

An Apology.  
None more than a bachelor can see  
How dear is a little wife,  
And lest that fond idol should be  
He stays single all his life.  
—Philadelphia North American

My kingdom is my sweetheart's face,  
And these the boundaries I trace:  
Northward—a forehead fair,  
Beyond a wilderness of golden hair;  
A pretty cheek to east and west,  
Her little mouth the sunny south.  
It is the south that I love best,  
Her eyes two sparkling lakes.  
Held by the stars at night—the sun by day.  
The dimples in her cheek and chin,  
Are snares which I love has set,  
And I have fallen in.  
—The Criterion.

### Weekly Crop Bulletin.

Columbia, May 8, 1900.—The week ending Monday, May 7th, was slightly cooler than the previous one, with low night temperatures after the 3d, causing light frosts in portions of Green and Spartanburg counties, but without doing any perceptible damage except to young cotton, and slightly checking the growth of tender vegetation.

There were numerous light, scattered showers, generally confined to the middle and lower Savannah valley, and along the immediate coast. These showers were beneficial, and a warm rain is needed over the entire state to soften the ground which in clay lands is becoming baked and hard, to hasten the germination of recently planted seeds, and to supply moisture to wheat and oats while heading and blooming. Damaging hail occurred in Abbeville county.

Planted fields are becoming grassy, and stand in need of cultivation, which has begun where corn and cotton are large enough. Bottom lands are just becoming dry enough to begin to prepare them for planting.

Corn is coming up to generally good stands, and cultivation has made considerable progress. Over the western portions of the state very little corn has been planted, being deferred until cotton is all planted. Cut worms and crows are very troublesome on bottom lands, necessitating much replanting.

Cotton planting made rapid progress during the week, and, where least advanced, is from half to two-thirds finished. Early plantings are up to fair stands, but the recent cool nights are very injurious, causing some cotton to die. Lands are not all prepared for cotton. Chopping out is well under way.

Rust on wheat has become quite general and is spreading. The crop is in many places less promising than heretofore, having been apparently injured by the excessive rainfall of April. Oats have improved. Both crops are heading.

The bulk of the tobacco crop has been transplanted, and the work is nearly finished. There was no scarcity of plants, except at a few points. Rice was badly damaged, in the Georgetown districts, by high water, but to what extent cannot be estimated.

Apple and pear trees are blighting badly, some peaches dropped, but enough remain to make a full crop; wild berries are abundant. Sugar cane, sorghum and melons have come up to good stands, the latter beginning to run to vine. Sweet potato slips plentiful in 1s, but few have been transplanted. White

potatoes going well, but bugs are very numerous. Large truck shipments being made.

J. W. BAUER,  
Section Director, Columbia, S. C.

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### Tillman's Powerful Retort.

Ann Arbor, Mich., April 29.—Senator B. R. Tillman of South Carolina lectured here last night under the auspices of the Good Government League, his subject being "The Race Question in the South."

The incident of the evening was his diatribe against the negroes. Directly in front and alone sat a colored student, and the senator looked at him in making his remarks.

"You scratch one of these colored graduates under the skin," he said, "and you will find the savage. His education is like a coat of paint, like his skin."

There were hisses from several parts of the house. Senator Tillman smiled and retorted:

"You must excuse me for my frankness. There is nothing of hatred in my nature for the negroes. When that man who hissed gets ready to give his daughter in marriage to a negro and proves by actions, and not by his hisses, that he means business, I will apologize, and not before."

The applause which greeted this retort was tremendous, and there was no more hissing during the evening.—New York Sun.

"It is with a good deal of pleasure and satisfaction that I recommend Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy," says Druggist A. W. Sawtelle, of Hartford, Conn. "A lady customer, seeing the remedy exposed for sale on my show case, said to me: 'I really believe that medicine saved my life the past summer while at the shore,' and she became so enthusiastic over its merits that I at once made up my mind to recommend it in the future. Recently a gentleman came into my store so overcome with colic pains that he sank at once to the floor. I gave him a dose of this remedy which helped him. I repeated the dose and in fifteen minutes he left my store smilingly informing me that he felt as well as ever." Sold by J. F. Mackey & Co.

### Drunken Brooklyn Bridge Jumper.

New York, May 9.—Robert Witzell jumped from the Brooklyn bridge this afternoon while drunk. He is at a hospital and will probably die. He struck the water with such terrible force that his clothes and even his shoes were split. His body is a mass of bruises.

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### EVANS GOES TO UNION TODAY.

Sent to Investigate the Vaccination Row.

