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WALHALLA, S. C.:  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1909.

AN OBJECT LESSON.

If ever the farmers of the South have been given an object lesson from nature, this year of grace 1909 is handing it out in lavish fashion. The government crop reports on September 25th show the average of the cotton crop to be 58.5 per cent, as compared with a ten-year average of 67 per cent—almost 10 per cent off. As a consequence the price is going to advance, and the farmers are going to be benefited financially this year, for much of the crop is still in their hands.

It remains to be seen, however, whether the cotton growers will in the long run be benefited by the object lesson of 1909, or if they will let it be their undoing in 1910. If, on the strength of high prices for a short crop in 1909, the planters put in increased acreage for 1910 and raise another "bumper" crop, it is going to "bump" the very life out of the planter next year.

What our planters ought to do is to realize that they can get as much money for a crop of cotton that meets the demands of consumption as they will for a crop that floods the market with an enormous surplus. Why, then, plant cotton to the neglect of food and grain crops? Cotton is the South's surplus or money crop by rights, and as such is a great blessing; but when it is given attention to the neglect of farm and home essentials it proves a veritable curse to the whole South.

Think over these conditions, farmers, and do a little calculating for yourselves. At least don't for a moment contemplate an increased cotton acreage for 1910 because disasters and bad weather conditions in 1909 have given you high prices for your short crop. Be conservative and use judgment.

TWO CASES THAT WILL HELP.

In two counties last week our Circuit Judges took steps in the right direction, and it is a matter of regret that all the Circuit Judges over the State do not adopt similar tactics and act upon them continually and firmly.

In the trial of a murder case at Greenville the defendant's attorney asked for a continuance of the case because of the absence of a "material witness for the defense." The case was promptly postponed by Judge Aldrich until the January term of Court. That is usually the way in such cases. But then came "the unusual." Judge Aldrich ordered "that the Sheriff bring the witness to jail and keep him there, without allowing him liberty on bail, until the January term of Court." The "material witness" was one Ballue, and we venture the assertion that the next time Ballue is a "material witness" in a case he will be on hand when the case is called—it matters not whether he is considered "material" for the ends of justice or whether he is principally "material" to the defendant's side of the case as an absent witness for purposes of postponement. If our Circuit Judges will adopt this as an iron-clad rule that absent "material witnesses" shall be "put under lock and key" and kept where they can be found when wanted, prosecuting attorneys will find it a hard thing to lay their hands, before Court, upon the men who are willing now to be made "absent material witnesses." It is to be hoped that this act of firmness on Judge Aldrich's part will be ample warning to "absent material witnesses" in the future. If it is not, it should be repeated by all the Judges on the bench until it is indelibly impressed, not only upon "material witnesses," but upon attorneys as well.

Judge Dantzler, in Charleston last week, took occasion to lecture the grand jury of that county in rather stern and unmistakable terms. The occasion was the finding of "no bills" against twenty-four persons presented for selling liquor, and each of the twenty-four held United States revenue licenses, which is declared by the State of South Carolina to be prima facie evidence of violation of the State law. It was when this long list of "no bills" was

read, in the face of "prima facie evidence of guilt," that Judge Dantzler read a lecture to the jury, at the close of which he said: "If any 'one of you has done wrong, you 'will have to make your own excuses at the bar of your own consciences, if you have any.' \* \* \* 'If you have done so, you do not 'represent the respectable element 'of Charleston.' \* \* \* It will de-'pend upon the law-abiding element 'to take up the enforcement of the 'law.'"

If that jury has a conscience, we would like to know just how that eighteen-fold conscience felt when it heard what Judge Dantzler thought of it. And we might add, too, that the "respectable element of Charleston" views the case just about as Judge Dantzler does; or if it doesn't, then our opinion of the "respectable element" of Charleston is that it isn't hurt with respectability.

At any rate, a few more material witness absentees behind the bars, and a few more real sound lectures to derelict grand juries will have a mighty wholesome effect in bringing the machinery of our Courts into a much higher state of efficiency.

