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WALHALLA, S. C.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1912.

THE ROCK HILL PLAN.

We publish this week again the Rock Hill Plan in full, and to this is added some very interesting matters that were not before given out. Our farmer friends should, we think, give careful consideration to this plan. It contains the means of salvation to the South—the curtailing of the acreage planted in cotton.

During this month every farmer in Oconee will be visited by men selected to canvass the county to take pledges for the reduction of cotton acreage, and it is to be hoped that there will not be one who will refuse to agree to cut down the acreage he has been planting in cotton. And when that pledge is made, stick to it. Don't bother about what your neighbor is going to do. Do the square and honest thing yourself, and leave your neighbor's conduct to his conscience.

This question of acreage reduction is but a question of self-help. It means your salvation. Diversification of crops is the end that will be accomplished by carrying out the plan, and diversification is what the South needs. We have been depending upon one thing too long already—so long that cotton is not only "king," but the Southern farmer has become a slave to this tyrant.

We of the South have got to declare our independence of cotton before we can have anything like independence among those who follow agriculture as a business. When the canvassers for the Rock Hill Plan come to you, do not let them get you down with their arguments, but you will be given an opportunity to say what you want with your own voice. You will be asked to sign a pledge to reduce your acreage of cotton, and your pledge will tell to the county where you stand.

It is to be hoped that the signature of every cotton planter in Oconee will be found on the pledge blanks. We cannot see how any farmer who really thinks for himself can do otherwise than pledge a substantial reduction. Surely the experiences of the past ten years in cotton growing are sufficient to convince any man that we have for years been working our own undoing by giving too much attention to cotton and too little to other crops.

We believe the Rock Hill plan, if carried out, will result in untold benefit to every Southern farmer.

SLEEPING OVER HIS RIGHTS.

Recently our Richland correspondent expressed the hope that the editor of the Tugaloo Tribune would "get a helpmeet and be able to say 'we.'" To which our friend Gossett replies: "The Tribune wishes it could put it 'we' in the sense the Richland writer suggests."

All of which would be very well and to the point, indicating that Gus Gossett has done his part and failed in matters matrimonial. But listen. In the same column containing the comment—or should we say lament?—of our friend, we find the following: "Three ladies called at the Tribune office one day last week, and as they took their departure one of them smiled and said, 'This leap year, you know?'"

Well, what do you know about that? Does the editor of the Tribune expect some fair one to come to his office with a budgeon, crack him over the "snoot" and carry him captive to her castle?

"By my halidom," Gustavus, this is not the custom of to-day. That fair one came as near practicing the old-time custom, however, as present-day modes and methods permit when she suggested, as you yourself report, "This leap year, you know?"

Really you should learn to take a hint. The days of knock-down-and-drag-out methods of securing a husband are past and gone. Wake up to the more modern methods, friend, and when the next fair one comes to your shop and even intimates that it is leap year, show her that you are wise in your own generation—and grab her.

If Mr. Wilson should be placed at the head of navigation on the Democratic boat, do you really think he Woodrow?

On the 22d of this month, The Manufacturers' Record will celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of its birthday, and under the title of "Thirty Years of Southern Upbuilding," the South's material interests—past, present and future—will be fully covered. This issue of the Manufacturers' Record will be well worth securing and preserving. It will contain much that will be of vital interest to every one who is interested in what the South has done, is doing and what is in store for her in the future.

We direct attention to the article on the second page of this issue, "How Some Oconee Corn Club Boys Made Their Crops." This article is important in a two-fold sense: It tells how these crops were made—what was done, and how and when it was done. By studying the methods we may find where they were successful and also where they proved faulty. That is what we need to do—find out the best methods and suit them to our different soils. To the boys of the Oconee Corn Club for 1912 we suggest that they preserve these crop records for reference, for study.

