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To Officials and Members of the Farmers Union:

Hoe your own row, but if you get the grass out of your own crops, it is the spirit of genuine human helpfulness to help your neighbor get the grass out of his crops.

In a homely and real way, that is what co-operation means, and it is something I want to see spread like a benediction across this broad continent, east and west, north and south.

I think I've said more than once that all the uplift movements ever conjured or inaugurated can not avail alone. Without your own individual efforts, your own undivided attention to your own affairs, you won't get anywhere, and all the uplift movements are just so much lost motion insofar as you are concerned.

The help given you by others, the opportunities for acquiring greater skill and wider and more useful knowledge, are only tools for your own use, and without self-application of it all, without your own constant endeavor, it can not avail you.

Mind your own affairs in that you hoe your own row. Take advantage of the things tendered to push you up and along the rough road to success, and don't let the discouragements of the enemy worry or keep you from pegging along about your own affairs.

Swift changes are working now as leaven in our civilization. The farmer, like the business man, who doesn't keep up with the procession, study, think, work, co-operate with his neighbor, is going to drop out of the race.

You are the arbiters of your own destiny. Your future is in your own hands.

C. S. Barrett.

Louisville, Ky., May 7, 1913.

**BRYAN IS RETICENT.**

Says but Little About California Conference.

Kansas City, Mo., May 6.—William J. Bryan, secretary of state, spent 20 minutes in Kansas City tonight. On the Japanese question he remained silent. In fact, he cautioned a group of newspaper friends who gathered to greet him that the Japanese question was tabooed.

"But really," he said, as the train pulled out, "the situation is not serious in the way you newspaper folk always look on the word. I think—" and the train was gone before the sentence was finished.

**SUMTER COTTON MARKET.**

Corrected daily by Ernest Field, Cotton Buyer.

Sumter, May 8.  
oGod Middling 11 3-4.  
Strict Middling 11 5-8.  
Middling 11 1-2.  
St. Low Middling 11 1-3.  
Low Middling 10 1-2.  
Staple cotton, nominal.

**New York Cotton Market.**

New York, May 8.	
Open	Close.
Jan. . . . .	11.93
March . . . . .	11.12
May . . . . .	11.42
July . . . . .	11.51
Aug . . . . .	11.20
Oct. . . . .	11.93
Dec. . . . .	11.94

**Dance Most Enjoyable Affair.**

The informal dance given in the Armory Hall Tuesday evening was a delightful affair, despite the fact that the weather was unusually hot for dancing. There were quite a large number of young ladies and men present for the occasion, all of whom spent a very enjoyable evening. The music was furnished by Schumacher's Orchestra and proved a delightful feature.

Among the visiting ladies at the dance were: Misses Flora Tobin, Alendale; Ethel Kilmer, Martinsburg, Va.; Helen McCrery, Asheville; Beatie Gibson, Hampton, Va.; Katharine Burton, Baltimore.

**AN ANTI-DISPENSARY MEETING.**

Number of People Hear Rev. J. L. Harley Speak in Favor of Prohibition.

A meeting of those opposed to the re-establishment of the dispensary in this county was held in the court house Wednesday night, a number of ladies and gentlemen being present to hear what the Rev. J. L. Harley, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League in South Carolina, had to say concerning the dispensary.

At the close of the meeting anti-dispensary petitions were started in circulation and signed by a number of those present. It was decided to hold another meeting Monday night to form an anti-dispensary organization, in order that the fight against the re-establishment of the dispensary in the county might be carried on in a systematic way. The anti-dispensary petition will be circulated over the county and was sent out Thursday with this object in view. This petition asks the county board not to order an election held for the purpose of voting on whether or not the dispensary will be re-established in this county and asks that all names on the dispensary petition which are also on the anti-dispensary petition be stricken off the dispensary petition.

The meeting was opened with prayer and was presided over by the Rev. J. P. Marion in the absence of Dr. C. C. Brown.

