

Freight and Market Problems.

(Frank Station, Greene County, N. Y.) American Agriculturist.

In our section we market quite a lot of hay and straw which we have to draw 12 or 14 miles to the railroads. As it now stands, we cannot ship a ton or a load of hay or straw as we draw it to market. Somebody at the station has to take it in and load a car; the farmer cannot put a load on the car unless some man is there to receive it. It costs the farmer \$4 a ton to get that hay from Ravena to New York and, if you hire it carted, about \$3 a ton to cart it 14 miles, making \$7 to be expended before the farmer has anything left for the product.

It costs 25 cents a barrel to cart apples. The freight is 27 cents to New York, the truckage in New York city is 7 cents a barrel, and the commission 10 per cent, which, of course, if the apples sold for \$3, would be 30 cents a barrel. That added to the price of the package, a barrel 40 cents, makes \$1.29, which comes first before the farmer can have anything left. Some farmers who have large orchards and can load a car are able to get slightly reduced rates on the railroad. At Ravena the reduced rates on cartloads would be 7-1-2 cents, but all of us cannot get those rates.

If the commission man were required to return the name of the goods brought, the farmer could then correspond with this purchaser and find out to a certain extent whether the commission man was giving true returns or not. The farmer would then have a chance to communicate with these purchasers, and it might cut out the commission man entirely.

Several men in our community have been beaten out of goods. Under the present laws a man can start a commission business in New York city with no backing whatever. You ship him some goods and you never get any returns. You send a lawyer there to investigate and there has never been a commission man there by that name.

I have a neighbor who sent 10 barrels of apples to a commission man on Broadway. When he received no return, he went to the city himself to find that there never had been a commission man at that number. He was out his 10 barrels of apples. I think it would be right and proper to make a commission man give bond.

A man shipped a barrel of apples last fall to New York City, inserting a statement that he received 75 cents for the contents of the barrel, and asking the consumer to return to him a statement of what he gave for it. About six weeks later he received word that the consumer paid \$4 for that barrel of apples. That man had to pay exorbitant taxes; he trimmed, pruned and fertilized his trees, gathered the apples, bought his barrels, and received only 75 cents, whereas the consumer paid \$4. I do not know how the railroad and middleman divided up that \$3.25.

It certainly costs the producer too much to get his goods to the consumer, and we ought to devise some means by which this can be avoided. I think, too, there should be a law compelling the farmer to pack apples in a different way than is done at present. There should be a law requiring the farmer to put those apples up all the way through the barrel. It is time that there was a law requiring him to stamp his name on the package also. Then, I believe, the apple business will be fairly dealt with.

BANK EXAMINER CASE.

State Treasurer's Reason for not Honoring Rhame's Draft.

Columbia, April 13.—The return of State Treasurer R. H. Jennings, to the rule to show cause issued against him by Justice Watts as to why a writ of mandamus should not be issued to compel him to honor the draft or check of B. J. Rhame, as State bank examiner, was made today by Attorney General Lyon, representing Treasurer Jennings. The return of the treasurer cites the order of the Governor removing Mr. Rhame as the reason for not honoring the check or draft.

The matter will come up before the Supreme Court on April 19 at 10 o'clock, and it is probable that at that time the Supreme Court will decide who is bank examiner, B. J. Rhame, whom the Governor removed, or H. W. Fraser, whom the Governor appointed to succeed Rhame.

In The Police Court.

In the police court Tiny Idol plead guilty to violation of the bicycle ordinance by riding on sidewalk at forbidden place. He was fined \$1.00 or 2 days.

H. W. Harby and Tom W. Briggs failed to appear for trial for violation of the automobile ordinance and the bonds of \$19 each were forfeited.

Dont' be surprised if you have an attack of rheumatism this spring. Just rub the affected parts freely with Chamberlain's Liniment and it will soon disappear. Sold by all Dealers.

FIELD DAY IN LEE COUNTY.

First School Day Was a Marked Success—Attendance Was Large.

Bishopville, April 13.—Friday, April 12th, was the first day of the kind in Bishopville. At least two thousand people gathered in town, and, what was most extraordinary was that they came neither to view the sights of the carnival or listen to political speeches. The occasion was interesting from the fact that contests were engaged in by the children of forty-five schools in the county. The mental tests were given during the morning and the athletic in the afternoon. A basket picnic dinner in the Woodward grove was enjoyed by all.

The medals and prizes presented are handsome. The first prize winners are as follows:

Spelling, lower grades, Leroy Shaw, St. Charles.

