

THE FOOD PROBLEM.

"The Work is Not Done, It Is Just Begun"—Timely Slogan.

E. W. Dabbs, former president of the South Carolina Farmers' Union, writing in the Progressive Farmer, says:

Much is being written and said about the duty of the farmers to feed the nation. Especial emphasis is being laid upon the duty of the farmers of the Southeast to feed our own population.

This has been a hobby of mine for years, and no one can put it stronger than I have done in the past. But when all is said about it, this one great fact must not be overlooked: We should not be expected to feed our non-farming population at a loss.

And every one should realize that it costs us more this year to grow a pound of foodstuffs than ever before. Our labor costs more, our mules cost more, our implements cost more, our fertilizer costs more, our clothing costs more, and it costs more to feed our mules and labor with hay at \$30 the ton, with meat 20 cents a pound, corn \$2 a bushel, flour \$15 a barrel.

But some one says: "The farmer should raise all these things." Yes, even his mules and labor. And should make all his clothes and implements, too. So there is a reductio ad absurdum. Under our modern life men specialize and other men can make our clothes and implements cheaper than we can.

But the fact remains that even if we should grow our own labor, mule power and food these things should be worth to us whatever they are worth in the world's market for labor, for mules, for corn, hay, wheat, meat, etc., and like all manufacturers we should have a profit on the cost of the material and labor that goes into the food that we put on the market.

Therefore I do not see how we are to cheapen the prices of food except at a loss to ourselves. Why should I take my 20-cent meat and \$2-corn, to grow more meat and corn to sell for less to those who do not farm? These are the fundamental underlying principles. And until this problem is solved we will be no better off than we are now.

How can we cheapen food when other occupations are calling the best labor of the land to other workshops? Farm labor has not been adequately paid in the past, because farm produce did not bring its rightful price. We can only cheapen food in one way—by increased production. We can increase production only by more labor and more skill. And if we do not get a profit, skill is the only increasing factor, for labor will not stay on the farm, not to say come back to the farm, unless adequately paid.

Is the helplessness of chambers of commerce only temporary, as suggested by President Barrett, or is the business world and the government big enough to see that they must embark on a permanent policy? I give them credit for patriotism as well as self interest, and a great work is being done now by such bodies all over the land, my home county town, Sumter, being in the forefront of this great co-operative effort.

This article is not written to criticize nor to condemn any one, but to try to make the non-farming world see the problems as we farmers see them and to help all our farmers get a business grasp on our field of labor.

We must take a business-like view of these things. Sentiment is good, but must be backed by business sense for permanent results.

The Sumter County Committee of Public Safety adopted the first slogan, "Grow Food or Go Hungry." The South Carolina State Committee on Civic Preparedness adopted the next slogan, "Service for All." Lee County's preparedness meeting, when Chairman D. R. Coker flashed the S. O. S. signal before that splendid audience, adopted, "Save or Starve" as its slogan. But I think the best of all that has come to my notice was unconsciously uttered by Farm Demonstration Agent Tiller at Chesterfield Court House in telling of the work in that county when he said, "My friends, The Work is Not Done, It is Just Begun."

GIRLS! LEMON JUICE IS SKIN WHITENER.

How to Make a Creamy Beauty Lotion for a Few Cents. The juice of two fresh lemons strained into a bottle containing three ounces of orchard white makes a whole quart pint of the most remarkable lemon skin beautifier at about the cost one must pay for a small jar of the ordinary cold creams.

GRAND LODGE K. OF P.

\$2,500 for Liberty Bonds—Officers for Grand Body.

Union, May 23.—Pythians from all parts of South Carolina were here Tuesday in attendance upon the session of the Grand Lodge as guests of Cherokee Lodge, No. 37, and the citizens of Union. The attendance was not as large as was expected. There were only about 300 delegates here, but what was lacking in number was made up in jollity and business.

The outstanding features of the session were the recommendation by Wilson G. Harvey, of Charleston, Grand Master of Exchequer, that the Grand Lodge invest \$2,500 in "Liberty Bonds"; that hereafter biennial sessions be held, this to be voted on at the next Grand Lodge meeting and the selection of Columbia as the next meeting place.

Preceding the annual report of the Grand Chancellor an unusually large class of past chancellors was initiated—about 75 in number.

The officers elected for the ensuing year are: Grand Chancellor, W. E. Derrick, of Orangeburg; Grand Vice Chancellor, Rev. L. J. Bristow, of Columbia; Prelate, Col. O. J. Bond, Charleston; Grand Master of Exchequer, Wilson G. Harvey, Charleston; Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, C. D. Brown, Abbeville; Grand Outer Guard, W. H. Ohlandt, Beaufort; Grand Inner Guard, W. A. Fewell, of Rock Hill; Grand Master-at-Arms, C. D. Cox, Darlington.

