

**PLAINTIFF GIVEN  
\$3,500 DAMAGES.**

**Drowning of Luther Franks in Reservoir  
of Cotton Oil Company Cause of  
Damage Suit.**

An important and probably the most interesting case for this term of court in Laurens was the suit for \$25,000 damages instituted by Mr. R. J. Franks, administrator, against the Southern Cotton Oil Company. A verdict was reached Wednesday afternoon of \$3,500 for the plaintiff.

The action was for recovery of damages on account of the death of little Luther Franks, caused by drowning in the reservoir of the mill on April 20th, 1906. It seems that the oil mill company has this reservoir on its premises in the city and that there is no fence around it nor any protection against children going there or even going bathing in the water. Little Luther Franks was only seven and a half years old, and at the time he met his death was hanging over the water by the supply pipe allowing the water to run down upon his feet; presumably, he lost his hold and fell into the reservoir and was drowned. It was a custom of the mill boys to go to the reservoir to bathe, and to do as young Luther Franks did.

The question, as it appeared for the jury, was whether or not the boy was of sufficient age and intelligence to know the risk and danger of his act, and whether or not the mill was guilty of negligence in having such a reservoir in such a place and unprotected. The arguments in the case were unusually strong and Judge Gage's charge to the jury was especially clear in dealing with all points of the law.

The attorneys in the case were: For the plaintiff, Messrs. Simpson, Cooper & Babb; for the defendant, Messrs. Dial & Todd of this city and Messrs. Grier & Parks of Greenwood.

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**REDUCE COTTON ACREAGE.**

**Plant Less and Get More for It—Read  
This Letter and Act on Suggestions.**

To the Cotton Planters:  
I have received so many letters endorsing my efforts for a reduction in acreage from nearly every section of the South that I have decided to continue the work and by request write another article on similar lines that will be carried by the southern weekly papers all during this month so that every planter will have a chance to read it. Cotton for October delivery sold this week at eight cents per pound. Can you produce it at a profit at this price? No. Then in order to get a profit on what you raise this season you must plant less than you intended planting at first. Reports on the acreage issued so far show that the acreage will be about 4 per cent. larger than last year. This is probably due to the new farmers that have settled in Oklahoma and west Texas putting in so much new land. We must more than offset this increase by reducing in the rest of the belt.

I again state that the main cause for the decline in prices is lack of confidence caused by the fear of a large acreage which means, with good weather conditions, a large crop and even lower prices than at present. Do you want to grow a crop at an actual loss? If not reduce your acreage; then if your neighbor persists in planting a large acreage and you have to sell your crop at a loss you lose less than he. If by reducing you add \$300,000,000 to the wealth of the South you will not only receive a part of this but you can feel that you did your part to add to the prosperity of the country.

It is good business to plant a crop where there is no profit in it? No. Then let every reader at once plant part of his present acreage intended for cotton in some feed crop or let the land lie idle one season as you can get more money for the crop grown on the part you do cultivate. If you have it already planted do not work it out as it will be labor thrown away.

Which do you prefer to plant your present acreage and get from 7 to 8 cents per pound or reduce it and get 11 to 12 cents and possibly higher? The present contemplated acreage and good weather means a return to the old days of cheap cotton of ten years ago while a reduced acreage means a continuance of the prosperity of the past few years. Let every planter that reads this at once make up his mind that he will not be the cause of Wall Street Bears fixing the price for your crop as they will do with a large crop. Go to work at once to reduce your own acreage and see as many of your neighbors as possible at once and get a united action in this matter as this is the only way we can be independent and prosperous.

I urge every merchant and banker throughout the South to advise their customers to reduce their acreage as it means a loss to you as well as to the planter to return to the old days of low

**Notable Medical Discovery**

Of Special Value to Many Here in Laurens.

A notable medical discovery and one that appeals especially to many people in Laurens is the combination of stomach remedies in the Mi-o-na treatment. This preparation has worked wonders in cases of indigestion or weak stomach. It acts specifically upon the walls of the stomach and bowels, strengthening and stimulating them so that they readily take care of the food that is eaten without distress or suffering.

So positive are the good effects following the use of Mi-o-na that the remedy is sold by Laurens Drug Co. under an absolute guarantee to refund the money if it fails to cure. With an offer like this none can afford to suffer with indigestion or stomach troubles. A 50-cent box or Mi-o-na will do more good than half a dozen boxes of ordinary digestive tablets.

It will pay you to write a circular letter and send it to every planter you have dealings with urging a reduction in acreage. Don't delay but get busy as there is no time to lose. We must have a reduction in acreage to save the South. It is as much your duty as mine to help in this work. I get nothing for it.

I again urge the members of the Farmers Union and Southern Cotton Association to work together for a reduction in acreage which means much higher prices for the balance of this crop and all of the next one, as well as an influence on future crops. I want to hear from every section of the belt as to what you are doing in the matter. Write me and I will give you all the assistance I can. Don't delay but get busy now.  
J. A. TAYLOR,  
Pres. National Ginners' Association.  
Memphis, Tenn., May 1st, 1908.

**Union Meeting.**

The second and third sections of the Laurens Association will hold their union at Beulah church on May 29-31.

**PROGRAMME.**

Friday, May 29th, introductory sermon by Geo. M. Sexton at 11.00 a. m. Organization. Intermission.

**AFTERNOON.**

1st Topic. Soul winning: its need, methods and blessings. T. S. Langston, E. C. Watson, J. M. Shell.

