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A prophet up in Maine predicts that the world will come to an end in October. But the primary will be over by that time.

The Young People's Missionary Movement conference is holding a 10-day session at Asheville. Several hundred delegates are in attendance.

The report of the campaign meeting Saturday occupies so much of our space today that we have been obliged to leave out of this issue the usual amount of editorial, agricultural, general news and other reading matter.

The arrangements committee in charge of preparing for the State Confederate reunion, to be held in Greenville next month, has decided not to serve any free beer to the veterans.—Columbia Record.

But the brave old soldiers will no doubt be able to get all the "mountain dew" they'll need for their "stomachs' sake."

Some of the Senatorial candidates are complaining of the brief reports made of their speeches by the daily papers. We hope that they will be satisfied with the space given them by The News today. We do not believe that a fuller account of a campaign meeting this year has yet been published in any paper, daily or otherwise.

The Yorkville and Rock Hill papers recently published, at the request of Game Warden Wylie of York county, the law relating to cruelty to animals, and as there is more or less misunderstanding in this county as to its provisions, we republish elsewhere in this paper the various sections. It will surprise many of our readers to know that the law is so broad and comprehensive.

Editor Gonzales, of the Columbia State, who spent the Fourth in Lincoln, Nebraska, with his warm personal friend, William Jennings Bryan, being en route to the Denver convention, in a dispatch to his paper, sent from Lincoln, says "the chief fight in the convention will be upon the anti-injunction plank." It is to be hoped that the Democrats, if any such plank is incorporated in the platform, will make it mean something

one way or the other, and not, like the Republicans, adopt a cowardly, meaningless subterfuge. Mr. Gonzales, by the way, says he "joined the North Carolina delegation at Asheville." Wonder why he didn't accompany the South Carolina party.

The entire country laments the death of Joe Chandler Harris, better known as "Uncle Remus", which occurred at his Georgia home Friday evening. He wrote altogether forty-one books. Hundreds of thousands of children, as well as those of maturer years, have been entertained and amused by his famous stories.

The Hon. Cole L. Blease, candidate for governor, emphatically denies the recently published report that he had offered to bet \$1000 to \$500 that he would beat Gov. Ansel. Mr. W. H. McCaw, a well known newspaper man in Columbia, author of the report, with equal emphasis "comes back" at Mr. Blease and says the latter was correctly reported by him. And so there you are.

**Death of Mrs. John F. Bell.**

Mrs. Hettie Bell, wife of Mr. John F. Bell, Sr., died Monday at her home in the western portion of the county. She had been ill, with catarrh of the stomach, for some weeks. She was a most excellent lady and bore her sufferings with genuine Christian fortitude. She was a devout member of the Methodist church.

Mrs. Bell was a daughter of the late Samuel Adams and was about 60 years of age. Beside the bereaved husband she leaves two children, Mr. Judson Bell and Mrs. J. E. Patterson, both of this place. She is also survived by the following brothers and sisters: Messrs. John L. Ra., Columbus and Ben Adams, Mrs. Thomas Ballard and Mrs. Henry Connor, all of this county except Mr. Columbus Adams, who lives in Texas.

The remains were buried yesterday at Lower Camp Creek church, the Rev. Mr. Brown conducting the funeral services.

**Candidates for Scholarships**

As many as fourteen young ladies stood the Winthrop scholarship and entrance examination held here at the court house last Friday. They are: Misses Robbie Bell Porter, Annie Wilson, Eltreeda Peag, Jeannette Elizabeth Poag, Margaret James Williamson Mary Moore (Williamson) of Lancaster; Misses Adelaide Nelson, and Amanda Louise Huey, of R. F. D. No. 1; Miss Lillie Usher, of Lancaster R. F. D. No. 2; Misses Bessie Mae Mobley, Elizabeth Clark and Lula Mobley, of Heath Springs; Misses Alda Therrell and Lula Therrell, of Fort Mill.

The following young men took the Clemson examination: Admission—Willie E. Plyler; scholarship—E. E. Hall, of Pleasant Valley, and Wm. H. Gay, of Kershaw. South Carolina University—W. H. McMurray, College of Charleston—T. Craig McDow, of Lancaster, and Zeddie L. Mobley, of Heath Springs. The names of the successful applicants will be published as the result of the examinations can be ascertained.

