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NUMBER OF SILOS GROWING.
 Large Percentage Increase in State During This Year.

Clemson College, April 23.—The number of silos constructed in South Carolina during the present fiscal year with the aid of the co-operative dairy forces of Clemson College and the Department of Agriculture has exceeded the number constructed in any previous year by 66 per cent. It has been announced by R. H. Mason, dairyman of the Federal bureau in co-operation with the college. One-third of these silos were built of concrete, the rest of staves. Inquiries about silos continue to come to Prof. Mason and it is likely that the present fine record will be even bettered before the fiscal year is ended.

"Silage," said Prof. Mason, "is the cheapest and best rough feed for cattle either in summer or in winter. We are making good progress in this State, but much is to be done, South Carolina has approximately 200 silos. A recent census shows Wisconsin to have more than 46,000."

Experiment Station Dwelling.

Work will soon begin on the construction of a two-story dwelling on the Pee Dee Experiment Station at Florence. Prof. R. E. Lee, of Clemson College, has completed the plans for the house and the construction will be in process at an early date. R. E. Curran, superintendent of the station, has been living in a rented house in Florence up to this time. The dwelling to be built for his use will be comfortable and modern in all respects. The Pee Dee Station is progressing well and some important work is to be done on it this year.

Senator Root's Attack.

Baltimore Sun.
 Root spoke magnificently. It was a dramatic occasion. Americans lay dead and dying at Vera Cruz. A great silent audience filled the senate chamber. Telegraph instruments clicked each staccato word to a tensely listening world. Root's steel-ribbed mind worked unerringly. There was no excess of statement, no error of style. But the shafts were shot, barbed and poisoned, to their mark. The friendly chancelleries across the Atlantic went a bit pale, the hostile ones leered and winked. Huerta stopped his billiard game and opened another bottle of vintage wine. The waning partisanship at home showed signs of revival.

But, of Senator Root, it was not the call of patriotism! All the arts of eloquence were invoked, all the resources of your wonderful mind drawn upon. The day after the thing that stands holdly out is, that you, sir, are a great lawyer, but a lawyer always. For the moment you can make black white and white black, the right wrong, and wrong right. But after you have in the completest way "made the worse appear the better reason," the common mind takes alarm at the subtleties of your logic, at the very cunning of your intellectual processes. And the thought that abides is that if you had but given that splendid mind to your country rather than to your party to the common cause of mankind rather than to the elect, how much higher your name would have been written in statesmanship.

Between the two leaderships enlightened Americanism will never hesitate. It gives its support to a great president striving to see the right and bringing to the discharge of his duties a coolness, patience and singleness of purpose almost unmatched in the history of our country.

Pocahontas Springs is Wide Open.

All white schools, churches, lodges and neighborhoods are invited to make free use of the picnic grounds and dance hall. Bathing, boating and fishing are fine. Parties served chicken or fish dinner by special arrangements. M. H. Beck.—Adv't.

HENRY WATTERSON ON CANAL TOLLS QUESTION.

As One of The "Old Guard of Irish-Americans," He Protests Against False Cry.

(Henry Waterson, in the Louisville Courier Journal.)

Take the tolls question. The act of exemption was a subsidy, pure and simple. It was tribute to a monopoly. Treaties apart, would a Democrat in congress have dared directly to vote this?

The cry of "Trucking to England" is a piece with the cry of "Bullying Ulster," which the Tories in England are hurling at the Home Rulers because they propose to have Ulster obey the law of the land like the rest of Ireland. It is as if, in paying a debt, one should be charged with "trucking" to his creditor. It is too senseless to fool a human being who does not want to be fooled. That at the moment when the Liberal British government is trying to do justice to Ireland it should be raised by the Irish in America—thus making themselves a part of the alliance of the Tories and the Orangemen in Ulster against their own Home Rule friends and comrades—raises the old spectre of "disunited, therefore blighted," which for 500 years enslaved the bravest and sweetest of God's creatures. On that side it is positively pitiful.

