

BANKERS IN GRAIN CAMPAIGN.

Always Found Ready to Help in Any Movement for the Bettering of Rural Conditions.

Clemson College, Sept. 13.—The extension division of Clemson College has always found the bankers of South Carolina among the readiest citizens of the State to help in the work for better agriculture. W. W. Long, director of extension and State agent of demonstration, says that he has had many occasions frequently to call on the bankers, both as a whole and as individuals, and has found the response ready every time. This has been especially true of the live stock development undertaken by the extension division.

Now the State's bankers are asked to co-operate in Clemson's grain campaign, which has been put under way. Posters urging the farmers to sow oats and wheat and briefly setting forth some valuable information about the two crops have been sent to the bankers with the request that they be posted conspicuously. In the letter which Director W. W. Long sent to the bankers with the posters, he wrote in part as follows:

"South Carolina largely increased its food crops. Last year the wheat acreage was increased from \$2,000 to 245,000 and the oat acreage was increased from 370,000 to between 700,000 and 800,000. These crops have been most helpful this year. We are not advocating the growing of grain as our great market crop. The great market crop is and always will be in South Carolina cotton, but it is very essential that we grow sufficient grain for our own use.

"In order to produce cotton economically we are now considering a campaign for the seeding of a larger grain crop than even last year and we are going to ask that you manifest an interest and give us your assistance in trying to bring about the seeding of the largest grain crop in the history of the State.

"Will you please impress upon your clients and all farmers with whom you come in contact the necessity of seeding largely in grain. Advise them to commence seeding oats in September and their wheat early after the first killing frost.

"If these instructions are carried out and we can increase our acreage over last year in the same proportion as we did last year over previous years, South Carolina will make its bread."

Crimson Clover Seed.

On advice from the United States department of agriculture, Clemson College has several times this summer urged farmers to be very careful in buying their crimson clover seed. A huge quantity of inferior seed has been imported into this country this year and farmers who buy such seed and plant it are likely to make total failures of their crop. Try to be sure of the germinating qualities of the seed before accepting it. In general, it is safe to say that crimson clover seed of a bright greenish yellow will germinate well, while a brownish color indicates poor germination.

Breaking and Training Colts.

A bulletin that will be useful to every owner of a horse is that recently issued by the United States department of agriculture on "Breaking and Training Colts." It is Farmers' Bulletin No. 667 and may be had by writing to the department at Washington. This bulletin is clearly illustrated with cuts from photographs showing how to apply ropes and other training tackle. In addition to dealing thoroughly with breaking and training, the bulletin tells how to break the young animals of numerous bad habits.

How Far South do Northern Birds go?

Farm and Fireside says: "When the birds 'go south,' where do they stop? A government specialist says most of them winter in Florida, Mexico, and the West Indies. The bobolink, rice bird, and a few others go as far as southern Brazil."

Take a trip down town, and look the bicycle over that the Sumter Clothing Co., will give away Christmas Eve day. It is on exhibition in their window, together with boys' suits, hats and shoes for fall use.—Advt.

Opens This Month.

Paxville, Sept. 13.—The graded school will open the 27th inst. The school will be under the management this year of Mr. Sutton of Jefferson. He will be assisted by Misses Lois Benson of Gaffney and C. E. McLaurin of Sumter.

Boys, how would you like to have an up-to-date, first class bicycle presented to you for your Christmas. The Sumter Clothing Co., intends to give one away on this day to some boy who buys a knee pants suit from them, and the bicycle is now on display in their window. They will be glad to explain the whole matter to you if you will call on them.—Advt.

CITIZENSHIP HELD UP.

Protest Against Naturalization of German.

Newark, Sept. 13.—Final citizenship papers were withheld by Judge Harry Osborne here today from Dr. Karl G. Frank of Maplewood. This was due to the request of J. F. T. Gordon of Philadelphia, who said he represented the federal government. Dr. Frank came here from Germany in 1908.

Gordon explained the application for delay by stating that the government had under investigation a newspaper story which appeared recently alleging that Dr. Frank is the head of a German secret service in this country.

