

## RECORD YIELD OF CORN.

### Aiken Farmer Uses New Methods And Gets Great Results.

News & Courier.

This week Mr. J. T. Shuler, one of Aiken County's foremost farmers, harvested three acres of the finest corn ever grown hereabouts, and perhaps the equal of any grown in the State. The three acres netted 348 1-2 bushels an average of 116 1-8 bushels to the acre. In addition to the corn harvested, 1,800 bundles of fodder was stripped from the field, averaging 2 1-2 pounds each.

The land upon which this remarkable yield was gathered is not extraordinary land, but average rich upland, and Mr. Shuler ascribes the magnificent yield entirely to the mode of cultivation and fertilization. Similiar land last year made a yield of about 25 bushels per acre. Mr. Shuler is so enthusiastic over the yield this year that he intends to carry out the principle on a wider scale next year, and perhaps plant the entire crop, using the same methods and fertilizer.

The land is now planted in peas and a yield of about 20 bushels is expected. The pea crop was considerably cut off by dry weather. Considering the fine yield of corn per acre on this land, it beats cotton to death, even at the present good prices, the clear profits going well above the best that could be expected from an average yield of the fleecy staple.

The following is a detailed statement of the mode of cultivation and fertilization employed in working the field this year:

The land was broken during the latter part of December with a two-horse turn-plough, broadcast. The first part of February the land was again broken, crossing the previous furrows with the same heavy plough, following with a deep two-horse subsoil plough. During the first week in March the land was laid off in rows, five feet wide, and the middles were broken out with a large one-horse plough, and the subsoiler was again run behind this plough. The ridge in the middle of the rows was broken with a heavy two-winged turn-plough, the subsoil plough again being run in this furrow. The corn was planted in this furrow, twelve inches apart, two grains to the hill to insure a good stand, and it was covered with a Gantt guano distributor. The corn was dropped by hand. Two hundred pounds per acre of 8:2 1-2:1 ammoniated fertilizer was put down at the planting through the distributor.

When the corn came up and was ten days old it was thinned to one stalk in the hill. For the first cultivation and ordinary cultivator was used to pulverize the soil, running around the corn. The middles were now broken out very lightly. In ten days' time the corn was run around with a disc cultivator; in ten days from this 300 pounds of the same fertilizer as previously used was put down on one side of the row. This was followed in ten days with another application, 300 pounds being put to the acre, on the side left unfertilized at the previous cultivation. Two weeks after this the corn was laid by and 200 pounds of Peruvian guano and nitrate of soda was put on one side. After two weeks the same application was put down on the other side, laying that side by at the same time.

The corn's first two ploughings were deep, using straight shovels after that sweeps and small cultivators were used.

The variety of corn used on this plot was Mason's Prolific. The

value of the fertilizer used is \$22 a ton for the 8:2 1-2:3, and \$36 a ton for the top dressing, a total valuation of fertilizer used per acre of \$16.

Eighty pounds of the corn in the shuck, by actual measurement and weight, shelled out 68 pounds of corn, and after removing the shucks there remained 76 pounds on the cob, from 8 pounds in the shuck. The total acreage averaged about three good ears to the stalk.

The corn was put into a crib, in which last year the yield of twelve acres of what was considered good corn, was piled. The pile from three acres makes as good a showing as the yield from twelve did last year. A statement of the cost follows:

Breaking of land for preparation	\$6 00
Corn dropping	1 00
Putting down fertilizer and cultivation	5 00
Value of fertilizer used	16 00

Total cost of production 116 1-8 bushels corn at 90¢ 104 51  
Value of 600 bundles of fodder 13 33

Total value products \$117 84  
Net profits over cost of production \$89 94

This land is estimated to make an average of one bale to the acre. If it had yielded one bale per acre the profit would have been \$32 per acre, while on this three acres the profit per acre was \$89 84.

