

The Battle-Cry
 CHARLES NEVILLE BUCK
 The Call of the Conqueror
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His honor poured a glass of water from the chipped pitcher at his elbow, while Luke Thixton and Milt McBriar, for all their immobility of feature, braced themselves. Like some restless animal of many legs, the rough throng along the courtroom benches scraped its feet on the floor.

Young Job shifted his chair a little so that the figure of the defendant might be in an uninterrupted line of vision. His right hand quietly slipped under his coat, and his fingers loosened a weapon in its holster and nursed the trigger.

Then, with a dragging of shoe-leather, the twelve "good men and true" shambled to a semicircle before the bench, gazing stolidly and blankly at the rows of battered law books which served his honor as a background.

There they stood awkwardly in the gaze of all. Judge Sidering glanced into the beetling countenance of their foreman and inquired in that bored voice which seems a judicial affectation even in questions of life and death: "Gentlemen, have you agreed upon a verdict?"

The foreman nodded. The sheet of paper, which he passed to the clerk, had been signed by more than one juror with a cross because he could not write.

"We, the jury," read the clerk in a clear voice, "and the defendant, Luke Thixton, guilty as charged in the indictment—" There, although he had not yet reached the end, he indulged in a dramatic pause, then read on the more important clause in the terms of the Kentucky law which leaves the placing of the penalty in the hands of the jurors—"and fix his punishment at death."

As though relieved from a great pressure, young Job McNash withdrew his hand from his holster and settled back in his chair with fix'd p'vsoles. Judge Sidering's formal question broke in on the dead quiet, "So say you all, gentlemen?" and twelve shaggy heads nodded wordless affirmation.

Soldiers filed in from the rear. In less than thirty seconds the prisoner had disappeared. Outside the gating guns remained in place, and the troops patrolled the streets.

For two days the McBriars stayed in town, but the troops lingered longer, and in that time Luke had again been taken back to Louisville.

Once more Old Milt led back a disgruntled faction with no more spirited a program than to go home and bide its time again. When they brought Luke back to hang him, his friends would have one final chance.

A seeming of quiet, under which hot wrath smoldered, settled over hill and cove, but a new note began to run through the cabins of the McBriar dependents. It was a note of waning faith and loyalty for their chief.

Old Milt read the signs and felt that his dominion was now a thing upon which decay had set its seal, and under his grave face he masked a breaking heart. His star was setting, and since he was no longer young and utterly incapable of bending, he sickened slowly through the wet winter, and men spoke of him as an invalid.

With Milt "aillin'" there was no one to take up the reins of clan government, and those elements that had been held together only by his iron dominance began drifting asunder.

One mill day when a group of McBriars met with their sacks of grit at a water-mill, someone put the question: "Who's a-goin' ter go down ther an' take Luke Thixton away from ther Hayses now that Old Milt's down an' out?"

There was a long silence, and at last a voice drawled: "Hit hain't a goin' ter be us. What's Luke Thixton ter me, anyhow? He didn't never lend me no money."

"I reckon thar's a heap o' sense in that," answered another. "Fears like, when I come ter recollect, mos' o' ther fightin' an' fursin' I've done in my time hain't been in my own quarrels now." And slowly that spirit spread.

When Anse Havesy went over to the school one day Juanita took him again to the rifle-rack, now once more well filled. "Have a look, my lord barbarian," she laughed. "Mars is payin' me tribute. So shall it ever be with tyranny."

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ALL OUT OF SORTS.

Has Any Sumter Person Never Felt That Way?

