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THE WAY OF THE STRIKE.

Down in Columbia they have a street car strike. Certain employees of the street car company were discharged by the company, and the other employees arrogating to themselves the right to tell the company whom it should employ and who should be allowed to run the company's business, went out on strike.

In time the Railroad Commission ordered the street car company to commence the running of its cars, and when an attempt was made to comply with the order of the state authorities, a mob, composed in part at least of former employees of the company who were unwilling to work at the price at which new men would take the jobs, attacked the crews of cars and severely wounded two or three men.

The attackers have been arrested and are under bond. If the courts shall not be impotent to dispense justice they will receive sentences which should teach them something. Meanwhile the Chamber of Commerce and other bodies in Columbia have severely condemned violence on the part of the former employees, while the street carmen's union has "advised" its men not to resort to violence.

It has been said a long time by members of labor unions that they do not contenance violence in order to carry their points, but we are wondering why, if they don't, they do not sometimes expel some of their members for resorting to violence. If one man was thrown out of a labor union because he transgressed upon the rights and liberties of another citizen by force, a few people might believe that unlawful force is not in fact a weapon on which at least a large per cent of union men rely. When it is cut out, the heart of the whole organization will have been cut out, we are inclined to think.

MORE ABOUT FARMING.

At the expense of seeming too persistent in advising the farmers of Abbeville County as to their farming operations for the present year, the Press and Banner calls attention to the fact that while we made only eight millions of bales of cotton last year, we had a carry over of more than nine millions of bales.

If the consumption for the balance of the year shall keep pace with the consumption for the months that have passed, we shall have a carry over of about four millions of bales.

Should the South make only eight millions of bales of cotton this year, the carry over of four millions of bales will not be sufficient to prevent a cotton famine, and in such event people might look for very high prices for cotton this fall and winter.

But there is no certainty that there will be a crop of only eight or even of only ten millions of bales of cotton. Year before last we made about fourteen millions of bales of cotton. Georgia and South Carolina made in that year we believe about three and one-half millions of bales, so that the other Southern states made ten millions of bales or a little more. The other states already had met the boll weevil, and what they did year before last they will be able to do this year if the seasons are favorable. If these other states produce ten millions of bales of cotton and Georgia and South Carolina one and a half million bales, we shall have a crop of eleven and one-half million bales, which will be practically sufficient to supply the demands upon us and that without taking into consideration the four millions bales carried over.

Already the news comes that Texas is planting the largest crop in many years. A large part of it is already

planted and with favorable seasons much more will be planted. Other states will do the same. We will hardly have two years in succession in which Texas and the western states will have short crops. Therefore, we may expect with reason a crop of some eleven to twelve millions of bales.

If a crop of that size is made, and if farmers of Abbeville county put all their eggs in one basket (a cotton basket) as they have been doing, and if the crop is cut to two or three bales to the plow, they may expect nothing short of disaster. The price will not be sufficient to take care of the loss from a short crop, and the days of starvation will take the place of the former days of plenty.

The times therefore demand, we repeat DEMAND, that this county make itself self sustaining by producing enough bread and meat and beast alive without being forced to buy these things from other people.

IF WE ARE LUCKY ENOUGH TO PRODUCE THE THINGS WHICH ARE IMPERATIVELY NEEDED ON THE FARMS AND AT THE SAME TIME SHALL BE ABLE TO MAKE TWO OR THREE BALES OF COTTON TO THE PLOW, IN THE EVENT OF A SHORT CROP, WE SHALL BE ONLY THE RICHER. THE MONEY COMING IN FROM THE COTTON WILL PUT US THAT MUCH AHEAD OR ENABLE US TO PAY DEBTS WHILE THE FOOD AND FEED CROPS WILL ENABLE US TO MAKE ANOTHER CROP WITHOUT GOING IN DEBT.

COTTON LETTER.

The statistical position of the cotton market is steadily growing stronger and the significance of this is the greater when it is considered that the strike of textile workers in New England, now in its second month, has curtailed demand from that quarter. All preliminary indications are against the idea that there will be a crop measurably larger this year than last. The final ginning figures of the government bureau make the crop last year 360,000 bales less than the December 12 estimate of 8,340,000, but this report has done little more than to further unsettle confidence in the accuracy of government figures. The March option will expire on the 24th and May is now the active near month. Ultimately we look for much higher prices for cotton but believe in a conservative position for the present. The real profits we expect to see in October and later deliveries and suggest their purchase on breaks, but we do not expect to see materially higher figures until after the passing of the May option. The excessive rains have crop preparations but it is not too late for this handicap to be overcome—for it will be several weeks before any positive estimate can be made as to the acreage to be planted. The earlier the planting, the less will the boll weevil damage the crop. The rains have been almost general, and there have been frosts in Oklahoma and Texas between Fort Worth and Oklahoma City. The Mississippi has been above flood stage around Memphis and the overflow will be closely watched as its works its way toward the Gulf. Springs & Co.

ORCHARD AND GARDEN NOTES

Clemson College.—Give the asparagus bed a top-dressing of nitrate of soda.

Plan to have enough of each kind of vegetable you grow this year to have some to sell to your city neighbor.

Remember that there is a long list of vegetables that will stand light frosts and do not hesitate to start gardening early.

If your early planting of snap beans is threatened by frost, cover with straw or soil until the danger is past.