Girl Killed by Lightning.

Greenville, May 23.—While at the home of a neighbor, Aylee Lee Smith, 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Smith, of Brandon, was struck by lightning and instantly killed yesterday at 12.45.

The little girl, together with others of the household, had been in the yard, and were driven in by the approach of a heavy cloud. Several of the party were in the front part of the house, but the little girl was in the kitchen and was standing directly underneath an electric socket. The lightning is said to have struck a tree which stands in the front yard and entered by the electric wire. The electricity continued through the house until it reached the kitchen, there being no globe in the socket underneath which the child was standing. The floor was torn by the force of the lightning, but otherwise the furnishings were not damaged. None of the other occupants was hurt.

You Need a Spring Laxative.

Dr. King's New Life Pills will remove the accumulated wastes of winter from your intestines, the burden of the blood. Get that sluggish spring fever feeling out of your system, brighten your eye, clear your complexion. Get that vim and snap of good, purified, healthy blood. Dr. King's New Life Pills are a non-gripping laxative that aids nature's process. Try them to-night. At all druggists, 25c.—Adv. 1.

Pickens County Homicide.

(Sentinel, May 24.) As a result of a difficulty between U. J. (Bub) Rampey and Wade H. Revis, near Ruhamah church last Saturday, Revis is dead and Rampey is in the Pickens jail charged with the killing.

Particulars of the affair are hard to get, but it seems that as Rampey was going home from Liberty, where he had carried a wagon load of wood, he met Revis, who was driving to Liberty in his buggy. According to Rampey's statement he says he stopped Revis and told him that he had heard that he (Revis) had been cursing him. One word led to another and Rampey says that Revis got out his knife and advanced to the side of his wagon, when he picked up a wagon standard and hit Revis on the head. The blow fractured the skull and the injured man was taken to the Greenville hospital. An operation was performed, but he died Tuesday night.

Both men lived in the same community below Liberty and are well known. They have many friends, bear good reputations and this is said to have been the first trouble either ever got into. Both were married and have families.

Seven Killed in Collision.

Clarksburg, W. Va., May 23.—Seven men are known to have been killed and a number injured in a wreck on the short line of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad connecting Clarksburg and New Martinsville today. According to reports received here from Wallace, the town nearest the wreck, a work train running backward collided with a freight train on a curve. The heavy engine of the freight plowed through the cars, reducing them to splinters and killing five workmen outright. Two others, the report said, died after being taken out of the wreckage. A relief train was made up and the injured are being brought here.

WIND AND HAIL STORM HITS

Greenwood County Section Hard—Many Small Buildings Damaged.

Greenwood, May 24.—The southern section of the city of Greenwood and a small portion of the southern and western ends of the county, particularly at Phoenix, Gaines and Bradley, suffered considerable damage from a terrific storm between 9 and 9.30 Tuesday night. The wind traveling at a great velocity came from the northwest and wiped off many small buildings, ripped off roofs of houses and other buildings, tore out big trees by the roots and for a time put the telephone and electric light wires out of commission.

The large building at the fair grounds, in which the soldiers of Company B are living, was badly damaged. The whole front end and the north side were blown completely away. The wind hit the north side before the soldiers had time to get out of the building (only two had gone to bed) and planks from the front end were sent in all directions just as 20 of the men sought cover in the small office on the sidewalk. Many of the pieces of the timber fell on top of the little office immediately after the last man had crowded in. None of the soldiers suffered injury. The company began to-day erecting tents which they will occupy until the building is repaired. It is not known just how much the loss will be to the fair association.

According to reports reaching here this afternoon the Phoenix section was hardest hit. The storm swept on the outer edge of the track made by the cyclone in that section in 1884 when the country was practically ruined. Although many small houses were blown down no one was killed, and so far as known only one person, a colored woman, was injured. She lives on the Sam Dominick place and had her arm and hip broken.

Some Freaks of Wind.

The wind, traveling at a terrific speed, did some freakish performances. One cabin on Mr. Stallworth's place was picked up with a lone negro occupant and carried a distance of about 20 yards without injury to the negro. Payne Henderson's machinery shed was turned squarely around and a cabin on his place was wrecked with four negroes on the inside. Not one of them was painfully hurt, the only injury to them being shattered nerves as a result of the scare, caused by the howling wind and the inky darkness. Negroes on Tom Metts' place had a similar experience.

