

**THE LEE COUNTY FAIR**

To be held at Bishopville, November 23rd to December 1st.

There is abundant promise that the second Lee County Fair, which will be held at Bishopville, Nov. 23 to Dec. 1st, will surpass the success made last year. All of the exhibit buildings have been enlarged and several new ones erected, which will supply ample room for all exhibits.

Entries in the several departments are fast filling and indicate one of the largest and most varied line of exhibits ever presented at a County Fair in the South. The premiums are liberal and many attractive special prizes are offered in every department.

The management have centered on no one day as a feature day but have arranged the programs so as to have every day equal in the way of attractiveness.

The Lee County Fair Horse Show, which is handled on the same plane as the horse shows of the East and West, is the only one of its class presented at a County Fair in the South. The classes comprise all styles of horsemanship and the best of show horses from the east and west have been entered in the different contests. The Horse Show starts on the opening day and continues through the last day. The show ring is the largest in the South. Running and trotting races are two of the features of the Fair and horses from all sections of the country will be on the card each day, and contested on the fastest one half mile track in the South.

The agricultural displays will be large and special provisions have been made to house one of the largest agricultural displays ever presented at a County Fair.

The household, needle and fancy

work and school exhibits promise well. In the cattle department the finest grades of cattle will be exhibited, many of the entries have taken first prizes at the big cattle shows of the North and South. Much interest in the raising of swine throughout the South during the past two years, prompted the management to offer most liberal premiums in this department and the result so far indicates a display of swine that will be of the highest class.

What promises to be the biggest poultry show of the season is indicated by the number of entries in this department, the premiums offered are the largest yet offered in the state of South Carolina, and poultry from all sections of the country will be exhibited.

The several community exhibits and individual farm displays will be a feature of the Fair.

In selecting the amusement features for the amusement plaza, the management engaged Smith Greater Shows, which is the most refined and attractive of all the amusement combinations now before the public.

The Lee County Fair is a Fair that promises no one day better than the other but every day a feature day.

Ample parking space has been provided within the grounds for automobiles and vehicles.

**Commandeer Big Wagon Factory.**

Wilson, N. C., Nov. 15.—The Hackney wagon factory of Wilson, one of the largest concerns of its kind in the South, has received a notification that the government will likely take over the entire plant for the manufacture of army wagons. The factory already has large contracts for the manufacture of army wagons. These will be turned out beginning January 1. Between 1,500 and 2,000 wagons are sent from the plant monthly in normal conditions.

**ON ITALIAN FRONT**

Italians Making Desperate Effort To Stop Teutonic Invasion.

While the Italians are holding the middle and lower reaches of the Piave river successfully against the Teutonic allied invaders and even have thrown back the greater portion of those who crossed the stream and gained the western bank, the enemy is trying with strong forces in the north to beat back the troops of Gen. Diaz, pierce the line and force a retirement westward from the river from the region of Vidor to the Adriatic sea.

In this endeavor the invaders have captured several important points of vantage—notably the village of Quero and Monte Corpielle—and have compelled the Italians under a heavy bombardment to evacuate their strongly fortified positions on Monte Tomba, almost the last stronghold barring the way to the northern edge of the Venetian plains. These captures are reported by the German war office, but the admission had been made previously by Rome that the enemy was attacking in this region with heavy effectives, doubtless among them reinforcements which it had been known for several weeks they were hurrying southward. The Germans announced also the taking of 1,100 prisoners during the fighting.

Nothing as yet has been heard of the arrival of British and French reinforcement to aid the Italians in holding their line, but the "few days" that it was announced last week would have to elapse before they could reach the front have now passed and it is not improbable that soon the front in the north will perceptibly stiffen and bring to an end the inroads of the enemy.

All the enemy forces which last week crossed the river Piave near Zenson have been swept clear of the western bank in a brilliant attack by the Italians. Large numbers of them met death along the eastern bank or were drowned in their hurried attempt to ford the stream. Others were bayoneted or forced to surrender and it was only a small portion of the original force that was able to make their way to safety.

No infantry actions of importance have taken place along the western front in Belgium and France, but indications point to another attack by Field Marshal Haig in Flanders and possibly by Gen. Petain's forces near Verdun. On both sectors extremely heavy bombardments are in progress—that in Flanders extending from the region of Passchendaele on past the French positions on the British left and up to the Belgian coast.

While the Bolshevik elements in Russia are threatening to make a peace on their own terms and thenceforth remain neutral in the war, dispatches from Petrograd are to the effect that the German Emperor has made it known that he will negotiate for peace only with the successor to the Imperial Russian Government or with the Russian constituent assembly.

**Five Submarines Destroyed.**

London, Nov. 19.—Five German submarines were destroyed on Saturday. Premier Lloyd George made this announcement today in the House of Commons, when he closed his speech in an optimistic strain concerning the prospects of victory, saying he now has no fear of the menace of submarines, five of which "pests of the sea" had been destroyed on Saturday.

An American soldier of General Pershing's forces in France has been executed before a firing squad having been found guilty of the rape of a French woman.

**LATEST THINGS IN LAWSUITS**

Italian Officer Claimed Bullet Shot Him and Got It—Swiss Resented Loss of Throat.

An Italian officer who was wounded in the Trentino has just brought an action to obtain a decision as to the rightful ownership of a bullet extracted from his body. Both doctor and nurse claimed it, but the officer contended that it was legally his. The judge gave the decision in the officer's favor by a novel line of argument.

He found that the projectile, once discharged from the gun, ceased both to belong to the man who fired it and the country which intrusted it to him. It thus became, while on its way to its billet, a res nullus, which any flodder is entitled to pick up and keep. The officer found it in his body. It was only brought to light by the surgeon, assisted by the nurse. Hence the officer was entitled to keep it. Which sounds a good deal like much ado about nothing.