Mr. Harley made a very forceful talk against the re-establishment of the dispensary, using a great many illustrations and anecdotes to bring out his points. He made several statements concerning the liquor houses which, he asserted, were founded on information which he deemed correct that were of exceeding interest. One of these was that the liquor interests were bearing the expenses of having foreigners, in this State and elsewhere, naturalized and getting negroes to register so that they could vote for the dispensary, or liquor interests. He further stated that in a number of counties the liquor houses were paying lawyers to look after their interests and he insinuated that this was the case in this county.

Mr. Harley's remarks were heard with attention and the meeting was evidently in spirit an anti-dispensary meeting.

**REBELS FAIL IN ATTACK.**

Mexican Rebel Troops Make Two Unsuccessful Attacks on Cuernavaca, Morelos.

Mexico City, May 5.—Zapata forces failed in two attempts today to capture Cuernavaca, capital of Morelos. Gen. Roblez, the federal commander reporting late tonight, says he expects a resumption of the rebel efforts. Reinforcements will be sent from here tomorrow.

From the north official reports say that the rebels have been defeated at Villadama, near Monterey.

While the rebels were engaging the federals at Cuernavaca, official Mexico was celebrating with a big military parade the anniversary of the battle of Puebla in 1862.

The first attack on Carolina, a suburb of Cuernavaca, was repulsed by Gen. Rabago with infantry supported by artillery. The second attack came from the direction of San Antonio, a village separated from Cuernavaca by a canyon. Fighting occurred across this and the federals using artillery and machine guns, forced the rebels to retire.

All the strategic points around Cuernavaca were fortified tonight. The attack on the town was coincident with the announcement that Gen. Roblez had designated Cuernavaca, Cuatula and Juquila as concentration camps. All who are not adherents of Zapata were warned they must go to these points. All of the other towns in Morelos are to be depopulated, and the residents remaining will be regarded as rebels. It is likely that these towns will be razed.

**FIGHTING CONTINUES.**

Federals and State Troops Clash at Ortiz.

Nogales, Ariz., May 5.—Fighting continued throughout the afternoon between the advance guard of the federals from Guaymas and the State troops below Ortiz. Indications were that the federal troops had been repulsed. The telegraph line has been cut below Ortiz and efforts to reach Guaymas by wireless failed. Two American railway men were reported killed in yesterday's fighting.

**Is Your Dog Worth 50 Cents?**

If he is troubled with fleas, get a 50 cent bottle of Osteen's Mange Cure at Hearson's Pharmacy or Sibert's Drug Store, and drive them all away to stay. Ask Sibert or Hearson to tell you the names of dog owners who have used Osteen's Mange Cure.—Adv't.

All nations look alike to the gun-markers.—New York Press.

**A CHANGE OF OFFICERS.**

Hugh Witherspoon Resigns as Secretary of Farmers' Union and L. C. Tisdale is Elected in His Place.

At a recent meeting of the Sumter County Farmers' Union the following resolution was passed:

"Whereas, Bro. Hugh Witherspoon has asked to be relieved of the work of secretary-treasurer of the Sumter County Union and whereas the reasons he gives are not to be lightly overlooked; now Therefore, be it resolved

"That in accepting his resignation we do it only at his urgent request, and desire to place on record the high regard we have for Brother Witherspoon as a man, as a neighbor; as a member of the Union, and as our most efficient Secretary-Treasurer since the organization of this County Union.

"Resolved second, That a copy of these resolutions be sent Bro. Witherspoon, another filed in our records, and another given to the press.

E. W. DABBS, Chairman  
J. M. BROGDON,  
L. W. WARREN,  
L. C. Tisdale, Secty. Treas.  
J. F. Williams, President.

**ARE OPPOSED TO INCOME TAX.**

National Representatives Get Signed Circulars from Insurance People.

Washington, May 7.—Thousands of protests from policy-holders in big New York insurance companies are pouring upon Congressmen and Senators against the income tax section of the Underwood tariff.

