

### Farmer's Union Bre u of Information

—Conducted by the South Carolina Farmers' Educational and Co-Operation Union.

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**Killing Grass and Plantin Grass.**  
Last week we saw two men digging Bermuda grass roots out of their own patches and another farmer pulling these same roots to his farm planting the roots out on the same soil of lands near by. This reminds us that it takes good grass and little work to grow fat stock and a deal of hard work, guano and other things too worrying to mention to grow cotton.

We knew of other men that are trying to kill out the whiskey evil by keeping it out of the country, while others are trying to kill out all the whiskey in the land by bringing it in and drinking it up.

Now and then, some little cub of a cotton bear, or a little pig of a corporation hog, reminds the Farmers' Union of the fact that we should discuss these subjects of such vital interest to the south upon a high plane. Well, now, we agree in part to this. Boys, don't aim too high, don't over-shoot the thing. Draw your head at just the right plane to hit the game; let 'em have it broad-side in a manner to bring your game to earth.

### Don't Quarrel Over the Skin Before You Kill the Cotton Bear.

Ever see rabbit beagles stop chasing a rabbit to quarrel over the game before the rabbit was caught? No, these have more common animal sense than some of we Cotton Association and Farmers' Union men who pop up now and then and go to quarreling with each other about who is entitled to the skin of the cotton bear before the old heifer has been killed.

It matters little to the average cotton grower who kills out the cotton bear and speculating element just so we get them out of the way.

The great rank and file of the Farmers' Union and the Cotton Association are more interested in combining the forces of the two organizations for good strength and hard fighting on cotton prices next fall than we are in elevating the interest of a few officials in both organizations who keep up strife for their own selfish ends.

### Violations of the S. C. Fertilizer Law

Clemson College collected \$1,334.09 penalty money from eleven companies for sending out fertilizers below grade and other violations of the law last year. If there is one farmer in the state who has collected one dollar penalty money or shortage, which they can do, we have not heard of it. Farmers, you are simply sleeping over your privileges. We calculate that at least \$7000 could have been recovered by the farmers if they had kept up with these violators by reading up on these fertilizer bulletins that are being sent out from Clemson College.

If your county business agent cannot tell you how to proceed to recover shortage and penalty write W. C. Moore, Greenville, S. C. Your state business agent. He, no doubt, will take pleasure in figuring the matter up for you.

It is to the credit of the fertilizer companies to state here that 11 out of 12 companies who fell short last year settled up claims promptly, only one company who is charged \$600 on eight below grade samples is still contesting Clemson's claim for penalty.

### A paper read before the Powersville Union on the social features of the Union.

The founders of the Educational and Co-operative Union, in their induction, laid down as one of the principles. To constantly strive to be entire harmony and good will amongst all mankind, and brotherly among ourselves. To gather the tears of the distressed, the blood of the martyrs, the sweat of innocent childhood, the sweat of honest labor, the virtue of a happy home—the brightest pearls known to the greatest questions still unsolved is how to make life more enjoyable by filling it with the every relation between the people as they move along the highways of life. It is the little courtesies that we have learned as human beings to extend to one another that make more than anything else make up the living. We could make everyone realize never do his duty to his fellow by giving money or material

gifts without their sympathy and love.

A man that hoards his money and refuses to let his fellow man as called mean and stingy. We have more moral right to hoard your sympathy and love than you have your money. Life is too short to think of nothing but the almighty dollar. The worst feature of it is that in this mad chase for it, turns the hand of every one of us against his neighbor, and our neighbor against us.

It makes that heart ought to be throbbing with love an abode of hate. By the cultivation of a spirit of sympathy, sociability, love and helpfulness in the Union. The home and the church will have a new ally, constituting a powerful agency for good.

To encourage individual honesty and sobriety, thrift and the noblest, unselfish work should always be our aim in the Union.

It's better to fall out than it is to be kicked out.

How things that are none of our business do interest us.

Try to be content with your lot even if it is at a corner.

A good thing about being too poor is you don't have to have cooks.

### RURAL FREE MAIL DELIVERY.

**Mr. McGraw Reports Conditions in This State Good.—Twelve Hundred and Eighty Petitions for Routes Sent in from South Carolina Since Last July.**

Washington, April 10.—The report on the operation of the rural free delivery service up to April 1, 1907, made public today by the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, indicates that the service is in a healthy condition in South Carolina, no routes having been cut off since the beginning of the present fiscal year, July 1, last.

