

DOTS FROM SWEAT SWAMP.

Mr. Editor—I will try to give you a few lines from this corner. The farmers have been plowing some, and hauling gunno considerable, but I think they will have to stop hauling for want of good roads. We are just out of roads at this time. The old roadway is there, but the roads are gone in many places. Any one who doubts it if they will take a trip over some of the roads down here I think they will soon decide for themselves.

Our genial Rural Mail carrier has a piece of the worst road to go over that I know of and it is a public road too. I hear that people hauling have had to quit trying to haul over it, and that causes them to cut up our settlement roads. Now, we need a road leading from Clio in the direction of Judson, which would be a very much nearer route for the people of Marion county who haul from Clio, and better road in summer, for the farmers like to go and come in a short time. This road could be built without much cost and would be a great saving of time to the farmers and others, for it would shorten the distance considerably, as any one may see by drawing a straight line from Clio to Judson, as the road line does not vary much for the greater part of the way, and there is a road on this line nearly the whole route, but it needs straightening in some places which could be easily done.

We sent up a petition for this road about a year ago but have heard nothing from it. We pay our road tax, and if any one fails to pay his road and poll tax they get the poll and this poll has to work it out in the chain gang. In this section if white or colored fails to pay his road tax they willingly work it out on the road.

I would be glad if our worthy Supervisor would come down this way some time and see the situation, and he would see the benefit this road from Clio to Judson would be to both counties. The people of Marion would willingly help build this road as it shortens the distance for them.

Feb 27th, 1904. Hermit.

The Remorseful Cakes.

A little boy named Thomas ate
 Hot buckwheat cakes for tea—
 A very rash proceeding, as
 We presently shall see.

He went to bed at eight o'clock,
 As all good children do,
 But scarce had closed his little eyes,
 When he most restless grew

He flopped on this side, then on that,
 Then knelt upon his head,
 And covered all at once each spot,
 Of his wee trouble bed

He wrapped one leg around his waist,
 And tither round his ear,
 While mamma wondered what on earth
 Could ail her little dear.

But sound he slept, and as he slept

The Constitution's Cash Offer.

A Chance For A Rich Prize.
 Have you read the Atlanta Constitution's great offer published elsewhere in this paper? If not read it over carefully, two years ago a gentleman at McColl got a big prize. The contest is open to all alike upon the conditions stated.

Subscribers to this paper may under the Port Receipts Contest, either by complying with the exact terms of the offer as it is found in the advertisement or by subscribing to the Constitution and this paper in combination as follows: The Weekly Constitution and The Democrat both, one year, \$2.00 and one estimate in the contest. The Sunny South and The Democrat both, one year \$1.50 and one estimate in the contest. The Constitution and Sunny South with The Democrat, all three one year, \$2.25 and two estimates in the contest. Upon receipt of your order with the remittance we will forward it promptly to the Constitution and send you estimates in exact compliance with the terms of the offer. If you wish to make more than one estimate or more than the two estimates provided for above, there is provision for that so you can send it directly to the Constitution or to us.

The great combination offer, Weekly Constitution, Sunny South and The Democrat is the ideal newspaper proposition for 1904. The Weekly Constitution affords all the news of each week from every available source of general or special interest. The Sunny South presents a rich variety of stories, articles, items of adventure and travel, personal contribution, and columns of happy sunshine to supplement the news features of the Constitution and complete the offer. The Democrat gives the County news, local happenings, accounts of local interest, and a presentation of facts from the view point of one who stands near by you and under stands how to give just what you want to read in the home happenings.

We believe that such a combination is invaluable, that it will be of inestimable value in your home and that it will bring your subscription promptly to our office. Do not delay, now is the time to subscribe. Make the details of your offer perfectly plain, give your estimates in plain figures so that we can understand what you mean. We will forward the subscriptions and estimates carefully. Address all orders to The Marlboro Democrat Bennettsville, S. C.

