



"TO THINE OWN SELF BE TRUE, AND IT MUST FOLLOW AS THE NIGHT THE DAY: THOU CANST NOT THEN BE FAUSE TO ANY MAN."

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COMMISSIONER HARRIS'S VIEWS

After Seeing Conditions in Texas and Other Cotton Centers—Hold!

Columbia, S. C., May 27. Editor Keowee Courier: On May 6th I left my office and started on my way to attend a Pure Food and Drug Convention to be held in Galveston, Texas, on the 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th. In order that I might see as much of the present condition of the crops as possible, from New Orleans I went over the Sunset Route to Houston, Texas, and in coming back I came over the Southern Pacific railroad to Dallas and Fort Worth. From Fort Worth I came over the Texas Pacific by way of Little Rock, Ark., Memphis, Tenn., through northern Alabama by way of Birmingham and North Georgia to Atlanta. These two routes carried me over some of the best cotton land in the following States: The Piedmont belt of South Carolina and Georgia on by Montgomery and Mobile, Ala. From New Orleans I went through Louisiana into Texas. On my return trip I came through Arkansas and Tennessee. I saw men from every section of the cotton belt, so I got direct and positive facts in regard to each section of the great State of Texas.

In South Texas, where the cotton is now fruiting, the boll weevil is reported in greater numbers than ever before at this season of the year and doing greater damage, as the winter was so warm that great numbers came through in active condition. In West Texas we hear a great deal of dope put out by the bear speculators stating what a fine prospect they have there. On the 15th of this month they had one of the worst storms that had ever been known in that section. All the lowlands were overflowed and the worst hail storm that ever visited that section were among their disasters. It was reported that at least 30,000 acres of cotton was damaged.

From Houston to Fort Worth, a distance of 300 miles, I traveled in the daylight. That was on the 18th. I crossed four rivers on that trip, and each was out of its banks, the waters covering many thousands of acres of the very best cotton land. A great portion of this land will not be planted this year. If they have any more rain it could not be planted before the early days of June.

On my arrival in Dallas I called at the Federal Farm Bureau office, which is located there, handling the Co-operative Marketing Association of farm products. I saw the president, Mr. Orr. I found him to be a very pleasant gentleman and well informed as to crop conditions. I asked him what proportion of the Texas crop was to be planted and he said that at least 50 per cent of the crop up to the 15th of this month (May), taking the flooded districts into consideration, was yet to plant, and from what I could see I think he was about correct.

I saw a great many good farmers, also business men and some bankers, who have lived in Texas for forty years, and they have kept in close touch with agricultural conditions. They all said Texas has the poorest prospect for a crop to this date they had seen in forty years, and they could not make anything like an average crop this year owing to the liteness of the planting and excessive floods and cold, rainy weather. I saw some good cotton dealers who don't hesitate to say that with ideal seasons from now on "we cannot make over eight and a half to nine million bales this year."

Now, as to acreage, if it had not been for the floods and heavy rains, Texas would have increased 15 per cent in acreage, but on account of the floods she will not more than duplicate her 1921 acreage, and I doubt if she does that. Arkansas cannot increase on account of the same conditions existing in that State. The only States increasing in acreage are Oklahoma and North Carolina. Taking the cotton belt as a whole, there will be no increase in acreage this year. I rather believe there will be a decrease in the acreage.

I have said all the time that we were going to see cotton very much higher, and that in 1923 we would see cotton higher than it sold for in 1919. I am still of that opinion. We now have a real world famine in cotton—the world is nearly naked. No one has had anything like as many cotton goods as they need, and the world is now beginning to get uneasy as to where the cotton fabric is to come from to clothe it with. Every yard of cotton goods you buy now you pay on a basis of 35 cents a pound for cotton, and from this date on you will see a material rise in price. Don't sell a bale unless you have to. I receive many letters almost every day now stating that the boll weevil is sucking the bud of the cotton.

I want to urge the farmers to plant a row of corn every eight feet across the cotton rows. And remember to let this year be one that you raise everything you need on your farm for home consumption, and be sure to keep out of debt. Let the bale of cotton you make this year be yours and sell it when you get ready. My prediction is high cotton for the 1922 crop. I want to say that the

SENECA SCHOOLS HAVE CLOSED.

Prizes Awarded—Auxiliary Society Celebrates—Personal Notes.

Seneca, May 30.—Special: Miss Bernice Brown has returned from Chloora College and will spend the summer vacation at home. Dr. E. A. Hines returned from St. Louis Saturday, where he had been attending the annual meeting of the American Medical Association.