These protests usually are in the shape of printed circulars, sent to the policy holders by the management of the companies, the policy-holders signing them and forwarding them to their Senators and Representatives, or both. The burden of the complaint is that the dividends of mutual life insurance companies should be exempted from the operation of the income tax, as is the case with beneficial and fraternal organizations. It is set forth that the income tax law of 1894, which was pronounced unconstitutional by the United States Supreme Court, exempted all three forms of insurance.

Senator Tillman, however, is in possession of an interesting document, which has come to him as the result of the activity of a New York company. Instead of filling in the circular as the company indicated a Charleston policy-holder has inserted the word "not," thus declaring that he does not desire to protest against the tax to life insurance policies, and at the bottom of the sheet he has made a notation to the effect that he wishes to congratulate the Democratic party on its income tax policy, and also to congratulate Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo on his recent orders requiring national banks to pay interest on their Government deposits.

Are you a farmer? Don't you think you should exercise the same business judgment on your farm that the merchant does in the city? The merchant protects his investment by insuring. Is your crop insured? Better see G. E. Haynsworth, agent for Carolina Hail Insurance Company, and secure this protection at once.—Adv't.

Gardeners, fall in! Present spades! Aim! Dig!—Chicago News.

**EAT WITH NEGRESS—LOST JOB.**

Texas School Principal Tries Costly Experiment.

Texarkana, Ark., May 7.—Because he ate a meal with a negress servant in his home, D. A. Stephenson, principal of the Central High School, on the Texas side of this city, was today summarily discharged. Formal charges were filed with the board of directors of the High School. Mr. Stephenson was told that if he did not appear before the board and plead in extenuation that there is no law regulation against a white teacher eating a meal with a negro, he could consider himself discharged. He did not appear before the board. His remark to other officials that Theodore Roosevelt had once dined with a negro at the White House had the effect of causing the board to discharge him forthwith.

Stephenson at noon today left Texarkana for his home at Hickory, Mo. He came here last September and had recently been re-elected principal of the school for another year.

**Get More Eggs**



"Money from the same flock. If it fails, the extra ones are all profit. The regular use of Pratt's Poultry Regulator will keep your hens busy shelling out eggs. Get Pratt's Profit-sharing Booklet."

W. T. Brogdon, Brogdon, S. C.

**SUMMER TOURIST SERVICE.**

New Trains to Be Put on Southern Between Columbia and Asheville.

Columbia, May 7.—Columbia and South Carolina share largely in the benefits of the summer tourist service arranged by the Southern Railway for the coming season.

Six trains each way will be operated daily between Columbia and Asheville beginning Sunday, June 15. On Monday, June 2, trains 3 and 4 which were operated last year will be restored, leaving Columbia 11.50 P. M. and arriving Asheville 7.00 A. M. leaving Asheville 1.30 P. M. and arriving Columbia 9.25 P. M.

Beginning June 15, trains 9 and 10 will be operated in two sections. The first section handling baggage car and coach equipment will leave Columbia 7.10 A. M., arriving Spartanburg 10.25 A. M., arrive Asheville 2.05 P. M.; leave Asheville 4.10 P. M., leave Spartanburg 8.10 P. M., arrive Columbia 11.40 P. M. This train will also handle through coach between Charlotte and Asheville in connection with trains 30 and 40, the second section handling Pullman sleeping cars and dining cars will leave Columbia 7.30 A. M., arrive Spartanburg 10.50 A. M., arrive Asheville 2.20 P. M.; leave Asheville 4.30 P. M., leave Spartanburg 8.25 P. M., arrive Columbia 11.50 P. M.

Parlor car service will again be operated between Augusta and Asheville on the Carolina Special and trains 7 and 8 and Pullman sleeping cars will be operated between Augusta and Asheville via Blackville and Columbia, leaving Augusta 11.45 P. M., arriving Columbia 6.50 A. M., arriving Asheville 2.20 P. M.; leaving Asheville 4.30 P. M., leaving Columbia 12.05 A. M., arrive Augusta 8.20 A. M. This will give a good night schedule between Columbia and Augusta.

