

PLANS FOR STATE FAIR.

ANNUAL EVENT TO BE HELD NEXT WEEK IN CAPITOL CITY.

Cheap Rates From All Points to South Carolina Have Been Granted—Many Features This Year.

Columbia, Oct. 21.—Interest in the State fair to be held here next week is increasing and the attendance is expected to be the largest in the history of the association. All railroads entering Columbia have granted cheap round trip rates from all points in South Carolina and certain cities and towns in Georgia and North Carolina.

Plans for the entertainment of the large number of visitors are being perfected by the officials of the association. J. Arthur Banks of St. Matthews is president and J. M. Canteay of Columbia is secretary.

A large force of workmen will be put to work this week to prepare the grounds for the annual fair which begins next Monday.

The buildings will be in fine shape within the next several days for the reception of the large number of exhibits. Special prizes will be given and special stress has been laid by the officials of the association upon the agricultural exhibits.

The people of the State always attend the State fairs in large numbers. It is a gala week and a time to meet old acquaintances.

There will be several meetings in connection with the fair. The annual meeting of the South Carolina Berkshire association will be held when plans will be discussed for entertaining the National Berkshire congress which meets here next year in connection with the corn exposition.

There is much interest this year, as is usual in the annual football game between Clemson college and the University of South Carolina. Both teams are in excellent shape and will fight hard. The game will be played on Wednesday. No other football game is scheduled for the week.

The student body of Clemson college will attend the fair this year. They will be quartered in their tents on the fair grounds. An invitation has been extended by the fair society to all colleges and schools of the State to attend. Clemson will send a large exhibit to the fair.

An interesting exhibit will be installed by the State department of agriculture.

STATEMENT FROM FRASER LYON

Thanks the Citizens of State for Their Support During Past Six Years.

Columbia, Oct. 19.—Attorney General Lyon yesterday issued the following statement to the citizens of South Carolina:

"I wish to thank the people of South Carolina for the honors they have given me during the past six years. I am deeply grateful for the confidence and trust they have reposed in me and to the press of the State I take this opportunity of saying that when my labors for what I conceived to be for the public good seemed vain it was the encouragement of that great power always exerted for civic righteousness that gave me strength and determination to press forward and attain whatsoever of good I may have accomplished. I firmly believe that with the efforts of such an incorrupt, an incorruptible press as our State is now blessed with respect for law and a full appreciation of good government will finally prevail. I also admonish every lover of law and order that this is not the time to despair. We should press toward the goal with renewed energy. To those who gave me their confidence in this summer's primaries I extend my sincerest thanks and to those who were not my supporters I with equal sincerity, say that I hope your action will prove for the best interest of the State we all love."

AMERICA REMAINS ADAMANT.

Refuses to Heed Germany's Pitiful Pleas for Its Exports of Split Peas.

Washington, Oct. 18.—The treasury department declined to accede to the German's vigorous representations against the American government's intention to impose a countervailing duty on split peas and flour imported from that country. The United States holds to its position that Germany grants a bounty on exportations of these commodities by means of an "import certificate."

Germany protested that the import certificate was not a bounty.

German competition in the split pea trade, according to officials, is destroying the American industry in that product. The central West, especially Michigan, is affected. The countervailing duty becomes effective October 21. It is expected Germany now will ask for an extension.

ODIERS ARREST OF SIXTEEN.

Men Prominent in Mexico Charged with Complicity in Felix Diaz Revolt.

Mexico City, Oct. 18.—Orders were issued here today for the arrest of sixteen men for alleged complicity in the revolt of Felix Diaz, all are said to be prominent in public life. Up to 3 o'clock this afternoon only one had been taken into custody. He is Henrique Fernandez Castellot, a son of the minister of justice under the regime of Porfirio Diaz. Documents found when his house was searched are said to implicate Garcia Granades, minister of the interior under de La Barra regime, and many others of high standing.

SOON TO WITHDRAW TROOPS.

Southerland Believes American Guards Can Leave Nicaragua in Peace by End of November.