The Atlanta Georgian has changed hands, William Randolph Hearst having purchased the plant and business of that paper. The former publisher, F. L. Seeley, of St. Louis, has made of the Georgian one of the greatest dailies of the South—one whose usefulness will long survive. The work accomplished by the Georgian under the management of Mr. Seeley has been of untold value not only to the South, but to the country at large. He set a high standard for the daily press of the country, and the name of F. L. Seeley will stand for all that is highest and best in the field of newspaper work for years to come. We can but regret that he has relinquished his work in connection with the Georgian. His successor, however, advocates the same principles that have ever dominated him, and it can be safely predicted that the paper will continue the work that has been so well begun.

"To Thine Own Self Be True."

(Laurens Advertiser.)
Do not listen to the argument that the other fellows are not going to do it, and the other fellows in your neighborhood. If any would be true to themselves and their neighbors, let it be their brethren that cause the price of all these things to go down. It is a pity that every ery cotton goes higher, your loss of profit that you would not have made had you not, with the others true to the cause, curtailed. And then, if you do not make the profit on cotton that the other fellow does, you make it on other products. If the farmers would come to realize this, no organization would be necessary.

Why Mounted Police?

I notice Senator Earle and Representative Harris have introduced a bill for mounted police in Oconee county. And for what purpose? Is there need for extra police in Oconee county?

Why pay out near \$2,000 for services our efficient sheriff and his deputies are doing well. Is it not a reflection upon the moral atmosphere of the county? Does it not virtually say that lawlessness, violence, bloodshed, riot, arson, etc., rule the county, and that the execution of the law is a failure?

The asking for such a law is a reflection upon the peace and dignity of the county.

If the gentlemen want to impress their usefulness, as experts in introducing bills, it would be well for them to remember the fate, last year, of the county government bill.

A Farmer,
Westminster, R. F. D., Feb. 5.

Items from Over on Chauga.

Chauga, Feb. 5.—Special: J. E. Burnside sustained painful injuries by an accident while working at Thomas Roach's saw mill, getting his foot badly mashed. He is doing very well at present.

Our school is progressing nicely under the care of Miss Della Phillips.

C. W. Lyle is moving his saw mill to the farm of W. H. Lee.

J. R. Suttles has just completed a nice cottage residence on his farm, and he is also adding two rooms to his dwelling, which will improve its appearance very much.

J. L. Cox gave an old-time working—a barn-raising—recently. About twenty of his friends and neighbors responded to the call with axes and other tools. They raised his barn from the ground up, hewing the timber as they went. As to rations, they were there in abundance, and of the very best, prepared by Mrs. Cox and her daughter. After partaking of two hearty meals the workers bade each other good-bye and departed homeward, wishing that such occasions might come oftener.

PLANNING FOR THE NEXT CROP.

Diversification is the Salvation of the Southern Farmer.

Walhalla, Feb. 5.—Editor Keowee Courier: I want to thank you and your force for your kindness by the past in assisting us in our efforts to open the eyes of the blind as to progress in agriculture.

As we view the present outlook for 1912, first of all consider who you are and what you are, and your ability to butt against the world. Think! Think! Do not depend on the other fellow's thinking, for it is not to your interest, but against you. Continue to hold that cotton. This spurt in the market means that some contractor has a contract that must be filled; but as soon as the pinch came here comes the cotton—the farmer, banker, lawyer and nearly every one else came in with their cotton. In the Spanish-American war, when the Americans saw that they were overpowering Spain, if vessels and arms and money and troops had been rushed into the hands of the Spanish generals, who would have won the victory? Spain of course. The same condition confronts the South in this cotton question. Stay by your country as you should do, and be men, not so-called things.

Decrease your acreage of cotton: sow oats, sow forage, plant peas, sorghum, potatoes, turnips; make a good garden; sow beardless barley; raise hogs, cows and colts and chickens. Improve your lands and the happiness of your home. Be free! Get out of the agricultural chain gang and be somebody; quit acting the fool, working nine months in the year for your enemy.

Have you waked up? If so, join the Farmers' Union and learn what the other fellow knows. Join the grain contest. Let us get together like we should. Put your boys and girls in the corn and cotton clubs.

