

CHEAPEST OF FORMS OF CROP INSURANCE.
Germination Tests of Corn Seed Easy to Make and Valuable.

Clemson College, Feb. 16.—In the dull days of February and early March—South Carolina's "closed season" for farming—every farmer can by a little effort, a little time, and less expense get some excellent insurance for his season's corn crop. A few dozen mills a bit of cloth, a box and some sawdust, and a few hours of work will increase Mr. Farmer's chances of a good corn crop by ever and ever so much. Germination tests of seed are very cheap forms of crop insurance.

To every farmer in South Carolina who plants corn, Clemson College says now, in order to give plenty of time for the task, "Test, don't guess." By hammering upon this last year, the agricultural college was able to induce many farmers to test their seed corn before planting for its germinating powers. But the greater number of farmers in the State are still choosing to make a "blind swap" with nature in their corn planting. Three of the best reasons for a germination test of corn seed are:

It is easy to do and can be done at a time when there is little other work on the farm.

It costs almost nothing.

It will probably mean an increase in yield of from three to ten bushels per acre.

Every farmer should have gone into his field just before harvest time and selected the best ears while they were yet on the stalk. If he did this and has stored these ears carefully over fall and winter, he has excellent material with which to make his germination tests. If he did not make field selections, let him choose the best looking ears he can find and test them.

Arrange the ears to be tested side by side on planks, driving a tenpenny nail after each tenth ear. Number the ears consecutively. It can be done without trouble by penciling the number of each ear on the portion of plank in front of it. The order of these ears is under no condition to be disturbed until after the germination test is complete.

Provide a covered box about two feet square and four inches deep. Fill the box to within an inch and a half of the top with sawdust, well packed. Procure a piece of white cloth a little larger than the box and mark it off in two inch squares, with a pencil, numbering enough of the squares to be able to tell the number of any one of them without trouble. Leave a small margin on each side of the cloth. Then

tack the cloth inside the box so that it rests firmly and smoothly over the sawdust. There will be about one hundred squares on the cloth. With the box near at hand, take the seed ears from their plank one at a time. Select from each ear six kernels, taking them from different parts of the ear and no two from the same row. Place the six kernels from ear No. 1 in square No. 1 on the cloth, and continue thus with all the ears, laying the kernels on the cloth germ side up. Be sure to put each ear back in its proper place on the plank.

When each cloth square has its six kernels, representing one ear, sprinkle water into the box until corn and sawdust are thoroughly moistened, taking care not to disturb the kernels. Next place a dry white cloth carefully over the kernels and another cloth over this one. Finally, cover the top cloth with sawdust until the box is level full. Keep the germination box in a fairly warm room and leave it undisturbed for about seven days. Then catch the ends of the top cloth and lift carefully. This will take off the top layer of sawdust without disturbing the corn. Raise the second cloth, still working very carefully.

Then it is time to read the tests. Note which kernels have germinated well and which poorly. Your box should be near your plank rows of corn when you uncover the germinating kernels. Then if the kernels in square No. 16 in the box show poor germinating powers, take ear No. 16 from its place on the plank and toss it into the feed pile. Do this with each ear whose kernels did not germinate well. The ears remaining on the plank will be good ones, with health and vitality, and if such ears are used for seed corn and the crop is not good, the planter may be sure the fault was not in the seed.

Widow of General McClellan Dead.
New York, Feb. 13.—News of the death at Nice, France, of Mrs. Ellen Mary McClellan, widow of Major General George B. McClellan, was received today by her son, George G. McClellan, former mayor of New York. Pneumonia was the immediate cause of her death.

Mrs. McClellan was the daughter of the late Major R. B. Marcy, and her marriage to the army officer who later became the commander in chief of the army of the Potomac, took place in May, 1860. For many years after General McClellan's death in 1885 Mrs. McClellan made her home in Nice.

The body of an unknown man was found in a swamp near Hopkins, Richland county, Friday. The man was white and appeared to be about 35 years old.

KERSHAW NEWS NOTES.

Happenings of Interest in Our Neighboring Town.

(From The Era)
W. F. Culp of the Bethel section, and Miss Annie Taylor, of the Charlesboro section, were married Sunday morning, Feb. 7, at the home of the bride's parents. Mr. Culp is a prosperous young farmer. The bride is the popular and attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Taylor. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. J. B. Caston.

Mrs. J. C. Massey returned Saturday night from Macon, Ga., where she had been visiting her mother. She was joined in Columbia by Mr. Massey, who came home with her to spend Sunday.

