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FARMER'S OPPORTUNITY.

The excellent prospect of a good cotton and corn and good prices on the prosperity of Laurens could be greater than it has this winter. A natural result of good prices for land. If we had we would not sell it for a mighty good price and we would buy all we could, provided we could find the best of all investments and think that the people of this county need not expect it ever again to depreciate in value for any considerable period of time.

A farm containing one hundred acres of land fairly well cultivated (a two horse farm) should produce an average of 30 bales of cotton, besides furnishing the farmer with a home for himself and his family, free water, free fuel, vegetables, some meat and divers other necessities. Other crops should be produced as well. Thirty bales of cotton should yield the grower at present prices or at 12 cents the pound about \$900. In cash profits, or \$1,800 gross. We calculate that the thrifty farmer who produces most that his mules eat, who is careful with his stock, his agricultural implements and his houses and who does not let his land wash away can produce cotton at six cents the pound.

A good book-keeper in a big town store may earn \$75 a month or \$900 the year. Out of this he must pay \$180 a year rent, \$15 a year for water, his family and personal laundry will cost twice as much as in the country, his tax rate is twice as great as in the country and he must buy all of his meat and a good part of his vegetables.

The opportunities of the small farm in these times are very great. The book-keeper spends an average of ten hours a day 300 days in the year at his desk, supposing that he takes two weeks' vacation. The farmer who puts in as many days' work as the book-keeper and is not extravagant can and does save twice as much in the year.

This is the greatest country in the world. The only reason that good land in Laurens is worth less than \$100 the acre is that the population is not dense. Very soon new people will be coming in; that is why people who wish to own homes had better buy land now.

A Valuable Lesson.

"Six years ago I learned a valuable lesson," writes John Pleasant, of Magnolia, Ind. "I then began taking Dr. King's New Life Pills, and the longer I take them the better I find them. They please everybody. Guaranteed at Laurens Drug Co., and Palmetto Drug Co. Price 25 cents."

It is "Means Grass."

At the close of the Revolutionary war three brothers, John, Thomas and Robert Means, removed from Boston to South Carolina. The last named settled in Beaufort and married Miss Barnwell. John and Thomas Means settled in the northwestern part of Fairfield, and married respectively Mary and Sarah Milling, sisters of Capt. Hugh Milling of the sixth regiment of South Carolina continentals.

Thomas Means, whose son John Hugh Means afterwards became governor of South Carolina, at once became a large merchant and planter and imported some hemp seed from Egypt. With the hemp, came up a few sprigs of a fine, vigorous growing grass, which Mr. Means allowed to go to seed, and gathering, replanted the grass seed in his garden, near Buckhead, in western Fairfield county. Being a hardy and rapid grower, after this second planting the grass rapidly spread from the garden over his plantation, and from the plantation branches and creeks soon spread to bottom lands of Little river and Broad and Congaree rivers.

It was thus introduced from Egypt by Thomas Means soon after the Revolutionary war, about the close of the eighteenth century. Mr. Thomas Means and his family called it "Egyptian grass," from its origin, but it soon became known locally and in South Carolina as the "Means grass."

Some of the neighbors erroneously fearing it would prove a pest in the cultivation of the crops on account of its rapid spread called it the "damned Means grass." Some of the seed was taken from South Carolina by a Mr. Johnson to Alabama, where it became known as the "Johnson grass."

An article written from Clemson college for The State Aug., 1901, in alluding to Means' introduction of the grass in hemp seed from Egypt into Fairfield, stated that "a man named Johnson carried some of the seed to Alabama and planted it extensively. From him it got the name of Johnson grass, when by right it ought to be 'Means grass.'"

Col. Newman, professor at Clemson agricultural college, says it is a very valuable grass for hay, in fact the most valuable, and that it can be killed by simply pasturing stock on it. In Alabama, where Col. Newman lived for years, the grass is well known and highly valued, the people having long since learned not to fear it. For hay it should be cut while young and tender and can be thus cut several times a year. It is a rapid grower and if allowed to go to seed on good land easily attains a height of four, five and even six feet. Some of this grass can be seen now seeding in the State house grounds.

Much of the hay brought into Columbia from the river bottoms in Means grass. The man who imported this grass is the same Thomas Means whose picture and genealogy was published in the Oct., 1907, number of the Genealogical and Historical Magazine society.

The State.

Neighbors Got Fooled.

