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Those who have already chopped are now dirting their cotton.

The cultivators and harrows have been put to good use during the past week.

What relief we all feel at the Colonel's "I have absolutely nothing to say."

If you haven't chopped that grassy field of cotton by this time, what's the reason?

A failure to vote the bond issue for sewerage would set Lancaster back 20 years or more.

As soon as you have cut your oats, sow the field in peas if you want to "bring up" your land.

We were at the depot the other morning when Lancaster's Winthrop contingent of college girls got off the train and caught ourselves repeating unconsciously "Backward turn backward, oh time in your flight."

The Augusta Chronicle is horrified at the suggestion that any United States senator could be influenced by lobbyists and speaks of it as "Kenyon rot." Why not characterize it "Wilson rot," as it was the President of the United States who first made the suggestion?

The Greenville Piedmont is exclaiming "Poor Charleston," in reference to recent disclosures in that city. Be careful, contemporary, the Charleston papers may "turn the tables on you" some day.

We note that an election is to be ordered to determine whether or not Kershaw county shall have whiskey sold by dispensaries. We hope to see our good brother, the editor of The Waterlee Messenger, throwing the influence of his paper against the proposition to reopen dispensaries in Kershaw county.

Why delay the matter of a rest room for the convenience of the ladies of the county who come to Lancaster to do their shopping? Let some one of our many energetic merchants take the lead in this matter and have the rooms fitted up at an early date. It will be of great convenience to the ladies and will result in good to the merchants.

The Times and Democrat of Orangeburg calls attention to the fact that after the defeat of the national Democracy in 1908, the Atlanta Constitution and some other Southern papers advised the South to go over to the Republican party and points out that some of these same papers are now trying to run the administration. Such is the fact. There were individuals as well as papers who advised the same course, but now with them it is "me and Betsy."

The people of South Carolina, particularly those of the seventh congressional district, justly feel proud of the fact that Congressman A. F. Lever has been made chairman of the important house committee on agriculture. After hearing the flattering way in which ex-Secretary of Agriculture Wilson and Mr. Lamb, former chairman of that committee, spoke of Mr. Lever in their addresses at the corn show in Columbia, we were quite sure that he was the logical man for the position.

We feel grateful to our esteemed contemporary, The Waterlee Messenger, for consenting to our criticizing the official acts of misconduct on the part of our present governor and shall endeavor to follow the sage advice of our contemporary that such criticism be free from "personal feeling or prejudice." We invite our contemporary to keep up with the governor and whenever he does wrong to "sing out" and let the people know what it thinks. Remember contemporary, that you are a "Messenger" and as such you should fulfill your mission. You have given us some kindly advice. We reciprocate in the same spirit.

A BIT OF HISTORY.

Our most highly esteemed contemporary, The Times and Democrat of Orangeburg, which is always extremely sensitive to any adverse criticism of its warm personal and political friend, Senator Tillman, challenges our statement that "We know that there are thousands of honest men supporting Bleese who, when convinced that he is a sham, will drop him, just as they did his prototype, Ben Tillman," and says: "It will be news to many that thousands of honest men have dropped Ben Tillman. Thousands of the very best people in the state who had never voted for him before voted for him last year. Some people will never forgive Ben Tillman for knocking their political noses out of joint."

Quite true, contemporary, but the thousands "who had never voted for him before" and supported him in the last election were not the same "thousands" that blindly followed him in the nineties, when he was preaching revolution and turning them against the advice of such men as Hampton, Butler, Hagood and other wise and unselfish counselors. The majority of these last summer forsook him. He admitted this himself after the election and charged Bleese with "stealing" from him, "the love and affection of the one-gallus, wool-hat boys." And the thousands who cast their first ballots for him in the last primary did so because at the eleventh hour he came out in opposition to Bleese for governor and also because of the weakness of the candidates running against him. No, contemporary, it is well to keep history straight. The senator is now aged and physically weak, but it is only the God's truth that Tillmanism paved the way for Bleeseism. We have never had a nose for politics, but confess our scent is awful keen for the demagogue.

ANOTHER CANAL NEEDED.

It is believed that the treaty between Nicaragua and the United States will be ratified at an early date, under which, in consideration of \$3,900,000, to be paid to Nicaragua, the United States will establish a naval base on the Gulf of Fonseca and construct an ocean-to-ocean canal across Nicaragua. There appears elsewhere in this issue an interview of The Columbia State with Lieut. Col. David D. Gaillard, U. S. A., of the Isthmian canal commission, who is now in Columbia on his vacation. Colonel Gaillard is of the opinion that the increasing commerce of this country will make the matter of another canal across Nicaragua, or some other route a necessity before a very great while. In answer to a question as to whether the Panama canal would accommodate the world's commerce with the East indefinitely, he replied: "The answer is absolutely certain, it will not. The only uncertainty is how many years it will take commerce to increase to the point of demanding further facilities—it may be 50 years, I doubt if it will be that long, it may be 20 years. I do not believe it will be that soon." So, in the light of what Colonel Gaillard has to say, it might be the part or wisdom for the United States to accept the offer of Nicaragua and get the concessions now while they may be had.

