

## SOUTH CAROLINA RICH FIELD.

## Commissioner Points Out Advantages and Opportunities.

When it comes to opportunities for the intelligent tiller of the soil, there are but few sections of the world that offer as many and in as great variety in the same area as the State of South Carolina. I do not write this broad statement inadvisedly or because I happen to be a South Carolinian in charge of the agricultural activities in the State. I write it in the knowledge of conditions in most of the counties of Europe, and of the soil, climate and rainfall conditions prevalent in every other section of the United States, and because the statement is sustained by an analytical examination of Federal agricultural statistics.

In elevations the State varies from 2,000 feet above the sea level to the low-lying coastal plain affording almost every conceivable variety of soil sloping downward from the mountain sides to the sea and abundantly watered by their flowing streams.

With a mean annual temperature of 63 degrees, a summer mean of 79 and a winter mean of 46, conditions exactly similar to the famous Riviera of Southern France and of California in the vicinity of Los Angeles exist. With an average annual rainfall of 48.70 inches and a summer average precipitation of 16.94 inches, conditions are produced that mean the growing successfully of almost any crop. In no soils can better yields or quality of cotton be obtained, in no soils have larger yields per acre of corn ever been obtained on this or any other continent, and in no soil are better tobacco, fruit, forage, melons or small grain grown.

When I am asked about opportunities usually I point to Federal figures for after all to the man with the business head it is only money that talks.

## Census Shows Progress.

The Federal census shows the value of farm property in 1900 was \$153,591,159; in 1910 it was \$392,128,314, or an increase of 155 per cent. The value of farm land in 1900 was \$99,905,800 and in 1910 it was \$268,774,854, or an increase of 169 per cent. The average value of all property per farm in 1900 was \$989, while in 1910 it was \$2,223, or an increase of 124 per cent. The average value of land per acre in 1900 was \$7.14, while in 1910 it was \$19.89, or an increase of 178.6 per cent. The value of crops in 1910 was \$140,000,000 (now more than \$162,000,000), and this represents an increase of 28.4 per cent in one year, the greatest increase shown in any State in the Union. In millions of dollars this increase in 1910 over 1909 was \$31,000,000; over 1906 it \$63,000,000, and over 1900 it was \$88,685,000.

In 1910 South Carolina outranked in volume of production, though her area was so small, every Southern State except Texas and Georgia, and in value per square mile in territory she outranked both of these States, her value being \$4,518, against \$1,369 for Texas and \$3,373 for Georgia. Among all the ranking States of the Union, South Carolina's value per acre was next only to Illinois with \$5,122 and Indiana with \$4,736. None of the Southern States, except Georgia, came up to the \$3,000 mark. The fact that a little State like South Carolina could jump in 1910 from the rank 21 in production among the States of the Union in one year's time, to the rank of 13, and be one of only three Southern States standing in the list 13, or better, shows pronouncedly the nature of the opportunities offered by resources of soil and climate.

## War Losses Recouped.

If there were other evidences needed to show what South Carolina can do agriculturally when she has to do it, an examination of the results of her activities at the end of the year 1915, following the year of disaster to cotton caused by the European war, would afford that proof. Notwithstanding the tremendous losses of 1914 the producing classes so handled the situation in 1915 as to recoup most of those losses and be \$42,000,000 better off than they were at the end of 1914. There is scarcely a country in existence where so quick a turn could have been made to diversified crops for money purposes. It was done, however, on the same total cultivated acreage that the State devoted before almost exclusively to cotton and corn, and that total, by the way, was a little smaller than the total of both 1900 and 1910, upon which the above census figures are based.

This State is simply bristling with opportunities for the intelligent tiller of the soil no matter whence he comes, and it gives him the opportunity to work with the soil if he wants to do it every day in the year. I know of no other country where so many and varied opportunities can be found all at the same time in a like area. Intelligently directed

## 16,000 Soldiers Ordered Home.

San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 18.—National Guard organizations aggregating 16,000 troops were designated by Gen. Funston to leave the border service and return to their respective States to be mustered out of the federal service. He acted in compliance with war department instructions.

The organizations will move homeward in three groups to facilitate use of rolling stock. Cars are now being assembled for regiments including the first group and the movements from various border points will begin in a few days. Gen. Funston estimated it would be January 1 before all units in the last group had started.

The First Virginia Regiment is the only Southern organization included in the movement, it was announced.

## HAVE YOU RECEIVED GOLD?

## Europe is Sending Enough Precious Metal to Give \$5 Each.

What becomes of the river of gold coin whose current is now setting strongly toward these United States from the old world is told by a contributor to the Scientific American supplement. So far, in the current year alone, gold to the value of \$500,000,000, or \$5 apiece for every man, woman and child in the United States, has found its way to our banking houses or to the government treasury building, and a very large proportion of this, we are told, has been melted down into bars and ingots, to reappear ultimately in a new dress as Uncle Sam's coin—eagles, half eagles and double eagles.