Beginning June 1, Pullman buffet parlor cars will be operated on trains 27 and 36 between Columbia and Charlotte, leaving Charlotte 4.35 P. M., arriving Columbia 8.45 P. M., leaving Columbia 5.35 A. M., arriving Charlotte 9.35 A. M.

**ASSASSIN ENDS HIS LIFE.**

Slayer of George of Greece, Aleko Schinas, Hurts Himself to Death.

Athens, May 6.—Aleko Schinas, who assassinated King George of Greece on March 18 at Saloniki, committed suicide this morning by flinging himself out of a window of the police station in that city.

Schinas was a native of the town of Volo, Thessaly. He killed the king by firing point blank into his back while he was walking along the streets of Saloniki accompanied by an aide. Schinas gave an explanation of the crime that in 1911 he had applied for assistance at the king's palace and been driven away.

A few days ago the doctors examined Schinas and announced that he was dying of tuberculosis.

"To standardize the American child!" But fortunately they can't do it.—New York World.

**THE CAROLINA HAIL INSURANCE**

—Company has paid 1,600 losses amounting to \$135,000.00 since 1906, and every one of these losses settled satisfactorily to be assured. G. E. Haynsworth, Sumter, S. C., is the agent for this excellent South Carolina, corporation and our farmers and planters should see to it that their crops are protected at once.

**Geo. H. Hurst,**

UNDERTAKER AND EMBALMER  
Prompt attention to day or night calls.  
AT OLD J. D. CRAIG STAND, 202 N. Main Street.  
Day Phone 539. Night Phone 201.

**Would You Like to Know**

Where you can get the best shave, hair cut or other tonsorial work? . . . . .

Its right opposite the Post-office. Drop in today and learn about our excellent service.

**The Sumter Shaving Parlors,**

Dan P. Mosely, Prop.

**Banks to Be Closed.** The banks of the city will all be closed on Monday, May 12th, on account of Memorial Day.

Is your financial condition such that you can afford to lose your crop by hail? G. E. Haynsworth, agent for Carolina Hail Insurance Company will secure protection for you at a very small cost. Insure now. Today is the best time.—Adv't.

Suffragette Maxim—You can't hike in a hobble.—Washington Herald.

**Just Think it Over**

You need the assistance of a good bank to do business with.

We need new depositors in order to increase our business yearly.

Having dealt fairly with others for 24 years, don't you think your checking account would be safe with us.

**The Bank of Sumter**

**Good Service**

Good Service Pays. We Give It. If you are not with us already, why hesitate longer?

**THE FARMERS' BANK & TRUST CO.**

**THIS IS A GOOD TIME**

In which we are living. The opportunity to see, to know, and to do was never greater. The opportunity for men to make the most of themselves, if they have it in them, was never so great as now.

However, in these modern times, times of practical thought and methods, before one can take full advantage of the opportunities presented for growth, for achievement, he needs the help and backing of a bank account.

Come in and let us explain to you how easy it is to start an account at the

**FIRST NATIONAL BANK**

**VOTING COUPON.**

GOOD FOR 25 VOTES

In The Daily Item, Watchman and Southron and Merchants Automobile and Prize Contest.

For (Miss or Mrs) . . . . .

Address . . . . .

District No. . . . .

These coupons must be clipped out neatly and brought or sent to Contest Department of The Item, Sumter, S. C.  
Coupons of this issue not good after May 16.

**LAND LIME.**

We are prepared to furnish this product at prices that will enable every farmer to use it. We have a very low price this year and nothing will do your land more good, especially run down lands, or low and sour land. It is necessary for all leguminous crops such as Alfalfa, clover, vetch, peas, etc. Get our prices in car lots or in smaller quantities. Samples on request.

**BOOTH-HARBY LIVE STOCK COMPANY,**  
SUMTER, S. C.