

A. H. CHAPMAN SPOKE TO FARMERS OF McCORMICK

McCormick, Dec. 25.—The boll weevil campaign which is being waged in this section of the state by the Department of Agriculture, cooperating with Clemson College, held its second meeting in this county Saturday at Mount Carmel. At the first meeting, held last Thursday at Buffalo church, a number of representative farmers were present. Farm Demonstration Agent Moore, from Laurens county, spoke first on "Cover crops and their relation to soil building as a factor in the preparation for the boll weevil."

A. H. Chapman of Greenville county, spoke on Live Stock and its relation to soil building and as an indirect means for marketing farm products. Mr. Chapman also emphasized the fact that live stock products could be marketed through packing houses to be established in Greenville and in Orangeburg.

B. M. Byars, of Anderson county, formerly of Mississippi, discussed the effect of the boll weevil on the business of a newly infested state. Mr. Byars emphasized that the chief weapon of defense for any newly infested territory would be self-sustaining homes, with cotton as a surplus money crop. Mr. Byars gave instances where communities in his own state were temporarily paralyzed by the boll weevil.

NO INAUGURAL BALL

New York Times. President Wilson has again shown the inauguration ceremonies of that gray old humbug, the so-called inaugural ball. With a record of two inaugurations freed from the presence of this hoary impostor, it may be reasonably hoped that its absence has settled into a precedent which Mr. Wilson's successor will follow as a matter of course. Innocent outsiders imagined that the thing was a part of the official ceremonies, conducted by the national government; the misleading adjective "inaugural" helped along the delusion. It was not an inaugural ball at all; it was a ball held in Washington; at inauguration time, which is a different thing. It was a ball like any other ball, gotten up for profit by private citizens of Washington; there was nothing governmental about it, except that the government regularly lent one of its buildings to the money-getters who conducted the thing. Anybody with an evening costume or the ability to hire one, and some small bills in his pocket to pay the admission price, could get in, just as he could at any other public dance held in Washington or any other city, and then go home and amaze the neighbors. It was to tickle this human failing, and to make money out of it, that the Washington business men ran the lance and plastered the word "inaugural" on it.

It was all a lamentable bit of shoddiness, exploiting the boulderism that is one of the least admirable elements in the national character. It touched its highest point of vulgarity in making the president of the United States pass under the yoke of money-making; for, to give the thing some air or officiality, and to prevent the ticket purchasers from suspecting the real nature of it, the men who sold the tickets and got the government to save them the rent of a hall used to wheedle the incoming president into coming into the place for a few minutes and letting the so-called "guests" have a look at him. President Wilson was the first president who had the courage to set his foot on the whole wretched fraud and squash it, regard less of the feelings and the profits of the ticket dealers. His reputation now that act probably seals the fate of an unregretted inaugural ball.

KING OF SPAIN ORDERS FOUR MORE WILLYS-KNIGHT CARS

A highest compliment to American manufacturing supremacy was paid recently by Alfonso, King of Spain, when he ordered four Willys-Knight cars, two touring cars and two limousines—through the European headquarters of the Willys-Knight Overland Company, of Toledo, Ohio.

This order is all the more notable because of the fact that King Alfonso ordered one Willys-Knight touring car last spring through his ambassador at Washington. This car, especially equipped with wire wheels, was forwarded to him last April.

Reports from Madrid after the car had been delivered, indicated that his Spanish Majesty was highly pleased with his new purchase.

Yet no official word was received until the arrival of the other day of the cablegram from the European headquarters of the company, ordering four more four-cylinder Willys-Knights, to be dispatched at the very earliest opportunity.

This royal endorsement of the Knight-motored car, manufactured by The Willys-Overland Company, can be taken as a supreme triumph for American builders of Knight-sleeve motors. Such a large single order means, without doubt, that King Alfonso considers the Knight-motored car, a made in Toledo, O., at least the equal in accomplishments of the renowned Daimler, Panhard, Mercedes, Minerva and various other European Knight cars that sell from \$4,000 to \$8,000.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

County of Abbeville. Probate Court. Notice to Debtors and Creditors: In the matter of the Estate of J. G. Smith, Deceased.

All persons indebted to said estate must present them properly at those holding claims against the estate must present them properly at ROY C. GILMER, Administrator.

Some people never find out which side of their bread is buttered until they drop it.

McCORMICK

McCormick, Dec. 19.—Mr. L. W. Harris has been appointed United States Commissioner for the Western District of South Carolina, by Judge J. B. Johnson.

A widow, Mrs. Lenoir, of Jackson, is now night operator at the depot here, her hours being from 12 o'clock at night until 8 o'clock A. M.

