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[For the Ledger.
The Price of Cotton.

Cotton futures went down nearly every day last week, and are still going lower this week. Brokers and speculators say it is because they are beginning to find out that the farmers are not keeping their pledge to reduce the acreage. On June 3 they will find out exactly how much the acreage has been reduced, if any, and if it is none or but little, down will go the price to five cents. And it will stay down. And it ought.

Sensible men have reduced their acreage. But the trouble is that all men are not sensible. The biggest part of them are not sensible. The fact is, that many of them deserve a worse name. They thought others were cutting down, and so they plant the same as usual or increase. But the other fellow was doing the same thing. And all are playing the fool together. Men who travel around and see say that there is more cotton being planted this year than they ever knew before. All right; let them plant it and burst.

The whole Southern business world sympathized with the farmers in their fight and joined hands with them, giving time, money and moral support to them and now the farmers are refusing to stick. It looks almost like a betrayal of one's friends. And ruining themselves at the same time. Well, they deserve it. Men who do not grasp an opportunity when it is placed into their hands do not deserve it. If they prefer to continue to be slaves to the rest of the world, it is their own lookout. It is a free country and they can do as they please. If a man prefers a yoke around his neck to being free and independent it's nobody's business. Let him hitch up and be driven on.

Give up and quit, Mr Editor. You have done everything you could to give aid and encouragement to this movement but it was labor wasted. We did not appreciate it. Look at the guano used and cotton planted and see. So give it up and tell us again about killings and robberies. Maybe we will appreciate that.

A Reducer.

April 18th, 1906.

Items from Kershaw Era

Supt E A Thies, of Haile Gold Mine, returned yesterday from a visit to Charlotte and other points.

The town authorities have purchased a street sprinkler which will be used for settling the dust along the business portion of the town.

Mr A P Brown has sold his mercantile business at Heath Spring to Mr J E Creed and has gone to Seneca to engage in business there. His family will go as soon as Mr Brown can get his dwelling ready.

Misses Florence Brown and Mattie Leach spent from Friday night to yesterday morning in Lancaster with relatives of the former.

Sheriff and Mrs J P Hunter, and the former's daughter, Mrs G B Barron, all of Lancaster, spent Sunday in Kershaw.

Foley's Kidney Cure makes kidneys and bladder right. Don't delay taking. Sold by Funderburk Pharmacy.

Sent to Penitentiary
For Postoffice Robbery.

Sentence Imposed on Three Men
Convicted in the Latta Case
—Rabens Will Appeal.

Special to the State.

Charleston, April 15.—In the United States court today Judge Brawley refused the motion for a new trial in the case of Rudolph Rabens, James Johnson and John King, convicted of blowing and robbing the postoffice safe at Latta, and passed the sentence of seven years on Johnson, five on King and three on Rabens.

The serving of the sentence in the case of the Charleston man, will, however, be suspended on account of an appeal which has been taken by Attorney Hughes to the Circuit court of appeals. Rabens was released later in the day on a bond of \$5,000, his brothers, H. H. Rabens and Chris. Rabens, going on the bond. Johnson was given seven years for his plea of guilty in the Enoree robbery case for which McKinley, Noland, Dugan and Howard, who were convicted here two years ago, are now doing time in the Atlanta prison. The other members of the gang were given five years, but the district attorney's office was willing to accept two years for Johnson and the sentence was accordingly passed, making seven years in all for Johnson.

Will Place Memorial Window.

Mrs. B. D. Heath and children will place a beautiful stained-glass window in the new Brevard Street Methodist church, as a memorial to the gentle life of Mrs. Mary Morrow Heath. The order has been given to one of the large producers of such work, and the window will be in place within four weeks. It will occupy a prominent place in the Brevard street front, with a measurement of 100 square feet.—Charlotte Observer.

Paid Dearly for His Pistol

Master Claude Bowlin, a lad of perhaps 14 years, with another boy about the same age, left his home at Lando Tuesday afternoon and came to this city to find work at the cotton mills here. Claude, it seems, had a watch which he traded for a pistol. The pistol was not loaded but in passing it around to some other boys, one of them, so he says, put in a cart ridge unknown to him and when it was given back to him he snapped the trigger and it went off. The ball went through his left hand shattering some of the bones and through his left leg above the knee, inflicting a painful wound. Dr. J. M. Brice was called in to dress his wounds that night and he was sent back to Lando Wednesday morning on the L. & C. train.—Chester Lantern.

Letter to R. R. Riddle.

Lancaster, S. C.

Dear Sir: You want a cheap job of paint for a cheap house, don't you?

It's Devoo. It's the regular thing in Devoo; there's nothing, in all paint, so cheap as Devoo.

Oh, yes, you can paint with mud; but that isn't paint; you want it to look about right for a month or two.

Paint Devoo; can't do it for less; there's nothing so cheap; say nothing of wear, there's nothing so cheap as Devoo.

It goes so far; save gallons; no matter about the price, save gallons. A gallon of paint, put on, cost \$4 or \$5; save gallons. Devoo is your paint; save gallons; Devoo is your paint.

Yours truly,

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Happenings in the State.

As Chronicled by the Alert Correspondents of The Columbia State and the Charleston News and Courier.

(Specials to The State)

Heavy Cotton Sales.

Greenwood, April 14.—There have been unusually heavy sales of cotton here this week and these sales reached high water mark today in the sale of 600 bales. One hundred and forty nine bales of these were sold by G H Taylor, who was the delegate from this county to the New Orleans convention.

Five Stores Burned in Town of Cheraw.

Cheraw, April 16.—At 12.35 o'clock this morning fire broke out in the general merchandising establishment of T J Ballard on Market street. This store together with that of Myers Brothers and three other smaller stores were completely destroyed. For a time the Cheraw Live Stock company's large plant was threatened with destruction, but by hard work the flames were stopped with the burning of the company's office.

The Alleged Yeggmen Acquitted by Order of the Court.

Charleston, April 14.—In the United States circuit court today, on instructions of the court, Randolph Rabens, Chris Rabens, James Johnson, Frank Williams and Robert Stainback, the defendants in the Kingstree postoffice robbery case, were found not guilty.

Judge Brawley said that the government had established a strong suspicion of the guilt of the defendants, but still the facts had not been proven and the court was in duty bound to instruct for the defendants. Judge Brawley made it very clear in his charge that strong suspicion rested on the defendants, and he assumed that the jury viewed the case in the same light but the evidence did not warrant the case being given to the jury, in the opinion of the court, for notwithstanding the hard work of the district attorney's office and the postoffice inspectors, and with no intended reflection upon these offices, Judge Brawley ruled in favor of the defendants, and a verdict of not guilty was accordingly rendered upon the instructions of the court.

Orangeburg Farmer Suffers Heavily From the Flames.

Orangeburg, April 16.—Mr. Chas. W. Culler, who lives about six miles north of Orangeburg, lost all of his lot buildings, together with six horses and mules, by fire last night. The fire was discovered about 12 o'clock and its origin is a mystery. In addition to the loss of the buildings and live stock, Mr. Culler lost all of his provisions, buggies, wagons, harness, farming implements and some guano. Mr. Culler carried only \$450 insurance on the property destroyed, and estimates his loss at between \$3,000 and \$4,000.

In a case from New York, the Supreme Court of the United States yesterday handed down a decision holding that a law limiting the hours of labor is unconstitutional. This is as it should be, for every man should have the privilege of working as many hours a day as he pleases, just as he should be allowed to eat as many meals a day as he wishes.—Charlotte Observer.

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