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For President,
ALTON B. PARKER,
of New York.

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HENRY G. DAVIS,
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The Cotton Growers.

The movement on foot of the cotton growers to control the marketing of the crop is one of most important industrial undertakings launched in the South, and if it can be made to succeed it will result in adding millions of dollars to the wealth of the South. All efforts made to organize farmers for industrial progress have hitherto failed but there is no reason why it cannot be done. The defunct Farmers Alliance showed that organization could be effected, unfortunately it was captured by the politicians and instead of being a union of farmers for their mutual industrial benefit it became a huge political machine within the Democratic party, for it was stronger in South than elsewhere. It taught a lesson to farmers however and that was that they could organize, but that politics was a rock upon which the organization would be wrecked. The promoters of cotton growers association at the outset declare their firm determination to avoid political pitfalls and confine their whole energy to accomplish the purpose of controlling the market so as to get fair and reasonable prices for their cotton. The plan is entirely feasible. Under present conditions cotton growers have no voice in fixing the price of their own produce. They have to take what they can get, and that often does not depend upon the law of supply and demand but upon the gambling operations of cotton exchange speculators. Under the scheme the supply would regulate price and it would be put upon the market only as the demand required.

There are many details which would have to be worked out, but that by organization the farmers can have better control of the cotton market is unquestionable, and the success of such a plan would be to the benefit of the farmers, the cotton mills and everybody else concerned, chiefly because it would minimize the evils of speculation.—Columbia Record.

Clemson Barn Burned.

Anderson, October 29.—At 7 o'clock tonight fire destroyed the big cow barn at Clemson College, together with eleven cows, entailing a loss of \$2,500. The origin of the fire is unknown. The barn was of modern construction with improved appliances and was situated a quarter of a mile south of the barracks.

In Despair Ended His Life.

Richmond, Va. October 28.—Edgar Allen, former United States district attorney, a prominent Grand Army man, and who had figured here in Republican politics since reconstruction days, was found this morning near Union Theological Seminary, in Henrico County, with a bullet through his head and a pistol clutched in his hand. It is regarded as a clear case of suicide.

Homicides in Lancaster and Adjoining Counties this Year.

Sunday's issue of the News and Courier contains reports from most of the counties of the state of the number of homicides committed in the last ten months. The following is the Lancaster record:

The following homicides have occurred in Lancaster County since January 1, 1904:

John Young, colored, killed Samuel McMurray, colored, with an axe, February 24. Plea, self-defence. Tried at present term of Court and convicted of manslaughter; sentenced, three years and six months at hard labor in Penitentiary or on the public works of the county.

Lewis M. Horton, white, shot and killed Charles Brown, colored, May 12. Plea, self-defence. Tried and acquitted at present term of Court.

Lee Hilton, colored, shot and killed Isom Horton, colored, September 29. Plea, self-defence. Defendant granted bail in sum of \$1,000 and case continued to next term of court.

John Jackson, Jr., colored, shot and killed Minnie Anderson, colored, March 20. Plea, accidental killing. Case continued to next term of Court.

Miner Clarke, colored, shot and killed Robert Watts, colored, April 13. Plea, self-defence. Trial pending.

Ella McCardell, colored, killed Thomas McCardell, her husband, with an axe, July 28. Her plea was self-defence, but the woman died in jail of violent insanity, developed a few weeks after incarceration.

John Morrison, white, shot and killed William Floyd, white, October 1. Morrison was lynched the same day.

REPORTS FROM NEIGHBORING COUNTIES.

Kershaw—Hammie Nelson, a small colored boy, killed Harkness Lewis, colored. Convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to two years in the State Reformatory.

John Morrison, white, shot and killed Robert Baskins February 6. Plea, self-defence. He was acquitted. (Morrison is the white man recently lynched at Kershaw for killing Will Floyd.)

J. E. Gettis, white, killed McRae Whittaker, white, April 9. Motion for charge of venue refused and case pending.

Jas. Cameron and J. T. Cameron, white, charged with the killing of Isaac Thorne, colored, April 11, are out on bond, awaiting trial.

Tena Truesdell, a colored woman, who was "pranking" with a gun she "didn't know was loaded," killed Cynthia Washington, another colored woman, August 31. She is out on bond, pending her trial.