Dr. Frank emphatically denied the charge today. He said he was employed by an electrical firm and as an employe had dealings with the navy department.

DR. JONES VERY ILL.

President of Coker College in Dangerous Condition.

Florence, Sept. 13.—The Rev. Howard Lee Jones, D. D., president of Coker college, has been very ill here for some time. His family has been summoned. Mr. Jones has been here several days, and his brothers are here now—Dr. Ashby Jones of Edgefield. Dr. Jones is suffering from a general breakdown. It was feared at one time that he had tubercular trouble, but investigation showed that his immediate trouble is blood poisoning. This was discovered as gangrene when a troublesome tooth was removed recently. He was brought to the hospital as soon as possible, but there was little hope for him. On Saturday his family was sent for, and today it is feared that he can not long survive.

MANNING WARNS SHERIFFS.

Hears Liquor is Being Transported From Wet to Dry Counties.

Columbia, Sept. 14.—Gov. Manning yesterday instructed the sheriffs of Spartanburg, Cherokee, Laurens and Newberry counties to watch out for shipments of whiskey from the Union county dispensaries. It was reported to the governor that many automobiles and wagons were being used to transport the whiskey to the dry counties in anticipation of the election today.

The following telegram was sent to J. H. Fant, sheriff of Union county: "Have information that whiskey is being transported from your county into adjoining counties. Investigate and take active steps at once to prevent. Advise me fully."

The following telegram was sent to the sheriffs of Newberry, Cherokee, Spartanburg and Laurens counties: "Have information that whiskey is being illegally transported into your county from Union county. Investigate and take active steps at once to prevent. Advise me fully."

TESTS JUDGE'S POWER.

Case Against Suspension of Sentences.

Washington, Sept. 13.—The government today filed in the supreme court its brief in the case against Judge Killits of the northern district of Ohio, involving the right of a judge to suspend a sentence.

Judge Killits suspended during good behavior the five-year sentence of James J. Henchan for violation of the national banking act. Attorney General Gregory decided to test the case out in the supreme court.

"If," says the brief, "it lies in the power of the judges to stop the administration of the crime law short of the application of punishment, having made up his mind that a particular defendant ought not to be punished, why go through with the idle formality of a jury trial? Rather upon the return of the indictment let him suspend all further proceedings against the accused during his good behavior."

"The bailiff of his court," adds the brief, "had at once as much authority and as little power to take such action as had the judge himself."

Hen Hatches Snapping Turtles.

Farm and Fireside says:

"A Louisiana man has a hen which would sit. He took away the door knob which she was incubating, and gave her a clutch of turtle's eggs. She made a hatch of eighteen snapping turtles. Who's the mother of the turtles?"

The Sumter Clothing Co., has on display in their window a bicycle that they are going to give away Christmas Eve day to some boy who wears knee pants. They have an interesting proposition for the knee pants boys, and it will be to their interest to call at the store of this firm, and let them explain how the bicycle can be obtained.—Advt.

MYTHICAL COTTON VICTORY.

German Warrior of Doughty Pen Writes of Report That Cotton is to Pass.

Berlin (via London), Sept. 13.—Count von Reventlow, in The Tages Zeitung, discusses at length today a report that President Wilson has won a victory in demanding that American cotton be permitted to go to German ports, but he treats the whole matter pessimistically and doubtfully. The article declares the question must be held in abeyance until the bargain is closed and that a victory by President Wilson can not be admitted until his desire to win is established.

"Should the entente powers carry through their efforts to make cotton contraband," says Count von Reventlow, "neutral states will, in the first instance suffer. In their interest we are sorry."

"So far as Germany is concerned its fighting strength and ability to hold out will not be affected by the cotton business whether any thing comes out of the reported bargain or not."

The others without comment, say there is no official confirmation of the report yet available.

NO BASIS FOR IT.

Note to Allies on Cotton Contraband Has Been Held Up.

Washington, Sept. 13.—Officials here could not understand tonight what had given rise to a report in Germany that the allies had granted demands of the United States that American cotton be permitted to go to German ports.

