

FARMERS' UNION NEWS

Practical Thoughts for Practical Farmers.

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THE COUNTY FAIR.

The Question for Discussion at Next Meeting of the County Farmers' Union.

The next meeting of the County Farmers' Union will be devoted to discussing a county fair for Sumter County. The locals will please thrash it out and send a full delegation to the county union which meets with the Concord local at Mr. Louis Reames' residence, Friday, June 6.

I think that it is very generally conceded that we need something to stimulate the marketing of a great variety of farm products. There is no other one thing that will do more for this end than the establishing of a county fair. I think if you will go back to the origin of fairs, you will find that they were meetings held where the farmers and merchants and manufacturers came together with their products for the purpose of making sales. The fairs now are held for the purpose of bringing together a sample or samples of the things produced in order that the man who wishes to buy may come in contact with the man who has anything for sale. The best that is produced is always exhibited and when experts go over the best from all the farms within the limits of the territory supporting the fair, each farmer entering the contest is sure to learn something that will help him to make an improvement. If a man wins a blue ribbon, he feels that it is up to him to maintain his par excellence. If he loses and is a good loser, he will be like Mr. Lewis from North Carolina at the South Atlantic Corn Exposition two years ago. "You will have to have better corn than this or I will beat you next year." This stimulates pride in farming, and if there is any one thing that the farmers of Sumter county need more than another it is to have more pride in their farms.

I have invited Mr. J. H. Claffy, President of the Orangeburg County Union and President of the Orangeburg County Fair Association to at-

tempt to give me some advice. In answer to a question as to whether or not a county fair had helped the Orangeburg County Union, Mr. Claffy says that the holding of the fair has materially helped the Orangeburg County Union. And I am told that they have a good membership in Orangeburg County. As to the kind of fair that will help our union most and the farmers of Sumter county, I think Bro. Claffy will be able to give us some excellent advice. If the pride of Sumter county will allow us to rent or lease some grounds and erect some temporary buildings to begin with, I believe that as soon as the first fair is held that that pride will be so stimulated that it will be no trouble to raise the necessary funds to purchase grounds and erect permanent buildings, in keeping with the public spirit of Sumter.

J. Frank Williams,

President Sumter County Union.

THE BOYS' CORN CLUB.

The Large Club is Doing Satisfactory Work this Year.

The Boys' Corn Club is well under way and the youthful farmers of the county are vying with each other to see how much corn each can produce on an acre. The club this year has seventy-five members. Edwin Miller, Route 4, Sumter, is president of the club; Furman Beall, Route 1, Mayesville is vice-president and Thomas Kirvin, Route 5, Sumter is the secretary. The club is much larger this year than it was last year, due I think to the boys attending the National Corn show in Columbia and to the fact that the teachers of the public schools have taken more interest in the clubs and in a great measure the successful organization this year is due to the following banks and firm which contributed so freely to last year's club:

First National Bank... \$50.00
O'Donnell & Co... 25.00
Bank of Sumter... 50.00
Farmers Bank & Trust Co... 50.00
Peoples' Bank... 25.00

Making a prize fund of two hundred dollars. About one-half of this was given to the boys in prizes for the greatest yield, best ten ears and best record, first, second and third prizes under each head. The balance of the fund was used to defray the expenses of two of the boys in the Corn Club school for a week during the Corn Show, and the expenses of eighteen of the members for two days at the

Corn Show and for three dinners at Charlie's Cafe in organizing the present club. An itemized account of the expenditure of the last year's prize fund is on file in the Superintendent of Education's office.

There is no question but that the corn club is doing a great good in Sumter county. It teaches the boy that there is work on the farm for the mind as well as the hand, and that intelligent labor on the farm is dignified. Carrying out the instructions of the club trains the boy up in the way he should grow, so that when he gets old he will not depart therefrom. If seasons are favorable in Sumter County I am looking for this to be the most successful club that we have ever organized in Sumter county.

J. Frank Williams,

NEWS FROM MAYESVILLE.

School Closes Successful Year Under Principalship of J. R. Hamilton—R. D. Epps Delivers Address—Barnett Store Entered—Tobacco House Replanned—Personal.

Mayesville, May 23.—The closing exercises of the Mayesville school were held tonight with a very interesting and varied program rendered by the pupils. The program consisted of songs, recitations, drills and pantomimes.

Last night Hon. R. D. Epps of Sumter, representative in the legislature, delivered a most practical and timely address on education and kindred subjects.

This school closes a most successful session under the direction of J. R. Hamilton, of Chester, as principal and Miss Lucile White, Jefferson, and Sarah Hamilton, Dillon, assistants.

The store of J. E. Barnett on Main Street was broken into early this morning, the thief shattering one of the large plate glass windows and obtaining two pairs of shoes which were in the window. The burglar had a narrow escape as Chief Hinson came up in time to fire three shots at the man and from the marks made by the bullets, they must have come pretty close to the fleeing burglar. He appears to have escaped on a horse, by another street before the chief could get near enough to stop him. This is the second time this store has been entered through the front.

