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TOMATO GROWING IN BEAUFORT

E. E. Mountford Clears \$3,000 on Fifteen Acres This Year.

Growing tomatoes by the carload for Northern markets is a departure from customary practice in South Carolina. Indeed, it is believed that this is the first time that carloads of tomatoes have been sent out from any point in the State. This is due to the enterprise of a citizen of Beaufort County, formerly a tomato grower in Florida, Mr. E. E. Mountford.

He came to Beaufort early last March and began operations, planting a crop of lettuce and other vegetables while waiting on the season for setting tomato plants. Fifteen acres were set to tomatoes and the venture was an instant success, fully warranting an other trial next year.

Two principal strains were used, the Globe and the Duke of York; the latter being a tomato which Mr. Mountford declares is free from all ordinary plant diseases, such as "leaf spot" and wilt or blight.

A nearby trucker, Dr. W. R. Eve, put out one acre and this was also highly successful.

The first shipments were made on June 7, and have just about ended, because tomatoes are now being marketed from North Carolina, Virginia, and even as far north as New Jersey.

The average yield was 300 crates to the acre or, a total of 4,500 crates for the fifteen acres. The fruit sold on an average for \$1.50 a crate, or a total of \$6,750 for the lot, 500 crates being shipped to each car. This made a shipment of five solid carloads of tomatoes—certainly an impressive beginning for a new industry.

The refrigerator rates to New York city are 37 cents a crate, or about \$1,800 for the harvest of fifteen acres; the crates, labor, plants and other expenses of growing amounted in round numbers to \$1,000; \$300 will cover commission charges and \$600 will likewise cover cost of fertilizers.

This gives a profit of something over \$3,000 for the fifteen acres. The vines are yet loaded with fruit, but as time has not been allowed for effecting canning arrangements, they will have to be ploughed up. Some have already been ploughed up and wagon loads have been hauled to the woods and dumped in piles. It makes a novel and impressive sight to see huge pyramids of ripe tomatoes scattered at intervals in a South Carolina forest. To city folks it will seem no less than a sin, when tomatoes are too high for many people to buy.

But there is no help for it under our system of unequal distribution and exorbitant middlemen's profits.

Dr. Eve thinks he has realized from \$300 to \$400 from his single acre.

The whole venture has proved how easy it is to make a success in a new line, when brains and courage are allied to practical experience. Every possible discouragement was thrown in Mr. Mountford's way and he was assured that failure awaited him. He went ahead all the same and won out. In every Southern State there are a thousand opportunities awaiting educated farmers.

James Henry Rice, Jr.
REV. HUGH F. OLIVER DEAD.

Baptist Minister, who Died in Georgia, Well known in Carolina.

Georgetown, July 29.—News was received here last night of the sudden death on the 28th inst of the Rev. Hugh F. Oliver, now of Byromville, Ga., who was well known in this State, having held pastorates in the Baptist denomination in this State for many years. He would have reached his 62d year on August 18 next. The announcement of his death will be received with sorrow wherever he labored and was known. Mr. Oliver graduated at the Baptist Theological Seminary as the youngest member of his class, with high honors, when that institution was located at Greenville, S. C. He at once took a high stand among the ministers of the Baptist denomination, filling pastorates in Georgia, Alabama and South Carolina.

NEWS FROM PISGAH.

Protracted Meetings Accomplish Great Good—Too Much Rain for Crops—Typhoid Fever Epidemic—Other News.

Pisgah, July 28.—Another tremendous rain fell here Saturday night. This one will wind up the crop for the low lands are too wet to work in time to make a crop, even if dry weather was to be for sometime.

Corn, where well worked and manured, is very good, though the season has been too wet for it.

Miss Mary Lemmon came up last week and showed the girls how to can fruit. She is up on what she teaches and if one don't learn from her, it will be their own fault. She is an intelligent and pleasant young lady and has made many friends here, who will be always glad to see her.

Misses Nita and Mazie McLeod gave a social last week in honor of Miss Gertrude Pickett of Ridgeway. Those present were: Misses Bell McCutchen, Christine Davis, Carrie James, Leo McLeod, Myrtle Young, Addie Rembert, Crawford Jenkins, May Bradley, Gertrude Pickett, Nita and Mazie McLeod and Sam Lenoir, St. Pierre Lenoir, Henry Sanders, Counts Sanders, Virgil Corbett, Dewitt Clarke, Parker Sanders, Ollie Thompson, Broadus DuPre, Eugene James, Leland Myers, Robert Atkinson, Willie James, Tom Moore, Lawrence White, Harry McLeod, John McCutchen, Jack McCutchen, Walter Harlee, Gilbert Young, James Jenkins, Heyward and Rodney Chandler.