A GOOD ASSIGNMENT.

Congressman J. Willard Ragsdale, the youngest in point of service, of the congressmen from this state, has been placed on the committee on banking and currency, one of the best appointments in the house. We are glad that Mr. Ragsdale is receiving recognition by the Democratic party in Washington, for it was due, in large measure, to his watchfulness and tact in the state Democratic convention that a delegation opposed to Woodrow Wilson for President was not sent to the Baltimore convention. There was a well laid plan to elect an Underwood delegation. A resolution instructing the delegation for Wilson was defeated, but Mr. Ragsdale got through, with some difficulty, a resolution endorsing Wilson as the choice of the South Carolina Democrats. But notwithstanding, several anti-Wilson men managed to get on the delegation, yet owing to Senator Tillman and others were powerless to switch the delegation at any time during the proceedings of the convention to any of the other candidates. So, considering his service to the party there is nothing too good that can be handed out to Mr. Ragsdale.

Sewerage will be a help to everybody. It will put new life into the town and mark a beginning of greater things for Lancaster.

Don't fail to register for the town bond election and vote for sewerage, water extension and street improvements.

PUBLIC WELFARE CONFERENCE

A conference having for its aim the general welfare of all the people of South Carolina, similar to the educational meeting recently held at Richmond, has been suggested by certain leading men in the state. A letter signed by E. W. Dabbs, president of the State Farmers' Union; E. J. Watson, commissioner of agriculture, and others, in furtherance of the plan, has been sent out to a number of persons believed to be interested in the general good of the state, suggesting that they meet in Columbia at the Y. M. C. A. auditorium at 12 o'clock on Tuesday, June 10. The letter, among other things, says: "The movement must be absolutely free from politics and must have as its aim the advancement of the welfare of the people of the state rather than the furtherance of personal ambitions and political aspirations of any individual."

We heartily approve of this movement, which is fraught with so much good to the state. If politics and office seekers can be prevented from getting control of the organization we believe it will accomplish great things.

"QUEER FOLKS."

Our sage contemporary, The Abbeville Medium, has sized up a class of individuals, fortunately comparatively small in every community, which it characterizes as "queer folks," who are hard to please. We know of some such hereabouts. There will always be found a few in every town. They are indeed a queer lot. Here is what The Medium says concerning them:

"This is a strange old world in which we live and there are many queer folks. One man will stop his paper because we are opposed to the dispensary, another because we do not agree with him in politics, another because we publish some articles about the 'Credit Bureau,' another because he did not like a stockholder in the company and still another because he received a bill intended for another man of the same name and initials. Most people are broad minded enough not to fall out with a man simply because he cannot agree with him on every question. We read many papers with which we do not agree politically and think just as much of the editors as we do of those that agree with us. While one occasionally stops his paper we are very much gratified to say that new subscribers far out number those that stop. We hope to see those that stop return some day."

"The Lancaster News is a mighty good paper these days and Editor Wylie is doing fine work. But we really wish he would put in a newspaper folding machine, so that we could see what is on the inside pages. The paper comes to us untrimmed."—Rock Hill Herald. Thanks, awfully, contemporary, for your kind words. Our folding and cutting machine is "out of whack" for the time being, but we hope to have it cutting right before long.

177 GRADUATES AT ROCK HILL.

Over 5,000 Witness the Beautiful "Daisy Chain" on College Grounds—Winthrop College's Fullest Year.

Rock Hill Special to Columbia Record, June 4.—Winthrop's fullest, busiest and best year, according to the statement of President D. B. Johnson before the graduating class, came to a close last night when the address before the class was made by Hon. LeGrand G. Walker of Georgetown. President Johnson delivered diplomas to 148 full graduates of the A. B. course, one M. A. course and 28 certificates in special courses, making a grand total of 177.

The new auditorium was used and its wonderfully improved seating capacity was taxed and great enthusiasm and interest was shown over the biggest class in Winthrop's history. The beautiful daisy chain in the afternoon was witnessed by about 5,000 people who enjoyed watching this picture of grace and beauty.

Write For One.

We are in receipt of a copy of the "Summer Homes Folder" for season 1913, issued by the traffic department of the Southern Railway Company. It is beautifully illustrated and gives valuable information in an interesting way to those expecting to make summer trips. The little folder contains descriptive articles of the different summer resorts, list of hotels and boarding houses, rates, etc. If any one desires one of these folders they can get it by writing to W. H. Caffey, division passenger agent of the Southern Railway, who will gladly furnish it free of charge on application.