If we could only get the brains of a few to act on this great question for an hour, surely there would be new life injected into this step to the front. O. B. Martin, assistant in charge, Columbia; Prof. C. B. Hadden, Clemson, Superintendent of Education W. C. Hughs and J. P. Stribling, president of Oconee County Boys' Corn Club, are doing all they can to push this work, and I have done all the department would give me time to do. And now that we have the co-operation of all these influential men let us see what we can do. In this great work, believing in it of all classes, we want to talk with you about this work. The plan is to make more active men and women out of the Oconee generation. Some seem to think that the plans are not carried out as they should be. We are all aware of that, but we hope that good will grow out of it.

I want to appeal to the teachers throughout the county. You can and are expected to do all in your power to advance this work. If you have no knowledge of agriculture you should seek to get it. In fact, you are unprepared to teach in a county where agriculture is the principal occupation.

Now a word as to the preparation for the present cotton crop. I would not plow 10 and 12 inches deep. The late freezes have brought up the potash and the land will hardly get dry enough in time to get the best results. I believe that one per cent of potash for cotton, under present conditions, will be all that is needed; deep preparation for corn. I am satisfied, will always be advisable in South Carolina.

I have been put on the demonstration work one month earlier this year. I am at your service now except on Sundays.

I want to thank the demonstrators for the interest they have taken heretofore, and I hope we may have a prosperous year.

M. G. Holland.

Indictments Handed Down.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 6.—The Federal grand jury's investigation into the dynamite conspiracy, carried on for six weeks through the examination of three hundred witnesses, resulted in the return to-day of thirty indictments.

United States District Attorney Charles W. Miller said arrests will take place within three or four days, and the names of defendants will not be divulged until after arrests are effected. Arrangements will be made to have all arrests on the same day. The grand jury's report will result in important disclosures concerning the long series of explosions which culminated in the blowing up of the Los Angeles Times building.

Fully one hundred explosions of dynamite at points scattered over 17 States, and covering a period from the summer of 1905 to October 16, 1911, when dynamite was found beneath a bridge near Santa Barbara, California, just before President Taft's special train passed over it, were inquired into by the Federal grand jury which has investigated what the government has regarded as a nation-wide dynamite conspiracy.

Marshal Killed; Slayer Wounded.

Vidalia, Ga., Feb. 4.—Sam Calhoun, marshal of Soperton, Ga., was shot through the body by Norris Holmes at 8 o'clock last night, and died at 1 o'clock this morning.

Holmes was pranking with a 22-calibre rifle, and the marshal asked him to put up the gun. Holmes then turned on him and shot him through the body. The marshal returned the fire, wounding Holmes so that he is not expected to live. Both men are of prominent families.

Blamed a Good Worker.

"I blamed my heart for severe distress in my left side for two years," writes W. Evans, Danville, Va., "but I know now it was indigestion as Dr. King's New Life Pills completely cured me." Best for stomach, liver and kidney troubles, constipation, headache or debility. 25c. at all druggists.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS.

All persons indebted to the Estate of David E. Smithson, 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 barred.

R. H. SMITHSON,
L. T. JONES, Executors.
Westminster, S. C.
February 7, 1912. 6-8

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT AND DISCHARGE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will make application to D. A. Smith, Judge of Probate for Oconee County, in the State of South Carolina, at his office at Walhalla Court House, on Monday, the 4th day of March, 1912, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, or as soon thereafter as said application can be heard, for leave to make final settlement of the Estate of David E. Smithson, deceased, and obtain final discharge as Executors of said estate.

R. H. SMITHSON,
L. T. JONES, Executors.
February 7, 1912. 6-9

COUNTY CLAIMS AUDITED.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, held Friday, February 2d, 1912, the following claims were audited:

No.	Roads.	Dist.	Amt.
3301	Bert Robins	53	\$ 1 50
3302	J P Phillips	75	9 50
3303	J S Abbott	72	12 00
3304	W L McMahan	34	8 50
3305	J M Davis	11	5 00
3306	J M Ridley	14	14 00
3307	W H Russell	11	4 00
3308	J J Pickens	11	21 00
3308b	James Barrell	11	2 00

Bridges.

