

THE HARVEST ENDED.

**The Big Crop of Hagood's Farmers All Gathered.**

Hagood, Dec. 19.—Cotton, notwithstanding the tremendous crop made here, has about all about been gathered, a better record than last year with its short crop.

For a time labor seemed scarce, causing some folks to go wild and offer more than was necessary. The only two men in our community who did not go up were negroes and while they were a little slow their crops were finally gathered in good condition.

While the crop here was a "bumper," nearby it was quite short.

As a rule a good corn year is not a good cotton year old farmers say, but this year is the exception in all our country so far as I have been able to learn; from reports that come in we ought to call it the "jubilee" year for Sumter county, because an abundance of everything has been made.

I have claimed since my first acquaintance with the county that its lands were fully equal to the very best of Marion and Marlboro. People are beginning to realize the truth of the statement.

Maybe, I suspected it is true, the giant only shook himself his year, and we are to see a larger one next. At least that is what many are preparing for. Their lands have been badly run down, sadly in need of drainage so that they were not, are not, is what they would even now say, in a position to do the "handsome" thing. This from my knowledge and observation I believe to be the case. To all the farmers, to everybody, a merry Xmas and a happy New Year.

PROLEAU GOES TO JAIL.

Twice a Candidate for Congress in First District.

Charleston, Dec. 20.—Aaron P. Proleau, colored, one of the erstwhile Republican candidates for congress in the district, who was convicted and sentenced to imprisonment for three months in the Charleston county jail, and to pay a fine of \$50. Proleau was represented at the hearing by his two colored lawyers, but immediately after sentence was passed he secured the services of Mr. W. St. Julien Jervey with the view of carrying an appeal to the Circuit court of appeals. It is understood that Captain John G. Capers, as district attorney, will resist any further review of the decision of the court. Proleau was not taken to jail until late yesterday afternoon, having requested that he be granted time to give bond.

The bond under which Proleau was previously held simply required his presence at any time it was desired in court. The bond was executed before sentence was passed. In view of the action of counsel, the district attorney insisted upon a new bond, but up until the time Proleau was taken to jail no bond satisfactory to the clerk of the District Court or to the district attorney had been offered.

MRS. CHADWICK TO TESTIFY.

She Will Be Asked by Referee About Jewels and Other Valuable.

Cleveland, Dec. 20.—Mrs. Chadwick said this morning that she was willing to appear before Referee Remington today if the doctors said she was able to do so. She will be asked about jewels and other valuables she is reported to have.

TOWNVILLE OIL MILL BURNED.

A Quantity of Seed, Oil and Meal Was Consumed.

Anderson, Dec. 19.—The oil mill and gin at Townville, in the northwestern part of the county, was destroyed early yesterday morning. The total loss is about \$20,000. A quantity of oil, seed and meal was consumed with the building. The mill was built last year and capitalized at \$15,000. It has been in successful operation since and has paid good dividends, though situated 15 miles from a railroad.

THE JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION.

House Committee Favors the Undertaking and Will Advise a Substantial Appropriation.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Sub-committees of the House committee on industrial arts and expositions met this morning and heard officials of the departments of war, navy and commerce and labor on the subject of the Jamestown exposition of 1907. Representative interests back of the exposition were also present. At the conclusion of the hearing Mr. Tanager, Chairman of the sub-committee said the members of the sub-committee were in favor of advising substantial government aid to the undertaking and believed that congress would help it along.

Another Busted Ohio Bank.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The Comptroller of the Currency was advised today that the First National Bank of Connecticut, Ohio, closed its doors last night on account of a run which occurred yesterday. National Bank Examiner L. L. Miller has been appointed receiver.

Washington, Dec. 20.—President Roosevelt this morning promised to attend the annual Lincoln dinner of the New York Republican Club, which is to be held at the Waldorf-Astoria on the evening of February 13th. William D. Murphy, a member of the club presented the invitation to the President and received his acceptance.

Paris, Dec. 2.—The meeting of the commission which will inquire into the Dogger Bank tragedy has been postponed until tomorrow because of the non arrival of Rear Admiral Davis, the American member. He is expected to arrive in Paris this afternoon.

