

The Watchman and Southron.

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PERSONAL.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Brown, of Oswego, were in the city Tuesday.

Mr. D. R. Lide, of Pinewood, spent Tuesday in the city.

Mr. H. W. Beall of Mayesville was in town Tuesday.

Mr. J. W. Lapsley, of Wisacky, spent Tuesday in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Manning returned home Tuesday from Atlantic City, where they went when Mr. Manning was able to leave the hospital in Philadelphia. Mr. Manning has recuperated rapidly from his protracted illness and has almost entirely regained his strength.

Mrs. Ferd Levi has gone to Savannah to visit relatives.

Mrs. M. S. King has gone to her old home in Chapel Hill, N. C., to spend several weeks.

The Rev. and Mrs. John Kershaw, Jr., of Summerton, were in the city Tuesday.

Col. J. J. Dargan, of Statesburg, was in the city Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Tifton, of Atlanta, Ga., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Stubbs.

Mr. Claude Hogan has returned from Hot Springs, Ark., after a stay of several weeks.

Mr. Barnwell Sanders, of Wisacky, was in the city Monday night.

Mr. Marion Wilson, of St. Charles, passed through the city Tuesday on his return to Columbia to attend the University of South Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Lee, Jr., are back in the city after their bridal trip to points North.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. McKnight have returned from their bridal tour in the North.

Mrs. J. Herbert Johnson, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. J. J. Myers, of Congaree, left for Greenville Tuesday to attend the W. M. U. convention.

Mr. T. B. Fraser went to Elliotts Wednesday on business.

Mr. W. D. Carson passed through the city Wednesday on his way to Dalzell after a stay of several days in Summerton.

Mr. Robert Burkett, of Dalzell, was in the city Wednesday.

Mr. George E. Martin, of Dalzell, was in the city Wednesday on business.

Judge Geo. Prince arrived in the city Tuesday night.

Rev. A. K. Gwynn is visiting Mr. Nell O'Donnell on East Liberty St.

Mrs. Thomas D. Forbes, of Georgetown is a guest at the home of Mrs. M. H. Flaum, on E. Liberty street.

Mr. Elie Law, of Elliotts, was in the city Tuesday.

Mr. J. I. Lesene and daughter, of Oswego, were in the city Thursday.

Mrs. Rose Ryttenberg and Mr. and Mrs. Abe Ryttenberg left Thursday for Savannah.

Mrs. S. E. Nelson, of Statesburg, spent Wednesday in the city.

Jury For Third Week.

The jurors for the third week of court were drawn today:

- R. S. Truluck,
- E. L. Newman,
- L. L. McGee,
- W. A. Shuler,
- J. D. McLeod,
- J. W. Rogers,
- J. W. Hutchins,
- N. O'Donnell,
- J. M. Hodge,
- W. T. Hall,
- W. H. Seale,
- T. B. Jenkins,
- C. R. DuRant,
- J. H. Darr,
- R. H. Goodman,
- T. E. White,
- J. B. Raffield,
- J. M. Harby,
- J. C. Lawrence,
- W. R. Wells,
- L. M. King,
- D. M. Boykin,
- D. B. Brunson,
- E. W. Cockerell,
- R. M. Sanders,
- W. J. Archer,
- R. H. Green,
- J. C. Stukes,
- W. W. McKagen,
- G. J. Myers,
- J. S. Folk,
- F. O'Donnell,
- J. J. Wescoat,
- J. J. McElveen,
- C. E. Player,
- J. T. Cummings.

A Coming Marriage.

Mrs. Elizabeth DeLorme Dove has issued invitations to the marriage of her daughter, Elizabeth, to Mr. Edwin Peter Pitts at the First Presbyterian church, Wednesday evening, November 23, at 7:30 o'clock.

Honesty needs no pains to set itself off.—Edward Moore.

CROCODILE TEARS.

Old Legends That the Brutes Shed Them Over Their Prey.

There was an old story, to which we find constant reference in Elizabethan writers, that crocodiles wept over their prey. No doubt the legend arose because the crocodile possesses largely developed lacrimal glands, but it appears in various amusing forms.

As early as the fourteenth century, in "Mandeville's Travels," we find: "In that countre ben great plentes of Cokardrilles. These serpentes slien men, and thei eten hem wepyng."

