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NECESSITY OF DRAINAGE.

Would Make Our Low Country a Garden Spot.

Editor COUNTY RECORD:

At the recent Farmers' Day address in Georgetown drainage, drainage, drainage, seemed to be the central idea regardless of speaker; and well indeed it should have been. From the apostle of drainage, Col. Jas Cosgrove, to our worthy commissioner of agriculture and commerce came iteration and reiteration of the merits of thoroughly draining the land. Uncle Sam was kind enough to send a drainage engineer all the way to Georgetown to tell the farmers of the importance of drainage. This speaker told how lands had been advanced within a short time from a few dollars per acre to two or three hundred, and solely because they had been drained. Col. Cosgrove told the same story of enhancement of land values around Charleston.

To state that drainage from the agricultural standpoint alone is by far the most important operation involved in the management of a farm is but to put the plain truth in simple language. Though South Carolina soils and seasons equal those anywhere, and though her farmers are using more fertilizers than are employed elsewhere, the State can not claim first rank as a producer of any agricultural crop. Indeed the corn yield here is but a little better than that of Florida, which State has the lowest average in the country.

The reason lies in the fact that the soils most productive when drained are allowed to waste their beautiful store of plant food in the support of marsh and swamp.

Our flat long straw pine lands and "savannas" or "prairies," as they are called in Florida, underlaid with clay, are without doubt the real bank of this section of the State; yet every one who has tried to farm these lands has recognized in a certain degree the necessity of "ditching."

Mr McIver Williamson has made himself famous by suggesting a method of conserving soil moisture. His plan has its merits as well as its demerits, and it is quite certain that it is vastly inferior to such methods involving thorough drainage, frequent and shallow tillage and constant application of humus, such as was the case in the production of all really phenomenal corn crops.

The reasons for thorough drainage, aside from sanitary considerations, are so numerous and so clear to the student-farmer that their notation here is unnecessary, and it suffices to say that the world's best crops are made on none but the best artificially drained soils.

Let any farmer in Williamsburg drain his land thoroughly and I will warrant one hundred eager disciples within five years from the date the first tile is laid.

While the drainage problem should be grappled with at once it should be remembered that the services of a competent drainage engineer is not only essential to success but is in reality an important factor of economy.

Hundreds, yes thousands, of dollars have been and are being squandered in useless ditches which were poorly planned and no better constructed. Statistics along this line would prove interesting—nearly every farmer has his tale of the unprofitable ditch. "Let landlords drain

their lands and be farmers," should be the central idea of our people.

Sincerely,
ROSE HILL GARDEN,
May 30, 1908.

WOMEN'S WOES.

Kingstree Women are Finding Relief at Last.

It does seem that women have more than a fair share of the aches and pains that afflict humanity; they must "keep up," must attend to duties in spite of constantly aching backs, or headaches, dizzy spells, bearing down pains; they must stoop over, when to stoop means torture. They must walk and bend and work with racking pains and many aches from kidney ills. Kidneys cause more suffering than any other organ of the body. Keep the kidneys well and health is easily maintained. Read of a remedy for kidneys only that helps and cures the kidneys and is endorsed by people you know.

Miss Pollie Vause, Logan street Kingstree, S. C., says: "I used Doan's Kidney Pills and they benefited me more than any thing I ever tried. My back and kidneys caused me a great deal of misery for years. Headaches and dizzy spells occurred frequently and I was bothered at all times by the irregular action of the kidneys. Doan's Kidney Pills which I procured at Scott's drug store helped me at once and since then I have been in the best of health."

Cotton Acreage.

It has always been the custom of the speculative markets to take up the discussion of possible cotton acreage early in the spring and long before a seed is planted in the northern portion of the cotton belt. Of course, a discussion of that kind thus early in the season, is absolutely devoid of rhyme or reason, and is indulged in almost exclusively by the bear gamblers in their efforts to depress the remnant always in the South at that season of the year. It is usually the last card played in the game of divorcing the planter from his crop at inadequate prices.

It is absolutely impossible to approximate the cotton acreage of 1908 at this hour. Let that be understood. The Government does not attempt to make its estimate until May 25, and even then 'tis but an approximate guess, upon which but little dependence can be placed. It is too early in the season. Cotton planed may be plowed up and the land planted to corn; a wet spell may prevail, causing thousands of acres in each of the States to be turned out under the command of "General Green."

Floods, too, may sweep our hill-sides and cause the great rivers to escape their banks, thus sweeping away the richest portion of the South's cotton area for the season. Then again the plant is preyed upon by many insects and pests, which, to a certain extent, menace the entire area. Indeed, boll weevil has caused a shrinking in the area, which in some localities has resulted in the total abandonment of the planting and the wiping out of thousands of acres planted, so far as gathering a crop is concerned.

The number of acres planted is not of so much significance as the number of acres harvested; in other words, the thing that counts is the number of acres producing its average quota of lint cotton.—*Cotton Journal*.

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SALTERS SIFTINGS.

Entertainment in Town Hall—Festive.

SALTERS DEPOT, June 1.—The moving picture show in the town hall Saturday night for the benefit of the Confederate monument was a great success, the views and moving pictures being very fine. The entire audience was loud in its praise. It was well worth the price.

Mr Leroy B Ferrell of Charleston was noted on our streets Monday.

Misses Cargile, of THE RECORD office, spent the day here last week. Mrs B S D Muckenfuss of Charleston is visiting her sister, Mrs R Moseley.

Mrs Jno M Salters has gone to Rock Hill to spend some time with her parents.

Mr Jno M Gruber, who has been very ill for the past week, is slowly improving.

Mr Kershaw Gruber of Charleston, spent several days recently with the family of Dr I N Boyd.

Mr J A Scarborough bought twenty-six bales of cotton here Monday at 11 cents. There is very little more of the staple in this section.

The last dance of the season was given Thursday night in the town hall. Ice lemonade, ice cream and cake were served and the dance was continued until the "wee sma'" hours of the morning. It was one of the best dances of the season.

Fishing has been very popular here the past few weeks, several parties of ladies even trying their hands. A large number of very fine fish has been caught.

SALTERS DEPOT.

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A Card From Mr. Throver.

Editor COUNTY RECORD: I note in your last week's issue a card from Mr. W. S. Camlin, Jr., concerning a meeting held at Harper's the 12th inst., in which he makes statements in reference to me; and I beg that you allow these few lines to appear in your columns that I might state my position in the matter before the public. Mr Camlin asserts that I charged the entire town council with dispensing intoxicating drinks and that I also attacked his character.

In the first place, will say I was not after Mr Camlin's character or the character of any one else. But it will be borne in mind that the meeting referred to was held for the purpose of discussing the situation at Harper's in view of the fact that an application had been made to the board for the establishment of a dispensary at said place. I had no intention of attacking the character of Mr Camlin or any one else, and I said so at the time before the meeting. I made certain assertions in order only that the board might not be misled and that the true situation might be learned. My statements were indispensable to a just and proper discussion of the business before the board and I have facts to sustain the position and Mr. Cam-

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