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## Burning Cotton Absurd.

There has been a great deal of talk and many articles in the newspapers relative to the burning of cotton in order to thereby cause a rise in the price of the staple above its present lamentably low quotation. Two million bales, we believe is the amount most generally selected for the sacrifice fires, and a rumor is even going the rounds that the burning had already begun in certain points.

The whole thing seems too radically ridiculous to have originated even with no other idea than perpetrating a joke.

In the first place, who is prepared to say with certainty that the burning of two million bales will accomplish the end desired? It will reduce the crop to 11,000,000 or 11,500,000 bales, but how do we know that anything like high prices would be paid on the basis of 11,000,000 bales. Last year the total, it must be remembered, was a scant 10,000,000 bales, not 11,000,000, when the price advanced as though it were going to 20 cents. So it would apparently be safer to destroy 3,000,000.

But there have been other years, many of them, when the crop was as small and even smaller than that raised in 1902-3, and yet it was accompanied by no such generous prices as were paid last winter.

Hence, even though 3,000,000 bales of cotton should be consigned to the flames, we have no guarantee that it would send the price of cotton "booming," while we do know that it would utterly destroy at least $90,000,000. It cost even more than that, perhaps, to raise it. To turn in, then, and throw that much money in the fire would be to act like children. Better to hold it year after year, no matter what the loss in weight.

For it can be depended upon that the destruction of no given amount of cotton will force the remainder up to a price that will more than compensate for the money expended on the bales destroyed.

And, unless burning cotton will do this, it is palpably absurd.—Augusta Chronicle.

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We love the man with the roses on his tongue, the man who sees the boy's dirty face, but mentions his bright eyes; who notices your shabby coat, but praises your studious habits; the man who sees all the faults, but whose tongue is quick to praise and slow to blame. We like to meet a man whose smile will light up dreariness, whose voice is full of music of the birds, whose hand-shake is an inspiration and his "God bless you" a benediction. He makes us forget our troubles as the raven's dismal croak is forgotten when the wood thrush sings. God bless the man of cheer. There is plenty of trouble here, but we need not increase it. There is a lot of dying done ahead of time.—Ex.

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Governor Heyward has announced that he will not be an aspirant for further political honors. To a reporter he said a few days ago. "It was my ambition to be governor of South Carolina and to do something in that capacity for the people of my State. They have bestowed upon me the highest honor in their gift and have re-elected me without opposition. This it seems to me, was a mark of genuine confidence which I shall ever remember most gratefully. I have devoted my time, thought and energy to the welfare of the State and when I leave the governors office it will be with the earnest hope that I will have a record showing that I have served my State to some purpose. At the end of two years I expect to retire permanently from politics."

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Mr. G. G. Alexander has recently been appointed United States Commissioner. This is the same position Mr. Alexander held several years ago and resigned to accept the Camden postmastership.

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### Assignment.

Mr. D. E. Hinson on Saturday last made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors. Mr. Hinson's many friends regret to learn of his misfortune and hope soon to see him reinstated in his business.

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### Programme.

Of The Wateree Township S. S. Convention which will meet with Riverside S. S. near Blaney Saturday and Sunday January 21 and 22, 1905.

Saturday.

10.30. Devotional Exercises conducted by R. W. Porter.

11.00. Enrollment of delegates and reports from Schools.

11.30. Question. Is the Sunday School making the progress that it should? If not what is the leading cause and what is the remedy.

Speakers W. A. Atkinson and H. A. Martin.

12.00. Dinner on the ground.

1.30 Question. Some of the best ways of developing a greater interest in S. S. work. Speakers—W. R. Reasonover and J. A. Grigsby.

2.00 Question box.

Sunday.

10.30. Review of the past quarter by some one appointed on Saturday.

11.00. Preaching by Rev. W. A. Atkinson. Alternate—Rev. W. R. Reasonover.

All the Sunday Schools now in winter quarters should be represented by the Superintendent or delegate.

S. E. Ross,
G. F. Watts,
Newton Kelly,
Committee.

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Wood's Seeds.

**Burt, or Ninety-Day Oats.**

The earliest, most prolific and surest cropping of spring oats; far superior to the ordinary spring or rust proof oats for spring seeding.

**Wood's Quarter Century Seed Book** gives full information about this valuable new oat, and all seeds for the **Farm** and **Garden**. It's mailed free for the asking. Write for it and Special Price List of Farm Seeds.

**T. W. Wood & Sons, Seedsmen,**
RICHMOND - VIRGINIA.

**WOOD'S SEEDS**
—Awarded—
GRAND PRIZE - ST. LOUIS, 1904.
GOLD MEDAL - PARIS, 1900.


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**E. S. NETTLES & SON.**

We hereby announce to the public that we have opened a first-class

**MEAT MARKET**

in the store formerly occupied by Mr. J. E. Vaughan where we will be glad to serve you with anything in the line of fresh meats.

We carry also a full line of Staple and Fancy

**GROCERIES,**

and extend to you a cordial request to call on us.

**EVERYTHING FRESH.**
**EVERYTHING FINE.**


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**THE UP TOWN GROCERY,**

A veritable depot for family supplies, is brimming full of staple and fancy

**GROCERIES**

Call and have your wants supplied, or rig up No. 149 and your orders will have prompt attention.

I am yours
Very Respectfully,
**R. A. McDOWELL.**


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### Trespass Notice.

All persons are hereby notified not to trespass on my swamp place, just below Brick Yard. W. F. Friesag.

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### Cabbage Plants

From Best Tested Seeds.—

Now ready for shipment. Large, strong, healthy plants. These plants were grown in the open air and will stand severe freezes without injury. Early Jersey Wakefield, large type of Charleston Wakefield, which are the best known varieties of early cabbage. Henderson's Succession, one of the best large late and more heading cabbages. Veitch's Early Checker, a very fine type of late variety. Neatly packed in light baskets. $1.50 per thousand. For five thousand or over $1.25 per thousand. F. o. b. express office. Special prices made on large lots.

CHAS. M. HINSON,
Young's Island, S. C.

Dec. 23, 1904.


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### TAX NOTICE.

Office of Treasurer of Kershaw County, Camden, S. C., Sept. 15, 1904.

In accordance with the Act to raise supplies for the fiscal year commencing January 1st, 1905, notice is hereby given that the books will be open for collecting State, County and school taxes from October 15, 1904 to March 1st, 1905. A penalty of 1 per cent will be added on all taxes unpaid by January 1st, 1905. A penalty of two per cent on all unpaid by Feb. 1st, 1905. A penalty of seven per cent will be added on all unpaid after Mar. 1st, 1905.

The rate for taxes for Kershaw county is as follows:

| | Mills |
|---|---|
| State tax, | 3 |
| School taxes, | 6 |
| County taxes, | 3 |
| Ordinary county taxes, | 6 |
| Railroad taxes, | 24 |
| Total, | 42 |

The following special taxes have been made by the County Board of Commissioners:

| | Mills |
|---|---|
| For Special School Building, | 1 |
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