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Death of a Well Known Citizen.

Anderson, July 11.—(Special.)—Mr. H. J. Gignilliat died at his home on Calhoun street at 11.45 o'clock this morning after an illness of 17 weeks, during which time he was confined to his bed. The body will be taken to Seneca on train No. 9 tomorrow, which leaves here at 12.24 o'clock. The funeral services will be held in the Baptist church immediately after the arrival there. Interment will be made in the family plot in the Baptist church yard.

Mr. Gignilliat was about 52 years of age. During the major part of his life he spent in the employ of the Southern and Blue Ridge railways. For nearly 17 years he was station agent for the Southern railway at Easley, at the end of which time he was transferred to Seneca where he was made agent for the Southern and Blue Ridge roads. This position he held for 17 years. Two years ago he moved to Anderson to accept the position of baggage agent at the union station, which position he resigned nearly a year ago on account of his declining health. He also was engaged in the transfer business, he being the owner and proprietor of the Anderson Transfer company.

There was or is no man now living that enjoys the confidence of the people of this section more generally than did Mr. Gignilliat. He was always attentive to his duties, and the patrons of the roads for which he toiled always had nice things to say about his agreeableness and desire to do them favors. He was really a successful man for in his long life of usefulness he never let an opportunity go by, by which he could do some one a kindness.

Four years ago Mr. Gignilliat offered for the position of state railroad commissioner, and he received a handsome vote.

Mr. Gignilliat was a member of the Baptist church at Seneca for many years. He was a conscientious, Christian gentleman and one that never did a fellow-man a harm. He was ever respected as a good, true man. He was a prominent Mason, Pythian, etc., his membership being in Seneca.

Mr. Gignilliat was married to Miss Bessie Griffin of North, Carolina, and she with one daughter, Miss Lois Gignilliat, survive him. Mr. Gignilliat's first wife was Miss Lula Bostwick of Conyers, Georgia.

Mr. Gignilliat is survived by one sister, Mrs. S. B. Townes, of Oklahoma, who was at his bedside this morning when death occurred. He had many relatives of his name, several of whom live in Seneca.

The Sin of a Church.

Trinity church, New York, is one of the wealthiest corporations in the country. It is doubtful if there is a church in the world that owns as much real estate as Trinity; which is estimated to be worth anywhere from \$40,000,000 to \$100,000,000. This property consists almost exclusively of tenement houses in one of the worst districts of New York city. There are nearly five hundred in all. They are

not modern tenement houses with plenty of air and light and such conveniences as tend to make the lives of their occupants healthy and wholesome. On the contrary they are, as described by Charles Edward Russell in a magazine article, the worst and most dilapidated to be found anywhere in the great metropolis of the country—"frowsy, scaly, slatternly, bleary, decayed and crumbling old houses, leering from dirty windows like old drunkards through bloodshot eyes; the broken shutters awry like deformities, the doors agape like old, toothless mouths." "Drunken disreputable, decayed topsy-turvy old houses, the homes of thousands of families and the breeding-places for so many children that are to carry on the world's work."

The revenue from these tenements is enormous—no one knows how much except those who have the management of the church's properties. But it is immaterial what Trinity church owns or what is the amount of income from its possessions, it is the fact that it holds such property at all that is material. Here is a Christian church, noted for its great charities only possible from the rents of these foul places where disease and death held sway, a teacher of the thoughts and life of the Nazarene who enunciated the golden rule and lived it, owning property for hire that is unfit for beasts to live in, much less human beings. What are the teachings of such a church worth? What value can be placed on its splendid gifts of benevolence? Unless the deed of love follows the word of love, the word amounts to nothing; and men will turn away from a Christianity which consists only of profession. For a church to own and rent tenements where there is foul air, no light, filth, dampness, and where, in consequence of these conditions, the germs of all sorts of diseases breed and riot in a yearly harvest of death, with no effort on the part of the church corporation to do away with those horrible conditions, it is not only a crime against Christianity, it would be a crime in a land where there is no Christianity, because a crime against humanity and civilization.

How a church can use money thus acquired—use it, mind you in the name of "sweet charity"—is something incomprehensible. The charitable use of it cannot atone for its sinful, yes, its criminal acquirement. Surprise is sometimes expressed that the churches seem to be losing their hold on the thoughtful working classes. We are not, in the light of the revelations of Trinity church's New York tenements, where so many of these people are compelled to herd amid filth and discomforts. They have before them every day the awful fact of a church's unkept faith, of its utter disregard, not to say denial, of the golden rule of justice and love. —Columbia Record.

The Russia Douma has passed a bill providing for an internal loan of \$100,000,000.

FARMERS' EDUCATIONAL AND CO-OPERATIVE UNION OF AMERICA

Pickens County Union Column

J. T. BOGGS, REV. W. C. SEABORN and JOEL MILLER, Committee in Charge.

The Pickens County Farmers' Union met at the courthouse July 6.

Union was called to order by W. L. Jenkins, the retiring president. (He having resigned to enter the campaign as a candidate).

The Union then proposed to elect a president to fill the vacancy, which resulted in Alfred Bolding being elected, who is now county president.

Hon. W. T. Bowen was elected vice-president, to succeed A. J. Welborn, who is now a candidate, he also having resigned when he became a candidate.

The cotton marketing and warehouse question was discussed at length. Several propositions were submitted and discussed at length, especially one sent out from the state headquarters, to be acted on by the local Unions, which has not yet been done.

J. H. Miller was elected business agent, and all members having cotton should report to him at Easley, S. C., the kind they have and the price at which they will sell, etc.

