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Most farmers say they have the best corn crop in years; hay crop is good, potatoes good, peanuts apparently good, there is plenty of meat, outlook for grain promising, all crops good but cotton. There have been years, not so very long ago either, when the cotton crop was bad and most other crops bad. The people are not near so bad off as they might be. Added to this, there is every indication of a good crop next season; there is every indication of good prices for farm products next year. Let's everybody smile and look on the bright side. The country has not gone to the bow wows yet.

It seems to be the plan of friends and supporters of Lieut. Governor Harvey to elect Governor Cooper associate justice at the next sitting of the legislature, and thus elevate Mr. Harvey to the governor's chair. Mr. Harvey has long aspired to become governor of South Carolina, and we are rather inclined to believe that about the only way he will become governor is for Governor Cooper to resign. But Mr. Cooper will not have an easy road to an associate justice-ship. There are a great many friends of the governor, who look upon him as a most amiable and admirable chief executive, who have more or less misgivings as to his qualifications for associate justice. The governor is a fine man, a thorough gentleman, but those qualifications are not sufficient to qualify him for the supreme bench. The Herald has said before and we repeat it, of all the candidates, announced and "spoken of," Mr. J. F. Carter, of Bamberg, easily heads the list, in our opinion, in qualifications of every character, and the man who defeats Mr. Carter next January will be the next associate justice.

It appears unfortunate sometimes that the broad American principle guaranteeing freedom and liberty should provide an avenue of escape from just punishment on the part of those to whom a speedy visitation of punishment is most desirable. This appears to be especially true in the case of the three white men of Columbia recently convicted in Lexington of the foul robbery and murder of the taxicab driver. The men confessed to the murder, one of the foulest crimes ever committed in this state, and were duly sentenced to pay the penalty on the 21st of October. Attorneys representing two of the men, Gappins and Kirby, have given notice of appeal to the supreme court, thus automatically staying execution of the sentence of death in the electric chair, and a petition is being signed asking the governor to commute the sentence of the other participant in the crime, Fox. The right of appeal is constitutional and cannot be denied, and yet it is right, it is in the interest of good government, for confessed murderers and robbers to escape their punishment in this manner? By their own admission, and the men convicted themselves, they are guilty of foul crime. Appeal, therefore, apparently can be for no other reason than delaying a just punishment.

There has been a greater tendency, during the past few weeks, to convict in the state courts that the state has known in many years. The jurors have evidently come to the conclusion that if crime is to be put down there must be some convictions in the court room. This is a healthy indication of a change of sentiment in South Carolina, and it is safe to say that if this attitude is maintained there is going to be a marked decrease in the commission of crime in this state. In every portion of the state we read of conviction of persons for crimes great and small. There are several persons in the state penitentiary awaiting execution for murder, and the penitentiary work shops and farm and the county chain gangs are being replenished. In Bamberg county the chain gang is larger than in several years. During the last term of criminal court here there was but one acquittal. We should be distressed to see the conviction of innocent persons in the courts, but we should like to see every guilty person convicted. There has been all too evident in the past an unnatural sympathy for accused persons in this state, and it had almost reached the point that the criminal had not much to fear at the hands of a kindly disposed jury. But the juries are now convicting, apathy in the court house is disappearing. The judges, it appears, have taken on a new determination that the courts shall assert themselves, and with this attitude the public may expect a dissipation of the crime wave.

KEARSE BUREAU

Personal Items.

Kearse, October 4.—Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Stuckey, of Cope, visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Kearse, Friday.

Miss Rosa Hightower spent the week-end with her parents in the Denmark section.

Miss Agnes Kearse is visiting friends and relatives at Cope. We wish her a pleasant trip and a speedy return.

Miss Gertrude Smoak and mother, of Bamberg, spent a few days last week with Mrs. J. O. Ritter.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Jenny, of Fairfax, spent Saturday at the home of B. V. Kearse.

Cat Fish Stew.

J. F. Breeland had a number of his friends to join him at his home on Thursday evening in a cat fish stew. Fried fish, "red horse bread" and hot coffee were also served and a pleasant evening spent.

Lost Valuable Mule.

J. F. Kearse lost a valuable mule last week. Such losses fall heavily on our farmers at the present time.

Attend Ehrhardt Chautauqua.

A number of folks attended the Radcliffe chautauqua at Ehrhardt last week. They report some fine lectures and good numbers along other lines.

School Progressing Nicely.

The White Point school is progressing nicely under its present management. Some new pupils have been enrolled; the total enrollment now being forty-one. They met last week and organized a literary society with the following officers: President, Ruth Ritter; secretary and treasurer, Corinne Ayer; teacher critic, Miss Rosa Hightower.

Home Demonstration Club.

