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FLORENCE MAN KILLS FOREMAN

M. Cook is Shot by T. Burch in Front of Hotel.

Florence, Nov. 29.—M. Cook, a foreman on the plantation of T. Burch, near the city, was shot and killed by his employer in front of a hotel here this afternoon. There are many conflicting stories in regard to the killing, but from what can be gathered Cook had been following Mr. Burch all day with some complaints and the controversy became an altercation and later grew hotter. It is stated that Cook cursed and threatened Mr. Burch and the latter drew his pistol and shot him. He had previously led Cook into the vestibule of the hotel and the two were seated in chairs discussing the question on which they differed.

Burch made no attempt to escape. Summoning his attorney, J. P. McNeill, and accompanied by the deputy sheriff and his attorney he repaired to the office for conference. Through his attorney, Mr. Burch says that he does not wish to discuss the shooting, saying that it grew out of an altercation and cursing and threats.

Cook was a man about 35 years of age. He came here about three years ago from Horry county and for about two years worked at the carpenter's trade. He had been foreman for Mr. Burch for nearly a year. He leaves a wife and two young children.

Mr. Burch is a young man, a traveling salesman, the son of the first coroner of Florence county and a member of one of the largest families in the county. He is well to do and very popular.

Cook is said to have been a man of steady habits and very reliable.

His former employer at the carpenter's trade said that he had spoken to him only about a half hour before the shooting and Cook was not drinking at that time.

Witnesses at the inquest said that Cook had a knife in his hand during the interview.

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EDEN NOTES.

Eden, Dec. 1.—The marriage of Mr. Zimrie Reeves to Miss Ada Nash was solemnized at the home of the bride last Wednesday evening, November 26th, Rev. R. F. Morris, the former pastor of the bride, officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Brooks were the guests of Mr. B. W. Owens Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Armstrong were in Laurens Tuesday shopping.

Mrs. Isabella Brooks was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Zack Neighbors, of Columbia, last week.

Dr. J. W. Beason and wife spent Thursday night and Friday in Woodruff.

Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Gray and little son, Lake, spent the latter end of the week in Greenville with relatives. Mrs. Mattie Woods is visiting in Laurens this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Zimrie Reeves spent Sunday with Mr. F. W. Mahaffey and family.

The children and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Mahaffey had the pleasure of enjoying a good old-fashioned turkey dinner with them Thanksgiving.

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TO SAVE MILLIONS TO COTTON GROWERS.

(Written for The State by R. L. P. Reilsneider of The Public Ledger, Philadelphia.)

Philadelphia, Nov. 30.—To mature cotton bolls artificially, saving millions of dollars annually to planters, producing a better seed and eventually exterminating the boll weevil is the dream of John B. Hall, inventor, and the Hall Cotton Reclaiming company, incorporated in the State of Delaware with an initial capital of \$100,000.

It reads like a Mulberry Seller's prospectus, yet the dream of the inventor and his company gives promise of early realization. This view is strengthened by the results of a number of practical demonstrations in the presence of Southern cotton growers and ginners, and experts whose testimony is to the effect that cotton bolls may be nipped off the stalks like so many oranges, weeks, if necessary, before they would mature naturally, and by either a chemical or a mechanical process, ripened at the convenience of the ginner.

Figuring on a 10 per cent. loss of a cotton crop in immature, unopened and frostbitten bolls, the Hall process would have saved to the planters of the South this year approximately 1,500,000 bales.

Tests of the Hall process with bolls brought from the South in various stages of maturity—some of them frostbitten—were conducted at the Philadelphia Commercial museum in the presence of growers and ginners. Among these were T. S. Cave and J. M. Eesterling of Barnwell, S. C. Bolls from an experimental two-acre plantation near Philadelphia also were matured by the mechanical or incubation process. The experimental plantation belongs to J. Ellwood Lee of the Lee Tire and Rubber company, who is vice president of the Hall Cotton Reclaiming company. It is asserted that field tests will confirm those which were made at the Commercial Museum, and that it will be within the range of possibility to grow cotton profitably in Pennsylvania and other Northern States where the soil is adapted to that crop. This view is predicated on the ability to pluck the bolls in advance of frost and ripen them by incubation.