FALLING WALLS CRUSH A HOTEL.

Fifty Guests Buried in the Ruins—Seven Bodies Recovered.

Minneapolis, Dec. 20.—A strong wind caused the walls of the ruined Peck building, which was burned last Tuesday, to fall early this morning, crushing the Crocker hotel adjoining. Fifty people are known to have been in the hotel at the time.

The ruined hotel caught fire and the entire fire department started to rescue to entombed people. Several are known to be dead and there are nine known to be injured, some quite seriously. The hotel was a frame building and was crushed as though it was built of card board.

SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS NOTES.

Items of Interest Condensed and Paraphrased for Quick Reading.

Hayward county election has been withdrawn by those interested in the new county, as it was found the election could not be held the same day as the Calhoun county election.

John Reddis, Auditor-elect of Fairfield county, died in Winnsboro Monday.

Jeff Black and Lac Berlin were committed to the Abbeville jail Monday for the murder of Will Vance at a hot supper Friday night. All are negroes.

The citizens of Edgefield county held a red hot meeting at Edgefield Court House Monday and organized to fight the movement to form Calhoun county out of portions of Edgefield county. A hot fight is anticipated.

Mrs. Cora C. Wilson, the widow of Maj. Jas. L. Wilson, a retired United States Army officer, who resided in Aiken S. C., for several years, has been committed to the Tombs prison, in New York, charged with stealing diamonds from Miss Laguna, a wealthy Cuban girl. The Aiken end of the story is that Mrs. Wilson operated in that place the Mrs. Chadwick game on a small scale. She attempted among other schemes to organize and run a bank of her own in Aiken. She obtained a charter, rented a building and fitted it up as a bank but never did any business. It is not known to what extent she victimized those with whom she had dealings.

W. M. Foley white, killed Chat Collier, a Croatan, at Greensea, Horry county Sunday.

Mr. Hiram Mitchell, engraving clerk in the office of the secretary of state, has finished the commissions for the 20 senators and 124 representatives recently elected—144 in all.

DAILY MARKET REPORT.

Special by Ware & Leland's Private Wire.

New York, Dec. 20.—The break below 7.50 for January was attended with another break this morning, and January sold at 7.23 before the afternoon session was over. There was more short selling than there has been in some time. Professionals have been waiting for the market to break to 7.50 and were all ready to sell short. That is, between 7.50 and 7.70 the situation seemed very uncertain, but when the price broke through the low figures there was general confidence in lower prices. Professionals have some very definite ideas at times, and there was enough selling today to catch stop loss orders and hasten the break.

With the market weak and in new ground there was absolutely nothing in the situation to induce buying, and the support today was as poor as it was yesterday. The light receipts seemed to have a weakening effect on prices, rather than otherwise, and the market was weaker than for days. Reports from the south showed cotton for sale. We will have a decline now until the market gets oversold again and shorts cover. It may be January will have to get nearer 7 cents before it is to be bought. There will be January deliveries another week.

Ware & Leland.

	Open	High	Low	Close
Jan.	7.39	7.39	7.19	7.21
Feb.	7.45	7.45	7.35	7.39
March	7.52	7.55	7.35	7.39
April	7.60	7.80	7.50	7.45
May	7.64	7.67	7.47	7.49
June	7.71	7.71	7.60	7.57
July	7.76	7.77	7.58	7.60
Aug.	7.77	7.77	7.75	7.61
Dec.	7.32	7.35	7.16	7.16

New York spots 20 down; middling 7.70, sales none.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

	Opening	Closing
<b>WHEAT—</b>		
May,	110 1-	110 4-
Dec.,	109 5-	110 4-
July,	97 5-	98 2-
<b>CORN—</b>		
May,	45 1-	45 1-
Dec.,	45 5-	45 6-
July,	45 4-	45 2-
<b>OATS—</b>		
May,	31 2-	31 2-
Dec.,	29 -	29 -
July,	31 1-	31 2-
<b>PORK—</b>		
May,	12.92	12.97
Jan.,	12.62	12.67
<b>LARD—</b>		
May,	7.10	7.12
Jan.,	6.85	6.87
<b>RIBS—</b>		
May,	6.77	6.80
Jan.,	6.47	6.50