John Black, colored, was convicted at the June, 1904, term of Court, of poisoning his wife Augusta 23, 1903. Recommended to mercy and sentenced to life imprisonment.

John Langley, white, committed suicide about the 1st of September, by shooting himself.

Aaron Williams, colored, was arrested a day or two previous, charged with committing rape upon Langley's wife. Williams was convicted at the recent term of court and sentenced to be hanged November 4th.

W. T. Lathan, white, who was convicted of assault and battery with intent to kill at the recent term of court, committed suicide in the county jail by taking lyso.

Chester—Jack Brown, colored, struck in the head with railroad pick by John Roddey, April 9,

and died from wound April 19. Roddey made good his escape.

Isaac Grant, colored, shot and killed on May 14 by William Wright. Plea-defence. Acquitted.

Jim Dixon, colored, shot and killed July 16 by Robert and Mack McCorkle and Ed. Walls. Robt. McCorkle in jail awaiting trial. Mack McCorkle and Walls never captured.

Glover Walker, colored, cut to death with knives August 6 by Rebecca Walker and Mary Sanders. Trial pending.

Henry Sanders, colored, shot and killed by William Hardin September 15. Hardin in jail awaiting trial. All parties implicated in above homicides are colored. There have been no suicides in this county this year.

Chesterfield—Pres Richardson, colored, shot and killed January 12 by William McManus, white. McManus pleaded guilty, April term of court. Sentence five years at hard labor on county chain gang or State Penitentiary.

George Knox, colored, shot and killed August 4, 1904, by Robert S. Austin, white. Grand jury October term, 1904, found no bill against R. S. Austin.

John Taylor, colored, shot and killed by posse who arrested him about 8th day of July, 1904, near Middendorf, S. C. Tried to escape by running. Charge rape. Coroner's verdict: "The deceased John Taylor, came to his death by means unknown to the jury."

York—On April 1 James Mason, an albino, shot and killed Rufus Coulter, colored. Mason was arrested and committed to jail, where he subsequently died of pneumonia.

On April 27 James McMakin, colored, shot and killed Jake Fronebarger, also colored. McMakin surrendered to sheriff. Has not been tried and is now out on bond.

On April 27 J. A. Eubanks, white, and a policeman at Rock Hill, shot and killed Spencer Doster, colored. Trial pending. Eubanks out on bond.

On May 7 W. E. Deaton, white shot and killed J. Lowry Patterson, white, was tried at July term of court, convicted of murder and sentenced to life imprisonment in penitentiary.

On July 22 John Grier, colored, shot and killed Robert Smith, colored. Grier escaped and has not yet been arrested.

On June 2 Smith Feemster, colored, shot and killed Sam Sanders, colored. Feemster was tried at July term of court and acquitted.

On July 11 John Pugh, white, shot and killed his brother, Jake Pugh. Coroner's jury rendered verdict of accidental killing.

On August 26 R. L. A. Smith, white, shot and killed Andy McNeel, colored. Coroner's jury rendered verdict of justifiable homicide.

On October 2 Frazier Simpson colored shot and killed Paul Sanders, colored. Simpson now in jail awaiting trial.

October 23 Monroe Jones, colored, shot and killed Jake Dunlap, colored. Coroner's jury returned a verdict of justifiable homicide.

October 3 James Thompson, colored, shot and killed Istah Jeter, colored. Thompson escaped. This is a case apparently cold blooded and premeditated. The Governor has offered a reward of \$150 for the fugitive.

Never Ask Advice

When you have a cough or cold don't ask what is good for it and get some medicine with little or no merit and perhaps dangerous. Ask for Foley's Honey and Tar, the greatest throat and cold remedy. It cures coughs, colds quickly. Sold by Funderburk Pharmacy.

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Being the prevailing colors, we bought heavily in those two shades in Mohair, Cravinetts, Mixed Cheviots and Whipcords. Broadcloths in all shades. Our notion department is complete and right up to the notch, and anything you may wish in that line we have it. Tailor made Skirts, Jackets and Capes. A tremendous line, and we think the prettiest and cheapest ever shown on this market. An inspection of same will be appreciated and will insure us a sale.

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