An odd turn is given to the tale by the narrator of one of Sir John Hawkins' voyages. Whether he was a married man or not we do not know, but he writes: "His nature is ever, when he would have his prey, to cry and sob like a Christian body, to provoke them to come to him, and then he snatched at them! And thereupon came this proverb, that is applied unto women when they weep. Lachrymae crocodilli, the meaning whereof is that as the crocodile when he crieth goeth them about most to deceive, so doth a woman most commonly when she weepeth."

In Fuller's "Worthies" there is the added information that "the crocodile's tears are never true save when he is forced where saffron groweth." Shakespeare, Spenser and Dryden allude to this old world fancy.

LOVELY LUCERNE.

The Tourist Center of the "Playground of Europe."

Lucerne, situated in the heart of Switzerland, stands, as it were, enshrined amid the grandest and most picturesque features of Alpine scenery and is, of course, the tourist center par excellence of the "Playground of Europe," three main lines of railway converging on the famous town beside the lake. Nor could nature, indeed, have well done more for "Lovely Lucerne," as all the world acclaims it (declares a writer in London Sketch). On one side stands the Rigi, on the other Pilatus (7,000 feet high), with between them the fair, shimmering expanse of the Lake of the Four Cantons and beyond it again a widespread panorama of the glaciers and snow peaked ranges of the Alps.

From the Rigi (6,000 feet), easily climbed by aid of its famous "mountain train," the view takes in the Bernina, Gotthard, Unterwalden and Bernese Alps, stretching far and wide, from the Sentis in the east to the Blumisalp in the west, and to northward the Jura mountains, the Black forest and the Vosges barrier between Frank and Teuton. From the Rigi some fourteen lakes are visible on a clear day, among them Sempach, by the shores of which was fought the famous battle where the Swiss won their freedom.

Naming a Yacht.

The naming of a book is no holiday task, and authors particularly proud of a title are tolerably sure to discover that it has been already used. But the naming of a yacht is almost a greater perplexity. Plagiarism may in this case result in practical confusion carrying the most awkward consequences, and not all titles to which, in search of variety, recourse has already been had are satisfactory from all points of view. Not long ago, for instance, a very grave British cabinet minister, perhaps wishing for once to be sprightly, called his yacht Flirt. He had not consulted his family, who were, however, quite sure, he thought, to delight in his outburst of gaiety. However, his daughters naturally remarked how very disagreeable it would be to go ashore with that label around their hats.

Where Ears Grow Sharp.

A French balloonist has recorded the clearness with which sounds coming from the surface of the ground can be heard at a high altitude. At the height of 5,000 feet the ringing of horses' hoofs on a hard road was clearly audible. At 4,000 feet the splashing sound made by ducks in a pond was heard. The barking of dogs and the crowing of cocks could be heard at seven or eight thousand feet. These sounds penetrated through a white floor of cloud that hid the earth from sight, says Harper's Weekly. In the perfect silence of the air the investigator was startled by what seemed stealthy footsteps close at hand. It was ascertained that this noise was caused by the stretching of the ropes and the yielding of the silk as the balloon continued to expand.

A Synonym.

"Being a printer, Mr. Dash," said the hotel proprietor, "maybe you can advise me. I want to get a sign painted, 'Writing Room Free to Our Patrons,' or something like that."

"I don't like 'patrons,'" said Mr. Dash.

"No? Maybe that doesn't sound just right. What would you suggest?"

"'Victims.'"—Philadelphia Ledger.

Lucky One Way.

Jackson—Your daughter plays on seven instruments? Man, you're lucky. Grouche—I often think so—when I consider the number of instruments there are.—Chicago News.

The Right Solution.

The reason why newly wedded men are called "Benedicts" is because they are supposed on marriage to give up all the bad habits to which they have "benedicted."—Lippincott's.

Ambition is but avarice on stilts and masked.—Lander.

In reverence is the chief joy and power of life.—Ruskin.

CHAMPION BOY FARMER.

JERRY MOORE OF FLORENCE PRODUCES OVER 228 BUSHELS.

Young Boy Only Fifteen Years of Age Writes Story of How He Secured the Largest Yield for The State.

Jerry Moore of Florence county, the champion boy corn grower of the world, has written a story of how he produced over 228 bushels of corn on one acre of land. The yield is substantiated by affidavits. He made a profit of \$139.70 on the acre. It cost him \$128.05 to secure the yield. The story gives a complete description and full account of the care of the corn. He is a member of the boys' corn club and was under the direction of the United States farm demonstration work and A. H. Gasque, county superintendent of education of Florence county.

