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PROSPERITY IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

A Stokes Boy Writes of Things in the Old Palmetto State—Even the Backwoods Farmers Carry Bank Accounts.

Columbia, S. C., Oct. 1.—It is an awful dry hot time here, but just the same, today being Sunday, I have been taking in the places of interest, in this, the capital of the grand old "Palmetto State." I made a visit this morning to the capitol and was astonished to find such a grand structure. There is practically not a piece of wood in the entire building. The building was started in 1856, but the war came on and of course everything was ruined in this country, so it was not finished until a few years ago. It is constructed of native granite and the lower floor is ceiled with a beautiful brick constructed in arched forms. The walls are at least four feet through and the window frames are made of marble, with beautiful carved ornamental figures. Of course, though, it should be fine, as it cost in round numbers two million dollars. There are today signs of Sherman's cannon on the west side when it was battered by his guns stationed about two miles across the river in what is now the thriving little suburb of New Brookland. It is thought here that Sherman's men would have burned the capitol but for the fact that it was fire-proof, as they did burn and lay waste to almost everything else.

Columbia has a great many places of interest, and is growing very fast.

One office building, twelve stories high, called the skyscraper, is quite like a mammoth smoke stack. It is also a steel fire-proof structure.

Well, the people are in the midst of gathering and selling "King Cotton" in the country and truly it is King, as there is fairly a good crop this year and it is bringing on an average of ten and a quarter cents per pound.

I suppose that there was never a time in the history of this country when all of the people were so prosperous as today. The banks are overflowing with money and every small town has a bank, and the wealth is not confined to the towns and cities but the farmers away off in the rural parts has his bank account. The only trouble seems to be the lack of laborers to gather their crops. Some illustration of the wealth of the country is demonstrated in the growth of the order I represent. I was at the institution of a new lodge Thursday night at Woodford, a small railway station in Orangeburg county, and no less than thirty joined.

With much regards for the Reporter and its correspondents, I am,

P. J. W.

Meeting of Farmers Protective Association.

Intelligence, Oct. 5.—There will be a general meeting of the North Carolina Farmers Protective Association at Wentworth, N. C. Saturday, Oct. 14th, 1905. There will be delegates present from four counties. It is to be hoped that the farmers and business men at large will be with us in this meeting. Much business will be transacted there that will put the Association on a much better business footing.

Yours truly,
J. M. SHARP,
Secretary.

John M. Taylor, of Winston, Buying Land and Timber in Stokes—Other Real Estate Transfers.

Mr. John M. Taylor last Saturday purchased the timber right in an extensive scope of woodland in Sauratown township belonging to Messrs. J. N. Lasley and Walter Mitchell.

Mr. Taylor has recently purchased several hundred acres of lands from the following parties: James Rierison, J. F. Pepper, the John Rierison tract on Dan river and others.

Last Saturday Mr. Bruzz Terrell sold his farm near Hartman to Geo. Venable. Mr. Terrell has bought land of the Widow Lackey near Prestonville and will remove thereon.

SANDY RIDGE.

Sandy Ridge, Oct. 2.—Rev. Joe Joyce filled his regular appointment at Buffalo Sunday. A large crowd attended.

Misses Mamie Southern, Mabel Amos and Clide Hutcherson visited friends and relatives at Winston recently.

Wonder why Mr. Sam Brown didn't call to see Miss Minnie Sunday?

Mr. Nick Brown called to see Miss Lilly Hutcherson Sunday. What about that Jim?

Misses Minnie and Lillian, Messrs. Robert Joyce, Claud and Curtis Hutcherson spent a few hours at Mr. John Hawkins' last Saturday night. They report a fine time.

The "Hawk" called to see Miss Olie Sunday. It seems that they were enjoying themselves.

Seems that something has crossed Mr. James Hawkins' path, as he has not been seen on the Ridge in some time. Come again, Jim.

Misses Lettie Sue Brown and Ada Hawkins spent Saturday and Sunday with Misses Fannie and Sodie Hawkins.

Miss Eva Joyce looked sad Sunday as Mr. Pete Joyce was not on the Ridge Sunday.

Miss Lillian Johnson, of Madison Route Three, visited her cousin, Miss Minnie Joyce, last week.

Misses Lilly and Jessie Joyce seemed somewhat sad as the "high Prices" wasn't seen on the Ridge Sunday.

TWO JOLLY GIRLS.

Sandy Ridge, Oct. 2.

Farmers in this section are through saving their fodder and cutting tobacco. A good many are preparing their land to sow wheat.

Messrs. Olie Woods, Jesse Joyce and Henry Ferguson called on Misses Pearl and Olie Vernon Saturday night.

Mr. Geo. Ziglar and family visited Mr. Tom Kallam Sunday.