But it has another side. Coming into world politics as a world power, shall any foreign-born segment of the people undertake to predetermine what we may or may not do? I am the oldest if not the last survivor of what was the Old Guard of Irish-Americans. I grew up under the spell of the "48" men led by Mitchell and Meagher, with whom my relations were intimate and affectionate. I was with Parnell through the great Home Rule fight of 1886. If I have ever been a fanatic, it was upon the question of justice to Ireland. But, before all else, I am an American, and must not allow my Irish sympathies to color my sense of patriotic duty. I resent the intrusion of racial lines into our foreign policies and relations; but in a matter like the tolls question, the attempt to protect the grab of the coastwise shipping trust looks very like the old money-making scheme of the professional mercenaries who, under the Irish banner, went into politics 30 years ago for what they could get of the rake-off. Mr. Blaine had been nursing this element assiduously and long, his mother the daughter of an Irish Catholic. At the critical moment a blundering preacher with three words destroyed the work of a lifetime. Our dear Champ Clark and my good friend Oscar Underwood, before giving too much ear to "the rich Irish brogue," would do well to study the career of the "Plumed Knight," nor fail to read a chapter out of the interesting memoirs of Gen. Winfield Scott.

Meanwhile, this warning to the Irish people of America—if they should make themselves overactive and zealous in the attempt at organized participation in American politics, they will run the serious hazard of generating an anti-foreign feeling in comparison with which the Know-nothingism of other days would seem to be trivial. Those who are old enough to recall what Know-nothingism was—in Louisville those who are not old enough to remember Bloody Monday—may well pray God never to see the like again. No wise or true Irishman but must realize that the "trucking to England" suggestion is a boomerang which without rhyme or reason in itself, may yet produce far-reaching results.

Never a president showed himself finer than Woodrow Wilson when, wrapping the flag around him, he marched down to the capitol and read the riot act to the braves in congress. I cannot doubt that he has the better sense of the country behind him. He may before he gets through with it overdo the one-man-power role. Caesar did this to his mortal cost. Cromwell did it to the cost of his good name. It is not always easy to draw the line betwixt leadership and autocracy. I rather think Jackson struck the line betwixt wind and water.

Thus far I follow Woodrow Wilson admiringly. I like to see him make the boys hop, skip and jump around the playground. The time may come when I, too, may call a halt—"so far but no farther." I hope not. I want to see a successful Democratic administration. But a Democratic administration must be a Democrat. It must not be a federal disguised as a Democrat, an imperialist putting on airs and graces and dealing in the language of Democracy.

The Wilsonian character is yet too undeveloped to offer much forecast. But the Wilsonian studies ought to restrain the ambitious overreaching tyrannous disposition, while the responsibilities of government are likely to expand—have perhaps already enlarged—the dimensions and perspectives of the schoolroom.

FARMERS' UNION NEWS

Practical Thoughts for Practical Farmers.

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

Some Random Thoughts.

My attention has been called to a peculiar condition in the school affairs of the county. It is that in two schools, at least, and maybe in others, the teachers decline to teach the 10th grade. Boys and girls, who are entitled to the advantages of the free school nearest to their homes have to go to private teachers, or be sent off to college before prepared, because the teachers decline to teach them.

In one instance the teacher is reported to have said that a high State official at a teachers' meeting said that no teacher in a one or two teacher school ought to try to teach the higher grades. What are the common schools for if not to teach the children that are around them? How many parents can afford private teachers for their advanced children? Or how many can send their boys and girls to a high school at the county seat or to college?

I believe in consolidation, and better schools, but I think the advocates of high schools here run mad in discrediting the work of the one-teacher schools, and in advising them not to teach the higher branches. I know of boys and girls that have gone from the one-teacher schools that stand as well in college as any from the city graded schools. The school age of the State is from 6 to 21 years, and I submit that it is the duty of trustees to require of teachers the qualifications to teach boys and girls up to the age limit unless they are sooner prepared for college. The common school is the poor man's college and many a boy and girl needs the additional year or two in the higher branches of learning that if not provided in the common school they will never get because too poor to attend a "prep" school or even a county high school. They should be turned out from the one-teacher school well prepared for life's duties, and for a school with two or more teachers to refuse to do 10th grade work is unpardonable, to say the least.

County School Day has been so well written up that only one or two suggestions are in order: One is that next year some arrangement must be made for the pupils who are engaged in scholarship contests to have a light lunch served sometime during the time they are at the Washington school. The other is that some of the patrons or trustees, or both, should be designated to keep order during the declaimers' contest and spelling bee.