The Once-a-Week Club held an enjoyable meeting with Mrs. C. M. Bowen Thursday with a large membership attendance. Mrs. J. H. Burgess will be hostess to the club tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon. A large attendance of friends and patrons of Clemson College throughout the State is expected to be present at the 25th commencement, which will be held Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, the 4th, 5th and 6th of June. Diplomas will be given to 139 young men.

The commencement exercises of the Seneca schools came to a close Wednesday night, 24th, when the graduating class received their diplomas. The Presbyterian church, which has the largest seating capacity of any building in the town, was filled to capacity, although a heavy rain was falling practically all the afternoon and night. At the close of the exercises the following winners of medals and prizes offered in the various departments of the school were announced:

Scholarship Medals—Miss Lucia Nimmons, Miss Frances Holleman. English Essay Medals—Miss Helen Ramsay and Miss Elizabeth Dillard. Prize in Sixth Grade Arithmetic—Thelma Hughs. Prize in Seventh Grade Arithmetic—Clara Belle Adis. Reading Prize in Sixth Grade—Thelma Hughs. Reading Prize in Seventh Grade—Edith Anderson. Athletics—Bronze medals were awarded Stiles Hughs and Wallace Kay, of the 11th grade. This brought to a close one of the most successful school years on record. The faculty for next year has not been named.

Mrs. R. O. Surratt, of Gaffney, the State organizer of the U.D.C., will meet with the local U.D.C. chapter Friday afternoon. To complete the organization of the chapter. The joint hostesses will be Mrs. D. S. Abbott, Mrs. C. F. Ayer, Mrs. F. O. Mattison, at the home of Mrs. Abbott. It is hoped that there will be a full supply of application blanks on hand at this time.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian church celebrated the 10th anniversary of the organization Monday afternoon in the church with a special program. The subject of the day was "Japan." The members answered roll-call with the name of a missionary in Japan. After the usual inspirational program had been given, a large snowy birthday cake was brought out and placed on the table. Ten teen-age girls dressed in white, each holding a candle, came out and stood in line. As each one lit her candle and placed it on the cake she told of the splendid work of the auxiliary done in that year. The tall white candle was placed in the center of the cake by the president, Mrs. C. N. Gignilliat, and represented what the auxiliary hopes to accomplish in the next year. Another pleasing feature of the program was the music, with Misses Bonason and Elizabeth Dillard at the violins and Miss Claire Heller at the piano. The birthday offering will be given to Miss Dowd's school for girls in Japan. This was in every respect a delightful program. After adjournment a pleasant social half hour was spent in the dining room of the church, where light refreshments were served.

The "Curb Market" which is being held every Saturday morning on Main street is proving quite a success and is of material benefit to both the producers and consumers. The housekeepers of the town can be furnished fresh vegetables, poultry, hams, eggs and all sorts of good things to eat, and at reasonable prices. Let us hope the "Curb Market" will continue to grow in favor and have the liberal patronage it deserves.

One Dead, One Hurt, in Auto Wreck. Anderson, May 29.—Luther Ellinger, 20 years old, is dead, and Ray Ashley lies in a hospital dangerously injured as a result of an automobile wreck near here yesterday afternoon. Four young men were riding in a stripped down automobile and rounding a curve at a rapid speed, struck an embankment. Eddie and Louis Durham, the other two occupants of the car, were only slightly injured.

Ice Cream Supper at Tugaloo Acad. There will be an ice cream supper at Tugaloo Academy school house on Saturday night, June 10th. A short but very spicily entertainment will be given free in the new auditorium. A very cordial invitation is extended to all. S. L. Powell, Secretary R. S. I. A.

farmers now have the situation in their own hands. There will be no surplus on Sept. 1st. No use now for a bale of cotton to ever sell without a profit to the farmer. B. Harris.

? Car or Truck ?

I have a good five-passenger Touring Car or a One-Ton Truck which I will trade for a small farm. If interested see me at once.

Arthur Brown, Walhalla, S. C. "Oldsmobile Sets the Pace."

CLOSE OF CALHOUN-CLEMSON High School—Additions will be Made to Building for Next Session.

Clemson College, May 27.—Special: The closing exercises of the Calhoun-Clemson High School were held on Friday evening, May 26th, before a large audience of patrons and friends of the school. The program consisted of an entertaining play, "Borrowed Money," the presentation of certificates to the six graduates, and the announcement of the honor roll and winners of special prizes. Miss Margaret Morrison, the efficient principal, presided.

The presentation of "Borrowed Money" was remarkably good and showed fine work on the part of the high school pupils making up the rather large cast of characters, and on the part of the teachers who supervised the work completed. The following were presented to the following: Margaret Jackson, Wright Bryan, Williston Klugh, Ben Martin, Barney Wilbanks, Ralph McLugh. The year's work, according to the principal and teachers, has been one of the best, with a total enrollment of 195, the largest in the history of the school.