Misses Evie and Sallie Joyce and Mr. Arthur Hawkins; Messrs. Tom Spencer, Matt Brown, Olie Woods, Henry Ferguson and Jesse Joyce called on Misses Olie and Pearl Vernon Sunday. They say they were glad to see you. Come again.

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GREETINGS FROM PROF. HARRIS:

VERY ENTERTAINING LETTER FROM FORMER COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF STOKES SCHOOLS, NOW A PROGRESSIVE FARMER OF GARFIELD WASHINGTON.

Garfield, Washington, September 24.

Mr. Editor:

At this time, we are just about to get through threshing. Another week will wind it up. The crop is much better than at first was expected. A few hot days just before harvest did great damage, especially to spring grain. The winter wheat was so far along it sustained but little damage. A neighbor on adjoining ranch threshed fifty-six bushels per acre on sixty acres. How is that? He is a careful farmer and believes in keeping all his work well in hand. It is a real pleasure to have threshing done here. They haul up the wheat, thresh and stack it and you can stand off and look on. The day the threshers were expected at my place, I piled out my bags and went to the timber for a load of wood and when I returned in the middle of the evening they were half through. They pulled in after one P. M., threshed over eight hundred bushels and were gone before night. In less than three minutes after the separator (gin) stopped the whole outfit—separator, ten bundle wagons, engine, trick wagons, cook kitchen and all were out in the road on their way to their next ranch. They can start up about as quick as they pull out.

It is hard for a Tar Heel to get used to seeing thousands and thousands of bushels of wheat piled out for months in the fields without protection, but such is the case.

Grain wagons carrying from three to ten thousand pounds are pouring into the town. Estimated crop for this county this year is ten million bushels. Fruit crop is not good and a storm known here as the sand storm was unusually hard this year. It was about equal to a hard March wind in North Carolina, but was accompanied with dust in such quantities that I could not see my barn sixty yards away. It lasted about two hours. We have a dust storm every year but nothing like this in twenty years, I am informed.

About Aug. 29th, we had quite a frost, ice thick as thick window glass and in some places killed the potato tops, etc., but did no damage on my ranch. It is real strange here—one ranch is very frosty while the adjoining ranch is always clear of unusual frosts.

It has been a dry year with us. We had the usual amount of spring showers but did not have rain enough last winter to wet the land over eighteen inches deep. Much depends here on our winter rains.

Many wells failed this summer. But most of our farmers do not like the surface well; consequently they drill down one hundred to one hundred and fifty feet and always have a good supply of very fine water.

I was told when I first came that I could not raise such things as tomatoes, melons, etc. I have had no trouble in raising more than we wanted. In fact it is easier here than in North Carolina because we do not have to fertilize. Just plant them and tickle the earth a little with a cultivator and they come.

We had two rows of tomatoes in our garden—seventy-five or one hundred plants—after using for

table and canning, we sold ten dollars worth. We found a ready market for all our tomatoes at four to five cents per pound and snap beans at four cents a pound.

I would like to call the attention of my Stokes friends to the raising of carrots. In my humble opinion it is a fine crop for the farmers. We think they are good for the hog, cow, horse, chicken and table. Here we count on twenty to thirty tons per acre. Just think of it, farmer, forty to sixty thousand pounds of feed from one acre of land. You can winter a horse, fatten a hog or fill the milk pail on carrots. They require rich soil and then the hardest part of their culture is the first weeding and thinning. I weeded mine by hand and thinned them after they got up some size pulling out the largest for the hogs. For winter use put them up as you would turnips. Try a quarter of an acre, farmer, and the next time I am sure you will try more.

The tide of immigration continues to pour into North-West. Land two to eight miles of R. R. here is worth forty-five to seventy-five dollars per acre with an upward tendency.

Come out, Mr. Editor, and let us join a party of fishers next month. They say that if I will join them they will guarantee me one hundred pounds of fish per day. The fishing grounds are sixty miles away with deer, grouse and pheasants for shooting. They take a tent and all Western men are good cooks. Right now, we are getting nice salmon from Snake river at eight cents per pound. Fresh salmon is exceedingly fine. They weigh from five to twenty pounds each.

Quite a few of our people are selling out their ranches here and taking up homes in Southern Idaho. There's to be an Indian reservation open in Montana soon where one can get free homes. Some go to Alberta, Canada, for free homes. I guess I'll wait till the Coeur d'Alene Reservation, thirty miles north-east of me, is open and then I'll go over and jump me a free home. There's lots of excitement in this business. You line up and take your turn. Some times you stand in line a whole day or even longer and have some one to bring you grub. It takes a hustler to get there when there are extra good claims to be had.

