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INCREASED PURCHASES OF FERTILIZERS.

We have seen through the State papers that there has been a large increase in the purchase of commercial fertilizers this year over that of last year. This is the natural result of the abnormally high price of cotton this spring, and the land on which it is deposited will benefit from it even if the farmer who uses it does not.

We are a firm believer in high fertilization of land in the abstract, but we are greatly afraid that the price of cotton now will seriously affect the future prosperity of the country unless the farmer exercises the wisest judgment in pitching his crop this year. Everyone that knows us knows that we never planted a foot of land, but they also know that we have been raised in a position to give more or less valuable advice to the farmers, having been for many years the bookkeeper and practical manager of a large commercial concern in this city, a position in which we had the fullest facilities for observing the results attained by different farmers throughout this and adjoining counties in the use of commercial fertilizers.

We will give you a free gratis for nothing resume of our observations during a period of more than twenty-five years, and if, after giving it to you, you don't care to accept our advice, we cannot help it, but must let you rush on to your own destruction.

In the first place, we have observed that the average farmer thinks if he doesn't attempt to cultivate thirty-five acres to the plow he is not doing anything in the way of farming. A greater mistake was never made. He can easily take the same stock, the same fertilizer, and devote a third less time to the proper cultivation of twenty acres and make larger crops than he can with the same fertilizer and a much greater expenditure of time and labor on the larger crop of thirty or thirty-five acres, with a corresponding saving in vital force of the live stock employed in the cultivation of the smaller area cultivated.

To come down more closely to details, we will say that our experience in or along this line teaches us that the man who works twenty acres to the plow and puts six hundred pounds of fertilizer to the acre meets with greater success than the other fellow who attempts to cultivate thirty acres with the same force and uses the same amount of fertilizers in the aggregate or say four hundred pounds to the acre.

This opinion we give you as taken from actual observation of the two styles of farming. As all of us hope that cotton will be as high in price next fall as it was this spring, this kind of talk may not set well, but we don't know what we will get for the next cotton crop, so to all our friends we say, don't pin your faith on ten, eleven or twelve cent cotton next fall, but reduce your acreage, plant for enough corn to carry you through another year, and raise your own hog.

A STAIN ON THIS OR ANY STATE.

Please read the following clipping from the Record, and our comments:

Gov. Heyward to-day received the following telegram from Savannah:

"All my people and property are in South Carolina. Will you grant me privilege of returning there. Answer immediately. (Signed) J. B. Bennett."

Upon investigation it was found that Bennett was pardoned by Gov. McSweeney in 1899

upon condition that he leave the State. He was convicted of murder in 1896 and sentenced to life imprisonment. Gov. Heyward refused to let him return.

We have long been of the opinion that this form of pardoning prisoners convicted of capital or other offenses is a reproach upon the good name of South Carolina. Why under the sun should the Governor of this or any other State release upon a neighboring commonwealth a criminal justly, or unjustly, convicted of an offense against the peace and dignity of the State in which he was convicted? If the Governor of South Carolina thinks that the convict has been sufficiently punished for his crime against society, it comes strictly within his province to pardon him. But this half way kind of a pardon is not only unjust, but, we think, immoral.

As we look at it, it simply means that the Governor of South Carolina says to the Governor, or the people, of another State, "I send you a criminal of a deeper or a lighter type in exchange for one or more of yours." This seems to me to be the long and the short of it. We hope that Governor Heyward and succeeding Governors will abolish this abominable practice of issuing these conditional pardons. Either a criminal has, in the eyes of the Governor, expiated his crime, or he has not. If he has not, then keep him in the penitentiary where he belongs; but, if he has, then grant him an unconditional pardon.

THE WAR IN THE EAST.

There is absolutely nothing late to report concerning the war in the East, except a reported attack on Port Arthur by the Japs on February 29th, in which they are said to have seriously damaged three Russian war ships and destroyed a torpedo boat. The increasing ill feeling against Americans in Russia, and an outbreak against them, will most certainly be followed by decisive action on the part of our government. The Chinese, too, are active, twenty-five to thirty-five thousand of their troops being massed near the seat of war.

A Card From Mr. Williams.

Mr. Editor: I fully appreciate the very complimentary card of (Voters of West Waterree) published in a recent issue of the Chronicle, and after consulting with quite a number of my friends from different sections of the county I have consented to enter the race for Sheriff. I have no doubt that some parties will criticize my entering for said position again, but my friends think it my duty to them and myself that I seek vindication from the way that the choice of the majority of the voters was treated in the last election for sheriff of our county. I claim that I am, and always have been a true Democrat, and I promised in the last election and do now, to abide by the result of the Democratic primary election, and the official tabulated returns showed that I was the nominee of the party (see tabulated returns below) but by some means, only known to a few the figures were changed and the voice of the majority ignored. Under these circumstances I deem it my duty to enter my protest against these unfair methods, and all true Democrats will denounce any such action within the party.