Since Great Britain, France and Italy held cotton contraband of war a note to Great Britain on the general subject of interference with neutral commerce has been held up for further consideration and it is understood that it contained a vigorous protest against placing the American staple on the contraband list. There has been no indication, however, that the allies would reconsider their action or even modify their orders in council against commerce with Germany other than to permit the shipment of German and Austrian goods contracted for prior to the effective date of the order.

It is understood that Germany has determined to address a note to the United States protesting against acquiescence by neutrals in the proclaiming of cotton as contraband.

RELIEF VESSEL SUNK.

Belgian Food Ship Reported Destroyed.

London, Sept. 13.—A Reuter's dispatch from Muiden, Holland, says: "The steamer Panona reports that at 10 o'clock yesterday morning it witnessed the sinking of a British ship flying the signals of the Belgian relief committee. Ten of the crew were rescued by steam trawlers."

Herbert C. Hoover, chairman of the American Belgian relief committee, is investigating the report.

Orphanage Work Day Saturday, September 25.

There are nearly 1,000 orphan children in the church orphanages of the State: 300 at Thornwell Orphanage (Presbyterian), Clinton, S. C.; 250 at Connie Maxwell (Baptist), Greenwood, S. C.; 240 at Epworth Orphanage (Methodist), Columbia, S. C.; 122 at the Church Home (Episcopal), York, S. C.

The daily bread for all these children comes from the gifts of the people. They have nothing except what is given them.

These children are being trained to make useful, healthy, intelligent citizens, and many boys and girls reared in these orphanages are succeeding in life. All these institutions are crowded and their needs are pressing.

By appointment, Saturday, September 25, has been designated as "Labor Day" and all who are interested in orphan children are asked to give to one of these orphanages what they earn on Saturday, September 25.

Let all who will earn some money that day—the busy man at his desk, the merchant and the farmer, housewives and school children, all wage earners—everybody, let all make a gift, large or small, that day to one of the orphanages named below. This has been a hard year for all these institutions and a gift, some large, some small, from everybody, is sorely needed just now.

The Thornwell Orphanage, Dr. W. P. Jacobs, President, Clinton, S. C.

The Connie Maxwell Orphanage, Dr. A. T. Jamison, Supt., Greenwood, S. C.

The Epworth Orphanage, Rev. W. B. Wharton, Supt., Columbia, S. C.

The Church Home, Deaconess Gadsden, York, S. C.

Have You a Boy, Then give him a chance to own the bicycle on display in the windows of The Sumter Clothing Co. This wheel will be given away Christmas Eve day. Absolutely Free.—Advt.

THE BENEFITS OF PROHIBITION.

Editor Daily Item:

I take pleasure in enclosing herewith comparative statement of the Police Court and Court of General Sessions record of Florence and Sumter counties for the past few years, as sworn to by Mr. M. W. Seabrook whose affidavit is attached.

I will say further that the banking capital and surplus of the City of Sumter is nearly twice that of the City of Florence, whereas we don't greatly exceed them in population. Also that the population of the County of Sumter is approximately 3,000 greater than the population of Florence County. Sumter has been dry about six years and Florence has had her dispensary now for quite a number of years. I believe that a careful study of these figures will convince any open-minded citizen that the dispensary system is an extremely dangerous institution from an economic as well as from a moral standpoint, and that a man who votes for it is burdening his conscience with a grave responsibility.

Thanking you for your courtesy in publishing these figures, and with best wishes, I remain,

Very truly yours,

September 9, 1915.

T. B. JENKINS.

Comparative Statement of Criminal Statistics of City of Florence, S. C., and City of Sumter, S. C., and County of Florence, S. C., and County of Sumter, S. C.

Showing number of cases tried during periods below mentioned as appears on Police Dockets and Sessions Dockets of said Places.