Washington, Oct. 18.—Rear Admiral Southerland in command of the American forces in Nicaragua thinks it advisable to begin withdrawing his troops, beginning Monday. In a message to the navy department today he announced that after Monday except for small guards on the passenger trains he would have the National Railway company take complete charge of the line. The withdrawal of bluejackets should be completed by November 15, he said. One battalion of marines will leave on that date and the second on or before December 1. The admiral reported that a company of mounted bluejackets who made a trip from San Juan Del Sur on the Pacific coast to Lake Nicaragua was heartily received by the natives, who expressed themselves desirous of permanent peace.

The cruiser Cleveland will leave Nicaragua waters one week from today and, on the following day the Denver will be ready for sea.

AUGUSTA STRIKE ENDS.

Carmen's Representatives Call Men Back After Keeping Town in Suspense.

Augusta, Ga., Oct. 19.—After signing a contract with the mediation board at 4 o'clock this afternoon similar to one signed with the board by the company, the Amalgamated association, whose members have been on a street car strike 25 days, kept Augusta in strained suspense until one minute to midnight tonight, when the union officially "called the strike off."

During the late afternoon the men demanded that they be allowed to work the same hours as heretofore, instead of shorter hours, to which they had agreed last night. The contract was then signed agreeing to report for duty and "check in" yesterday afternoon and evening. All strike-breakers were laid off by the company at 11 o'clock last night, and the company reported that not one of the old men had "checked in."

Information from the union hall then spread over the street that the union was not going to call the strike off, but at one minute to midnight General Manager Deal was notified by President Bagby of the union that the strike was ended officially. The men were ordered to report at the terminal for duty at 7 o'clock in the morning and agreed.

ALMOST A PANIC.

Motion Picture Film in Camden Caught Fire.

Camden, Oct. 18.—During an exhibition of moving pictures in a tent Monday night, near the Southern depot, a reel caught fire and in a few minutes threatened to do considerable damage. There were several hundred persons in the tent at the time, and a stampede was narrowly averted. The machine was an old model and the film was caught in a barrel, instead of being wound on another reel. The machine was ruined, and the heat was so intense that several of the connections were melted. Two stage hands threw a large carpet, which had been used by acrobats a few minutes before, over the burning reel, thereby preventing the flames catching the tent. Cool heads prevented a panic by demanding that the audience sit down, as the worst was over.

Marriage License Record.

Marriage licenses were issued Sunday to the following colored couples: Nathan Conyers and Rachel Pleasant, of Sumter, and Henry Bates, Pine-wood, and Lizzie Davis, Eastover.

The report circulated here on the streets Saturday to the effect that Jack Johnson had been shot and killed has been found to be erroneous. The nearest Jack came to being shot on that day was when someone accidentally dropped an ink bottle out of a window which fell near the champion's head.

TO FORM TOMATO CLUB.

JOINT MEETING OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION, FARMERS' UNION OFFICERS AND AGRICULTURAL EXPERTS.

Meeting Held in Chamber of Commerce Hall Saturday Afternoon in Interest of Girls' Tomato Club Work in This County—Miss Parrott Told of Work Elsewhere in State.

At a joint meeting of members of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce, the Sumter County Delegation in the General Assembly with agricultural experts working in this State, officers of the Sumter County Farmers' Union and Miss Parrott, the head of the Girls' Tomato club department, with headquarters at Winthrop College, held Saturday afternoon in the Chamber of Commerce hall, it was decided to have someone come to this county to begin the work of organizing tomato clubs as soon as certain preliminary steps could be taken by the Chamber of Commerce and the County Farmers' Union.

The meeting was attended by many of the members of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce, by all of the members of the Legislative delegation in the House of Representatives, by President J. Frank Williams of the Sumter County Farmers' Union and by Profs. Haddon, and English, of the Clemson extension work department. Messrs. L. L. Baker and C. F. McFadden of the Department of Agriculture engaged in the farm co-operation movement in this State, and by Miss Parrott, head of the Girls' Tomato club work in this State, and a number of others interested in the subject and in the formation of girls' tomato clubs in this county.