R. B. WILLIAMS.

Official Returns of Second Primary 1900.	Williams	Trant
Camden	315	162
Cotton Mills	43	33
Hanging Rock	5	5
Antioch	14	6
Belk Hill	27	21
Westville	8	30
Bell's Mill	16	8
Cureton Mill	19	12
Shamrock	12	19
Oakland	20	19
Sandy Grove	14	25
Doby's Mill	17	16
3C's	1	52
Lucknow	9	33
Buffalo	38	18
Lynchwood	54	37
Salt Pond	18	23
Beaver Dam	88	16
Harmony	23	5
Beulah	10	26
Enterprise	6	16
Liberty Hill	12	20
Roland	12	13
Stockton	8	5
Raley's Mill	6	51
Turkey Creek	20	25
McC's Mill	21	6
Gnanny's Quarter	6	33
Swift Creek	8	15
Shaylor's Hill	5	36
Pine Tree	18	12
Russell Place	0	15
Abney	16	18
White Pond	37	23
Total	921	913

MR. WILLIAM T. MARTIN IS DEAD.

Wealthy Wholesale Grocer and Farmer Succumbs to Congested Pneumonia After Week's Illness.

Mr. W. T. Martin, a wealthy wholesale grocer and extensive farmer, of Columbia, S. C., died in that city on the 23rd ult. of congested pneumonia. His death was rather sudden, after an illness of only one week. The attack followed exposures to which he had subjected himself while seeing after the transfer of his farm in the northern suburbs of the city, which is to be used as the new State Fair Grounds. Mr. Martin had rallied Friday night, sleeping well until 7 o'clock Saturday, when both lungs became affected, and he sank rapidly, being too weak to rally in his advanced age—82 years.

Mr. Martin was not a member of any church, and the funeral took place from his residence.

Mr. Martin leaves an estate worth probably \$200,000. Much of this is in farms located in this and Lexington counties, and some in North Carolina. Exactly what he was worth, and the specific properties he held, are not yet definitely known, even to the members of the family.

Society Notes.

A slight lull in the usual round of gaieties took place in social circles this past week, the inclemency of the weather, no doubt, being partly to blame.

There are over 500 tourists in our town at present, and amusement of some variety must be found, and many undaunted spirits took part in the paper chase of last Wednesday afternoon, Miss Annie Johnson again running yearday to his fair.

Polo lovers were disappointed last Friday afternoon when it was learned that only a practice game would be played, for the excitement of the match games runs high on these afternoons, and they seem necessary to finish up the pleasures of the week.

On account of the indisposition of Mrs. John W. Corbett, the hostess appointed for Friday afternoon, no tea was held at the Club House, but the usual gathering will take place this Friday.

The guests of Hobkirk Inn "made hay" while the sun shone on Monday by inaugurating a Tennis Tournament. Mr. Barstow kindly lending his court for the occasion, and quite a gay crowd took part in the games, either as participants or encouragees. Invitations were issued this week by Mrs. Rogers L. Barstow, Jr., to an afternoon devoted to progressive euchre, given in honor of Mrs. Henry Smith, on Wednesday, from 3 to 6. Needless to say, every one had an enjoyable afternoon, for "Bohemia" always affords the jolly guests a jolly good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bull and family are expected here this month, and will open their lovely home, Holly Hedge, in Kirkwood, for the remainder of the season.

Mrs. and Miss Prescott have taken Mrs. Mandeville's place, the old McRae house, for the next few months. Mrs. Mandeville seeking shelter at Baron von Tresckow's.

It is a pleasure to notice the development of the old vacant lot, between Mr. Eldredge's and Capt. Villepigue's, into a veritable pleasure garden, under the skillful hands of Mrs. Dow, the present owner. A picturesque summer house is in course of erection, and the terraces and winding drives have transformed the appearance of the whole place.

The ladies of Grace Church had to postpone their weekly Water Tea, which was to have been held at the home of Mrs. Parish, on account of the extreme illness of Mrs. Gamewell, Mrs. DeSaussure's mother.

Last Friday evening a few invited guests had the pleasure hearing some fine music at Zemp & Depass's Drug store, by three musicians, from Wilmington, N. C. Harp, violin and flute were the instruments. Mr. Frank Eldredge was fortunate enough to procure their services for the next few weeks, and the guests of his popular home-like "Inn will enjoy this musical innovation.

Mrs. Lawrence Lee, of New York, formerly Miss Lexie McDonald, who was so pleasantly known in Camden, is a guest at Bloomsbury. Mrs. Lee notices many favorable changes here in the last eight years, but finds none of Camden's charm gone, in spite of our unusual weather.

