

THE COTTON CONVENTION.

Mr. W. A. Bowman interviewed on the Cotton Growers' Convention at New Orleans.

Mr. W. A. Bowman who recently returned from the Cotton Growers' Convention which was held in the city of New Orleans is very sanguine in his belief in the good that the gathering of Southern farmers will accomplish. "Never," said he, "have I seen a more representative convention or one that worked together better for the accomplishment of a common result a reduction of one fourth in acreage and a like decrease in the amount of commercial fertilizers used by our farmers. He continued, "A finance committee will meet in Atlanta on the 7th of this month, to arrange for the holding of the surplus cotton, and to provide for the disposition of the same. We are to have a township meeting on the 11th as has been announced in the Item, and the county meeting is, I believe, to be held on the 13th. The farmers should attend largely, and should pledge themselves to abide by the decisions of the convention; the prices then will regulate themselves—it is the only salvation of the South."

Mr. Bowman expressed himself as being much impressed with Mr. Watson; he regards him as a man of strong personality, and while he does not agree with him on all the subjects that he discussed, he recognizes his ability as a leader and an orator. Mr. Hobson, he considers, a gifted speaker, and he has given a very attentive hearing.

Altogether, he thinks that the trip was one of the most pleasant and most profitable that he has ever taken.

MAGNOLIA FARMERS MEET.

They Endorse Action of New Orleans Convention—Other News Notes.

Magnolia, Feb. 4.—Pursuant to general notice, the farmers, both white and colored, in this section, held a meeting in the Stokes' hall in this place. The meeting was well attended, and the one purpose to reduce the cotton acreage, as recommended by the Cotton Growers' Convention, unanimously prevailed, not a dissenting voice. Hon. E. D. Smith gave a most entertaining and edifying talk which was enjoyed by all. Mr. Smith is a fine talker, a fluent speaker, and an all round entertaining gentleman.

Col. J. A. Rhame is out again, after several days confinement to his room from a severe cold.

Last week this correspondent mentioned the running away of Mr. G. W. Stokes' horse, from which his son was badly hurt, and yesterday the same horse ran away while hitched to a plow, and took the same circuitous route he took before, and on reaching Lynchburg river, plunged into it, and has not been heard of since. The supposition is that he was drowned, as after diligent search, on the opposite side, no sign could be seen of the animal. When the horse reached the river, it had run about six miles.

Rev. Mr. Barr, an evangelist from Virginia, preached a fine sermon at the Presbyterian church in Lynchburg last night, and will preach again tonight.

Mr. J. T. McNeil is now a resident of this little town, and we all welcome him here, as he and family will be quite an acquisition to this community. Mr. McNeil is well known in Sumter and Lee counties, and Sumter county's loss is our gain.

Our graded school is under good management and most satisfactory.

The After-Dinner Orator.

A London club, the Eartholow, gave its annual banquet the other day. The postprandial orators were conspicuous by their silence. Not a speech was made. When the banquet had reached the oratorical stage little books were distributed among the guests and in these booklets were printed the speeches of the gentlemen who had accepted invitations to respond to toasts. London Truth says this banquet was an epoch-making affair. It was certainly a unique one and not unworthy of imitation on this side of the Atlantic. The Eartholow club of London has established a precedent which ought not to be ignored in the United States because of its English origin. The banqueter is entitled to some consideration and should be protected when the after-dinner orator, like the brook, is inclined to "go on forever." In congress a speaker is "given permission to print," and really never delivers his speech. The plan might work well at banquets.

NEGRO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

Farm to be Purchased and Training School Established by Pittsburg Philanthropists.

Rev. H. D. Lindsay, D. D., pastor of the North Presbyterian church, Alleghany, Pa., and Rev. Edward P. Cowan, D. D., of Pittsburg, Pa., corresponding secretary of the board of missions for Freedman and the Presbyterian church, spent Wednesday in the city they will return shortly and will make an investigation with the view of purchasing a farm in this county for the establishment of a training school and experimental farm for the training of negroes to become practical farmers. While in the south Drs. Lindsay and Cowan will visit Arkansas where they will establish an industrial school similar to the one projected in this county.

