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WILL GO TO CORN SHOW.

Members of Boys Corn Club to see Exhibits at National Grain Exhibition.

Every member of the Boys Corn Club in Sumter who filed his report with Superintendent of Education J. Herbert Haynesworth will have the opportunity of visiting the National Corn Exposition for two days free of charge to himself and his parents. Two boys, Bryan Odom and Richard Wells, who made the greatest number of points in the contest during the past year, will be sent over at the expense of the club for a stay of eight days.

The expenses of the other members of the club will be paid out of a fund raised for this purpose and to which the banks subscribed largely, as did many business houses of this city. The boys will be in charge of Superintendent Haynesworth and Mr. J. Frank Williams during their stay in Columbia and there is every reason to believe that it will be an enjoyable and profitable one.

In other counties members of the Boys' corn club will attend the National Exposition in numbers and it is probable that the department given over to them will be one of the interesting ones of the exposition. While at the corn show Bryan Odom and Richard Wells will have the opportunity of attending the school held for the benefit of the members of the boys' corn clubs who are in attendance upon the exhibition.

Hard Times Gives Good Advice.

Dark Corner, Jan. 11.—Well, the year of 1912 has passed and another year is now here. How are we intending to spend it, for self or for others? I think that we all ought to try and make this one of the happiest of our lives. And how can we do it? By making others happy. For I surely believe we receive in this world just what we put into it. If we sow good seed, we will reap pleasure, and if we sow bad seed we will reap sorrow. Let us remember: That our wasting lives grow shorter still.

As days and years increase,
And every beating pulse we tell
Leaves but a number less.

Christmas passed off a little more quietly here than usual. I saw no one drunk and heard of but few being drunk, yet Christmas could have been spent in a better way if Mr. Booze had been made to take a back instead of a front seat. It seems as if people forget what Christmas stands for and spent it in pleasing Satan rather than the babe of Bethlehem. How long is it to be thus? Jehovah sayeth, "The ox knoweth his owner and the ass his master's crib, but my people don't consider." I have already said we get just what we sow, and isn't it right for it so to be.

There are lots of colds hereabouts, though few persons are confined to their beds.

Mr. L. E. Avin had one of his sons severely hurt a few days ago by falling off his wagon. The little fellow had no bones broken and is getting along very well.

Here I will ring off, as I must away to the postoffice. "H. T."

SUMTER COTTON MARKET.

Corrected daily by Ernest Field, Cotton Buyer.

Sumter, Jan. 13.	
Good middling 12 1-2.	
Strict middling 12 3-8.	
Middling 12 1-4.	
St. low middling 11 7-8.	
Low middling 11 1-4.	
Staple cotton 13 to 15.	

New York Cotton Market.

New York, Jan. 13.	
Open.	Close.
January12.76	12.70
March12.38	12.28
May12.43	12.33
July12.35	12.26

NEWS FROM COLUMBIA.

Reservoirs Concerning Marshal and District Attorney.

Senators Tillman and Smith Have it All Fixed Up, According to Unconfirmed Reports—Richland Grand Jury Presents Columbia Mayor and Council for Permitting Turkey Rafting—New Enterprises and Items of Interest.

Columbia, Jan. 11.—All South Carolina is interested in who will get the endorsement of Senators Tillman and Smith for United States district attorney and United States marshal for this State. It is known that Senator Tillman has pledged his support for marshal to Editor James L. Sims, of Orangeburg, but a story is in circulation here to the effect that an agreement has been reached between the Senators whereby Tillman is to name the district attorney and Smith the marshal and that J. Wm. Thurmond has been selected for district attorney and Sheriff Lyon, of Abbeville, has been picked by Smith for marshal. None of these rumors are confirmed, but they are all interesting and are being circulated here.

The grand jury of Richland county, in its presentment handed in today, presented the mayor and the city council of Columbia for permitting turkey raffles during the month of December in the city. The presentment alleges that turkey rafting is a system of lottery and a violation of the criminal statutes against games of chance. It names as witnesses City Clerk G. Flanvie Cooper and the city auditor, and the minutes of the council meetings. Judge Sease, in commenting on the presentment, said that it did not necessarily mean an indictment.

