

LIFE INSURANCE GROWTH.

JEFFERSON STANDARD HAS ASSETS CONSIDERABLY OVER \$2,000,000.

Insurable Gains Recorded During Year Ending December 31 for Life Insurance Company—Insurance in Force, \$46,000,000; Amount Added to Surplus, \$200,000.

Greensboro, N. C., Daily News.

It is an old axiom, "A prophet is not without honor save in his own country," and it is decidedly reversed by one of the big institutions. The Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company of this city, is recognized, not only as a large financial factor in the county and State, but Greensboro people are large insurers with it.

Are Your Farm Implements Under Shelter?

In some recent investigations the United States department of agriculture found that a grain binder did, on an average, only 3.4 days work a year; a mower, only 3.1 days; a hay rake, only 2.6 days; a one-row corn planter, only nine-tenths of one day.

From these figures it is very evident that the care taken of idle implements may be a much more important factor in prolonging their life and usefulness than the relative amount of work done. The man who knows will tell us that three or four days work each season will affect very little the value of a grain binder; but if, after this work is done, the binder is left out in the open or under a tree until harvest time the following year, it will very shortly be nothing more than a pile of junk, ready for the scrap heap; and to a more or less extent, the same thing is true of every other implement we use.

Most emphatically do we believe in labor-saving implements and machinery of all kinds; but if an oak tree in the fence corner is the best implement you have, then we guess you'd better stick to the Georgia stook and scoter. A better plan, though, would be to get improved implements and then build an implement shed and see that they are kept under it.

Quit Using Fire. Wise and good old Dr. Knapp used to say that fools and fire are two of the most serious obstacles to better farming in the South, and a trip through the cotton belt at this time of the year will convince any clear-thinking man that he was right.

There's one thing we might all as well get right now: we are never going to have rich lands and profitable yields as long as such practices are kept up. It's a pitiful thing to see a farmer burning this material and then buying high-priced commercial fertilizers to make his crop. It has been found that on land that made 300 pounds of lint cotton, the stalks, leaves and burs contain at least 20 pounds of nitrogen, worth at present prices about \$5. Where corn stalks and grass are burned the loss is little less. Nor is this the only loss, for the humus value of this material is a very important item.

If you ever expect to become a rich-land farmer, keep fire out of the fields. Burn absolutely nothing that can be plowed under or used to stop washes, and your land will soon respond with bigger and better crops.

A Prediction. Gubernatorial candidates may crop out now by the dozen. Let them come. The more the merrier. But, when the votes are tabulated next August we confidently believe that the majority of South Carolinians will endorse the present administration for another term. The people have been fooled more than enough by blatant demagogues, and they will not soon again return to the vomit. Constructive, useful, worth-while accomplishment means something to this State, and the voters are going to refuse to "backtrack." Watch this prediction.—Edgfield Chronicle.

MOEWE SEEKS SAFE PORT.

GERMAN RAIDER RETURNS HOME WITH SPOILS OF WAR.

Commerce Destroyer Brings One Short of Two Hundred Prisoners and One Million Marks—Two unreported Captures Announced by Staff.

Berlin, March 5 (via London).—The German commerce raider Moewe has returned to a German port with 193 prisoners and 1,000,000 marks in gold bars, according to an official announcement today by the naval general staff. The statement follows:

"The naval general staff states that H. M. S. Moewe, commander Capt. Burgrave Count von Dohna-Scholdien, after a successful cruise lasting several months, arrived today at some home port with four British officers, 29 British marines and sailors, 166 men of crews of enemy steamers, among them 103 Indians, as prisoners and 1,000,000 marks in gold bars.

"The vessel captured the following enemy steamers, the greater part of which were sunk and a small part of which were sent as prizes to neutral ports:

"The British steamers Corbridge, 3,637 tons; Author, 3,496 tons; Trader, 3,603 tons; Ariadne, 3,035 tons; Dromonby, 3,627 tons; Farrington, 3,146 tons; Clan MacTavish, 5,816 tons; Appam, 7,731 tons; Westburn, 3,300 tons; Horace, 3,335 tons; Flamenco, 4,629 tons; Saxon Prince, 3,471 tons.

"The British sailing vessel Edinburgh, 1,473; the French steamer Maroni, 3,109 tons.

"The Belgian steamer Luxembourg, 4,322 tons.

"A several points on enemy coast the Moewe also laid out mines to which, among others, the battleship King Edward VII fell victim."

The Moewe's capture of two of the 15 vessels listed by the German admiralty has not been reported previously. They are the Saxon Prince and the Maroni, both engaged in the trans-Atlantic service.