New York, Dec. 19.—By an explosion and the burning of 1,000,000 gallons of petroleum on a Standard Oil company's barge at sea off Long Branch, N. J., Sunday afternoon four men were burned to death.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 19.—Eleven people are believed to be dead in a hotel as a result of the falling of the east wall of the O. H. Peck building, which was destroyed in the big fire last week.

Preaching Thursday Night.

Stanley R. Grubb pastor of the Washington Street Church of Christ, Columbia; will again preach in the School of Music Hall tomorrow night, and will continue to do so each Thursday night, until the local church secures a minister. Every one cordially invited to bear him.

THE WORLD'S LIGHT WEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP.

JIMMY BRITT DEFEATS BATTILING NELSON.

A Great Fist Fight in San Francisco Which Cost the Spectators Thirty Thousand Dollars.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 20.—A thirty-five thousand dollar audience was jammed into Mechanics' Pavilion tonight when Jimmy Britt, of this city, and "Battling" Nelson, of Chicago, fought in what was virtually conceded to be a contest for the world's light weight championship. The belief that Joe Gans, the colored pugilist, who recently retained the title by securing a decision over Britt on a foul, is probably unable to reduce to the weight limit, accentuates the fact that the winner of tonight's battle will be looked upon as the legitimate champion of the light weight division.

Never were two athletes more perfectly conditioned than Britt and Nelson when they ceased their long and arduous course of training, and each was the personification of confidence, when Referee Billy beckoned them to their corners and the bell summoned them to action. The principals weighed in at 6 o'clock. Both men failed to tip the scales at 132 pounds, the stipulated weight. It was the opinion of those present when the men jumped on the scales that Nelson was the lighter of the two by at least a pound.

Betting had been brisk all day. In the morning bets were registered at the odds of 10 to 7, with Britt the favorite. Later on however, owing to the volume of Nelson money and the reluctance of Britt's supporters to speculate at what they termed unreasonable and disproportionate figures, the price advanced a point with the local lad holding the top and at 10 to 8. At 7 o'clock the odds favored Britt at 10 to 9, and these quotations prevailed for an hour. Still the flow of short end wagers poured in and at 8 o'clock the betting was at even money, which was the ruling price up to ring time.

The fighting was fast from the first round and the mill was altogether a scientific exhibition of the manly art. Britt won the decision in the twentieth round.

Two preliminaries were worked off prior to the main event. Tom Moran and Frank de Lile, of the United States army, met in a four-round contest at 130 pounds, while George Herbert and Jim Heywoods (colored) entertained the crowd in a scheduled eight-round go. De Lile was given the decision over Moran at the end of four rounds of tame fighting.

In the second preliminary George Herbert was given the decision over Jim Heywoods at the end of the eighth round.

A message was read from Al Herford, manager of Joe Gans, offering to match the colored man with the winner of tonight's contest.

REDUCED RATES XMAS WEEK.

For City and County Superintendents of Education Coming to Columbia Attend the Annual Meetings.

Columbia, Dec. 21.—Hon. O. B. Martin, State superintendent of education, has secured reduced rates on account of the meeting of the school superintendents and of county superintendents of education here Christmas week. The following circular to county and city superintendents was issued from his office yesterday:

"Gentlemen: I have just received notice that all of the railroads in this State have granted a reduced rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip for our Christmas meetings. These tickets will be on sale Dec. 27th and 28th and will be sold on the certificate plan. That is, you pay full fare coming and take a certificate to that effect from your local agent. These certificates are to be signed by O. B. Martin State superintendent and advised by Mr. W. L. Burroughs special agent, and you will then be able to buy a return ticket at one third the regular fare. These rates are conditioned upon an attendance of 5, but of course there will be more than that from the two associations. Don't neglect the certificates. O. B. Martin."