The results of both the chemical and mechanical treatment of bolls were submitted to Gov. O'Neal and Commissioner Kolb of Alabama, Gov. Hall of Louisiana and Gov. Colquitt of Texas, all of whom, it is stated, are favorably impressed and promised, if the claims of the inventor are further borne out, to encourage the introduction of the processes in their several states. Commissioner of Agriculture E. J. Watson of South Carolina, who is president of the Southern Cotton congress, has given much study to the reports of the several demonstrations with 200 pounds of bolls from South Carolina, and in a letter received from him by inventor Hall a few days ago, Commissioner Watson urges that no time be lost in placing at the disposal of ginners facilities for chemical treatment of the rag end of this season's top crop, to be followed up by the installation of incubators for next season. Mr. Cave also is impatient for putting the process to practical use in South Carolina gineries. With this end in view, contracts are in process of execution with a number of ginners on a basis that relieves them and the planters from any risk whatever. The contract provides that the ginner is to pay to the planter 65 per cent of the money received by him from the sale of cotton and seed from immature and frostbitten bolls furnished by the planter. It is further stipulated that the owners of the invention—the Hall Cotton Reclaiming company—are to pay the ginner \$3 per bale of 500 pounds and an additional 5 per cent of the money received from the sale of the cotton and seed, the Hall company to receive the remaining 20 per cent in royalty. It is proposed, with the introduction of the machine, that the planters will pay to the ginner \$5 per bale for cotton produced from bolls that otherwise would be lost, the ginner to retain 50 per cent of this sum and pay the remainder to the Hall company.

Briefly, mechanical ripening of the

bolls, forcing them to disclose their wealth of snowy, fluffy raw cotton of commerce, is simply incubation applied to plants. The bolls are "hatched out" in from two to three hours, a machine and an operator maturing from five to eight bales of cotton per day. The time consumed by the chemical process may be several hours or several days, depending upon the character of the building, temperature and degree of moisture in which the bolls are treated—conditions wholly within the control of the ginner or planter. Whilst both processes promise to save nearly \$100,000,000 annually in cotton, perhaps the most startling claim made for them is that by their common use the boll weevil will eventually be exterminated. The death knell of the destructive pest is being sounded in the preparations under way for reclaiming frostbitten and immature bolls within a week or two, by prolonging the liberating period of the boll weevil by several weeks, which is to be accomplished by artificially ripening the bolls that long in advance of the time when nature would do the work, the weevil will be virtually starved out. There will be nothing for him to feed upon during the few weeks that must elapse from the time he crawls from his winter quarters until the crop has been planted.

The Hall processes are pronounced by several planters as marking an epoch in the history of cotton production no less important than the introduction of the gin. R. C. Musgrove, a cotton expert 25 Broad street, New York, who witnessed the mechanical process of ripening bolls and afterwards submitted the fibre to the usual tests, is quoted as saying that the staple of the bolls matured by the process is longer than from bolls ripened on the stalk. He says the cotton had a firmer and more silky gloss than that which was ripened naturally; that it is of a fine spinning quality and that the heat of the sun injures the textile strength and quality of cotton matured in the field. Mr. Musgrove was chairman of awards of cotton at the St. Louis exposition, also at the Jamestown exposition, and judge of cotton at the American Land and Irrigation exposition, New York.

W. J. Williams, a government chemist at the United States arsenal in Philadelphia, reporting on tests of seed from bolls matured both artificially and naturally, says he found that the artificially ripened cotton seed contained about 2 per cent more oil and fat than that which had been allowed to ripen in the field. Other tests are held as having demonstrated that seed from artificially ripened bolls germinates even more satisfactorily than that from bolls that were matured on the stalk.

The bolls from Barnwell which were subjected to treatment in the incubator were classified—some being taken three weeks before maturity, others four weeks and an intermediate class 10 days before maturity, from the fields respectively of T. J. Grubbs, Mr. Richardson and T. S. Cave.

