach them by Christmas Day.

A gentleman of good judgment told us that he liked The Press and Banner so well that he had two copies sent to his family each issue.

A gentleman told us that he saw four negroes with brand new automobiles this week. They had sold cotton enough to pay out and then buy a car. They were enjoying life.

The Gibson Family Reunion will be the next home entertainment given in Abbeville. It will be under the direction of the Seceder Ladies for the benefit of the parsonage. The date is Nov. 9th.

The Due West community Fair is getting on fine. The grand pageant will be the chief feature. Dinners, sandwiches and tea will be sold on the grounds during the fair. A large crowd is expected and preparations are being made accordingly.

The City Council at it's meeting Tuesday night passed an ordinance requesting the owners of houses to number them. The numbers have already been ordered and will be ready for sale as soon as they arrive.

The Free City Delivery of the mails is an extension of the service and will be a great help to the people, particularly those who live a good distance from the postoffice, and those who haven't a very good way of getting their mail. Those who do not want their mail delivered, need not have their house numbered but can still walk to the office and call for it or keep their box.

FOR CLASS IN FRENCH.

Writer Recalls Jingle He Learned From "Whims and Oddities."

To the Editor of The State: Three score years ago, when in the French class at school I was plodding through the time honored textbook, Telamaque, and committing to memory daily doses of La Rochefoucaud, we youngsters used to sing a merry jingle entitled, "Never Go to France."

"Staring like a fool, Or silent as a mummy, There I stood, alone— A nation with a dummy. Chaises stand for chairs, They christen letters billies, They call their mothers mares, And all their daughters fillies." W. C. B.

FIVE-CENT LOAF BREAD.

Washington, Oct. 8.—A new five-cent bread loaf which saves sugar, lard and milk and adopted after long experiments by the Bureau of Chemistry will be tried in Philadelphia under the direction of a member of the Bureau. It is attractive to bakers as it allows a fair profit.

CALHOUN FALLS FAIR.

The people of Calhoun Falls are making big plans and preparations for a Community Fair to be held on Nov. 2nd and 3rd. The Premium List is very attractive and if everyone takes part it will prove a splendid success.

"IT FITS ME TO PERFECTION" "Columbia, S. C., 10-6-17." Dear Mr. Shepard: My suit reached me last Saturday and am entirely pleased with it for IT FITS ME TO PERFECTION. SHEPARD'S HOME OF GOOD CLOTHES.

BAKER FOR PURCHASE OF JEFFERSON HOME

Washington, Oct. 8.—Secretary Baker has put the war department influence back of a movement for the purchase of Thomas Jefferson's birthplace, Monticello, with a view to its conversion into an army and navy hospital during the war and creation of a national park there after the war is over.

ELLEN SONS IN THE ARMY.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Oct. 8.—Thomas Chamberlain, of Kanab, Utah, who served a term in the State penitentiary for practicing polygamy has eighteen sons, of whom eleven are in the army service.

SAILORS FROM RAIDER SEEDLER ARE CAPTURED NEAR THE FIJI ISLANDS

Melbourne, Oct. 8.—A boat load of German sailors, members of the crew of the Seadler, were captured in the vicinity of the Fiji Islands, according to a report received here today.

AMERICAN ARMY OFFICERS.

Washington, Oct. 8.—The Senate yesterday afternoon confirmed the nominations of Major General Tasker H. Bliss, chief of staff, and Major General Pershing, commander-in-chief of the American armies in France, to be full generals, a rank held only four times in American history.

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