

The government's estimate of the wheat crop is nine million bushels. Just think of it!

Wanted—some of you fellows who know so much about running a newspaper to volunteer to run this one for about a month, says the Gaffney Ledger. All we ask is a guarantee that you make up the deficit during the time you run it.

We confidently expected to see Mr. Ashcraft's annual eulogy on the blackberry in the Monroe Enquirer last week, but it wasn't there. We shall certainly look for it this week, for the berries are ripening and the writer had his first pie of the season Saturday. We are waiting for the Enquirer to eulogize, and we don't think we shall be disappointed.

In another column is an article telling of W. P. Pollock's candidacy for the United States senate. Mr. Pollock is an able man and would do the state credit in the senate, but we regret that he has entered the race. Not that we have aught against him, but that we hoped Ed Smith's following would be solidly lined up. To split the vote means defeat.

Since the above was written L. D. Jennings, of Sumter, has announced that he will be in the race.

The Chesterfield Advertiser as to the law is sadly deficient, and we are disposed to plead guilty. Rarely do our people have need for the code of laws, which the Advertiser thinks cannot be found in these parts, and upon examination we find that the 1912 code in the possession of our good magistrate is practically as good as new. Law and lawyers are not much in demand hereabouts, and if we go wrong we hope the Advertiser will show us the light, for there is usually an abundance of law and causes for law down at the court house.

Just as we desired the salaries of the county officers have been brought to the attention of newspaper reader in the county. There have been some discussions along this line and it is well that the matter be straightened out. We made the statement last week that the supervisor receives only eight hundred dollars. We are convinced of the error of this statement, and we see that our informant was mistaken. Below we give the salaries as given in the 1912 Code of Laws, and also the salaries as they are at present, the latter of which is taken from the Chesterfield Advertiser:

Salaries before the changes were made; Sheriff \$1,200; Supervisor \$1,200; Auditor and Treasurer each \$1,050; Superintendent of Education \$600; Coroner \$200; Judge of Probate \$200 and fees; Clerk of Court \$500 and fees; county commissioners \$2 per day and mileage at 5 cents per mile; Clerk of county Board \$100.
 Salaries at Present; The Supervisor \$1,200; The Sheriff \$1,500 and is allowed \$600 for a deputy; The Treasurer and Auditor each \$1,300, one third of which is paid by the county and the balance by the State. The Supt. of Education \$1,200; the Clerk of Court \$500 with fees; Probate Judge \$200 with fees; the Coroner \$250 Members of the County Board \$2 a day and mileage.

South Carolina's biennial circus opens up today. The show is divided into two sections, one at St. Matthews and the other at Sumter. The senatorial candidates will be at Chesterfield Wednesday, August 5th, and the state candidates on Thursday, July 2nd. Admission is free.

Young Man Convicted Of Swain Murder Sentenced to Electric Chair.

Charlotte Observer, Sunday
 "I'm awfully sorry for you," sobbed Judge Shaw as he spoke the words of death to Charles E. Trull last evening at 6:40 o'clock after the final page in the tragic chapter of his trial for the murder of Sidney Swain had been written in the court records of this county. The young man was sentenced to be electrocuted August 14 between the hours of 6 a. m. and 4 p. m., for his crime.
 With many motions swept away by Judge Shaw and no further ground left upon which the counsel for the unfortunate youth could plant its feet in behalf of his life, the court called upon Trull to stand up. The defendant sprang from his seat at the call and faced the bench. He was unflinching. His face showed a sickly pallor. In appearance he was translated from an impetuous youth of the first day's trial to a wrecked piece of human flesh. His eyes were sunk and hollowed his color was hideous: his countenance was pallid; his hair was wreathed with perspiration but his nerve abided. It never left him. He was as cool and composed as any man in the congested corridors of the court house. He spoke without tremor: he was unsupported so far as friends and relatives were involved. No man who had lifted a voice for him was near except his lawyers. His step father was not in court. He bore his cross alone and he did it with consummate calmness. A great surging throng swept up near the pris-

on. Interest in the termination of the trial never ceased nor let up. It was as keen at the final moment as at the first. Judge Shaw looked nervously upon the open leaf of the printed form from which he was to quote the words of death to the prisoner.

