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WALHALLA, S. C.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 1, 1920.

**FINE CROP RESULTS.**

We do not believe that any county in South Carolina is capable of producing—or does produce—better crops than Oconee. Of course there are instances of special yields on "pet patches" in other counties that have eclipsed Oconee's reported yields, but in general we believe Oconee can lead our State in fine crops, year in and year out, in every-day, practical operation of the farm.

Be that as it may, we recently had presented at The Courier office some mighty fine evidences of crop possibilities within our borders. After the exhibition of products at the recent exhibition for the boys and girls of the various county clubs, we saw the ten-ear exhibit of corn of Master George Taylor, 11 years old, of the Oconee Creek section. The ten ears of corn weighed full ten pounds, and they took the first prize in the corn contest, which was judged on the various points of excellence. We have often viewed, in the seed catalogues, the pictures of large ears of corn, each ear fully rounded out to the center of the tip of the ear. And young Taylor's ten ears looked as though they might have been the originals of one of the most perfect of these pictures. It was practically perfect corn, considered by points. The grower of this corn, as stated above, is 11 years of age. He did a considerable part of the work on the crop but had his plowing done by his father. However, he has the plow set in his mind—the principles of science as applied to making good corn and the ambition to produce better crops and larger yields. Therein lies the hope of our country in an agricultural way, we think—the fact that the boys of to-day, who will be the men of to-morrow, are going to excel their daddies in crop-making and in profit-making. The club boys are getting what their daddies were unable to get in their young days—scientific instruction, hearty encouragement, and the all-important incentive to excel—to never be satisfied with the accomplishments of one day, but to start each day with the determination to improve on the past.

There were lots of fine exhibits at the county club show, and it was stated by one of the judges from without the bounds of our county that the exhibit would have done credit to the State Fair.

H. A. Wood, of Walhalla Route 3, was one of the grown-ups who had exhibits at the club show. He had an exhibit of 12 sweet potatoes, the dozen weighing 52 pounds. They were beauties, and as sound as it is possible for potatoes to be. Mr. Wood set out 2,000 plants, and from these he gathered five two-horse loads of fine potatoes—135 bushels. They were something of a curiosity—twelve potatoes, some weighing in excess of five pounds each, and the whole pulling the scales down to 52 pounds.

But "there are others"—young ladies—in our county who are not only practical farmers, but good farmers—of which fact we had ample proof last Friday when two young ladies, Misses Hannah and Bertha Brucke, of the Ebenezer section, stopped in The Courier office and we had time to talk with them for a short while about crops. There are three of the Brucke sisters, but one of our visitors disclaimed any special credit for the farm operations, as she is giving her time largely to teaching school. This was Miss Bertha, who gave all the real credit for crop-making to her sisters, Misses Hannah and Elizabeth. And if we may be counted as a judge in the premises, they are good farmers.

A. F. Brucke, the father of these "farmerettes," is now past 90 years of age and is incapacitated for the strenuous labor of the farm, hence the girls have taken over "the reins of government" at the Brucke place, and they are making good. Miss Hannah—we judge that she is the chief in the Brucke farm operations—said that up to his year "we have never made any corn, and it always worried father, for he used to make such fine corn crops." So this year the Brucke farm produced some corn—we say that advisedly, if we may be permitted to apply the slangy term, SOME CORN—and Miss Brucke assured us that it was worth all their hard work, worry and trouble just to note the pleased and surprised expression of their old father when they led him to the corn crib and showed him a pile of eight large one-horse loads of fine corn—the result of two young women's labors on two acres of land. They did every bit of the work from beginning to end

except to putting down of the fertilizer, which they hired done. They planted, hoed, plowed and worked the crop from the beginning to the end, and then they gathered the corn and hauled it up to the home and housed it. Six ears—fine, big ears sound, hard corn—were left with us for a sample of the crop. And we are proud of these six ears of corn, as the Brucke girls have a right to be. This year they produced two bales of cotton in addition to their other crops. In this crop, too, the work was practically all done by the young women. But the Brucke girls will hereafter always make some corn. This year's experience has taught them that it is easier to make than cotton, and that it is foolish to buy corn with the expectation of paying for it with the hard-earned dollars that come from the cotton crop. We wish that more of our male farmers would come to a like realization and quit the "slow suicide" policy of one-crop farming.

