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RAISING CORN AND OTHER GRAIN CROPS

PREVAILING IDEA AMONG CHEROKEE FARMERS.

Raising of Cotton and Selling for "Less Than Cost" Playing Out—News Notes from Lower Cherokee.

Wilksville, Nov. 24.—Several homes and farms will change hands among the tenant classes for next year. But as there is a prospect of a large small grain crop being sown there will be no scarcity of labor. In fact it will be better for the landowners as well as for the lands.

The cotton crop is about all gathered. This spring a good deal of it wasn't picked out before March and some not gathered at all.

Several of our neighbors have good hogs to kill, but there is not enough of them to supply the demand for meat next year.

Dr. H. E. Field says there is very little sickness in the community compared with what it sometimes is at this time of year.

The cotton market doesn't advance fast enough for the farmers though some of them are selling for what they can get. This is because they want to meet the demands against them or provide what they are compelled to have.

The idea of raising corn and other grain crops was never so prevalent as it now is. This thing of raising and selling cotton for less than the cost of production is fast playing out. It's "pressing many a good man to the wall" as the saying is. Some one has said, "Experience keeps a dear school but fools will learn in no other." He might have added and not even in that.

Now that the elections are over and things are settling down to normal conditions—the smoke of battle having cleared away—we might take a retrospective view of the political field and sum up the casualties among the contending forces.

It has been reported that Napoleon said that God was always on the side that had the most men and heaviest artillery. If we could only think Napoleon ever expressed such an idea (much less believed it) it would have greatly diminished our admiration of the man we take him to have been.

In most of the great battles of the world it's a matter of history that the success of the other was brought about by the activities or inactivities of some subordinate officer who turned the scales at a fortunate or unfortunate time as the case may have been. This has been proven in our own time and generation.

Political wars are waged on the same line with identically the same results. Often if the plans of a subordinate officer are carried out the victory is won.

In following up closely the late presidential campaign the same thing occurs.

In our judgment the greatest statesmen or political economist of the south who championed the cause of Wm. J. Bryan and Democracy was Hon. David E. Finley. According to Associated Press reports, as we read them, he as vice-chairman of the Democratic executive committee, urged the party not to be content to throw all its money and influence toward the doctrine of Bryan but to expend its energies equally in carrying the doubtful congressional districts of the north. He advocated the election of Bryan, of course, but he was equally interested in carrying enough of the doubtful districts to give the Democratic party a majority in congress.

The result was Bryan was defeated and with him most if not all the doubtful districts were lost.

There are other matters equally as potent in bringing about Republican success we could mention if at this late day it were necessary. We pass them by for the present.

The politicians of the north know the strong men of the south much better than we do.

The idea of sending Southern men up north to tell those people how to vote is sheer nonsense. Though some of the best men we have went and did their work faithfully and honestly.

Mr. Whisonant has a fine line of goods on hand—everything for the winter and holiday trade is to be found in his stock. Boyce knows exactly how to meet the tastes and needs of his customers.

Abingdon Creek church has received a new coat of paint and it shows up magnificently from a distance. Those people deserve much credit for taste and energy.

Capt. Alfred Harris has our thanks for two fine puppies sent us last week. They are daisies of the canine stamp. Jimmie Strain says he had hard work to get around admirers who wanted them and even wanted to buy them.

If the rats get much worse we will have to leave home to get rid of them.

There will be an old folks singing at Abingdon Creek church on the first Sabbath of December.

Communion services will be held at Salem next Sabbath (November 29th). Rev. A. G. Buckner is expected to fill the pulpit there and conduct the ceremonies.

The weather prophets predict a snow sometime before long.

Mr. Whisonant has sold over \$100 worth of seed wheat this season. People will sow more of it than they have done in many years if the weather conditions will continue favorable for a few days longer. A

large crop of oats is also being sown.

Taking into consideration the damage done by the freshets on the rivers and creeks the corn crop will be an unusually light one and many will have to buy next year who are not in the habit of doing so. But for this calamity the farmers of this section would be in better condition than they have been in many years. But they are a plucky set and used to hard licks and they will survive it, we think. All they ask for is a fair field and no favors.

Mr. and Mrs. Asa Blackwell spent Saturday night with us.

Mrs. T. E. Mitchell is right sick. She has chills.

Your correspondent has been nursing a sore hand and arm for several days but is getting along tolerably well now.

Mr. Willie Blackwell and Miss Arrie Parr, of Adamsburg, are to be married on the 2nd of December.