The stock of goods of Chas. Richardson were sold this morning at public auction to satisfy a mortgage held by the Bank of Mayesville. The stock and fixtures were bought by R. F. DesChamps.

Work has been commenced on the repairing and cleaning up of the old Pudding Swamp Tobacco warehouse in order to have everything in shape for the opening of the tobacco market here in July.

Miss Elma Mayes has returned home after teaching in the Westminster school during the past session.

Mr. and Mrs. McPherson and Miss McPherson of Florence county are visiting at the home of W. T. Cooper.

Mrs. R. A. Chandler, Sr., has returned home after a visit to relatives in Columbia.

GALLOWAY GETS GOOD JOB.

South Carolinian Selected by President as a Member of Civil Service Commission.

Washington, May 23.—Charles M. Galloway of Columbia has been selected by President Wilson as a member of the civil service commission and his nomination is expected to be sent to the senate within the next few days.

It has been understood for some time that this appointment would most likely be made and there was much satisfaction shown here today when it became assured that it would be forthcoming almost immediately.

Mr. Galloway had the indorsement not only of the members of the South Carolina delegation in congress but it is also understood that between 25 and 30 senators indorsed him besides other well known public men elsewhere.

Therefore it was much pleasure for his friends here to learn today that he would soon be appointed to this high position.

Mr. Galloway is secretary to Senator E. D. Smith and clerk to the committee on immigration.

His appointment will undoubtedly meet with hearty approval.

This Interests Every Woman.

"A family doctor said recently that women come to him thinking that they have female trouble, but when he treats them for their kidneys and bladder, they soon recover. This is worth knowing, and also that Foley Kidney Pills are the best and safest medicine at such times. They are tonic in action, quick in results. They will help you.—Advt.

There are few places which have not turned up their Richard Austin or supposed Austin.

Cure for Stomach Disorders. Disorders of the stomach may be avoided by the use of Chamberlain's Tablets. Many very remarkable cures have been effected by these tablets. Sold by all dealers.—Advt.

AFTER COTTON SPECULATORS.

GOVERNMENT WANTS BULLS INDICTED ONCE MORE.

Federal Attorneys Fear That Defects in Pending Accusations Will Defeat Its End and Cotton Price Boosters will Escape.

New York, May 24.—The department of justice has decided to seek the indictment of Frank Hayne and Wm. P. Brown of New Orleans, Eugene Scales of Texas and Col. Robt. M. Thompson of New York on the charge that they conspired to corner the cotton crop of 1909.

This was learned today when subpoenas were issued by United States District Attorney Marshall for the appearance next week before the federal grand jury of the witnesses upon whose testimony the indictment now standing against them was found.

The document contained flaws, it is understood, which the government fears might stand in the way of conviction. It charged that, with James A. Patten of Chicago, the defendants conspired to create a bull pool with the intention of artificially raising the price of cotton in order to obtain a profit of \$10,000,000.

Patten pleaded guilty last February to the sixth count of the indictment, known as the "contract count," which alleged that the defendants entered into contract to buy up all the raw cotton produced in 1909 and to hold it out of the market until November, 1910. He was fined \$4,000 and under an agreement between his counsel and the department of justice the other counts in the indictment were nolle prossed.

Constipation Cured.

Dr. King's New Life Pills will relieve constipation promptly and get your bowels in healthy condition again. John Supsic, of Sanbury, Pa., says: "They are the best pills I ever used, and I advise everyone to use them for constipation, indigestion and liver complaint." Will help you. Price 25c. Recommended by your druggist.—Advt.

FOR LONG STAPLE COTTON.

Modern Gin Will be Erected in Florence.

Florence, May 23.—S. H. Saunders is to erect a new and modern gin, particularly for long staple cotton, on the property near the gas plant. The capacity will be 40 bales a day. He will use a 75-horse power electric motor for power. With this modern engine in Florence it is expected that this market will improve as the centre for long staple cotton.

"A man living at Auburn, New York had a severe attack of kidney and bladder trouble. Being a working man, not wanting to lose time, he cured himself completely by using Foley Kidney Pills. A year later he says: "It is a pleasure to report that the cure was permanent." His name is J. A. Farmer. Sbert's Drug Store.—Advt.

With the boys and girls of the city commencement is the principal subject of discussion just now, and with the girls the chief subject connected with commencement is the dresses which will be worn.

Best Medicine for Colds.

When a druggist recommends a remedy for colds, throat and lung troubles, you can feel sure that he knows what he is talking about. C. Lower, Druggist, of Marion, Ohio, writes of Dr. King's New Discovery: "I know Dr. King's New Discovery is the best throat and lung medicine I sell. It cured my wife of a severe bronchial cold after all other remedies failed." It will do the same for you if you are suffering with a cold or any bronchial, throat or lung cough. Keep a bottle on hand all the time for everyone in the family to use. It is a home doctor. Price 50c and \$1.00. Guaranteed by your druggist.—Advt.