The Saxon Prince, 3,471 tons gross, 352 feet long and owned by the Prince Line of Newcastle, Eng., was built in Sunderland in 1899. She was last reported on sailing from Norfolk February 12 for Manchester.

The Maroni sailed February 19 from Bordeaux for New York. She was owned by the Compagnie Generale Trans-Atlantique of Havre and was 312 feet long and of 3,109 tons gross.

The Moewe, previously made famous by her exploits, has performed one of the most spectacular feats of the war on the seas by reaching a home port in safety. The great German naval port of Wilhelmshaven is on the North sea, which is patrolled with ceaseless vigilance by British warships. It is through these waters which have been blocked off districts for patrol by the different British units that the Moewe must have threaded her way.

At least part of the gold captured by the Moewe was taken from the Appam, which put in at Newport News several weeks ago under command of Lieut. Berg with a German prize crew.

Announcement was made in London January 10 that the British battleship King Edward VII had been blown up by a mine. The place at which the disaster occurred was not revealed by the British admiralty. It was said no lives were lost and only two men were injured.

The Moewe first became famous when the Appam reached Newport News with a story which astonished the world. It was learned that the commerce raider had captured and sunk seven British vessels in the main line of traffic between South Africa and Europe in addition to the Appam which had been almost given up for lost.

The next heard of the German raider was on the arrival at the Canary Islands late last month of the Westburn in charge of a German prize crew. It was then made known that the Moewe had sunk five more steamships off the coast of Brazil.

The Saxon Prince and Maroni probably were sunk by the Moewe on her way back to Germany as their sailing dates show they were both on the high seas towards the end of February.

The identity of the Moewe has not been established definitely. Prisoners from captured ships which were transferred to the Westburn said on their arrival at the Canary Island that the Moewe's guns were smaller than seven inches. According to one report she was formerly a tramp ship, one of several which had been fitted out with guns as commerce raiders. The last previous report of the Moewe was that she parted company with the Westburn on February 9.

Count von Dohna, the Moewe's commander, belongs to the Scholdien of Silesian branch of his family, which is headed by Prince Richard von Dohna. It was reported last month that the count was in command of the German raider Pongra, which was said to have made her way out of Kiel

ASKS THIRTEEN INDICTMENTS.

CHARLESTON GRAND JURY ACTS ON COHEN MYSTERY.

Special Presentment Calls for True Bills Against Persons on Various Charges Other than Murder.

Charleston, March 4.—A special presentment was made by the grand jury today, following an investigation into the committee room shooting on October 15 last, which resulted in the death of Sidney J. Cohen and the wounding of several others, 13 indictments being asked for, and the duty of bringing the charges specified is now in the hands of the solicitor, who will act at once. As court today arrived at the end of the session witnesses and petit jurors having been dismissed and the grand jury excused from further attendance at this term, the special presentment and developing indictments will not be followed up until the June term of the court of general sessions.

No responsibility for the killing of Mr. Cohen is fixed in the finding of the grand jury.

Indictments are asked for as follows:

Henry Brown and W. E. Wingate, assault and battery with intent to kill and carrying concealed weapons.

Patrick Quinn, F. E. LaFourcade and J. R. Cantwell, assault and battery with intent to kill.

Edward McDonald, J. H. Steencken, Fred Stender, George Rentiers, W. Turner Logan, J. J. Healy and J. A. Black, carrying concealed weapons.

Frank Hogan, for inciting riot.

There are 66 witnesses named in the presentment. The indictments handed to the grand jury against Henry Brown and S. R. McDonald are returned with the request that the solicitor indict as recommended.

Asked what would be the next step relative to the special presentment of the grand jury, Acting Solicitor J. K. Henry said that he would at once make out bills of indictment to be handed to the grand jury at the next term of court; that all those named in the presentment of the grand jury for carrying concealed weapons and the other offenses charged would be arrested at once and bound over to the next term of court. Warrants will be issued to guarantee the appearance at the next term of court of all witnesses named.

Meeting the Fertilizer Situation.

It is good news which the Wadesboro Messenger brings:

"Owing to the scarcity and high price of commercial fertilizer this year, unprecedented use is being made of all kinds of home-made fertilizer. Compost is being made in large quantities, and the woods are being raked clean for litter. Probably never before has such an effort been made to save and use stable manure."