JUDGE REVERSES HIMSELF?

We are reliably informed, that Judge Aldrich, who recently held at Anderson that mayors and intendents of cities and towns had no authority to try cases where defendants are charged with selling or handling liquor in violation of municipal laws, has reversed his decision, and that the case will not have to go to the Supreme Court for settlement. While we do not believe Judge Aldrich's first ruling would stand the test of the Supreme Court, still we give this information of his reversal of his own ruling only as hearsay. His first ruling was one of the most sweeping we have ever seen, and had it proven to be of such nature as to stand, would have practically killed the efficiency of the entire law regulating the sale and handling of liquor. We hope that our information will be confirmed in regard to this case.

"Cook Will Acquiesce!" When you see such headlines in the papers, don't for a moment suppose that it is a real, live cook in the kitchen who has acquiesced in anything. It's nothing more than that little insignificant Cook who discovered the North Pole acquiescing in the proposition to submit to the ruling of the professors at the University of Copenhagen on his claims.

Visitors to the State Fair this year will have an opportunity of seeing the nation's chief, President Taft will go to Columbia on Saturday, November 6, the last day of the fair. The fair starts on November 1 and continues for six days. Special features of the gala occasion will be education day, the Clemson-Carolina foot ball game, increased exhibits, and many other things have been secured for the pleasure and entertainment of the visitors.

Charleston is making great preparations for the entertainment of hundreds of visitors from all parts of South Carolina at her "Fall Festival" during the week beginning October 25. Always an attractive city to the visitor, Charleston is especially so in the fall months, and the numerous torpedo boats of the Atlantic Torpedo Flotilla, which are due to return from their summer manoeuvres during the Festival week, will provide a feature of special interest to those who dwell away from the coast. Amusements of various kinds will be offered to suit the most varied tastes. The financial support guaranteed to the enterprise by the business men of Charleston, who are promoting it, is such as to make the assurance absolute that the entertainment will be adequate in all respects. This will be a splendid opportunity for our people to visit the City by the Sea.

Frightful Fate Averted. "I would have been a cripple for life from a terrible cut on my knee cap," writes Frank Disberry, Kelliher, Minn., "without Bucklen's Arnica Salve, which soon cured me." Intallible for wounds, cuts and bruises. It soon cures burns, scalds, old sores, boils, skin eruptions. The world's best remedy for piles. 25c. at all druggists.

Farmer Murdered at Athens. Athens, Ga., Oct. 4.—Venerau Kennon, aged 25, a white farmer, living a few miles from Watkinsville, was killed in this city on the night of Saturday, September 25, and his body thrown in the Oconee river at the Cemetery bridge.

How to Cure a Cold. Be as careful as you can, you will occasionally take cold, and when you do, get a medicine of known reliability; one that has an established reputation and that is certain to effect a quick cure. Such a medicine is Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It has gained a world-wide reputation by its remarkable cures of this most common ailment, and can always be depended upon. It acts on nature's plan, relieves the lungs, aids expectoration, opens the secretions and aids nature in restoring the system to a healthy condition. For sale by Dr. J. W. Bell, Walhalla; W. J. Lunney, Seneca.

All-Night Singing Ends in Tragedy. Bamer, Tenn., Oct. 4.—News reached here to-day that at an "all-night singing," nine miles south of here in Alcorn county, Mississippi, Abe Coke was shot and killed by Gapes Dixon, after which a brother of Coke shot Dixon. It is believed the latter will die.

15 Men Killed in Mine Horror. Roslyn, Wash., Oct. 3.—Fifteen men were killed and several seriously injured in an explosion in a shaft of the Northwest Improvement Company's mine here this afternoon. The mine was still burning late tonight, and another explosion was feared.

COTTON IS LOWEST IN YEARS.

Condition 58.5 Per Cent—Excessive Rains and Drought the Cause.

