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BENSON BREVITIES.

Farmers Begin Planting--Talented Young Thespians--Personal.

Benson, March 16:--Farmers of this section are rapidly preparing the soil for planting. A few of the "early birds" have already planted corn. Mr J Y McGill is busily working his bean farm this week, hustling to catch the fancy prices. Sandy Paul, an industrious negro who lives on Mr J G McCullough's place, has an acre of garden peas more forward than any we have seen.

A good many tobacco barns are being built in addition to those already in use. This may indicate coming prosperity, but we are inclined to predict that this industry, like that of the "fleecy staple", will suffer from overproduction. However, we have not seen nearly so much fertilizers being delivered in this section as heretofore up to this date.

Dr R D Guerry of Clio, Ga, is visiting his parents, Mr and Mrs S H Guerry of Zeb.

Miss Carrie Watson, one of the popular teachers of this place, spent the week-end visiting relatives at Manning.

Miss Isla Smith of Bloomingvale visited relatives here last week.

Mr William K McKnight of Kingstree has been sick at his home several days with la grippe, but has returned to his work as salesman for Mr W E Snowden.

A young man of Kingstree has been noted in our community several times recently. What are the whys wherefores?

The local amateur troupe, which some time ago entertained the public at the Cedar Swamp school house, soon after went to Indiantown and later to Bloomingvale, where they had good audiences to witness the play, which success brought forth many deserved complimentary remarks, and, withal, added more cash to the school's low exchequer. After much solicitation and the assurance of a full house, "The Winning of Latane" will be taken to Andrews for the next performance. What aileth the Benson baseball team? They were the victors last season in several games, notably over Kingstree, St Stephens, White Oak and Indiantown, and yet they have not organized for this season. Call the boys early, Mr Manager, and let them begin to twirl the sphere, to the delight of the many enthusiastic baseball fans, especially among the ladies.

What a grand and glorious feeling once more to be able to ride to Kingstree without experiencing the effect of the long reaches of mire and the deep ruts where the axles of buggies would actually drag upon the ground. Continue the good work, Joe Frierson; we appreciate it.

OBJECTED TO CHARIVARI.

Bridegroom Shoots Into Serenaders--One Badly Wounded.

Bishopville, March 12:--As the result of a pistol shot, alleged to have been fired by Willie Johnson late today at a crowd of friends serenading him and his bride, Willie Price has been rushed to a hospital in Columbia with only a fighting chance for

MEXICANS SLAY AMERICAN

Protected by Stars and Stripes--U S Demands Instant Reparation.

Washington, March 12:--Encouraging advices telling of the relief of the food famine in Mexico City through the evacuation of the Capital by the forces of Gen Obregon, the Carranza commander, were belated today by the news that on the entry of the Zapata troops John B McManus, an American citizen, was murdered--shot down in his home, the door of which had been sealed with the coat of arms of the United States, and over which flew the Stars and Stripes.

Instant demand was made by the Brazilian minister on behalf of the United States Government for the punishment of those guilty of the crime. After a conference between President Wilson and his cabinet Secretary Bryan telegraphed the Brazilian minister, approving of his action and adding a demand for reparation to the victim's family. The minister was instructed to insist on the early punishment of the offenders and to impress upon the post commander at Mexico City--Gen Salazar--the seriousness with which the American Government viewed the occurrence.

The general--who is not the same Salazar, nor a relative of the independent chief, who has been conducting an independent revolutionary movement in Northern Mexico after his escape from American custody last year--promised that the demands of the United States would be promptly met.

CURISER AT NEWPORT NEWS.

German Sea Rover Sunk 8 Ships--One an American Vessel.

Newport News, Va, March 10:--The German auxiliary cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich, after a commerce destroying campaign on the Pacific and Atlantic oceans, which culminated in the sinking of an American sailing ship in the South Atlantic Ocean on January 28 last, limped into this port today and anchored for supplies and repairs. She brought with her rescued crews and passengers of American, British, French and Russian ships, and lies at anchor tonight, proud of her trophies of war that crunch the bottom of the sea, but in a state of mechanical exhaustion from the strain of a 55,000-mile journey.