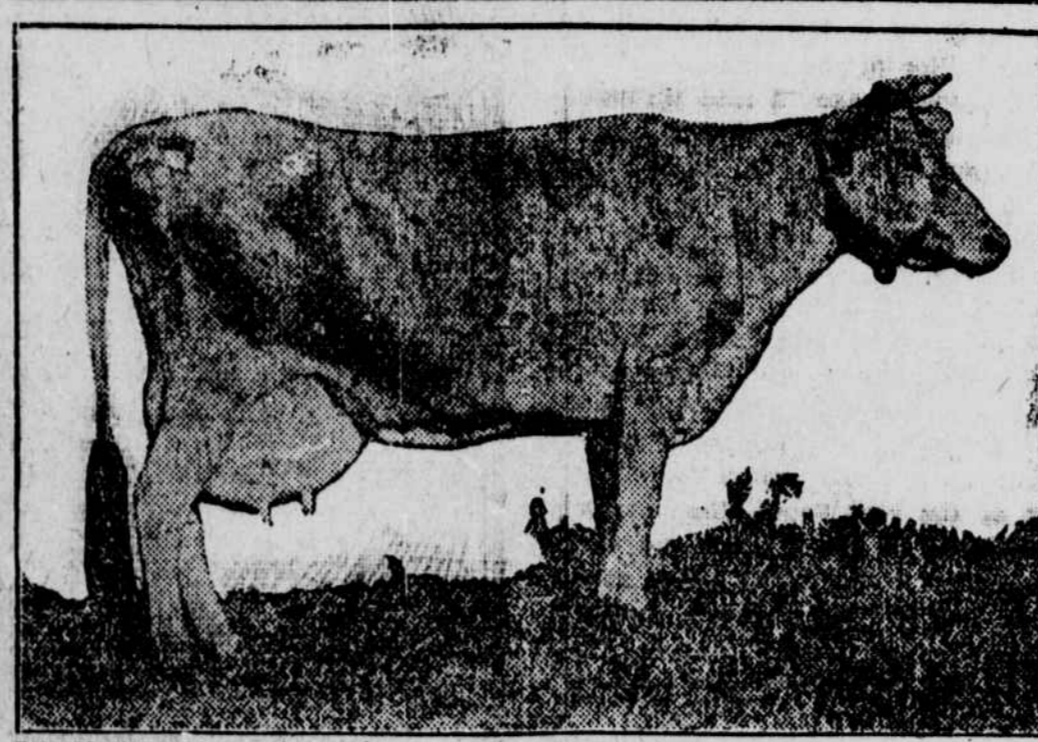
Feel all out of sorts?
 Tired, blue, irritable, nervous?
 Back feel lame and achy?
 Perhaps it's the story of disordered kidneys—
 Bad blood circulating about;
 Uric acid poisoning the body.
 There's a way to feel right again.
 Stimulate the sluggish kidneys;
 Do it with Doan's Kidney Pills.
 Doan's are recommended by many Sumter people.

Here's one case:
 Mrs. C. H. Waddell, 117 Kendrick St., Sumter, says: "I had dull pains in the small of my back, also headaches and dizzy spells. The kidney secretions passed too freely, causing me great annoyance. When I heard about Doan's Kidney Pills, I used them and they relieved all the ailments."

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

(Advertisement.)

THE KIND OF DAIRY COW TO CHOOSE



Eminent's Bess, One of the Greatest of Jersey Cows. Note Wedge Shape, Large Barrel and Udder, Thin Withers, and Clean-Cut Head.

In selecting a dairy cow, it is necessary to examine both her appearance and her history. By appearance is meant especially those visible features which indicate to the knowing eye whether or not a cow has good dairy capacity. In history is included both the record and the pedigree of the cow.

The picture of Eminent's Bess, reproduced here, shows better than any description what the shape of a good dairy cow is. The dairy cow should be fine-featured and angular, with very little surplus flesh. She is a combination of wedges, all tending to come together at her head. That is to say, she is narrower at the shoulders than at the hips, looking from the front; narrower in the shoulder region than in the rear, looking from above, and shallower in the fore quarters than from the side. She should have a large barrel, large udder and prominent milk vein, sharp thin withers, and a clean-cut, intelligent head, with large, bright, expressive eyes. Her skin should be soft and pliable. Finally, she should, it goes without saying, be sound and free of disease.

But one cannot depend on looks alone when selecting a cow for dairy use. The best guide of all is the animal's milk and butterfat record, as found out by means of milk scales and a Babcock tester. The records quoted below indicate how important this is.