The recent corn contest in this county has added several thousand bushels to the present crop that otherwise might never have been heard of. Bully for the M. and P. Bank, for the enthusiasm it has created among the farming class.

Next year we expect to see many farmers follow suit and in this way we expect a revolution to take place among the old time theories and practices of farming.

Archie Strain is going to school to Miss B. E. McCluney. This is his first year.

Your correspondent has been busy for the last day or two and not in position to gather news for his readers.

The roads are in fine condition for travel and the ground in splendid fix for plowing.

Mr. C. C. Roberts, of Shelby, N. C., was down on his plantation last week looking after his farming interests. J. L. S.

DRAYTONVILLE DOTS.

A Review of Events by Our Regular Correspondent.

Draytonville, Nov. 24.—The farmers are through gathering with the exception of some scattering cotton. They are through sowing wheat, or the majority are through, and we are glad to see the grain sowed, as we know that they intend to make their own flour.

Dora, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Spencer, caught fire last Saturday and was burned very badly. Mrs. Spencer was out washing and heard the little girl screaming and started into the house, but before she reached the house she met the child coming to meet her with her clothes on fire. Mrs. Spencer threw her apron around the child and was burned more than her little daughter, but she succeeded in putting the fire out.

It is very strange how she caught fire, as there were but a few coals in the fireplace. Mrs. Spencer succeeded in saving the life of her little daughter, but she was burned very badly herself.

Mr. Mike Plunk, of Cherokee Falls, was in this section Sunday.

The Sunday school of this place has been invited to attend the old-fashioned singing which will be held at Sardis next Sunday. Our superintendent is going to take a few of his good singers and enjoy the occasion with the other singers. We have a good choir of little girls and they have received much praise for their good singing and we, as secretary of the school invite you to come Christmas night to the Christmas tree and exercises and hear them sing. They are preparing their exercises and want to entertain the congregation then better than on any other occasion. The school at this place is better than we have ever known it to be, and the good work is being done through the influence of Mr. Wm. H. Huskey.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Parker spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Bailey, who are going to move to North Carolina in the near future.

While Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Whelchel were making preparations to visit Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Whelchel, of Midway, last Saturday, their little daughter, Daisy Odell, met with a painful accident by falling into the fire. We are glad that she did not get burned very badly, but if it had not been for her father sitting by the fire at the time, she would have been burned to death. Little Odell was as gay as ever Sunday morning when we called to see her.

The farmers of this section went to Gaffney last Saturday on business and to attend the Galloway sale. We have not learned so far whether they bought any land or not.

Mr. Adolphus Phillips spent Sunday in the Mt. Ararat section with Mr. Eliphaz Harmon and family.

Mr. Dossie is one of the proudest men in Cherokee county—he has a big boy at his home!

Mr. Stanley Wilson has been appointed substitute carrier for Mr. Carl Sarratt. He says he thinks he will like his work and that he will give the people of his route the very best service of a mail carrier.

One of our charming young ladies told us she received a birthday present last Sunday, though her birthday had been passed for some time; but she received it with much gratification.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Phillips, of Pondfield, spent Sunday afternoon in this section visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sparks are rejoicing over the arrival of a big girl.

Mr. D. C. Phillips carried a load of turkeys to town last Saturday.

Mr. John Galman spent last Saturday night at Gaffney with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Galman, and returned Sunday afternoon.

We notice that several of the rural mail carriers have gotten new mail wagons. Mr. Sam Clary was awarded the prize wagon offered by The Ledger, and Messrs. Forrest Huggins, Albert McKown and Walter Garvin

were not going to be out of the style, so they ordered a wagon each, and they are enjoying the beauty and good service of their wagons.

There will be Sunday school at this place at nine o'clock instead of ten o'clock, on account of the old-fashioned singing at Sardis.

The public schools of Pondfield and Evergreen started Monday morning with Miss Daisy Crocker, of Gaffney, teacher of the former, and Miss Sallie Huggins, of Ararat, teacher of the latter school. We learn that there is a good attendance and we trust that the people will see that their children are in school this winter.

Miss Nettie Marsh spent last Sunday in this section with her friend, Miss Neely Owensby.

Mr. Stanley Wilson attended the recital at Limestone College Monday night and reported a good time.

There will be preaching at this place by the pastor on the third Saturday and Sunday of this month. The service on Saturday will be at seven o'clock on account of the dedication exercises of the Ross Grove school house at 2:30 p. m.

Mr. Ray Huskey spent Sunday with our scribe. Ray is a good fellow and we enjoy being with him.