3309	J L McGarley	10	\$10 50
3310	John J. Smith	10	1 00
3311	R B Alexander	10	6 00
3312	J J Rickens	10	10 50
3313	J M Davis	10	26 00
3314	J M Davis	10	21 75
3315	J S Abbott	10	3 50
3316	J S Abbott	10	4 00
3317	John F Martin	10	26 81
3318	J B Whitten	10	9 50

IT IS USELESS TO WRITE FOR CHECKS UNLESS STAMP IS ENCLOSED FOR RETURN POSTAGE.

Road Machine.

3319	M W Cain	15	\$42 15
3320	T L Land	25	25 00
3321	J A Hunter	5	5 00
3322	W H Simmons	45	10 50
3323	W N Woolbright	22	22 60
3324	J Y Burns	63	63 00
3325	Gus Sullivan et al.	109	109 00
3327	W R Cobb	21	21 40

Borrowed Money.

3328	Enterprise Bank	350	350 00
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Public Buildings.

3329	H C Busch	69	69 44
3330	J C Seaborn	5	5 75

Lunacy Examinations.

3331	D A Smith	75	\$23 75
3332	D A Smith	10	10 00
3333	Dr E C Doyle	10	10 00
3334	Dr E C Doyle	10	10 00
3335	Dr F T Simpson	10	10 00

Aid to Soldiers.

3336	Pitchford & Reid	6	6 00
3337	Byrd & Cromer	30	30 00
3338	Peden & Malett	6	6 00
3339	W J Lunney	2	2 00
3340	C P Mills & Co	2	2 00
3341	C P Mills & Co	1	1 00
3342	W L Thomas	25	25 00
3343	T E Gambrell	4	4 00

Board of Education.

3344	J P Stribling	27	30
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Constables.

3345	J H Mason	10	\$10 50
3346	A T Reid	72	72 00
3347	J S Rutledge	2	2 00
3348	Geo L Jones	20	20 70
3349	W W Mitchell	10	10 65
3350	T W Allen	7	7 10

Salaries.

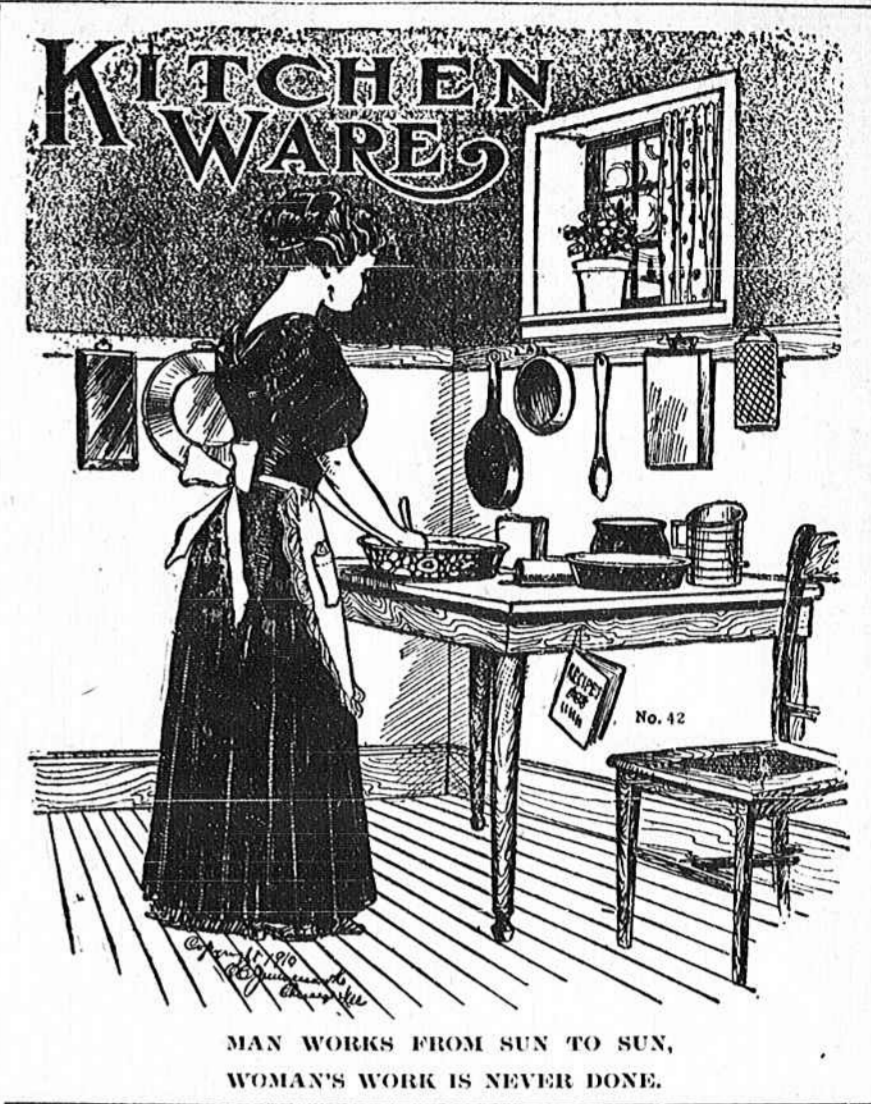
3351	N Phillips	58	33
3352	J H Smith	33	33
3353	W R Hunt	33	33
3354	James Seaborn	16	66
3355	W J Schroder	31	94
3356	R W Grubbs	31	94
3357	John F Craig	25	00
3358	W M Kay	83	33
3359	E C Butler	7	00