But we could go on indefinitely and talk about better farming methods, better and bigger crops, and we may later take up this line of thought. For the present, we point to the records made by three young women of the Ebenezer section, and ask that some of our men consider what has been done by them, and profit by their example. And, in closing, we merely add—

All honor to the Brucke girls! We wish there were more of this kind in our section—determined, ambitious to succeed, willing to work—to the limit where circumstances call for the exercise of the utmost in brain and brawn.

At the term of Federal Court in Anderson last week the Judge, in speaking to the jury and in general to the court officials and to the people assembled in the court room, took occasion to say that "Oconee would be the best county in South Carolina if she could only rid herself of the liquor-making and liquor-selling evil."

This is interesting. What Oconee lacks to make her the best county in South Carolina is to rid herself of the incubus of the damning influence and effects of liquor. We do not have to rid ourselves of something that is of value to some citizens or to some section of our county. Not at all. It is just to rid ourselves of a detrimental evil—an evil that all of us see, few of us defend, and most of us deplore.

We believe that the overwhelming majority of our people want to be rid of the liquor evil, and are ready to do all in their power to clear the fair name of our county of this liquor blot. But our citizens are helpless. What we need is the help of our courts. We need judges with backbone strong enough to permit them to deal out sentences of sufficient severity to make liquor law violators smart. When we get that assistance we will be well on the way to "making Oconee county the best county in South Carolina." For years the sessions of our courts here at Walhalla have proven nothing more than farce comedies—comedy that suits both defending attorneys and law violators. These farces, however, are anything but amusing to the law-abiding citizens of the county, who see the sober side of the acting and view it as tragedy—the trifling with a vital force for evil, and the setting at naught of the high moral principles for which Oconee citizens have stood and balloted for to these many years.

We call upon our juries and our judges to help us by doing their full duty when dealing with law-violators. Our citizens are discouraged, because they know that nothing can be done until liquor law transgressors are adequately punished. Let the courts help us to make Oconee the best county in South Carolina!

**CUT—BUT DON'T QUIT.**

John T. Roddy, of Rock Hill, one of the best known and most prosperous business men in South Carolina, is out in an article in the daily papers advocating the total abandonment of a cotton crop for 1921. We think Mr. Roddy entirely too radical in his views, but he is certainly on the right line.

It is a good time for our farmers to begin thinking of the 1921 cotton situation—think while the 1920 disaster is not only fresh in your mind, but while the sting is still there as a thorn in the flesh.

The cotton farmer has "resolved" and "affirmed" so often and so loudly in the past—and has broken good resolutions as many times as made—until the general public is going to have to be shown a reduction before they believe that such a thing is possible in regard to the cotton crop.

Think now what you are going to do in regard to your cotton acreage next year. It does not make one particle of difference how many—or how few—resolutions you may pass, if they are not kept they but hurt, and even if they are kept they amount to but little so far as any influence on the price of your staple is concerned. Stop "resolving" and do something—cut your acreage and say nothing about it; nobody is going to believe it anyway, so why waste perfectly good ink and paper and time in writing out resolutions? The public will believe that the cotton acreage of the South has been cut when the number of bales taken from the fields and ginned indicate such a condition, and not until then.

This is somewhat of a broad statement to make, but it is truth nevertheless. The cotton growers have lied so many times about reducing acreage that nobody believes them when they do it. They do not believe it themselves, for, nine out of ten of them "go down from the place of meeting" resolving mentally that they will individually increase their acreage in the vain hope that their fellows will stand by the resolution. It's up to the cotton growers to

**PATTERSON'S, SENECA, SOUTH CAROLINA.**

**SACRIFICE SALE**

We are taking our losses with a smile our Forty Thousand Dollars Stock of Merchandise is being sold at sacrifice prices. This is your opportunity to buy Winter Goods in mid season at prices no one even dreamed of thirty days ago.

**LADIES' SUITS AT HALF PRICE.**

Ladies' High Grade Suits, made of absolutely All-Wool Materials. Staple colors, new models. Guaranteed Linings and the tailoring is perfect.

