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The Popularity of Farmers' Institutes in Lancaster County.

Lancaster cor. The News and Courier: It is doubtful if there is another county in South Carolina that appreciates more than Lancaster does the value to an agricultural community of farmers' institutes, such as the Clemson College authorities are usually holding in different parts of the state.

The fact that the institutes are doing good in Lancaster is evidenced by the marked improvements in late years in the methods of farming, the diversification of crops and the increased interest in stock raising.

As published by The News and Courier yesterday, two institutes are to be held in Lancaster County this month, one at Pleasant Valley on the 21st, and the other at Elgin on the 25th.

Both of these communities have had institutes before and were greatly benefited by them, hence their desire to have them again.

Speaking of stock raising, Judge Ira B. Jones is experimenting along that line on one of his large plantations east of Lancaster. He has hundreds of acres under fence for pasturing purposes, on which are now grazing several herds of fine cattle. He is also raising mule colts. His manager, Mr. M. W. Scarborough, says it cost only \$35 to raise a mule. It will be readily seen, therefore, what a big profit or saving there is in stock raising.

W. P. Bennett Buys out the Entire Grocery Department of Williams-Hughes Co.

I have bought the entire stock of groceries of the Williams-Hughes company, and for the next fifteen days will sell these and our own stock regardless of cost.

After that time, I will remove my entire stock into the old Ganson storeroom and I will be found there to conduct business on the same principle that I have for the last twenty years—giving honest goods for honest money at a live-and-let-live profit.

W. P. Bennett, Pres., Bennett Grocery Co.

Winthrop Scholarship.

The examinations for scholarships in Winthrop college will be held in this county on July 7, which is next Friday. The examinations are always held whether there is any vacancy in the scholarships or not.

The qualifications for becoming a competitor for a scholarship are as follows: The applicant must be not less than 15 years of age; of irreproachable moral character; in good health; with no physical defects, habits or eccentricities which would interfere with success in teaching as a vocation. She must also make proof to the board of trustees of the county of her financial inability to attend the college.

The examination will be upon the following subjects: Preliminary examination, arithmetic and algebra, history, English grammar and composition, geography.

An applicant must make an average of not less than 70 per cent on any of the subjects of the examinations, and must not fall below 50 per cent on any of the subjects of the examination, in order to be eligible for appointment to a scholarship. It is possible for an applicant to secure "100" on each subject. Applicants will be given proper credit for answers which are partially right. An answer will be marked "0" only when it is a total failure.

Each county is entitled to as many scholarships as it has representatives in the lower house of the general assembly. Each scholarship is worth \$100 in money and free tuition, and is good for one session of nine months. It may be renewed by the faculty of the college from year to year until graduation, upon the good behavior and earnest, conscientious application to duty of the beneficiary.

Children's Day at Flat Creek.

Mr. Editor: I am just in from Flat Creek Church. Yesterday was Children's Day, and it was a great day at Flat Creek. The congregation began to gather very early Sunday morning. At 10 o'clock the services opened with prayer by the pastor. The music was good. The exercises then began. Miss Dora Gardner had the training of the children and they did her and themselves great honor. Mr. G. F. Cook acted superintendent of the day's work, and he did it well. The singing and recitation exercises were good. Flat Creek Church was constituted in 1776. The Flat Creek people are a great people and they love their church. At 11.30 o'clock a recess was taken. At 12 o'clock the ladies spread a good dinner, and there was enough for every one, and all seemed to enjoy it.

At 1:30 o'clock the people re-assembled in the church. A short address was made by the pastor. Mr. Barnwell Caston, Mr. Napoleon Welsh, Mr. James Faile and Mr. Sam Gardner, the young men, all made fine speeches. So the day closed in peace and harmony.

Crops are fairly good for the season, but not as good as usual. Mrs. Rachel Morgan is quite sick with fever. Mrs. Levy Sowell is also sick, and was very much missed at church. Mrs. Cunningham of Plain Section is very sick. Hope all may soon recover. yours truly, T. A. D.

Notice of Election.

Pursuant to an act of the Legislature an election will be held at the following places, viz: Lancaster C. H., Heath Springs and Kershaw on the second Tuesday in August, 1905, for the purpose of electing a cotton weigher for each of the above named places. Tolls open at 8 o'clock a. m. and close at 4 o'clock p. m. All qualified voters are entitled to vote. The following managers are appointed: Lancaster, C. H.—J. E. Conner, R. J. Harper, W. B. Cauleen. Heath Springs—D. W. Hendrix, M. L. Beekham, J. H. Creighton. Kershaw—B. F. Hilton, W. T. Blackmon, Henry Horton. By order of Board of County Commissioners. M. C. GARDNER, Co. Supervisor.

\$7,500,000 Capital Stock.

60,000 Horse-Power of Electricity to be Developed at the Great Falls of the Catawba.

Charlotte Observer.