The Ladies' Home Demonstration club will meet this afternoon with Mrs. H. A. Kearse. Demonstration will be steam pressure cooking. These meetings are a service of pleasure as well as profit to our members, and we must congratulate Miss Varn on the good work in our county. Some of our "pessimists" have said that there is no use in all these demonstrations during these "hard times," for we haven't the nice things to cook at home, nor the "dough" to buy those things to beautify our homes. We beg to differ here, while it is true our pantries are not so full as they once were and money is scarce, still we feel that we are a long way from famine, and we are going to "keep on trying." Anyway, none of us are too old (are we?) to build "castles in Spain," and we can look forward to a time when boll weevils and post-war conditions generally will be a thing of the past. Then, perhaps, we won't have to go to Spain to find our castles, for we may find them right here in the old Salkehatchie valley and what a grand and glorious feeling will come over us when we know that we understand how to furnish our castle (or cottage it may be) with taste. Then when "Mrs. Jones" or "Mrs. Smith" comes to call they can't criticize us for lack of taste.

Just in Confidence.

A man got in a cab at a Southern railway station and said: "Drive me to a haberdasher's."

"Yaas, suh," said the driver, whipped up his horse and drove a block; then he leaned over to address his passenger: "Scuse me, boss; whar d' you say you wanta go?"

"To a haberdasher's."

"Yes, suh, yaas, suh." After another block there was the same performance: "Scuse me, boss, but whar d' you say you wanta go?"

"To a haberdasher's," was the somewhat impatient reply.

Then came the final appeal: "Now, look-a-here, boss, I be'n drivin' in dis town twenty year, and I ain't never give nobody away yit. Now, you jes tell dis nigger whar 't is you wanta go."

A Cherished Experience.

The spinster waited two or three hours to be admitted to the presence of the man who visited their town once a month to retail good advice and his own proprietary medicine. At last she was admitted.

"Yes, yes," said the brusque doctor.

"I want to know if influenza can be transmitted by kissing?"

"Beyond a doubt, madam."

"Well, a man with a pronounced case of influenza kissed me."

"How long ago was that?"

"Well, let's see. I think it was about two months."

"Why, madam no harm can come to you from the exposure. It is quite too late."

"I know it," she sighed, "but I just love to talk about it."

EHRHARDT BUREAU

W. F. Hiers, Manager.

To Hold Community Fair.

Ehrhardt, Oct. 4.—A meeting was held Saturday afternoon in Copeland hall in the interest of the community fair. A good attendance was had, and much interest and enthusiasm manifested. It is certain now that we will have the fair some time next month, and that the people will cooperate and make it a success. We can rest assured that whatever energy and time we expend in this direction will be for the good of the town and community.

Call to Rev. Mr. Davis.

Representatives of the Baptist church and the other churches comprising this field met one afternoon recently and called the Rev. Mr. Davis, now located at Ninety-Six, to this pastorate. These churches have been without a pastor since Rev. D. H. Owings left them last February. We congratulate them on having made this call, and hope that Mr. Davis can accept.

Chautauqua Last Week.

Last Thursday, Friday and Saturday afternoon and night the people of our town and community were treated to feasts of clean, wholesome entertainments, and inspirational lectures. It was a rare treat to all who took advantage of the opportunity, especially the school children. There is no doubt but that the Radcliff chautauqua is a community builder, and the guarantors who made it possible to have the chautauqua this year deserve the sincere commendation of all the people. The greatest asset, the true worth of any community lies within its men and women, its boys and girls, and any activity that will increase their mental and spiritual development is worth while, moreover it is worth a great deal of sacrifice.

Lyceum Course Opens.

The first number of this season's lyceum was given in the school auditorium Monday night. It was a musical number and was very much enjoyed.

Movie House Opens.

Our town has been without a moving picture play house, for many months, until last night the Ehrhardt theater, under the management of P. B. McLeod, opened its doors to the public and rendered a very entertaining programme.

WOOD FOR PENCILS.

Is Becoming Scarcer Every Day and Causes Worry.

Where do all the lead pencils come from and where do they go? Although almost everybody has one, many folk never buy one, but even so, more than 750,000,000 are manufactured for use in the United States every year using up many thousands of cords of wood.

But woods suitable for lead pencils are becoming scarcer and many manufacturers are turning to paper. Red Cedar and Red Juniper, says the American Forestry association are the woods chiefly used in making lead pencils. A hunt is on for other kinds of wood that will take the place of these. In East Africa a kind of cedar has been found with which experiments are being made. The production in the United States is about 80,000 cases of pencil slats per year. From each case 100 gross of pencils is made. This result is about one billion pencils of American grown cedar. Since one-fourth of this number is sent to foreign countries that leaves 750,000,000 pencils for the home market, which means an average of seven pencils per person figuring on the last census.

As far back as history goes man has tried to make things to mark with and to set down his thoughts. The Aztecs and the Pharaohs had crude marking devices. As early as 1750 Kalm, a Swedish naturalist, made experiment with American cedar. In 1812 William Monroe made 500 pencils at Concord and sold them in Boston but the war stopped his plans. In 1861 Eberhard Faber began making pencils on a large scale in this country.

The graphite which makes the mark is of course the important part in the manufacture of the pencil. Ceylon has furnished much of the graphite used in this country. Graphite is also found in Madagascar and in Mexico. Czechoslovakia contains deposits of both the amorphous and crystalline graphite. In the United States the chief deposits are in Alabama, New York and Pennsylvania.