We enjoyed your Institute numbers. We continue to take great interest in the teachers of Stokes but are real sorry to note the absence of so many old names on the roll. I always found the Stokes teachers to be the most pleasant body of gentle-folk I ever met. They are always cheerful, hopeful and willing to do their part in the great battle against ignorance. I rejoice that they are getting good comfortable school houses all over the county. I was satisfied that old Stokes would never stop till all the children were well housed and I hope the day is not far distant when the teachers shall receive such remuneration as they are justly entitled to.

I was in Garfield this summer and met a crowd of teachers on their way to the county Institute. It came near stampeding me for the time. After some sober thinking, I pulled myself away and came home to raise pumpkins and potatoes.

W. B. HARRIS.

Birde Mabe and George Whitfield Escape from Rockingham Jail.

The Reidsville Review says:

A mysterious jail delivery took place here Sunday night, and the policemen are perplexed to understand how the prisoners made their escape. Two of the inmates were prisoners from Stokes county, sent down to serve sentences on our roads, they being Bird Mabe, sent over for six months, and George Whitfield, who was to serve twelve months. The other two inmates were Greensboro parties, who were locked up Saturday night for being drunk and disorderly.

Early yesterday morning the doors of the jail were standing wide open and the four prisoners had made their escape, without leaving a trace or track to enable the officers to locate them. Just how they secured keys to unlock the door is unknown, but that they have skipped is certain.

GERMANTON.

Germanton, October 3.—Miss Pearl Samuel, of Walnut Cove, is spending a few days with Miss Maggie Petree.

Mr. Thomas S. Petree spent Sunday at Sheriff R. J. Petree's.

The Misses Spainhowers, of Tobaccoville, are spending a few days with Mrs. G. W. Newsom.

Quite an interesting meeting is in progress at Corinth church. Mr. D. H. Petree, of Lagrange, is assisting the pastor, Mr. Oscar Hilsabeck. Corinth is Mr. Petree's old home, and we are all glad to have him with us.

"LOOKER ON."

DANBURY ROUTE ONE.

Danbury, September 29.

Mr. Hardin Flinchum has purchased a new organ. Miss Jennie Ray is spending the week there teaching them music, but we think Jim is more benefited than any.

Mr. Will James passed through on his way home from Danbury accompanied by his aunt, Miss Coleman.

One of our gallant young gents is laid up with "gout" of the "big toe."

A number of boys from Dillard namely Messrs. Henry Berry, Charlie Peoples, Ellis Ward and Grover Roberts spent Saturday night and Sunday at Mr. W. P. Ray's.

A nice sociable was given at Mrs. Sarah Simmons' Saturday night.

B. & J.

A Michigan editor grew tired of wielding the whitewash brush in matters of obituaries, and decided to reform and tell the truth just once. He commenced as follows on a well known citizen: "Died,—, aged 57 years, six months and twelve days. Deceased was a mild mannered private with a mouth for whiskey and an eye for boodle. He came here in the night with another man's wife and joined the church at the first chance. He owed us seven dollars on the paper, a large meat bill and you could hear him pray six blocks. He died singing, "Jesus Paid It All," and we think he was right, as he never paid anything himself. He was buried in an asbestos-lined casket and his many friends threw palm leaf fans in the grave, as he may need them. His tombstone will be a resting place for hoot owls."

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ARM BROKEN IN A RUNAWAY.

Mr. Earl Smith, of Germanton, Thrown From the Vehicle and Run Over by the Heavy Wagon.

Mr. Earl Smith, aged about 30 years, a well known and prosperous farmer living about three miles beyond Germanton, happened to an accident while driving into Winston about 8 o'clock Wednesday night, which resulted in the breaking of his right arm just below the elbow and several painful bruises on his body and legs.

The accident occurred near the northern limits of the city, his mules becoming suddenly frightened and dashing off at full speed.

Mr. Smith was thrown from the wagon, falling on his right side, and was run over. Just what frightened the animals Mr. Smith could not tell. He said that it was dark, and he was passing many people who were returning from the Fair, when the mules suddenly started off at a gallop.

The unfortunate man was taken to the home of a physician living near by where the broken bones were set and the arm bandaged.

Answers Sunday School Girl.

Dalton, Oct. 2.—In answer to Sunday School Girl on her question last week of who wrote the book of Deuteronomy. I will endeavor to say that the first five books in the Old Testament were known as the Pentateuch and the Greek translator gave each book its distinctive title, hence the names in our Bible are Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy.

Moses occupies so prominent a position in the history of these books that it seems as if he must be the man. But even in this view of the Pentateuch Moses is regarded as not only the oral lawgiver of a great body of laws, but as a writer of its most important part. It is nowhere stated in the Scripture that Moses wrote the whole of the five books or Pentateuch and you see Deuteronomy is one of the five books, and I think it possible that Moses did write the book. Now if I am mistaken in answering this question, I wish some one would correct me.

Now will some one tell me who the women of Judah worshipped as Queen of Heaven in the time of Jeremiah?

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