The Southern Power Company was organized in New York last Saturday with a capital stock of \$7,500,000 the object of the concern being to develop the powers of the Catawba and Wateree rivers in North Carolina and upper South Carolina. The officers of the new corporation, which was organized under a New Jersey charter were elected as follows: President, Dr. W. Gill Wylie, of New York; first vice president, Mr. B. N. Duke, of Durham; second vice president, and chief engineer, W. S. Lee, Jr., of Charlotte; secretary and treasurer, R. B. Arrington, of New York; assistant secretary and treasurer, W. H. Martin, Jr., of Charlotte.

The new concern will have its offices in Charlotte. It absorbs the Catawba Power Company, and will retain the quarters, in the Trust building, and the office and other forces of the old company. The past success and bright prospects of the Catawba Power Company, completed as it was less than two years ago, are probably responsible for the birth of the new and large company.

It has been known by a few Charlotte business men that the organization of such a concern as the Southern Power Company was contemplated, but no one realized the immensity of the project. The company has control of the Catawba Power Company, (developed), the Mountain Island power, the Wateree Falls, the Small and Great Falls of the Catawba and other valuable property that is accessible and can be developed as there is a demand for the power.

The Great Falls of the Catawba will be developed at once. There will be three developments here and the completed plant will cost not less than \$1,500,000. The estimated amount of power will be 20,000 horse-power to each development, or a total of 60,000 horse-power. This plant will be about the size of the plant of the Whitney Reduction Company, on the Yadkin, already in process of construction. The surveying and making plans and specifications for this great piece of work have been in progress for some time, and the construction work will be started as soon as possible and will be prosecuted vigorously until the completion. The company hopes to have the plant in operation within two years.

The great Falls are located about midway between Chester and Winnsboro, S. C. They are about 12 miles from the Southern Railway, and about 40 miles from Charlotte. The electric power generated here will be distributed in this city, Chester, Winnsboro, and other towns in South Carolina and this State.

Dr. Wylie and the other officers and promoters of this new concern first became interested in the undeveloped powers on the Catawba more than five years ago. Dr. Wylie, a man of means and much business sagacity, made several trips South with Mr. W. S. Lee, Jr., whom he interested and the Catawba Power Company was organized, and this, then undeveloped, magnificent property was bought and work begun on the plant, from which the force now comes to drive the wheels of a large number of cotton mills, lumber mills, and other industries, lights the streets of Charlotte, and furnishes power for every conceivable purpose in this city, Rock Hill, S. C., and other towns in South Carolina. The

developing of this one power showed the capitalists what there is in the other powers on the Catawba and the Wateree and led them to obtain control of them.

The new company means business, and business on a large scale. There is no lack of capital. With a capital stock of \$7,500,000 the concern can work wonders in the piedmont section of North and South Carolina, and if more capital is needed it will be forthcoming.

An Attorney Threatened.

Lawyer Dunlap Has Been Too Active in Prosecuting Blind Tigers.

Special to The State.

Rock Hill, July 2.—The latest development in the crusade against the alleged blind tigers is a series of threats made against W. M. Dunlap, representing the prosecution. Word has been sent him that tiger people are going to make it warm for him to the point of personal violence and death if he does not let up in his efforts in prosecuting the whiskey sellers. Mr. Dunlap laughs at the communications and says he does not feel the least apprehensive. The whiskey element is up in arms, as it appears uncertain where the next blow will strike. It is rumored that the lowly tigers are not the only ones to be put through the furnace test. The State representatives in the person of the prosecuting attorney, Dunlap, and Constable Jenkins affirm that the sentiment about the mill settlements is not bitter against whiskey and there is a pretty wide tendency to wink at its sale in a quiet way.

There is no trace or clue to the "hugger" who has been terrorizing women here. Last night a number of young men disguised as women paraded the streets in the residence section singly but the "hugger" was not in evidence.

Shot to Death in the Road.

Special to The State.

Ruby, July 3.—A most brutal murder was committed Saturday afternoon at Ord, a negro settlement in Chesterfield county about six miles west of here. Steve Williams, half witted and very inoffensive negro, was met in the road and shot to death by two other negro boys, Thattens Jett and Will Horn, both of whom were full of "booze" and on their way to church. Jett and Horn had been very noisy and abusive and shooting at houses along the road before meeting Williams. There were no eye witnesses but circumstantial evidence is very strong against them. Four shots were heard where Williams was found dead and shortly after the accused were seen. The inquest was held yesterday afternoon and the verdict of the jury was that the deceased came to his death by a gunshot wound in the hands of the accused. Jett and Horn were promptly arrested and committed to the Chesterfield jail.

Lightning Starts A Fire.

Special to The State.

Laurens, July 3.—The cotton house of Messrs. Martin Woods and D. A. Babb, substantial farmers of Dial's township, was set on fire by lightning Saturday night during a terrific rain and electrical storm and completely destroyed together with 11 bales of cotton and 100 bushels of cotton seed. The bolt struck a nearby tree and extended to the cotton house.

The fire was discovered in time to save the wagons, buggies and farm implements which were in sheds of the burned building. No Insurance.

Stampede in the Pit.

Government Monthly Statement was a Great Deal Worse Than Expected and Created Great Excitement. Prices Gaining \$5 a Bale in Ten Minutes.