In Finland there is a stone which, like a barometer, forecasts the weather.

Chinese are appearing in Paris, where they are seeking work as domestic servants.

THE 1922 POLITICAL POT.

Williston Paper Discusses Possibilities—Predicts Carter's Election.

If the reports that are getting more numerous each day are true, there will be no scarcity of aspirants for Governor Cooper's position next year.

An account in a well known South Carolina weekly, whose editor is in position to know the inside of some political dope, puts A. F. Lever, Wilson G. Harvey and Henry Tillman, of Greenwood, son of Senator Tillman, in the possibility class and states that there is a strong probability that either or both Senators Marion and Laney will be in the race. There is considerable talk going the rounds now mostly from Charleston sources where the elevation of the governor would be most pleasing—that the next legislature will elect Governor Cooper to the supreme bench. The report that Senator Marion is grooming for the governor's race, may mean that he will not be a candidate for the vacancy on the supreme Bench in which case the race would probably be between J. F. Carter and M. L. Bonham, and Carter should easily win. Aside from his age and other qualities that should commend him above General Bonham, this section of South Carolina is entitled to a representative on the bench. Governor Cooper will be foolish to allow himself to be run.

A. F. Lever, if he consents to make the race for governor, will be hard to beat. He is strong in every way.

When it comes to fitness there is no man in South Carolina better fitted for the next governor than Judge Mendel L. Smith. He spoke to a large audience in Augusta recently and words ring true as steel. Among other things he says: "The great and vital thing is the enforcement of law, and law can only be enforced if it is the sentiment of a community that it shall be enforced. The second factor in enforcing the respect for law is the certainty of punishment in the courts. This is your problem and mine to create a healthy public sentiment for law observance."

In a masterful way, Judge Smith scored those who profited while American boys bled and died in France and stated that denominational and family differences were forgotten when our boys marched against a common foe. It is his idea that this same combined effort on our part, and that alone, will suffice in the fight that must be made on those who have such a wanton disregard for the sanctity of human life.

If this state turns aside from lawyers, and just as good governors as South Carolina ever had never opened a volume of Blackstone, the name of Senator Christensen, of Beaufort, will almost certainly be presented. This section of the state has not had a governor since Heyward and has no apologies to make for Niels Christensen, a sound business man.—Williston Way.

CITATION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION.

The State of South Carolina—County of Bamberg, By J. J. Brabham, Jr., Probate Judge.

Whereas, R. C. Hardwick made suit to me to grant him Letters of Administration of the Estate and Effects of Cloteal Federick.

These are, therefore, to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said Cloteal Federick, deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the court of probate, to be held at Bamberg, on the 20th day of Oct., next, after publication hereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand this 4th day of October, anno domini 1921.

J. J. BRABHAM, JR.,

10-13 Judge of Probate.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the District Court of the United States.

For the Eastern District of South Carolina.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

In the matter of Denmark Planing Mill Company, Bankrupt.

To the Creditors of said Bankrupt, of Denmark, in the County of Bamberg, and District aforesaid: Notice is hereby given, that on the 22nd day of September, A. D. 1921, the said Denmark Planing Mill Co. was duly adjudicated Bankrupt and that a meeting of its creditors will

be held at my office in Orangeburg, S. C., on the 17th day of October, A. D. 1921, at eleven o'clock, A. M., at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the Bankrupt and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting. Notice is further given that at this meeting application will be made for an order for sale of both real and personal property, and if offered, a composition to creditors will be voted on.

PELHAM L. FELDER, Referee in Bankruptcy. Dated at Orangeburg, S. C., Oct. 4, 1921.

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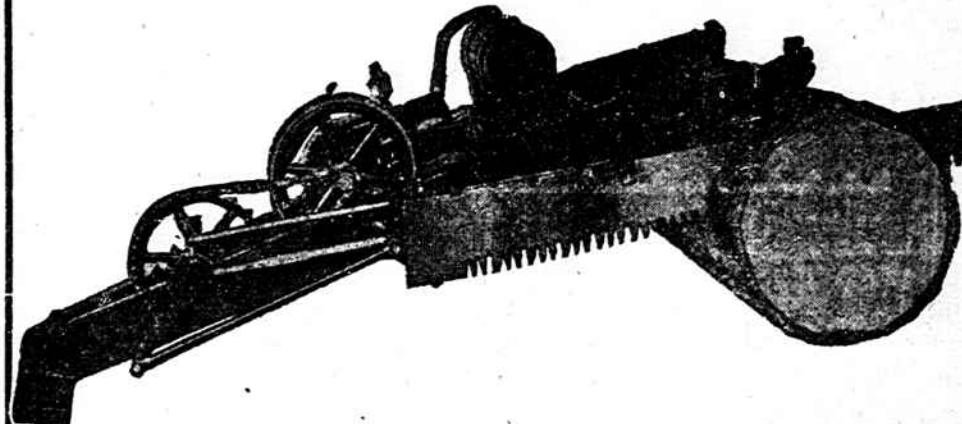
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