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Wednesday, March 5, 1902.

### Condition of the County.

Our observation during our recent trip through the county as to the condition of the people in the different sections of the county were of a cheerful nature.

True our people, together with all others who follow the plow for a livelihood have passed through one of the most disastrous years for farming operations within the memory of a majority of us, yet with all the drawbacks of flood, drougth and pestilence and famine, their condition could be a great deal worse than it is.

We found in some sections that the small grain and other crops were in part, if not total failures, they still have from one and two bales of cotton with which to continue farming operations. Still in other sections they had no surplus cotton yet they have a sufficiency of food for man and beast and with economy they will manage to pull through until harvest time when the coming crops will be available for use. There is not a section of the county but what there are plenty of commodities which can be and are now being turned into money. Wood, ties, timber, shingles, lumber, and other commodities are contributing their marketable value toward the support of the agriculturalist in these trying times. The people themselves are not disheartened under the discouraging condition which confront the country today. As a rule they are hopeful and cheerful, and have gone to work with a vim to retrieve their impaired fortunes. They are ahead with their work and are only awaiting favorable weather to continue the work of preparing the land for the reception of the seed and are looking forward to the gathering of the large harvests.

From men who have been in nearly every section of every county, we are informed that the people of this county are in every way better off than their less fortunate brethren in other counties and that they should rejoice instead of repining over what they consider hard times.

The merchants of course feel to a greater or less degree the depressing effects of short crops and consequently their inability to collect accounts as promptly as heretofore and are therefore in no position to give assistance as liberally as they have done in times past. But whenever they can do so consistently they should lend a helping hand to some struggling brother to assist him to tide over the difficulties which beset him on nearly every hand. Let us all take now courage and by close economy, frugality and industry make this a memorable and record breaking year by reason of the tremendous harvest gathered in the fall.

The river and harbor bill, as reported to the National House of Representives, provides for an expenditure of \$45,000 for Charleston harbor, \$128,500 for the Great Pee Dee river, the Santee, Wateree and Congaree \$25,000, inland waterway \$30,-000, making a total of \$230,500 this State gets from the National Government for the improvement of her

The heavy rains which prevailed during the latter part of last week were general all over this hemisphere. Reports from all over the country indicate great damage having been done to every interest of country but we are inclined to the belfef that the Agricultural interest suffered the most.

### Be Watchful.

We see it stated that Brookland in this county, is to hold an election to enlarge the limits of that municipality on March 15th, so as to extend the lines about a mile and a half in all directions. If it is only the purpose of the promotors of this scheme to get more elbow room, as it were, we see no reasonable objections to the plan. In fact, we are inclined to favor it because we believe a larger corporation is essential to the uninterrupted progress of the place and its commercial and moral interests demand it. But if there are some ulterior motives behind the scenes that for instance which has already been intimated of ultimately annexing Brookland and Columbia, then the people should vote the proposition down. Some one has said that the price of liberty is eternal vigilence and it behooves our people to thoroughly understand every detail of the proposition before committing themselves to its support. Let them know what they are doing before they act. This is the safer plan and one that can possibly do them no harm, while it might in the future save them much trouble, annoyance and lasting expense.

### Candidate for Comptroller.

We notice that the name of Hon. W. H. Sharpe, at present State Senator from this county, is prominently mentioned in connection with the office of Comptroller General. We do not know whether he will enter the canvass or not, but should be decide to do so we are satisfied that the voters of the State cannot support a more deserving or competent young man. Of him it can be truthfully said that he is the architect of his own destiny. Commencing life at the lowest rung of the ladder and in a community where educational and social advantages were of the most meagre nature, his thirst for knowledge was so absorbing that no sacrifice was too great, no cost too high, and no barrier so hindering as to prevent him from preparing and equipping himself to intelligently engage in the stern realities of the battle of life. How well he has succeeded his record abundant by shows. His examination for the bar before the Supreme Court was almost perfect and won for him the compliments of the astute and learned Judges of that August hody. His course has ever been upward and onward, and today he has the reputation of being a brilliant, eloquent and successful lawyer. His legislative experience has been wide and ripe with good results. Being a good mathemetician and fully equipped with all the other necessary talents, there is no man in the State better fitted for the satisfactory discharge of the intricate duties of this office than Senator Sharpe, and we say this advisedly and without fear of successful contradiction. The elevation of Senator Sharpe to the office of Comptroller General of South Carolina will be a fitting climax of a life of struggle and toil and sacrifice and hardship of a young man who from unfavorable surroundings and circumstances has by his own unaided efforts builded a record that any one should be proud

Sometime ago a sword was purchased by Lieutenant Governor James H. Tillman by popular subscription to be presented to Major Micah Jenkins, of the United States Volunteers, in recognition of his gallantry and bravery during the American-Spanish war. President Roosevelt was invited, and the invitation was accepted, to present the sword, during his visit to the Charleston Exposition. Since the withdrawal by the President of the invitation Senator Tillman to dine with Prince Henry, Col. James H. Tillman telegraphed the President withdrawing the invitation to present the sword. This was unfortunate and reprehensible and is regretted by nearly every one in the State. At one time it was thought that the President would cancel his invitation to attend the Exposition but we are glad to know that his good sense has prevailed and he has decided to visit South Carolina at a date to be fixed by him. Major Jenkins has declined to accept the sword and so the matter