Spelling, higher grades, Nonie Scarborough.

Reading, lower grades, Hazel Hearon, Bishopville.

Reading, higher grades, Lou Kirkley.

Arithmetic, to percentage, Eula Taylor.

Arithmetic, on percentage, Hermon Stokes, Lynchburg.

Essay, Agnes Herriot, Heriots.

Declamation, higher grades, Louise Manning, Bishopville.

Declamation, lower grades, Louise Gardner, Alcot.

Oratory, James Wilson, Wilson school.

Map drawing, Annie Bacon, Spring Hill.

Fifty yard dash, girls, May Hawkins, 6 4-5 seconds, Lynchburg.

Ball throwing, Vaille Mozingo, Herbron.

Apple race, May Hawkins, Lynchburg.

Day's order drill, Lynchburg.

Fifty yards dash, boys, Hugh Colclough, Heriots.

100 yard dash, boys, Cecil Breatly, St. Charles.

440 yard dash, boys, Kistler McCoy, Harmony.

1-2 mile race, J. D. Clark, Lynchburg.

Running jump, Conyer McElwain, Lynchburg.

Sack race, John McCutchen, Sylvan.

Relay race, Bishopville.

Tug of war, Alcot.

The game of captain ball between the Bishopville and Lynchburg girls stood with a score of 10 to 10 when time was called.

Superintendent of Education Murneely, Prof. Mulrow of Bishopville and the teachers of the county deserve credit for the interest shown in Lee County's first school field day, and its success.

Our Chamber of Commerce has perfected its organization by the selection of the following: T. G. McLeod, president; W. A. James, 1st vice-president; J. S. Corbett, 2nd vice-president; W. R. Scarborough, treasurer. Secretary to be supplied at meeting to be held on Monday evening.

ARE THE FANS INTERESTED?

Does Sumter Want League Ball This Summer.

The Daily Item is in receipt of the following letter anent the proposed Pee Dee baseball league:

Cheraw, S. C., April 13th, 1912.

Editor Daily Item.

Dear Sir: We are trying to get up a small Class D. baseball league, composed of Bennettsville and Cheraw, Darlington and Florence, Rockingham and Hartsville, Sumter and Camden, or to get six of the towns at least into the league. The season to begin about June 1st and end August 1st.

A meeting will be held in Cheraw, at noon of Thursday, the 18th, composed of representatives from these towns to discuss the situation and arrange for the organization of the league. Please see the baseball "fans" and arrange to have a representative from your town at this meeting.

Please let me hear whether to expect your town to join with us or not.

Yours very truly,

Wm. Godfrey.

If the fans are interested and desire to revive baseball in Sumter this is the opportunity to get into a compact circuit. They are close together and there will no long jumps to run up the expense account for railroad mileage. This is the best proposition in the way of an economically managed baseball league that has ever been put up to Sumter, and it is up to the baseball fans to say whether or not they will send a representative to Cheraw on the 18th.

The suggestion from Cheraw that Sumter join in the Pee Dee league which that town is trying to get up does not seem to meet with general approval or enthusiasm. Some how or other, the Sumter fans seem to be willing to rest for a time without league baseball.

NEW \$25,000 BANK BUILDING.

BANK OF SUMTER TO HAVE NEW HOME AFTER AUGUST 15TH, THIS YEAR.

Contract Let This Morning to W. Lee Harbin of Lexington, N. C., for \$25,000.—Structure to Be of White Sandstone and Two Stories High—Work Will Be Commenced at Once—Six Contractors Bid for Job.

The contract for the new home for the Bank of Sumter was Tuesday let to W. Lee Harbin of Lexington, N. C., for \$25,000.

The building will be a two-story structure of white sandstone with tile flooring and marble wainscoting. Work will be commenced towards tearing down the old building at once and the new building will be completed sufficiently for the bank to have quarters in it by August 15th.

With the award of this contract Tuesday Sumter will have during the course of the summer four large new business buildings in course of erection, two hotels and two bank buildings, the latter both in the heart of the town and opposite each other on Main and Liberty streets. This is the fourth contract which Mr. Harbin has secured in Sumter for buildings in the course of a year and he will have his hands full attending to the construction of the several buildings. Mr. Harbin will be engaged on the Bank of Sumter building, the City National Bank building and the First Methodist church building all at the same time. He has just completed work on the Sumter Lighting Company plant in which he was engaged. The architects, Wheeler and Stern of Charlotte, N. C., have also got a full share of Sumter business, having made the plans and specifications for the First Methodist church, the City National Bank building and the Bank of Sumter building.