Artificial ripening of cotton bolls will, it is contended, go far toward solving the labor problems from at least one of its angles. It is designed to defy the elements to a considerable extent, and outwit Jack Frost.

WARRIOR CREEK.

Gray Court, Route 2, Dec. 1.—Thanksgiving day passed off very quietly in our community.

Mrs. C. A. Jolly and children, Mary Blanche and Jack of Spartanburg spent the week-end here with relatives.

Mrs. T. A. Drummond and children and Miss Caroline Fowler, of Lanford, spent Thanksgiving with their mother, Mrs. M. W. W. Fowler.

Mr. S. C. Brownlee visited in Spartanburg last week.

Mr. George Little left last week for Orlando, Fla., to spend the winter.

Miss Lillian Brownlee and Messrs. K. B. Brownlee, L. K. Knight and S. T. Ball spent Thanksgiving in Greenville. They made the trip in Mr. Ball's car.

Several of our ladies attended the W. M. U. at Lanford Tuesday. They continue to tell of the excellent dinner and cordial hospitality of the Lanford ladies.

There will be a box and oyster supper next Friday night, Dec. 5th, at the home of Mr. R. L. Smith for the benefit of Warrior Creek school.

Princeton Locals.

Princeton, Nov. 28.—Quite a surprise was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Arnold's, on Wednesday evening the 26th. The Misses Arnold sent out cards for a social evening but after the guests arrived they were surprised by the marriage of Miss Annie Lee Arnold to Mr. James E. Stone.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. G. Lee in a most beautiful and solemn way. Immediately after the ceremony they were shown to the dining room by two little girls, Ruth Arnold and Grace Monroe, giving each guest a souvenir, where a delicious salad course was served by Miss Kiddie Hendrix Arnold, sister of the bride. The bride is the third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Arnold, while the groom is a son of Mr. J. T. Stone. Both are popular in local circles and have many friends that are giving them their hearty congratulations and best wishes. Mr. and Mrs. Stone will make their home in Princeton.

Among the out-of-town guests were: Miss Bertha Milford and Mr. Rob. McGee of Anderson, Prof. G. E. Welborn of Williamston, Messrs. Jim Arnold, Joel Bigby, and Jones Washington of Pelzer and Rev. and Mrs. R. G. Lee of Greenville.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Humbert and little Miss Margaret, of Laurens, spent Thanksgiving with Capt. and Mrs. J. B. Humbert.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Roames of Greenville, spent Sunday here with Mrs. W. J. Freeman.

TYLERSVILLE DOTS.

Tylersville, Dec. 2.—Mr. W. F. Winters was in Santee for Thanksgiving.

Mr. William Peterson spent the week-end with homefolks.

Mr. Laurens Poole, of Cross Anchor, came over Friday night and gave us some fine music which was very much enjoyed by all who were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Poole are always glad to give the young people enjoyment in their home.

We hear of a lot of moving around in this vicinity.

Mr. Harvey Jennings has moved into the Jim Dilard home.

Croup and Cough Remedy.

Croup is a terrible disease, it attacks children so suddenly they are very apt to choke unless given the proper remedy at once. There is nothing better in the world than Dr. King's New Discovery. Lewis Chamberlain, of Manchester, Ohio, writes about his children: "Sometimes in severe attacks we were afraid they would die, but since we proved what a certain remedy Dr. King's New Discovery is, we have no fear. We rely on it for croup, coughs and colds." So can you, 50c and \$1.00. A bottle should be in every home. At all druggists, H. E. Bucklen & Co., Phila. and St. Louis.

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SALE OF Personal Property.

Time of sale Friday, December the 5th, beginning at 10 o'clock. Place of sale residence of the late A. L. Nash, four miles north of Laurens on the Greenville Road.

The sale will consist of two mules in good condition, one milch cow, two heifers, one two-horse wagon, one buggy, farming tools and implements, corn fodder, hay, etc. Terms of sale, cash to highest bidder.

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