The grand jury also recommended State legislation for compulsory education, citing that of the cases at this term of court fully 25 per cent of the persons arraigned were absolutely without education. Increased jurisdiction for magistrates and improvements at the county jail were also recommended. The speeding of automobiles on country roads was condemned, and the rural policemen urged to keep a watchout for violators of this law.

ALMOST SEVER'S WIFE'S HEAD.

Killing in Heart of Greenwood Residence Section.

Greenwood, Jan. 12.—A horrible killing occurred here last night, when a negro man, Levi Kinard, almost completely severed his wife's head from her body, after lying in wait for her for several hours in the heart of the residence section of the town. Kinard and his wife had separated some months ago, but he had been making threats against her life for some time, which she had heard of and was so terrified that she asked her employers to let her sleep in the kitchen. Last night, however, the woman went out upon the street in company with another negro woman and as they were entering Cambridge street, through an alley, near the residence of Mayor Baker, Kinard, who had been crouching there probably night after night, sprang out at them, grabbed his wife by the waist and in an incredibly short time accomplished his purpose. It seems, from testimony, that a big knife was used; that a razor could not have done the work.

Kinard made good his escape. He came here from Leesville some months ago and has been working as a section hand on the C. and W. C. He is 39 years old; black, height, 5 feet 6, and weighs 145 pounds. He has two upper front teeth false. He has relatives at Leesville and also at Prosperity. The town and county, through Sheriff McMullan, offers \$50 reward for his capture.

HOUSEWIVES TO ORGANIZE.

Miss Olney to Preside Over the Meeting at Museum.

An audience of several hundred of the housewives of Charleston is expected to greet Miss Lotti S. Olney, president of the Civic Club, when tomorrow afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, in the Charleston Museum auditorium she opens the meeting called to organize a housewives' league in Charleston. Mrs. E. S. Mather, State chairman by appointment from the National League Board, will make an address.

This movement among Charleston housewives is to create more co-operation between the housekeepers and the dealers, to assist the dealers in cutting down prices and costs of services, to affect sanitary reforms, and produce pure food stocks for table use. The league is open to all women of Charleston—Charleston Post, Jan. 10.

If every man in the State would resolve to quit carrying a pistol, homicides would become a thing of the past. The handy pistol is responsible for nearly all the killings in this State.—Orangeburg Times and Democrat.

AIKEN WOMAN DISPLAYS NERVE.

Warns Off Negro Pursuer, but is Struck Severe Blow—Search for Assailant.

Aiken, Jan. 11.—No little excitement was occasioned here this morning when it became publicly known that last evening, about dusk, a prominent and well known woman of this city was assaulted by a negro, on the eastern extremity of South Boundary avenue, as she walked to her home just beyond the Orange Grove Villa.

She states that the negro fell in step behind her just as she was leaving the main section of the city, and that finally she was forced to the conclusion that he was following her. She became nervous, and as she reached a dark avenue, where the trees merge into an arch near Orange Grove Villa, she noticed that the negro accelerated his pace and rapidly drew nearer. She paused and accosted him, demanding his errand, and warned him to pass on by her and proceed about his business. The brute then struck her a severe blow in the side and ran away as she screamed for help.

As soon as the alarm was given a posse of men, headed by Sheriff Howard, traced the negro back toward Aiken. It is reasonably sure that he returned to the city and is now concealed here somewhere within the confines of the city limits. The police authorities are combing the city, and, with the description which they have of the assailant they expect to effect his capture soon.

OHIO RIVER INVADES HOMES.

Over 2,000 Persons Have No Homes and Property Loss Amounts into Thousands.

Cincinnati, Jan. 12.—The Ohio river passed the 60-foot stage here today and continued to rise steadily at the rate of two inches an hour. In the lower parts of the city and in Dayton, Newport and Covington suburbs across the river in Kentucky 2,500 persons have been made temporarily homeless by the invading waters. In the Kentucky towns school houses and churches have been thrown open and are filled with refugees. The property loss will reach into the thousands.

Cincinnati commission merchants and warehouse owners, whose places of business are along the river front, have suffered heavy loss. In some buildings facing the wharves the water is up to the second story.