Forestry Delegates.

Columbia, Dec. 20.—Governor Heyward has appointed the following delegates to the Forestry Congress to be held in the city of Washington January 2-6. The delegates are to discuss matters of general interest to those in the lumber business and the people who are back of the movement for forestry reserve. The delegates are as follows: W. B. Dozier, Columbia; W. D. Woods, Darlington; J. S. Diggs, McBee; D. W. Aldermen, Aicola; R. S. Farr, Georgetown; D. T. McKeithan, Lumber; W. T. Anderson, Charleston; William Godfrey, Cheraw; H. J. McLaurin, Sumter.

Sheriff elect W. H. Epperson received his commission today, but has decided not to take charge of the office until January 2nd. Clerk of Court Parrott received his commission about ten days ago. Supervisor W. H. Seale received his new commission yesterday.

A BIG LIQUOR SEIZURE.

REVENUE OFFICERS CONFISCATE CARLOAD.

Liquor Was Contraband and Had Been Previously Seized by Dispensary Constables in Columbia.

Columbia, Dec. 21.—The United States revenue department yesterday confiscated and is now holding the car and the entire shipment of whiskey which had been seized by the dispensary constables at Cayce's last Friday night and had been turned over to the authorities of the State dispensary Saturday afternoon. The seizure by the government officers was made because the two barrels mentioned at the time of the first seizure as containing wine were found to contain whiskey and were without the revenue tax stamp, as required by law.

As has been stated, there are about 480 gallons in the car load. All of it is in five gallon kegs except the two barrels, which contain about 50 gallons each, and it was the absence of the stamps on these two barrels which convinced the authorities that the entire shipment was illicit whiskey and resulted in the confiscation by the revenue department. The law does not require that packages of less than five gallons shall be stamped, as it is presumed that these small packages have been filled from larger ones on which the tax has been paid.

The shipment was made by Green & Co., of Salisbury, N. C., but an investigation fails to find any trace of such a firm doing a whiskey business in North Carolina and there seems to be no doubt that this name is fictitious, as are the names of the 80 consignees to whom the whiskey was shipped.

There have been numbers of large shipments of contraband whiskey into the State recently, and as a consequence both the state and the federal authorities are unusually alert and determined to stop any further shipments as nearly as possible. Having identical interests they are working together more harmoniously than ever before.

It is thought by some that this temporary increase in shipments of unstamped goods is due to the operations of the Watts law in North Carolina, and it is known that the force of revenue officers and agents is greater in that State now than probably ever before.

9,258,000 Drinks of Dispensary Whiskey.

An anonymous correspondent, who has an aptitude at figures writes to The News and Courier as follows:

"What do you think of the last purchase of rum made by the Board of Control in Columbia for this property-tricken State in the rum sense? The award analyzed means that 11,700 gallons of rum were bought by the Board; that 183,000 bottles of the same fiery liquid were bought or a total of 154,300 gallons were forced on this people. When you consider that the above quantity represents 9,258,000 drinks or about seven drinks for every human being in the Commonwealth, is it not shameful that such an iniquitous law should prevail?"

Yes, it is "shameful," but we can do nothing about it. The State has authorized the traffic and is pushing the business for all it is worth. The larger the sales, the larger the profits. The more whiskey consumed the more convincing the balance sheet when it is submitted to the General Assembly for judgment. The greater the number of drunken men, the more money for the teaching of the children in the public schools. The larger the increase of crimes by violence in the State, the more business for the lawyers and Courts with incidental benefits, of course, to the undertakers who have coffins to sell, and to the merchants, who deal in mourning goods. There ought to be at least 900 violations of the law in 9,258,000 drinks, and if the Dispensary shall dispose of anything like the whole of its Christmas stock, there will be a strenuous time in South Carolina before the present holiday season is over. "The great moral institution" is a great moral failure, a reproach to the State and an offence to decency and good order.