### An Alleged Interview Denied.

A sensational rumer has been circulated that Senator Tillman, in a conference with Senator Platt, of New York, "was implicit in his assertion that it would not be politic for President Roosevelt to make a visit to South Carolina owing to the state of public feeling there over the Tillman-McLaurin incident and the with drawal of President Roosevelt's invitation to the Senator to meet Prince Henry at the White House." Be i said to the credit of all concerned the whole story has been denounced as being as baseless as the fabrica tion of a dream. Public sentiment as far as we have been able to ascertain, is humilitated by the unfortunate Tillman-McLaurin incident. Public sentiment is wounded and President Poosevelt will find a hearty welcome awaiting him whenever it may suit his convenience to visit South Carolina, not because he is Theodore Roosevelt, the leader of the Rough Riders, not yet because he is Theodore Roosevelt, the citizen, but because he is the President of these United

Prince Henry, the brother of Emperor William of Germany, who is now on a visit to this country, was enthusiastically recieved on his arriv al at New York, by persons who toady to royalty. He has visited both Houses of Congress and met with a cordial welcome. He was dined and wined by the President at which a large number of notables were invited and were present. Senator Tillman was not there.

### Irmo Items.

To the Editor of the Dispatch:

Dull times like these it is hard to find anything to talk about, except the fight of the South Carolina Senators and the weather. The Senate has settled that matter by passing resolutions of censure, and the weather is so uncertain that we can't locate it; so we are hard pushed for something to talk about.

The outlook for farming this year is extremely bad. There seems to be almost a total failure of the small grain crop; unfavorable weather has delayed farm work and a lack of production last year necessitates the purchase this year of almost an enentire food supply. This makes it extremely hard on our farmers, and consequently hurtful to all kinds of

The health of our community is about at par. There are considerable colds and grippe, and several chronic cases of stomach trouble which do not seem to improve. We learn that Mrs. S. C. Riddle of Ballentines and Mr. T. S. Mathias of near Irmo are both still very sick.

Rev. J. L. Ray preached a very instructive sermon yesterday a Union Methodist church on the subject of "doubt," from the cases of Thomas, and of John in prison.

Union church has lost a very faithful member in the death of Mr. John R. Shuler. His death will be felt very much financially, as he was one of the best paying members at this

Mr. Mike Harman and wife and Miss Leila Wright attended services at Union yesterday.

Mail Clerk L. M. Mathias was home on a visit recently. Mr. Thos. Shuler and Mr. Glenn P. Younginer who are also mail clerks from this place are spending a few days at home. Miss Blanche Mathias, who attends the Columbia Female College, is visiting her parents.

Mr. Archie Costner of Ridgeway, S. C., who is a brother-in-law of H. A. & D. F. Lorick, has moved to Irmo, and we understand will join the mercantile firm of D. F. & H. A.

Telephone poles are being shipped and unloaded along the line and soon we are expecting the construction force. We are anxiously awaiting telephonic communication with points

Next Saturday our Town Council will hold an election to decide upon the question of having the powers of our charter increased by incorporating under the general law, as suggested by the Attorney General. Irmo is moving to the front and we want its laws on a solid basis like othe progressive towns.

March 3, 1902.

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# Brookland to Expand.

Columbia Afternoon Record.

The town of Brookland is going to expand and enlarge her borders. The question has been agitated for sometime, but it has been definitely settled that an election shall be held on March 15. The lines are to extend on all sides about a mile and a half. This will make the western boundary run to the Horse Shoe lake. The lines on the east and south will touch the corporate limits of the city of Columbia, though this may sound strange to some citizens of the city. It is a fact, however, that the corporate limits of the city run 900 feet on the Congaree bridge. The boundary of Brookland heretofore has run only to the bridge, leaving 300 feet of it beyond the jurisdiction of either municipality. The new line will take in this 300 feet. The Columbia line also takes in a part of Lexington about Guignard's brick works, something also not generally known. The Brookland line will touch the city line at that point as well as on some of the islands in the river to the north.

Now that Brookland will actually touch us why not take another vote and have her join us as a part of the

There is no doubt that the people in the annexed district will vote favorably and Brookland will then have a population of over 2,000. A new charter will then be applied for.

The following managers of election have been appointed:

Town-R. S. Wilson, W. C. Addy,

Annexed district-J. N. Marchant, J. A. Price, W. D. Leaphart. Progressive citizens of Brookland

have not given up the idea of having electrical railway connection with Columbia. A company already has a charter and the project will be revived, it is said.

## Another Marriage.

We have just received the following from our correspondent Klondike: I told you if you would wait a short while I would tell you of more. Mr. John Smith, a son of Mr. Tom Smith and Mr. Henry Smith's daughter, Miss Dora, better known as "the angel," came to Lewiedale Sunday evening in a hurry and Rev. Lawson, of the Lewiedale charge, melted them into one body of solid sweetness-at least for the next 30 Klondike.

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COTTON MARKET. Lexington.—Middling 8%. Columbia.—Middling 8%. Charleston—Middling 8%. Augusta.—Middling 8 11-16

NAVAL STORES. Savannah, yesterday's market—Spirits Turpentine, firm 41% cents. Rosin, steady,

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