- LADIES' \$45.00 SUITS—SACRIFICE PRICE ..... \$22.50
- LADIES' \$40.00 SUITS—SACRIFICE PRICE ..... \$20.00
- LADIES' \$35.00 SUITS—SACRIFICE PRICE ..... \$17.50
- LADIES' \$30.00 SUITS—SACRIFICE PRICE ..... \$15.00
- LADIES' \$25.00 SUITS—SACRIFICE PRICE ..... \$12.50
- A FEW SUITS FROM LAST SEASON WORTH MUCH MORE THAN OUR PRICE ..... \$7.50

**LADIES' \$7.50 SILK UNDERSKIRTS, AT HALF PRICE, \$3.75.**

LADIES' SILK UNDERSKIRTS, Assorted Colors. These have been selling for \$7.50—OUR SACRIFICE PRICE is just half ..... \$3.75

**MIDDY SUITS AT HALF PRICE.**

- BLUE SERGE MIDDY SUITS FOR LADIES AND MISSES—GOOD MATERIALS, WELL MADE AND NEATLY TRIMMED.
- \$17.50 MIDDY SUITS—SACRIFICE PRICE ..... \$8.75
- \$12.50 MIDDY SUITS—SACRIFICE PRICE ..... \$6.25
- \$10.00 MIDDY SUITS—SACRIFICE PRICE ..... \$5.00

**BOYS' SUITS AT ONE-THIRD OFF.**

- ALL OUR BOYS' SUITS GO IN THIS SACRIFICE SALE AT JUST ONE-THIRD OFF.
- BOYS' \$10.00 SUITS—SACRIFICE PRICE ..... \$10.00
- BOYS' \$9.00 SUITS—SACRIFICE PRICE ..... \$9.00
- BOYS' \$10.00 SUITS—SACRIFICE PRICE ..... \$6.65
- BOYS' \$7.50 SUITS—SACRIFICE PRICE ..... \$5.00

**MILLINERY AT HALF PRICE.**

- ALL OUR MILLINERY GOES IN THIS SACRIFICE SALE AT EXACTLY HALF PRICE!
- LADIES' \$3.50 HATS—SACRIFICE PRICE ..... \$1.75
- LADIES' \$5.00 HATS—SACRIFICE PRICE ..... \$2.50
- LADIES' \$8.00 HATS—SACRIFICE PRICE ..... \$4.00

**LADIES' SILK HOSE AT HALF PRICE.**

- LADIES' SILK \$1.00 HOSE—SACRIFICE PRICE ..... 50c.
- LADIES' SILK \$2.00 HOSE—SACRIFICE PRICE ..... \$1.00
- LADIES' SILK \$3.50 HOSE—SACRIFICE PRICE ..... \$1.75

**BLANKETS AT HALF PRICE.**

- One Lot of Good-size Dark Colored Blankets. These have been selling at \$4.50—SACRIFICE PRICE ..... \$2.25
- One Lot of Extra Heavy Mixed Blankets. These have been selling for \$6.00—SACRIFICE PRICE ..... \$3.00

**LADIES' SILK WAIST AT HALF PRICE.**

LADIES' BEAUTIFUL SILK WAISTS—GEORGETTE, CREPE DE CHINE, ETC. These have been selling at \$5.50 to \$12.50. Sacrifice Prices Just Half. \$2.75 to \$6.25

**SHOES SHOES**

Yes, there has been a break in the Shoe Market. Some time ago we made many reductions, and in order to do entire justice to the buying public, we have now made prices based on next spring's market.

- Men's W. L. Douglas (best known shoe in the world), values \$8.00, \$9.00 and \$10.00—Price now ..... \$6.50
- Men's cheaper Shoes at \$3.25 to ..... \$5.00
- Ladies' \$8.00, \$9.00 and \$10.00 Shoes, price ..... \$6.50
- Ladies' \$6.00 Shoes, price ..... \$4.75
- Ladies' \$5.00 Shoes ..... \$3.90
- Ladies' Heavy Shoes at \$2.95 to ..... \$4.00
- Boys', Girls' and Children's Shoes at \$1.00 to ..... \$4.00

reduce acreage by practice; as a "bluff" it has proved but a snare and a delusion, and has hurt no one half so bad as the cotton grower himself. Cut your acreage—and you don't need to tell anybody anything about it. If you do it you will know it, and if you raise other things on the acreage taken from your cotton crop, you will be better off—and that is sufficient.