Washington, Oct. 4.—Financial and weather conditions combined produced to-day the most unfavorable report from the Department of Agriculture on the condition of the cotton crop that has been made this season for many years. The official report indicates that on September 25 the condition of the cotton crop was 58.5 per cent of normal as compared with 63.7 per cent on August 25, 1909; 69.7 on September 25, 1908; 67.7 on September 25, 1907, and 67 per cent on the average for ten years on September 25, 1909.

After the announcement by the Department of Agriculture of the figures recording the average for this month, Dr. A. S. Knapp, chief of the co-operative demonstration work for the Department of Agriculture in the South, after the conference with Secretary Wilson, said that the serious falling off in the figures, especially for Louisiana and Mississippi, was due to two conditions: One was the excessive rainfall in the early part of the cotton crop season, followed by a serious drought, and the second was the failure of cotton planters to obtain advances on their crops from bankers. The latter reason forced the planters to dismiss a considerable part of their labor at a time when the boll weevil was a most serious pest.

Dr. Knapp stated that another reason which induced a falling off in the general average of Louisiana was that there was practically 30 per cent less of acreage in cotton than in previous years.

The boll weevil did serious damage during the past year in the southwestern quarter of Mississippi. "In my judgment," said Dr. Knapp, "the really serious trouble, which applies to all the cotton States, was brought about by the excessive rainfall in the early part of the season and the excessive drought in the latter part. In some of the States, planters scarcely could obtain water enough for their live stock. This was particularly true of Texas and Oklahoma. What is known as the New Orleans storm, which passed up through portions of Louisiana and Western Mississippi, blew out immense quantities of cotton and served seriously to detract from the excellence of the crop."

Secretary Wilson declined to make any statement regarding the figures given out by his department. He said that he would talk about the wheat crop, about the condition of cattle in the West and about almost anything but cotton. He said that Dr. Knapp knew more about the cotton crop, from practical observation of conditions in the South, than any other man in the department, and he had nothing to add to the statement made by him.

Comparison of Conditions.

Comparison of conditions by States follows:

States.	1909.	1908.	10-Year AVE.
Virginia	71	78	75.0
N. Carolina	70	69	70.0
S. Carolina	70	68	69.0
Georgia	71	71	70.0
Florida	67	72	71.0
Alabama	62	70	67.0
Mississippi	53	70	68.0
Louisiana	39	55	67.0
Texas	52	71	63.0
Arkansas	53	70	67.0
Tennessee	68	78	72.0
Missouri	72	70	74.0
Oklahoma	55	70	69.0
United States	58.5	69.7	67.0

Number of Bales Ginned.

The report of the Census Bureau to-day showed that to September 25 there had been ginned from the cotton growth of 1909 2,562,888 bales, counting round bales as half bales, compared with 2,590,629 for 1908.

The round bales included this year were 48,176, compared with 57,107 for 1908. The sea island cotton reported for 1909 was 13,826, compared with 11,457 for 1908.

The number of bales, counting round bales as half bales, ginned to September 25, by States, was as follows:

States.	1909	1908
Alabama	188,660	316,349
Arkansas	83,777	80,465
Florida	19,433	16,657
Georgia	535,926	514,898
Louisiana	62,351	79,042
Mississippi	96,976	199,001
N. Carolina	89,472	89,063
Oklahoma	134,247	5,795
S. Carolina	284,726	289,969
Tennessee	17,125	28,109
Texas	1,057,876	956,607
Other States	2,219	4,774
Totals	2,562,888	2,590,629

The corrected statistics of the quantity of cotton ginned to September 1 was announced at 2,582,242 bales.

The report to-day will be altered slightly also by reports transmitted by mail by individual ginners.

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All of the parties concerned in the affray are prominent farmers of that vicinity. The cause of the shooting is not known.

# FALL AND WINTER SHOES.

Our Fall and Winter Stock of Walkover and Just Wright Shoes for men have arrived. Come in and let us show you our Special Lasts.