If tomato plants are properly toughened, you may set them two weeks earlier than usual.

If you have never used a wheel plow, do so this year. It is the greatest labor-saving tool for the gardener.

Learn exactly when to spray your fruit trees and vegetables, what to spray for, and what spray to use.

Make up your mind that you will have a clean orchard and garden this year—not only clean of grass and weeds but free of insects and diseases as well. Only by such practice can you expect to have first-class fruit and vegetables.

NEWS OF CITY SCHOOLS

The pupils of the tenth and eleventh grades were delighted with the splendid talk given them Friday during English period by Dr. W. S. Currell, president of the University of South Carolina. Dr. Currell talked on the benefits in general of the proper study of good literature and punctuated his address with apt illustrations, many of which were humorous.

Abbeville teachers won quite a distinction for good looks at the recent meeting of the State Teachers association when the leader in one department meeting in looking over her audience for a teacher to assist her in some work called out for "the pretty teacher on the second row with the green plume on her hat." Of course the pretty teacher with the green plume was one of our very own.

A few days ago the following letter was received from a pupil in the seventh grade of the Allendale school and was addressed to a pupil of our seventh grade for reply:

"To a pupil of the seventh grade: "I go to school in Allendale. I am writing you to please write me and tell me all about your county. We are studying geography of South Carolina. I am in the seventh grade. "Yours respectfully, "Frampton Harper."

And here is the reply to the letter: "My dear friend:

"I am writing you in reply to what you wrote me asking for information about Abbeville County.

"I live and go to school in Abbeville County. This is one of the oldest counties in the state and it was formed of the old Ninety Six District, and several counties have been made from this one.

"The principal crop is cotton although it has been damaged by the boll weevil. It now brings about 18c a pound. Other crops raised are corn, peas, beans, and hay.

"The principal industry is farming but there are a good many mills in the county. There is in Abbeville a large cotton mill, several gins, an oil mill and the shops of the S. A. L. railway.

We have two large brick school buildings with eleven grades, and many other schools throughout the county.

At Due West in this county are three colleges: Erskine College, The Theological Seminary of the A. R. P. church, and the Due West Woman's College.

The surface around Abbeville is generally rolling, and the soil is red. It makes fine farming land.

It was in Abbeville that the last meeting of the Confederate Cabinet was held.

I will now close hoping that you will find this information sufficient.

Yours truly,  
John R. Harrison."

We were all much surprised to read in Sunday's State of the marriage of one of our former high school teachers, Miss Johnnie May Lynch, which took place at Fountain Inn Friday afternoon. Miss Lynch was high school English teacher in the Abbeville school for several years and is one of the most thorough English teachers in the state. Since leaving Abbeville she has taught her subject one session at Waynesville, N. C., and this session at Fountain Inn where D. R. Riser, formerly head of the Abbeville schools, is superintendent. All of the high school students and teachers who knew Miss Lynch join in wishing for her a long life of happiness and prosperity. We congratulate the groom, Mr. Kettle, on winning so fine a woman for his wife.

The first real game of baseball will be played here Friday afternoon between Greenwood and Abbeville. These old rivals have blood in their eyes and the game Friday will be of Big League style. Admission 35c and 20c. Game called at 4 o'clock.

Little Sermon On Thrift.

A. W. Atwood, in the Saturday Evening Post: "If all the employees of the United States Steel Corporation should save \$2 per week and put it into stock of the company, they would own controlling interest within 10 years."

IMPORTANT RECORDS IN POULTRY WORK

Every business requires some form of records to be kept. This gives the owner himself a clear grasp of the details of his business. Poultry raising is a matter of attention to detail, therefore, some simple records help in making the business more efficient. The reasons for keeping records have been outlined as follows:

- 1st—It lessens the strain on memory.
- 2nd—It is the only accurate way to keep track of work previously done.
- 3rd—It furnishes data that may be referred to at any future time.
- 4th—Comparisons of records of various times may make improvement possible.
- 5th—In advertising, figures help, and to have "speaking figures" one must keep records.
- 6th—Records create a love for and a greater interest in the work.

Begin your record keeping now by keeping a daily record of your "egg production." At the end of each month total this daily record and find out the average yield per hen for that month. From month to month compare these records and note the changes.

Other simple records that you may keep are:

- Feeding records; setting records; incubation records; brooding records, and labor records.

For further information concerning these records any one interested may apply to Mrs. Alma C. Gibbons, County Home Demonstration Agent.

Sergeant, Call Paul Revere."

In one of the last offensives in Flanders an officer, on his way toward the front met a dark skinned buck private headed full speed for the rear.

"Halt," cried the officer. "Is there a battle going on up there?"

"Yas suh," breathlessly answered Buck.

"Well, what are you doing?"

And, without slowing up in the least, Buck yelled over his shoulder: "I'se spreadin' th' news, suh! I'se spreadin' th' news."

First mention of natural gas was made in 1667 in a letter to the Royal Society of England.

Whales have a thick layer of fat beneath the skin to keep them warm. Oldest operated mine in the world is said to be in north Sweden.

A New Apple Float.

Six grated apples (the well-flavored sub-acid kind.) Beat the whites of two eggs, add to apples with granulated sugar to taste. Serve with egg yolk or whipped cream. It is fine try it.



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