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TWO BIG SALES OF COTTON AT 40c

Two cotton sales of considerable size were made last week by Lexington county farmers, the cotton being bought by the Lexington Cotton and Fertilizer Company, the price paid being 40 cents in both cases. It is said that some of the cotton disposed of has been in storage for several years. There seems to be little doubt that the price of 40 cents has attracted to market a considerable amount of cotton which was being held by farmers for better prices. In this way the surplus cotton has been materially reduced, which will, no doubt, have its effect on the market this fall.

Mr. George Buff, who lives on the Leaphart road, between Lexington and Columbia, sold 25 bales, for which he received 40 cents, the aggregate amount paid being \$4,852.40. Mr. Buff is one of the county's good farmers, who makes everything at home and raises a great deal of truck for the Columbia market, which enables him to hold his cotton until it commands the price he thinks it ought to bring.

The other sale referred to was made by Mr. J. E. Dunbar and son of the Polton section, who sold 33 bales at 40 cents for a total amount of \$6,584.30. Mr. Dunbar has one of the best farms in Lexington county and generally makes a fine crop of cotton. He also lives at home and boards at the same place, so that he can command his own price for the cotton which he sells.

AMICK'S FERRY NEWS.

The farmers of this community are not preparing their farms for 1920 very much on account of the weather, as we are having a late spring.

It seems as if influenza has about overcome the schools in this section, as most all of them have closed.

Mrs. M. R. Koon and children spent last Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. Mae Shealy, of this section.

Mrs. E. F. Wessinger and son, James of the Dutch Fork section, spent Saturday night and Sunday with her daughter, Miss Julia Wessinger, at Mr. J. F. Amick's.

Mr. Huey Crout has moved from his father's place to Mr. Travis Hill's place in the Mt. Pleasant section.

Mr. M. R. Koon recently spent the day with Mr. D. D. Amick.

Mr. and Mrs. Hall and Mrs. P. E. Black of Ninety-Six visited relatives and friends in this section right recently.

Mr. B. T. Bowens and family spent a short while with Mr. D. D. Amick last Sunday.

Mr. John Bowls and family, from below Lexington, have moved to Mr. F. W. Shealy's place in this section. We welcome Mr. Bowls to our community.

Black Eyes.

NEWS NOTES FROM NEWBERG.

The health of the people of this community is somewhat improved, most of the flu patients being better.

Newberg school has been closed for the past three weeks on account of influenza; but Prof. Harman will reopen this week.

Miss Pearl Shealy visited Miss R. B. Bell Lindler for the week-end.

Mr. Edgar Shealy, who is now working with the Southern Express company, in Columbia, spent the week-end at home.

This section was very much pained to learn of the death of Mrs. Joe We which occurred last week.

Misses Ethel Shealy and Sari Lipscomb from the St. John school spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Shealy's home folks. All were glad to see Miss Ethel back on this side but we are afraid of losing her soon.

Mrs. Josephine Shealy and daughters, from Brookland, visited Mrs. Shealy's daughter, Mrs. W. H. Derrick, Sunday.

Some of you sporting boys had better watch out, going so often staying so late at night. You had better stay with your mothers a while longer.

TEACHERS TO MEET SATURDAY.

Prof. Lueco Gunter, rural school supervisor, is to be here to address the Lexington County Teachers' Association in the court house at 12 o'clock Saturday, the 13th. All teachers, especially those of the rural schools, ought to be present to hear his address. In all probability this will be the last meeting of the association for the school year.

LAWSON D. MELTON, ATTORNEY AND FRIEND, PASSES

Lawson D. Melton, popular in Lexington and Columbia, pneumonia at the Columbia on last Wednesday. Mr. Melton well known and much loved in Lexington, where he so often appeared in the courts of this county, and nouncement of his death has been received with genuine sorrow and regret.

A big-hearted kindly man, with unflinching courage, he was a lasting friend of those he came in contact with. No more beautiful could be paid to any man following, which appeared in the State of last Friday.

Lawson Davis Melton was buried yesterday afternoon in Elm cemetery after a short and solemn ceremony, conducted by the Rev. W. Blackwood, D. D., and the Rev. Melton Clark, D. D.

For over 15 months Mr. Melton had been a sufferer but with a will, bore the pain and anguish most without a murmur. To those who knew him, Lawson Melton had all was true and lasting in the word gift of friendship.

He was sincere, he was very loyal to those he loved, and his court never knew any form of cowardice.