Judging by the churn dashers that the boys put on exhibition Friend Williams must be doing effective work for more milk cows, and has taught quite a number of farmers how to make butter that will sell for 50c per pound. It was really remarkable how many churn dashers were on exhibition—about 20, and I saw only one lone singletree. I hope it is an indication that more cattle will be raised, and more land devoted to pastures and less to the plow.

Some of the hearings before the agricultural committee of the house of representatives make very interesting reading. When I have more time will make some extracts for the Farmers' Union column. In the meantime I commend a reading of the hearings to any one who is in doubt about the wisdom of the Farmers' Union demands for warehouses and official grading, and stapling of cotton. There is also the strongest kind of testimony to the good that Senator Smith's testing of cotton for its actual spinning value, has done and will do when the people, manufacturers as well as farmers, make use of these tests. Thanks to Mr. Lever for copies of the hearings, and for an invitation to appear before the committee today in the cotton futures hearings. It was not convenient for me to go, but I have done everything I could to have better posted members of the National Farmers' Union attend and present our views.

How are the local unions preparing for the Bethel meeting of the union on May 1st. There ought to be a full attendance that we may be posted on some of these matters that are engaging congress now, among them cotton marketing. Just as long as cotton is our principal money crop, its proper marketing will be a live issue.

By the way Supervisor Pitts will have to be busy if he completes the

Shiloh road by the opening of the tobacco market. It is a good time to begin now. E. W. D.

FARMERS' UNION MEETING.

Will be Held at Cain's Mill on Friday With Bethel Union.

The Sumter County Farmers' Union will meet Friday of this week, the first day of May, at Cain's Mill with the Bethel local. On account of the oat harvest, it is very probable that we will not have a meeting of the County Union until the first Friday in July after this meeting at Cain's Mill. Those of you who miss this meeting will have to wait two months before you can again enjoy meeting with one of the local unions. We shall be glad to have delegates from all of the locals and as many members as can attend. You know that Cain's Mill is the place where the beginning of some of the most important work that the Union has ever accomplished was made. Fraternally,

J. Frank Williams, President Sumter County Farmers' Union.

Is it Right to Advertise Coca-Cola?

Men who play the wily game of politics have discovered that the best way to distract the attention of the public from their own shortcomings is to make a loud-mouthed sensational attack upon someone else. As the cuttle-fish eludes its pursuer by clouding the surrounding water with the contents of its ink sac, so the political adventurer takes advantage of the ignorance and prejudices of the people to escape from his indefensible position by muddying the waters of public opinion.

A case in point is the recent attack made upon the religious press for carrying Coca-Cola advertising. This attack was made by a politician who was supposed to be an expert in chemistry but who, having brought a suit against the Coca-Cola Company, was humiliated by having to acknowledge that he could not qualify as an expert. The court decided in favor of the Coca-Cola Company as it was clearly shown that the only essential difference between Coca-Cola and coffee or tea is that the former contains only about half as much caffeine as the latter and that the flavor is different.

The question as to whether it is right to advertise Coca-Cola seems to resolve itself therefore into the question as to whether it is right to advertise coffee, tea, chocolate, cocoa and other beverages of the caffeine group.—Adv't.

NOTICE

Of Application for Final Discharge.

Estate of Emma Cohen, Deceased. On the 29th day of May, A. D., 1914, I will apply to the Judge of Probate for Sumter County, S. C., for a Final Discharge as Administrator of said estate.

UZZIAH M. COHEN, Administrator.

April 24, 1914.

SEIZE AMERICAN GOODS.

Reported Huerta Forces Threaten Property in Coahuila.

Washington, April 26.—An American, vouched for as reliable, who has just arrived at Eagle Pass, Tex., from Musquiz, a town in Coahuila, about two hundred miles distant from Eagle Pass, reports that the federals have taken from Rosedia Ranch 250 horses, 150 mules and 11,000 cattle. Notice, according to a message to the State department, has been given that all American property in that section would be seized by the Huerta forces.

FOR RHEUMATISM, Stomach, Kidney and Bladder troubles, try Big Springs water; if your druggist does not handle order direct. New hotel opens June 1st. Special water contracts to dealers. Address Big Springs Resort Co., Bethune, S. C.

600 BUSHELS—Good home raised white corn, 20 tons No. 1 baled pea vine hay well mixed with crab grass; also small farm mule we will sell cheap. Apply to Andrews Bros., Oswego, S. C.

