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Use Your Head.

A woodpecker pecks

Out a great many specks
Of sawdustWhen building a hut:
He works like a nigger
To make the hole bigger.
He's sore ifHis cutter won't cut.
He don't bother with plans
Of cheap artisans.But there's one thing
Can rightly be said:The whole excavation
Has this explanation
He builds itBy
Using
Head.

—Harlem Davis.

The city of Bamberg is to be congratulated upon the selection of the new commissioners of public works. The three gentlemen named are business men of undoubted ability, men of big business who have handled their own affairs successfully, and who, it may be confidently expected, will handle the waterworks and power plant with like success. We do not believe that three better men could have been found for the important work of rehabilitation of the public utilities of the town.

The Herald has not had the opportunity of talking with Representative Riley recently, but it has had an expression from the other two members of the Bamberg delegation to the general assembly, Mr. Kearse and Dr. Black. Both of these gentlemen express themselves as opposed to any increase of appropriations at the present session of the general assembly; in fact, we should judge that they are inclined to the belief that the appropriations should be reduced. While we do not know Mr. Riley's attitude, we believe we can safely say that he is also opposed to an increased appropriation bill.

It is gratifying to note that interest has increased in the cotton acreage reduction movement in this county. The meeting at the court house Tuesday was well attended by farmers from nearly every section of the county. A noteworthy fact that was brought out at the meeting was that while in some counties of this state last year from 20 to 30 acres of cotton were planted per plow, the average in Bamberg was not more than eight to ten acres. It is generally conceded that the farmers of this county are in far better circumstances today than most of the counties of South Carolina. It appears that the less cotton planted last year the less money was lost on the crop.

The Herald cannot bring itself to believe that there exists a necessity for a woman's dormitory at the University of South Carolina. It would, of course, be very nice to have such a building, and we sympathize with the ambition to secure this woman's building. We trust that one day it will be a reality. Under the present conditions, however, we cannot see the wisdom of an appropriation for this purpose. There are institutions in this state for the women that we think will answer very well. The state has spent enormous sums of money to provide the women's institutions with the facilities for lighter learning, and while it is true that many women doubtless desire the special instruction given at the university, this number is not great. If the instruction at the women's institutions is inadequate, we suggest raising the standard to meet the needs of the women. It must be remembered that the people have groaned under the burden of war time taxation for several years past. There has been little demurring on account of high taxes of the recent past because, as a rule, the people were able to pay heavy taxes. Now they are not. No one is any longer making money because of the war, and it is quite enough to pay the regular taxes this year without the additional burden of an expense that is not an absolute and immediate necessity. The people of the state have gotten along this long without the woman's building, and we believe that the state can get along, without serious injury to the cause of higher education, for some years to come without this expenditure. The Herald believes that it is the duty of the legislature to not appropriate a single dollar that is not absolutely necessary this year.

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Don't Neglect Your Fruit Trees.

Under normal conditions the importance of the home orchard is supplementing the family food supply is too great to be estimated. Therefore, with the invasion of the cotton boll weevil, a menace to the south's money crop and a pest to remain with us—and the abnormal prices of foodstuffs, a few fruit trees should be planted about every home. Fall and winter months are best for orchard work and there is only one thing that pays better than having a sound knowledge of how to care for an orchard; and that is to use it and make yours the best in the county. The mere fact of a high priced fruit tree planted does not insure fruitful returns, and if they are not properly cared for, all the owner gets for his labor and money invested is insects and disappointment. We urge you to begin at once and either plant a few trees or prune, spray and cultivate those you already have and give them a fair chance and not results.

The shortage of good trees and vines with the prevailing high prices of fruit should be accepted as an object lesson and the combination ought to encourage the planting of a few fruit trees on every farm and better attention given to the old orchard. If you have a home orchard or even better a few scattered plantings of fruit trees that are worthy of attention, begin a once to prune, spray, worm and cultivate, otherwise arrange to plant one-fourth acre (approximately 30 trees and vines). At this time trees and vines to plant one-fourth acre, which is enough to supply the average family, will cost between \$10.00 and \$15.00. You can't afford to neglect yours, as the fruit trees when neglected will gradually decline in vigor and finally die.

In conjunction with the county agents throughout the state a campaign of winter pruning, spraying and related work is already in progress in the various counties. The horticultural specialists of the extension service, Clemson College, S. C., have arranged and are now carrying out a schedule by which to spend one to three days with each county agent. If you are interested in growing fruit trees either on a large or small scale, and desire information, write, phone or ask your county agent for information concerning orchard work and arrange to attend some of the field demonstration in pruning and spraying that will be given over the county during the week that is designated as "orchard week."

Get behind this movement and let's see a good orchard on every farm throughout the county.

J. D. BRANDON,
County Agent.

Installment Steak.

Mr. Jiggs—"Just think, I have a porterhouse steak!"

Mrs. Jiggs—"My word! Where did you get it?"

Mr. Jiggs—"From the installment butcher, \$1 down and \$1 a week."—
Omaha Herald.

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Invaded Home, Is Charge.

Probably the most sensational story was told the jury in court of general sessions shortly before the noon recess today when Charley Newman, charged with forgery, took the stand and swore that F. M. Grissette, editor of the Woodruff News, had invaded the sanctity of Newman's home and had stolen his wife's affections. Mr. Grissette, Newman said, admitted that he loved Mrs. Newman far more than he loved his own wife, who was not living at Woodruff at that time. Newman said Mr. Grissette signified his willingness to do anything to make restitution to the Newman home and it was finally decided that Grissette was to contribute to the upkeep of the Newman household, which consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Newman and their small son. After that time Newman swore that many checks were given the Newman family by Mr. Grissette and later on when Newman was out of work Mr. Grissette practically supported the Newman home, the witness said.

Newman testified Grissette came to him one day and told him that the Grissette account at a Woodruff bank had been overdrawn and that he (Grissette) was in serious trouble because of this state of affairs. The matter was discussed by the two men at length and it was finally decided that Newman would leave the state and allow the authorities to conclude that he had forged the checks he had cashed, Newman told the twelve jurors.

Grissette met him in Spartanburg and handed him \$12.50, he said, and Newman immediately went to Augusta. While in the Georgia city Newman testified Grissette sent him \$10 with which to pay his board.

Later Newman went to Gastonia and a short time later he was arrested and brought back to Spartanburg to face trial on the charge of forging Grissette's name to a check for \$14. Newman was found guilty, however, and was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary this afternoon.—Spartanburg dispatch to News and Courier Jan. 7.

Mr. Grissette was employed on The Herald about a year ago, and will be remembered by many of our citizens.

A Slight Mistake.

"Do you know what day this is, John, dear?" she asked sweetly at the breakfast table.

Unpleasant recollections of previous memory lapses flashed through John's mind. He wouldn't be caught this time.

"Why, of course, my love! How could I possibly forget that this is our wedding anniversary?" he said with grave reproof.

"No, it isn't. That is three months ahead," she responded coldly. "This is the day on which you promised to take the afternoon off from the office and beat the rugs."

Enlisted men in the United States army, who were officers during the war will wear a cuff braid of forest

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