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RASCALITY COMES OUT.

A year like this brings out all kinds of rascality. And the rascality is not confined to any one race, calling, or class. You find it everywhere. One of the things which amazes a person who begins to delve into the mixed-up transactions of negro tenants in these times is the number of mortgages which the old cow will carry and still give milk.

Negroes are hopeful creatures. In the Spring of the year when things look promising they do not hesitate to make debts. And sometimes they take long chances. They give a first mortgage on the cow, or the calf, and sometimes on the game rooster, and then they give several other "first mortgages" on the same chattels. If times are good and cotton is high, the mortgages are all paid off, and the mortgagees are none the wiser. If times are not good and cotton is low, you will find the mortgagees looking to see "how many are ahead of me."

It is a case of locking the stable after the cow has gone down the road. Most negroes, under these circumstances we believe, while knowing the law, do not intend to defraud, but every man must be held to the reasonable consequences of his act, and they are, therefore, criminally responsible.

But they are not alone responsible in these matters. A good many people in these latter days are accustomed to look out for their own tenants, and to make to them all reasonable advances. After this has been done, some merchants, and some people who are not merchants, are accustomed to watch the crop and the prospects of good picking, then to advance goods of one kind or another to these tenants, taking mortgages on chattels which the negro may have, or may not have, expecting that the white man will pay it anyway before the negro will be allowed to suffer. Some even go so far as to say that they would prefer that the negroes do not own the chattels mortgaged, because the threat of prosecution will bring money when a chattel mortgage will not.

All of this may help the negro to get credit sometimes, and the white man to collect debts sometimes, but it does not help business in the long run, and it is not fair dealing, man to man. It is akin to the practice of renting a patch to a negro who lives on the neighbor's land and who is furnishing the tenant his advances. All the cotton on the mortgaged crop is neglected and all the cotton in the fall is made on the patch.

We believe that landlords should refuse to take up such debts. We believe that it is necessary for the protection of the landlord himself and for the protection of the negro. Under the system of farming as it is carried on in this country, we believe that the ends of justice and fair play may be better served by outside parties refusing to extend credit to negroes without the consent of the landlord. If the landlord does not deal fairly with his tenants, they will not stay long with him, and there is no law to force them to stay against their will.

We believe that all debts should be paid, by whites and negroes alike. But we believe that obligations should be fairly made, and that it is a mistake to extend credit under the circumstances stated.

In what we have had to say we refer of course to the merchant and landlord who really gives the negro a kind of value received for what he obligates himself to pay. We do not refer to the man who sells him bibles, clocks, and old buggies, wagons, and such like, for ten times what such things are worth. These malefactors should be driven from the confines of decent society. There is no place prepared for them except the lower story.

1914—1920.
 A discussion of more than passing interest took place on cotton row yesterday. It was participated in by all the down-trodden merchants of the city, who have been having such a hard time the last few years. The subject under discussion was whether times are worse now than in 1914. Various members expressed opinions pro and con, but the matter was settled when Alderman Henry declared in no uncertain terms, "Well, I know it is worse now, because in 1914 we had liquor."—Abbeville Press and Banner.

We suspect that Alderman Henry has the situation down about right when most of us come to think about it, and yet we are all the better off without the liquor, though we may imagine that it would do some good in scattering the "blues" which some of the people are having, and yet the scattering would be only temporary, and really there is no need for any one to get the "blues," but the thing to do is to be cheerful and bright and learn the lesson of correct and proper financing of our own business, a lesson which we should have learned when times were a little more flush, and to remember that even 19 or 20 cents for cotton is really more than 4 or 5 cents, or even 10 cents the pound. Things will be better before long. No use to worry or fret. These things will do no good. Just sit steady and keep on working and prepare to make something to eat and all things will come out right in the end.—Newberry Herald and News.

TO BAPTIST CONVENTION

The following notice is of interest and importance to the Baptist women of this city:

"The Baptist Woman's Missionary Union will hold its annual convention in the Citadel Square church, Charleston, November 10-12. The railroad has issued the certificate plan for this meeting, that is, full fare going and one-third returning, provided 250 certificates can be secured in time. Certificates will not be issued for tickets costing less than 75 cents. Delegates and visitors are urged to secure such certificates from local agent upon purchase of ticket. If this can not be had, the agent's receipt must be substituted. Certificates should be given to the corresponding secretary at the first session of the meeting. If reduced rates are secured, tickets will be good from November 5-16.

WILSON, OF LEVEL LAND, ELUCIDATES SITUATION

Walter W. Wilson, of Level Land Chairman of the Level Land Hillbillies came down to see President Stark Monday. He says he has read all the books on the popular game written in modern times and that he find nothing in any of them which is up to the Level Land knowledge on the subject. He suspects, however, that the ancient Greeks and Romans may have gotten out some works on the subject and if there is anything in ancient or mediaeval writings on the subject he is anxious to peruse what has been written. He asked Uncle Jim to look through his library and inform him about the matter.

He also told us that he had consulted Col. Patrick Roche, of the Abbeville Hillbillies, on the same matter and that Colonel Roche informed him that Nero wrote a book on setback but that it was burned up in the big fire, and that Nero wouldn't quit fiddling long enough to save a copy of the work.

Mr. Wilson brought along with him another argument against selling cotton now. He says that from a general investigation in his country everybody is in his fix, and he states his fix as follows: "I am pretty well off now, I have plenty of cotton, plenty of credit and plenty of debts," but he added, "If I sell my cotton, both the cotton and my credit will be gone, and nothing but debts will be left, so why sell?"