"I was literally coughing myself to death, and had become too weak to leave my bed, and neighbors predicted that I would never leave it alive; but they got fooled, for thanks be to God, I was induced to try Dr. King's New Discovery. It took just four one dollar bottles to completely cure the cough, and restore me to good sound health," writes Mrs. Eva Unapeper, of Groves-ton, Stark Co., Ind. This King of cough and cold cures, and healer of throat and lungs, is guaranteed by Laurens Drug Co., and Palmetto Drug Co. Price 50 cents and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

Karuzawa, Japan, July 5, 1907.

My dear Mother:

I sent you a note from ship-board, but at that time I had not decided on our resting place for the summer and so could only give you the temporary address, Tokio. While in Tokio it seemed best that we come to this place, Karuzawa. Here is the mecca for the missionaries of Japan and Formosa, and also some from China, during the summer months. I am told that some seven or eight hundred come here annually.

We came up from Tokio a week ago today. Spent the first night at a hotel, and the next morning began house hunting. Our friends, the Bowles family in Tokio, told us of a house in the suburbs of the missionary community and up on the top of one of the mountain passes, that we could likely get; and directed us to a Mrs. Madden, who had already come and, who would be able to interpret for us to the Japanese landlord. It was indeed fortunate that she was here, for without some one to talk for you you are helpless in these lands. We found the house just to our liking, being removed from the community we can be as quiet as we like, and as the location is further up the mountain we have the more bracing and the cooler atmosphere. The village is about 3,200 feet above the sea and we are about 4,000 feet. Again our house, which is entirely Japanese, is cheaper than the ones below. Here we pay Yen 30 for the season, and there they pay from Yen 120 to 150. (A Yen is equal to 50 cents gold.) Not many missionaries like to come so far up, hence our rent is cheaper, but for us the location is better than in the village. One of the best things about the place is the large spring almost within a stone's throw from our house. It is larger and hotter than the one at Mt. Bethel, indeed the sight of it took me back to the scenes about that one there. The water is like ice, and perfectly pure, hence there is no need of boiling it to make it drinkable, as the water from the wells in China has to be.

And the change in the atmosphere is such a blessing. Here every night we sleep under three or four blankets, and in the day wear the heavy flannels that we do during the winter at Macao and in America. Of course if one gets out in the sun lighter garments feel better. Then the good supply of rain at this season may make the temperature lower than ordinarily. But it certainly is the place to rest. I believe that we can rest here better than we could in America.

Another of our blessings is an abundance of strawberries. We happened to get here before the season for these had finished, and daily we are feasting on these. Being near the village we get groceries and other eatables sent up to us as we were in the community, also the mail is delivered to our door.

Things are very expensive in Japan now. Much more so than in China. Here everything is from a third to a half higher, and in some cases the price is more than double. In Hong-kong we buy beef for 20 cents, here we pay 55 cents; there we get butts, here for 60 cents, here it cost 95. But the house is cheap, and bracing air and delightful water is free, so we will even up on all and the Father will see us through, (with some of the substantial thing to sandwich in).

Yesterday the mail from Oakland came, your letter among others. There are enough letters to show that our visit home would have been a busy one. Among them is a very cordial one from the Moody Bible Institute, written by Mr. Moody's son-in-law, Mr. Pitt, inviting us to be their "guests" in Chicago, and another from Toronto, Canada, asking us to give them time for a series of missionary meetings.

I am nearing the end of my page, and so will write you more in my next letter about things in this land.

With heart's love,  
Charlton.

Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy Better Than Three Doctors.

"Three years ago we had three doctors with our little boy and everything that they could do seemed in vain. At last when all hope seemed to be gone we began using Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and a few hours he began to improve. Today he is as healthy a child as parent could wish for.—Mrs. B. J. Johnston, Lincoln, Miss. For sale by Laurens Drug Company.

JUDGE WATTS PLEASSED.

Contrasts Conditions Under State Dispensary and Situation at Present.

Saluda, Aug. 9.—Judge Watts in commenting upon the grand jury presentation took occasion to say that while he always thought the dispensary law (meaning the State dispensary) was the best solution of the whiskey question, yet when he contrasted conditions in Saluda to-day with what he saw when here last (the dispensary was here then) he was obliged to confess that if the change were as great everywhere as he found it to be here, then the people of Saluda had found the best solution.

Solicitor Cooper left this morning for Columbia, Stenographer Aull went to Edgefield and Judge Watts drove through to his home at Laurens.—The State.