Talks were made by Miss Parrott, Mr. L. L. Baker and Prof. English. The proposition as outlined by them was to have Sumter, Lee and Darlington counties join in the work, the government being ready to extend their supervision over three more counties in this State at the time for the work of another year. Mr. Baker suggested these three counties and the proposition was put to them that they should raise \$375 each before the work should commence, the government paying \$75 in each county to carry on the work, this being all given here for this purpose at this time. As soon as this money is promised an organizer will be sent to the counties and she will organize the clubs, tell the girls who join of the work and show them what to do in planting, growing and canning the tomatoes. She will be actively engaged at work in the field for six months of the year.

It was decided to ask the Legislature to appropriate this amount, \$375 for this work and members of the Legislature present stated that they did not think they would have any trouble in passing the bill, if they were sure it had the endorsement of the business men of the city and county. Members of the Chamber of Commerce present, representing the business men of the city, stated that they did not think there would be any trouble in getting the endorsement of that body and Mr. J. F. Williams, president of the Farmers' Union, stated that he thought the appropriation for this purpose would meet the hearty endorsement of the Farmers' Union. As soon as these two bodies can meet and endorse the scheme Miss Parrott will be notified and this county will be placed on the list and an organizer will be sent here to begin work. The Chamber of Commerce will decide on the matter at its semi-annual meeting to be held on the 19th of November.

Miss Parrott's talk was listened to with the greatest attention. She told of the work in other counties where it had been taken up and where good results were secured by it. Florence, Spartanburg and Aiken counties, she stated, were especially pleased with the work. In Spartanburg the Girls' Tomato Club brands were very popular and it was impossible for the dealers to keep them in stock. The girls entering the clubs are given labels by the United States government, each girl having her own number, which are placed on the cans. By means of the number on the labels bad cans can be traced to the girl putting them up.

MARRIED IN ORANGEBURG.

The Couple Left There for Sumter, Their Home.

Mr. Stephen M. Way, of Holly Hill, was married this morning to Miss Annie L. Gross, of Wilmington, N. C. The marriage took place at the Baptist parsonage, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Geo. E. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Way left for Sumter, where they will make their future home.—Orangeburg Evening News, October 18.

T. U. VAUGHAN CASE.

Defendant, After Being Arraigned, Asks and Obtains Continuance of Three Days.

Greenville, Oct. 21.—T. U. Vaughan, who was arraigned at special term of court today on a charge of criminal conduct while superintendent of the Odd Fellows' Orphan home in this city, pleaded not guilty and asked for a continuance of three days. This request was granted and the trial will begin Wednesday morning.

PREVENTION OF HAIL.

Destroyer Used in France Will Save Farmers \$30,000,000 a Year.

A new hail destroyer is about to be put to use in France on a large scale. The device is strangely like an immense lightning rod of absolutely pure copper and it is grounded by a copper conductor, says Popular Electricity. According to the theory of the inventors, these instruments, by their effect upon currents of atmosphere electricity, are well able to prevent the formation and fall of hailstones.

The government of the French republic through a special commission of senators and deputies, is trying the invention in several places, and has inaugurated a campaign of education in rural districts upon the value of electrical conductors as preventives of the disastrous hailstorms.

A chain of hail destroyers of the new kind is now being constructed in valuable vine-growing neighborhoods, which have heretofore suffered ravages from hailstorms. The departments of the Gironde, the Beaujolais, the Loire Inferieure and the Charante are all notable sufferers.

Americans fail to grasp the terrible damage wrought by hail in France. Each year the losses exceed the approximate estimation of from \$20,000,000 to \$30,000,000. That is constantly increasing and will cause the experiments with the new hail destroyer to be extended and the system to be greatly improved.

To determine the efficiency of the new invention with any degree of accuracy, it is realized that systematic tests over a long period will be necessary. To supervise this a committee has been formed from among the representatives of the French government.

The notion that electricity is largely concerned with the formation, crystallization and precipitation of hailstones was first promulgated by engineers of the French Academy. The copper "hailstone killer" is called technically a "puaragrele." It has multiple points and is capable of withdrawing immense quantities of electrons from the clouds to the earth. Thus the hailstones are prevented from forming and lightning is carried off at the same time.

Get Good Roads.

You can have any kind of road you are willing to pay for. The poorer they are the more you pay.

The greatest objection to improving roads is the cost. People say, "We cannot afford to improve our roads."

Do you realize that your bad roads are costing you enough each year to make those roads permanently good?