In the Clemson College dairy herd were two cows equal in appearance. Both were of good dairy type, as far as could be seen. Yet consider the following record of a year's milking:

	Dolly	Eurotus	Difference
Pounds milk...	8,567	3,446	5,121
Lbs. butterfat	346.9	136.1	210.8
Value butterfat	\$178.21	\$69.70	\$108.51
Cost of feed..	\$4.70	\$39.63	\$34.93
Profit	\$113.51	\$30.07	\$83.44

The labor involved in keeping these two cows was the same. They were of almost the same weight and about the same quantity of food was needed to maintain their bodies. The difference in their value, then, is due to the fact that, for some reason not apparently to the eye, Dolly could handle more feed and was so constructed that she could return more milk per pound of food eaten than could Eurotus. This illustrates the wisdom of the expression, "Test, don't guess."

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GETTING AHEAD OF THE PLUM CURCULIO

Directions For Controlling Pest That Preys on Most of Common Fruits.

The plum curculio—which is known by many names, such as "cherry weevil," "peach worm," "peach curculio," and "little Turk"—feeds on practically all stone and pome fruits—apple, peach, plum, pear, quince, cherry, etc. In South Carolina the peach and plum crops are seriously injured by it and the cherry and apple are attacked to some extent.

The plum curculio is a small, rough snout beetle belonging to the same class of insects as the cotton boll weevil, grain weevils, and nut weevils. It is about one-fifth of an inch in length and dark in color. It winters in the beetle stage under leaves, trash, stones, or other suitable places in old and neglected orchards. In early spring it comes from winter quarters and begins laying eggs as soon as the fruit is set on the trees. The eggs hatch into small white grubs in from three to five days. The grub feeds on the fruit, boring to the seed.



Adult Curculio on young peach. (Farmers' Bulletin 440, U. S. D. A.)

For general control, clean up the orchard by pruning and by gathering and burning all dead wood, weeds, and trash in or near the orchard. Remove all stone walls or piles of rock from the orchard. Keep the orchard clean from weeds and trash during spring and summer. These practices reduce the insect's wintering places.

For peaches: About twelve days after blooming and when about three-fourths of the shucks have slipped, spray with arsenate of lead, using 2 pounds of arsenate of lead paste (or one pound powder), 2 pounds stone lime, and 50 gallons water. Two weeks after this, apply a second spray, using arsenate of lead and self-boiled lime-sulfur solution. If the curculio continues to be abundant, four weeks after the second spray apply a third like the second.

For apples, cherries and plums: Immediately after the petals have fallen, apply the same spray as the first spray for peaches. Eight days after the first, apply the second spray, using the same spray as the second for peaches.

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WHAT FEED TO GIVE TO BREEDING STOCK

Beef Cattle Fed For Breeding Purposes Need Tissue-Making Foods.

In the management of beef cattle for breeding purposes, the object in feeding is to develop the animal and maintain vigor and tone. Therefore, feed rations rich in tissue-building materials, protein and ash, and avoid feeding excessive quantities of fat-forming feeds. Below are feeding hints for South Carolina cattle feeders:

Concentrates: Mix the feeds in each group in proportions suggested and feed as directed:

Group 1: Corn-and-cob meal or ground barley or rice meal, 40 pounds; ground oats, 40 pounds; wheat bran, 20 pounds. Ration: feed from 1 to 2 pounds of this mixture per 100 pounds live weight, exact quantity to feed depending on age, weight, and general condition.

Group 2: Corn-and-cob meal or ground barley or rice meal, 50 pounds; oats, 20 pounds; bran, 20 pounds; cottonseed meal, 10 pounds. Ration: as in Group 1.

Group 3: Corn-and-cob meal or ground barley or rice meal, 40 pounds; cottonseed meal, 10 pounds; bran, 50 pounds. Ration: as in Group 1.

Roughage: Feed from 5 to 8 pounds cowpea hay, clover, or alfalfa, and what crab grass or other hay the animal will clean up. Stover (corn fodder) and oat straw may be used with the cowpea, clover, or alfalfa hay. Corn silage and roots, such as beets, carrots, turnips, etc., are excellent feeds and, when available, should make up a part of the roughage, replacing about 6 pounds of the dry roughage. Feed about 2 pounds of silage per 100 pounds live weight.