We learn that our champion cow-trader, George McCraw, is going to move to Gaffney next week. We think that his eyes are getting along all right, as we do not hear him complaining any with them.

Wishing The Ledger force and its many readers a nice Thanksgiving day.

LYNCHING IN HAMPTON.

Negro Strung Up for An Attempted Assault.

Luray, Hampton County, Nov. 23.—About 1 o'clock this morning Ham Gilmore, colored, about twenty-five years old, charged with attempted criminal assault, was taken from the town jail and lynched by an angry mob 300 strong.

The negro was hanged from an oak tree directly in front of a negro church in one of the most prominent streets in town. He is alleged to have attempted criminal assault upon two daughters of Mr. A. C. Pitts, a prominent farmer residing near this town.

About 3 o'clock Sunday morning Mr. Pitts was awakened by the screams of his two daughters, aged ten and nineteen respectively, who occupied a room adjoining his. He rushed to the scene and as he entered the room some one leaped out of the window and made off. The girls informed their father that the man had attempted to assault them. The alarm was at once given and a number of citizens assembled. Tracks led from the house to where Gilmore was found and he was at once arrested. In the meantime the magistrate arrived on the scene, took charge of Gilmore, and prevailed upon the citizens to let the law take its course. The prisoner was then brought here and placed in jail for safe keeping. This was about 6 p. m. Sunday. Up to this time the negro had stoutly denied the charge, but men kept arriving on the scene and it could be noticed that they were not satisfied.

At 1 o'clock this morning the jail door was broken down and the prisoner taken out. After a rope was placed around his neck he confessed that he intended to commit criminal assault.

Cost the State \$1,375.

The following is from the Columbia State of Tuesday:

"The pay warrants for the members of the militia who were on duty at the time of the near-riot in Spartanburg, when an attempt was made to lynch John Irby, have been sent out by Adjutant General Boyd. The total expenses of the department mounted to \$1,375, which includes the pay for the companies at Spartanburg, Clifton and Laurens. The authorities consider the money well spent, however, as the majority of the members responded promptly and had it not been for the guards there would have undoubtedly been further bloodshed."

Wanted in This State.

Columbia, Nov. 24.—Gov. Ansel yesterday telegraphed Gov. Hoke Smith, of Georgia, requesting him to hold James Boulevard, a federal prisoner in the United States prison at Atlanta, whose term expired Tuesday and who is wanted in Fairfield county, this State, on the charge of murder. The request was made at the suggestion of Sheriff Hood, of Fairfield. Boulevard was sent to the federal prison on a charge of robbing the mails, and it is said that while out on bond in this case he killed a negro in Fairfield and a true bill has been found against him by the grand jury.

Seven Years of Proof.

"I have had seven years of proof that Dr. King's New Discovery is the best medicine to take for coughs and colds and for every diseased condition of throat, chest or lungs," says W. V. Henry, of Panama, Mo. "The world has had thirty-eight years of proof that Dr. King's New Discovery is the best remedy for coughs and colds, la grippe, asthma, hay fever, bronchitis, hemorrhage of the lungs, and the early stages of consumption. Its timely use always prevents the development of pneumonia. Sold under guarantee at Cherokee Drug Co."

TRY a Hamburger sandwich. 5c spent never regretted. Parker's Lunch Counter.

A beautiful doll to be given away by Gaffney Jewelry Co.

A Diamond ring worth \$35 to give away at Gaffney Jewelry Co.

LAMENTATIONS.

In Re the "Kissing Incident" at Spartanburg.

Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 19, 1908. Editor LeJager.—I happened to see a Charlotte Observer this evening on the train from Goldsboro and was shocked beyond expression when I read, under the bold headlines "Don't Approve of Kissing," that a young man in Spartanburg had kissed a young lady there and that certain people were highly indignant.

Have South Carolinians fallen so low as that? "Forbid it, Almighty God," as Mr. P. Henry said once. My mother, a lady of South Carolina birth and training, taught me that it was the sacred duty of every South Carolina gentleman, married or single, to kiss every woman who wanted to be kissed, especially if she was a South Carolina woman! The only grounds I see for any kick coming in the Spartanburg case is that the gentleman did not kiss a South Carolina girl!

That looks a little bad and puts him under suspicion indicating at least a depraved taste on his part, especially as there are so many lovely girls in Spartanburg (I used to "make" Spartanburg)! but perhaps he is to be excused on account of his youth!