2d Topic. Christian giving: how much should I give? What is the best plan of giving? What spirit should be manifested in giving? Frank L. Bramlett, J. O. Martin, C. B. Bobo.

Saturday morning 10 a. m., devotional exercises. J. M. Shell.

3d Topic: The home relation to and influence upon the school, the church and the community. T. B. Brown, W. D. H. Hildreth, R. Hawkins.

4th Topic: The liquor traffic. Our present need. Our imperative duty. H. H. Mahon, E. C. Watson, J. H. Hildreth.

5th Topic: Church discipline. Should or should it not be administered, and if so why? Geo. M. Sexton, W. D. Hammett, John M. Hudgens.

Sunday morning 10 a. m., Sunday school mass meeting. Address, F. L. Bramlett.

11 a. m., missionary sermon. E. C. Watson.

W. E. THAYER,  
Chairman.

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**Notice to Creditors.**

All persons holding claims against the estate of W. W. Lowe, deceased, are hereby notified and required to present them, duly proven, to the undersigned at Waterloo, S. C., on or before the 13th day of May next ensuing or be forever barred.  
J. M. LOWE, Executor.  
April 16, 1908—38-3t

**Mt. Gallagher News Notes.**

Mt. Gallagher, May 11.—The cold weather last week damaged cotton to a considerable extent and much will have to be replanted.

Mr. Furman Martin, who has been quite sick for some time, is much improved and able to be out now.

The Mt. Gallagher school will close within about two weeks. This school has had a very successful year and it seems that all are interested in building up our educational institutions, which is a very commendable spirit.

**Better Than Medicine.**

Breathe Hyomei's Tonic Healing and be Cured of Catarrh.

Nature has a remedy for catarrh, a treatment that is far better than dosing the stomach with medicine and drugs. It is the healing oils and balsams of Hyomei which medicate the air you breathe, reaching the most remote air cells in the nose, throat and lungs, killing all catarrhal germs and restoring health to the mucous membrane.

The use of Hyomei is like a curative internal air bath, and has the same healing and antiseptic effect as the air where the pine forests give off their fragrant and healing balsams.

Breathe the invigorating and healing Hyomei and see how quickly you will get relief from catarrh. If it does not help you there will not be a penny's expense as Laurens Drug Co. agree to refund the money if it fails to cure. The complete Hyomei outfit costs only \$1.00.



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**Burns' Famous  
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Good yard wide Sea Island worth 6c, going now at **4 7/8c**

\$1.00 Alarm Clock, our cut price **59c**

Shirting, Prints and Blue Calico, has been 6 1/2c, now going at per yard **5c**

Just received one case of Pongee Silk dress goods. Sells everywhere at 25 cents per yard, our price while it lasts, per yard **15c**

25 Fresh Nutmegs **5c**

Flower Pots **9c** gal- lon

\$2.00 Men's Fur Hats. Special **1.48**

Children's Slippers, Tan and Patent, going at 48c, 69c, 98c to **1.39**

\$2.50 Ladies' Tan and Patent Leather Slippers. Big value, going at **2.19**

Clothing Specials this week, come and get your suit **7.39, 9.87 and \$12.39 Suit**

\$1.00 Watch going at this week **59c**

6 nice White Plates **18c**

6 nice Tumblers **18c**

50c Agate Dish Pan **25c**

Trunks and Bags going at special prices, come and see.

\$1.50 Men's pants going now at **\$1.19.**

50c Men's Shirts, Red Hot **36c**

144 Shirt Buttons **4c**

Buggy Whips, Big Deal **9c, 13c, 18c,** whip up **Balem.**

Millinery, new arrivals, Roses in full bloom, come and see, seeing is believing.

Just received big lot of Men's \$3.50 Tan Shoes and Slippers, going to sell them while they last at **\$2.98.**

10 lb. Box Baby Ruth Tobacco worth \$3.35, our price **\$2.95** per box.

Piedmont Cigarettes 4c a pack or **\$3.80** per thousand. Can you afford to miss this. Red Iron Racket sel's for less.

5c cake Fairy Soap **4c**

5c cake Pumo Skin Soap **4c**

7 cakes Octagon Soap **25c**

12 cakes Polo Soap **25c**

1 nice set Goblets **39c**

\$5.00 Men's fine Pants **\$3.48**

1 pair Men's Moleskin Pants **48c**

25c Men's Underwear **19c**

35c Men's Drill Drawers **23c**

5.00 Men's Serge Coats **\$4.23**

6 Spools Cotton (Best Six Cord) for **25c**

8 Balls Thread **5c**

\$3.50 Eight day clock Jewelry and Watches, special values at less money prices.

Dress Goods, India Linen, Lawns, Laces, Embroidery. Bargains galore.

10 lbs. good Coffee parched or green for **\$1.00.**

25c Mexican Bamboo Hats Best work Hat **13c**

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Big line of Stationery, Pencils, Inks, etc.

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Consisting of Household Syringes, Fountain Syringes, Bulb Syringes and Rubber Gloves.

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The Old Reliable.



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Do not be caged up by arbitrary prices. Come here where you can buy cheaply and thus leave yourself free to indulge in buying the things for pleasure instead of having every cent go for necessities.

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**Nitrate of Soda**

The finest Fertilizer for Top Dressing, beats cotton seed meal. Highly recommended in the "Williamson" plan.

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