Relatives and friends of the family of Mrs. J. B. Witherspoon, formerly of Kershaw, have received announcement of the marriage of her daughter, Miss Rosabel, to Dr. Dayton S. Altman, Monday, February 8, 1915, at their home in Sumter. The bride has many warm friends here who wish the happy young couple a long life of conjugal bliss and prosperity.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Goodale, of Camden, spent Sunday in Kershaw with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Fletcher.

The Era regrets very much to learn that K. T. Estridge and his estimable family will move back to Bethune about March 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Young, of Fredericksburg, Va., are spending a week here visiting relatives of the former. Ben is a Kershaw boy who has made good in his adopted home. His friends here are pleased at his success.

Mrs. Catherine Clark, wife of Joseph Clark, of the Abney section, died last Thursday and was buried Friday at Hickory Head church. She was about 60 years of age and left her husband and one son and one daughter surviving.

Thomas Watson, aged 8 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Sturgis, near DeKalb, was seriously injured by a falling tree last Wednesday and died from the effects Thursday. The remains were buried at Beaver Dam church on Friday.

Charged With Setting Fire to Store.

A special to the Columbia State from Darlington, dated Feb. 13, says: "On last Monday night while the fire department was fighting the fire that destroyed Coggeshall's ginney, an alarm from the square was sent to M. M. Foster's furniture store was found in flames. Efficient work the building was saved though it was an old one and the only frame building left on the square. This morning about 3 o'clock the alarm was turned in from the square again and the same place was found on fire and on the inside of the store, hid under a box, one of the firemen found the proprietor of the business. He is now in jail.

About 10 o'clock in the evening Foster was seen walking through the square and because of suspicious movements was shadowed by the police. Later he entered his store in the rear and a close watch was kept on the building from then until the fire occurred. Over glass doors in the rear of the building were spread rugs and leaned mattresses and throughout the building the firemen found excelsior saturated with kerosene. However, the fire was quickly extinguished and very little loss occurred. Foster for a number of years has been one of the leading furniture dealers of the town and has a family."

Greenville Plant to Make Uniforms.

Greenville, Feb. 11.—The Judson mills of Greenville will make the goods for spring uniforms at Winthrop college. R. E. Geer, president of the mills, received a letter today stating that his samples had been adopted by the college.

Some time ago Winthrop began investigating the advisability of having its uniforms made in South Carolina mills. A number of manufacturing plants submitted samples, but the Judson mill goods was selected. The order will be for 3,000 yards of reception velle finished in pure white.

THE NEWS AT BETHUNE.

Bad Man Already Under Three Charges Arrested and Placed in Jail.

Bethune, Feb. 18.—"Bub" Melton, a young white man of this section, against whom there are three charges to be heard at the next term of court, went to his home near town yesterday and tried to shoot his father and mother, and otherwise acting in a riotous and disorderly manner. Sheriff Huckabee came out yesterday afternoon and took Melton to jail so we are informed. Young Melton has for some time been a menace to the peace of the community in which he resided and it is very likely he will get what is coming to him at next court.

Every day the need of a new commodious school building for the town of Bethune grows more imperative. Our present small partially dilapidated frame structure is totally inadequate to accommodate the growing attendance. A few days ago another teacher was employed and a small private residence was rented by the trustees for a school room. The time has now arrived when the increased school attendance here demands that a larger and better equipped school building is an absolute necessity.

Mr. L. P. Carter left last Friday for Virginia, where he will be employed several months installing acetylene lights.

The indications are now that Bethune will have a first class baseball team this year. The team will be reorganized about March 1st, and regular practice will begin soon thereafter. Two or three good players will be engaged and the club will be greatly strengthened in every respect. The local fans may expect some good sport here the coming summer. It is hoped that our business men, in fact all our citizens will give our boys loyal support and thereby encourage them to give our town a strong ball team.

Mr. D. Hyden left Tuesday night for New York to purchase spring and summer goods for his store.

Miss Eva Mays has returned to Bethune and has accepted a position as saleslady in the store of Mr. D. Hyden. Messrs. J. E. Copeland and R. A. Stokes spent Tuesday in Charlotte.

The young folks in town enjoyed a couple of Valentine parties last Friday night—one at the residence of Mrs. L. D. Robertson and one at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Clyburn.

Mrs. J. W. Gardner is quite sick at her home below town.

Miss Ella Gardner, of Kershaw, is spending several weeks in this vicinity.

Cantey News Notes.