Certainly if there ever has been a time when farmers should spend every spare hour raking leaves, pine-straw, woodsmold, etc., that time is now. Here are some rules we would suggest for meeting the present fertilizer crisis:

- 1. Clean up the rich spots about the farm, the hedgrows, ditch banks, bottom lands, etc., draining and ditching wherever needed. This is the year to use the virgin fertility of your land just as far as possible. It is worth more to you now than it is ever likely to be again.
- 2. Don't burn an ounce of humus. Turn under all vegetable matter where practicable; if not, then pile it up until it rots enough so you can turn it under.
- 3. Save all barnyard manure both liquid and solid, spreading it on the land promptly.
- 4. Keep all wood ashes dry until ready to put out on the land.
- 5. Rake out from under houses and clean out henhouses, pig pens, etc. and also rake just as much litter as you can—leaves, pinestraw, woodsmold, etc.—Progressive Farmer.

GERMAN OFFENSIVE ENDS.

Paris, March 6.—Violent artillery duels occurred during the night in the Verdun region, but there were no infantry engagements, according to the official report. The fire was particularly severe on the left bank of the Meuse. In Argonne the French also bombarded the German positions at various points. Experts declare that Verdun is now safe and the German offensive has practically exhausted itself at that point and the drive has ended in failure. Dutch advices state that the Germans are seeking for another point of attack along the western front, having given up all hope of success at Verdun.

several weeks ago. The captains of the British steamers sunk by the Moewe, who were brought to the United States on board the Appam, said the Moewe was the converted fruit trader Pongra. Lieut. Berg of the Appam, in denying this and also a report that the raider was the German cruiser Roon, said the ship was "his majesty's Moewe."

NEWS NOTES FROM SUMMERTON.

Big Fish Fry at Nelson's—County Puts New Road Scraper to Work Near Summerton, and Some Good Roads are Being Planned by The Nearby Planters—School Grounds Being Improved.

Summerton, March 3.—A good many of our farmers, and some our merchants last fall stored a lot of cotton, thinking perhaps, as some had said, that it would go to twenty cents before Christmas, but it not reaching the price expected by some they still have this cotton stored hoping to get a price that will yet give them a profit; but at this particular time the situation does not look so good, as some of those people who have their cotton stored have already been called on to put up a margin, while others are almost afraid to go to sleep for fear the call will come and they will not be at home to receive it; or it really may be that they are a little afraid they will not have the margin to put up. Cheer up old fellow; the darkest hour is always past before day.

The county has just had a new road scraper shipped here and put on at this place, and Supervisor Davis was here the other day and put it up and tried it out and was much pleased with the work it did. Even now we have some splendid road and we may expect some improvements which can easily be made at a small cost with this scraper. There are several people over here who are much interested in good roads, and are not waiting for the supervisor and the chain gang to build them. Mr. L. D. Sport, has just completed a joint of road leading from his plantation in the direction of this place, and has done a most excellent piece of work, and is expecting to continue this road as far as Benbows crossing, which will put him some two miles nearer this place. Also Mr. I. Y. Eason has done a most excellent piece of road building leading from his swamp plantation to his home place at Harvins cross roads. We hope this good road fever will continue to burn and that soon we will have good roads from plantation to plantation. Yes, even to the lakes and streams; and then, O you fisherman.

A good crowd from here met at Nelson's lake last Friday night and believe me such a fish supper you never heard of, stewed and fried. For awhile it was hard to tell who would win the blue ribbon as the champion fish eater. However, after the judges decided it was handed over to Dr. T. J. Davis with J. W. Lesesne, a close second, and J. W. Broadway third.

Mr. F. W. Truluck has closed a deal with the Masons at this place to build a Masonic hall over the large brick store he is building. It is also understood that this same hall will be used by the W. O. W.; the J. O. U. A. M., the K. of P. and the Eastern Star.

Mr. Joe Joseph is now in New York buying an up-to-date stock of goods for the department store that is now being built by his father, Mr. Geo. Joseph, which will be under the management of "Hustling Joe."

Rev. Carlisle Courtney, financial agent for the rescue orphanage at Columbia, spent several days here last week with Mr. T. H. Henry.

Mr. C. T. Walker, one of Summerton's hustling young men, left here several days ago for Charleston where he has a position in the railway mail service on a run from Charleston to Jacksonville. Claude is one among your correspondent's best friends, and he joins many others in wishing him much success in his new work.

Mrs. F. W. Truluck left here Tuesday afternoon for Eleventh Church, Va., where she expects to spend several weeks with her mother.

Mrs. L. B. Martin, of Maxton, N. C., is spending some time here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Tenent.

Miss Mammie Chewning spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Carrigan with Miss Elmore McKnight.

Miss Mable Harper, music teacher in the graded schools here, spent last Saturday in Sumter.