After a short visit to Mrs. Duls, nee Davis, in Charlotte, N. C., and to Mrs. Green, in Spartanburg, Miss Davis Porcher will return to her home in El Paso, Texas, much to the sorrow of her friends in Camden.

Miss Deas Boykin, of Boykins, has been the guest of Mr. D. R. Williams during the past week.

The usual drill of the Kershaw Guards took place on Monday night. Rev. Mr. Farle, the Chaplain of the company, has invited them to be present on March 15th, when he will hold special services at the Methodist Church for the Guards.

Ask for the White Knight, the best smoke on the market. For sale by the Camden Drug Company.

The Music of Ancients.

The Egyptian flute was only a cow's horn with three or four holes in it, and their harp or lyre had only three strings; the Grecian lyre had only seven strings and was very small, being held in one hand; the Jewish trumpets that made the walls of Jericho fall down, were only Rams' horns; their flute was the same as the Egyptian; they had no instrumental music but by percussion, of which the greatest boast made was the psaltery, a small triangular harp or lyre with wire strings, and struck with an iron needle or stick; their sacbut was something like a bagpipe; the timbrel was a tambourine, and the dulcimer was a horizontal harp, with wire strings, and struck with a stick like the psaltery. They had no written music; had scarcely a vowel in their language, and yet according to Josephus, they had 200,000 musicians playing at the dedication of the Temple of Solomon. Mozart would have died in such a concert in the greatest agony.

NORTHWESTERN RAILROAD OF S. C.

Time Table No. 5. To take effect Sunday, January 10, 1904, at 12.01 a. m. superseding Time Table No. 4, dated November 2, 1903.

BETWEEN WILSON'S MILL & SUMTER.

TRAINS GOING SOUTH.	
No. 77	No. 78
Lv Sumter	4 50 p m 3 30 p m
Lv N. W. Junction	4 53 p m 3 33 p m
Lv Tindal	5 20 p m 3 47 p m
Lv Packville	5 50 p m 4 00 p m
Lv Silver	6 25 p m 4 25 p m
Lv Millard	6 40 p m 4 35 p m
Lv Millard	6 50 p m 5 00 p m
Lv Summerton	6 50 p m 5 15 p m
Lv Davis	7 15 p m 5 55 p m
Lv Jordan	7 30 p m 6 15 p m
Ar Wilson's Mill	8 00 p m 7 00 p m

TRAINS GOING NORTH.

No. 72		No. 76	
Lv Wilson's Mill	8 40 a m	6 00 a m	
Ar Jordan	9 00 a m	6 20 a m	
Ar Davis Station	9 45 a m	6 45 a m	
Ar Summerton	10 15 a m	7 15 a m	
Ar Millard	10 20 a m	7 20 a m	
Ar Millard	10 45 a m		
Ar Silver	11 00 a m	7 45 a m	
Ar Packville	11 30 a m	8 15 a m	
Ar Tindal	11 55 a m	8 45 a m	
Ar N. W. Junction	12 27 p m	9 12 a m	
Ar Sumter	12 30 p m	9 15 a m	

BETWEEN MILLARD & ST. PAUL.

No. 73		No. 75	
Lv Millard	4 25 p m	10 20 a m	
Ar St. Paul	4 40 p m	10 30 a m	
No. 72		No. 74	
Lv St. Paul	10 35 a m	4 50 p m	
Ar Millard	10 45 a m	5 00 p m	

BETWEEN SUMTER & CAMDEN.

TRAINS GOING SOUTH.		
No. 68	No. 70	
Lv Camden	4 15 p m	7 00 a m
Sou. Ry. Junction	4 25 p m	7 10 a m
Ar Elberbee	4 38 p m	7 30 a m
Remberts	4 48 p m	7 40 a m
Ar Jordan	4 58 p m	8 00 a m
Ar Dalzell	5 12 p m	8 25 a m
Ar N. W. Junction	5 43 p m	8 58 a m
Ar Sumter	6 45 p m	9 00 a m

TRAINS GOING NORTH.

No. 69		No. 71	
Lv Sumter	6 25 p m	9 30 a m	
N. W. Junction	6 27 p m	9 38 a m	
Dalzell	6 47 p m	9 59 a m	
Jordan	7 05 p m	10 19 a m	
Remberts	7 23 p m	10 21 a m	
Elberbee	7 30 p m	10 31 a m	
Sou. Ry. Junction	7 50 p m	11 00 a m	
Ar Camden	8 00 p m	11 10 a m	

No. 68 leaves Camden Mon., Wed. and Friday at 1 p. m., ar. Sumter 3.40.

No. 67 leaves Sumter Tues., Thurs. Sat. 11 00 a. m., ar. Camden 2 00 p. m.

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