Do you know that bad roads are costing you actual cash in the loss of your own time, in the extra hauling and in the extra wear on harness, wagon and horse?

Do you know that where bad roads have been made good farm values have increased enormously?

Do you know that the counties which have improved their roads are growing many times faster than counties which still have bad roads?

Outside of the dollars and cents difference to you between good and bad roads you can make school life better, church life more pleasant, social life happier—you can improve every condition of rural life by just one thing—get good roads.—Calhoun Advance.

Jailor Without Prisoners.

Old Pickens continues to make records. Sheriff Roark tells us that last Wednesday his last prisoner left the jail and since then the jail has been empty. About a year ago was the last time there were no prisoners in the county jail. If Pickens keeps on improving we won't have any use for a jail and we'll have to make a school house out of it.—Pickens Sentinel.

It is the irony of fate that the nations of Europe should discard the armed police for the common American barbed wire fences to stop the smuggling over their borders. It is strange, also that America still has her own borders patrolled while she ships the wire fencing to the nations of Europe.—Florence Times.

Miss Bessie Swann left Wednesday evening for Sumter, where she will spend a few days with relatives.—Kingstree County Record

THIRD TERM QUACK PLANK

Fraudulent "Blanket Policy" Offered for Protection of Health and Life.

IN INTEREST OF FAKERS

"Theodore Rex" Promises to Shield Them Against Discrimination by Educated Physicians.

The political tentacles of the third term candidate have been extended in every direction from which might be gathered voters irrespective of sex, race, color or previous condition, of all vocations, factions and trades into the Progressive fold. By specious promises cunningly adapted to each the colonel beckons them to follow with bleating approval wheresoever his bellweather adjutants may lead in order that Theodore Rex may again sit in the White House.

Tempting bait is thrown to the working people in the minimum wage, to the Socialists in the enlargement of government ownership, to the women in the furtherance of suffrage aspirations, to the farmer in blissful betterment of rural life, etc. Now he appeals to the quacks, those true and hitherto despised men of predatory wealth, offering them tenderest regard and freedom from prejudice "for or against." The following "blanket policy" is offered for protection of our most precious possessions—health and life:

"We favor the union of all the existing agencies for fundamental government dealing with the public health into a single national health service without discrimination against or for any one set of therapeutic methods, school of medicine or school of healing, with such additional powers as may be necessary to enable it to perform efficiently such duties in the protection of the public from preventable diseases as may be properly undertaken by the fundamental authorities, including the execution of existing laws regarding pure food, quarantine and cognate subjects, the promotion of appropriate action for the improvement of vital statistics, the extension of the registration area of such statistics and co-operation with the health activities of the various states and cities of the nation."

Thus would votes for Theodore Rex be multiplied.

Insults Educated Physician.

This quack plank of the Progressive platform not only insults the intelligent voter, but wounds the educated physician, in that it places the latter in the same category with empirics of high and low degree, rubbers, sun curists, magnetic and other healers and all other pretenders who fatten upon the credulity of the helpless sick and their terrified relatives. The Sun has adverted to the outrageous violation of propriety and justice which characterizes the medical laws of several states in the Union, the last instance of which we deplore in the medical regulations of the canal zone and which the bull moose platform threatens to inflict upon all the states of the Union.

These legislative enactments require all persons who propose to become physicians not only to pursue a more or less thorough course of preparatory education, but also to be trained in all branches of medicine and, besides, to be subject to a rigid examination by appointees of the state. All these serve to protect the public against ignorant pretenders and would be perfectly fair did not the very same enactments exempt the latter from the provisions applying to educated practitioners.

Favors for Cormorants.

Thus do our sagacious legislators stultify themselves in the interest of the cormorants to whom they grant special privileges, because, forsooth, they claim to "heal" without medicines! There is now no discrimination against "schools of medicine." Therefore the special protection demanded for them by the bull moose platform is gratuitous and intended only to entrap votes. The "healers" belong to no school. Now comes Theodore Rex and dignifies them by a special provision and, expressing a most tender regard for their sensibilities, promises to shield them against discrimination by educated physicians.