The plans for the building were prepared some time ago by the architects and the contract was awarded Tuesday. There were six contractors bidding for the job: The Wise Granite Company of Columbia, represented by Lee Paschall; J. J. Keller and Company of Rock Hill, represented by Wm. Keller; J. D. Grandy, Charlotte; Carr Construction Company, Sumter, represented by W. Frank Carr; W. Lee Harbin, Lexington, N. C., represented by W. Lee Harbin; B. F. Grandy, Pickens, represented by B. E. Grandy. After the opening and consideration of the bids it was decided to award the contract to W. Lee Harbin.

The building will be a two-story lime stone structure complete in every detail. The first floor will be fitted up especially for banking purposes and the second floor will be used for offices. The building will have a tile flooring with a marble wainscoting. It will be provided with entrances on both Main and Liberty streets, but will face Main street. The first floor will be provided with directors room, president's room, cashier's room and booth for the paying and receiving tellers and for book-keepers, and collectors. A ladies writing room will also be placed on the first floor. Furnishings in every way will be in keeping with the building and will be of the best material and make. The building will be fitted throughout with steam heating and sanitary plumbing apparatus.

The changes in the present building will extend as far back as the D. J. Chandler Clothing company store extended, the barber shop and cafe being left as they are at present. The old building will be torn down and removed at once and the new building erected in its place. The work, it is expected, will be so far advanced by the middle of August that the bank will then be able to use part of the building for its quarters, while the entire building will be completed by the first of September.

BANK EXAMINER CASE.

Petition by Columbia Attorney Asking Permission to File Statement.

Columbia, April 17.—George R. Rembert, member of the Columbia bar, appeared before the supreme court yesterday and asked that he be allowed to file a statement on the part of H. W. Fraser, who was appointed State bank examiner by the governor in the quo warranto proceedings brought by Attorney General Lyon to oust B. J. Rhame from the position of State bank examiner. The petition was filed with the supreme court and included the name of B. L. Abney of this city. Mr. Rhame has employed W. F. Stevenson to represent him. It was requested that Mr. Fraser be made a party to the proceedings.

The quo warranto proceedings were brought by Attorney General Lyon in behalf of the State of South Carolina, and the supreme court has fixed April 19 as the date for the return.

TO COMMENCE WORK ON HOTEL.

The Builder Here with Foreman to Commence Work on The Claremont Hotel.

Mr. Lee Paschall of Richmond, Va., one of the parties interested in the building of the new hotel for Sumter was in the city Tuesday to start work on the building. Mr. Paschall had his foreman along with him and the small tool houses which will be necessary in constructing the large building will be built in the next day or two, when work on the hotel building itself will be commenced.

The beginning of work on the "Claremont," as Sumter's hotel will be known, is being daily watched for by the people of the town and the announcement that the builder is here to start work will be hailed with delight by the citizens generally.

MANN ACCUSED OF LYING.

Congressman Graham of Illinois Has Bitter Words for Colleague.

Washington, April 16.—For the purpose of making a flat charge that Mr. Mann, the minority leader, "knowingly" had uttered a deliberate falsehood in an effort to discredit him, Representative Graham of Illinois, chairman of the house interior department expenditures committee took the floor today and delivered a bitter assault on his colleague. The attack grew out of Mr. Mann's allegations of a few days ago that Chairman Graham had befriended and advised Mrs. Helen Pierce Gray, alleged by him to be a woman lobbyist active in Indian legislation. An affidavit which Mr. Mann had said proved his allegations was read by Mr. Graham who said it was neither proof nor even an affidavit as Mr. Mann had alleged.

Mr. Graham, shaking his clenched fist at Mr. Mann, declared that he was justified in the belief that Mr. Mann was trying to get the charges before the country when he had knowledge that they were absolutely false.

Mr. Mann insisted that common decency demanded an investigation of the whole thing. No action was taken.

Play at Pinewood.

On Friday evening, April 19th, at the school auditorium the drama in two acts, "Among the Breakers" will be rendered by local talent. This is the last play of the season and will be the best. The musical part of the program will be under directorship of Miss Bessie Geddings, music teacher in the school, who will preside at the piano, Messrs. P. B. Hodge, 1st violinist, John S. Richardson, 2nd violinist, Frank Hodge, guitar, C. E. Kolb, zither-mandolinist.

R. C. Richardson, Jr., is spending a few days in Laurens and Columbia.

Misses Lizzie and Katie Hodge are spending some time here, visiting relatives.

