

Wednesday, December 14.

Our State Contemporaries.

The Farmer's Convention.

The second annual Convention of the Farmers' Association of this State, which convened in Agricultural Hall, Columbia, S. C., December 1st, 1887, was one of the most pleasant meetings ever held by the farmers.

The unanimity of spirit which pervaded this meeting was a genuine surprise to those opposers of the Farmers' Movement who anxiously desired, and looked forward to, a discordant time when the Convention assembled.

The action of the Convention has put the farmers in good shape before the public, and now is the time for the County Organizers to actively carry out their plans.

Anderson Intelligence.

The Farmers' Convention met in Columbia last week. Its effect upon legislation is not likely to be very great. The bill to reorganize the Department of Agriculture by increasing it to ten members, and permitting it to elect the Commissioner of Agriculture, was on motion of Senator Murray, made the special order for Wednesday.

An Important Bill.

One of the most important bills introduced at this session of the Legislature, is one by Maj. Ernest Gary, making municipalities liable for damages arising from accidents by reason of defective bridges, streets, causeways, etc.

Pickers Sent to Jail.

What is the use to investigate the financial affairs of Clarendon county? What is the matter with the Grand Jury? They can employ an expert and fix that little business all right.

Resignation of Comptroller General Stoney.

Captain William E. Stoney has tendered his resignation of the office of Comptroller General of South Carolina. After many years of efficient and faithful service, and winning golden opinions from all sorts of people, Captain Stoney has abandoned his State place to consult his interests in another sphere of action.

Another Game Bird.

The latest candidate for excitement among the game birds is the turpentine. His case is especially urgent, inasmuch as he is unable to climb a tree and has failed to develop speed even after a long process of hunting and training.

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The cooter stands on his own merits, and may receive favorable consideration without derogation of the claims of his fellow game bird the 'possum. Each has and ably fills his own sphere; for, while the 'possum is the champion roaster and baker in the cheerful companionship of broiled sweet potatoes, the cooter naturally runs to soup and is at his best when absorbed by the aid of a silver spoon and with his own faror mingled with a dash of the best sherry.

Let the two go upon the statute books band in hand as game; let us cherish them both as types of our country, our climate and our institutions, which offer happiness to men of all classes and gratification for every honest taste and righteous ambition.

An Edgefield Man Has Pleasant Experience in the Game Cock Capital.

Dear Chronicle: As delegates from the Edgefield Baptist Church, Mr. Arthur S. Tompkins and your correspondent attended the State Baptist Convention in Sumter, the capital of the deservingly noble 'Game Cock County.'

Here we met Dr. Bailey, and Dr. Griffith, old acquaintances of the Association, and saw the venerable Dr. Furman, and Dr. Tiebner, one of my acquaintances of days gone by. Business was transacted with a sufficient amount of zeal and energy. Over \$13,000 was pledged to Furman University as endowment.

Sumter is beautifully situated, with elegant drives and mellow moonlight walks. It has a fine hotel; and a little advertising would make known its superior inducements to tourists.

The Sumter Spinning Mill is ably managed by Mr. D. James Winn, its President, who has run this mill eight and day for two years, and to a profit. Mr. Winn gives this mill his personal supervision, which accounts for its success. He converts into thread twenty-five hundred bales of cotton annually; employs one hundred and twenty-five hands, two sets, and plucks from this thrifty of opportunity over twenty thousand dollars annually paid as wages, to be distributed in the town of Sumter.

I visited Mr. Mason's workshop, and saw the veritable Cotton Picker. Mr. Mason has an elegant house and grounds, and has sold, I am told, one fifth interest in his machines for sixty thousand dollars, and receives a salary from his company of fifteen hundred dollars annually, as inventor.

There is an Institute here for young ladies with one hundred and twenty-five pupils. It is in a flourishing condition.

The Sumter people are not behind in social kindness, and the trouble with us was to find time to accept and fill all invitations.

Your correspondent found all the pleasures of the home circle where he was entertained, and also had the pleasure of dining with Col. Graham, whose lady is a cousin of our Dr. Sanders.

I also met a sister of Mrs. Col. Graham which made one feel quite at home. The kind people who entertained me proved to be relations of a young lady who thirty-five or more years ago was married to J. J. then a boy of twelve or fourteen, at Montgomery, Ala. So you see our roses always bloom when they were planted wisely in the days gone by.

And now, little South Carolina lady, you who so generously contributed those well appreciated little kindnesses, we would gladly place a golden horse shoe about your heart, as a shield against all trouble. This is impossible but we do honestly and earnestly wish you all the joy, all the happiness, and all the love which can be reasonably expected in this life.

A Shocking Accident.

On Friday last as Mr. John Johnson, Sr., and his wife were returning from a visit to their brother, Mr. Isaac Johnson, who has since died, they met with a shocking accident that has since resulted in the death of Mrs. Johnson. The accident happened near Mrs. Harriet Kitching's, in Tabernacle township. They had just passed her house when they met Freddie Holmes, nephew of Mr. Alfred Holmes, who was riding a horse. Freddie attempted to get out of the road, but the front wheel of Mr. Johnson's buggy caught the horse in

A Duck of an Angel.

