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WALHALLA, S. C.:
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The California Prune.
(Enos Brown.)

The consumption of prunes in the United States exceeds one hundred million pounds yearly. Prior to 1886 the supply came almost wholly from France and the country along the Danube River, and sold under the designation of "French" or "Turkish" prunes. In the year referred to prunes of American growth appeared on the market, and with each succeeding year the supply has increased, until the importation of foreign fruit has been reduced to very little. Much the larger portion of the prune supply is the production of California.

In preparing the ground for planting repeated plowings and harrowings are required to thoroughly pulverize the soil. Year-old seedlings are planted in holes, round or square, about two feet in dimension each way. After planting, which is done in the rainy season, the shoots are cut down to about two feet. The orchard is cultivated several times during the first year. In the second year the trees are pruned, from three to five branches being left, and are again pruned in the third and fourth years. Some people prune every year, no matter what the age of the tree may be. The soil is repeatedly cultivated in all orchards. Twice during the spring and summer the orchard is irrigated, water being procured from wells. In September the fruit ripens, and is gathered by spreading sheets under the trees and shaking the branches. The green fruit is then taken to the warehouse, where it is graded to size and afterward passed through a boiling hot liquid, in which process it is cleaned and the outer skin softened.

Ten thousand trays of fruit spread out in one unbroken tract may be seen in Santa Clara in the drying season. When sufficiently cured, the prunes are stored in separate bins and there allowed to sweat. This process taking from ten to twenty days, when they are ready for marketing. Ten different grades are required, ranging from an average of thirty-five to the pound to the smallest size, averaging one hundred and forty. The cured fruit is packed in boxes, sacks or barrels. Many buyers for the domestic or foreign markets buy in gross, and afterwards repack in smaller boxes. Large quantities are thus attractively packed in Santa Clara. Many women are employed in this work, which requires special care and deft fingers. Boxes of the proper size with one glass face are used. Lace paper and ornamental labels add to the handsome appearance of the packages. Carefully selected and perfect fruit is flattened by the hands, and spread out on the glass to form the exposed layer. The box is then filled to the required weight by fruit of corresponding grade. In fancy packing the French only can equal the Santa Clara standards. The city of San Jose is the prune metropolis of the world, as nowhere else is this fruit handled in such amount or by equally scientific methods. The climate is mild and the floral growth is amazingly luxuriant and beautiful. Of the thirty thousand inhabitants of this beautiful city, there is not one but is dependent upon the staple crop for much of the prosperity enjoyed.

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The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*
Mrs. Boyle is Helen McDermott.
Mercer, Pa., April 22.—Mrs. Boyle, the alleged wife of Jas. A. Boyle, abductor of Willie Whitt, the Associated Press learned last night, is Helen McDermott, of Chicago. Previous stories to the effect that she was a member of a prominent and wealthy family are without any foundation whatever.

Death by Dynamite.
Missoula, Mont., May 7.—Seven men were killed and four fatally injured to-day in a dynamite explosion near Nimrod. The men were working on a steam shovel which struck a charge of dynamite, exploding it.

ADVICE FOR OUR FARMERS.

Dr. Knapp, Government Expert, Tells Them How to Succeed.

A Washington dispatch says: Dr. S. A. Knapp, of the bureau of plant industry in the department of agriculture, has just made an interesting report to Secretary Wilson on the subject of farmers' co-operative demonstration work in its relation to rural improvement. The report deals with many present-day problems of vital importance to the agriculturists throughout the country, and is both interesting and valuable. It deals largely with the condition of the Southern farmer of the present time, draws a picture of his former days and outlines what may be expected of him in the future.

"The aim of the farmers' co-operative demonstration work," says Dr. Knapp, "is to place a practical object lesson before the farm masses, illustrating the best and most profitable methods of producing the standard farm crops, and to secure such active participation in the demonstrations as to prove that the average farmer can produce better results."

"Every substantial advance in the progress of human society costs money and must be maintained by an increased earning capacity of the masses. Food and clothing are the first requirements. If the earning capacity of the people is only sufficient to supply these, progress is blocked, and it is useless to insist upon better houses, more home comforts, schools or any upward step. The problem is, are the rural masses unwilling to provide the betterments which a progressive civilization in the country demands—comfortable houses with improved home and farm equipment, good schools and more months of schooling, better highways, rural free delivery, telephones, etc.—or do they lack the means?"

"Upon the answer depends the proper remedy for existing conditions. If unable, steps should be taken to increase the earning capacity of the rural toilers; if able, but unwilling, the rural pride should be aroused and the force of public opinion, and even law, brought to bear. Near every man, even among the poorest, will clothe his family better, improve his home and add conveniences if he earns more.

"In the Southern States, in every township and in nearly every neighborhood, there are a few who are able to support a better civilization than the one in which they live. Finding that it is difficult to obtain what they require, they move to a town or city. Such removals to secure better social, religious, or educational advantages are matters of common occurrence. But, after all, this class forms the minority, and it is the condition of the great majority which must be considered.