90 Per Cent Buildings Ruined.

Dr. Pratt Henderson, who returned from Phoenix this morning, estimates that at least 90 per cent of the out-buildings in that section were destroyed, and nearly all of the big trees, many of which have been standing for 75 years, were laid low.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine. It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 25c.

Mrs. Judy Ann Grissop Dead.

(Farm and Factory, 24th.) Mrs. Judy Ann Grissop died Friday night at the home of her son, J. L. Grissop. The deceased was 84 years old and had been in bad health for some time. She was given the best of medical attention and care by her son, but her age prevented relief from her sufferings. Mrs. Grissop was a member of the Seneca Methodist church and until her health became impaired was a regular attendant upon services—a Christian worker and helper. She is survived by four children, her husband having preceded her to the grave 15 years. The children are J. L. Grissop, of Seneca, with whom she made her home; W. F. Grissop, of the Seneca cotton mill; T. C. Grissop, of Birmingham, Ala., and Mrs. K. B. Poore, of Elberton, Ga. Funeral services were conducted at the home by Rev. N. G. Ballenger, and interment was in Mountain View cemetery. The bereaved ones have the sympathy of a large circle of friends.

1,000 Houses Burned.

Amsterdam, May 24.—A Budapest dispatch says the Hungarian town of Gyoenoyoes has been devastated by fire, 1,000 houses being destroyed and 240 still on fire. Several thousand persons are homeless and seven deaths have been reported. Gyoenoyoes is 44 miles from Budapest and had a population in 1900 of 16,442.

Starting Her Boys Right.

We received the following highly appreciated letter last Thursday: "Seneca, S. C., May 16, 1917.—Editor Keowee Courier: I am enclosing my check for two dollars. Please send your paper one year to J. S. Pickett, Clearwater, Fla. The other dollar is for renewal of the subscription to F. L. Pickett, Hamlet, N. C. "You see I want my boys to keep in touch with Oceana. "Respectfully, "Mrs. J. B. Pickett."

Figures and Fertilizers.

1,000 pounds Cotton Seed represents in food value 208 pounds Hog Lard.

1,000 pounds Cotton Seed represents in food value 16 bushels Corn.

1,000 pounds Cotton Seed represents in food value 970 pounds Wheat Flour.

1,500 pounds Seed Cotton can be grown on land in good state of cultivation, which will make 1,000 pounds Cotton Seed to the acre. Side dress all cotton when the land will justify it. Do not side dress on bad, washing land. We make a fertilizer for Side Dressing, but we are limited on the amount that we have. Save and cultivate well the cotton that you now have planted. It pays to make two applications to all crops.

We are dealing in new figures these days—big figures, unrecorded history. You must make your "noggin" work fast or you will get left. Be independent when it comes to food crops. Have plenty of Seed for another season. We must use Fertilizer, because our lands are too poor as they now stand. Let us be patriotic and make all we can this crop.

Westminster Oil & Fertilizer Company, Westminster, S. C.

AN ANDERSON OPTIMIST.

Hail Damaged Crop, But Saved Farmer's Paris Green.

(Daily Mail, 24th.)

As the result of the hail storm which visited the county Tuesday afternoon, at least nine farmers living west of the city will have to replant their crops, or the larger portion of them, according to advices received to-day.

E. B. C. Snipes, Jim Bolt, John McClure, J. D. Campbell, L. T. Campbell, Curran Glenn, Lon Bolt, Sam Campbell and Ollie Hardin, it was stated, will have to replant the major portion of their crops. In speaking this morning of the damage done his crops by the hail, E. B. C. Snipes stated that he was an optimist and always tried to get some good out of everything, and that just prior to the hail storm he had come to town for the purpose of purchasing some Paris green with which to spray his Irish potatoes. "But when I returned home," continued Mr. Snipes, "the hail had beaten the hound out of the potato bugs, and I saved my Paris green."

Reports have been received from practically all sections of the county, and it seems that there was no very great area anywhere in the county which was not visited by more or less hail. The damage was, of course, greater in some sections than others.

Presbyterians Do Not Want Union.

Birmingham, May 23.—The committee on bills and overtures of the General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterians reported unfavorably on a proposal recently made by the Northern Presbyterians at Dallas to take up the question of union of the Northern and Southern branches.

LEFT YOUR CORNS OFF WITH FINGERS.

Tells How to Loosen a Tender Corn or Callus So it Lifts Out Without Pain.

