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**Yorkville Enquirer:** Our information from the late harvest will repay the effect the wheat crop is very promising. In some portions it stands thinly on the ground, but the heads are unusually well filled, and the stalk thus far has escaped the blight of rust. Harvesting will be commenced within the next ten days, and with a bonanza to the crop in the meantime. The centres of the crop are in the hands of the farmer. The oat crop is not so promising as wheat. In most cases reported to us the stalk is short for the want of rain at the proper time. Cotton is doing well, and we hear but little complaint in regard to poor stands.

**Barrow People:** The treasurer's books closed on Saturday last. Between \$270,000 and 2,800 were collected. Grain gathering goes on bravely. Some of our friends will use new flour next Sunday.

**Walhalla Courier:** Col. C. F. Hampton passed through our town the first of the week on his way to Cashier's Valley to spend the summer. He is brother to the late General Hampton. A little daughter of Mrs. Baumgardner was bit last Sunday evening by a snake, supposed to be a ground rattlesnake. The wound was inflicted on the foot, and at this writing, she is very bad from the effects of it.

**Abbeville Press & Banner:** Mr. Erwin Hutchison has three hundred and twenty five dollars worth of gold coin, which was cast from gold recently taken from Abbeville mines. The average yield of the oat crop, through not so good, is to be a record. Harvesting is progressing in good earnest.

**Edgefield Advertiser:** Dr. Parker has 80 acres in oats, and knowing ones that, that off of 20 of these acres he will gather 1,000 bushels. Senator M. C. Butler reached home on Monday morning last, looking well and healthy.

**Pickens Sentinel:** We learn that one day last week, while Mr. Fayette Hogg was hoeing cotton in his field, he knocked a rock and