"Upon a farm one man in the United States with a good team and modern machinery can do the work that 50 to 100 men do in many Oriental countries. Consequently, when the latter are paid 5 to 10 cents a day they are paid up to their earning capacity, a capacity that is insufficient to sustain a high civilization.

"As a preliminary step, then, in this inquiry, let us determine the present status of the rural type with respect to the following items: (1) The earning capacity of the average farm worker in the South. (2) The average number of acres in each

The Knock-out Blow.

The blow which knocked out Corbett was a revelation to the prize fighters. From the earliest days of the ring the knock-out blow was aimed for the jaw, the temple or the jugular vein. Stomach punches were thrown in to worry and weary the fighter, but if a scientific man had told one of the old fighters that the most vulnerable spot was the region of the stomach, he'd have laughed at him for an ignoramus. Dr. Pierce is bringing hope to the public a parallel fact, that the stomach is the most vulnerable organ out of the prize ring as well as in it. We protect our heads, throats, feet and lungs, but the stomach is utterly indifferent to, until disease finds the solar plexus and knocks us out. Make your stomach sound and strong by the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, and you protect yourself in your most vulnerable spot. "Golden Medical Discovery" cures "weak stomach," indigestion, or dyspepsia, torpid liver, bad, thin and impure blood and other diseases of the organs of digestion and nutrition.

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State worked by one man. (3) The character and value of farm buildings. (4) The value of implements and tools on the average farm in each State. (5) The number of horses or mules used for each farm laborer. (6) The average number of milch cows on each farm. (7) The average value of poultry on each farm. (8) The percentage of farms in each State worked by tenants.

"For the improvement of farm life many things are needed. (1) The improvement of country schools, or, rather, the establishing of real schools for the country. Many leading educators believe that the country school has yet to be conceived and established. It has been said with great force that 'the existing country schools are but poorly equipped city schools located in the country.'"

"(2) County or district agricultural schools, in which the main work shall be to impart knowledge that tends to make the successful farmer and the good citizen and to give a training to youths adapted to rural life, in sympathy with toil and love with the farm. "Several States have taken the initiative in establishing such schools. It is believed by their friends and hoped by all that it may lead to a solution of the problem of the best education for rural life.

"(3) It is also desirable that text books in country schools shall have for illustrative material incidents and experiences drawn from rural life instead of from commerce, politics, diplomacy and war.

"(4) It will doubtless be found advantageous at times to co-operate in buying and selling. In borrowing money, etc.

"(5) The proper valuation of property as a basis of taxation to establish and maintain rural betterments should be considered."

Dr. Knapp believes that when these conditions are fully met another era will dawn upon the Southern farmer—that he will put aside old methods and plans of work and that he will fall into the line of up-to-date workers with modern and scientific machinery and other appliances. When that is done, he will enjoy the best there is in life, and that largely the result of his own labors.

Increased Use of Cement.
(Charlotte Observer.)

Nothing could be more astonishing than the increased use of cement and of the great variety of purposes for which it is being used. Everybody knows by observation how it has taken the place of stone and brick for pavements and how much better pavement it makes than either of these materials. Already it goes into the construction of houses in many different forms. Sometimes it is made into blocks of artificial stones and laid up in the walls the same as stone or brick. Then again it is made into reinforced concrete, which makes the building the equivalent of a monolith. It is cast into slabs, treated with white enamel paint and used in place of marble tops on counters. They are beginning to make bath tubs out of it, treating the interior with white enamel paint in the same way. We have seen a tombstone moulded and set up in good shape and the very inscription cast on it when the shaft was moulded. It is extensively used for bridges, for water-power dams, for skyscraper buildings and for a thousand and one things which formerly required stone, steel or lumber.

THOUSANDS OF CRIPPLES,
Widows and Orphans Ask Public to Assist in Collecting Judgments.

A New York special says: To arouse interest and to bring about relief, if possible, for 15,000 cripples, widows and orphans who hold judgments aggregating \$2,000,000 against the New York City Railway Company, it is proposed to hold a great mass meeting in Cooper Union. Because of the corporation's bankruptcy, the holders of judgments are unable to collect their claims, but lawyers believe that if a few thousand cripples and unfortunates are brought together it would bring their plight vividly before the public, judges of Federal and State Courts, the State Legislature and Congress, and perhaps result in some form of relief.

It is asserted that Congress has full jurisdiction in the matter because the affairs of the New York City Railway Company are lodged with the Federal Courts of this district, and it is hoped an investigation may be ordered.

Roosevelt Breaks Record.

Nairobi, British East Africa, May 7.—Theodore Roosevelt went lion hunting again yesterday, and before the chase was over, two more big lions had fallen before his gun. The animals were encountered and killed in the tall grass. Mr. Roosevelt now holds the record for lion killing in the protectorate. Since Saturday of last week a total of five lions and one lioness have been bagged by him. "This, Bessie, is a tomato plant." "And how soon, mamma, before the cans begin to sprout?"

