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"The constitution of the State" and the "principles of Democracy" do not debar the commonwealth from entering the house and saying to the parents, "You shall not permit your children to work in a factory before they are 12 years old." The commonwealth is certainly justified in protecting the physical health of its future citizens. It is only when the commonwealth would protect the mental and moral qualities of its future citizens, and says, "Until you are 12 years of age you must go to school," that the "constitution" and "Democracy" are invoked. And how unreasonable is the invocation; how senseless the claim! The hope of the endurance of the constitution of a free people rests upon the enlightenment of our citizens; and what may we expect of Democracy without such a citizenship.—The State.

A dozen years ago we heard that Clemson college was for the sons of "one-gallus" farmers. Now, when the "one-gallus" farmer won't let his son learn to read, we are told that to force that boy to learn to read would be a violation of the Declaration of Independence. Poor little fellow, doomed to perpetual, mortifying ignorance. Many of them are bright boys and would make their marks in the world instead of on paper if they were just given half a chance.—The State.

J. W. Collins Surrenders.

Charlotte, N. C., Feb 5.—A telephone from Funston, Brunswick County, today says that J W Collins, of Armour, Balden County, charged with the murder of a boy there last week, has surrendered himself for trial.

Two weeks ago the body of Jeff Davis, a sixteen-year-old white boy who was bound to Collins, was found in Collins's mill pond, by Collins himself, who gave it out that the boy had evidently committed suicide, and the body was buried. Subsequently the neighbors became suspicious and the body was exhumed. The boy's neck was broken and there were bruises indicating that he had been killed and thrown into the pond. A warrant was sworn out, and Collins, who is an influential man in the community, disappeared from home.

Jumped Into Burning Oil

Sistersville, W. Va., Feb. 4.—Linsey Owens, a prosperous farmer living about 14 miles south-east of this city, committed suicide in a horrible manner, after an unsuccessful attempt to murder his wife. Maddened through jealousy, so it is alleged, Owens shot at his wife with a 38 calibre revolver while both were in the house and then walked to the farm of a neighbor, F T McCullough, where an oil tank was located, and after setting fire to the oil, deliberately plunged into the burning fluid. When the fire was extinguished and the body recovered it had been burned beyond recognition. The bullet fired at Mrs. Owens struck her just above the right temple and glanced off, inflicting a dangerous but not necessarily fatal wound.

**Programme Announced for Live Stock Meeting.**

Experienced Men Will Discuss Pertinent Topics Relating to the Stock and Dairy Industries.

Secretary B H Rawls of the South Carolina Live Stock association has announced the programme for the annual meeting that is to be held in Columbia on February 15th and 16th in the Y M C A hall.

Railroad rates for this occasion will be reduced to one and one-third fare plus 25c for round trip, provided that a straight first-class ticket is purchased to Columbia and that the agent selling the ticket be required to fill out and sign a certificate showing the form and number of ticket purchased, which certificate should be brought to the meeting, and when signed by the secretary of the association will entitle the purchaser to a return trip for one third fare plus 25c. If the agent selling the ticket has no standard certificates, he should be required to give a receipt on railroad paper for the ticket; which, when properly endorsed, will entitle the owner to the same reduction for the return trip. These tickets can be purchased three days before the meeting and are good for three days after.

The first session of the convention will be held at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening, the 16th. The programme for that evening is as follows:

"Report of the President"—Mr John G Mobley, Wimsboro.  
"The Stock Proposition of the South"—Mr C I Wade, Corvelia, Ga

"Points of the Dairy Co."—Mr B Harris, Pendleton.

"Hog Raising in South Carolina"—Dr Heise, Columbia.

At the second session at 10.30 o'clock Thursday morning dairy topics will be discussed as follows:

"Dairy Topics"—Hon Ed H Webster, chief dairy division, United States bureau animal industry.

"Cheese Making in South Carolina"—Mr C G Voight, Easley.

"Farm Milk Records" (a demonstration)—Mr B H Rawl, Clemson College.

At the final session on Thursday evening both dairy and live stock topics will be discussed, the programme being:

"Forage Crops for the South"—Hon J W Spillman, agronomist, United States department of agriculture.

"Southern Markets for Dairy Products"—Mr W L Williamson, president Georgia Dairy association.

"Sheep Raising in the South"—Mr T L Bulow, Ridgeway.

"Abortion"—Dr Louis A Klein, Clemson College.

Cold in Manchuria Intense.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 5, 2:25 a. m.—According to General Kuropatkin's latest reports, which indicate the wounding of a third Russian general, the operations at Sandiapu and the fighting at Shakhe have been momentarily suspended. The Russians successfully repulsed the latter attack of the Japanese eastward with heavy losses. The cold is intense, there being 24 degrees of frost. There are indications that the Japanese are preparing to break the inactivity on their own account as soon as the weather moderates.

The War Office is closed, and no farther facts regarding the report that General Kuropatkin is about to give up his command can be obtained.

**Cotton Has Advanced**

C. H. Jenkins Shows What Can be Accomplished by Organization

Brownwood, Texas, Feb. 3.—The following signed statement has been issued by C. H. Jenkins of the executive committee of the Southern Cotton Growers' association:

"Since the first call was issued for the farmers to organize for the purpose of securing a 25 per cent reduction of acreage and fertilizers, cotton has advanced \$2.50 per bale.

"Upon the basis of 4,000,000 bales being still in the hands of the producers, this means a gain of \$10,000,000 to the cotton growers of the south. If the farmers and business men of the south will stand by the programme agreed upon at New Orleans convention, this gain will amount to \$40,000,000 on the crop in land by June 1, and the gain on the next crop will be at least \$125,000,000. Can we not afford to pay something both in labor and money for such a consummation as this?

"The essentials are reduction in the next crop and holding the present crop. The present crop cannot be held economically without warehouses; therefore, my advice is to build warehouses and do it now. Let the farmers and business men of every county get together at once and raise the necessary funds to build warehouses.

**The New Judgeship For South Carolina**

Representatives Finley and Aiken Called at the White House to Discuss the Matter.

Special to The State.

Washington, Feb. 4.—President Roosevelt had a long talk with Representatives Finley and Aiken of South Carolina today about the new judgeship for South Carolina. The House judiciary committee has favorably reported a bill establishing a new judicial district for the State, and in case it became a law the representatives told the president the people of the new district desired that a judge should be selected from within the district. To their suggestion the president's answer was a prompt and emphatic assurance that he would be glad to give careful consideration to the recommendation of the delegation, the members of the bar and judges of the proposed new district regarding the new judgeship.

If the proper man can be found within the district, a man in every sense qualified for the place, there is good grounds for the statement that the president will appoint him. In the event that the district does not possess the proper man the name of ex-Representative Elliott has been prominently mentioned.

The reporter has talked to quite a number of farmers from different parts of the county with a view to ascertaining their temper on the subject of reducing the cotton acreage this year. The result has been uniform. Every farmer talked to, says that his neighbors say they are going to reduce the acreage and furthermore that they are going to curtail the use of commercial fertilizers. It is to be gathered from these inquiries also that the farmers mean exactly what they say.—Yorkville Enquirer.

—Ground has been broken in Yorkville for a \$60,000 spinning mill for the Neely Manufacturing Company. J. J. Kellar & Co. have the contract.

# ATTENTION

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

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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 do not 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,

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