**SUNNY JIM,  
HAPPY HIT,  
SIOUX CALF,**

**JIM DUMPS,  
THE BUNNION,  
THE WIZARD.**

These are the best Shoes on the market to-day, and we guarantee every pair.

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CEMENT FRONT. WALHALLA, S. C.

NOTICE TO TRESPASSERS.

All persons are hereby notified and warned not to trespass in any manner whatsoever, nor to fish, nor to hunt squirrels, birds, rabbits, opossums or any other game that may be found on any of our lands or lands under our control. Trespassers will be dealt with according to law.

(Signed):  
E. E. Verner, J. P. Stribling,  
J. D. McMahon, Mrs. S. H. Coe,  
E. D. Foster, R. M. Davis,  
J. H. Dendy, T. J. Dalton,  
W. H. Armstrong, J. J. Davis,  
W. J. Ballenger, T. B. Wylie,  
W. C. Foster, J. T. Miller,  
S. N. Hughes, M. B. Dendy,  
W. T. Hubbard, Mrs. M. A. Dendy,  
B. P. Driver, J. N. McDonald,  
Richland, S. C., Sept. 28, 1909. 42-

COUNTY CLAIMS AUDITED.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, held Friday, October 1, 1909, the following claims were audited:

No.	Name	Amt. of Claim.
633	Bowers, W E—Dist 37	\$10 00
634	Smith, J L—Dist 66	1 50
635	Verner, E E—Dist 19	7 00
636	Lee, Jeff—Dist 59	8 00
637	Martin, J H—Dist 2	13 00
638	Kerr & Owens—Dist 25	45 00
639	Brock, T W—Dist 28	12 88
640	Cobb, W R—Dist 24	3 56
641	Myers, H J—Dist 5	11 87
642	C W & J E Bauknight	8 65
643	Deal, J L—Dist 26	8 00
644	Cox, J J—Dist 14	5 50
645	Blackwell—Dist 16	5 00
646	Mason, W P—Dist 3	23 25
647	Lee, W H—Dist 24	21 00
648	Harbert, J H—Dist 9	11 50
649	Barron, J H—Dist 20	14 16

Roads.

No.	Name	Amt. of Claim.
650	Nicholson, L A P	\$ 4 00
651	Shockley, J C	25 00
652	Lyle, J W	3 00
653	Rowland, D H	10 40
654	Blackwell, Hardy	2 00
655	Coe, W O	2 05

Road Machine.

656	Maxie, J L	2 50
657	Brewer, W A	9 00
658	Cain, M W	35 00
659	Bauknight, C W & J E	108 10
660	Bauknight, C W & J E	11 00
661	Lee, J W	9 69
662	Lay, Jesse	5 30
663	Callas, Sam	15 00
664	Jaynes, C G	55 18
665	Hunter, W G	1 25
666	Crisp, A P	33 40
667	Carter Hardware Co.	1 55

Roads and Bridges.

668	Stone, T J	\$ 5 70
669	Addis, G W	4 00
670	Crumpton, J H	18 08
671	Bryant, M C	12 00

Constable.

672	Harbin, H C	\$78 50
673	Woolbright, J E	2 60
674	Stewart, R M	16 40


Public Buildings.

675	Rowland, D H	\$4 06
676	Bauknight, C W & J E	2 10
677	Seaborn, J C	2 00
678	Schroder, W John	1 80

Stationery, Etc.

679	Bryan, R L Co	\$ 6 65
680	Keowee Courier	16 50
681	Keowee Courier	45 55
682	Walker, Evans & Cogswell Co	44 50

# Mr. Farmer,



Don't you need one of the latest Avery Two-Horse Reversible Disc Plows, something you can do good work with and not pull your stock to death? Our prices are right.

We also have a complete line of Oliver, Lynchburg, Avery and Vulcan Plows to sell cheap. See us before you buy and we will save you money.