Livestock need salt. Feed it in small quantities at regular intervals or put in a suitable box to which the stock have continual access.

Good and abundant pasture is essential in economical livestock production. During the grazing season, if pastures are good, cows and calves need very little attention.

Pure fresh water should be available at all times. If not constantly before the stock, it should be given them at least twice daily and during hot weather three times daily.

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HEREFORD COW.—The Kind of Cattle It Will Pay to Feed and Breed.

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NOTES.

The Sumter Tobacco Market—Acreage
 —Buy at Home and Booster Trip Talks.

While the acreage of tobacco to be planted in Sumter, Clarendon, Lee, and other counties tributary to the Sumter tobacco market will be much less than last year, nevertheless the tobacco acreage record from free distribution of tobacco seed by the Chamber of Commerce shows that the acreage will be gratifyingly greater than was expected early in the present year.

According to estimates of expert authorities there will be ample tobacco planted among the farmers who do business with the Sumter tobacco warehouse to keep this warehouse busy and profitable for the 1916 season.

Counting the number of farmers who saved their tobacco seed from last year, with the acreage listed on the Chamber of Commerce record, as given in by those who secured seed, there will be at least fifty per cent. of last year's tobacco acreage.

However, had not the commercial organization purchased and distributed free seed, and advertised extensively the fact that there are brighter prospects for profitable prices during 1916 owing to the removal of tobacco from the lists of contraband of war, there would scarcely have been one-fourth of last year's acreage planted. Reliable farmers from several counties have said this.

The tobacco warehouse is not yet leased for the 1916 season, several parties, however, are after this warehouse, but it will be leased, and Sumter will have one of the biggest corps of buyers representing the leading wholesale and manufacturing tobacco concerns, domestic and foreign, as Sumter's market had last year.

Every one of the parties negotiating for the Sumter warehouse wish to know if the business men of Sumter will back up and advertise the Sumter-tobacco market with "Booster trips" during the 1916 season, as was done during 1914-1915. They have been informed that this will certainly be done by the Retail Dealers' Association and the Sumter Chamber of Commerce, and that incidentally the "Buy at Home" boosting of last year's booster trips will be switched in as a side line while hitting the high places advertising the Sumter tobacco market.

Mr. T. R. Pepper, lessee of the Sumter warehouses during 1914 and 1915, said while here a few weeks ago, that Sumter being a new market, the tobacco market boosting and advertising trips had done wonders for this market, and that he would not bid on this warehouse for 1916 unless he was guaranteed that the Chamber of Commerce and Retail Dealers' Association are going to continue the boosting trips this coming summer.

Buy Directly From or Order Through Home Agencies.

Buying at home or ordering through home business establishments anything not on sale in Sumter county mercantile establishments, manufacturing, and mechanical establishments of all kinds, and patronizing Sumter county farmers and home labor and professions means many thousands of dollars kept at home for redistribution and for employing that many more home men and women.

Every time you send a dollar away for something that can be purchased directly from or through some home agency you are decreasing the amount of money in circulation, sending away unnecessarily commissions and profits than can just as well be kept in Sumter county.

Try your home business establishments first, and then get them to order for you, if you can't find what you want in Sumter county.

The profits are at least kept at home in this way. Don't send away any job work, or other kind of work, if you can help it. Give the home man, home woman, and home business concerns the opportunity to show what they can do first.

\$300 for Jewish Relief Fund.

Bishopville raised a little more than \$300 for the relief of the Jews in the war zone of Europe. If every town the size of Bishopville had done as well there would have been millions raised for these poor starving people. Sumter raised \$3,000 and no doubt is the banner city in the State in proportion to her population.—Bishopville Leader and Vindicator.

New Agent for Lee County.

Miss Mary Brist Fleming of Union has succeeded Miss Grace Dell James as County Demonstration Agent for the girls' clubs. She has already entered upon her duties and we wish for her as much success as her predecessor.—Bishopville Leader and Vindicator.