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CONTROL LIGHT PLANTS.

BIG COMPANY TO BE FORMED IN THE PEE DEE.

All Electric Light Companies to be Controlled by a Philadelphia Syndicate—Plans of Company.

According to a letter received here by a gentleman having some capital in one of the lighting plants in one of the smaller cities in the Pee Dee section of the state, plans are on foot for forming a large company, which shall include all of the lighting and power companies in that section of the State.

The announcement has not been made yet by the representatives of the company, but it was practically confirmed when a Philadelphia capitalist announced Monday that a company had been formed to build a plant at Timmonsville. The same company, it is understood, owns or is about to acquire the controlling interest in the Darlington plant and is negotiating for the companies at Florence, Sumter and several other local concerns in that section.

Nearly all these companies have considerable local capital invested, and the syndicate, which is backed by Philadelphia capital, will buy all of the stock possible at or above par and organize one general company. It is proposed to capitalize at \$1,000,000 and with the exception of the little stock which cannot be acquired the company will be entirely controlled by the syndicate. The company will then develop as much of the water power as is obtainable and finance generally any industries that promise profitable investment.

There is considerable interest taken here in the success of the company, and it is expected that some stock may be subscribed by some of the local capitalists if any can be obtained.—Columbia Record.

To Organize Cotton Growers.

Lynchburg, Feb. 3.—By order of the New Orleans cotton convention a meeting was called for every township in the state to meet February 11, to organize and elect two delegates to meet in convention at their respective court houses on February 18. These county conventions are to organize and elect not less than five nor more than 10 delegates to meet in State convention, February 21.

Richard Singleton, Vice President for South Carolina, E. D. Smith, Member Central Ex. Com.

THE NEW RAILROAD.

Rights of Way Secured to Scape O'er Swamp.

Rights of way for the Sumter and Northern Railroad have been secured from this city to Scape O'er Swamp. Two land owners have not yet granted rights of way through their property, but the right to cross their land will be secured.

Mr. W. H. Ingram, one of the board of corporators of the road stated today that the land owners were almost without exception displaying a most liberal and public spirited spirit toward the new railroad and that they were granting rights of way not only willingly, but gladly, for they fully realize the benefit the road will be to the county.

Bishopville has not yet granted a right of way through the town, nor has an appropriation been made to assist the railroad to secure the proper terminal in the town, but there is reason to believe that the citizens of Bishopville will do their full share to make the road a certainty.

Mr. Eugene L. Brown.

The boyhood friends of Mr. Eugene L. Brown, a brother of Mr. W. A. Brown, of this city, will be gratified to know that he is held in very high esteem in Eufaula, Ala., his adopted home, as evidenced by the following article, which appeared in the Eufaula Progress a few days ago.

Yesterday morning the Eufaula postoffice change hands, Mr. Will Russell assuming the duties of that responsible position.

The fact that the postoffice has changed hands calls to mind the long and faithful service rendered in that capacity by our beloved and honored townsman, Mr. E. L. Brown, who is still with Mr. Russell. In 1881 he entered the Eufaula postoffice as an assistant to Judge H. C. Russell, father of the present postmaster. Several years later under the administration of President Cleveland Mr. Brown succeeded to the postmastership, and served two terms in that capacity, giving universal satisfaction.

When Mr. A. J. Locke was appointed postmaster to succeed Mr. Brown, the latter still remained in the service as assistant postmaster, and after Mr. Locke's death a few months ago, Mr. Brown was again appointed postmaster temporarily.