MISS VICTORIA HOWIE SICK

Miss Victoria Howie, one of the Abbeville girls at Agnes Scott, and one of the most popular of the two hundred freshmen, has been sick for a few days. She spent a day or two in the Infirmary taking the castor oil which the Sophs did not give her, but was so far recovered as to be out again Sunday.

COTTON GINNED PRIOR TO OCTOBER 18

Crops of 1920 and 1919 in South Carolina—Abbeville County Shows Decrease

Director Sam L. Rogers, of the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announces the preliminary report on cotton ginned by counties, in South Carolina, for the crops of 1920 and 1919. The report was made public for the state at 10 a. m., Monday, October 25, 1920.

County	1920	1919
Abbeville	12,076	14,414
Aiken	23,584	28,632
Allendale	9,942	15,121
Anderson	26,548	45,168
Bamberg	13,256	19,173
Barnwell	18,136	24,374
Beaufort	127	1,083
Berkeley	3,176	5,194
Calhoun	17,424	22,604
Charleston	115	2,577
Cherokee	4,090	7,838
Chester	9,616	17,087
Chesterfield	11,307	17,702
Clarendon	21,071	27,338
Colleton	3,966	8,420
Darlington	15,172	25,042
Dillon	12,546	26,593
Dorchester	5,594	10,031
Edgefield	13,433	15,857
Fairfield	9,086	12,434
Florence	13,057	24,562
Georgetown	1,192	1,874
Greenville	10,798	21,985
Greenwood	14,670	20,941
Hampton	5,176	8,173
Horry	5,176	8,173
Horry	1,664	3,760
Jasper	568	1,374
Kershaw	13,462	19,795
Lancaster	4,469	11,422
Laurens	22,427	27,043
Lee	18,882	25,511
Lexington	15,005	17,420
McCormick	7,000	10,508
Marion	6,203	10,576
Marlboro	25,211	43,885
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Newberry	16,562	18,933
Oconee	4,905	11,207
Orangeburg	43,248	60,019
Pickens	3,831	10,124
Richland	15,780	16,717
Saluda	13,280	15,848
Spartanburg	21,829	34,513
Sumter	22,446	32,103
Union	7,365	9,096
Williamsburg	12,945	14,036
York	9,790	22,440

BOUND OVER

Paul Anderson, son of West Anderson, a young negro of the Calhoun Falls section, was before Judge Hollingsworth Saturday charged with assault with a deadly weapon. He was bound over to the next term of the court. He is charged with drawing a pistol on another negro when he and the other negro wanted to accompany a dusky maiden to her home after services at a negro church.

ONE BANANNY

Two old time farmers sat on one of the seats on Cotton Row today. Each sat for awhile, evidently in deep thought. Then one of them said to the other:

"This time last year all the cafes were full of us old farmers, eating all kinds of good things, now all a farmer gets when he comes to town is one 'bananny,' and then he goes home."

To which the other down-trodden replied:

"I went into Charley's cafe just now, not to get anything to eat, but just for the sake of old times, and Charley wasn't in there. I asked the boy where Charley had gone, and he replied: 'Him out on back steps crying cause he sell nothing.'"

BABY'S GOT A TOOTH.

Mary Salome, the pretty little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Harris has been sick for the past week, cutting a tooth which according to her parents is a "mighty big tooth for a little baby."

MORRISON LANDS SOLD

The estate lands of the late B. L. Morrison were sold at the homestead today. One tract of 62 2-3 acres brought \$95.00 per acre, being bought by J. W. Morrison. A tract of 86 1-2 acres was sold to John Morrison at \$69 per acre. A third tract of 62 1-2 acres was sold to L. J. Davis at \$36.00 per acre. The sales were made by Thomas P. Thomson, Master, under order of court.

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LUCK BREAKS FOR NEWBERRY
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The high school teachers under the principal will study Parker's "Methods of Teaching in the High School." The teachers of the city schools have also each subscribed to a different professional magazine and these will be exchanged until each teacher has had the opportunity of reading all twenty-two magazines. The present corps of teachers believe in keeping up with the times and are anxious to secure suggestions from authorities that may be helpful to them in the good work they are doing for the children of Abbeville.

ATTENDING THE WEDDING

Mrs. J. M. Morgan and Mrs. Herma Benton went to Monroe last week and were guests at the marriage of Miss Carson Yates, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Yates.

LEAVES AFTER VISIT

Mrs. Fred Cason returned to her home in Abbeville yesterday, after spending the week with her sister, Mrs. J. F. Bailey, on Maple street.—The State.

CAPT. NICKLES GETS RIBBONS

Capt. G. N. Nickles, of Due West, who annually takes away most of the prizes offered at the State Fair for fine farm products, increased his batting average this year. He won twenty prizes on the fine line of farm products produced on his farm near Due West.

JAMES M. BAKER HERE.

James M. Baker, of Washington, formerly Secretary of the United States Senate, passed through Abbeville yesterday, stopping off for a while to see his friends. Mr. Baker holds a responsible position with the Treasury Department at present. He is in Lowndesville today and will stay over to vote the Democratic ticket tomorrow.

CRAP SHOOTERS.

The following were before the mayor this morning charged with gambling: Arthur Vance, Johnnie Washington, Will Jackson, Allen Jackson, Cleveland Hardwick, Lewis Smith, Charlie Smith, and Henry Johnson. Each of these parties forfeited a bond of \$10.00.

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