The High and Graded school will close on next Wednesday for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt Chamberlain were visitors in Augusta, several days last week.

The family of Mr. W. J. Hines left last Tuesday morning to make their home at Merriwether. Mrs. Witt and family now occupy the house vacated by Mr. Hines.

Mr. W. E. Rankin attended the Grand Masonic meeting in Charleston last week, being a delegate from this lodge.

The little folks sewing club met with little Miss Isabel Sanders Friday afternoon. After an hour of work the little folks were served fruit which they enjoyed very much.

LA CANDEUR LODGE.

Prof. Bacot Recalls When the French Element Was Strong Here.

To the Editor of The News and Courier:

I note in your paper of Saturday, December 9, an account of a banquet of La Candeur Lodge of Masons. This article gives an interesting sketch of the lodge, stating that it was founded in 1812 and used the French language for over half a century.

Members and friends of the organization may be interested to know that its existence dates back even earlier. In The City Gazette (of Charleston) there appeared on December 22, 1796, an announcement both in French and English, that the French lodge "La Candeur" of Masons is arranging to keep the festival day of St. John the Evangelist by a procession and other festivities. How long this lodge existed before 1796 I do not know.

During the administration of Washington and Adams, Charleston contained a large French element of population, many being refugees from San Domingo after the insurrection in that island. There were one or more newspapers in the city published in French. Also the regular paper frequently published articles and advertisements in that language. Furthermore, sympathy for the French revolutionists was very strong. A French Patriotic Society and a French Jacobin Society flourished. The French minister, Genet, fitted out privateers to prey upon English commerce and endeavor to raise troops to attack Spanish Florida and Louisiana. French and English sailors fought each other in the streets. And South Carolinians delighted in addressing each other as "citizen" and "citizenship," after the fashion of the followers of Robespierre, Danton and Marat.

Here is a clipping from a writer of the time, the Duke de Rochefoucault, who states in his "Travels in North America" of 1796: "Charleston is full of Frenchmen from St. Domingo, and of commanders of privateers. Some of the former have brought money with them; at least they have not all spent their fortunes; and many earn a livelihood by letting negroes, whom they brought from St. Domingo. The French differ widely in their political opinions; but the love of gaming reconciles them all, and in the French gaming houses, which are very numerous in Charleston, aristocrats and sans-culottes mix in friendly intercourse, and indiscriminately surround the tables. It is asserted that they play very high."

D. Huger Bacot, Jr. Professor of History, the Temple University, Philadelphia, Pa. December 10, 1916.—News and Courier.

ERA OF GOOD FEELING.

The true idea of life is to be happy even if we cannot have our way. Of course, there are circumstances that are cruel and pull us down, like swamps and cliffs that confront a traveler. But out in the open, where men are coming and going, the blue skies are smiling, the flowers are blooming, the moon is shining, the dogs are barking, the autos are speeding, and everything is on a level, it is positively unmanly and inhuman for a person to be growling and grunting because his neighbor does not think and act as he does. Poise and kindness draw the victorious battle line of life. We sat one time with a great naval hero on the deck of a warship, and at first we were scared by his awful presence, but he told us an anecdote that we had told a score of times ourselves and we laughed so heartily over it that the mere telling constituted a bond of sympathy that made us beat as one. The great deeds he had done fitted admirably with the insignificant things we had done, and his greatness was a benediction to us. The incident only discloses the fact that personalities blend with another's life, when good feeling and sincerity rule the event.—Ohio State Journal.

THE GREATEST ROAD PROBLEM

(By B. H. Piepmeir, Maintenance Engineer, Illinois Highway Department.)

The greatest road problem, particularly that of the township road district, it to construct and maintain properly the existing roads. About 90 per cent of roads in Illinois are earth and probably remain such for years. In view of the tremendous amount of earth road work done and of money to be spent, every effort should be

along lines leading to the best results. If the grades, cross-section and drainage of earth roads are properly established, they will not need alteration when the roadways are provided with a more durable wearing surface at a later date. For this reason a large part of the work done on a good earth road is permanent, and is just as important as more expensive methods of construction.

The greatest mistake in most township road construction today is that the money is spread annually over all the roads in the township. Very few roads receive enough time and money to be put in first class condition. Most of the money is spent in an endeavor to maintain earth roads that are not in a suitable condition for maintenance. Many earth roads are wore after improper working than they were before it, for a large part of the best soil in them is exposed so that the first heavy rains wash it away. Most townships have sufficient funds to maintain their earth roads by dragging and oiling after they have been put in proper condition for effective maintenance. The most economic work that can be undertaken by such townships is to finance some scheme for grading and draining its earth roads and constructing permanent culverts and bridges.