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 Eight hour laws are ignored by those careless, little workers—Dr. King's New Life Pills Millions are always at work, night and day, curing Indigestion, Bile, Constipation, Sick Headache and all Stomach, Liver and Bowel troubles. Easy, pleasant, safe, sure. Only 25c at J. T. Douglas's drug store.

A Piece of Carelessness.
 On Wednesday last some, either out hunting or other wise passing along, dropped fire in the straw field on Mr. C. S. McColl's Cousin Ham place, south of the Society Hill road, and before it was discovered it burned four small buildings and about \$5,000 pounds of choice peavine hay, and came near getting a large two story barn.

Fresh Oat Meal only 15c or two for 25c at
 Claude Moore's.

\$7,500 Cash Contest
THE ATLANTA CONSTITUTION'S

Great New Offer Upon Receipts of Cotton at All United States Ports From September 1st, 1903, to May 1st, 1904, Both Inclusive.
Contest Opened Jan. 18th, 1904, Closes April 20th, 1904.

DIVISION OF PRIZES.

For the exact, or the nearest to the exact, estimate of the total number of Bales of Cotton received at all United States ports from September 1st, 1903, to May 1st, 1904, both inclusive..... \$ 2,500.00
 For the next nearest estimate..... 1,000.00
 For the 10 next nearest estimates, \$25.00 each..... 250.00
 For the 20 next nearest estimates, 12.50 each..... 250.00
 For the 50 next nearest estimates, 5.00 each..... 250.00
 For the 100 next nearest estimates, 3.00 each..... 300.00

\$ 5,000.00

Additional Offers for Best Estimates Made During Different Periods of the Contest.

For convenience the time of the contest is divided into estimates received by the Constitution during four periods—the first period covering from the beginning of contest to February 10, 1904; second period, from February 10 to March 1, 1904; third period, March 1 to 20; fourth period, March 20 to April 20, 1904. We will give the best estimate received during each period (in addition to whatever other prize it may take, or if it takes no prize at all) the sum of \$125.00.

The four prizes thus offered at \$125.00 each amount to..... \$ 500.00

TWO GRAND CONSOLATION OFFERS.

First—For distribution among those estimates (not taking any of the above prizes) coming within 500 bales either way of the exact figures..... \$ 1,000.00

Second—For distribution among those estimates (not taking any of the above prizes and not sharing the first consolation offer) coming within 100 bales either way of the exact figures..... 1,000.00

Grand Total..... \$7,500.00
 In case of a tie on any prize estimate the money will be equally divided.

Conditions of Sending Estimates in This Port Receipts Contest.

Subject to the usual conditions, as stated regularly in The Constitution each week, the contest is now on. Attention is called to the following summary of conditions:

1. Send \$1.00 for The Weekly Constitution one year and with ONE ESTIMATE in the contest.
2. Send 50 cents for The Sunny South one year and with ONE ESTIMATE in the contest.
3. Send \$1.25 for The Weekly Constitution and Sunny South both one year, and send TWO ESTIMATES in the contest—that is, one estimate for The Constitution and another for The Sunny South.
4. Send 50 cents for ONE ESTIMATE alone in the contest IF YOU DO NOT WANT A SUBSCRIPTION. Such a remittance merely pays for the privilege of sending the estimate. If you wish to make a number of estimates on this basis, you may send THREE ESTIMATES FOR EVERY \$1.00 without subscriptions; the sender may forward them with only \$2.00—this splendid discount being offered for only ten estimates in one order. A postal card receipt will be sent for ALL ESTIMATES RECEIVED WITHOUT SUBSCRIPTIONS. Where subscriptions are ordered, THE ARRIVAL OF THE PAPER ITSELF IS AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT THAT YOUR ESTIMATE HAS BEEN RECEIVED AND IS CAREFULLY RECORDED.
5. The money and the subscription and the estimate must come in the same envelope every time. The estimate, the money and the subscription go together. THIS RULE IS POSITIVE.