With unusual capabilities as a lawyer, with the pleasing grace and polish of an advocate, he had also a wit and merriment in his conversation to make his hearers remember the sweeter things in life. In an eventful experience wherein he had visited the four corners of the earth he developed a philosophy that always dealt in the sunshine and the smile. Very tender, indeed, are the loving memories of his friends, for this great-hearted man, who knowingly would harm no one and when the earth covered his body, it hid from view one who was in his journey intensely sincere and completely loyal.

"CHIEF" KELSO OFF FOR FLORIDA

The genial "Chief" Kelso, who has been wintering here, will leave Friday night for a two weeks trip to Florida. He will meet a party of friends from Cincinnati and Columbus at Columbia Friday night. The party will go on the train as far as Jacksonville, when automobiles will be taken and Southern Florida, with its miles and miles of concrete and brick roads will be explored by them.

The "Chief" expects to participate in some sea fishing while away. Perhaps we shouldn't give this away, but somehow we just feel it a duty incumbent on us to let folks know what to expect when he comes back to Lexington. However, "Chief" will carry a silent witness in his trusty camera and will doubtless be able to convince the most skeptical that the fish are more numerous and grow bigger in Florida.

SAVE WASTE PAPER URGES THE SALVATION ARMY.

Atlanta, Ga., March 10.—To assist in relieving the acute shortage of news print paper which is seriously hampering the publication of newspapers and magazines throughout the entire country the Salvation Army urges all firms and individuals to save their waste paper of whatever description.

The wagons of the Salvation Army visit every street in every city where a Salvation Army corps is located at least once every two weeks and gather up this waste paper after which it is baled and returned to the mills to be worked over into news print paper.

About 50,000 tons of waste paper have been turned back to the mills in the last twelve months by the Salvation Army, according to computations made by the national headquarters in New York City.

In five southern cities alone, according to Capt. C. C. Lever, manager of the industrial department in Atlanta, more than six million pounds were returned to the mills last year, and this does not include the thousands of smaller towns in the South where the Salvation Army operates.

"Had the Salvationsists not gathered up this enormous volume of waste paper—a small mountain in size," says Captain Lever, "baled it and returned it to the mills to be remanufactured, the paper would have been burned by householders and stores, or otherwise destroyed and lost to the bleaching industry. And at the same time the Salvation Army was giving jobs as 'waste-paper harvesters' to hordes of unemployed men."

Money raised by the sale of baled waste paper maintains our eighty industrial homes in various parts of the country where men not able to port themselves are given such it work as they are able to perform and those who can't work at all maintained without charge.

The Salvation Army practices common sense salvage as well as salvage. It not only saved for publication of the United States more than ree-quarters of a million tons of per in the last ten years, but in the process it put thousands of human pellets on their feet."

THE AMERICAN LEGION MEETS FRIDAY NIGHT

An important meeting of the American Legion will be held Friday night at the office of Effie & Carroll. All members are urged to be present as well as any who desire to become members. The organization will soon occupy the splendid club rooms which have been prepared for the membership.

UNCLE JIMMIE AT HOME.

Uncle Jimmie Rawl is back again with us, and everyone is glad to shake his hand. He will be here for about two weeks when he will return to Port Royal. In the recent cold snap his son, Mr. J. Eton Rawl, lost by the frost blast his entire lettuce crop and perhaps other damage to his early truck.

MORE FERTILIZER TO COME SOON

With the demand for fertilizers being so large the supply is apparently very short and local dealers are having difficulty in supplying the demand made on them. Increased demand is probably due to a desire on the part of the farmers to fertilize heavily in an effort to get a crop of the boll weevil. On the other hand, a shortage of labor and an adequate supply of railroad cars recently interfered with manufacturer delivery of fertilizers to the extent that dealers have been unable to meet the requirements of customers.

It is said, however, that both the shortage and the scarcity of labor have improved and the outlook looks for an increased supply. Much work generally has been hampered by bad weather and great amount of sickness resulting from the epidemic of flu, but spots are better now than for some time and everybody who is able to work will soon be hard at it.

INPUT FORWARD TO AID SOLDIERS

A purchasing scheme comes to Lexington, March 9.—Formation of a corporation to purchase

former service men was proposed before the house ways and means committee by Representative Morgan, Republican, Oklahoma, explaining his bill to create such a corporation capitalized at \$100,000,000. All the stock would be held by the government, which would make loans secondarily by mortgages up to a maximum of \$4,000.

This is the first of several similar bills which will be explained to the committee by their authors. With the calling of treasury officials for Thursday, the end of hearings on proposed soldier relief measures is in sight. Chairman Fordney today made an appeal to expedite the hearings.