This platform would raise the quack and healer above the men who daily exemplify their personal and professional superiority by some unselfish devotion to the public weal. In his eagerness to placate the influential herd of empirics Mr. Roosevelt would have us oblivious of the fact that the educated physician is the only real altruist in the community. Instead of arousing the public conscience (T. R.'s favorite slogan) this self-appointed reformer opens the crying shame and thus exemplifies again that "under no circumstances" need he be bound by his prior professions.

President Taft has won the approval of the quacks and healers by his medical regulations of the canal zone; hence this Machiavellian policy. Future generations will substitute "Rooseveltian" for "Machiavellian" Politics make strange bedfellows indeed. Behold Taft and Roosevelt under the same blanket!—New York Sun.

ADVISED TO HOLD COTTON.

Farmers Urged to Keep It Off Market in Resolution Adopted by Clarendon Union.

Manning, Oct. 18.—At a recent meeting of the Clarendon County Farmers' union a resolution was adopted instructing a special committee appointed by the president of the union to draft and issue a call to all members of the union and all others interested in the price of cotton to hold their cotton off the market at the prevailing prices. This committee, consisting of D. J. Bradham, A. I. Barron and R. D. White, has just issued a call in which it is said: "This is certainly an opportune time to hold your cotton and thereby get much better prices than are now prevailing. With a short crop and a splendid demand for the manufactured products of cotton, and the banks willing to lend money on warehouse receipts at 6 per cent, every farmer should be able to hold the greater part of his crop and at the same time liquidate his debts. Farmers, think before it is too late. You have the situation in your hands. Use it for your own good and the good of others."

GAVE LIFE FOR UNKNOWN GIRL.

"Newsy" Who Gave Skin to Save Burned Girl is Dead.

Gary, Ind., October 18.—"I guess I turned out to be some good after all," sighed Bill Rugh, this morning, then he turned his face to the wall and died.

It was Rugh who a few days ago submitted to the removal of a withered leg that material might be provided for a skin grafting operation that saved the life of a young woman he never had seen.

Physicians said pneumonia was the cause of Rugh's death, but the self-sacrifice, having been due to irritation of the lungs by the ether that was given him when his leg was cut off.

Rugh had no relatives, and since coming to Gary a tramp several years ago, had made his living selling newspapers on the streets.

The girl, Miss Ethel Smith, for whom he sacrificed his leg and later his life, had been horribly burned in a motorcycle accident. It is just two days since her recovery advanced sufficiently to permit her removal from the hospital in which Rugh died.

Corn Exhibition.

To the Farmers of Sumter County: The Sumter Chamber of Commerce being very anxious that Sumter county should be creditably represented at the National Corn Exposition at Columbia, beginning Jan. 27th next, have decided to ask the co-operation of the farmers in a county corn exhibition at the Court House on the 19th of November.

At this exhibition small prizes will be awarded for first and second best ten ears white corn, ten ears yellow corn, first and second best single ears white and yellow corn and first and second on ten stalks prolific corn, those making the best exhibits being expected to send them on up to the State exhibition to be held in Columbia in December, preliminary to being sent up to the National Exposition, if of sufficient merit.

It is also the desire of those in charge of the Sumter County Exhibition to make it of direct, actual benefit to every one taking part, and to this end we ask that every participant bring twice as many ears in each class as he expects to enter, so that after a lecture by a Clemson expert on seed selection, he can then make his selection of one or ten ears on his own judgment, and after he has done this, the expert to go over his work with him and make such changes in that selection as he deems best, explaining his reasons therefor as it is done, in this way giving practical information which will be of great benefit if put into operation on the farm. After the expert helps each man in this way to get the best possible selection from his corn, each exhibit will then be judged on its merits and prizes awarded accordingly.

We earnestly hope that we shall have the hearty co-operation of the farmers in this matter, and that it will result in a meeting which will do credit to the old Game Cock county, as well as prove of much practical benefit to all concerned.

There will be no admission fee. The money for the prizes, which will be announced later, will be furnished by the Chamber of Commerce.

H. L. SCARBOROUGH.

Chrm. Farm Improvement Com.

Judge R. O. Purdy, who has been appointed special judge by Governor Blaine to hold a special court at Greenville to try T. U. Vaughan for criminal assault upon inmates of the Odd Fellows home at that place, left for Greenville Sunday.