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No, gentle reader, don't prepare to throw your paper down and run. We are not going to inflict on you nearly a whole page of editorial matter today as we did Wednesday. We have been too busy dodging sleet-coated limbs, plasterers' daubs, painters' brushes, smoking stovepipes and smallpox suspects to devote much time to editorial work for today's News.

CAPT. HAMEL ADVOCATES COMPULSORY EDUCATION.

Representative Hamel, of the Lancaster delegation, is taking a deep interest in the proposed compulsory education bill. The measure was debated at length in the House Wednesday, Mr. Hamel taking an active part in the discussion. The State makes the following mention of Mr. Hamel's speech:

Capt. J. W. Hamel of Lancaster made an earnest plea for South Carolina to bring her citizenship up to a higher plane.—Established government is for the protection of the people. Under that principle of government there is in the constitution a fixed tax for schools. Is it fair to maintain penal institutions for the punishment of crime and not provide protection against ignorance which leads to that crime.

There is a prodigal waste of intellect needing development.—He would not condemn his child in ignorance merely to keep the negro ignorant. For the educated white man can fear nothing from the educated negro and the clashes come between the ignorant members. In reply to Mr. Wards, Capt. Hamel stated we have been all the time making an impelling policy and a time to try a compell... It is a mistaken idea many schools. It would to have few schools, sufficient and provide nsportation.

and Courier says of s remarks:

W. Hamel, of Lancaster made a logical argument or of the bill. He said he l not deal with statistics, would discuss the issue on e principles involved. He insisted that it was a crime to keep down the white children because of any fear of the negro. The educated white person is better able to protect himself against the educated negro. He urged

that the white child should be protected and educated without consideration of others. Mr Hamel advanced sound argument in favor of the bill.

Heath Springs to Liberty Hill --Many Business Changes in Heath Springs.

Mr. Editor: A good many changes have been made about Heath Springs since I last wrote you—I mean business portion principally.

Mr. Ed. F. Hammond, who has for the past two years been with the Enterprise Mercantile Co., is now with the Springs Banking and Mercantile Co., while Mr. Walter Taylor, who has been assistant bookkeeper for the Springs Banking and Mercantile Co. now presides over the bookoffice at Mobley Brothers Co's store. Mr. Ernest Hammond, formerly with Mobley Bros Co. as bookkeeper is now with W. B. Twitty & Co.

Mr. G. C. Cauthen has also resigned his position as railroad agent here, but we are not informed as to his future business plans.

Our pleasant and affable friend Charles L. Hammond (not laughing Charlie) has given up his position with W. B. Twitty & Co to seek health, pleasure and profit, on a farm in the granite hills of the Russell Place section, and we hope he will find a large measure of each.

Mr. J. W. Crenshaw has moved on the place he bought of Mr. M. Y. Cauthen west of town.

Messrs J. C. Harris, A. F. Hammond and E. L. F. Magill are all occupying their new residences on the Liberty Hill road.

We are informed that lumber is now being sawed for a large mercantile establishment to be located at "the Quarry" or near the old Russell Place cross roads. It will probably be a "stock company" and carry a complete and extensive line of general merchandise.

Three charming daughters of Mr. J. L. Bell of Magill, Misses Florence, Lou and Annie, recently visited their cousin Mrs. H. F. Haile, at The Hill.

Your correspondent recently spent a few days in Camden and Columbia. He left home with his mind's eye on a small plum tree (of the patronage variety) in possession of Speaker Smith of Camden, but on learning that the aforesaid tree had been shorn of its fruit he decided to go and spend a short while with friends and relatives anyway, which he did very pleasantly, except that he contracted a case of Lagrippe, from which he has been in bed nearly ever since his arrival at home, but Dr. Hall thinks we will now recover. So mote it be. G. R. C.

New Business House in Waxhaw.

H. J. McManus & Company is a new mercantile firm for Waxhaw just launched in business. The new firm occupies what is known as the McCain building recently vacated by Jno. L. Walkup & Company. The business is in charge of Mr. H. J. McManus. Here is wishing the new firm much success in business.—Waxhaw Enterprise.

Great Steamer Goes Down--100 Lives Lost.

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 23 —A dispatch from Cape Beale, says a steamer went ashore on Vancouver Island, near Cloose. The lighthouse keeper says one hundred persons were drowned.—News of the disaster is meagre, being confined to a message received by Captain Caudin, agent of marine, from the lighthouse keeper, Patterson, at Cape Beale saying:

"Steamer wrecked between here and Cloose, about one hundred drowned, nine survivors reached telegraph hut. Will wire more particulars soon as possible.

STEAMER IDENTIFIED.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan 23 —It has been definitely learned that the steamer Valencia, is the boat lost off Vancouver coast.

No further details as to number drowned.

Officers of the Law Fired Upon by Dangerous Negro.

Columbia State, Jan. 25th:

Serious trouble between whites and blacks that might have been fatal in its consequences was narrowly averted by Magistrate Lykes at Lykesland late yesterday afternoon. A negro named Jesse Hunter, for whom a warrant had been issued, refused to be arrested and defied the law and the constable until Magistrate Lykes accompanied by John Padgett, Ben Gilmore and Max Padgett, all white, and the magistrate's colored constable, Dick Montgomery, went to Hunter's house to arrest him. Hunter, after pretending that he was submitting to the officers and was going to the office of the magistrate, ran back into his house opened fire on the party with a double barrel gun loaded with duck shot. The shot took effect in the heads, arms and bodies of the two Padgetts, Gilmore and the colored constable. The fire was returned but whether or not Hunter was wounded was not learned by those who went to the house.

When the white men of the neighborhood heard of the affair a crowd assembled and threatened to go to Hunter's house and get him but they were dissuaded by Mr. Lykes, and after much argument the crowd dispersed.

The entire trouble is said to have grown of the fact that Jessie Hunter ejected his mother, who is 80 years old, from the house where she has lived since the war and which is her own property.

Farmer Meets With Singular Accident.

Mr. C. F. Schulte, a highly respected farmer living on the York Road, about five miles distant from the city, was the victim of a peculiar and at the same time a very serious accident Sabbath morning. Noticing a hog in his front yard he attempted to drive the creature back into the lot, and while

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following it through a cotton patch he slipped, lost his footing completely, and fell upon a sharp cotton stalk. The sharp end pierced his eye ball and drove itself far into the brain. Dr. J. G. Johnston was summoned at once and dressed the wound. He pronounced the injury as likely to prove very serious.—Chester Lantern.

A Cherokee County Farmer Found Dead in His Field.

Special to The State:
Gaffney, Jan. 24.—A telephone message has been received in this city stating that Mr. Phillips H. Wright, a gentle-

man about 60 years of age, living near Kings Creek in Cherokee county, had been found dead in his field near his home. Whether his death was from natural causes or due to foul play is impossible to ascertain, as the telephone line from Gaffney is working poorly and the spot cannot be reached by telegraph. The message here was to the sheriff and only stated that he was found dead in his field about dark. Sheriff Thomas and the coroner will go to the scene.

—Mr. Edward Vick, an aged Confederate veteran of Chesterfield county, died of pneumonia, a few days ago.