Columbia, S. C., May 9.—Governor McSweeney today sent Dr. Evans, of the state board of health, to Union to settle the differences between the local board of health and some of the people of Union over the opposition to compulsory vaccination. Several days ago Dr. Lender, of the local board, and the secretary, Dr. Torrence, complained to the governor that it was absolutely impossible to enforce the compulsory orders of the board on factory hill because the operatives were violently aroused by a circular distributed among them. This referred to the circular from Mr. T. C. Duncan, president of the Union mills. Mr. Duncan in letter says that the doctors came to the mill district, broke into houses of operatives and arrested them without warrants. He said that fully two-thirds of the operatives had been vaccinated, and all would have submitted had they been properly approached. He denied that mob violence had been resorted to and demands an investigation, saying that he would pay the expenses of the investigation if necessary.—Greenville News.

### BRAVE MEN FALL

Victims to stomach, liver and kidney troubles as well as women and all feel the results in loss of appetite, poisons in the blood, backache, nervousness, headache and tired, listless, run-down feeling. But there's no need to feel like that. Listen to J. W. Gardner, Idaville, Ind. He says: "Electric Bitters are just the thing for a man when he is all run down, and don't care whether he lives or dies. It did more to give me new strength and good appetite than anything I could take. I can now eat anything have a new lease on life." Only 50c. at Crawford Bros. Drug Store. Every bottle guaranteed.

### Shot By a Lady.

Yorkville, S. C., May 8.—Mr. Frank Jones, of Tizah, was shot at Sharon last Saturday morning by Miss Blanche Wilkie, of Blacksburg. The young people were amusing themselves at target practice with a light rifle. At the close of the practice Miss Wilkie under the belief that the rifle was empty, turned it upon Mr. Jones with the remark that she was going to shoot him and pulled the trigger. The bullet entered Mr. Jones' face on the right of his nose and ranged downward. Dr. Saye after ward probed for the bullet without success further than to find that it had struck a tooth; but Mr. Jones was not seriously inconvenienced. He was out walking with the young lady the same afternoon and went out to church next day.—News and Courier.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly falling to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from ten drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. It offers ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists, 7c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

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—L. A. W. Bulletin.

### A Good Law.

Norway recently enacted a law forbidding the sale of tobacco to youths under 16 years without signed orders from adults. The police are empowered to confiscate the pipes, cigars and cigarettes of youths who smoke in public streets, a fine for the offence being likewise imposed, which may be anywhere from 50 cents to \$25. This is a most excellent law, and a real benefit would be conferred on our boys if we had such a one in this country.

### From the Hickory Grove Sun.

President Johnson of Winthrop college took the college girls to Cherokee falls yesterday for a picnic outing and they had their usual jolly time of course.

Rev. Samuel J. Patterson of Steele Creek, N. C., will assist Rev. J. L. Oates in the communion service at Hickory Grove. Service will begin on Thursday evening before the 4th Sabbath of this month.

Rev. J. L. Oates assisted Rev. R. G. Kirkpatrick in the communion meeting at Bethany last Sabbath and went from there to attend the spring meeting of first Presbytery at Pisgah. He was accompanied by Rev. J. M. White.

The farmers were fortunate enough to get in a full week's work on their farms last week and they made good use of the time. They have been making themselves very scarce in town the past two weeks. A shower of rain is needed at this writing.

Sheriff Logan informed us Tuesday that he only had four prisoners in custody now. The number is smaller than it has been for sometime.

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Eastern Time at Other Points.  
Schedule in Effect February 25th, 1900.

NORTHBOUND.		MID.		SOUTHBOUND.	
No. 17	No. 14	No. 17	No. 14	No. 17	No. 14
Ex Su	Ex Su	Ex Su	Ex Su	Ex Su	Ex Su
Jacksonville (P. H.)	8:30	8:30	8:30	Jacksonville (P. H.)	8:30
Waycross (Ga.)	9:00	9:00	9:00	Waycross (Ga.)	9:00
Lawrenceville	9:30	9:30	9:30	Lawrenceville	9:30
Atlanta	10:00	10:00	10:00	Atlanta	10:00
Richmond	10:30	10:30	10:30	Richmond	10:30
Washington	11:00	11:00	11:00	Washington	11:00
Baltimore	11:30	11:30	11:30	Baltimore	11:30
New York	12:00	12:00	12:00	New York	12:00
Philadelphia	12:30	12:30	12:30	Philadelphia	12:30
Pennsylvania	1:00	1:00	1:00	Pennsylvania	1:00
Delaware	1:30	1:30	1:30	Delaware	1:30
Virginia	2:00	2:00	2:00	Virginia	2:00
North Carolina	2:30	2:30	2:30	North Carolina	2:30
South Carolina	3:00	3:00	3:00	South Carolina	3:00
Georgia	3:30	3:30	3:30	Georgia	3:30
Florida	4:00	4:00	4:00	Florida	4:00