### Advice to Hunters.

Already the hunters are looking around for dogs and rubbing up their guns. According to the law, the person hunting, fishing or roaming over the lands of another without permission is a trespasser. Ignorance is no excuse. The plea only aggravates the offense. If farmers want birds killed, they will no doubt invite some of their gunning friends to do it when the season opens.

Do not hunt on lands of others without permission. Never carry a loaded gun while riding in a buggy or vehicle. When the day's hunting is over take out the cartridges. If birds are abundant do not kill them all at once. There was a good citizen of another county that was fond of hunting. He estimated the number of birds actually needed by the family for their dinner. When he bagged that number not another one would he shoot, even if one attempted to bite him.

If a farmer notifies you that he wishes no shooting on his premises do not sass him, but ask his pardon, act the gentleman and get off in such a good humor that you will have his respect.

### Killed the Leeches.

"You smoke thirty cigarettes a day?"

"Yes, on the average."

"You don't blame them for your run-down condition?"

"Not in the least. I blame my hard work."

The physician shook his head. He smiled in a vexed way. Then he took a leech out of a glass jar.

"Let me show you something," he said. "Bare your arm."

The cigarette fiend bared his pale arm, and the other laid the lean, black leech upon it. The leech fell to work busily. Its body began to swell. Then all of a sudden a kind of shudder convulsed it, and it fell to the floor dead.

"That is what your blood did to that leech," said the physician. He took up the little corpse between his finger and thumb.

"Look at it," he said. "Quite dead, you see. You poisoned it."

"I guess it wasn't a healthy leech in the first place," said the cigarette smoker, sullenly.

"Wasn't healthy, eh? Well, we'll try again."

And the physician clapped two leeches on the young man's thin arm.

"If they both die," said the patient, "I'll swear off—or, at least, I'll cut down my daily allowance from thirty cigarettes to ten."

"Even as he spoke the smaller leech shivered and dropped on his knee, dead, and a moment later the larger one fell beside it.

"This is ghastly," said the young man. "I am worse than the pestilence to the leeches."

"It is the empyreumatic oil in your blood," said the medical man. "All cigarette fiends have it."

"Doc," said the young man, regarding the three dead leeches thoughtfully, "I half believe you are right."—School Journal.

### Difficult Situation.

About a year ago a cook informed her Boston mistress that she was apt to leave at any time, as she was engaged to be married. The mistress was genuinely sorry, as the woman is a good cook and steady. Time passed, however, without further word of leaving, though the happy man-to-be was a frequent caller in the kitchen. The other day the mistress was moved by curiosity to ask:

"When are you to be married, Nora?"

"Indade, an' it's niver at all, I'll be thinkin', mum," was the sad reply.

"Really? What is the trouble?"

"Tis this, mum. I won't marry Mike when he's drunk, an' when he's sober he won't marry me."—Judge.

### UNION MEETING.

Programme of the upper Marion Union to be held with Pyerian church, Oct. 29-30, 1909.

SATURDAY MORNING.

10 a. m.—Introductory sermon by A. E. C. Pittman.

10:45 Enrollment of Delegates and report from churches.

QUESTIONS.

11 a. m.—Financing a Baptist church C. C. Bridges, W. C. Allen.

11:45 The business and occupation of the preacher, by A. C. Gentry, H. A. Willis.

11:30 Dinner.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION.

1:30 What the Seminary has done for our denomination and what we owe to it. J. L. Dew, Joel I. Allen.

2:15 The conditions under which a mission point is aided by State Board. B. K. Mason.

SUNDAY MORNING.

10 a. m. Devotional.

10:15. S. S. Class organization. What ages; name; officers; value. W. C. Allen, J. A. Hursey.

11 a. m.—Sermon. H. A. Willis W. C. Wallace, for Committee.

### RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

Whereas it has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst to her eternal home, Mrs Sallie J, wife of Mr John R Jackson, a loved member of the Ladies Aid and Missionary Society of the Hamer Presbyterian church; therefore be it resolved

That we cherish the memory of her pure life and faithful service, and that we emulate her example of loyalty to her church and Society. "She hath done what she could"

That we extend to her family our heartfelt sympathy in their irreparable loss, and commend them to "the God of all comfort", who is "a very present help in trouble"

That a copy of these resolutions be ordered published in The Dillon Herald, and a page in the records of our Society be dedicated to her memory  
Mrs J B McEachern, } Committee  
Mrs M A Campbell, }  
Mrs R P Hamer, Jr, }

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### Just a Little Unpleasant.

Mullins Enterprise.

We have often heard of people seeing "snakes," but we never thought that Oscar Dixon, of the Farmers' Warehouse, would be afflicted with such hallucinations. But Mr. Dixon's vision of snakes was different from the ordinary kind in that it was real. Last week, during the tobacco sales on his big warehouse floor, he approached a pile of the beautiful golden weed.

"Here's a beauty, boys! How much am I offered?" and as he reached down and pulled out a handful of leaves, a sensation close akin to terrifying, crept down his spinal column. A large snake had crawled into the pile of tobacco, evidently seeking shelter from the cold October night, and did not awake in time to get out before the sale started. However, both Mr. Dixon and the crowd standing around did not lose any time in parting company with his snakeship.

Marion Star.

On last Thursday an old veteran was tried and convicted of aggravated assault and battery in the Court of General Sessions presided over by Judge Watts. It was a fight between him and another old man. The old soldier had no lawyer, but defended his case himself. By this testimony and simple speech to the jury he touched the sympathies of all who heard him. The jury did their duty and convicted him. Judge Watts imposed a very light sentence \$25 fine or forty days on the chain gang. The old man said he was unable to pay the fine. Mr. Covington the court stenographer then went among the crowd in the Court House and without any trouble and as fast as the money could be dropped into his hand raised the amount of the fine. Judge Watts, the jury convicting him, the court constables, the attorneys and officers of the Court and audience indiscriminately assisted in raising the fine. Even before it was raised Dr. Miles, the clerk, told the old man he could go as he knew the money would be raised, and if it had not we all know Dr. Miles would have paid any balance himself.

### A Marriage Ceremony.

In the northwestern part of our country there lives a well known Irish magistrate, a man with a liberal education and a full quota of genuine wit, says an exchange. A short time ago Jim and Bet, a colored pair, called upon the squire to be united for better or worse. The squire having been notified of their coming, prepared and actually used the following ceremony:

"Jim, will you take Bet, Without any regret, To love and cherish, 'Til one of you perish And is laid under the sod, So help you God?"

After being answered in the affirmative by Jim the squire turned to Bet and said:

"Bet, will you take Jim And cling to him Both out and in, Through stick and thin, Holdin' him to you heart, 'Till death do you part?"

Bet acquiesced by a modest bow of the head and now the happy pair was dismissed as follows:

"Through life's alternate joy and strife, I now pronounce you man and wife, Go up life's hill 'till you get to the level, And salute your bride, our black, rusty devil."

The Arkansas justice of the peace does it this way: "Stand up; jine hands;atched.—Five dollars, please."

### Woman Commits Suicide at Ball.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 17.—A young Englishwoman, whose name is stated to be Miss Slett, committed suicide under tragic circumstances at a ball given by Gen. Schloppoff in this city. She danced frequently and appeared to be in the best of spirits. After a dance she walked alone to a deserted corner of the ballroom, and a moment later a shot rang out. The other guests rushed to the spot, and were shocked to find that she had shot herself through the heart with a small revolver. The weapon had been concealed all the evening in a silken bag which dangled at the lady's wrist.

### A Quick Settlement.

The South Atlantic Life Insurance Company makes a record in the settlement of death claims.

MR. MAX FASS,  
General Agent  
South Atlantic Life Insurance Co.  
Dillon, S. C.

Dear Sir:—I beg to acknowledge receipt of yours of the 14th inst. containing check for \$1,000 to cover the policy held by my late husband, Mr. S. L. Page, in the South Atlantic Life Insurance Company. In this connection I wish to express my appreciation of the promptness with which the claim was settled. The proofs of death were completed and forwarded to the home office on the 13th inst. and the check was received on the 14th. I consider this a remarkably quick settlement, inasmuch as there is always more or less red tape and unnecessary delay in the settlement of death claims by insurance companies.

