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A Sad Affair in Chester.

Special to News and Courier.

Chester, May 31—A deplorable accident occurred this afternoon, resulting in the death of Johnson Woods, the two-year-old son of Mr and Mrs. Mill T. Woods.

A bottle of poisonous medicine had been left on the mantelpiece and the little fellow, by means of a chair, climbed up to it and drank the contents. When his mother entered the room a few minutes later he was lying on the floor in a deep stupor.

Cotton Lacks Cultivation.

Weekly Crop Report Indicates Many Abandoned Fields—Varying Conditions in Different Localities

Washington, May 31—The weekly crop report of the Weather Bureau says:

Throughout nearly the whole of the cotton belt cotton is much in need of cultivation, and reports of abandoned fields are received from Carolinas, Georgia, Alabama, and Louisiana. Good stands are generally reported, but much planting remains to be done in northern Texas, and planting is unfinished in Arkansas.

Cotton is Not in very Promising Shape.

Columbia, May 30.—The following report of crop conditions for the past week has been issued by section Director Bauer.

While a few reports indicate that cotton is doing well on uplands more especially on red and clay lands that have been cultivated, the majority of the reports indicate the crop to be in an unpromising condition with the plants small and red or yellow and the growth checked by the cool nights.

It is reported that petitions will be circulated asking for the holding of an election on the question of voting the dispensary out of Charleston county. 1,300 signatures will be necessary.

President's Trip South.

Washington, June 1.—It is officially announced today that the president's Southern trip will begin October 17, and will occupy twelve days.

Japan Lost Three boats

Only Four of the Ships of Rojstvensky's Fleet Are Known to Have Reached Vladivostok.

Little hope for the Russians can be found in the latest dispatch regarding the naval battle off Tsu Islands. Only four of the vessels of Rojstvensky's fleet are known to have reached Vladivostok, the cruiser Almaz and the torpedo boat destroyers Grozny, Bravi, and Terosiaty.

WOUNDED ADMIRAL WILL RECOVER. Tokio, May 31, 5 p. m.—It is now certain that Admiral Rojstvensky is a prisoner of the Japanese.

Tokio, May 31, Noon.—Admiral Rojstvensky has arrived at the Sasebo naval hospital.

Russian Dead Around 7,000.

Tokio, June 1.—Rough estimates made of the Russian losses in the battle fought in the Sea of Japan, exclusive of nearly 4,000 prisoners, vary from seven to nine thousand.

125 Convicts Poisoned In The Penitentiary

Columbia, May 31—About one hundred and twenty five convicts were poisoned at the penitentiary yesterday afternoon. Immediately after dinner they were taken desperately sick.

An investigation into the matter caused Supt. Griffith at the conclusion that poison (Paris green) was put in the cabbages cooked for the convicts dinner.

The Greenville Herald is right when it says: "The drinking man, like the cigarette fiend, is put to his trumps to find a job today."

—Mr E. O. Thompson, who has been attending Wake Forest College the past year, passed through Waxhaw Saturday on his way to his home in Lancaster County.—Waxhaw Enterprise.

Foley's Honey and Tar contains no opiates, and will not constipate like nearly all other cough medicines. Refuse Substitutes Sold by Funderburk Pharmacy.

—The Ledger, The Atlanta Journal, Semi-weekly, and The Southern Cultivator, all three one year for \$2., but must be paid for in advance.

Gid Not Haul The Oats And Employer Shot Him

Terrible Tragedy Near Olar in Which Well to do Man Kills Respectable Negro.

Special to The State.

Olar, June 1.—Monday morning about 9 o'clock F. J. Gannels, a white man, drove from his home at Govan to his farm near this place. Here he found Gloster Daniels, a negro, who has always borne a good reputation.

The tragedy is generally regretted here as Daniels has been a very respectable character. Why Gannels shot him is not known. The slayer has been in asylum once or twice, it is said from the effects of whiskey.

The cause of the shooting is said to be that Daniels did not bring in some oats on Saturday afternoon, after being told to do so by Gannels. The white man went to the negro's home on Sunday morning, it is said, and told Daniels' wife that he would kill her husband, but the negroes did not believe that he would carry out his threat.

Killed By Lightning On His 21st Birthday.

Special to The State.

Marion, June 1.—Mr. Boyd McRae was struck and instantly killed by lightning during the electric storm yesterday afternoon, while under a shelter on his father's plantation in Brittons Neck. He, with his brother and another young man, had been at work in the field, and when the storm arose took refuge in a tenant house, the others going inside the house and the deceased staying under the shelter with the horses.

The heavy storm, which visited Morrison yesterday afternoon, seems to have been pretty general all over the county, as news comes in from the various sections, telling of damage done to the crops by the rain and wind, and in some sections accompanied by hail, which destroyed cotton and tobacco.

—The people having charge of the Spartanburg county petitions calling for an election on the dispensary question believe that their petitions have been signed by more than one-fourth of the qualified voters and the commissioners will soon be asked to call the election.

PLANS TO GET RICH

are often frustrated by sudden breakdown, due to dyspepsia or constipation. Brace up and take Dr King's New Life Pills. They take out the materials which are clogging your energies, and give you a new start.