Miss Pearl Hatfield is visiting relatives and friends at Cedar Creek.

A protracted meeting will commence at Smithville next week at St. Johns Church.

The earthquake last week was plainly felt here.

Children's Day was observed at McLeod's Church yesterday and on Wednesday the Sunday School of the church will have a picnic in Rembert's Grove near the depot.

Bethany Church of Lee County celebrated its 84th anniversary on last Saturday. A history of the church was prepared by Mr. August A. Scarborough and read by Hon. W. A. James of Bishopville. This sketch showed that the church was organized in 1829 and gave all the names of the pastors who had preached there, and other interesting information connected with this long period after which the following subjects were spoken to as follows:

"The Ministry of the Church," by Jas. E. DuPre.

"The Church of Yesterday," by Rev. T. L. Cole.

"The Church of Today," by Hon. W. A. James.

The speaking over, adjournment was had for dinner, and the hungry crowd soon enjoyed a fine and bountiful repast. In the afternoon the crowd enjoyed itself by having sweet music and pleasant social intercourse.

The church has been recently painted and looks very pretty. Rev. J. W. Kenney is pastor and he and Rev. T. L. Cole conducted the religious exercises. The writer is under many obligations for courtesies shown him.

Antioch Church, Kershaw County, has just closed a fine meeting. Some 21 additions were made to the church and the church was greatly revived. The pastor, Mr. Kizer, was aided by Rev. S. B. Hatfield.

Rev. T. L. Cole returned Saturday from Neeces, Orangeburg County, where he conducted a fine meeting last week. He says there is a great deal of rain over there.

Rev. J. Walter Kenney leaves today for Northwestern Georgia to aid Rev. Mr. Denny in protracted meetings. He will be gone some time.

Rev. S. B. Hatfield preached a strong sermon Sunday evening at Pisgah. The protracted meeting will commence there on the second Sunday in August.

Miss Alma Bradley has returned from the summer school at Rock Hill. She says about 500 teachers were in attendance. She is looking well.

Typhoid fever is still increasing in the old Boykin section, a few miles from here. Mr. Ben Pierce is just alive, and others very low. A young man died there last year of it.

FEDERAL ROAD FOR FLORENCE.

Representative Ragsdale Receives Notice from War Department.

Washington, July 29.—Representative J. W. Ragsdale has received notification that the war department has favorably passed upon the proposition to build a road from Florence to the National Cemetery, near that city, and that the cost of the work will be \$37,786. Mr. Ragsdale will at once introduce a bill providing for the road's construction in accordance with the war department's estimate and plans.

He who laughs last laughs best. The fellow who has been suffering in his winter suit can now walk up and take advantage of the midsummer reductions.—Wilmington Star.

FARMERS' UNION NEWS

Practical Thoughts for Practical Farmers.

(Conducted by E. W. Dabbs, President S. C. Farmers Union.)

Some Random Thoughts.

The meeting of the State Farmers' Union at the Isle of Palms last week was a most delightful occasion. Representatives were there from the extreme north of the State, Oconee and Chesterfield. Most of the counties represented have strong organizations in them. If it had not been for the invitations of Oconee and Anderson the vote would have been unanimous for a return to the Isle of Palms next year, Anderson was chosen.

The addresses were all of a high order, except the one by Mr. Sherman of the new bureau of markets. From the statements gathered from his speeches and an interview with him, this bureau will be another bulletin factory. He talked about surveys and standardization, but when I asked him for some actual demonstration work, "we have not the men nor the money," etc. etc.

I told him by the time the people understand the situation the demand for actual work will be so great that they will have to find the men and we will find the money.

If the doubting brethren could have heard Dr. Bradford Knapp on organization, they would soon be lined up for business. He did not tell them any more than I have, but coming from such high source, I hope more heed will be given to it.

Come out to the Sumter county meeting at Oswego next Friday. Matters of importance demand a full attendance and Williams, Kolb and I will tell you more of the State meeting than we can write.

The letter from Augusta Cotton Exchange and Board of Trade should be carefully read by every cotton grower in Sumter county. If any are not of the standard size, the owner should at once begin to put it in order.