You reckless men and women who are pestered with corns and who have at least once a week invited an awful death from lockjaw or blood poison are now told by a Cincinnati authority to use a drug called freezezone, which the moment a few drops are applied to any corn or callus the soreness is relieved and soon the entire corn or callus, root and all, lifts off with the fingers.

Freezone dries the moment it is applied, and simply shrivels the corn or callus without inflaming or even irritating the surrounding tissue or skin. A small bottle of freezone will cost very little at any of the drug stores, but will positively rid one's feet of every hard or soft corn or hardened callus. If your druggist hasn't any freezone he can get it at any wholesale drug house for you, ad

RENDER VESSELS U-BOAT PROOF

Contrivance Resembles Neither Net Nor Screen.

New York, May 23.—Hudson Maxim announced to-day that he had invented and perfected a device which will make ships immune from the dangers of the submarine. He said that torpedoes, even when fired at close range and striking their targets would explode harmless against the hulls of the intended victims.

The inventor made the announcement at a luncheon given in Brooklyn. He asserted that the invention soon will be demonstrated by the government, which already had been advised of the details.

"The invention is practical for every type of vessel," he said. "It can be applied within a few moments at a comparatively cheap price to the hulls of ships already constructed. The only change necessary in vessels already built will be a slight enlargement in their beams. My device is of solid material and encircles the entire ship from the bow to the stern. It is in no sense or manner resembles either a screen or net."

Whenever You Need a General Tonic

Take Grove's The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 50 cents.

Locals from New Hope.

New Hope, May 21.—Special: We were glad to see such a large number of visitors attending our church service Sunday, and they will be most heartily welcomed again, as will any others who may come.

Rev. Mr. Hiott will preach a memorial sermon on his regular preaching day (the 3d Sunday morning in June), and immediately after the sermon the graves will be decorated with flowers.

Mrs. J. C. Parrott and little son Jack, of Washington, are spending a month at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Kelley, Misses Allie Mason and Nina Dyar and Earley Dyar, of the Return section, were visitors at the home of the Misses Hammond Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Emma Hammond returned home last Friday from near Easley, where she had been teaching. Mr. and Mrs. Evans Brown and two daughters, Misses Lena and Dorothy, of Anderson county, visited relatives in this section Saturday and Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Glazener and small children were recent visitors among relatives at Piedmont and Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Newt Drogan and two children, of the Return section, spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Becknell.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect the Head Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary Quinine and does not cause nervousness or ringing in head. Remember the full name and look for the signature of E. W. GROVE. 25c.

FOREWARNED AND FOREARMED.

Bank Robbers in Oklahoma, Seeking Gold, Get Lead.

Tuskahoma, Okla., May 24.—One robber is dead and two others are dying as the result of an unsuccessful attempt to rob the First State Bank of Tuskahoma to-day.

Early in the day A. H. Palmer, cashier of the bank, was notified by telephone that three bandits were headed toward Tuskahoma with the intention of looting the bank. The message was sent from Hugo.

Palmer immediately began preparations to receive the robbers by distributing arms and ammunition among the merchants and when the three men reached here about 10 o'clock everything was in readiness.

Tying their horses on a little knoll behind the bank, they entered the building, and covering the employees with guns, took all the cash in sight and started out. As they reached the door Palmer started firing. One of the bandits, apparently the leader of the gang, dropped to the floor dead. Another stumbled through the door and fell to the sidewalk in front of the building. The third robber started to run, but fell before he reached his horse. The robbers have not been identified.

About \$300 taken by the robbers was recovered, all of the bank's money with that exception having been secreted.

All windows in the bank were shot out and several stores in the city were damaged by random shots.

FREE OF CHARGE.

Why suffer with indigestion, dyspepsia, torpid liver, constipation, sour stomach, coming-up-of-food-after-eating, etc., when you can get a sample bottle of Green's August Flower at Bell's Drug Store? This medicine has remarkable curative properties, and has demonstrated its efficiency by fifty years of success. Headaches are often caused by a disordered stomach. August Flower is put up in 25 and 75-cent bottles. For sale in all civilized countries.—Adv. 2

To Spend Ten Billion Dollars.

Washington, May 23.—Plans for an allied purchasing board are being drawn to include purchases for an amount the army and navy estimated at approximately \$3,500,000,000 for the first year of the war. The plan as tentatively outlined would place the purchasing power of approximately \$10,000,000,000 yearly in the hands of a single commission.

Senator Lane, of Oregon, Dead.

San Francisco, May 24.—United States Senator Harry Lane, of Oregon, Democrat, died at a hospital here last night as the result of a blood clot on the brain.