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**THE STREET SUBJECT RECALLED.**

The Chester Lantern republishes a portion of what The News recently had to say about the condition of Lancaster's streets on the Sabbath and adds by way of comment its opinion, in effect, that there is no danger to health on account of streets not being cleaned between Saturday nights and Monday mornings. It also deprecates "further encroachments upon the Sabbath."

We do not believe that Editor Bigham is any more of a doctor than we are; but it occurs to us that it does not take a medical expert to tell that dirty, filthy streets are far from being sweet-scented health promoters any day in the year. We, too, are opposed to "encroaching on the Sabbath." But it is no encroachment on that day for municipalities to "brush up" and present a neat appearance on the Lord's day, any more than it is for mankind to do the same thing. We hazard the guess that even our esteemed Chester brother spends more time and labor on his person and toilet Sunday morning than on any other day in the week.

**DECISION OF INTERESTING LEGAL QUESTIONS.**

An interesting legal question was argued before Associate Justice Ira B. Jones, at his chambers here, a few days ago. It was as to the right of the Catawba Power Company to condemn lands for its right of way, such right being resisted by certain land owners in Chester county. Judge Jones rendered his decision yesterday, which sustains the company's right of condemnation.

A question of considerable local interest was also decided in the Circuit Court here this week, by Judge Buchanan. It involved the constitutionality of an ordinance of the town of Lancaster against enticing labor in the corporate limits, under which ordinance there have been one or two convictions recently of parties charged with enticing mill hands. Judge Buchanan decided that the ordinance is unconstitutional.

**AN ESTEEMED CONTEMPORARY CORRECTED.**

Our able contemporaries, the Chester Lantern and Lancaster News are discussing the interesting and important question of bail, the latter appearing to believe the law contemplates a small bond, even in murder cases, "innocence" being presumed. This position The Lantern controverts, but both have apparently overlooked the constitutional prohibition of any bail in cases where the evidence is strong or the presumption of guilt great. When, in such cases, the judge grants bail, however large the amount fixed, he violates the organic law of the land which he has taken oath to observe and protect.

The foregoing is from The State. The News, esteemed contemporary, has not overlooked the constitutional provision referred to. On the contrary, The News makes direct reference to it in its issue of the 11th instant, as follows:

"Of course in a capital case where the 'proof is evident or the presumption great' the constitution declares that the defendant shall not be bailed." We also added that "such cases are indeed rare," which, by the way, was misunderstood by the Lantern. We did not mean to say that diabolical murders are rare, for, unfortunately, they are too frequent. The idea we intended to convey was that bail is not often applied for in such cases. The shrewd lawyer with a very desperate murder case on his hands is not apt to institute bail proceedings.

Our Columbia contemporary says that The News appears to believe the law contemplates a small bond. No, that is not our position at all. Our contention is that a bail bond should always be sufficiently large to insure, beyond the shadow of a doubt, the presence of the defendant in court when his case comes up for trial on its merits.

**Residence Burned—Incendiarism Suspected.**

The dwelling of Mr. Robert McGuirt, of the Belair section, was destroyed by fire last Wednesday morning about 2 o'clock. The building, which was comparatively new, belonged to Dr. James Nisbet, of New York, and was valued at \$1000.

Mr. McGuirt lost pretty much all of his household effects, his loss amounting to several hundred dollars. He was absent from home at the time, being in Vanwyck, where he operates a gin.

It is thought that the house was set afire. Mrs. McGuirt was awakened by the dogs barking in the yard. Looking out a window she saw the cook room ablaze. The flames spread so rapidly that she had little more than time to get her children out of the house. It will be recalled that Dr. Nisbet's barn, in the Vanwyck section, was burned sometime ago. A negro, charged with the burning, was tried at the present term of court, but the result was a mistrial.