We have been fighting the system ever since it was established. It is growing steadily worse. There are some signs that the people are beginning to see it in all its hideous deformity, but it will go on until the people get strong enough to overthrow the machine by which it is controlled. The State is dominated today by the Dispensary. It is worse than the open saloon, because the saloon could be regulated, and the Dispensary above the law. There ought to be a lively Christmas in South Carolina this year with seven drinks of dispensary whiskey apiece for every man, woman and child in the State.—News and Courier.

Mr. D. M. Blanding, who has been keeping books, for the Osteen Publishing Co., for the past two months has accepted a position with the Bank of Sumter as Collection Clerk, succeeding Mr. J. G. R. Wilder who goes to the Sumter Savings Bank as bookkeeper.

INTENSIVE FARMING.

Southern Men Teach the Nation How to Farm.

We have been so long accustomed to look to northern writers for our best educational books that it is decidedly a cause for satisfaction to have our own authors sought for by the leading publishers of schoolbooks. But the recent book lists do show that southern authors are contributing more and more to the broad national educational literature.

A late addition to the schoolbooks which are the product of southern brains is a volume on agriculture by Professors Burket, Stevens, and Hill of the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts. It may seem remarkable to some that the South, which is supposed to know how to produce but a few staple crops, that are particularly suited to its climate and soil, should be called upon to instruct the whole nation, including the great northern belt with its much vaunted diversified farming. But the excellence of southern farming is more widely recognized that we have realized. It was not very long ago that a northern farming expert was heard to remark that the best farm journal in the country, both in matter and appearance, is published in the South and its contributors are southern men.

We do not know how it was that Ginn and Company, the Boston schoolbook publishers, came to select the North Carolina professors to write this new book on agriculture but it is admitted on all sides, north, south, east, and west, that they have succeeded in giving the main principles of agriculture in a nutshell. They have given such a combination of scientific and practical knowledge of agriculture as has never before been brought within such a small compass.

The book is called "Agriculture for Beginners," and while simple enough for a youth to comprehend, yet it is packed full of information of value to the practical farmer. Every boy on a farm or plantation should read the book; and if his big brother, or father, or uncle gets the copy into his hands, he, too, will find it mighty interesting reading. The practical farmer who has done some deep thinking about the how and the results of farming will find on every page of this handbook explanations of the why. In reading this little book the old farmer will exclaim time and again: "Well, that explains it. I never knew just how it was before."

This book will interest every farmer's boy in his work and will give him new ideas enough to last him a life time. It will start the young farmer to thinking for himself, and offers sprouts of information, which, if followed up, will grow into trees of knowledge.

Not only is the reading matter clear, concise, and explanatory, but the beautiful illustrations are so apt and suggestive that there is not much to hope for in the country boy, or man either, who fails to receive inspiration from them.

This book tells first about soils—

THE SUMTER BOOK STORE

Provision was made months ago to supply the needs of Christmas shoppers and the stock now displayed for inspection is one of the most complete and best selected ever shown in the city.

There is variety in articles, styles and prices sufficient to satisfy all tastes and all pocketbooks, and the people of Sumter are cordially invited to visit us.

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Raphael Tuck's and Gibson Art Co.'s lines, 1 cent to \$1.20.

Toy Books and Children's Classics, 5 cents to \$1.50.

Books for Boys and Girls, 15 cents to \$1.50.

Standard Novels and other books for the Library, 25 cents to \$1.50.

Popular Novels, 75 cents to \$1.50.

Art Editions of the Poets and Masterpieces of Famous Authors, \$1.25 to \$2.50.

Bibles, Testaments, Prayer Books and Hymnals.

The largest and finest stock of Stationery in the city, 10 cents to \$6 per box. Some choice Christmas gifts. The 25 cent line is especially strong and in great variety.

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the various kinds, how they originated, and how they may be improved. Next is taken up the relation of the soil to the plant and when the former supplies food to the plant roots. Then follows a description of the action of the plant above ground and its relation to its environment.

This includes the manner in which plants feed on air, how the sap flows, and how plants are propagated.

Under the subject of fruit trees, grafting, budding, planting, and pruning are fully treated.