The German cruiser began scouting for the ships of enemies of the Fatherland at Tsing Tau, China, last November, under the mastership of Commander Thierichens, and put into this port today, with the admitted sinking of eight merchant ships, three British, three French, one Russian and one American. The sinking of the American ship, the William P Frye, a sailing vessel, bound from Seattle to Queenstown, with a cargo of wheat, most concerned American port officials and the Washington Government.

his life. Both men are residents of the Ionia section of the county and are prominently connected. Johnson has been placed in jail awaiting the outcome of Price's wound.

What Mr. Duke Says About the Tobacco Crop.

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TIDWELL TO BE TRIED AGAIN.

Supreme Court Holds That His Conviction Was Unlawful.

Columbia, March 15:--George W Tidwell, the Clinton white man who shot and killed R Emmett Walker, one of Greenville's prominent young white men, at the Carolina Cotton Mill office, in the city of Greenville, on Thursday morning, March 12, 1914, because of illicit relations which Walker had with his daughter, Olive Tidwell, was this morning given a new trial by the supreme court. Tidwell was convicted of manslaughter at Greenville in May of last year and sentenced to twelve years in the penitentiary by Judge Thomas J Mauldin. The sentence was reduced to seven years by former Governor Cole L Blease on December 31 of last year.

The decision of the court was written by Associate Justice George W Gage, and the new trial for Tidwell is granted on two grounds, first, because the twelfth juror was drawn and put in the box from an extra venire of fifteen summoned before the whole fifteen had been served and gotten into court, and second, because of the improper cross-examination of George W Tidwell and his daughter, Olive Tidwell, and because incompetent and irrelevant testimony was admitted bearing on the alleged conduct of Mrs Tidwell and of Olive Tidwell with other men. The decision of the court was unanimous.

Since his shooting of young Walker over a year ago Tidwell has been confined in jail at Greenville. General sessions court is now sitting in Greenville, and Tidwell may either be retried immediately or his new trial may come up at the May term.

ONE KILLED; FIVE WOUNDED.

Result of Pistol Battle at Pageland, Chesterfield County.

Pageland, March 12:--As the result of a wholesale shooting affray on the streets of Pageland following a trial in a Magistrate's court this afternoon, one man is dead and five others are more or less seriously wounded. Two and possibly three suffered wounds that are now expected to prove fatal. The shooting grew out of a decision of the court in a case of an alleged violation of a labor contract.

J W Arant was killed. J M Arant was shot in the abdomen and is in a serious condition. J D Wallace was shot in the abdomen and has been

carried to a hospital at Charlotte, N C. Arthur West was shot four times--in the leg, arm and side. Sheppard West, a brother of Arthur West, was shot in the side. John Robertson was shot in the arm.

Between fifty and one hundred revolver shots were fired on the streets at the conclusion of the trial. One of the West boys was being tried on a charge of violating a labor contract, he having worked for Mrs Treat, a sister of the Arant brothers, and later unlawfully leaving her employ to work for Wallace, it is claimed. The Magistrate threw the case out of court and the two sides clashed at the conclusion of the hearing.

Some of the bystanders are believed to have suffered wounds of minor importance.

The Sheriff of Chesterfield county has reached Pageland and is conducting an inquiry.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE IN COLUMBIA.

Masonic Temple and Bryan Printing Co's Plant Burned.

Columbia, March 12:--The Masonic Temple, on Main street, was totally destroyed by fire early this morning. The book store and printing plant of R L Bryan & Co, which occupied the lower floor and basement of this three-story building, were consumed by flames. The total loss is estimated at \$125,000, covered by insurance. The adjoining building, occupied by Stanley's China Hall, was slightly damaged by water.

The fire was discovered about 4 o'clock this morning and had gained considerable headway when the fire alarm was turned in and the fire fighters reached the scene. Several powerful streams were soon playing on the blaze, which was rapidly licking its way up through the woodwork and the contents of the three-story, narrow brick building. It was two hours before the fire was gotten under control with the entire fire department upon the scene, even the old steamers being called on. The stock and the building were a total loss after two hours, only the gaunt brick walls standing.

Card of Thanks.

Editor County Record:-- Please allow me space in your valuable paper to thank the good people at and around Morrisville, also of Kingstree, for their kindness during the illness and death of my brother. M L McCLARY. March 16, 1915. 1tp



ALL OF THE VAST FORTUNES BEGAN WITH THE FIRST SMALL DEPOSITS START ONE YOURSELF.

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