Cantey, S. C., Feb. 15.—The Woman's Missionary Society met with Mrs. R. L. Smyrl last Friday afternoon. Mrs. S. E. Goodale the efficient superintendent of the district has recently visited this society. While here she re-organized it and put new life and aims into the work.

Miss Myers, of Camden, has been visiting Miss Annie Huckabee.

Mr. W. A. Clifton, of Dixie, is visiting relatives here.

Mr. Louis Hornsby and Miss Eva Barfield surprised their friends by driving to Camden Sunday and being married by Judge McDowell. Mrs. Hornsby is the eldest daughter of Mr. W. R. Barfield, while Mr. Hornsby is the son of Mr. J. R. Hornsby and a substantial young farmer.

Miss Schmetzer spent the week end with Miss Lucile Mickle.

The Cantey school paid a visit to the Piedmont school last Friday and a debate was held. The representatives from Cantey claimed the victory.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Holland visited in Camden several days last week.

Mr. S. C. Rose spent last Thursday in Kershaw.

Mr. J. C. Rose is now working on the new post office building in Camden.

Mr. Tom Turner spent a few days last week in Columbia.

Adjusting Fire Losses.

The Williams Fire Insurance Agency within the past week has made adjustments and prompt settlements of five fire losses in the county—three at Camden and two at Cassatt. The amount involved was approximately \$3,000.

First Week Petit Jurors

- W. R. Onslow, Camden
- W. G. Wilson, Camden
- David Gillis, Boykin
- W. F. Frazier, Camden
- J. V. Young, Kershaw
- G. K. Price, Camden
- W. F. Gardner, Camden
- David Wolfe, Camden
- R. W. Watts, Lugoff
- T. H. Hinson, Lugoff
- W. H. Gardner, Camden
- J. H. Marsh, Cassatt
- W. C. Bird, Jefferson
- A. L. Parker, Lucknow
- J. W. Z. Hearon, Cassatt
- T. W. Wilson, Lugoff
- D. J. Clyburn, Bethune
- J. A. Hall, Cassatt
- J. H. Hammond, Boykin
- B. T. Hasty, Camden
- W. E. Kelly, Lugoff
- A. E. Young, Kershaw
- D. S. Trapp, Camden
- Benj. Tidwell, Cassatt
- O. A. Fletcher, Kershaw
- Thos. Anerum, Camden
- H. Baruch, Camden
- J. S. Rose, Blaney
- J. B. Ray, Kershaw
- S. L. Rush, Westville
- Elijah Atkinson, Lugoff
- J. T. Cameron, Lugoff
- Wilfred Newman, Camden
- C. A. Branham, Lugoff
- John Hinson, Camden
- L. F. Robinson, Cassatt

Second Week Jurors.

- W. W. Horton, Cassatt
- W. J. Newman, Bethune
- J. S. Dunn, Camden
- S. H. Ross, Blaney
- W. C. Brown, Camden
- T. W. Watts, Lugoff
- A. D. Kennedy Jr., Camden
- R. A. Faulkenberry, Kershaw
- J. W. Kirkland, Camden
- Jas. Gladden, Lugoff
- W. A. Anderson, Camden
- J. R. Branham, Lugoff
- J. C. Gainer, Kershaw
- F. B. Floyd, Liberty Hill
- N. D. Baxley, Camden
- Henry Catoe, Bethune
- L. M. Hilton, Stoneboro
- Jesse Nelson, Blaney
- Elmore Brown, Jacobs
- E. A. Brown, Camden
- H. T. Horton, Kershaw
- W. C. Hough, Camden
- Jas. DeLoache, Camden
- Ben Deas, Kershaw
- R. M. Gifford, Camden
- H. E. Reese, Kershaw
- Jas. Moore, Camden
- J. B. Parker, Lugoff
- L. J. Baker, Bethune
- W. M. Branham, Camden
- W. L. Gaskins, Westville
- J. E. Rabon, Kalb
- J. E. Turner, Lucknow
- J. V. Myers, Lugoff
- W. A. Sanders, Lugoff
- W. M. Kelly, Lugoff

Colored People to Hold Services.

We have been requested by Rev. R. C. Dow, to state that the colored people of the Second Baptist church of Kirkwood will hold interesting services near the new power plant in Kirkwood on Sunday, Feb. 28th. An interesting program has been arranged including old time plantation songs, and they invite the public to join with them. Their aim is to establish a new Baptist church to be known as the Second Baptist of Kirkwood. Rev. Dow is the pastor and Phillip Shields is chairman of the committee.