Much regret is felt among patrons and pupils at the loss of four of the six regular teachers, Miss Annie Johnson, of Pickens; Miss Lula Evans, of Pendleton; Miss Mary Butler, of Greenville, and Mrs. Geo. P. Hoffman, of Clemson College, who have resigned, leaving only the principal, Miss Morrison, and Mrs. C. A. Ludwig. The trustees of the school, of which Col. O. R. Doyle is chairman, are planning to fill these vacancies and to add one or two new teachers to take care of the increasing enrollment. Alterations or additions will be made in the school building to provide for this increase.

\$100,000 Fire Loss at McCormick.

McCormick, May 27.—Loss estimated at \$100,000 resulted from a fire in the heart of the business section here to-day. The fire started on the second floor of the People's Bank building at 11 o'clock last night and was not under control until 3 o'clock this morning. Its origin is unknown. The fire department from Greenwood responded to a call for aid and arrived here in time to save the People's Bank, using water from a lumber plant.

Cloth Bargains V.M. Mill Store

- 92-inch Unbleached Bed-spread Cloth—Yard... 50c. Finished Shirting, Assorted Patterns—Yard... 25c. Unfinished Shirting, Assorted Patterns—Yard... 18c. Bleached Pillow Tubing—Yard... 35c. Unbleached Pillow Tubing—Yard... 28c. Pajama Checks and Stripes, 36-inch, Unbleached—Yard... 15c. Gingham, 27-inch, Fast Colors—Yard... 25c.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

—Miss Cecile White, of Lavonia, Ga., is the attractive guest of Miss Carrie Darby Harrison. —Miss Emma Smith is spending a few weeks in Greenville with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Rholt. —L. J. Volrath, of West Union Rt. 1 has found one growing thing this year that is not backward in its growth. He sent to The Courier office this week a cocklebur stock on which there were several full-grown burs. Everything else seems to be decidedly backward this spring.

It is with deep regret that we learn of the death of Hon. Albert Zimmerman, of Westminster, which occurred at his home in that town yesterday morning about 5 o'clock. Mr. Zimmerman was among the oldest citizens of Oconee, being about 85 years of age. He was a Christian gentleman—clean in life, with a high sense of his duty to his God and his country, honest and honorable in all his dealings, and living daily the Christianity he professed. He saw service during the Civil War in the ranks of the Confederacy and made a record in military service as clean as was the record of his private life. He served Oconee both in the House of Representatives and in the Senate, making an admirable record there. He was a Mason also, and in his every day life with his fellow man he never deviated from the rule of "meeting on the level and parting on the square." He was a well-rounded man—active, energetic, liberal in word and deed, and interested always in the welfare of his town, community, county and State. He will be missed. The places of men of his type are hard to fill. And his passing will be mourned wherever he was known. The Courier extends to the bereaved ones, along with others whose privilege it was to have been able to call this good man friend, sincere sympathy in their sorrow and their loss. Mr. Zimmerman had been in declining health for several years, and the announcement of his death will not be a surprise to those who knew of his condition.

Prominent Lumberman Suicides. Sumter, May 27.—In a fit of despondency due to ill health, Henry J. McLaurin, a prominent citizen and widely known lumberman, committed suicide here about midday to-day. He went to his home about 12 o'clock, and, going to his bath room, there used a short-barrelled shotgun loaded with buckshot, with which he took his own life. His young son was the first person to reach him after the report of the gun and he found his father dead. For about three years Mr. McLaurin had been in poor health, spending about two years continuously in hospitals and sanatoriums. He was 53 years of age, and a son of Dr. H. J. McLaurin, deceased. He is survived by his widow, two sons and one daughter.

Reduced Rates for S. S. Convention. Spartanburg, May 29.—Reduced railroad rates of one and one-half fare for the round trip have been granted for the State Sunday School Convention to be held in Columbia June 20, 21 and 22. This rate is given on the certificate plan, and in order to get the benefit of it the official certificate signed by Leon C. Palmer, general superintendent, will have to be presented to the agent when purchasing ticket. These certificates can be secured free on request by addressing the South Carolina Sunday School Association, 714 Andrews-Law Building, Spartanburg, S. C.

Tugaloo Singing Association. The Tugaloo Singing Association will meet with the First Baptist church of Westminster next Sunday, June 4th, at 2 o'clock. All good singers and lovers of good song are invited to attend. Oscar Driyer, President.

HOSIERY SALE

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- Infants' Ribbed Hose and Socks, 5c. per pair, and up. Ladies' Hose and Gents' Half-Hose, 3 pairs for 25c., and up. Ladies' Pure Thread Silk Hose—Black, Cordovan and Fawn—\$1.00 per pair.

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