# Carter Hdw. Co.,

WALHALLA, S. C.

# WHAT ABOUT THIS?

We want to buy your Cotton and Cotton Seed, and sell you a good Shovel, 65c.; one Alarm Clock, 75c.; one 10x14 Roasting Pan, 15c.; one 2-quart Steel Saucepan, 15c.; one Big Horse Brush, 15c.; Blankets, 50c. to \$5 per pair; one Big Tablet, 5c.; other Tablets, 3c. to 10c.; Corn Popper, 10c., and many other things of good value. Give us a chance to show and price our goods before you buy.

# J. W. BYRD & CO., Seneca.

P. S.: If you have an account with us prepare to pay it at once; don't wait for us to write or send a man to see you.

710	Bell, Dr J W—Lunacy—(2 cases)	10 00
711	Kay, W M—conveying lunatic to asylum	18 00
712	Kay, W M—dieting prisoners	43 20
713	Smith, D A—2 cases lunacy and contingent	21 00
714	Kay, W M—paid freight, etc.	4 00
715	Craig, John F—supplies for office C P & G S.	11 29
716	Bauknight, C W & J E—contingent	50
717	Norman, G A—assessing board	4 00
718	Butler, E C—janitor for Sept.	7 00
719	C J Stephens, road work, disallowed	

A number of claims were laid over for investigation. When writing for checks always send stamped envelope, and don't ask to have postage taken out of claim. We will reply if we have the money.

N. PHILLIPS, County Supervisor.  
JAMES SEABORN, Clerk of Board of Co. Com's.

### TAX NOTICE.

COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE, Walhalla, S. C., Sept. 29, 1909.

The books for the collection of State, County, School and Special Taxes for the fiscal year 1909 will be open from OCTOBER 15, 1909, to DECEMBER 31, 1909, without penalty, after which day one per cent penalty will be added on all payments made in month of January, 1910, and two per cent penalty on all payments made in the month of February, and seven per cent penalty on all payments made from the first day of March until the fifteenth day of March, 1910. After that day all taxes not paid will go into execution and be placed in the hands of the Sheriff for collection. Taxpayers owning property or paying taxes for others will please ask for a tax receipt in each Township or Special School District in which he or they may own property. This is very important, as there are so many Special School Districts. The tax levy is made up as follows:

State tax	5 1/4 mills
Ordinary County	3 mills
Special County, "Roads and Bridges"	2 mills
Roads	1 mill
Interest and Sinking Fund for Bonds	3/4 mill
School tax	3 mills
Total tax	15 mills

### Special School Tax.

District No. 1	2 mills
District No. 2	2 mills
District No. 3	4 mills
District No. 4	2 mills
District No. 5	2 mills
District No. 6	3 mills
District No. 7	4 mills
District No. 10	2 mills
District No. 11	2 mills
District No. 17	5 mills
District No. 19	2 mills
District No. 20	1 mill
District No. 22	3 mills
District No. 26	4 mills
District No. 27	4 mills
District No. 35	2 mills
District No. 36 "A"	2 mills
District No. 36 "B"	2 mills
District No. 50	4 mills
District No. 51	2 mills
District No. 52	3 mills
District No. 53	3 mills
District No. 55	3 mills
District No. 57	3 mills
District No. 63	5 mills
District No. 64	4 mills
District No. 65	2 mills
District No. 67	2 mills
District No. 69	2 mills
District No. 71	2 mills
District No. 72	2 mills
District No. 74	2 mills
District No. 75	2 mills

### Special Levy for High School.

District No. 1	2 mills
District No. 5	2 mills

Poll Tax, \$1.00. Dog Tax, 50c.

Every male citizen from 21 to 60 years is liable for Poll Tax, except Confederate soldiers, who do not pay after 50 years of age, and those excused by law.

Parties wishing information from this office, by mail, will please enclose postage.

W. J. SCHRODER,  
Treasurer Oconee County, S. C.  
September 29, 1909.