The fact that such a transformation is possible is a striking illustration of the absolute value of the precious metal, as distinguished from the vicarious value of paper money. A ton of Bank of England notes, no matter how great their value, would lose it all if reduced to paper pulp; whereas a ton of gold is worth the same whether in ingots, stamped as sovereigns, or coined into \$10 gold pieces.

"Not only have the gold payments come from Europe," says the article in question, "but gold has poured across the border from Canada so fast within the past weeks that a recent shipment of \$20,000,000 had to be divided between the New York assay office and the Philadelphia mint in order to give employees of the former institution a chance to get caught up with their work. So far it has not been found necessary or expedient to make shipments to the Denver mint, as was suggested when the unusual quantity of gold began to arrive."—Literary Digest.

## PINCH OF PAPER COST.

## Felt in England Even More Than in This Country.

Newspapers publishers in England are feeling acutely the increased cost of white paper incident to war time. According to a special cable dispatch to the Herald from London, published yesterday, it is understood that the price of the Times soon will be placed at three half pence instead of one penny. Other London newspapers have in contemplation similar increases to tide them over the war crisis.

The situation in England is exactly like that which prevailed in this country during the Civil war period, when newspaper prices went from 2 cents to 3, 4 and 5 cents.

The pinch of paper cost is being felt in this country almost as keenly as in England. London dispatches indicate that the newspaper situation there is resolving itself into a question of the "survival of the fittest." Is that to become the situation in this country?

At a time when publishers with expiring contracts are considering how soon they will be compelled to increase their prices to the public, the preferred and common stocks of paper making corporations continue to soar. "It's an ill wind that blows nobody good." On the surface the present prices of stocks in paper manufacturing companies would seem to indicate belief on somebody's part that those corporations are in for a period of handsome profits.—New York Herald.

## The Reason.

"Were you seasick coming over to England, Nellie?" asked Mrs. Tinker of her new maid, who came from the Emerald Isle.

"Oi was turrible sick comin' over, but niver a qualm did Oi have goin' back, mum," replied the girl.

"Indeed?" said the mistress. "And how do you account for that, Nellie?"

"Shure," said Nellie, "an' Oi niver wint back, mum."—Exchange.

efforts produce results and those results in South Carolina at least can be measured in money more surely than in the garden spots of California, for instance.—E. J. Watson in Aalanta Georgian.

## NOTICE.

All persons are forbidden hunting, trapping, or trespassing on our land.  
P. M. KEARSE,  
J. O. KEARSE,  
L. W. RITTER,  
Nov. 27.—3t.

## TAX NOTICE.

The treasurer's office will be open for the collection of State, county, school and all other taxes from the 15th day of October, 1916, until the 15th day of March, 1917, inclusive.

From the first day of January, 1917, until the 31st day of January, 1917, a penalty of one per cent. will be added to all unpaid taxes. From the 1st day of February, 1917, a penalty of 2 per cent. will be added to all unpaid taxes. From the 1st day of March, 1917, until the 15th day of March, 1917, a penalty of 7 per cent. will be added to all unpaid taxes.

## THE LEVY.

For State purposes ..... 6 1-2 mills  
For county purposes ..... 7 mills  
Constitutional school tax ..... 3 mills

Total ..... 14 1-2 mills

## SPECIAL SCHOOL LEVIES.

Bamberg, No. 14 ..... 9 mills  
Binnakers, No. 12 ..... 3 mills  
Buford's Bridge, No. 7 ..... 2 mills  
Clear Pond, No. 19 ..... 2 mills  
Colston, No. 18 ..... 4 mills  
Denmark, No. 21 ..... 6 1-2 mills  
Ehrhardt, No. 22 ..... 9 mills  
Fishpond, No. 5 ..... 2 mills  
Govan, No. 11 ..... 4 mills  
Hutto, No. 6 ..... 2 mills  
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Hopewell, No. 1 ..... 3 mills  
Hunter's Chapel, No. 16 ..... 8 mills  
Lees, No. 23 ..... 4 mills  
Midway, No. 2 ..... 2 mills  
Oak Grove, No. 20 ..... 4 mills  
Olar, No. 8 ..... 9 mills  
St. John's, No. 10 ..... 2 mills  
Salem, No. 9 ..... 4 mills  
Three Mile, No. 4 ..... 2 mills

All persons between the ages of twenty-one and sixty years of age, except Confederate soldiers and sailors, who are exempt at 50 years of age, are liable to a poll tax of one dollar.

Capitation dog tax 50 cents.  
All persons who were 21 years of age on or before the 1st day of January, 1916, are liable to a poll tax of one dollar, and all who have not made returns to the Auditor are requested to do so on or before the 1st of January, 1917.