Now, in this State, where they vote the Republican ticket in November and put a wad of flowers on the graves of dead Confederates, and give the live ones a free feed in May, I would not have been surprised at the action of the people at large; but for South Carolina people to get up all this row over a kiss—just one, little old-fashioned, every-day kiss, why, I can't understand it.

Didn't this young man find her first, by "right of discovery," isn't she his? That's the way it looks to me, and it's meant for any one to bury in. I cannot comprehend to what depths my people have fallen if this is really true. Oh! tell me it is all a mistake—that some alien newspaper correspondent (possibly one of W. R. Hearst's "Yellow Devils") has sprung this libel on South Carolina. I want to come home for Thanksgiving, but will wander the rest of my days an exile from my native heath if such conditions as these prevail. I could stand the dispensary and dog tax, but this is too much! How thankful I am that my territory has been changed from South to North Carolina.

Wire me if not true, care Mental Anguish Ward, Charlotte, as I want to come home.

(The article referred to above will be found in another column of this issue of The Ledger.)

DR. PELL INDIGNANT

Over "Kissing Incident" of Young McLaurin.

Spartanburg, S. C., Nov. 18.—The kissing of Loretta Marshall, the beautiful little actress of the Wayne Musical Company, by John B. McLaurin, student of music at Converse College, last week, an account of which was published in The Spartanburg Journal and which was sent out to the press, may result in serious consequences for the young man and the newspaper correspondent who handled the story, for it is possible that the management of Converse College may take some action.

With reference to the matter Dr. Pell, the president of the college, is highly indignant, and is especially bitter towards the newspaper correspondent because the account was published in the newspaper and has threatened to have a press censor appointed at his college to pass on all news with reference to the college before being sent out for publication.

Dr. Pell is of the opinion that the kissing of the young actress by the young man was sent out to the press for malicious reasons and was done for the purpose of injuring the college.

The correspondent denies that such was his purpose, claiming that he had no intention of injuring the college and that the kissing, which took place in public, was reported only as a matter of news.

It is said that the young man who kissed the actress may be summoned before the faculty of Converse College and that some action may be taken in the matter. Should the authorities of Converse College dismiss the young man, the faculty will not be sustained by many people in the city for it is said that numbers of people who saw the kissing incident declare that had the young man refused the kiss he would have been considered ungentlemanly. McLaurin has many friends in the city who are espousing his cause. The newspaper man who handled the story has come in for most of the blame thus far and has been given a "raking over the coals" by Dr. Pell. It is possible that the papers that carried the kissing story may be appealed to and he may be "fired" as correspondent.

Services at Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Donald W. Richardson, of the Limestone Presbyterian church both morning and evening next Sunday. Mr. Richardson preached at this church several weeks ago and there was nothing but the most favorable comments on his sermon on that occasion. He has promised to visit Gaffney every once in awhile and preach until the Presbyterians secure a pastor. He is one of the best educated men in the ministry and a pulpit orator of no mean ability. It is hoped that a large congregation will greet Mr. Richardson at both services.

A Quick Settlement.

The late T. J. Lavender carried a policy in the Carolina Mutual Benefit Association, of Gaffney. He had only paid \$4.90 on this policy. His death occurred on the 23rd, the company was apprised of his death on the 24th, and on the 25th the beneficiaries of the policy received \$55.26, the full value of the policy. This is what may be termed a quick settlement, but would have been made a day sooner, except that one of the directors of the company was out of town on the 24th. This speaks volumes for the local insurance association.

Mind Your Business!

If you don't nobody will. It is your business to keep out of all the trouble you can and you will keep out of liver and bowel trouble if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills. They keep biliousness, malaria and jaundice out of your system. 25c at Cherokee Drug Co.

Misses Garrett Entertain.

Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock Misses Lula and Freeman Garrett entertained a number of friends in honor of Miss Catherine Dillard, of Spartanburg. A dainty two-course luncheon was served. The following young ladies enjoyed the hospitality of the hostesses: Misses Catherine Dillard of Spartanburg; Miss Olive Walker, of Yorkville; Misses Lila Sarratt, Stella Hamilton, Winnie Davenport, Volina Hamrick, Cleo Little, Jessie Linscomb, Lucy Carpenter, Floy Sarratt, Wilma Gaffney, Agnes Walker, Rosa Little, Emma Wood, Lillian Jones, Pearl Crawley, Myrtle Gaffney and Amy Gaffney.

LAWYERS FIGHT.

Personal Encounter Between Attorneys Sims and Featherstone.