MANY HASTEN TO SAFETY.

River is Expected to Rise at Louisville for Two Days—People Leave Homes.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 12.—Between 700 and 1,000 families have been driven from their homes along the water front here in the past 24 hours by the rising waters of the Ohio. The stage at this point at 7 o'clock tonight according to the local weather bureau was 35.8 with a rate of rise of 2 feet an hour. A stage of 38 feet is predicted by tomorrow morning and of 40 feet by Tuesday evening.

The homeless families are being moved to vacant houses with the aid of the fire and police departments. The weather bureau predicts that by Monday noon the water will be over the "cut off" east of the city, in which event an area of several square miles will be flooded and about 40 families rendered homeless.

Dispatches from many points in the State tell of damage to homes and other property. Allen McKinney, a farmer near Hopkinsville, was drowned today when his skiff, collided with a submerged bridge pier and capsized in the swollen water of Pon river.

NOT AS SEVERE AS FIRST.

Weather Bureau Gives Prediction on Second Flood Period of the Week.

Washington, Jan. 12.—The second flood wave along the Ohio river between Cincinnati and Louisville, according to the weather bureau, will not be as severe as the first. The weather bureau said tonight: "The crest of the principal flood in the Ohio river is between Cincinnati and Louisville. As a result of continued rains for 48 hours the second rainy period within a week, the river is again in flood in its upper reaches, but the second flood wave will not be so severe as the first one was."

Mad Dog Causes Excitement.

South Lynchburg, Jan. 11.—Quite a splutter of excitement was occasioned by an apparently mad dog's attack on Mr. L. Lane's little boy in his yard. The little fellow is severely bitten in two or three places, the most in his face. I learned last evening that the county policeman was taking steps to have the dog's head sent off for examination, as it had symptoms of hydrophobia.

Marriage License Record.

Tomas Rouse and Viola English, colored, of Sumter, secured a marriage license Sunday.

HOBBSON BECOMES SUFFRAGETTE.

Repays Kissers of Old by Joining Their Numbers.

Washington, Jan. 11.—Capt. Richmond Pearson Hobson, hero of the Spanish war, whose exploit in sinking the Merrimac at the mouth of Santiago harbor, thus bottling up Cervera's fleet, made him the recipient of the kisses of the fair sex from one end of the country to the other (much, it must be confessed, to that gallant officer's annoyance and dismay), has reciprocated.

The captain has become an ardent suffragette. In a recent speech on the floor of the house (the captain is now a representative from Alabama) Captain Hobson mentioned his conversion to equal suffrage.

"I have come to believe," he said, "that women suffrage will solve many of the problems in national life."

The new champion of the fair sex in its struggle for political equality was not, however, won to his present frame of mind by the memories of those osculatory tributes which disputed with the laurel for place on his fervid and youthful brow. Indeed no. Nor did any apostle of votes-for-women pin a badge on his coat and lead him captive to the sufferage ranks.

The captain, who resigned from the navy shortly after the war to enter politics, has become a very serious-minded person with a real aim in public life. With single-hearted purpose, he is working to make the United States dry within the living generation. He is in Demon Rum's arch enemy. And it was in his investigation of the liquor question and in the solitude of his own study, that he became convinced that woman should have the ballot.

After his recent confession of faith in congress, Representative Hobson said in an interview:

"The average standard of the character of a nation's electorate determines the efficiency of its political institutions. In standard of character woman is degrees ahead of man. Only five per cent of the inmates of penal institutions are women; while over 60 per cent of church members are women. Therefore the absorption of women would substantially raise the character of this nation's electorate."

"From my study of national problems I have come more and more to realize that nearly all the laws of States and the nation relate to business, and that very little provision has been made for the humanities. Property has monopolized the attention of legislators to the exclusion of problems of living.

"This one-sided condition is due inherently to the fact that men make the laws, which of necessity reflect the activities in which their makers are engaged—they cover the business part of life. To equalize this condition, to make proper provision on the part of the government for the other half of human activities, it will be necessary to give the vote to women."