Mr. C. J. B. Corbett died last Tuesday morning, and was buried Wednesday morning at St. Paul cemetery. Funeral was conducted at the church by Rev. C. C. Derrick. Mr. Corbett was a member of the W. O. W. camp at Davis Station. He is survived by his wife, mother, and several children.

The pallbearers were: A. S. Rawlinson, L. B. Sports, B. Billips, G. L. Johnson, Barney Tobias and Ben Lowder.

Miss Lida Scarborough, principal of the Summerton graded school, is making quite an improvement on the school house grounds by having a lot of sand hauled and filling in the low places, which we think is money well invested as nothing adds more to the beauty of a play ground than nice high and clean yards.

There will be musical entertainment at the school auditorium Friday night which will consist mostly of instrumental music and songs. The proceeds will go towards paying for piano at the school.

Miss Anna Wilkie, of Jordon is

BAKER SUCCEEDS GARRISON.

PRESIDENT ANNOUNCES NEW WAR SECRETARY.

Appointee is Former Mayor of Cleveland and First Attracted Attention While Solicitor.

Washington, March 6.—Newton D. Baker, a former mayor of Cleveland, has been appointed secretary of war to succeed Secretary Garrison.

Baker only recently became converted to the preparedness theory, but is in full sympathy with the president's views. He first gained prominence as solicitor under Mayor Johnson of Cleveland in the fight for three cent fares.

TO DISTRIBUTE WEEVIL MAPS.

Progress of Cotton Pest to be Shown in Schools.

The United States department of agriculture's latest map showing the progress of the Mexican cotton boll weevil, and how close it is to South Carolina, is a very valuable and instructive piece of work.

Secretary Reardon wrote Senator Tillman and Congressman Lever suggesting that a number of these maps together with a good supply of the latest cotton boll weevil bulletins be sent to him, and that he would place these maps and bulletins in a number of the consolidated and other schools of the county, and in other conspicuous places like postoffices, banks, country stores, etc.

Messrs. Tillman and Lever have replied saying they think this is a good plan, and that they will send as many of the maps and bulletins as they can possibly induce the agricultural department to part with for distribution in Sumter county.

The bulletins and maps will be distributed during March by Local Farm Demonstrator J. F. Williams and Secretary Reardon who will visit a great many country schools to talk diversification, pig and corn club work, cotton boll weevil, etc. County Superintendent of Education J. H. Haynsworth will accompany Messrs. Williams and Reardon to a number of the schools. The boll weevil map shows that this insect has made greater progress during 1915 than for any three years previous, and with its present rate of progress should reach upper South Carolina within two to two and a-half years.

Education of the masses in the quickest possible time to prepare for the cotton boll weevil is the intention of the county board of education, Clemson college and Chamber of Commerce in every possible organized manner.

The parents of all pupils will be asked to attend the meetings at the school houses to guarantee their cooperation with the boys in the pig and corn club work, and to discuss organized methods of preparing for the boll weevil by community interest clubs, etc.

A special effort is being made to have as much corn planted as possible so as to have plenty of feed for pigs, and also to have turnips, peanuts, sorghum, sweet potatoes, vetch, pea vine hay, clover, etc. and other crops good for forage and fattening purposes, for pigs and dairy and beef cattle.

Every effort is being put forth by the commercial organization to arrange for a regular hog and cattle, and grain market at Sumter next fall. The W. B. Boyle Company, of Sumter, already have the marketing facilities in the shape of yards, stables, sidetracks, loading in and out shutters, etc. This company is now buying hogs and cattle and with the cooperation of the farmers and business men hopes to have as fine livestock market in Sumter by next fall as can be found anywhere in South Carolina.

The Sumter grain dealers are in the market at all times for corn and oats, hay, and cow peas.

The Chamber of Commerce has asked Dr. W. W. Long, of Clemson College to have a hog raising survey of Sumter county made to furnish information regarding the feasibility of a cold storage and packing plant in Sumter.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Rowland left this week for a trip of two weeks to Florida and Cuba.

spending this week with relatives and friends in town.

Mrs. John W. Sloan has returned to her home at Ninety-Six, after spending some time here with her sister, Mrs. John W. Lesesne.

Mr. Henry A. Richbourg went to Orangeburg one day last week after a negro that had jumped his last year's account here, and while he did not bring the negro back he is quite sure he has him located and expects to go back in a few days and bring him back. While there Mr. Richbourg said he heard one among the best sermons he ever listened to preached by the Evangelist B. F. McLendon, using as his text Acts: 1st Chapter and 8th verse; and that from what he heard talked on the streets over there Mr. McLendon is doing a great work.—Manning Herald.