I have done all I can for two months to make our people see that something must be done to meet the requirements of the ocean carriers of cotton. If our people have to pay 50c or \$1.00 per bale extra, it will be their own fault. E. W. D.

(This letter was published in the Watchman and Southron of Saturday, July 26th.)

CONFERENCE OF SECRETARIES.

Managers of Commercial Bodies to Hold Meeting at Conference for Common Good.

One of the most important of the special conferences of the Common Good will be conducted by the Secretaries of the South Carolina Chambers of Commerce on the afternoon of August 7th, at 3.30 o'clock. Mr. John Wood, President of the Commercial Secretaries' Association, has sent out a call to the different secretaries and a suggestive and interesting meeting is assured. This organization is growing in importance and prestige daily, and its influence as a constructive force would be hard to overestimate. When it gets solidly behind a plan or a measure results are sure to follow. The Executive Committee of the conference feels much gratified at the warm support and co-operation of the Chambers of Commerce and much is hoped from their aid. The leading topics to be discussed are as follows:

From Farm to School and Back.
The Road (Highway) to the School House.

The Farmer Boy and His Town.
The Town and its Commissary Department.

The Town to the Farmer, Debtor.
Cross Roads Signs of the Times.

Short speeches on these and related topics will be the order of the day. Each address will occupy only ten minutes, and the greatest freedom and frankness will be encouraged. This is in line with the general policy of the Conference to avoid long set speeches and to foster the live and rapid interchange of ideas. The meeting on the afternoon of August 7th will doubtless bring out many new thoughts and valuable suggestions. Its development will be watched with great interest throughout the State.

The prospects for active trade this fall was never brighter, the crops are excellent, and the farmers, upon whom the trade depends, have made their crops as economically as conditions would permit, all seem to avoid debt as much as possible, and they will have good cash balances when the crop is harvested.—Manning Times.

Bagging and Ties

THIS is a subject that is most interesting to every Southern Farmer. There are some things he may be able to get along without, but if he raises cotton he must have Bagging and Ties, and from present prospects a good deal will be needed to wrap the fleecy staple, as the outlook for the growing crop is very encouraging. We have bought quite freely, as is our custom, realizing from past experience that there is nothing to be gained by waiting, and it is our candid opinion that the Farmer who places his order now will save money by doing so.

You may charge us with being too premature, and say you don't want to buy Bagging and Ties until you have a better idea what your crop is going to do, in that case you can place an order for a portion of your requirements and await results.

We will accept your order now for shipment in August, so you will have your goods on hand when you need them, payable October 1st, subject to 7 per cent. per annum discount for anticipation. Our offerings consist of New 2 and 3 lb. Sugar Sack Bagging, and all grades of Jute. We handle only New Arrow Ties.

Place your orders early and save money.

O'Donnell & Company.

AVIATION AT ISLE OF PALMS.

Aviator Luckey to Do Some Daring Stunts Next Sunday.

Isle of Palms, July 31.—Aviator W. S. Luckey, who is giving some daring and clever flying exhibitions at the Isle of Palms, recently changed his Curtiss hydro-aeroplane into a simple aeroplane, the "hydro" being eliminated by the removal of his main and wing floats and the installation of his land gear, a triangular array of three squatty automobile wheels, and he declares that with 300 pounds of dead weight gone through the change, he expects to do some stunts at the Isle of Palms that will give his friends the shivers. Two big feature events are slated for next Sunday by Luckey, who will rise aloft in his speedy bird machine and take snap shots of the throngs on the beach, as well as bird's eye views of the surrounding country, something he can do 1,000 feet in the air. His second special performance will be the main attraction of the afternoon, when he does a mile against time.

The start for the dash will be made either over Sullivan's Island or two or three miles up the Isle of Palms. Luckey will plane up to a point 1,500 feet above the beach, and slide down a cushion of air until he hits his mile line. Then he will pull the throttle wide open, and let her go, streaking through the air about 100 feet above the sand.

Mrs. Luckey may fly with her husband Sunday if there is a light wind.

Orangeburg's Fishery.

Orangeburg, July 29.—The work at the fishery is progressing about as rapidly as could be expected. It has been somewhat thrown back by the excessive rains which have fallen in the last week. An inspection of the grounds shows a location susceptible of vast improvements and there is no doubt that when the government gets through with the work Orangeburg will not only have a fishery but a spot of beauty and interest.

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