Some weeks ago an abbe left a French village to take up the incumbency of another, and the mayor and his late flock lit a bonfire in the road to speed their departing parson, making merry at his expense and showing unmistakably the joy they felt at seeing his back. Naturally the abbe thought himself insulted and brought an action for damages, but as he could not show any case was dismissed.

A very stout man recently bought a third-class ticket at a roadside station in England, and found that he could not get into a third-class compartment. So he went into a first, the doors of which are wider, refusing to pay the excess. He was sued for the balance and had to pay both that and the costs, the court holding that this could not be his first offense, and, knowing that he could not squeeze through the door of a third, he ought to have booked first without more ado.

After telling a barber to trim his beard, a farmer fell asleep in the chair. He was awakened by the application of a wet towel to his face, and, looking in the glass, was not sure whether the barber had awakened him or some other fellow.

He had gone to sleep with a beard two feet long and woke up clean shaved. His whiskers, of which he was very proud, had all gone. He sued the barber for \$1,000 and got \$100.

A certain inhabitant of Switzerland had a most splendid thirst, which he plied daily with stimulants. His sister secretly put a drink cure into his potatoes, which had the magical effect of curing him of his craving, and rendering drink obnoxious. So angry was he when he learned the truth that he sued his sister for \$5,000 for the loss of his thirst!

**Disappointed Horse.**

That a horse, in spite of his "horse sense," can be pitifully deceived by appearances was demonstrated in a telling manner. A young woman was waiting patiently for a car going east, when a horse and wagon owned by a huckster stopped almost before her.

The horse, a friendly looking animal, gradually edged up to the curb near the young woman, who smiled graciously and patted him on the nose. As the car approached she walked slowly toward the track and was waiting for the car door to open when the friendly animal slipped up behind her, and with a sudden plunge grasped the bunch of green leaves from her new hat.

After a brief tussle with hat pins and yellow curls, the horse managed to wrest the hat from the young woman and marched off chewing what he evidently thought a meal of fine green. The horse chewed the milliner's painted leaves, and finding them not to his taste dropped the hat, which was returned to its owner.—Milwaukee Journal.

**Real Meaning of "Maru."**

The word "Maru," attached to the name of every Japanese merchant ship and commonly accepted as meaning "ship," has no especial meaning, according to Captain Takeshima of the Japanese steamship Hudson Maru, recently captured and released by a German raider in the South Atlantic. Captain Takeshima said that the word is the survival of a Japanese custom centuries old. He explained the origin as follows: "There are two opinions as to how the custom originated. One of the stories, which I believe is the correct one, is that in ancient times the Japanese attached 'maru' to the name of anything precious or highly prized, as a sword or a baby. It was first applied to a ship's name about 2,000 years ago, when the Empress Jingo sent an expedition to Korea. She added the word to the name of the ship that transported the troops to Korea. Ever since then 'Maru' has been part of the name of every steamship or sailing vessel. It is never used with the name of a warship."

**Babies Healthier Nowadays.**

The death rate among babies in the larger American cities has been reduced 11 per cent since 1910, according to the infant mortality survey just completed by the New York milk committee. This reduction has been made among cities of 100,000 population and over.

The smaller cities have not done so well. The reduction in cities between 50,000 and 100,000 population is only 2 per cent, while those under 50,000 show an increase of 5 per cent. The general reduction is 9 per cent. The survey covers 150 of the largest cities in the United States since 1906. The marked decrease in infant deaths did not begin until 1910, when organized infant welfare work became general.

The old Jervey hotel, a large three-story wooden structure, for many years the leading hotel of Sumter is being torn down to make way for modern brick buildings.

The construction of the new office building at Columbia was last week. The building, which cost \$230,000 is to be completed time next summer.

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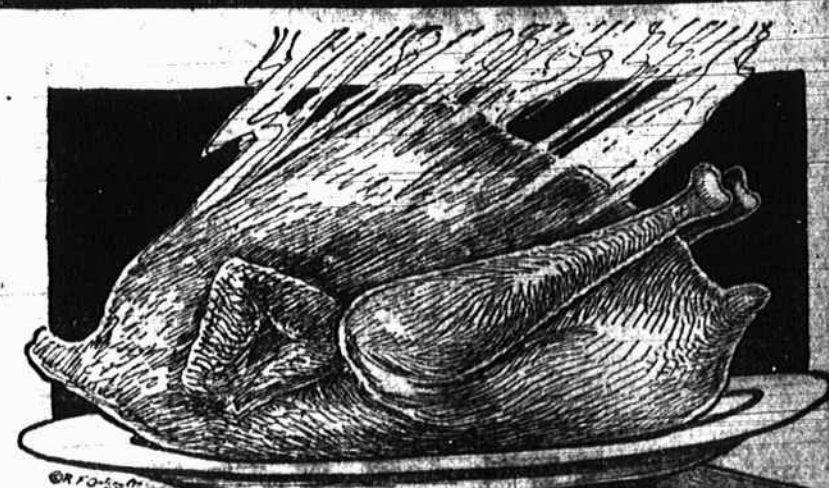
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**NOTICE-NOTICE**

The Creed farm now owned by Mr. Henry Savage, will be subdivided into small farms next week, except that 100 acres including store house and gin will be sold in one tract for \$3,500.00 on real good terms. The balance of tract will be divided in 50 acre farms and sold very cheap and on easy terms. If you can make a payment of \$100.00 or more you had better see us at once, for this is a good opportunity for the small tenant to own his land, and stop paying rent.

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