Cotton Acreage Report.

Decrease for 1905 is Asseried to be 18.43 Per Cent. in Acreage Under 1904, and 16.05 in Commercial Fertilizers.

New Orleans, May 31.—The Southern Cotton Association today issued its cotton acreage report. The report says:

"The estimated acreage for 1904, as indicated by the report of the United States government amounted to 31,730,000 acres. The decrease in the acreage for 1905, as shown by our tabulated statement, which was compiled from 17,754 individual reports from farmers, merchants, bankers and others, throughout the cotton belt, fixes the acreage this year at 25,980,951 acres, a decrease of 18.43 per cent and 16.05 per cent in fertilizers.

"The conditions of crops, as reported for Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, the Territories and portions of Mississippi, are unprecedentedly bad, much of the acreage reported in the States and Territories being yet unplanted, and large tracks either under water or badly washed by heavy rains.

"In the eastern portion of the cotton belt the fields are grassy, the cotton still unchopped, and labor scarce throughout the entire belt. The officers of the association express the highest commendation of the loyalty of farmers throughout the cotton territory in so fully living up to their promises and pledges in bringing about so material a reduction in the cotton acreage and the use of commercial fertilizers under cotton for 1905.

"The present demand for cotton is unprecedented, and, with a firm and determined stand, higher prices for the staple will be secured in the near future."

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Cloudburst In Lee.

Bishopville, May 29.—Mr. J. W. Hicks, a prominent farmer of the Una section of Lee County, reports a cloudburst in his neighborhood, on the night of the 26th inst. The water covered the ground to the depth of his knees.

The damage to both corn and cotton is simply immense in the neighborhood.

Petitions have been put in circulation in various parts of York county asking for an election on the dispensary question. These petitions, so far as heard from are being generally and eagerly signed, and there seems to be but little reason to doubt that an election will be called at an early day.—Yorkville Enquirer.

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A Bomb In Brookland.

Arrested For Alleged Fraud In Town Election.

Special to News and Courier.

Columbia, May 31.—The Brookland municipal election trouble has taken on a very sensational aspect. Yesterday afternoon three managers of election, M. L. Fox, George Busbee and J. A. Armstrong, and P. D. Mitchell, were arrested charged with fraud against the State election laws and with conspiracy, on the ground that they made false returns in the recent election held there for the choice of an intendand.

Mr. Fox is a groceryman, Mr. Busbee is a cotton mill operative, Mr. Armstrong is a mill operative and clerk, and Mr. Mitchell chief of police, but resigned the other day.

The sensational feature about the case was the effort by Intendant G. B. McCombs to escape. He heard of the confession of one of the managers, it is said, and immediately decided to leave Brookland. The officers, hearing of his departure, came upon him at Cayo. He and Fox, who went with him, were arrested by a party of special deputies.

Nothing else is talked in the town today, and because of it nobody paid much attention to business.

The arrested men were taken to Lexington this morning and placed in jail. It is not known when they will demand a preliminary examination.

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Winthrop College Scholarship and Entrance Examination.

The examination for the award of vacant scholarships in Winthrop College and for the admission of new students will be held at the county court house on Friday, July 7th at 9 a. m. Applicants must not be less than fifteen years of age.

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Notice to Debtors and Creditors of C. H. Lathan

All persons having claims against the estate of Charles Harvey Lathan, deceased, will present them properly proven to the undersigned for payment, and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment to the same. J. H. T. Green, May 12, 1905-1m. Executor.

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Notice of Election for an Alderman.

Whereas, John A. Miller, lately one of the Aldermen of the town of Lancaster, has departed this life leaving a vacancy in said office,

Resolved by the Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Lancaster in council assembled and by the authority of the same, that an election is hereby ordered to fill said vacancy, said election to be held on Monday the 5th day of June, 1905, the polls to be opened from 8 o'clock a. m., until 4 o'clock p. m., and that J. C. Foster, Amos McManus and J. M. Warwick be appointed managers to hold said election.

Attested by: R. E. WYLIE, Mayor. C. D. JONES, Clerk and Treas.

Bridges to Let.

I will let out a contract to build a new bridge over Twelve Mile creek on the Steele Creek road, near Oconee, to the lowest responsible bidder on Tuesday, the 6th day of June, 1905, at 10 o'clock a. m. Also one to build a new or repair the old one over Six Mile creek, nearby, the same day, just after I get through with the above one.

Also one over Bear Creek on the Potter road, near Mr. Russell Burton's on Friday the 9th following at 9 o'clock a. m. The specifications of all to be made known at time of letting, reserving the right to reject any and all bids.

M. O. Gardner, Co. Supervisor. May 15, 1905.

NOTICE!

The Board of Control for Lancaster County will meet at Lancaster C. H., S. C., on Tuesday, June 6th, 1905, for the purpose of electing dispensers for the dispensary at Lancaster C. H., and the dispensary at Kershaw for the ensuing year beginning July 1st 1905. Applications for these positions must be filed with said board at least twenty days before said 6th of June 1905.

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