WINTHOP COLLEGE

Scholarship and Entrance Examination.

The examination for the award of vacant scholarships in Winthrop College and for the admission of new students will be held at the County Court House on Friday, July 4, at 9 A. M. Applicants must be not less than sixteen years of age. When scholarships are vacant after July 4 they will be awarded to those making the highest average at this examination, provided they meet the conditions governing the award. Applicants for scholarships should write to President Johnson before the examination for scholarship examination blanks. Scholarships are worth \$100 and free tuition. The next session will open September 17, 1913. For further information and catalogue, address Pres. D. B. Johnson, Rock Hill, S. C.—Advt.

For the Weak and Nervous.

Tired-out, weak, nervous men and women would feel ambitious, energetic, full of life and always have a good appetite, if they would do the sensible thing for health—take Electric Bitters. Nothing better for the stomach, liver or kidneys. Thousands say they owe their lives to this wonderful home remedy. Mrs. O. Rhine-vault, of Vestal Center, N. Y., says: "I regard Electric Bitters as one of the greatest of gifts. I can never forget what it has done for me. Get a bottle yourself and see what a difference it will make in your health. Only 50c and \$1.00. Recommended by your druggist.—Advt.

CONSUMPTION OF LIQUOR IN SUMTER COUNTY.

Comparative Statement Showing Receipts of Dispensary During Two Months of 1909, and Express and Freight Receipts for Same Months of 1913.

The following table shows the gross receipts from the sale of liquor of the county dispensary (Sumter and Mayesville) during the months of March and April, 1909 (the last year the county dispensary was in operation) in comparison with the gross receipts of liquor at freight and express offices in Sumter County during March and April, 1913. The figures in both cases are official. The figures for dispensary sales are taken from the records of the county board of control, while the freight and express receipts were compiled from the records in the railway and express offices by the agents at the respective offices. While the claim is not made that the figures show absolutely all the liquor that was imported into Sumter county during March and April, the comparative statement is approximately correct and shows that there has been a marked decrease in the consumption of liquor in Sumter County since the dispensary was closed, despite the activity of the blind tigers and the social clubs. It was impossible to ascertain from the records of the county dispensary board of control the number of gallons of liquor sold during March and April 1909, and the figures given show the retail selling price of the liquor. No reasonable allowance that might be made for the difference in cost of liquor in gallon or case lots from mail order houses and the retail price charged by the county dispensary would reduce the bulk of liquor sold by the dispensary to a parity with the freight and express receipts. If an allowance of 50 per cent is made for the dispensary profit on sales, the cost value of the liquor sold by the dispensary would still be twice as great as the value of liquor now imported by blind tigers, clubs and individuals for personal use. These figures establish beyond reasonable doubt that the use of liquor has decreased under prohibition, although conditions may not be ideal with respect to intemperance.

March & April, 1913.		March & April, 1909.		Net difference in value of liquor between years 1913 & 1909.		
Gal.	Value.	Gal.	Value.	Gal.	Value.	
Express, Sumter	1,286	\$2,419.00	59 1-2	\$129.25	1,266 1-2	\$2,289.75
A. C. L. Freight						
Sumter—beer and whis	657	1,971.00	78	234.00	579	1,737.00
Sou. Ry Freight						
Sumter, Beer	45	bbls. 510.40				
Whiskey	225	674.00				
Dalzell	426	639.00	35.00		604.00	
Remberts	296	443.50	22.00		421.50	
Mayesville	538	726.00	35.00		691.00	
Lynchburg	41	82.00	4.00		78.00	
Wedgefield	81	122.00	7.00		115.00	
Hagood		443.50	22.00		421.50	
Total		\$8,069.00		\$488.25	\$7,574.75	
Dispensary Sales March and April, 1909					\$24,568.33	
Percent decrease in consumption in money valuation					76 Per Cent	
Arrests for drunkenness during year 1909					212	
Arrests for drunkenness during year 1911					83	
Percent decrease, arrests for drunkenness					62 Per Cent	

Note: The above record includes Lynchburg, which is in Lee County. No allowance is made for increase in population.

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Cost: Cost per session of nine months, including all fees, heat, light, water, board, laundry, and two complete uniforms, \$133.45. Tuition if able to pay, \$40.00 extra. Total cost per session for the one year Agricultural Course, \$173.50; Four-Weeks Course, all expenses, \$10.00.

Scholarship and Entrance Examinations: The College maintains 167 four-year Agricultural and Textile Scholarships, and 31 one-year Agricultural Scholarships. Value of Scholarships \$100.00 per session and Free Tuition. (Students who have attended Clemson College, or any other College or University, are not eligible for the Scholarships unless there are 30 other eligible applicants.) Scholarship and Entrance Examinations will be held by the County Superintendent of Education on July 15th, at 9:00 a. m.

Next Session Opens September 10, 1913

Write at once to W. M. RIGGS, President

Clemson College, S. C. For Catalog, Scholarship Blanks, Etc. If you delay, you may be crowded out.