As there was too much business to finish up in one day, the Union adjourned until Friday, July 17, to meet at the courthouse at 10 a. m., at which time a full turnout is much desired. Of the 22 locals in the county 14 were represented.

JOHN T. BOGGS.

The following is from the Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin of June 30. This is the kind of reports that are sent in, oftentimes, by some office kitten like as not, who has never plowed a furrow in his life, but can write a fair hand. Let us examine a few: "Sumter—Plant small: two to three weeks late." (Here is something fine; stand him up and let's see how he looks.) "Catachee—Since last report (a month ago) we have had beneficial rains, which came at a time when fields were well cultivated; (here's a bear track, see!) plants are vigorous and have a splendid color; with average season from this time forward this STATE will make RUMPER CROP." (Now wasn't that gall from that little cotton patch!) "Autun—Our cotton is late but vigorous; stands fair." "Sumter—Plant small; two to three weeks late; lice and cold nights against development." "Batesburg—Cotton crop ten days late, but is in growing condition and free of grass as a rule." "Trenton—Crops small and grassy; stands poor in this section." "Carmel Cotton is twenty days late." "Beaufort—Entirely too much rain; some are abandoning parts of their crops." (Take the reports of the last few, and we

fail to see where we may expect to go bumping in this state.)

JOHN T. BOGGS.

The best spray mixture for insects is a mixture of one pound of Paris green, one pound of lime and 200 gallons of water. This is much cheaper and more satisfactory than strychnine.

"Lay-by" time has come, and the farmer is always glad when it arrives. There's a feeling thrills his being, that he cannot express with tongue, neither can he write it with pen and ink. It is a pleasure that Rockefeller's money cannot buy and a joy that the Vanderbilts know nothing about. Yes, "lay-by" time has come, and with it has also come the jar-fly, which has already been heard in our land. The hornet, too, will soon make its appearance in the dining-hall where it will make its ceaseless rounds ready to seize upon the common house fly, which is used as food.

The Farmers' Union Convention.

President B. Harris, of the State Farmers' Union, has issued the following official notice:—

The State convention of the South Carolina State Farmers' Union will convene in the house of representatives hall in Columbia on Wednesday, July 22d at 8.15 p. m. Where the county union is formed, the basis of representation is one delegate at large and one delegate for every hundred members or majority fraction. Where there is no county organization, each local is entitled to one delegate. If you have not already done so, have a called meeting and elect our delegates. Application has been made for reduced rates on the railroads. Please ask for that rate, and where you cannot get it, please ask the agent for a certificate.

B. HARRIS, President,
S. C. State Farmers' Union.

Hazel.

Health good and crops looking well; but the recent heavy rains have thrown the farmers behind about laying by their crops.

Little Hattie, the three-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Chapman, died at their home near the Pickens Cotton Mills last Thursday night with the measles, and was buried at Antioch Baptist church. Bro. Riley Rigdon conducted the burial services. We commend the bereaved parents to the blessed Lord who giveth and who taketh away. Blessed be the name of the Lord.

E. C. Jones is our new mail carrier, and we are well pleased with him so far.

D. D. and Leroy Winchester spent the 4th of July in Easley, and report a good time; but not near what it would have been had it been a fair day.

This section has been visited by a nine days' rain, beginning on the 1st inst. and continuing until the 10th. The ground was too wet to work during the entire time. MOUNTAIN SPROUT.

Liberty.

Rain was a prominent feature of the "Glorious Fourth" in many places and with many people. Many white dresses were drenched that day which were caught a few steps from shelter. We venture the assertion that the Fourth of 1908 will not soon be forgotten by many of our people who did the celebrating act.

Most of the farmers are taking a few days off, as the ground is too mucky to work in the fields. Crops have been well worked, but some have not been cleared of grass, owing to frequent showers in some places; other places missed the showers, and crops are clean.

It is currently reported that one man had five kegs of beer shipped in here to royally celebrate the "Glorious Fourth" properly, and the celebrating and the rain were so mixed up that the celebration was extended through Sunday. From the best information obtainable it appears that the "glory" was drayed out to stand on the Blacksnake road, east of town, and in a secluded spot the day was royally and loyally celebrated, notwithstanding the frequent downpour of rain; and it appears that the "upper ten and lower five" were much in evidence on this particular occasion, assisting in the ceremonies, with everything in common. Now really it appears to a casual observer that if this lagerhead beer was especially for Bill, in order for him to properly do the celebrating act, that it should properly be equally so for Sall, and if everything was appropriate and in decent order, why this rush-off to the thicket at such a rainy time? Echo answers "Why?"

Several parties from here went on the Charleston excursion last week.

Quite a number of visitors in our midst at present.

J. P. Smith, who has been in bad health for some time, has gone to Baltimore for special treatment.

Protracted meeting in progress at the Presbyterian church this week. Services every day at 5 and 8.30 p. m. B.

A Cheap Kitten.

"A corruptionist," said Senator Depew, "once entered a voter's house. In the voter's absence he pleaded his cause to the man's wife. Finally spying a wretched kitten on the floor, he said:

"I'll give you \$25 for that animal, ma'am."

"She accepted the terms."

"The corruptionist, thrusting the kitten into his pocket, rose to go. At the door he said:

"I do hope you can persuade your husband to vote for me, ma'am."

"I'll try to," said the woman, "though Jim's a hard one to move when his mind's made up; but anyhow you've got a real cheap kitten there. Your opponent was in yesterday and gave me \$50 for its brother." Washington Star.