Contingent.

3360	W J Schroder, office supplies	9	15
3361	R W Grubbs, postage and wood	4	50
3362	R W Grubbs, stove coal and postage	15	68
3363	W O White, wood and postage	1	13
3364	W O White, postage	1	50
3365	W M Kay, wood	46	00
3366	W M Kay, conveying lunatics	31	90
3367	W M Kay, dieting prisoners	121	20
3368	James Seaborn, stationery and coal	3	25
3369	Wm J Stribling, attorney	50	00
3370	Oconee Telephone Co., telephone service	100	00

Claims for 1912 cannot be paid now. N. PHILLIPS, Supervisor.

James Seaborn, Clerk of Board.



At one time this was true, but the labor saving machinery that men use to-day makes it unnecessary for them to work from sun to sun; and they accomplish a great deal more a great deal easier.

There is still a bigger difference in the change of the woman's work who uses modern cooking utensils, such as are found in our store. Not only can her work be done quicker, but more pleasantly and easier, to say nothing of the difference in the results of her cooking.

CARTER HARDWARE CO.,
Walhalla, S. C.

Great Display of Early Spring Goods and Wash Fabrics of All Kinds.

See our New "Fairfax Gingham" and new style Madras. Always sold for 15c.; now 12 1/2c., and the regular 12 1/2c. goods now 10c. This shows the influence of cheap cotton.

We have a great line of Wash Goods for Children's School Dresses, and mothers who want to get their sewing done before the hot weather will find all they need here.

See our new Percales at 10c. They are great.

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SENECA, S. C.

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CITATION NOTICE.

The State of South Carolina, County of Oconee.—(In Court of Probate)—By D. A. Smith, Judge of Probate. Whereas, Louis E. Perry has made suit to me to grant him Letters of Administration of the Estate of and Effects of Kate Perry Lewis, deceased—

These are, therefore, to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said Kate Perry Lewis, deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Walhalla Court House, South Carolina, on Saturday, the 10th day of February, 1912, after publication hereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand and seal this 26th day of January, A. D. 1912. (Seal.) D. A. SMITH, Judge of Probate for Oconee County, South Carolina.

Published on the 31st day of January and 7th day of February, 1912, in The Keowee Courier and on the Court House door for the time prescribed by law. 5-6
January 31, 1912.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS.

All persons indebted to the Estate of W. P. OUTZ, 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 barred. W. C. MOORE, Administrator. Seneca, S. C., R. F. D. No. 4. January 24, 1912. 4-6