Respectfully,  
(Copy) MRS. S. L. PAGE.  
10-21-14

### Negroes "Regulate" Members of Race.

Lancaster, Oct. 16.—White-cappers, or presumably black ones, were active in the eastern portion of the county this week. An unmarried negro man from Flat Creek township was caught Sunday night in the Antioch section in company with another colored man's wife and whipped, the woman making her escape. Monday however, she got a horse and buggy and drove down into Flat Creek to see how he was getting along, when she was also taken in hand and chastised, by unknown cappers.

It is evident that some of the colored people are determined to improve the morals of their race, and if it can not be done in one way it will be in another.

### Picks Bale in Sixty Minutes.

Bennettsville, Oct. 16.—The demonstration of the Price-Campbell cotton picker near here today was pronounced a success. The party of Northern men interested was increased in number this morning and the machine was operated in their presence and it picked a bale of cotton in about 60 minutes.

The cotton was ginned at once and showed up about as well as that ordinarily picked by hand. The exhibition was not strictly a public one as the purpose was to demonstrate to those who would likely become interested financially. Mr. Theodore Price and Mr. Angus Campbell have been here several days, and it is understood that the other members of the party of 30 are here upon the invitation of Price.

Mr. Price and about 15 of his friends are at Hote. McCall and will remain here until Monday.

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### Our Public Schools.

The annual report of scholastic conditions in Marion county shows a creditable advancement along many lines. While in some ways there is still room for improvement at the same time, we are reassured as to the welfare of the public schools, when we know there is a steady movement upward from year to year.

For instance the most marked improvement is shown in the increase of one week in the average length of the school term. The report for 1907-08 puts the average school session at 23 weeks while it has gone up to 24 weeks this year. The number of teachers has increased from 104 to 119. This increase in teachers of course decreases the average number of pupils to each teacher. Teachers' salaries have also increased. These facts are very encouraging, for if we can increase the number of teachers by 15 and the number of weeks of school session by one week for a few years, no child in the county will lack the opportunity of an education.

However, the increase in the enrollment and the average attendance is not encouraging. For instance in 1907-08 the enrollment was 8826 and this year 9044, making an increase of only 218 pupils. This is no better than it should be. In fact this is of less credit to the county than any other item of the report, for it is very probable that this increase does not make up for the number of children that reach the proper school age between the school terms. There is also another item not very creditable to the county and this is that the average attendance is only 5489. This means that out of a possible 12,000 children of school age only 5489 are in school every day for three months during the year. Now do not think that the negro is to blame for this condition, for there are more white children of school age than negro children out of school and the attendance of the negro children is just as regular if not more regular than the white.

Three schools, Mt. Calvary, Midway and Kemper have taken advantage of the state Aid Fund. This fund is exhausted at present but is to be hoped that it will be increased at the next session of the legislature as there are a good many schools in the county that would like to take advantage of it. Any school, which is not able with its own funds to have a session of one hundred days is entitled to this provided it can comply with conditions.

Through the efforts of Mr. J. F. Watson a high school has been established at Pages Mills. This is the fifth high school in the county and puts the upper part of the county in shape, so that with very little inconvenience every child may have the privilege of a high school in his own county. We need now another high school in the lower part of the county and I am very sure this can be done sometime in the near future.

Sellers, Temperance and Wahee districts have levied an extra tax for school purposes. This will increase the funds of these districts considerably. Taking the county as a whole the schools are in good condition for beginning a new year, and with just a little interest and enthusiasm on the part of the trustees and patrons, a marked improvement may be made for the next annual report.

County Supervisor Martin have the chain gang working on Harlee's Bridge near Little Rock. The bridge is being put in good repair. Mr. Martin has been doing some good road work in the upper section of the county lately.