I will receive the commutation road tax of two (\$2.00) dollars from the 15th day of October, 1916, until the 1st day of March, 1917.

G. A. JENNINGS,  
Treasurer Bamberg County.

## NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that on January 3rd, 1917, the undersigned will apply to the Probate Judge of Bamberg county, S. C., for letters dispositive as administratrix of the estate of J. A. Hunter, deceased.

MRS. J. A. HUNTER,  
Administratrix.

Nov. 29, 1916.

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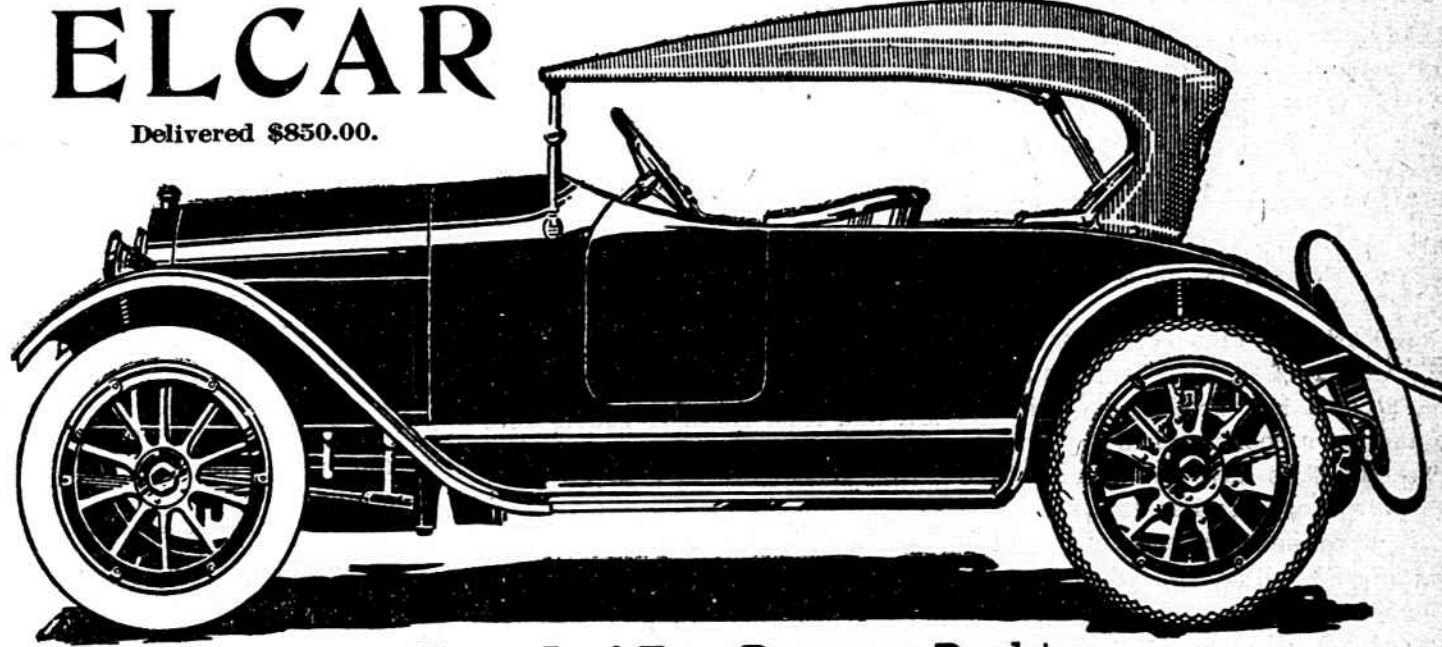
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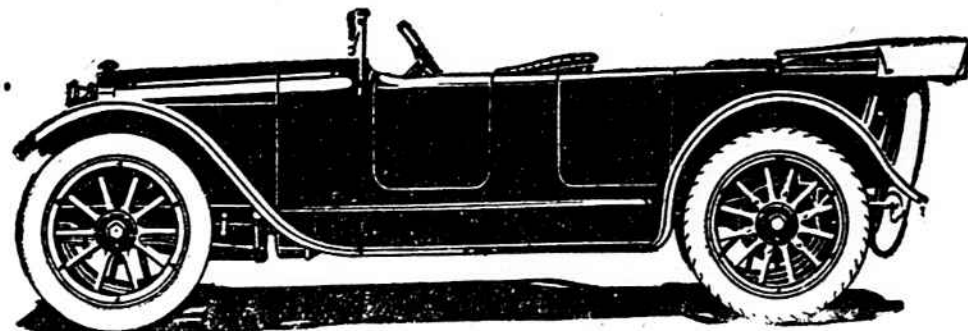
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