"SOLDIERS DON'T WANT A LICENSE," Mr. Fordney said. "Soldiers who suffered financial losses are overwhelmingly in favor of a relief plan."

SUNDAY SERVICES AT LEXINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

At the Baptist church, Lexington, next Sunday morning, March 14th, at 11 o'clock, "The Drama of Life."

Night—7:30 o'clock, "Our All in the Fight Against Sin."

These services may be great, let everyone come with prayerful hearts. The public cordially invited.

We are having preaching the second and fourth Sunday mornings and every Sunday night. Beginning with the 1st Sunday in April, we will have full time preaching at Lexington—preaching every Sunday morning and night.

E. H. Funderburk, Baptist Pastor.

NOTICE OF QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Second quarterly conference of Lexington charge, M. E. C. S., will convene at Home church Saturday and Sunday next, 13th and 14th inst.

Preaching by Rev. R. E. Stackhouse P. E. Saturday at 11:30 o'clock and lunch will be served on the grounds immediately afterwards.

All the officials are urged to attend and as many others as can do so, especially the members of the local church. Preaching also Sunday at 11:30 A. M.

A. Q. RICE, Pastor in Charge.

ASTOR PROPERTY SOLD

New York, March 9.—Land belonging to the Henry Astor estate and on which the Astor, Bijou and Morocco theaters are located on Broadway and 45th street, was sold at public auction today for \$1,140,000.

LEXINGTON COUNTY FARMERS UNION TO MEET.

The Lexington County Union will hold its 1st quarterly meeting with Hilton local Saturday March 13 1920, beginning at eleven o'clock. All locals please send delegates.

J. ED. KAISER, Sec.

LEXINGTON HIGH SCHOOL WILL RESUME WORK MONDAY MORNING

The Lexington high school will resume regular work at the usual hour on Monday morning, the 15th. It is hoped that all of the students will be present ready for earnest work.

WATERINGFORD NEWS.

What about that man's corn he planted the other day? Well, the only bird catches the worm.

Wonder what Uncle Henry thinks about this cold March weather.

A great tidal wave of "flu" is sweeping over this section of Lexington.

Mrs. Laura Long of Batesburg, is helping to nurse the sick folks at Mr. G. S. Crout's.

The sick list herabouts is too great to make personal mention of in these news items.

Mr. I. S. Smith of Woodford, was seen in these parts Sunday.

Mr. Abe Smith and family and Mrs. Albert Price are visiting on Black Creek.

Mr. Jake Rish and family of near Polton, visited relatives near here recently.

Mrs. L. A. J. Howard is spending some time down on the Edisto with her daughter, Mrs. P. W. Miller, who has been ill with the "flu."

The continued late cold spring and the influenza have greatly retarded farm work in this section. Some farmers have broken but very little land up to this time.

AN ECHO FROM THE PAST

"A system inaugurated in 1784, and with all its defects continued in full operation to the present time, notwithstanding the great and important changes which have transpired since that day in the values of all the lands of the state, is certainly a very striking instance of the conservative character of our state government." (T. J. Pickens, comptroller general, in his report to the legislature of South Carolina for the year 1859.)

The system to which the comptroller general refers was the one under which all the lands of the state were classified and valued for taxation prior to the Civil War. This classification and the valuation placed on each of the ten classes of land remained practically unchanged for the 75 years preceding 1859. The valuations varied from 20 cents to \$26.00 per acre. In an interpretation of the law for the comptroller general, Isaac W. Hayne, attorney general, wrote: "The scheme of the Act is plain enough. The first idea is to divide the state into three zones in reference chiefly to facility of conveying produce to market—the first and most valuable within the flow of tide; the second in position and value lying between the first zone and the head of navigation; and the third and least in value, all that portion of the state above the head of navigation."

"The classification and relative valuation, if not the actual, were probably well adapted to the condition of the country in 1784, but the progress of 75 years has, of course, introduced great changes."

The aggregate number of acres paying taxes in 1858 was 17,568,401, and of this number 10,361,056 acres were assessed at 20 cents an acre, 4,520,678 acres at 40 cents and only 1,017,495 acres at more than \$1.00 per acre. The total valuation of the lands of the state was \$10,257,727, while the valuation of lots and buildings in Charleston was \$22,274,175. In Barnwell District there were returned 1,935,975 acres and of that number 1,096,975 were returned at 20 cents. In Darlington District, one of the most productive districts of the state, there were returned 480,983 acres, of which number 460,980 were assessed at 20 cents an acre—"thousands of acres of which can be sold for \$20.00 an acre."