**DSTRUCTIVE TORNADO.**

**A Number of Persons Killed and Injured—Forty Houses Demolished.**

St. Louis, Oct. 18.—A tornado struck the village of Sorento, Ill., 32 miles northwest of St. Louis, last night, killing eight persons, injuring 35 others, of whom three will probably die and doing a great amount of damage to property. Forty houses were blown to atoms or carried from their foundations. A complete swath was cut through the town. Everything in the track of the tornado was reduced to debris or blown away.

The storm approached from the southwest and swept through the main residence portion of the town. The work of the wind was quickly done and then followed a heavy downpour of rain, accompanied by vivid lightning and deep thunder. Those who escaped injury were for the time panic stricken, but finally rallied and set to work to rescue the injured.

So violent was the tornado that some of the residences were swept away completely and the debris effectually scattered. Houses that remained standing were converted into temporary hospitals.

**The Brice Law in the Federal Courts.**

Columbia, Oct. 19.—Special to Charleston Post. A dispatch from Spartanburg says that Attorney Welch of ex-Attorney Gen. Bellinger's law firm, has gone to Asheville with District Attorney John G. Capers to attack the constitutionality of the Brice bill in the Federal courts, on the ground that it imposes inequality of taxation.

**Cheap Excursion Rates Via Southern Railway.**

On account Charleston's Annual Gala Week and Coast Fair Association, November 6-11 1905, Southern Railway will sell tickets from all points within State of South Carolina, including Augusta, Ga., at rate One First Class Fare Plus 25 cents for the round trip, tickets sold November 4th, to 10th, inclusive and for trains arriving Charleston before noon November 11th; with final limit November 13th, 1905.

Southern Railway will provide extra coaches on all trains into Charleston November 5th, to 12th, inclusive and all who wish to take advantage of the exceedingly low rates can do so and feel assured that plenty of room will be provided.

For additional information, call on ticket agents or address,  
I. W. Hunt,  
Division Passenger Agent,  
Charleston, S. C.

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**WANTED**—An experienced teacher for the Russell Place school. Apply to G. F. Hammond, Trustee.

**WILL receive another Car load Cabbage Monday.** Bennett Groc., Co.

**WANTED**—The public to know that I get a shipment of nice Fresh Celery every Thursday. Come to or phone S. T. Blackmon.

**LOST**—Monday afternoon last, between Lancaster and Kershaw, my pocket book containing \$15.00 in cash—also my registration certificate. Reward if returned to L. S. Elliott.

I AM handling Western dressed beef exclusively now. If you want something nice give me your order. S. T. Blackmon.

**JUST arrived this week "FRESH."** Buckwheat flour, New Orleans molasses, Shredded whole wheat Biscuits, Raisins, Currents, Macaroni, Cheese and lot of Seasonable goods. Bennett Groc., Co.

**WE HAVE Fresh Norfolk Oysters and Florida Fish**—shipped direct to us—on hand every day in the week. When you want anything in this line that is nice and FRESH, phone 79. E. C. Lanier.

**WANTED**—A few gentlemen boarders. Good table board and lodging \$12.00 per month. For particulars call at News office.

**E. C. LANIER, at L. & C. depot** has a fine car Danish Cabbage that he is selling for \$1.75 per hundred pounds. They are fine for making kraut.

**NEW CROP New Orleans Molasses.** Bennett Grocery Co.

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Why do you order high-price Washing Machines? Bennett Grocery Co., sells the Spotless. 10-4-6t.

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF LANCASTER.**

By J. E. STEWMAN, ESQUIRE, Probate Judge.

WHEREAS, Maggie Wright made suit to me, to grant her letters of Administration of the Estate of and effects of Henry Howze,

THESE ARE THEREFORE to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and Creditors of the said Henry Howze, deceased, that they be and appear before me in the Court of Probate, to be held at Lancaster, S. C. on Friday, the 31st day of November, next after publication thereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said Administration should not be granted.

Given under my Hand, this 20th day of October, Anno Domini, 1905.  
J. E. STEWMAN,  
Probate Judge.  
Oct. 21, 1905—2w.

