

Douschka Pickens Dugas, South Carolina's "Joan of Arc" who died recently, was one of the famous women of the South...

Douschka Pickens was the youngest child of Governor Francis W. Pickens, of South Carolina. He married Lucy Holcomb, a Kentucky beauty...

Mrs. Pickens became noted throughout Europe for her wondrous beauty. Artists sought her, and painted her in every pose that could reveal to advantage the pure classic outline of face and figure...

It was during Mrs. Pickens' reign at the Court of St. Petersburg that Douschka was born in the palace of the Czar. She was christened Francesca.

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The Pickens homestead is known far and wide, and its memory will be cherished through many years to come. The children of to-day will tell to generations yet unborn that which they have learned from their fathers, of the glories of the Pickens mansion, around whose name will ever be enshrined the lustre and grandeur of the South's most brilliant period.

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AT THE LANDS' END.

The Farmers who Own Productive Land Will Have Everything Their Way in the Future.

If the population of our cities and towns grows during the next fifteen years at its rate for the past fifteen years the consumption of food products will overtake production.

Now, that we have reached the land's end, what are we doing with our overcultivated area? A writer in the National Geographic Magazine, in the Carolina food hills. The soil in that region is washing down the slopes.

There is no soil to bind it, and as the furrows grow deeper the soil is washed away. The land is badly gullied and impoverished beyond redemption.

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A TRIBUTE TO THE HOG.

An Eloquent Defense of His Imperial Majesty and World-Wide Reputation.

The following tribute to the hog is from the pen of Samuel Clark, of Iowa, who is said to have delivered it at an agricultural convention two years ago.

For 6,000 years the hog has been the object of derision and contempt. So intensely has he been despised that to hate him has been a pleasure.

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THE PHOSPHATE FIGURES.

Return of the Mining Companies for the Past Year.

Table showing phosphate figures for various months from November to September, with total figures.

The above figures also represent the number of tons mined and moved. The phosphate companies during the last fiscal year was \$233,547.43.

General News Summary. George W. Slickney, a real estate and insurance man, of Washington, D. C., has disappeared, leaving liabilities behind him estimated at \$20,000.

The Danube Navigation Company does this year's business on the company in the world. Its steamers carry 1,200,000 passengers and 1,400,000 tons of freight every year.

John W. Hogg, chief clerk of the navy department, and for thirty-nine years an employee of the government, dropped dead at his home in Rockville, Md., on the 14th inst.

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Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

Advertisement for Baking Powder, featuring a large illustration of a woman and child, and text describing the product as 'ABSOLUTELY PURE'.

Murdered for the Insurance Money—Killed in His Own Room by Burgess and Two Men in Each Other.

Parish attempted suicide, in connection with the confession of the negro, is accepted as conclusive evidence of the insanity of the negro.

The burglary escaped before aid could be called, and none of the family placed a description of the desperado.

Capture of a Criminal.—William Carpenter, one of the most noted criminals ever known in this State, has been arrested in Macon, Ga.

Thanksgiving day if coming. So Christmas! Good times are these to remember the needy and deserving poor.

There are more than a hundred of them in the homes of the Thornwell orphanage, Clinton.

The December issue of the Delinquent is called the "Delinquent" and is rich in material pertaining to the holiday season.

Magnetic Nerveine. Is sold with written guarantee to cure...

Advertisement for B. F. Posey & Kennedy Bros., featuring portraits of several men and text: 'FOR SALE BY—B. F. Posey & Kennedy Bros.'

Advertisement for Whitener & Martin, 'THE FRESHEST—Groceries, Fruits, and Confections'.

Advertisement for The Laurens Bar, 'THE FRESHEST—Groceries, Fruits, and Confections'.

Advertisement for W. L. Douglas, 'SEED RYE' and 'MACHINERY!'.

Advertisement for Dr. Hathaway & Co., 'SPECIALISTS'.

Advertisement for Monterey, '1760. THE MONK'S REMEDY. 1845'.

Advertisement for Westward, 'Westward the Star of Empire wends its way'.