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District Summer School at Chester in June.

Prof. J. W. Thomson was in Chester last week in conference with State Superintendent of Education, O. B. Martin, and the superintendents of the adjoining counties relative to holding a district summer school at Chester in June. Chester, York and Lancaster have already signified their intention of supporting the scheme and possibly other counties will lend their co-operation later. At any rate it now seems that the school is an assured success. Further meetings will be held ere long, and all arrangements consummated.—Rock Hill Record.

**Tirzah School Closing**

The spring term of the Tirzah school will close April 7th and 8th. On Friday night April 7th, there will be a debaters contest for medal, on question, "Resolved, That women should be allowed to vote." In addition to the debate there will also be Dialogues, Pantomime, etc. On Saturday, the 8th, at 10 a. m., there will be a declamation and recitation contest for medals. At 1.30 Rev. G. H. Atkinson of Monroe, N. C., will deliver the address.

—Cotton acreage will certainly be reduced in this county. Hundreds have signed the pledges of the cotton growers association but many who have not signed any pledge will also reduce. Mr. T. Y. Williams said to us the past week he would only plant 50 acres on his wages farm this year whereas he planted 100 last year. Mr. W. J. Cunningham will reduce one-third. Another big farmer said he expected to reduce considerably. "I don't believe Texas will reduce," said he, "and common sense dictates to me to reduce when I see so many indications of 4 cents cotton next fall. If Texas should raise a big crop this year South Carolina farmers would be better off not to plant a seed. The less we plant the better off we will be for we cannot afford to raise it for less than 8 cents with the present prices for labor, fertilizers, etc."

**The Vitae Ore Remedies.**

I have accepted the agency for the famous Vitae Ore remedies and will be pleased to furnish them to any one desiring to try them. They may be found at any time at the store of Mr. A. W. Chance, in Lancaster. I will also be in town on every Saturday, with additional supplies of the packages.

The remedies will cure rheumatism, heart trouble, bladder affections, grippe, liver and kidney ailments, stomach disorders and general debility.

By writing me at Elgin, S. C., I will deliver the remedies in any part of the county.

The virtues of Vitae Ore have been fully tested and are truly wonderful, as the many testimonials I have will show.

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John M. Hagins,  
Elgin, S. C.

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The farmers association of Orangeburg county has selected a site for a warehouse and will erect one. Their meeting Monday snowed gratifying results of the canvass for reduction of acreage, the report showing that throughout the entire county the acreage has been reduced from 10 to 25 per cent, and the use of fertilizers reduced accordingly.

**Renewal of Fighting Soon.**

Russian Forces Concentrated 74 Miles North of Tie Pass—Japanese Promoting an Alliance With China.

Gunshu Pass, April 3.—A renewal of fighting is expected shortly. The concentration of the Russian army is complete, with its advance lines south of the station of Sipinghai, 74 miles north of Tie Pass. The Japanese are screening their movements by means of cavalry and it is difficult to locate the bulk of their army. A heavy movement seems to be in progress on the Russian flanks. The railroad station at Chantafu, 40 to 50 miles above Tie Pass, is occupied by the Japanese artillery, but so far as ascertainable it does not cover a large body of troops.

A movement of Chinese bandits led by Japanese officers through Mongolia in the direction of Tsitsihar, 300 miles west of Harbin, has been reported and pressure is being brought by the Japanese in China for an open alliance with Japan.

**Figures for the Farmers**

The State, at the request of cotton growers, reproduces from its columns the following editorial:

A few of our contemporaries are contending that it is unfair to require or expect the small farmers to reduce their acreage. We can show that it is fair; moreover, as the greater portion of the cotton crop is produced by the small farmers, the success of an organization of farmers for crop reduction is dependent on their cooperation.

Another 13,000,000 bale crop this year will certainly run prices down to six cents. Such a surplus cannot be warehoused. The expansion of foreign markets cannot be secured by next winter. So, after cultivating and picking the crop it will sell for not more than \$30 a bale or \$390,000,000. On the other hand a 10,000,000 bale crop will, in all probability, be marketed for \$50 a bale, or \$500,000,000. The expense of cultivation and picking will be much less than the cost of producing the larger crop and the actual sale price of the ten million bale crop will be \$110,000,090 greater.

