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THE NEXT CALL

According to the papers the next call for the National army of forty per cent is to be from whites only. We do not know how it is in other counties, but in Newberry there are not enough whites in the first draft of 214 men to give 86 in the next call. Out of the first draft of those certified by the district board there are only about 30 whites, after taking the 11 already sent. Forty per cent will take 86 men. All of the 214 must be taken before there can be a call for the other draft. If we should get credit for the men who volunteered after the drawing took place then there would be pretty near the 40 per cent quota of whites.

FROM COLUMBIA

I spent last Tuesday in Columbia going down on the morning train on the C. N. and L. I had not been there in several weeks, in fact since the arrival of the many officers and the new army at Camp Jackson. I did not observe much difference in the city and saw no evidences of the high prices that I have heard so much about. The automobiles seem to be taking the city just like they are taking every other place hereabouts, and it is a little difficult for a countryman to get about the streets, mainly I suppose because he is naturally a little nervous and afraid he will be run over.

Instead of returning on the train I met my friend Jack Holt from Whitnair and he was returning in a car all by himself and he asked me to come along, which I was glad to do, as I wanted to see the roads and then I just like to ride in a real automobile on a long trip when there is a good driver at the wheel. And Jack is a good driver and he does not speed 'em up so much as I was afraid he would do. We made the trip to Chapin in just an hour the distance of 25 miles. We would not have made it quite that quick but some fellow drove up behind and tried to pass and Jack concluded it would not be exactly the right thing to let a Maxwell pass him, and so we kept him in the dust practically all the way to Chapin. Just before arriving at Chapin we drove up behind another car in which were several ladies and as they were moving along pretty well Jack concluded he would not drive around them, but the other fellow had no regard for them and drove on around. From Chapin to Newberry a distance of 19 miles we took another hour to make the trip, coming from Columbia to Newberry in two hours, which is plenty fast for me.

Mr. Holt had just traded his Cadillac for a Hudson super 6 and it is a pretty car and has the power. He never went in low gear from Columbia to Newberry except it was when we started from a stop.

The road is dry but bumpy and hilly almost all the way. The Richland section is fairly good but needs attention. From Chapin to Little Mountain it is about as usual though it is not muddy. That section of the road should be relocated and widened and I can not understand why the people should be satisfied with such a road. I understand that Supervisor Sample in cooperation with the government is going to work the Newberry section and put it in good condition as soon as the government money is available and he can get an engineer to relocate the road and take out all of the grade crossings of the railroad that it is possible to take out. The railroads will cooperate with the county and the government in the taking out of these crossings. With the great number of automobiles that are now traveling the country it is almost an absolute necessity to remove all grade crossings. Mr. Sample is promised a civil engineer from the State highway department and he is expected at any time to relocate the road and assist in the building of the new road.

R. H. A.

We hope that our farmers will not rush their cotton on the market. There is opportunity to get money on it by storing it in a warehouse, and the price will surely go back to 25 cents in a short time, and we would like to see the producer share in the advanced price. The supply of cotton is short and the crop is going to be short and nothing is keeping the price down but the speculator. Of course the speculator and the manufacturer want to buy the raw material as cheap as they can, but look at the

price of the manufactured article, and you compare it with the price when cotton was 15 cents the pound even, and you will see that cotton is cheap even at 30 cents the pound, and the price of cloth is not coming down as cotton goes down. And bacon and flour and other things are away up and only cotton is going down. The remedy is to put your cotton in the warehouse and of you have to have money go to the bank and get it. The banks are all advertising that they will be glad to lend on cotton and will give you a reasonable rate of interest.

Cotton is sure to go back to 25 cents and probably 30 cents and we would like to see the producer get the benefit of such a price. The way to get it is not to rush the cotton on the market.

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