"Of course, men pay some attention to the humanities, and women pay some attention to business, but each sex has a great sphere exclusively its own, and both spheres must be considered with proportionate interest of the part of the government to get the best results. Clearly this cannot be accomplished without enfranchising women."

"I do not think that the enfranchisement of woman would take her out of her sphere, but it would simply project her sphere into full public consideration. The franchise would not cause woman to usurp man's business, but it would insure justice to woman whenever she engages in business in competition with man. It would make the sphere of woman more interesting to man and the sphere of man more interesting to woman. A man would not only naturally have more consideration for the rights of his wife, but he would be more interested in his wife's activities. A wife would not lose respect for her husband's work, but would take a greater interest in it."

"So that husbands and wives in their dual nature attack together the problems of life in both spheres with greater happiness to both and with more efficient results than are now obtained."

At Work on New Road.

Work has been commenced in earnest on the new railroad here and at the Lydia terminus. The right of way is being cut out and grading commenced Monday. There are several gangs at work and the railroad people in charge say they expect to haul fertilizer into Lamar on March 15. The people of Lamar are jubilant over the new road for it will mean increased business and a boom to the growth of the town. The railroad will run right through the center of the business part of the town and will be very advantageous to the merchants as they can build warehouses right on the road. The depot will be erected in what has been known as Mims Park, which will be an ideal place for it.—Lamar Correspondence to Darlington News and Press.

TELEGRAPHERS MAY STRIKE.

Railroad Having Declined Request for Raise, Operators Are Considering Strike.

Macon, Ga., Jan. 10.—The telegraphers of the Southern railway are voting a strike, it is learned here today from the telegraphers.

The telegraphers demanded an increase in pay of 18 per cent in November. At a conference November 30 this request was considered and put off until December 27. Then the request was refused. At a conference of telegraphers the strike vote was planned.

Southern railway headquarters are in Washington, and the strike vote will be compiled there, it is stated. Local officials of the Southern railway admit a strike vote is being taken.

GINNING RETURNS INTERESTING.

Cotton Market Awaits Wednesday Figures.

New Orleans, Jan. 12.—The cotton market this week will again be interested in ginning returns to the census bureau. Wednesday ends the present period in the schedule of census reports on the output of the ginneries and the figures relating to it are regarded as being most important, partly because this pending report will be the last of the semi-monthly compilations of the bureau and partly because of the belief that ginning of late has been on a larger scale than generally expected.

While the census figures will not be available until next week, private bureau reports will be reached this week and they will go a long way toward influencing opinion.

The question of the acreage to be planted for the new crop will assume increased importance this next week. The wholesale hardware concerns of the South are reporting a large business in farming implements, which is taken as an indication that a large acreage of cotton will be planted this season.

The spot situation is important because, thus far, actual conditions has not responded to bearish pressure as rapidly as have futures. There is still a large amount of cotton held in the country. Reports that it is firmly held will strengthen futures, but any signs of yielding on the part of spot owners will be immediately used, and probably with telling effect, against the future market.

THIRTY-NINE LEPROUS SLAIN.

Driven Into Pit and Shot by Order of Authorities of Chinese Province.

Shanghai, Jan. 10.—Thirty-nine lepers recently were put to death in an atrocious manner by order of the provincial authorities of Nanking, province of Kwang-Si. The sufferers were shot and their bodies were burned in a huge trench.

These advices were received here today in letters from the Catholic mission at Nanking dated December 14. They said the lepers lived in the woods a few miles outside Nanking. The mission sought permission to build at its own expense a lazaretto for them and the provincial authorities, pretending to consent, dug a pit in which was placed the wood soaked with kerosene.

At the point of the bayonet the lepers were driven into the pit and shot and the pyre was lighted and their bodies burned in the presence of a large crowd. The authorities offered rewards for the discovery of other lepers and this resulted in the shooting of one more man afflicted with the disease.

The governor, after the massacre, issued a proclamation in which he accused the lepers of having committed outrages.

The letters from the mission say there is no foundation for this charge.

First Arrest Under New Administration.

The first arrest under the administration of Sheriff J. K. Bradford was made Wednesday night by Deputy Sheriff John Epperson on the streets of Sumter, when he arrested C. L. McLeod, white, for giving a check without funds in the bank to pay same.