Secretary Hester's Figures Covering the Period of the Contest.

COTTON SEASON.	TOTAL PORT RECEIPTS.	BALES IN COTTON CROP.
1897-98	8,333,862	11,199,994
1898-99	7,953,451	11,274,840
1899-00	6,843,134	10,383,422
	6,248,312	9,436,416

How to Buy.

The indication are that corn, wheat, potatoes and all other foods for man will be in greater demand in 1904 than for the past year. Corn acreage should be increased and the mood of preparing the land should be more thorough than in former years. Turn your lands at least one inch deeper than they were ever broken before. The one inch deeper turned on top will not be injurious and it will add 150 tons of loosened soil per acre. That will enable the land to hold that much more moisture for the plants in the summer period. If possible, follow the turn plow with a subsoiler, to break up the clay hardpan eight or more inches below the work of the turn-plow. This will give an acre of land the power of holding six to eight more tons of water. The corn in June and July will want water more than fertilizers. Over 80 per cent of the growing plant is water, and the proportion of moisture must be maintained during its green state, if a full crop be expected.

Determine now to grow the heaviest crop of corn you ever had. There will be a demand for it. Humanity is increasing and the bread crop must be made larger to supply the demands. Keep the plows going every day, getting deeper down and finding new soil that have not been drawn from in making plants heretofore. This will be a half substitute for fertilizers.

ADVICE TO GIRLS.
 What are the girls doing these winter evenings? It's a good time now, when not too tired, to get out the spring cloth and fix up for early spring wear. It's nice to have something all ready to put on when we happen to need it, and a little brushing up, getting the spots out and perhaps putting on new braid, will make the left-over skirt look fresh and last us till time and opportunity presents themselves to get a new one. The cotton shirt waist can be fixed up with a new skirt collar, a little feather stitching and neatly ironed and mended, and there you are all ready for the spring days which will be upon us before we know it.

Mrs. L. A. Sawyer.

Elia Wheeler Wilcox and James Whitcomb Riley met recently at the Westminster Hotel, in this city, says the N. Y. Times.
 I never will forget what you said about me, Mr. Riley, said the poetess of passion when I first attempted to write poetry.
 Nothing unpleasant, I hope, exclaimed the Hoosier poet.
 You said, continued the poetess, that I was too homely to write poetry. Did I ever say that?
 Yes, you did! or at least it was published as coming from you. It made a deep impression on me. About that time I was making a rag doll for a little niece of mine, and I not only made it, but I painted its face. And I made that face just as ugly as I knew how and called the doll James Whitcomb Riley.

Hicks—My wife is very methodical. She's always got a place for everything and everything in its place.
Wicks—so has mine; but I'll be hanged if I can ever find the place.—Phila. Ledger.

JUNIPER POLES
 I am prepared to supply telegraph or telephone poles from 30 feet down to suit, at short notice. Address me Blethen R. F. D. 1.
 Dec 16, 1903. A. J. Jones.

A CARD.
 From E. W. Goodwin.
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 Respectfully,
 E. W. Goodwin,
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MR. P. A. HODGES
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TRAIN Leave Bennettsville 6:45 a. m.
 43 Leave Cheraw 7:25 a. m.
 Leave Kulluck's 7:40 a. m.
 Arrive Cheraw 7:50 a. m.

TRAIN Leave Bennettsville 4:00 p. m.
 33 Leave Cheraw 5:30 p. m.
 Leave Kulluck's 5:50 p. m.

WEST BOUND FROM CHERAW

TRAIN Leave Cheraw 8:10 a. m.
 44 Leave Bennettsville 8:50 a. m.
TRAIN Leave Cheraw 8:25 p. m.
 Leave Kulluck's 8:50 p. m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
 A. G. PAGE, Supt.
 Cheraw, Nov. 7, 1903.

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