For the entire state there have been referred to the department for action since last July a total of 1,280 petitions asking that new routes be established, divided among the various Congressional districts as follows: First district, 84; 2d district, 128; 3d district, 249; 4th district, 244; 5th district, 236; 6th district, 131; 7th district, 208. It will be seen that the 3d and 4th districts, represented by Congressmen Aiken and Johnson respectively, have filed practically the same number of petitions, while the 5th district comes next and the 1st district comes last.

Of the total number of applications filed asking that new routes be established there have been made 599 adverse reports. There are now in the state in operation a total of 637 routes, and 49 petitions for new routes are still pending besides those that have been mentioned.

South Carolina is one of the few states in the south which has not suffered more or less in the matter of having these routes cut off, and to her representatives in Congress should be given the credit for the large number of routes in operation at this time.

For the United States as a whole 55,103 petitions for the service had been received up to April 1, upon which 15,827 adverse reports were made, and there were on April 1, 37,461 routes in operation, upon which 37,309 regular carriers were employed. There were 1,607 petitions pending, upon 277 of which favorable action has been taken and routes ordered established. The sum of \$1,337,976.32 was available for new service during the remainder of the current fiscal year.

The fact that there seems to be a general impression that the rural carriers of the mail are badly under paid as well as prohibited from earning something on the side has led Fourth Assistant Postmaster General DeGraw to make the following statement:

"Realizing that it would be just to increase the pay of the rural carriers, and at the same time protect the mails from being padded with matter upon which no postage was paid, the postoffice department increased the salaries of the men from \$600, which they were then receiving, to \$720. In my recent report I recommended that there should be a further increase of salary to \$900, and this increase will go into effect at the beginning of the fiscal year, July 1.

"This should enable the carriers to be fairly paid and to have the means necessary to pay for the maintenance of their horses and vehicles, but the question of carrying packages and of soliciting orders required careful thought and discrimination necessary to make it agreeable to the general public as well as to have such

procedure conform with the postal requirements.

"A carrier is entitled to carry any package in bulk larger than that which the postoffice department will take, but he is not allowed to receive remuneration for his services from the person who sends the package. In all cases he must collect for his services from the recipient of such package.

"There was great complaint on the part of the various newspapers in certain localities against the carrier favoring one newspaper more than the other, and thereby increasing the circulation of the favored one to the detriment of the other one, and inasmuch as the carrier was in a position to solicit and deliver newspapers as a side issue it is reasonable to believe that he could readily increase the circulation of any newspaper in his territory.

"Also if a carrier were allowed to collect from a merchant who desired to ship goods to local patrons by means of the carrier, it would influence the carrier to try to increase the business of the merchant having such facilities for delivering, and at any rate would cause people to buy at the store of such a merchant, merely because it would be convenient.

"This would necessarily work a hardship with the merchant who did not employ the carrier as a delivery agent and for that reason it is best that all packages carried by the carrier which do not conflict nor compete with his regular mail business be collected for at their destination.

"During the early part of the winter and throughout the most of the winter carriers resigned in great numbers because the pay was deemed by them inadequate, but since the latest increase has been assured by Congress there have been no more resignations than are usual, that is, of the 37,000 carriers there are usually an average of 60 resignations per week."

P. H. McG.

**STATEMENT.**  
Of the condition of the Newberry Savings bank, located at Newberry, S. C., at the close of business March 19th, 1907.

Resources. Loans and Discounts \$251,073 56 Demand Loans 9,393 49 Overdrafts 5,791 76 Bonds and Stocks owned by the bank 4,550 00 Furniture and fixtures 1,000 00 Due from banks and banks 20,353 10 Currency 6,539 00 Gold 510 00 Silver, nickels and pennies 2,913 99 Checks and cash items 10,550 71

Liabilities. Capital stock paid in \$ 50,000 00 Undivided Profits, less current Expenses and taxes paid 20,777 69 Due to banks and banks 15,503 54 Due unpaid dividends 301 25 Individual deposits subject to check 217,511 53 Cashier's checks 81 60 Notes and bills rediscounted 10,000 00

\$323,175 61  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF NEWBERRY.  
Before me came J. E. Norwood, Cashier of Newberry Savings Bank who, being duly sworn, says that the above and foregoing statement is a true condition of said bank, as shown by the books of file in said bank.

J. E. Norwood, Cashier.  
Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 25th day of March, 1907.  
W. C. Tyree, (L. S.)  
N. P. for S. C.  
Correct Attest:  
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