**Notice.**

To the overseers of the Public Roads of Lancaster County  
I again ask you all to warn out your hands and work each of your sections of the public roads, as many days as the law requires, or until you get your road in good condition. I want to find that each section of road in the county is worked good between this and the last day of November. As you all know you can't do much good working the clay roads during the winter months.  
The grand jury held a meeting on the first Monday in September last and requested me to give notice to all of the overseers to put four days' work on each section of road by the first Monday in Oct. and for each of you to make a report to me that day. And I did so, but many of you failed to work or to make any report. So I kindly ask you all to read the report of the grand jury at the last term of the court. You will see by that report that they want to have the roads worked better than they have ever been in the past, or have the law enforced against any one who fails to discharge his duty. Let every one do his duty, and the law will not be enforced against any one, but otherwise, they say it must be done. Take due notice therefore and govern yourself accordingly.  
Respectfully,  
M. C. Gardner,  
Co., Supr.

Don't fail to read our column of business locals.

**Professional Cards**

**JOHN E. WELSH,**  
DENTIST,  
Lancaster, S. C.  
Office Up-stairs in Masonic Building.

DENTISTRY.  
**DR. R. M. GALLOWAY,**  
Surgeon Dentist.  
Office Up-stairs in Ganson Building.

**DR. R. G. ELLIOTT,**  
Lancaster, S. C.  
Residence 'phone, No. 187. Office, Davis Building, cor. Main and Dunlap streets; 'phone No. 72.  
Will practice in both town and country. All calls, day or night, will receive prompt attention.

**Notice.**

Notice is hereby given that the tax books of the town of Lancaster, S. C., will be open for the collection of taxes on the 1st day of November, 1905, at the office of the town Treasurer, and all taxes remaining unpaid on the 1st day of December, 1905, pursuant to Section 1 of the Supply Bill of 1905, will be subject to a penalty of 15 per cent for the non-payment of the same when, together with cost.  
R. E. WYLIE,  
Mayor.  
Oct. 10, 1905.

**Notice to Taxpayers.**

Taxes will be due and payable without penalty from October 15 to December 31, 1905.  
The tax levy for State purposes is 5½ mills, for ordinary county purposes 4½ mills, special county purposes (L. & C. R. R. bonds) 2 mills, constitutional tax for school purposes 3 mills, making a total levy of 15 mills on all taxable property of the county. In School Districts Nos. 5, 30, 32 and 46, there is a special levy of 2 mills additional for school purposes; in District No. 24, 3 mills; Districts Nos. 12, 17 and 29, 4 mills; District No. 38, 5 mills; No. 14, 6 mills, and No. 40, 7 mills. In Cane Creek Township there is a special local levy of 4½ mills for railroad purposes; Gills Creek, 5 mills, and Pleasant Hill, 3 mills.  
There is also a tax of one dollar on each male citizen between the ages of twenty-one and sixty years, except ex-Confederate soldiers and sailors, or those who are so disabled that they cannot earn a support by manual labor.  
W. C. CAUTHEN,  
Treasurer Lancaster County.

**Notice to all Persons Indebted to the Lancaster Mercantile Co.**

As you well know, we made some business changes the first of last year, and it is absolutely necessary that we must collect all past due notes and accounts in order to settle with the late members of our concern; therefore, we now ask our friends, whom we have been so liberal with, to now make arrangements at once to pay us. All past due notes and accounts not settled promptly will be placed in the hands of our lawyer for collection.  
Yours truly,  
3t Lancaster Mercantile Co.

**MONEY TO LOAN.**

I am prepared, as usual, to negotiate loans, on improved cotton farms, in sums of \$300.00 and upwards for five years. Interest at 7 per cent, on sums of \$1,000.00 and over. Under \$1,000.00, 8 per cent interest. No brokerage or commission charged—only a reasonable fee for abstract of title.  
R. E. WYLIE,  
Attorney-at-Law.

**The First National Bank of Lancaster, S. C.,**

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CHAS. D. JONES, President.

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