But perhaps the most interesting, useful sections are those treatise on the disease of plants, and insects that are found in the orchard, garden, and field. Farm Crop, Domestic Animals, Farm Dairying, and the general life in the country complete the book, which all in all is the most charming volume that has appeared on agriculture, and which it is authoritative and up to date in its information and methods. —By Frank Waldo, Ph. D.

Street superintendent White is engaged at present in putting down 24-inch drainage pipe in the Lynch ditch between Harvin and Green streets.

The work is progressing rapidly, no quick sand having been encountered as in the upper part of the ditch where pipe was put down two weeks ago.

Washington, Dec. 10.—In a decision handed down by Chief Justice Fuller in the case of Johnson vs. the Southern Railway company, the supreme court of the United States today practically held that all cars, including locomotives, should be equipped with uniform automatic couplers. The court also held that dining cars cannot be exempt from the requirements of the safety appliance law when in use, even though empty.

N. G. Osteen, Jr., SURGEON DENTIST, OFFICE: No. 18 W. Liberty St., (Over Osteen's Book Store), SUMTER, S. C. Office hours, 9 to 1.30; 2.30 to 6.

TAX NOTICE.

THE COUNTY TREASURER'S office in Court House building will be open for the collection of taxes, with out penalty, from the 15th day of October to the 31st day of December, inclusive, 1904.

The levy is as follows: For State 5 mills; for Count 3½ mills; Constitutional School 3 mills; Polls \$1.00. Also, School District No. 1, Special, 2 mills; No. 2, 2 mills; No. 3, 2 mills; No. 4, 2 mills; No. 5, (Middleton) 1 mill; No. 14, 3 mills; No. 16, 2 mills; No. 17, 1 mill; No. 18, 2 mills.

A penalty of 1 per cent. added for month January, 1905. Additional penalty of 1 per cent. for month February, 1905. Additional penalty of 5 per cent. for 15 days in March, 1905. Oct. 26. T. W. LEE, Co. Treasurer.

Master's Sale.

BY VIRTUE of a Decree of the Court of Common Pleas for Sumter County in the State of South Carolina, in the case of Arabella P. Moses against Joe McLeod, I will sell to the highest bidder at public auction, at the Court House in the City of Sumter, in the County of Sumter, in the State of South Carolina, on sale day in January, 1905, being the second day of said month, during the usual hours of sale, the following described real estate, to wit:

All his right, title and interest in, of and to all that piece, parcel or tract of land in the county of Sumter and State aforesaid, containing three hundred and sixty eight acres, more or less and bounded as follows: On the north by lands of R. T. Hall, east by lands of Canty and Reynolds; South by lands of Thomas H. Osteen and West by lands of J. J. Geddings and Lackey, being the same land conveyed by E. J. Pugh to Wade H. McLeod and recorded in book R. at page 254. The interest of Joe McLeod in the above described premises being one-eighth and containing about forty-six and one-tenth acres, and designated on a general plat made by Harmon D. Moise for the purpose of partition as lot No. 3, said plat bearing date February 27th, 1903.

Terms of sale cash. Purchaser to pay for all necessary papers. H. Frank Wilson, Master for Sumter County. Dec. 7-4t.

Master's Sale.

BY VIRTUE of a Decree of the Court of Common Pleas for Sumter County in the State of South Carolina, in the case of Rose DeLane and Penelope Pinckney, and Catharine Brown, by Derry Brown, as their Guardian ad Litem, against Judy Ramsey and Warren Ramsey, I will sell to the highest bidder at public auction, at the Court-house in the City of Sumter, in the County of Sumter, in the State of South Carolina, on sale day in January, 1905, being the second day of said month, during the usual hours of sale, the following described real estate, to-wit:

All that tract of land lying on being in the County and State aforesaid, containing fourteen acres, more or less, bounded as follows: On the North by lands of Maggie Burgess, on the East by lands of Essex Taylor, on the South by lands of Clara Reynolds and on the West by lands of Judy Ramsey. Terms of sale cash. Purchaser to pay all necessary papers. H. Frank Wilson, Master for Sumter County. Dec. 7-4t.

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