The main work to be done to obtain efficient earth roads is to drain them well and then to maintain them. There is no road material so easily affected by improper drainage as earth. When dry, it will carry the heaviest loads imposed by traffic, but when thoroughly saturated with water it will not support the lightest load. Hence it is necessary to utilize all methods of keeping the earth road dry. This can best be done by draining away the underground water and preventing the surface water from standing on the road.

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

For the Purpose of Accommodating the Public in the Matter of Making Their Returns, I Will Visit the Places Mentioned Below on the Dates Indicated in Schedule.

ALL RETURNS must be made under oath of personal property returned at its market value.

Persons not making their returns between January 1, 1917, and February 20, 1917, are liable to a penalty of 50 per cent. This penalty will be enforced against delinquents: for the failure to enforce it heretofore has put on neglect of the law.

The returns of those who conform to the law are placed before the Township and County Boards, while those who disregard the law come in after the meeting of the Boards and return to suit themselves. The enforcement of this 50 per cent. penalty will correct this evil.

Employers are requested to return all of their employees after notifying them and getting a statement of their property.

Returns will not be taken by unless they are sworn to by some proper officer. All impositions or any transfer of real must be reported to the Auditor.

All tax returns must be made up school districts. So please of your plats and find the number also acres in each school district. My Appointments Are as follows: Calhoun Falls, Tuesday, Thursday, Jan. 17th and 18th; Donalds, Tuesday, Jan. 23rd and 24th; Due West, Thursday, Jan. 25th and 26th. Returns at E. A. Paterson Wilson, at Antreville, and W. Level Land.

RICHARD W. LEY, Auditor of the County.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Abbeville. County Court.

Prors of Administration, Esq., Judge of Probate.

WHEREAS, B. L. Clinkscales hath made application of the Estate of B. L. Clinkscales, late of Abbeville County, deceased, to the Honorable and singular cite and creditors of the said B. L. Clinkscales, deceased, that they appear before me, in the County of Abbeville, on Wednesday, the 11th day of January, 1917, after publication of this notice for the purpose of cause, if any they have, why Administration should not be granted under my hand and seal of the County Court, this 20th day of Dec. 1916.

Witness my hand and seal of the County Court, this 20th day of Dec. 1916.

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J. F. MILLER, Judge of Probate.

sections which will afford the necessary outlet to the natural water courses. The grade line should provide for cutting down the hills and filling the hollows, so there will be a roadbed which will not require change for further improvement. Special attention should be paid to providing side ditches which will remove all surface water rapidly. Side ditches on long, steep grades should be protected against serious erosion by riprap, transverse timbers or other means. Culverts and bridges should be of ample size and be built as permanent structures. Drain tile should be laid to carry off underground water. Side ditches which are kept clean and have sufficient slope to lead the water away are usually preferable to tile drainage, but the latter is necessary in some places.

Good earth roads can be constructed at a very low cost; however, they require constant maintenance, which may be expensive where the travel is heavy. A well built and properly maintained earth road will serve some sections as well as the most expensive types of hard surfaced roads will serve other sections. Where this fact is realized more attention will be paid to earth roads and the money spent on them will not be regarded as lost. It is neglect which makes earth roads bad, and requires two dollars to be spent where one dollar invested earlier would have done the work. Every township should arrange for a patrol system of maintenance, or its

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equivalent, under which someone will give his entire time to a section of roads and be responsible for their condition.

Earth roads should be maintained by keeping a good crown on the road, the surface smooth and the side ditches open. In this way the travel will be disturbed over the roadway and water will be drained away rapidly. The systematic use of the road drag will give better results for the money spent than any other method of maintaining an earth road, and costs from \$10 to \$15. per mile per year in Illinois, provided the road has been properly built.

NEGRO IS GRANTED \$42,500 DAMAGES

Memphis Tenn., Dec. 28.—Upholding the contention that "a man's home is his castle and he has a right

to defend it," which Judge John E. McCall emphasized in his charge, a jury in federal court here today awarded Matthew Harris, a negro, \$22,500 compensatory, and \$20,000 punitive damages in his suit against John A. Reichman, former sheriff of Shelby county and members of a sheriff's posse.

Harris, who sued for \$100,000, was seriously injured when his home was dynamited in an attempt to dislodge him after he fired on the posse which was searching for one of his relatives. Harris testified that he was not aware of the identity of the posemen when he resisted their efforts to search his home.

Reichman was exempted from the verdict for punitive damages as it was shown that he was not actually a member of the posse.

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