Terraces Open to the Public.

The Terraces will be opened to the public every Wednesday and Saturday, from 12 to 5. Tea will be served for 40c each person. This price includes admission to the garden.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE.

State of South Carolina, County of Kershaw. In the Probate Court.

Under and by virtue of an Order made by W. L. McDowell, Judge of Probate of Kershaw County, State aforesaid, bearing date February 18th, 1915, I will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, on Monday, March 8th, 1915, at the late home place of Jefferson Harris, deceased, about 5 or 6 miles from Bethune, S. C., commencing at 10 o'clock a. m., the following personal property of the said Jefferson Harris:

- One single barrel Shot Gun, one tin Sprayer, one lot carpenter's Tools, one army Rifle, one Buggy Jack, one set Wagon Breaching, one side Harrow, three Guano Distributors, one lot old Plovs, one Log Chain, one Froe, one cross cut Saw, two pairs Balances, one set Farm Tools, one Hamper Basket, one Plow Gear, five Plow Stocks, one Grass Blade, one Hay Rake, one Top Buggy, one Carriage, one set Double Harness, one 2-Horse Wagon, one roll Fence Wire, one 1-Horse Wagon, one set Buggy Harness, one Mower, one Stalk Chopper, one Corn Shelter, one old Crab Hoe, one lot old Tools, one lot Peas in hull, one Bedstead, Mattress and two chairs, one Bay Mare, one lot Pork, two 2-Horse Wagons.

Terms of sale—CASH.
J. A. STONE, Administrator
Camden, S. C., February 19th, 1915.

Marietta Henry, a negro girl, was burned to death near Hopkins in Richland county, last week when she attempted to run through a burning broom sage field.

"All things come to him who waits" belongs to the leisure past.

No good live American would father the phrase now.

Present day successful ones get a stranglehold on what they want, and hang on.

All things come to him who uses printer's ink and goes after what he wants.

Wants—For Sale—Rents

WANTED.—To purchase "The Mollis of S. S. Prentice," edition published about 1883. Any party having this set, willing to sell same address The Chronicle office. 44-8tp

FOR SALE.—Bed room suite, consisting of iron bed, mattress, wash stand and dresser. All new. Will sell a bargain. Apply at this office.

FOR SALE.—Nancy Hall potato slips for sale. Address L. W. Watts, box 17, Lugoff, S. C.

LOST.—A pearl and diamond pendant lost near the Kirkwood Hotel. Liberal reward if returned to Kirkwood Hotel, Camden, S. C. 44-4tp

WANTED.—Salesman and collector. Apply to Singer Sewing Machine Co. C. A. Banton, Mgr., Sumter, S. C. 44-8tp

FRUIT TREES.—Fifteen Thousand Large Armour River Privet. Three to four dollars per thousand. Peach and Apple trees 15 cents. Pear, Plum and Cherry trees 30 cents. Write for prices on Grape Vines, Shade Trees, Roses and Ornamental Trees. Greenville Nursery Co., Greenville, S. C.

WANTED.—To buy green Hides. Best market price paid for them. W. B. Watkins, Camden, S. C.

FOR RENT.—30 acres of land one half mile east of Camden. Apply to Du Bose and Boykin, agents, Camden, S. C.

FOR SALE.—Several mules and one horse. Will exchange same for cattle or grain. J. B. Zemp, Camden, S. C.

SEED CORN FOR SALE.—Savage's Prolific Seed Corn for sale at \$2.00 per bushel. Western Plantation, Henry Savage, prop., Camden, S. C.; W. A. Rush, mgr., Lugoff, S. C.

SEED POTATOES.—the very best. Fresh Banner Bread from Columbia at all times. Best line of groceries and country produce. E. M. Hendrix, Camden, S. C., phone 205-L. 45-4t

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Buggies and Wagons at a Bargain.—We have two carloads of buggies and surries and two carloads of one and two horse wagons to be closed out at and below cost. D. C. Shaw Company, Sumter, S. C.

VULCANIZING.—Have bought a modern steam plant to handle casing work by the wrapped tread process, heat being applied on both sides of the work simultaneously insuring a perfect adhesion. All of this work will be absolutely guaranteed. We are looking for this equipment in about a week, in the meantime we can handle all tube work. W. O. HAYS Garage and Machine Shop, phone 166, Camden, S. C.

FOR SALE.—Good clean Cow Peas for sale. Prices on application. Apply to H. G. Carrison, Jr., Camden, S. C. 42

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