A young lady of Newberry who was at the late fair but who did not take in the situation described, received the following spicy analysis from a gallant young biped. She enjoyed the ridiculous analysis of her sex very much, and gave us a copy for publication:

Bloody Crime in Darlington.

News comes from Lydia, in this county of a bloody tragedy enacted near there, on the Nahen Galloway place, on Wednesday afternoon of last week. Fred Edwards, colored, residing on the premises mentioned, was punishing one of his children for a trivial offence, when his wife remonstrated in the child's behalf.

At state fair, raising—duck 75 parts, mule 20, angel a trace, earthly soluble 5-100. Under most favorable circumstances, I think about equal parts angel, duck and mule, would be the happy medium.

There was a serious difficulty near this place on Tuesday afternoon. The trouble occurred at the plantation of Mr. W. J. Windham between the later and a negro named Boyd Pierce, who was living upon his place. It grew out of the negro disputing his account. A few words passed between them, when the negro picked up a piece of scantling and struck Mr. Windham on the head, cutting a gash about two inches long to the skull bone.

An Important Case Settled.

The Columbia Register says: Years ago the land on Main street, where now stands the Agricultural building, was the property of the late James K. Friday, at one time a wealthy and one of Columbia's most prominent grocery merchants. In some way the property passed out of his possession and Niles G. Parker, of unsavory reputation, became the owner, and afterwards Thomas B. Johnson, of Sumter, who sold it to the State with the present building now occupied by the Agricultural Department.

A Good Crop and Some Money.

The above caption is an expression used by a large number of farmers in Georgia and South Carolina, upon being interrogated as to their crops this year. It is a reply full of encouragement.

A good crop and some money means reasonably paid labor—abundant in quantity and good in quality; the expression signifies that the farmer's barn is full to overflowing; that the farmer's factor has found him prompt; that the farmer's home is becoming daily more attractive to the inmates and a subject of complimentary remark by the neighbors.

The cashier, who has charge of our financial matters, wishes us to insert the following from him to those who have forgotten to reply to the notices sent out:

There is a little matter that some of our subscribers have seemingly forgotten entirely. Some of them have made us many promises, but have not kept them. To us it is a very important matter—it is necessary in our business. We are very modest and don't like to speak about it. It might be called a matter of \$8 and sense.

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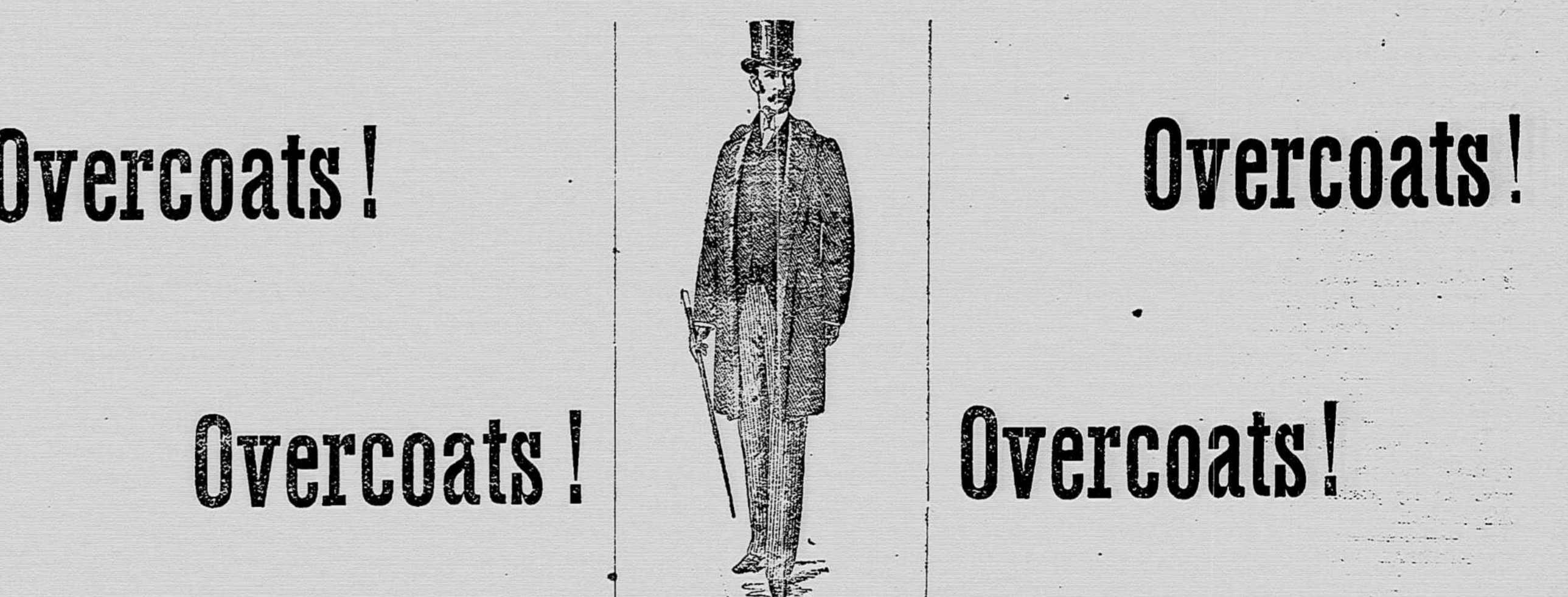
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