In a clear manner Jerry Moore tells the following story:

Light gray, sandy upland; top soil about three or four inches deep with yellow subsoil. Old land nearly level, with just enough drain for the water to run off. Cotton was grown on the land in 1909, producing about 1,200 pounds of seed cotton.

Preparation.

During the 1st of March, 1910, spread 300 one-horse wagonloads of rich dirt on this acre. Followed this with 50 one-horse wagonloads of stable manure scattered broadcast.

On March 25 land was broken with Dixie plow. One Dixie following the furrow of the other, and with the two breaking about 10 or 12 inches deep. The soil was so well pulverized did not harrow, rebroke like it was first time.

March 29, harrowed and laid off in rows three and one-half feet wide with Dixie plow. Distributed 500 pounds of guano containing 8 per cent of phosphoric acid, 3 per cent of ammonia and 3 per cent potash in Dixie furrow and covered with furrows making a small ridge.

March 30, opened ridge with shovel plow and dropped three gallons of Bate's Four-Ear prolific corn, dropping by hand and almost sowing, covered corn with small shovel plow 2 1-2 inches deep.

Fertilizer.

On the same day sowed 800 pounds of acid phosphate on rows and harrowed surface all over, leaving it level.

No rain since land was broken and ground so dry and dusty corn did not come up rapidly. Replanted for fear I would not get a stand. Stand good by April 20.

April 20, weather continues dry.

April 21, good rain.

April 25, sowed 700 pounds kaimit along rows and harrowed with Little Joe harrow and going twice to the row. Barred with Dixie plow.

May 5, I made a mixture of 600 pounds cotton seed meal, 200 pounds of acid phosphate, 200 pounds of kaimit and with a cold distributor sowed on each side of rows, and harrowed with Little Joe harrow and going twice to the row leveling surface as near as possible.

May 10, made a mixture of 600 pounds of cottonseed meal, 200 pounds of acid phosphate and 200 pounds of kaimit, and with a cold distributor sowed on each side of the rows, but four inches farther from the corn than the other application, and harrowed with Little Joe harrow going twice in the row.

Also sowed 200 pounds of nitrate of soda along the rows.

May 17, harrowed, going twice to the row; thinned corn to six inches in row.

May 24, harrowed, going twice to the row.

May 25, good rain.

May 27, using a cold distributor, sowing in the centre of middle 1,000 pounds 8:3:3 guano and harrowed with Little Joe harrow, going twice to the row.

Same day, sowed 200 pounds of nitrate of soda along the row.

June 4, harrowed, going twice to the row.

June 5 and 6, good rains.

June 8, sowed 300 pounds of nitrate of soda and harrowed twice to the row.

Frequent showers and corn growing rapidly.

June 10, storm and corn blown down.

June 11, set corn up; corn about six feet high and beginning to silk.

June 15, harrowed very lightly with Little Joe harrow, going twice to the row.

June 22, harrowed lightly; corn now in full silk; ground perfectly clean.

Since June 5 rains have been frequent. Corn doing its best. No sign of firing or failure of any kind.

July 4, no lack of rain so far, and corn almost matured. Almost every stalk has an ear and many of them two or three. There is on the acre about 24,000 stalks and more than 30,000 ears. Gathered fodder middle of August. Corn at this time very

ripe.

Gathered Fodder.

Gathered off the acre 1,200 bundles of fodder, weighing 3,000 pounds, worth \$30.

Corn Gathered.

Five men—J. M. Leach H. P. Haselden, W. E. Bailey, J. T. Bailey and Rodger Williams—measured the land and weighed the corn, whose certificates are in the custody of the county superintendent of education. The corn was weighed in the shucks and weighed 16,388 pounds. They took 200 pounds of corn from the acre, at sundown, shucked an shelled, and got 155 pounds of shelled corn and 45 pounds of cobs and shucks. This shows 77 1-4 per cent. of corn and 22 1-2 per cent. of cobs and shucks. This percentage makes a yield of 228 3-4 bushels.

Values of Crop.

At the market value, \$1 per bushel, the corn from the acre is worth \$228.75; 3,000 pounds fodder, \$30. Total value of crop, \$258.75.

Expenses.

Cost of rent \$ 5.00
 Cost of preparation seed bed 4.00
 Cost of planting 2.00
 Cost of manure 25.00
 Cost of commercial fertilizer 66.55
 Cost of cultivation 11.50
 Cost of gathering corn 8.00
 Cost of gathering fodder 6.00
 Total cost \$128.05

Balance Sheet.

Total value \$258.75
 Less all expenses 128.05

Net profit \$130.70

Remarks.