DRAMATIC MOMENT
 It was a tense moment. More dramatic by far was it than that time during the forenoon when an eager and curious throng clung to the criminal court room to hear the verdict of the jury. It was the supreme moment of the day, penetrating in importance and popular interest deeper and more widespread than the fraction of time within which Foreman McCorkle of the jury answered "guilty" to the inquiry of the court as to the outcome of the deliberations of the jury. The court was serious and sad-faced. The spectators were prepared to travail with the young man as they listened and as he listened to the few words that were to consign him to the death chamber of the State penitentiary.

"Stand up, Mr. Trull" commanded the court in easy sympathetic, almost fatherly voice. Instantly, the prisoner was facing the court.

"You have been convicted, Mr. Trull, of a crime that involves the death penalty," continued the court. "Have you anything to say by way of giving a reason why the extreme penalty of the law should not be imposed upon you?"

"Nothing your honor, except I do not think I had a fair trial. I have no criticism to offer to your honor. You have been fair enough to me. I do think the jury has not allowed me to present my case in a way that would give me a showing before them. I have not been fair to myself in this trial. I have allowed myself to be drugged not

by my attorneys but I do not think such an extent that I was unable to present my side of the fact as clearly and concisely as I would otherwise have been able. Of course I blame myself for this but I am sorry I have not been allowed to give a better account of myself. I could have explained more intelligently my movements on the night of the murder and if I had remained normal, I could have assisted my counsel. I have not had time to prepare my evidence. We did not expect the case to come up at this term of the court and we were thereby hampered. And then your honor I am satisfied that prejudice has been allowed to prevail against me. I have nothing else to say."

Who Is W. F. Stevenson?

Last week we told you who he was up to 1902 in legislative success and experience—this week we will give you some of his later work as a legislator.

After being out by voluntary retirement for eight years he was again elected to the house in 1910. He had developed as a lawyer and legislator and his activities showed his bent in legislation and it tended (1st) to building up the farming interest (and he is himself a considerable farmer his entire property outside of his home and some town lots being in farming lands) (2nd) to building up the common schools, and (3rd) to give a just proportion of the benefits of Clemson College and Winthrop to country boys and girls. He helped to pass the Act to provide for a crop pest commission in the State, to fight crop especially the boll weevil. Act 1912, page 748.

He helped provide for experimental stations, for instruction and development of farming succeeded in getting one place in the "Sand Hill" section in 1911, page 3.

He helped pass the law providing that hog cholera should be furnished to any farmer whose hogs had or were threatened with disease and was to be free to those too poor to pay for it. When understood and applied this will save thousands of dollars to the farmers of the State. See Acts 1913, page 194.

He helped to establish fifty-one scholarships in Clemson College, one for each congressional district, to be for the agricultural course and go back to the farm when through. See Acts 1912, page 686.

He helped to pass the bills providing that at least one scholarship in each county, in both Clemson and Winthrop, should be set aside to be competed for

country boys and girls only, the reason that the boys and girls in the towns, having better chances to prepare themselves, were getting all the free scholarships in those schools and the country boys and girls were being left, because their preparatory schools were not as efficient. Now one scholarship, if there are less than four in a county and two, if there are more than that, must go to a farmer's boy or girl. See Acts 1912, page 686.

He has also been persistent in his fight for good road legislation and although he has not been able to get the State as a whole to embark in this work, his own township has, by special legislation and taxes levied, made model roads to the boundaries of his township, and this plan is spreading over the entire country.

So he has shown constructive genius as a legislator and it has been along the line of the uplift of the farming class. His leadership has been acknowledged in the house and is only indicative of what he would be if in congress.

As to his ability as a legislative debater, we cite a report of a great debate in the house, made by the most expert reporter of legislative debates in South Carolina, Mr. August Kohn. On January 23, 1912, Mr. Kohn says: "The argument of Mr. W. F. Stevenson, of Cheraw, was one of the finest, one of the most forceful and eloquent heard in a generation on the floor of the house. It was one of the best, most logical and well conceived arguments that has been heard in a legislative body. It went into current politics, more or less, but with it all it was a masterful production, and could only have come from a mind of unusual caliber."

Why should he not be given a chance to "put the fifth district on the map?"

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