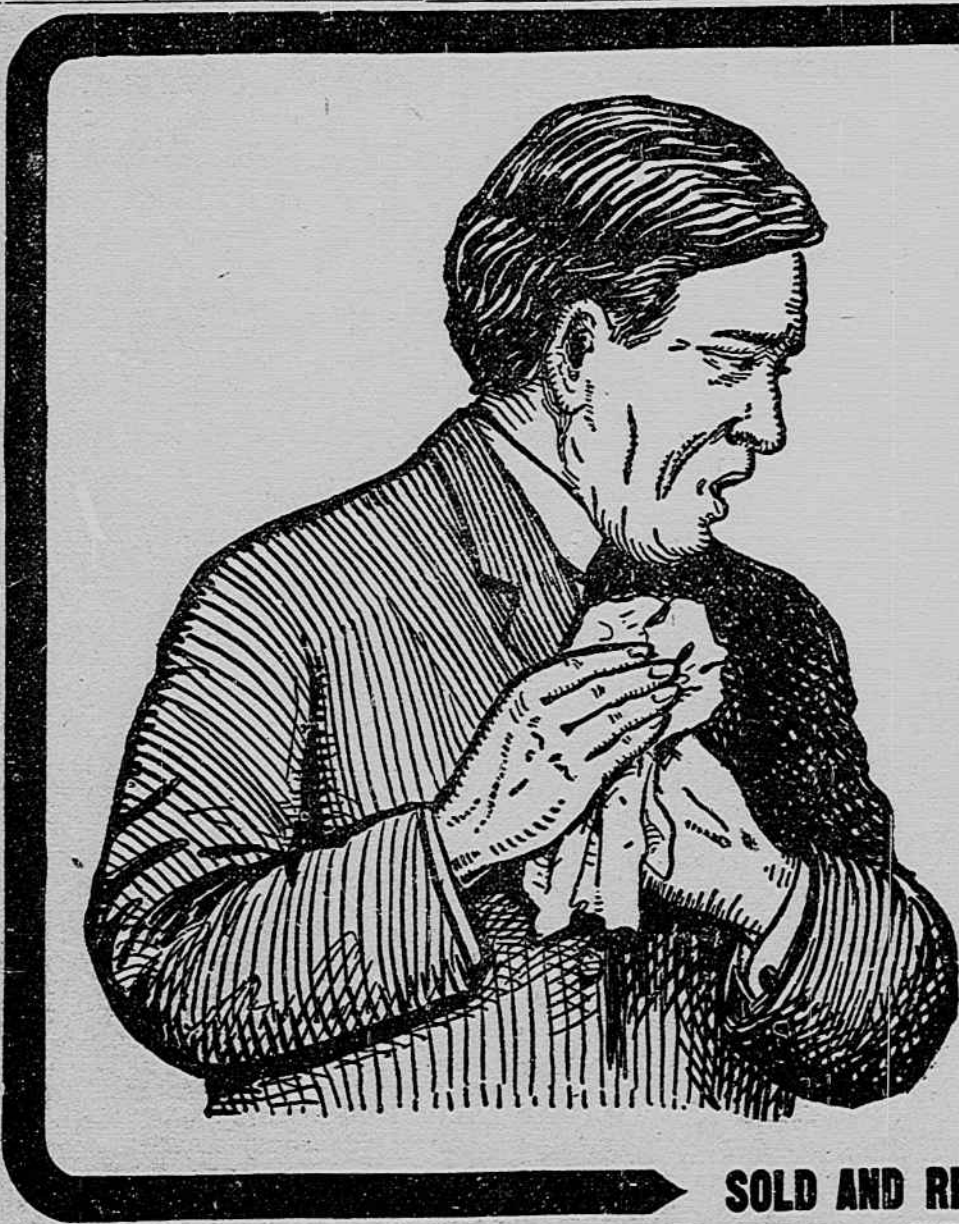
So we might say Mr. Brown has an unbroken record in this service of about twenty-four years. It is a very high testimonial to Mr. Brown's ability and integrity. Probably there is no man in Eufaula today who is more generally loved and esteemed for his uprightness of heart; for the conscientious performance of his duty, than Mr. E. L. Brown.

Comparative Receipts.

A comparative statement of the number of bales of cotton weighed by the public weighers in the month of January in the past three years will be of interest. The weighers' books make the following showing: January 1903, 1,816; January 1904, 1,612; January 1905, 1,087.