Mr. T. B. Smith is at home on a vacation.

The graded school closing exercises will start on first Sunday in May.

Mr. Deal Spent Wednesday in the City.

Mr. Nat B. Deal, of Laurens, who is a candidate for the United States senate and will be in the race this summer with Senator Tillman and Col. Jasper Talbert for that position, spent Wednesday in the city. Mr. Deal is one of the leading lawyers of the up-country, but is probably better known on account of the successful efforts for the industrial and financial development of his section of the State. He has organized and built several successful cotton mills, developed several important water powers, from which electric power is secured for operating cotton mills and other industrial plants and he has been a leader in the upbuilding of the State by the utilization of natural resources and opportunities. He has given twenty-five years to this work and has sought no political honors nor acquired a reputation as a politician, nevertheless his training as a man of affairs has fitted him for the position for which he is a candidate and his record guarantees that he would, as a member of the senate, make the most of his opportunities to work for the upbuilding of the South.

Death.

Chester Ramon, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Nunnery, died at the home of the parents, 702 Church street, on Friday, April 5th, from an attack of pneumonia following a case of measles. The funeral was held on Saturday and the little body was buried beside that of his little sister, who died two years ago.

For rheumatism you will find nothing better than Chamberlain's Liniment. Try it and see how quickly it gives relief. For sale by all Dealers.

FLOOD CONDITIONS WORSE.

GENERAL SITUATION IMPROVES, BUT LOUISIANA FEELS THE RIVER'S WRATH.

Level in Stricken Town Continues to Rise, with Muddy Overflow Inundating Practically Every Part—Three Hundred People Rescued.

Vicksburg, La., April 16.—Although the general flood situation along the Mississippi river south of Vicksburg has materially improved, conditions today in the vast territory of northern Louisiana, where a dozen or more parishes are partly under from five to ten feet of water, were steadily growing worse. The Salem crevasse, near Alsatia, La., continues to empty its 18-foot wall of water over some of the finest grazing and farming lands of the upper State.

A large force of men was rushed today to Kemp bend, 35 miles north of Natchez, where 100 feet of the west bank levee began to slough off. At Tallulah, where much suffering has been experienced since last Sunday, the flood has spread to practically all parts of the town, and is rising rapidly this morning. All rail communication has been suspended. Provisions are about exhausted, and unless aid is received immediately, there will be untold suffering among the negroes, who as a rule are in destitute circumstances.

Three hundred people were rescued yesterday at Soudheim and brought to the levees to await boats to take them to the emergency camps along the river.

According to a forecast issued yesterday by the weather bureau, there will be a slight fall in the river at Natchez within the next few days.

RAINS ADD TO SUFFERING.

Torrential Downpour Intensifies Seriousness of Situation in Flooded Tallulah.

Tallulah, La., April 16.—Heavy rains almost of cloudburst proportions which have fallen here during the past two days have intensified the already terrible condition of the flood sufferers, many of whom have been without food since the waters from the Salem levee break invaded this territory. Freight cars, attics, upper stories, lodge rooms, the court house, high school building and even the jail are being occupied by the unfortunates who have been driven from their homes.

The fight of the citizens of Tallulah to keep the floods from the southern part of the town has been lost. The temporary levee thrown up along the embankments of the Vicksburg-Shreveport and Pacific and the Iron Mountain railroad was overlapped early today, flooding that portion of the town which had heretofore remained dry.

The town was in total darkness last night owing to the flooding of the electric light plant.

More than 2,000 negroes who were on the levees for a distance of 20 miles south of the Salem crevasse, many of them without food, for more than 24 hours, were rescued yesterday by boats sent out from Vicksburg.

All of the negroes, who as a rule never worry about tomorrow and because of the hard winter just experienced, are in destitute circumstances. Unless aid is received for them immediately there will be untold suffering.

Signs Relief Measure.

Washington, April 16.—The president today signed the bill appropriating an additional \$300,000 for the protection of levees on the Mississippi river and tributaries. The bill passed the senate today.

CHANGES IN DISPENSARY LOCATIONS.

Changed from Mayesville to Oswego and From Shiloh to Wedgefield.

Dr. Milton Weinberg, the hookworm specialist, stated today that he would hereafter hold dispensaries for the treatment of hookworm at Oswego instead of at Mayesville as formerly and at Wedgefield instead of at Shiloh. The days for visiting these places are Oswego on Tuesday and Wedgefield on Wednesday.