Nature of charge:	May 10, 1914 to May 9, 1915.		May 10, 1913 to May 9, 1914.		May 10, 1912 to May 9, 1913.		Total for the 3 years.	
	Florence	Sumter	Florence	Sumter	Florence	Sumter	Florence	Sumter
Disorderly conduct (including cursing, fighting, and creating a disturbance).....	623	165	536	193	793	169	1952	527
Drunk.....	231	58	384	139	451	95	1066	292
Assault and battery.....	168	2	208	4	147	26	523	32
Vagrancy.....	314	48	149	40	159	39	622	127
Gambling (including maintaining gambling place).....	130	29	86	19	181	34	397	82
Interfering with officer in discharge of duty.....	2	2	11	..	1	3	14	5
Keeping bawdy house.....	22	2	3	4	0	3	25	9
Carrying Unlawful or concealed weapons.....	39	26	56	45	61	34	156	105
Larceny.....	87	94	113	57	80	61	280	212
Violations of prohibition or dispensary laws (including selling, storing and transporting).....	26	64	0	79	27	94	53	237

The following are cases tried in the Circuit Court (or Court of General Sessions) for each of the two counties (Florence and Sumter) for four years, commencing with June (or Summer) term, 1911, and ending with June (or Summer) term, 1915, inclusive:

Nature of Charge or Offense:	Florence County	Sumter County.
Assault and battery (including assault and battery with intent to kill and assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature).....	62	41
Homicide (including murder and manslaughter).....	10	31
Offenses against female chastity (fornication).....	42	2
Burglary (See also housebreaking and larceny).....	8	5
Housebreaking and larceny (including entering house with intent to steal).....	36	34
Arson.....	1	6
Forgery.....	14	7
Highway robbery.....	1	2
Violations of prohibition and dispensary laws.....	29	40
Larceny (including breach of trust also larceny of live stock and bicycle and privily stealing from person).....	54	67
Non-support of wife and child.....	1	0
Seduction.....	4	2

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

County of Sumter.

Personally appeared before me Marion W. Seabrook, who being solemnly sworn, says that at the request of and for Mr. T. B. Jenkins of Sumter, S. C. he prepared the attached "Comparative Statement of Criminal Statistics of City of Florence, S. C., and City of Sumter, S. C., and County of Florence, S. C., and County of Sumter, S. C." and that the same is true and correct to his best information, knowledge, and belief; that he carefully prepared the same by a personal examination of and tabulation from the Recorder's Dockets of the cities of Florence and Sumter, respectively, and the Dockets of the Courts of General Sessions of the counties of Florence and Sumter, respectively, except as to cases tried in the Recorder's court of the city of Florence for the fiscal year, 1914-15, which were taken from a copy of the official report of the Chief of Police for the city of Florence to the Mayor and Commissioners, and as to cases which were tried in the Recorder's Court for the city of Florence for the fiscal year 1913-14, which were taken from a copy of the official report of the Recorder for the City of Florence to the Mayor. Deponent further says that this Comparative Statement shows only classes of cases which were probably the result of or generally attendant upon the sale or use of alcoholic beverages. Deponent further says that he is informed from the U. S. Census for 1910 that the population of Florence was then 7,051, and the population of Sumter was then 8,109.

Sworn to before me this 9th day of September, 1915.

H. L. SCARBOROUGH, Clerk Court Common Pleas.

MARION W. SEABROOK.

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L. J. Boniface, Iron moulder, 101 Kendrick St., Sumter, says: "Heavy lifting disordered my kidneys, and my back became so stiff and lame that I could hardly stoop. I had dizzy headaches and the kidney secretions annoyed me by passing too freely. The least cold I caught settled on my kidneys and made me worse. When I read about Doan's Kidney Pills I tried them and they removed all signs of the trouble."

Price 50c. at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Boniface had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y. 18

Mr. R. L. McLeod, who has been clerk to the county board of commissioners for the past two years, has notified the board of his intention to resign, the resignation to take effect as soon as a successor is elected to take his place. Mr. McLeod has accepted a position in Mr. L. D. Jennings' office and will begin work there as soon as he is relieved of his present duties by his successor, who will probably be elected next Wednesday. While he will be engaged in general office work in his new position, Mr. McLeod will have an opportunity to study law, a profession which he expects to enter.

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