Now if 13 bales represented the full crop of a small farmer planting to provide his quota of a \$13,000, bale crop, and the price was six cents per pound, he would sell for \$390. If however, he reduced acreage and planted to produce ten bales, or his quota of a ten million bale crop, his return at ten cents a pound, would be \$500. So by reducing his cotton acreage, the small farmer would save the expense of producing three bales of cotton and would make \$110 more than if he had grown the full crop. And if he planted in supply crops the acreage representing his cotton reduction, his profit would be even greater.

This is dependent, of course, on the farmers standing together and taking advantage of their opportunities. If they view the matter in the light of a cut throat game, every man for himself and poverty for all, there is nothing in the calculations.—The State.

**Parr Likely to Pay Death Penalty.**

Special to Charlotte Observer. Columbia, S. C., April 3.—The strong likelihood is that the effort to save the neck of Marion Parr, sentenced to hang here Friday week will fail. The Governor has refused to interfere unless Solicitor Timmerman recommends the appointment of a lunacy commission and the solicitor, who

was here today, said that he would refuse to make such a recommendation; that the time for bringing up the question of Parr's sanity was at the trial.

**Southern Wreck Near St George**

Four of the Crew Killed and Three Injured.—No Passengers Hurt.

**Special to The State.**

Charleston, April 2.—Passenger train No 15 of the Southern railway collided with an incoming extra freight at 4.40 o'clock this morning between St George and Badham, causing the death of four of the crew and the probable death of a fifth man.

The dead are; Engineer T. M. Conion and Fireman John Adams, colored, of the passenger train, and Brakeman H. H. Stokes and Thomas Johnson, colored of the freight train.

Engineer A. T. Reed of the freight train was fatally injured, the lower part of his body and legs being pinioned between the tender and boiler, frightfully mangled and burned by escaping steam. Engineer Conion suffered the loss of his arms. His forehead was crushed in and he was otherwise frightfully mangled. Adams and Johnson were also literally torn to pieces, while Stokes seemed to have jumped from his train and been killed by the breaking of his neck. His left ear was cut off. All the men are of Charleston. Their bodies, with the exception of Johnson's, which was still buried under the wreck, were brought to Charleston about 1 o'clock on a special train which had been sent out for the purpose. Johnson's body will probably be brought down later tonight or tomorrow. Engineer Reed's body could not be moved. The bodies were met at the depot by Undertaker McAlister and carried to his establishment where they were prepared for the homes of the deceased. Conion leaves a widow and six children; Stokes a widow of less than a year married, and a young infant, and Adams also leaves a family.

**Letter to S. T. Blackmon.**

Lancaster, S. C.  
Dear Sir: Porterhouse, so much; neck, so much; all the way between.

Just so with paint. Devoe lead and zinc is the porterhouse. Nobody wants the neck; the between, some say, is good enough for them.

But Devoe costs less, not more, than between. Lead-and-oil is between; it is the old-fashion paint. But zinc has come in.—Zinc toughens white lead. Devoe lead-and-zinc is the paint that wears twice as long as lead-and-oil.

Mr. John N. Deitel, Fair Haven, N. Y., writes:

"Mr. Charles Hollenbeck, of this place, painted his house three years ago with Devoe lead-and-zinc; his father painted at the same time with lead-and-oil. Today the son's house looks as well as the day it was painted, while the father's house has all chalked off and needs painting very badly. The father says he will paint with Devoe next time."

Yours truly,  
36 F. W. DEVOE & Co.  
Lancaster Mercantile Co. sell our paint.

**102-Year-Old Colored Woman Died at Columbia.**

Columbia, S. C., April 2.—Fannie Barnwell, sometimes known as Fannie Brice, died this morning at 3 o'clock at the ripe old age of 102 years. She was for many years a faithful nurse in some of the best white families of this city. She has been kindly remembered by them during her infirmities. She was highly respected by both white and colored.

At the meeting of the farmers association at Union Monday it was decided to build a cotton warehouse at once. More than \$1,000, had previously been subscribed for the purpose.

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## MILLINERY

Our MISS GARRISON has just returned from the North with the Latest Novelties and Styles for the coming season.

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