"The stable manure used was very trashy (much straw in it) and not worth more than 50 cents a load. As the dirt has no commercial value I did not count it in the list of expenses and the land has been improved at least \$50.00 by the dirt and stable manure. What I have done has been more of an experiment than doing what I knew to be wise.

About October 1st Mr. Williams, agent for the State, Mr. Willis, County agent and Mr. Gasque, county superintendent of education visited me. To them I am under obligations for helpful instruction and I greatly appreciate the interest they have shown in my little enterprise. Hoping to do better in the future, I am, yours truly,

"Jerry H. Moore."

AFFIDAVITS.

The Following Affidavits Were Furnished by Jerry Moore.

"State of South Carolina, County of Florence. Personally appeared before me Jerry Moore, who on oath says that he planted 43,560 square feet of land in corn, being a member of the Boys' Corn club of Florence county. That he and his brother cultivated the corn and that he him-

self assisted in the gathering of the corn, and also in weighing it. That there was gathered from the acre 16,338 pounds of corn in the shucks perfectly dry. That he in the presence of a disinterested committee of three men shucked and shelled 200 pounds of the corn taken at random from the pile and the shelled corn weighed 155 pounds, the cob and shuck weighed 45 pounds, making 77 1-2 pounds of corn to the 100. (Signed) "Jerry Moore."

In presence of (Signed) A. H. Gasque, Sworn to before me this 25th day of October 1910.

C. J. Gasque, Notary Public for S. C.

Gathering of Corn.

State of South Carolina, Florence county. Personally appears before me John H. Moore, John T. Bailey, Wm. E. Bailey and Rodger Williams, who on oath each and separately say that they were present and saw and assisted in the gathering of the corn from the prize acre of Jerry Moore and the corn was all gathered from the acre measured by the committee (J. W. Leach and H. I. Haselden) and that they themselves measured the land and found it to contain 53,560 square feet. Also that they weighed the corn and gathered from said acre, and that it was weighed in the shuck perfectly dry, and that it weighed 16,338 pounds. Also that they shucked and shelled two hundred pounds of the said corn taken at random from the pile and the shelled corn from two hundred pounds weighed 155 pounds, shucks and cobs from the two hundred pounds weighed 45 pounds.

Sworn to and subscribed to before me this 14th day of October, 1910.

J. W. Wallace,

(Signed) J. T. Bailey, John H. Moore, Wm. E. Bailey, Roger Williams.

FRAUD IN TENNESSEE.

Democratic State Chairman Charges Crooked Practices by Republicans of Eastern Section.

Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 9.—The latest figures given out by the Fusion headquarters on the governor's race place the majority of Hooper, Republican, at 17,000. Democratic State Chairman Vettese alleges that frauds have been committed by the Republicans in east Tennessee, but the opposition says there is absolutely no ground for such charge. The legislature is very close. The Democrats claim 19 out of 33 senators and 49 out of 92 representatives, with a chance for one or two more.

The Socialist candidate for congress in the Sixth district received 1,713 votes in Davidson county, but his vote in other counties was light. The Socialist vote in the State is little, if any, greater than in 1908.

SHOOTS NEGRO FOUR TIMES.

Dr. L. M. Able Wounds Negro Who Had Drawn a Pistol on His Father.

St. Matthews, Nov. 10.—Dr. L. M. Able, a prominent merchant and druggist, shot and wounded Jim Buyck, a negro of unenviable reputation, on the streets of St. Matthews today. Buyck had used some very severe language to Dr. A. R. Able, the aged father of the man who did the shooting. When he was asked to explain his conduct, Buyck reached and drew his pistol. The younger Dr. Able, standing nearby, perceived his father's danger and fired upon Buyck. Five shots were fired, four of which took effect. The wounds are not thought to be of a serious nature. Buyck was taken charge of and his wounds given attention. Dr. Able and his father surrendered immediately to the authorities.

Joint Meeting of Teachers.

The Rural School Improvement association and the County Teachers association will hold a joint meeting in the Hampton school building on Saturday at noon. All teachers are advised to come as there will be several good speakers present and to miss their lectures will be to miss the most important feature of the meeting. Among the speakers present will be Prof. L. T. Baker of the University of South Carolina.

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REMOVAL—W. T. Hall, Wheelwright and Blacksmith, has moved his shop to South Sumter street, near Liberty in rear of O'Donnell & Co., where he is prepared to do general repair work. Horseshoeing specialty. Terms strictly cash.

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