Columbia, Nov. 23.—The time of the State board of canvassers was today taken up with the hearing of election cases in the Laurens dispensary election case, and the election in the First, Second and Seventh Congressional districts. All the contests were dismissed.

The Laurens contest was the principal thing before the board in importance and the argument of counsel became at one point acrimonious and led to a personal encounter between the opposing counsel, C. C. Featherstone, of Laurens, and C. P. Sims, of Spartanburg. During the argument of Mr. Sims, representing the contestant, he referred several times to the "crazy prohibitionists" who, he said, could not see the facts except in their own way, intimating, it seemed, that they were so blinded by prejudice as not to be able to tell the truth. He was referring particularly to the meeting of citizens held at the call of the supervisor to ascertain whether one-fourth the number of voters had signed the petition for an election.

Mr. Featherstone, representing the prohibitionists, requested Mr. Sims to stick to the record and discontinue his references to the "crazy prohibitionists."

Mr. Sims replied that he would settle with Mr. Featherstone outside afterwards, whereupon Mr. Featherstone said he would settle right then and the two attorneys were instantly in combat. Both are heavy of build, and muscular. Mr. Featherstone in his youth having been a ball player and vigorous. When the two were separated, Mr. Sims was bleeding about the face and Mr. Featherstone had a slight bruise on his cheek. Both apologized to the board.

Notice to R. F. D. Patrons.

In order to assist the carriers and clerks of your postoffice, it is very important that you have your mail addressed to the route on which you live. It matters not how well you are known, if you live on a route, be sure and give your route number and box number also. The winter months are now here, so won't you assist your carrier and have your letters stamped when the carrier comes along; do not put loose pennies in your mail box, for the poor carrier to have to scratch out. To get the pennies he is forced to remove his gloves; this takes time. Now suppose the carrier stops two minutes at every box, and has one hundred boxes, this alone will take about three hours and twenty minutes of his valuable time. Let us suggest that you buy stamped envelopes; these envelopes are made of fine paper, and are much stronger and better than the ones most people use, and just as cheap.

Hoping you will give this your careful consideration, I am, Yours, A Clerk.

Snead-Little.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. John Snead and Miss Rosa Little went to Blacksburg in a private conveyance, sought out Rev. B. L. Hoke, pastor of the Baptist church, and were united in wedlock. The ceremony was witnessed by a few of the intimate friends of the contracting parties. Mr. and Mrs. Snead left Blacksburg for Charlotte, where they spent the night. They are expected to arrive in Gaffney today. The groom is the efficient and popular bookkeeper of the Farmers' Oil Mill Co., and has a host of friends in Gaffney, where he is deservedly popular. The bride is one of the best looking and most popular of Gaffney's young ladies and also numbers her friends by the score. Mr. and Mrs. Snead will receive a cordial welcome on their return to the city and their many friends will congratulate them upon the clever manner in which they carried out their plans without the knowledge of parent or guardian.

Suicide in Florence County.

Florence, Nov. 23.—John Hains, aged thirty-five years, a farmer residing in the Winona section of this county, committed suicide this afternoon, ending his life with a shotgun. So far no motive is assigned for the rash act. Mr. Hains lived about six miles from Florence. He had just returned from a trip to Florida, where he had expected to locate. He leaves a widow and several children.

The S. K. Club.

The S. K. Club met at Miss Maude Lavender's Saturday afternoon. The program for the meeting was as follows:

A solo by Miss Lucy Wilkins; an instrumental solo by Miss Maude Lavender, and a recitation by Miss Ethel Dudley.

The guests were treated to some delicious candy by the hostess.

AN OPEN LETTER.

To the Editor of The Ledger and I want the people of Gaffney to know that I write the following voluntarily.—Harry L. Goodiel.

I have suffered for the past five years, and have tried different doctors, but have had no relief until I bought a 50 cent box of M-O-N-A from our drug store (R. W. Knowlton's) here a short time ago.

The first box did me so much good that I immediately purchased another one, and I now feel better than I have at any time in the past five years. Am able to eat anything and everything, and get a good night's sleep afterwards.

Was so bad at one time that all I was able to eat for over a month was a raw egg in a half a glass of milk, two or three times a day.

I would earnestly advise anyone suffering as I was from dyspepsia, to give this remedy a fair trial. I remain gratefully yours, Harry L. Goodiel, No. 9 1-2 River St., Astabula, Ohio.

Two log cabins and dolls for wo little girls at Gaffney Jewelry Co.