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Richmond	10:30	10:30	10:30	Richmond	10:30
Washington	11:00	11:00	11:00	Washington	11:00
Baltimore	11:30	11:30	11:30	Baltimore	11:30
New York	12:00	12:00	12:00	New York	12:00
Philadelphia	12:30	12:30	12:30	Philadelphia	12:30
Pennsylvania	1:00	1:00	1:00	Pennsylvania	1:00
Delaware	1:30	1:30	1:30	Delaware	1:30
Virginia	2:00	2:00	2:00	Virginia	2:00
North Carolina	2:30	2:30	2:30	North Carolina	2:30
South Carolina	3:00	3:00	3:00	South Carolina	3:00
Georgia	3:30	3:30	3:30	Georgia	3:30
Florida	4:00	4:00	4:00	Florida	4:00

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Daily Except Sunday.

Southbound.		Northbound.	
No. 18	No. 17	No. 18	No. 17
P. M.	A. M.	P. M.	A. M.
8:10	9:40	8:10	9:40
10:04	11:34	10:04	11:34
8:47	10:20	8:47	10:20
10:41	12:14	10:41	12:14
9:13	11:01	9:13	11:01
11:20	12:50	11:20	12:50
9:40	11:40	9:40	11:40

No. 14, leaving Lancaster 6:30 a. m., makes close connection at Chester with Southern Railway No. 36 for Charlotte and points north; and Seaboard Air Line "Atlanta Special" for Atlanta and points west. Also with Carolina & North Carolina No. 1 for Norfolk, N. C., and intermediate points, and Southern Railway No. 33 for Columbia and points south.  
No. 17, leaving Chester 9:40 a. m., connects with Southern Ry. No. 36 from Columbia and points south; Seaboard Air Line "Atlanta Special" from Northern and Eastern points and Southern Ry. No. 33 from Northern and Eastern points, and at Lancaster with S. C. & G. E. for Jacksonville.  
No. 18, leaving Lancaster 5:30 p. m., connects at Lancaster with S. C. & G. E. from Camden and Marion. Southern Ry. No. 34 at Chester for Columbia and points south.  
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Schedule No. 4  
In Effect 12:01 a. m., Sunday, Dec. 24, 1900.  
Between Camden, S. C., and Blacksburg, S. C.

West 33		East 32	
First-Class	Passenger	First-Class	Passenger
Daily	Except Sunday	Daily	Except Sunday
Camden	8:15	Blacksburg	8:15
DeKalb	8:45	Westville	8:45
Westville	9:15	Alexandria	9:15
Heath Spring	9:45	Lancaster	9:45
Pleasant Hill	10:15	Riverside	10:15
Lancaster	10:45	Sprindell	10:45
Riverside	11:15	Catawba Junction	11:15
Sprindell	11:45	Rock Hill	11:45
Catawba Junction	12:15	Newport	12:15
Rock Hill	12:45	Furze	12:45
Newport	1:15	Yorkville	1:15
Furze	1:45	Sharon	1:45
Yorkville	2:15	Hickory Grove	2:15
Sharon	2:45	Blacksburg	2:45
Hickory Grove	3:15	Blacksburg	3:15
Blacksburg	3:45	Blacksburg	3:45

### Between Blacksburg, S. C., and Marion, N. C.

Schedule No. 12  
In Effect 12:01 a. m., Sunday, Dec. 24, 1900.  
Between Blacksburg, S. C., and Marion, N. C.

West 12		East 12	
Mixed	Passenger	Mixed	Passenger
Daily	Except Sunday	Daily	Except Sunday
Blacksburg	8:15	Blacksburg	8:15
Earls	8:45	Patterson Springs	8:45
Patterson Springs	9:15	Shelby	9:15
Shelby	9:45	Lattimore	9:45
Lattimore	10:15	Moorsboro	10:15
Moorsboro	10:45	Henrietta	10:45
Henrietta	11:15	Forest City	11:15
Forest City	11:45	Rutherfordton	11:45
Rutherfordton	12:15	Millwood	12:15
Millwood	12:45	Golden Valley	12:45
Golden Valley	1:15	Thermal City	1:15
Thermal City	1:45	Glenwood	1:45
Glenwood	2:15	Marion	2:15
Marion	2:45	Marion	2:45

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S. S. S., the only purely vegetable remedy known, is a safe and permanent cure for Eczema and all deep-seated blood skin troubles. It goes direct to the seat of the disease, neutralizes the acids and cleanses the blood, re-inforces and invigorates all the organs, and thus clears the system of all impurities through the natural channels; the skin relieved, all inflammation subsides, and all signs of the disease disappear.

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