BEEWAX WANTED—Cash paid for good clean wax. N. G. Osteen.

PLANTS FOR SALE—Lettuce and pansy plants, also sweet olive cuttings well rooted. The pansy plants are fine and well grown and will be sold at reasonable price. 316 W. Hampton Ave.

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 Undertaker and Embalmer.
 Prompt Attention to Day or Night Calls
 ATJ. D. CRAIG OLD STAND
 N. MAIN ST.
 Phones—Day 639 Night 261

CELEBRATE REVIEW SUNDAY. AMERICAN CONSUL ARRESTED.

Special Services Held Yesterday at Mayesville Presbyterian Church.

Mayesville, April 27.—A "review Sunday," so to speak, was held at the Presbyterian church yesterday. The services were most interesting and instructive and were something out of the ordinary. Reports were read from the different departments of the church work. Elder S. W. Wilson read an historical sketch of the church, R. A. Chandler, treasurer, gave a report on the financial condition of the church; Miss Annie Anderson read a paper from the president of the Women's Missionary Society, Miss Janie Bradley; Mrs. Robert A. Chandler, president of the Ladies' Aid Society, presented a report from that body; Elder H. L. Thomas, superintendent of the Sunday School, reported on the work of that branch of the church, and Master Robert Mayes read a report from the Junior Missionary society.

The services were interspersed with appropriate songs and Miss Fannie Chandler sang a beautiful solo during the collecting of the offering. Rev. W. B. Chandler of Jacksonville, Fla., a son of the Mayesville church, was present and made the closing prayer.

This church is in a very encouraging condition and under the pastorate of its popular pastor, Rev. R. L. Grier, great headway should be made in the future.

Hanna Sends Report From Monterey

Washington, April 25.—President Wilson and Secretary Bryan were greatly incensed tonight on receiving a dispatch from Consul General Philip C. Hanna at Monterey, Mex., announcing that he had been subjected to insults and indignities by Mexican federal officers and kept a prisoner in the government palace from April 22 until the constitutionalists forces captured the town two days later. The consul reported that mobs led by federal officers tore down all the American flags in the city, trampled them and then burned them up in the streets.

On the arrival of the constitutionalists, Mr. Hanna was released and treated with marked consideration. He said the rebel officers made speeches in front of the State house, giving assurances of full protection to all foreigners and noncombatants.

Secretary Bryan went to the White House and conferred with the president when the consul general's report reached the State department.

Mr. Hanna's message to Secretary Bryan was dispatched today from Monterey. The secretary took it to the White House at once and it resulted in long conferences between him and President Wilson. Mr. Hanna reported that he had been courteously treated by the constitutionalists.

STOMACH TROUBLE FOR FIVE YEARS

Majority of Friends Thought Mr. Hughes Would Die, But One Helped Him to Recovery.

Pomeroyton, Ky.—In interesting advices from this place, Mr. A. J. Hughes writes as follows: "I was down with stomach trouble for five (5) years, and would have sick headache so bad, at times, that I thought surely I would die."

I tried different treatments, but they did not seem to do me any good. I got so bad, I could not eat or sleep, and all my friends, except one, thought I would die. He advised me to try Thedford's Black-Draught, and quit

taking other medicines. I decided to take his advice, although I did not have any confidence in it.

I have now been taking Black-Draught for three months, and it has cured me—haven't had those awful sick headaches since I began using it.

I am so thankful for what Black-Draught has done for me."

Thedford's Black-Draught has been found a very valuable medicine for derangements of the stomach and liver. It is composed of pure, vegetable herbs, contains no dangerous ingredients, and acts gently, yet surely. It can be freely used by young and old, and should be kept in every family chest.

Get a package today. Only a quarter.

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 I am on my way to put some money in
The People's Bank
 How About You?

Farmers' Bank & Trust Co.
 ESTABLISHED APRIL 1905.
 Resources to-day between seven and eight hundred thousand dollars.
 Many thousand satisfied patrons tell the story. If you are not among them, you should be. Come with us.

Have System In Your Business
 You cannot overestimate the value of business system. Overestimating the value of strong banking connection is not possible. If your business is worth starting, it is worth your profoundest thought. A check account at this bank relieves financial perplexity and allows time for planning growth. Carefully estimate the value of keeping your check account—here.
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