(Pickens) "Much of the tide swamps of class 1, valued at \$26.00 per acre, sells at \$200.00, and that valued at \$17.00 and \$8.50 at \$100.00 and upward, while the cotton lands of the sea islands, valued at \$4.00 are worth from \$50.00 to \$75.00, and a great deal of the land throughout the state valued as pine barren at 20 cents an acre, will bring in the market from \$10.00 to \$30.00 an acre" (Hayne).

"The taxes on land amounted to \$61,546 in 1858, which was \$9,000 less than the tax on the two items of "bank capital" and "sales of goods" and less than one-fourth the sum raised on slaves. Charleston paid on its lots and buildings \$27,848, or about one-half of the tax on lands of state, although the valuation was double. There was no constitutional citation requiring uniformity in the rate at that time and the disparity in the assessments was offset somewhat by a difference in the rate—\$1 cents per \$100.00 on lands and 17 cents per \$100.00 on lots and buildings. Land owners as such contributed little to the support of the state, but as slave owners they bore the heaviest part of the tax burden."—University News.

ARRESTED FOR BANK ROBBERIES

Lloyd Lorick, Dewey Dennis and Alex Cartledge, arrested last week in Columbia in connection with the robbery of the Bank of Neeces last fall, were brought to Lexington by Sheriff Miller Wednesday night and lodged in jail here, charged with the robbery of the Bank of Chapin and the Bank of Swansea. All of them are young boys, the oldest being hardly more than 21. The boys are residents of Columbia.

It will be remembered that the Bank of Neeces was blown open some time last November, while the Bank of Chapin and the Bank of Swansea were blown later. Nothing of value was secured from the Bank of Chapin, but a considerable amount of Liberty bonds was secured from the Bank of Swansea. It is said that at Swansea twenty thousand dollars lay almost within the grasp of the robbers and a little more effort on their part would have yielded a rich return, but they were frightened away by the night telephone operator, who sounded an alarm which brought a great number of people to the scene and frightened away the robbers.

READY FOR HARD DRIVE AGAINST CATTLE TICKS

Washington, D. C., March 8.—March finds preparations well under way for the 1920 campaign against the cattle fever tick. Prospects for effective work are so encouraging that federal officials in charge of tick eradication expect that at least ninety counties in the various tick-infested States will be made ready for release from federal quarantine next December 1. This will mean a much larger amount of territory cleaned up than was placed in the free area last year.

Only 30 per cent of the total area originally quarantined remains under tick domination, and it should be materially reduced this year. The end of the long campaign which began actively in 1906 is well in sight, and with continued cooperation from the State and county governments the bureau of animal industry, United States department of agriculture, hopes that in not more than three years the South will be tick-free.

Cattle will be sent through the dipping vats as early in the season as the weather and their condition will permit. Reports from field workers say that cattle which went into the winter tick-free are showing up this spring in much better condition than the animals which were subject to continued attacks of the parasite. Cattle in poor condition may be kept from the vats until they have a chance at spring forage, but wherever possible early dipping will be practiced to kill the ticks before they have a chance to multiply by thousands or millions.

Despite bad weather dipping was discontinued during the winter in localities where the operation would not harm the cattle. There were more than 300,000 dippings in January, and probably a greater number in February. The winter work, with early dipping in March, will give the tick eradicator a flying start that is expected to be a big help in making this year a big one.

According to the latest report 32,756 dipping vats—"cans" to prosperity—are ready for use this spring. They are divided among the States as follows:

Alabama, 8,608; Arkansas, 2,623; Florida, 1,516; Georgia, 2,984; Louisiana, 4,632; Mississippi, 4,294; North Carolina, 480; Oklahoma, 1,150; South Carolina, 844; Texas (north), 4,755; Texas (south), 1,445.

INABINET-POWERED.

Mr. Willie H. Powell of Lexington, was married in Orangeburg on last Sunday afternoon to Miss Bertha Lee Inabinet, the ceremony being performed at the home of the bride by the Rev. Mr. Edwards. Only relatives and a few intimate friends of the contracting parties witnessed the nuptials.

Mr. and Mrs. Powell are now visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Powell, in Lexington. Misses Mattie and Grace Powell, sisters of the groom, went to Orangeburg for the wedding.

SEARCH FOR BANKER.

Atlanta, March 9.—Active search was in progress today for R. C. Baskett, vice president of the Bank of Palmetto, at Palmetto, Ga., near here, who is charged in a warrant with embezzling several thousands dollars of the bank's funds.