

## THE LEDGER.

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SUBSCRIPTION \$1.50 PER YEAR

The showing of our bank is very gratifying and speaks well for its management.—Batesburg Advocate.

Blessed few editors have any bank, and about the same can be said of their bank accounts. It would be gratifying to us if we had a bank, whether it made any showing at all or not. We would attend to its management.—Chester Lantern.

The Lancaster Ledger quotes Mr. Jno. A. Bridges, of Heath Spring, as saying, "I am going to reduce the acreage in cotton on my farm this year 25 per cent, and will use only half the amount of fertilizer I used last year." Twelve acres to the plow is what Mr. Bridges has heretofore planted but this year he proposes to plant only nine.

Mr. Bridges is a successful farmer; he is also progressive. When he decides upon a plan he has a good reason therefor. It is not difficult to fathom his reason for the reduction of his cotton acreage this year. It will give him opportunity to raise more of other things and at the same time gives him the cotton he raises more as a surplus, out of which he will have to spend a great deal less, and which will cost him much less for production.

Clearly something needs to be done to relieve the situation and raise the price of cotton, and we can think of no better plan where by it may be successfully done than by the one Mr. Bridges proposes to follow. If there could be a general agreement among the farmers of the cotton growing states to adopt this plan they would unquestionably experience some very gratifying results within a very few years.

The individual farmer who raises his supplies at home and cotton as a surplus, is much better off than one who raises cotton exclusively and expends it all in the purchase of supplies.—Kershaw Era.

The record of the comptroller general's office shows that there were reported from the first of March, 1904, to the first of December, 1904, 274 fires in this State, the value of property involved, amounting to \$416,806,204. The record shows the cause or origin of the fires to be as follows:

Nine were reported as incendiary.  
Eleven suspected incendiary.  
Nine from lamps exploding.  
Twenty-one carelessness.  
Twelve rats and matches.  
Thirty-five defective fuses.  
Three defective electric wires.  
Three from lightning.  
Five accidental.  
Two from gas jets.  
Ten, sparks from engine.  
One hundred and fifty unknown.

AN AGED LADY DIES OF FRIGHT.

Manning, Jan. 18.—Mrs. Hannah Levi, widow of the late Moses Levi, died suddenly last night, aged 74. A few nights ago she received a fright from a thief entering the Levi mansion and stealing \$75 and other valuables. Seeing the thief as he escaped, she never got over the shock. Today her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Louis Levi, formerly Miss D. Ansona of Chicago, who has been ill some time, died also. The double funeral will take place in Sumter Friday.

[For The Ledger.  
THE LEGISLATURE

EDITOR OF LEDGER:—A number of new bills are now before the General Assembly conveying every conceivable and imaginary subject.

The following are some of the measures: Bill to require a uniform price for cotton seed and cow peas in the State killed.

Bill to require all persons before taking a lien on the crops of another for advances to first obtain the consent of the land owner.—This bill ought to be killed.

The seed cotton bill prohibits the sale, without a license, of seed cotton between August 15th and December 20th. The license to be from \$1.00 to \$500 and granted by the County Board of Commissioners, upon the recommendation of a certain number of citizens residing in the same township with the applicant. There is opposition to the bill, but we hope to pass it.

The measure to require all commercial fertilizers to be branded with the number of pounds of constituent parts was unfavorably reported by the committee on agriculture. But the measure will be brought before the House for consideration.

The trespass bill dispenses with the requirement to post four notices and advertising in a newspaper against trespass and before hunting, fishing, etc., on the lands of another the consent of the landowner or proprietor must first be obtained.

The road law is now being prepared. We are trying to give Lancaster county a satisfactory law. I favor a general road fund, a township fund, working the roads by contract, abolish road overseers, etc.

There is a bill to re-circuit the State and providing for two additional circuits. The bill will probably pass.

Josh Ashley proposes to abolish the Immigration Bureau and introduces a bill to this effect.

Senator Blease of Newberry introduced a Resolution requiring a searching investigation of the Dispensary from the commencement of the system to the present. The resolution provides for the appointment of three members of the House and two members of the Senate. The investigation would be of more practical benefit if three good Pinkerton Detectives were employed.

Adjutant and Inspector General Frost recommends the establishment of a State armory. A bill to accomplish this end has been introduced. Armory to cost \$6000.

Some of the other measures are as follows:

Bill to sell certain State lands, make seduction a crime. Abolishing the Citadel, Execution of criminals in the penitentiary, Prohibiting child marriage, Reducing the hunting season, Compulsory education, Requiring the sheriff to collect delinquent taxes without costs.