Mark Twain has placed the following over the grave of his daughter:

Warm summer sun,
Shine kindly here,
Warm southern wind,
Blow softly here,
Green sods above,
Lie light, lie light,
Good night, dear heart,
Good night, good night.



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" 54	Columbia to Wilmington	"	8 10 am
" 57	Gibson to Sumter	"	9 20 am
" 52	Charleston to Columbia and Greenville	Leaves	9 30 am
" 46	Orangeburg to Charleston (Tues'd'y, Thurs'd'y, Satur'd'y)	"	9 25 am
" 53	Greenville and Columbia to Charleston	"	6 30 pm
" 32	Augusta to Florence	"	6 30 pm
" 56	Sumter to Gibson	"	6 50 pm
" 47	Charleston to Orangeburg (Tues'd'y, Thurs'd'y, Satur'd'y)	"	8 20 pm
" 55	Wilmington to Columbia	"	9 30 pm

Freight Trains carrying Passengers.

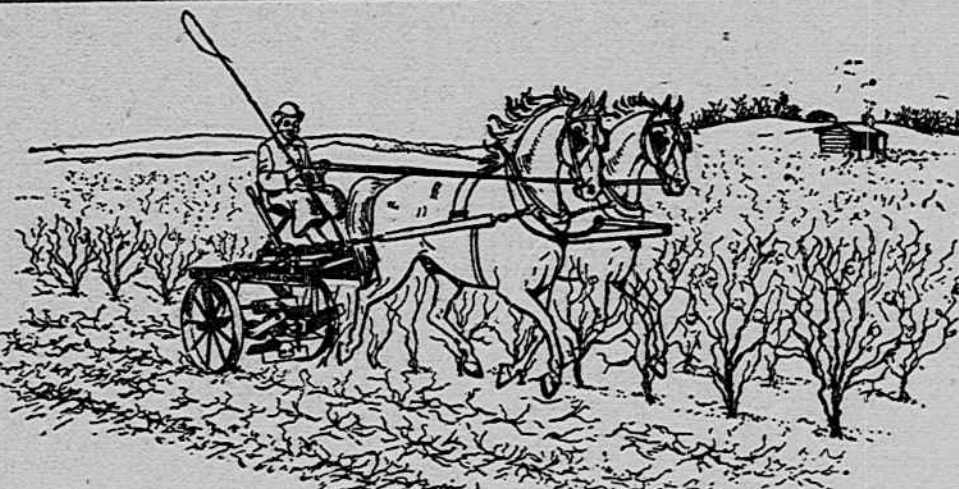
Train	*24 Sumter to Hartsville	Leaves	6 30 am
"	*1 Bishopville to Sumter	Arrives	9 00 am
"	*2 Sumter to Bishopville	Leaves	9 45 am
"	*19 Sumter to Robbinsville	Leaves	10 00 am
"	*11 Florence to Sumter	Arrives	1 50 pm
"	*12 Sumter to Florence	Leaves	2 50 pm
"	*20 Robbins to Sumter	Arrives	8 00 pm
"	*25 Hartsville to Sumter	Arrives	7 40 pm

Northwestern Railway.

Train	*70 Camden to Sumter	Arrives	9 00 am
"	*71 Sumter to Camden	Leaves	9 36 am
"	*68 Camden to Sumter	"	5 45 pm
"	*72 Wilson Mill to Sumter	Arrives	12 30 pm
"	*73 Sumter to Wilson Mill	Leaves	3 00 pm
"	*69 Sumter to Camden	"	6 25 pm

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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 3 1/2 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 10 days in March, 1905. T. W. LEE, Co. Treasurer.

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA. COUNTY OF SUMTER.

By Thos. V. Walsh, Esq., Probate Judge. Whereas, John T. Burkett made suit to me to grant him Letters of Administration with the Will annexed of the Estate of and effects of Mrs. Leonora Black, deceased.

These are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said Mrs. Leonora Black, late of said county and state, deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Sumter C. H., on February 16th, 1905, next, after publication thereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said Administration should not be granted.

Given under my Hand, this first day of February A. D., 1905. THOS. V. WALSH, Judge of Probate.

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