**Kershaw's Office of Judge of Probate Declared Vacant.**

Gov. Ansel has declared vacant the office of Probate Judge of Kershaw county on account of the illness, and consequent inability to attend to its duties, of the incumbent, the Hon. W. D. Trantham. The clerk of the court has been ordered to take charge of the office until the vacancy is filled by election. The many friends in Lancaster as well as elsewhere of Mr. Trantham will be pained to hear of his condition.

**Mad Dog Killed.**

Mr. John H. Caskey had a thrilling experience at his home, in the river section, a few days ago. While he and his family were at breakfast a mad dog appeared on the piazza and attacked Mr. Caskey's two dogs that were lying there, biting both of them severely. Mr. Caskey's son, Mr. Will Caskey, got his gun and shot the mad dog and then, as a matter of precaution, killed his father's dogs. The mad dog was a strange animal in the community. It was a tall, slender dog, apparently half hound, and of yellow color, and had on a leather collar.

**A New Junior Order Council Organized.**

A fine Junior Order Council was organized at Antioch last Friday night, with 35 charter members, by State Secretary and Organizer J. S. Wilson, of Lancaster. State Vice Councilor Beamguard was present and delivered a lecture.

The Antioch Council makes the 15th that has been organized in this county, the total membership now being between 1200 and 1500. Lancaster is probably the banner Junior Order county in the state—due to the indefatigable and untiring work that has been done for the organization by its popular State official, Mr. Wilson.

**Capt. John Wilkes Dead.**

The many friends throughout Lancaster county of Capt. John Wilkes, of Charlotte, will regret to learn of his death, which occurred at his home in that city Monday morning. For more than fifty years he was a resident of Charlotte and actively identified with its industrial life. He was the founder of the Mecklenburg Iron Works, whose customers extend all over this part of the country. Capt. Wilkes was a cultured, Christian gentleman and was beloved by all who knew him. He was at one time an officer in the United States navy and was a veteran of both the Mexican and civil wars.

**Death of Mr. Ben Sims.**

Mr. Benjamin Sims, a highly esteemed young citizen and good farmer, died Monday evening, of typhoid fever, at his home in the Rich Hill section. He was a son of Mr. Seaborn Sims and was about 25 years old. He leaves a widow and one child. He is also survived by several brothers and sisters, among them Messrs. Irvin and Jesse Sims and Mrs. Lawrence Catoe. Mr. Sims was a deservedly popular young man, and in addition to his family and relatives, leaves a large circle of friends

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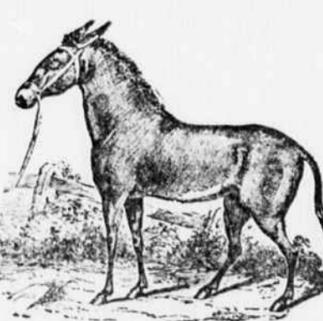
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to lament his untimely death. He was a member of the Baptist church. The remains were buried yesterday at Fork Hill church, the Rev. T. A. Dabney, of Lancaster, conducting the funeral services.

The Howell Shute birthday celebration Saturday was a big success. A large crowd was present, good addresses made and an elegant dinner served. The occasion was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Bert Barber, of Elton, Wis., says: "I have only taken four doses of your Kidney and Bladder Pills and they have done for me more than any other medicine has ever done. I am still taking the pills as I want a perfect cure." Mr. Barber refers to DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills. Sold by all druggists.

**Fourth of July Victims**  
Chicago, July 6—Seventy-two dead and 2,736 injured are the second day's totals of the accidents attending the celebration of the Fourth of July in the United States. This breaks all records for deaths since 1899. The number of deaths this year reported up to this morning is 13 more than at the same time last year.

"Health Coffee" is really the closest Coffee imitation ever yet produced. This clever coffee substitute was recently produced by Dr. Shoop of Racine, Wis. Not a grain of real coffee in it, either. Dr. Shoop's Health Coffee is made from pure toasted grains, with malt, nuts, etc. Really it would fool an expert—who might drink it for coffee. No 20 or 30 minutes tedious boiling. "Made in a minute," says the doctor, sold by Bennett Grocery Co.