Hunting For Trouble.

"I've lived in California for 20 years, and am still hunting for trouble in the way of burns, sores, wounds, boils, cuts, sprains, or a case of piles that Bucklen's Arnica Salve won't quickly cure," writes Charles Walters, of Alhambra, Sierra Co. No use hunting for Mr. Walters; it cures every case. Guaranteed by Laurens Drug Co., and Palmetto Drug Co. Price 25 cents.

Take advantage of the special prices we are making in all our departments. We will save you money.  
S. M. & E. H. Wilkes & Co.

Electric Bitters

THE BEST FOR BILIOUSNESS AND KIDNEYS.

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Colored Lawns still on sale at 8c yd.

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### Notice of Stockholders.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Peoples Loan and Exchange Bank of Laurens South Carolina, will be held at the office of the Bank at Laurens South Carolina, on Tuesday Aug. the 20th 1907, at 11 o'clock a. m.

W. A. WATTS, President.  
J. W. TODD, Cashier.

### Peaches

California Apricots and Lemon Cling Peaches 25c per can Sliced Peaches Yellow, 20c can. 3 for 50c.

### Vinegar

For pickling we have a full line of Spices and Heinz's pure Apple and white Wine Vinegar.

### Kennedy Bros.

The Bank of Laurens

The Bank for Your Savings.

### Notice of Removal

I have removed my shop from near Red Iron Racket to rear of Todd Block. I appreciate the patronage of my old customers and hope for its continuance.

John Fowler, 1-4t Blacksmith.

### KILL THE COUGH AND CURE THE LUNGS

WITH Dr. King's New Discovery

FOR CONSUMPTION OF THE LUNGS AND CROUP

Price 50c & \$1.00 Free Trial.

Swiftest and Quickest Cure for all THROAT AND LUNG TROUBLES, or MONEY BACK.

### H. E. GRAY

LUMBER, SASH, DOOR MOULDINGS LATHES, Etc.

WE HAVE FRESH FROM THE MILLS :

1 Car Acme Cement  
1 Car Atlas Portland Cement  
1 Car Fresh Lime  
2 Cars No. 1 and 2 Shingles  
1 Car Sash, Doors and Blinds  
3 Cars Flooring, Ceiling  
2 Cars one and two inch Long Leaf Yellow

Call and see us before buying Material Rough or Dressed

### H. E. GRAY

READ OUR OFFER And Roofing Sold by H. E. GRAY S. C.

Buy a roll of Paroid, open it, examine the roof, and then if you are not satisfied dress and we will send you a check for the amount paid for the roofing, including the cost of the material.

Established 1817.

### Ribbons!

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Recently we had something to say about Ribbons. Let it may have escaped your notice in the advertising columns we again repeat the story.

A case of twenty cartons was received in plain Taffeta, and satin Taffeta. The manufacturer's quotation today have about touched our retail price, but the figures will not be changed here in the face of a rising market while they last.

We mentioned also, the white Linene at 10c, 40-in. white Persian at 15c, and white Linon, same width, at 10c. These goods are fast disappearing. No such value can be shown after these numbers are sold.

Good styles yet to select from in colored wash fabrics. Torchon, Mechlin and Valenciennes and Insertions. If you are in quest of Embroideries see the stock shown here. Ladies Black Seamless drop stitch, lisle Hosiery. Drop stitch in White, Black, Blue and Pink for children.

At the present price of cotton the purchasing public will soon realize that by delaying their purchases, much higher prices for the manufactured fabric will be the order of the day.

### W. G. Wilson & Co.

### \$1.25 Pocket Book for 50c!

We offer our entire stock of leather goods, such as pocket books, hand bags, card cases, and satchels at reduced prices. Pocket books that sold for \$1.00 to \$1.25 to go at 50c. These prices are on for only a short while.

### Palmetto Drug Co.

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BUY a vehicle of us and you are sure to get Value received.

UNDER our system of doing business, we can supply your needs, on best terms, at extremely low prices.

GOODS that have made and will continue to have an honest reputation are the only kinds we sell.

GUARANTEE goes with every vehicle We sell.

IT will be to your advantage to see us before buying.

EVERY buggy or carriage we sell has points of excellence found only on few other vehicles.

SOMETHING neat, Substantial and UP-TO-DATE is what we offer you.

### H. Douglass Gray AND COMPANY