New York, July 3.—The cotton market became badly excited after the publication of the government crop report today showing the condition of cotton to be 77 per cent or lower than even the small crop year of 1903.

The report was a great deal worse than had been expected and caused a stampede of general buying, the price jumping up one cent per pound within ten minutes after the publication of the report. This was the equivalent of five dollars per bale. The weekly crop reports had been generally favorable, and the trade expected today's monthly report to show an improvement of 80 per cent, at least.

Excited scenes were witnessed in the trading pit when the unfavorable report was read. For the first hour thereafter, brokers on the short side of the market kept it violently excited, and prices advanced at times ten points between trades, or fluctuated wildly when the top point had been reached. The trading was on an enormous scale and the market was in a turmoil for over two hours. Not until the shorts had covered their contracts and the majority of the trading interests had protected themselves on the readjustment of the crop situation, did the market subside. December and January advanced twenty points at a time, more than one hundred points in all, December selling at 10.60 and January at 9.65. Thousands of bales were thrown over by bulls, who took profits at the prevailing high prices, and this selling quieted the market, together with the belief that the advances had discounted the existing conditions. Later in the afternoon, prices again advanced nearly to the top for the day.

Condition of Cotton 77.

Monthly Bureau Report Gives Percentages Over 7 Points Below 10-Year Average.

Washington, July 3.—The monthly report of the chief of the Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Agriculture will show the average condition of cotton on June 25 to have been 77 per cent as compared with 77 2 on May 25, 1905, 88 on June 25, 1904, 77.1 at the corresponding date in 1903, and a ten year average of 84.6. Following is the condition by States: Texas, 72; Georgia, 82; Alabama, 83; Mississippi, 72; South Carolina, 78; Arkansas, 75; Louisiana, 73; North Carolina, 82; Indian Territory, 79; Tennessee, 86; Oklahoma, 83; Florida, 87; Missouri, 86; Virginia, 88.

World's Cotton Supply.

New Orleans, June 30.—Secretary Hester's statement of the world's visible supply of cotton, issued today, shows the total visible to be 3,437,041, against 3,572,965 last week, and 2,067,803 last year. Of this the total of American cotton is 2,151,041, against 2,246,963 last week and 1,092,803 last year, and of all other kinds, including Egypt, Brazil, India, etc., 1,286,000, against 1,323,000 last week, and 975,000 last year.

Of the world's visible supply there is now about and held in Great Britain and Continental Europe 1,759,000, against 1,215,000 last year; in Egypt 135,000 against 110,000 last year; in India 928,000, against 475,000 last year, and in the United States 615,000 against 263,000 last year.

Wants Information From Attorney.

Clarendon County. As a result of the presentation of a dispenser by the grand jury of Clarendon county for failure to use request books, the attorney general has been asked for an opinion on the whole law covering this case, and the opinion will be of considerable importance and interest to other dispensers.

The request comes from J. D. Alsbrook, the dispenser at Manning, who was presented by the grand jury, and the letter is as follows:

Dear Sir: Will you please give me your opinion on the following questions:

"Does the dispensary law as it now stands permit more than one sale a day to any one customer?"

"Can a customer buy for others than himself and family, and if so should he state in his application for whom?"

"Can a dispenser fill out an order when the person sending it is eligible to buy, and the age, kind of liquors and residence are given?"

It makes a woman knit her brows when her husband tells the children yarns.

Have you noticed that the bottom of a cup of joy is seldom far from the top.

NOTICE.

We will let to the lowest bidder the repairing of Taxahaw school building at 3 p. m. on July 8th. The contract will be let at the school building and specifications will be made known that day.

R. E. Gregory, H. B. Massey, J. V. Hilton, June 27—td Trustees.

Quick Delivery.

Low Prices, and extra Quality of Goods are winding up trade.

Look Here!

Rice 5 cents per quart. Best Granulated Sugar 16 lbs. for \$1.

Coffee, 15, 20 and 25 cents. Canned Peaches—Best quality 25 cents; good quality 15 cents. French Sardines—Yawl Club, 20 cents; Miban & Co, 15 cents.

Tobacco and Cigars—a full line. Come to us for a good chew or smoke.

Do You Eat Meat?

Sliced Ham, Nice Beef—Roast or Steak, Breakfast Strips, Pork sausage in pickled vinegar. We are headquarters for everything in the meat line.

VEGETABLES.

Vegetables for dinner. Our's is the place to get them fresh every day.

ELLIOTT, HEATH & WATKINS

Bridges To Let.

I will let the contract to build a new bridge over Little Lynchess creek on the Forkhill and Kershaw road, near James R. Blackman's, to the lowest responsible bidder on Thursday, the 6th day of July, at 10 a. m. also one over upper Camp creek on the Newent road at the Craigold mill place on Friday, 7th day of July at 9 o'clock a. m. Terms and specifications, to be known at the time and places of letting. June 23, 1905.

M. C. Gardner, Co. Supervisor.

Checkers Checks That Checkered Feeling \$1.00 at all druggists or write for sample bottle, free. Do this today. Checkers Medicine Co. Winston-Salem, N. C.