The warrant on which McLeod was sworn out by H. L. Tisdale, a merchant of this city, McLeod was lodged in jail and has not yet been able to put up bond for his release.

Chopped Another With Hatchet.

Saturday Sheriff John Epperson went out to the county farm to bring in a negro charged with chopping another negro at that place with a hatchet. It was stated that the negro was crazy, but he did not appear so when brought in and lodged in jail. He was an old, feeble looking man, with only one good hand, the other being crippled, but, notwithstanding his infirmities, he had succeeded in chopping the other negro with the hatchet and beating him up considerably.

YOUTHFUL NEGRO CRIMINALS.

Gang Caught Stealing Chickens—Small Boys Commit Depredations on Sumter Hardware Store.

A number of small negro boys have been committing depredations in the city of late and as a result several merchants and householders in the city have suffered. Early Saturday morning a negro hearing chickens squawking as he passed along the railroad track near the Rowland Buggy Factory stopped to investigate and found several small boys with a large number of chickens in their possession. The boys took to their heels and escaped, leaving the chickens which were turned over to the police who returned them to their owner, Mr. Joel E. Brunson whose fowl house had been entered and robbed early Saturday morning of fourteen fowls.

Three small boys, Jim Washington, William Samuels and Osey Cary, were arrested Saturday morning for stealing articles from the Sumter Hardware store. Three rifles were recovered and returned to the store when the boys were arrested. The boys are now in jail awaiting a preliminary.

COUNTY TEACHERS MEET.

Several Interesting Addresses Made at Session.

The Sumter County Teachers Association met at the Hampton school building Saturday at noon and those present heard three very interesting talks during the session. There were quite a number present and much interest was manifested in the subjects discussed.

Miss E. W. McLean, superintendent of the primary department of city schools, spoke first. She addressed the teachers on the importance of the "Home Makers" clubs, and the value of the subjects studied by them. She laid stress on the importance of knowing how to cook food properly and how a change of food was necessary, saying that many deaths throughout the country were due to poor food, improperly cooked food, or lack of variety of food.

Dr. Walter Cheyne spoke on hygiene in the school room and the importance of the teachers knowing themselves what sanitary measures to take and how to carry these measures into execution. He pointed out the different diseases school children were most subjected to and told how many of them could be prevented by simple rules, which every child and parent could follow out. "The teacher must talk hygiene to the children," he said, "not teach it to them, for they picked up more and applied it better, if it were talked to them, in a simple way which they could understand." Whooping cough and measles," he said, "killed twelve times as many children annually as did small pox and other virulent diseases, which were more generally feared and guarded against." The parents must be taught the proper treatment of these diseases and how to prevent contagion. He thought that an inspecting officer should see every child which was sick, as an examination would prevent, possibly, the spread of the disease, if the child was affected.

Miss Mary E. Frayser of Winthrop college spoke next. She addressed the teachers on the value of teaching industrial branches in the rural schools, telling of the importance to the child of his or her knowing these things. She illustrated her talk by telling what had been done in some schools and pointing to what could be done in others. Miss Frayser showed her enthusiasm in her work and it is probable that the ideas advanced by her will make some of the teachers take up in the future more comprehensive work along the lines advocated by her in the rural schools.

All three talks were heard with the greatest pleasure and interest. Delightful music was rendered by Mrs. J. L. Frierson during the session, a feature much enjoyed.

"Shoot, if You Must."

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 10.—Geo. Gibbons, a new Germantown storekeeper, when held up in his store last night, told the man to go ahead and shoot as he was too tired to get out any money.

The man demanded \$10.00 and Gibbons told him to proceed and kill. The man then left in disgust.

If we had a commission of any kind under Governor Blease we would surrender it. But then, there is not much chance of his ever honoring us with a commission.—Orangeburg Times and Democrat.

STRAVED—One bay horse mule white mouth, lost Tuesday night near Salem. Give any information to Isaac Knox.

FOR SALE—Dixie Wilt resistant cotton seed from 1911 crop, price \$1 per bushel, sound and pure. F. B. Colclough, Oswego, S. C., R.