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AN UNUSUAL CASE AT HOSPITAL
Negro Had All Kinds of Foreign Substances in His Stomach.

(Anderson Mail, 6th.)
A very unusual case came under the attention of Dr. J. C. Harris at the hospital to-day. A negro named Henry Butler was sent here from Belton yesterday afternoon suffering from a peculiar illness, and was placed in the hospital under the care of Dr. Harris. An examination was made and an operation decided upon. This was performed to-day, and a stone the size of a guinea egg was taken from the negro's bladder. The strangest part of the case was that, imbedded in the side of the stone, was a pistol ball. Upon being questioned, the negro admitted that he had been shot at a hot supper about five years ago, and that the bullet had not been removed. He is now doing nicely and will soon be out.

Saw a Reason.
Wife: Several men I rejected are now wealthier than you.
Hubby: That's why they are.

HELD FOR MAN'S DEATH.
Officer Charged With Striking Man Engaged in a Fight.

Clayton, Ga., May 6.—The news has reached Clayton of the killing of Decatur Bradshaw by George Kilby at Pershimon, ten miles northwest of this place, Saturday. It appears that G. H. Thompson and Bradshaw had a difficulty about some property belonging to the Bradshaws, which had been levied on by Kilby, who was constable of the district, in favor of Bradshaw. In a fight which followed, Kilby, the bailiff, tried to separate them, and in trying to do so struck Bradshaw in the head with a scantling. Bradshaw lived until late Saturday night. This is the first killing that has taken place in Rabun county in several years, and is deplored by all good citizens.

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NOTICE OF INCREASE OF CAPITAL STOCK OF WALHALLA COTTON MILLS.

Walhalla, S. C., April 20th, 1909.
Board of Directors of the Walhalla Cotton Mills met at C. W. Pitchford's office at 10 a. m. Present: J. D. Verner, R. T. Jaynes, E. R. Lucas and C. W. Pitchford. On motion of J. D. Verner, the following resolution was adopted:
Resolution Authorizing Proposed Issue of Preferred Stock of Walhalla Cotton Mills in the Sum of \$200,000.00.
Resolved I. That the capital of Walhalla Cotton Mills be, and the same is hereby declared to be \$100,000.00 of Common Stock and \$200,000.00 of Preferred Stock, such Preferred Stock hereby authorized being in lieu of all Preferred Stock heretofore authorized.

Resolved II. This new Preferred Stock is entitled to the privileges and subject to the conditions hereinafter stated:
A. Dividends shall be payable thereon out of the profits of the corporation on the first days of January and July of each year, the same to be cumulative—that is, if any dividend shall not be paid at the regular time of payment it shall be paid before any dividends can be declared upon the common stock.
B. In case of liquidation the face value of the Preferred Stock and all unpaid dividends thereon as herein provided, shall be fully paid before any payment can be made upon the Common Stock.

C. This Preferred Stock is entitled to voting privileges—that is to say, one vote for each share of stock, at all meetings of the stockholders, and shall have all the privileges of the Common Stock except as herein provided.
D. This Preferred Stock is to mature January 1st, 1920, at which time all unretired Preferred Stock is to be retired by paying the face value thereof and all unpaid dividends. Said stock may be retired, in whole or in part, at par, plus any accrued and unpaid dividends after the 1st day of January, 1915, by lot or otherwise, as may be determined by the Board of Directors of the corporation. Each share of said Preferred Stock shall, at the option of the holder, be convertible into Common Stock of the corporation, equal in amount to its par value, plus unpaid accrued dividends, at any time within five years from January 1, 1910, and if not so converted within such time, shall thereafter be retireable at the option of the corporation, at any time, by payment to the owner or owners of such stock of an amount in cash equal to its par value and unpaid cumulative dividends.

Resolved III. That a meeting of the stockholders of Walhalla Cotton Mills to consider the foregoing resolution for said increase of capital stock is hereby called to meet at the office of Walhalla Cotton Mills on Tuesday, the 25th day of May, 1909, at 3 p. m., at which time and place the annual meeting of the stockholders will also be held.
C. W. PITCHFORD,
Secretary.
April 21, 1909. 16-20

WINTHROP COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP AND ENTRANCE EXAMINATION.

The examination for the award of vacant Scholarships in Winthrop College and for the admission of new students will be held at the County Court House on FRIDAY, JULY 2, at 9 a. m. Applicants must be not less than fifteen years of age. When Scholarships are vacant after July 2 they will be awarded to those making the highest average at this examination, provided they meet the conditions governing the award. Applicants for Scholarships should write to President Johnson before the examination for Scholarship examination blanks. Scholarships are worth \$100 and free tuition. The next session will open September 15, 1909. For further information and catalogue, address Pres. D. B. Johnson, Rock Hill, S. C. 18-26*

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS.—All persons indebted to the Estate of Geo. Wiggins, deceased, are hereby notified to make payment to the undersigned, and all persons having claims against said estate will present the same duly attested within the time prescribed by law or be

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