To assess property at its actual value, and two hundred or more other bills conveying every thought, deed, word and action of the people of South Carolina.

A concurrent resolution introduced by Senator Warren has been adopted to hold the election on Thursday, January 26: Two circuit judges, to succeed Judges, Ernest Gary and D. A. Townsend; a superintendent of the penitentiary, to succeed Capt. D. J. Griffith; three members of the board of directors of the penitentiary, to succeed John G. Mobley, A. K. Sanders and M. O. Rowland; one trustee of the colored college at Orangeburg, to succeed Col. I. Blease, resigned.

J. Harry Foster.  
Jan. 19, 1905.

### John Clegg Charged with Son's Murder.

Verdict of Coroner's Jury in the Greenwood Mystery.—Father in Jail Awaiting Trial.

Special to The State.

Greenwood, Jan. 18.—The coroner's jury which adjourned Monday to meet again today to finish hearing the evidence in the matter of Scott Clegg, whose death was reported Monday, brought in a verdict this afternoon that he came to his death from a gunshot wound at the hands of his own father John Clegg. The verdict was expected in view of developments after Monday's hearing. The unfortunate tragedy has been the topic of conversation ever since it happened. By some sympathy is expressed for the father, because of the fact that it has been shown clearly that he was drunk at the time, in fact, he seemed as phrased by some to be "perfectly crazed." Whether he caused the death of his son by drunken carelessness or by the impulse of a sudden blind way of drunken passion will be for a jury to decide.

John Clegg was at once arrested and is in the county jail to be tried for the murder of his own son. The testimony heard by the jury Monday, given by Clegg and his son, was to the effect that the boy was shot while they were on their way to Greenwood, and that they did not know who did it. The jury heard from other witnesses that the little boy said Sunday night after they had arrived here, that his father had shot his brother, and that this was said in the presence of the father. The little boy's changed testimony today was in substance that his father pulled out the pistol to shoot at something on the road and then (his dead brother and himself) caught hold of the pistol and in some way his brother was shot. Witnesses living along the road testified that they saw Clegg and heard his awful cursing. One man, W. P. Rhodes, repeated his oaths, but could not swear whether it was directed at the boy or at the horse. All of the testimony showed that John Clegg was as wild and frenzied as a man could be made by whiskey, and that as a result of this awful state he caused the death of one of his own children. The boy's mother has been dead for several years.

### Sitdown, Crumpacker.

President Will Have Nothing to do With Scheme. Will Not Sign a Bill to Reduce Southern Representatives.

(By W. W. Price.)

Special to The Record.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 17.—Representative Crumpacker, of Indiana, the leader in congress of the agitation in favor of reducing the representation of the South in congress, has been informed by the president that it will be useless to proceed along that line either in this congress or the next as he opposes anything of that sort. This will settle for years to come, probably forever, any serious party effort to cut down the representation of the South. Crumpacker and others, to satisfy their constituents and to save their political skins, may agitate the matter at the next session and make some speeches, but the majority of the Republicans of the house and senate will be glad to escape bother about the matter, and fall back upon the attitude of the president.

The inauguration of Governor Hayward will take place on Wednesday, Jan. 25.

# ATTENTION

## BARGAIN SEEKERS!

### THE HEATH-JONES COMPANY,

Successors to HEATH BANKING & MERCANTILE CO., which has been liquidated in order to settle with the estate of JAS. M. HEATH, deceased.

We are here for business and intend getting our share of the trade if low prices and fair dealings will induce the public to stick to us. Having renovated the stores of the Heath Banking & Mercantile Co., gives us more room and makes our place more convenient for business. We have divided our stock into department, groceries first, on the corner; gent's furnishing department second; dry goods third, and millinery in the fourth room.

We would call your attention to the fact that we have many great inducements to offer

## For The Next Thirty Days

as we want to make a clean sweep before purchasing our Spring Goods.

In moving our Shoes, a great many of the boxes were broken, and we have decided to place them on a bargain counter, and let them go at first cost. Now these shoes are not old goods but right new and some of the best we have, such as DREW-SELBY, GODMAN and other makes.

## CLOTHING WE HAVE IN ABUNDANCE.

And if prices will move the goods, it is up to you to take advantage of this great reduction sale. You can have any suit of clothes in our establishment for actual cost for the spot cash, so don't delay but come and let us dress you up.

We would like to tell you more about what we have in the way of bargains but being so rushed prevents our doing so. All we ask is an inspection and you will readily see we are

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and can make you prices that will give you perfect satisfaction, Wishing everyone a prosperous New Year and hoping for more of your patronage, we are,

THE HEATH-JONES COMPANY.

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