BLEASE SLATE NAMED.

Anderson Tribune Puts Forward Full State Ticket for Primary.

Columbia, Feb. 2.—Just to add to the gaiety of the political forecasting the following hand-picked ticket for the "Bleasites" has been suggested by the Anderson Farmers' Tribune, a stalwart and powerful supporter of the Blease faction:

For Governor.
 Coleman L. Blease, of South Carolina.

For Lieutenant Governor.
 William A. Stuckey, of Lee.

For Secretary of State.
 Eugene R. Buckingham, of Aiken.

For Comptroller General.
 James H. Craig, of Anderson.

For State Treasurer.
 Daniel M. Miles, of Spartanburg.

For Attorney General.
 Thomas H. Peebles, of Barnwell.

For Adjutant General.
 James H. Claffy, of Orangeburg.

For Railroad Commissioner.
 Jeff D. Edens, of Marlboro.

For Commissioner of Agriculture.
 William T. Jones, of Greenwood.

For Superintendent of Education.
 W. A. Brown, of Marion.

All of which adds to the sum total of the political situation simply opinions.

Egypt News Letter.

Egypt, Feb. 2.—We have been having real summertime weather for more than a month. Some of the farmers have taken advantage of this good weather to begin preparation for another crop. All the work that has been done is timely, for according to the old adage on the second of February the ground hog comes out and if he sees his shadow goes back, then there will be bad weather until the first of April, and as the sun shone out early in the morning, he doubtless saw his shadow. So hence bad weather for two months. It begins like this too, for today is a typical rainy day.

Small grain is looking good. The acreage of this is not so large as it was last year.

Nearly all of the farmers are planning to plant more cotton in 1916 than they did in 1915. Ten and twelve cents for cotton looks too good to the most of us to let it go by.

Ford cars seem to be the order of the day here now. Recent purchasers are J. K. Richbourg, J. R. Kirkley, F. G. Peebles, and Chas. Peebles.

J. R. Kirkley, a merchant of this place, has recently opened a branch store at Spring Hill.

Spring Hill Lodge, No. 138, A. F. M., will hold a lodge of sorrow at Pisgah church on the 3rd Sunday in this month in memory of Rev. T. L. Cole, and Mr. J. S. Davis, both having died recently. The public is invited to attend.

Mrs. T. J. White of Branchville paid a flying visit to Egypt recently.

Mrs. Sam Folk of Providence visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. McCaskill of this place last week.

Briggs-Whilden.

Miss Grace Lanneau Briggs, daughter and Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Briggs, and Oscar Rogers Whilden, of Trujillo, Spanish Honduras, will be married this afternoon at 6 o'clock at the Presbyterian Church, Rev. D. M. Fulton officiating.

Owing to illness in the bride's family, there will be no festivities, either before or at the time of the wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Whilden will reside in Trujillo.—Darlington News and Press.

Miss Briggs is formerly of Sumterton. She has visited in Sumter and has many friends here, to whom the announcement of her marriage will be of interest.

Mr. L. C. Lloyd missed death by a close margin last night. Mr. Lloyd was on the road between Turbeville and Timmonsville, riding his motorcycle at about twenty-five or thirty miles an hour, when at a sharp turn of the road his machine skidded and twisted into a big rut, throwing him with heavy impact on his face.—Manning Herald.

Mr. B. Hart Marshall and Miss Hattie Lou Jones of Brogdon were happily united in marriage last Sunday, Jan. 30, 1916, at 4.30 p. m., at the home of the bride. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Spinx, pastor of the bride, assisted by Rev. M. M. Benson, pastor of the groom. Mr. Marshall left here in his auto accompanied by Rev. Benson and Mr. R. W. Scarborough on his pleasant mission and by 6.15 was back here with his bride receiving the congratulations of his friends.—Bishopville Leader and Vindicator.

Geo. H. Hurst,
 Undertaker and Embalmer.
 Prompt Attention to Day or Night Calls.
 AT J. O. Craig Old Stand, N. Main
 Phones Night 201