Dr. Weinberg will be in this county until the fifth day of May holding his dispensaries at different points each day for the treatment of hookworm.

Why He Was Late.

"What made you so late?"
"I met Smithson."
"Well, that is no reason why you should be an hour late getting home for supper."
"I know, but I asked him how he was feeling, and he insisted on telling me about his stomach trouble."
"Did you tell him to take Chamberlain's Tablets?"
"Sure, that is what he needs. Sold by all dealers."

The work on the foundation for the stores just north of the Hotel Sumter and the City National Bank building is progressing slowly, but steadily.

Chamber of Commerce Notes.

Department of Membership, Entertainment, Conventions—D. D. Moise, Director.

Membership—This committee has charge of securing new members during the entire year and of special membership campaigns: Henry Moses, chairman; L. I. Strauss, W. A. Thompson, J. Z. Hearn, J. E. King, S. W. McLeod and S. W. Stubbs.

Entertainment—His charge of the entertainment of visitors to the city and all Chamber of Commerce supporters and smokers. L. I. Parrott, chairman; H. L. Birchard, J. G. DeLorme, O. H. Folley, M. H. Beck, L. E. White, W. W. McKagen and E. I. Reardon.

Conventions—Sumter, now that the two hotels are to be built, is ready to invite and care for conventions. This committee takes the place of the ordinary convention bureau supported by the larger commercial bodies. It will be their business to invite conventions to Sumter and to arrange for their entertainment. E. S. Booth, chairman; George Ricker, Dr. Geo. W. Dick, Dr. Archie China, W. C. Wise, R. S. Hood, Lucian Strauss, George LeMedecis, R. C. Wallace, L. I. Parrott and John H. Clifton.

Quarters—Has general charge of the Chamber of Commerce quarters and decoration for all Chamber of Commerce suppers and of the city upon any special event. J. A. McKnight, chairman; James Graham, Louis Lyon, A. J. Ard, T. M. Bradley, W. A. Bryan and W. K. Dunne.

City Fairs, Expositions and Carnivals—Plans and arranges for all special city fairs, expositions and carnivals. County fair is not connected with this committee. Julius Wescot, chairman, H. L. Tisdale, C. C. Beck, John T. Green, J. H. Grady, P. M. Parrott and James Cuttino.

Committee on Education held a meeting and discussed various matters pertaining to educational matters. This committee decided to hold monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of each month.

FIFTH DISTRICT CONVENTION.

Knights of Pythias Met at Bishopville Tuesday and Had Enjoyable Session.

The Fifth District Convention of the Knights of Pythias met in Bishopville Tuesday and held a most enjoyable session. Grand Chancellor Frank K. Myers and Grand Prelate Geo. W. Dick were present at the convention, as were about thirty delegates from various lodges of the district.

The visiting delegates were most hospitably received and entertained by Ionia Lodge, No. 14, the delegates being invited to the homes of the local members, where they were entertained. During the afternoon the visitors were taken out on a most enjoyable automobile ride by the Bishopville Chamber of Commerce and during the evening a delightful fish fry and stew was served which was much enjoyed and added greatly to the pleasure of the occasion.

Later on in the evening the lodge met in session and the rank of squire was conferred in a very solemn and impressive manner upon three pages. Following the conferring of this rank, officers for the district were elected for the ensuing year. The election resulting as follows: District Deputy, J. C. Baskins; District Secretary James C. Bryan.

The meeting was in every way an enjoyable affair and it is expected that much good will be accomplished in Pythian circles by it, both in the local lodge and in the other lodges in the district.

Marriage License Record.

Mr. L. I. Parrott, county clerk of court, Wednesday issued a license to marry a couple, where the bride had the longest name yet placed on his books. The license went to Charles D. Russell of Florence and Ruth Naomi Olivia McDowell.

"My little son had a very severe cold. I was recommended to try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and before a small bottle was finished he was as well as ever," writes Mrs. H. Silks, 29 Dowling Street, Sydney, Australia. This remedy is for sale by all Dealers.

Mr. A. L. Jackson reports that he will probably have work commenced on his hotel in the course of the next three weeks. Mr. Storn had the plans here Tuesday which were gone over and some alterations ordered. Mr. Jackson will visit Charlotte in the next few days to again go over the plans before accepting them. The occupants are now moving from the house and it will be moved to some other place in the next few weeks.

You will look a good while before you find a better medicine for coughs and colds than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It not only gives relief—it cures. Try it when you have a cough or cold, and you are certain to be pleased with the prompt cure which it will effect. For sale by all Dealers.