**Rainfall and Temperature.**

Below is a record of meteorological observations taken by H. W. Brandt, co-operative observer of the Weather Bureau of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, during the week ending Nov. 28th, 1920, at 7 p. m. (The instrumental readings are from government standard instruments exposed in the manner recommended by the chief of the Weather Bureau):

Character of Day.	Rainfall.	Temperature.	
		Highest.	Lowest.
Nov. 22—Ply. cldy.	.12	65	33
Nov. 23—Clear.	.....	59	37
Nov. 24—Clear.	.....	62	29
Nov. 25—Clear.	.....	63	31
Nov. 26—Ply. cldy.	.....	51	26
Nov. 27—Cloudy.	.20	43	35
Nov. 28—Ply. cldy.	.03	60	45
Total rainfall.	.45	.....	.....

**OH MILL Closes Down.**

Timmonsville, Nov. 28.—The Timmonsville Oil Mill closed down yesterday afternoon for an indefinite period. This means that more than thirty employees who have been drawing daily wages of from three to four dollars are now without work. The cotton situation is being felt here in all lines of business, and all the cotton buyers except one have refused to purchase any more of the staple for the present.

**Found Much Stolen Valuables.**

Danville, Va., Nov. 29.—A wooden box containing \$300,000 in Liberty bonds, war savings stamps and life insurance policies, which were stolen from the Bank of Halifax, at Houston, Va., eight weeks ago, was found to-day by Guy Lumpkin, a farmer, at Midway, Va., according to advices just received here.

**The Tugaloo Singing Association.**

The Tugaloo Township Singing Association will be held at Retreat No. 2) school building, about two miles south of Westminster, next Sunday, Dec. 5, at 2 p. m. All lovers of music are invited. Oscar Driver, J. R. Brown, Sec'y. President.

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, County of Oconee.**

**In Court Common Pleas.**

E. M. Gambrell, Mrs. Clara DuBose, John Brandt, J. Gordon, Marshall Abbott, Mrs. J. E. Addis, G. L. Barker, J. Davis Abbott, W. M. Payne, J. C. Barker, C. E. Gambrell, Geo. M. Ansel, Mrs. Sophia Ritter, Mrs. D. M. Rimrod, Mrs. M. J. Kell, B. F. Sloan, John A. Ansel, W. T. Alexander, R. H. Alexander, S. H. Collins, J. H. Barnett, L. A. Guyton, E. M. Smith, James L. Burley, Mrs. Florence B. Richardson, Miss Maggie Ray Burley, M. M. Burley, Nellie Hudson, Mrs. L. L. Chandler, Jessie B. Boozer, Mamie Burley, Gladys K. Burley, Pearl D. Barron, B. B. Burley, Mrs. Carrie P. Gillison and W. W. Burley, Petitioners,

vs. Roy M. Abbott, J. Ed. Addis, B. D. Breazeale, J. D. McMahan, W. R. Davis, John D. Burns, Mrs. Birdie B. Wickliffe, W. S. Dean, C. R. Dean, and Frank Dean, Defendants.

**ORDER.**

This case coming on to be heard, and the preliminary report of the Board of Viewers having this day been filed with this Court, and having been examined and found to be in due and proper form, the Court further finds from the Viewer's report that the Drainage District is practicable and will properly drain the bottom land of said district and be beneficial to the public health and protect the public highways crossing said proposed Drainage District and creek, and will be conducive to the general welfare and health of the community; and the Court hereby appoints the 28th day of DECEMBER, 1920, at ten A. M., at Walhalla Court House, as the time and place when it will further hear and consider and pass upon the said report. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That a copy of this order be posted at the Court House door and at five conspicuous places within the Drainage District, and be published in The Keowee Courier, a newspaper of gen-

Apron Gingham ..... 15c.  
20 pieces, assorted patterns, good staple Apron Gingham, 20c. value, PRICE, YARD, 15c.

Danville Plaids ..... 15c.  
Everybody knows they are the best 25c. Plaids made. They have been selling for 25 cents—PRICE 15c.

Vests and Pants ..... 48c.  
Ladies' Knit Vests and Pants, regular 75c. garments, PRICE 48c.

Dress Gingham ..... 15c.  
Dress Gingham, Assorted Patterns, in Light Stripes, Checks and Solid Colors, PRICE, YARD, 15c.

LADIES' COTTON HOSE.  
Ladies' 15c. Cotton Hose, pair 10c.  
Ladies' 20c. Cotton Hose, pair 15c.  
Ladies' 25c. Cotton Hose, pair 19c.  
Ladies' 35c. Cotton Hose, pair 25c.  
Ladies' 50c. Cotton Hose, pair 35c.

MEN'S SOCKS.  
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