Most Children Have Worms.

Many mothers think their children are suffering from indigestion, headache, nervousness, weakness, costiveness, when they are victims of that most common of all children's ailments—worms. Peevish, ill-tempered, fretful children, who toss and grind their teeth, with bad breath and colicky pains, have all the symptoms of having worms, and should be given Kickapoo Worm Killer, a pleasant candy lozenge, which expels worms, regulates the bowels, tones up the system, and makes children well and happy. Kickapoo Worm Killer is guaranteed by all druggists, or by mail, Price 25c. Kickapoo Indian Medicine Co., Philadelphia and St. Louis.

FROM OTHER PAPERS

A good road is like a good man—it leads to better things.—Gatney Ledger.

Charles W. Morse is one living, buxom example of Col. Felder's success as an attorney.—Greenwood Journal.

Spain is preparing to increase her navy, and we hope she can keep some of it above water this time.—The State

That editor deserves to lose his \$10,000. There were enough true things to say about Mr. Roosevelt without hunting up a charge that was no tittle.—Sumter Herald.

If W. F. Stevenson, of Cheraw, enters the race for the United States senate next summer, there will be something doing on the stump.—Spartanburg Herald.

It does seem that our cotton is more than anybody else's in the beginning of the season, but we are fortunate in South Carolina that we have so many strings to our bow that a little bad luck like this does not worry us. We can raise anything here and we have a good many other resources.—Florida Times.

Please understand that we do not published unsigned articles. We received a news letter from the Asheville section on yesterday which had no signature and for that reason it cannot be used. The name of the writer will not be published but it is necessary that we know the author for our own protection.—Abbeville Medium.

I am too honest to steal, too proud to beg, always, for advertising patronage absolutely requisite to support in my effort to conquer the gates; therefore, without further notice, I hereby tender my resignation as editor-manager of The Clinton Gazette, one among the oldest and most frequently quoted of the weekly newspapers of our State. W. J. Dendy.—Clinton Gazette.

The Florence Times announces that the First National Bank of that city has adopted the finger print method of identifying checks. When a customer of the bank draws a check, he is requested to press his fingers on an ink pad, furnished for that purpose, and then place the fingers on the check. This makes a mark which, it is said, is impossible to counterfeit, as no two fingers in the world make exactly the same kind of marks. They are just as different as people's faces, and more so when examined under a microscope.

The finger print method of signing checks is especially convenient and safe for illiterates, foreigners and children who cannot write their names.—Pee Dee Advocate.

To go before the world and say: "Come and live in our midst," one must be able to go further and say: "Life is by us regarded as a scared thing, property rights are protected by us; our schools and churches invite you."

No man would put an advertisement in the papers; "Come to Union to live; we have the dispensary here. And for the reason that a citizen attracted by such appeal would come with no helpfulness in the building of a city. No man would put out an advertisement: "Come to Union, we have gamblinghouses here." No one would advertise the vice, the crime, the bloodshed, the lawlessness of his community as an inducement to settlers to come. It would be folly so to do. We thus clearly recognize the value of morals, the true worth of character.

Clean living, high thinking, kindness and sympathy, co-operation, mercy, truth are more in the building of a city than brick and mortar or silver and gold. God has so writ it, and so it will be to the end of the age.—Union Times.

The 29th of May has passed unobserved by Charlotte. It seems that the Descendants of the Signers have at last wearied of the tiresome old mutual admiration society and of each other, and that the very bored feeling with which the balance of the country has long tolerated the Declaration has at last settled down like the grateful shades of evening upon the city of Charlotte itself. Pax vobiscum; Requiescat in Pace. Also De Mortui Nihil Nisi Bonum (not to mention old Sic Semper Tyrannis). Let us not grieve too sorely. Ere many years have passed over our sorrowing heads documents will come to light bearing the signatures of all of Mecklenburg's best families, and establishing incontrovertibly the fact that the grand old home of Observer-style democracy had promulgated a formal Declaration of War against Spain and had thrashed the dogs soundly, long before official Washington waked up and took the first step on the course which led to Santiago and Manila Bay.—Chester Lantern.

IN MEMORIAM.

Eva May Robertson.

Little Eva May, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Robertson, died May 31. The remains were buried at Salem cemetery.

Dearest Eva May, you have left us. For that heavenly world so fair; Safely in the arms of Jesus, You are free from toil and care.

We saw not the white robed angel As it entered with folded wings, To summon home our loved one, To the arms of our Heavenly King.

Go to thy rest, dear Eva May, In thy grave so low; We would not call thee back, Thou art at rest, we know. AUNT.

Our National Bank has a charter from the Government. A National Bank, before being permitted to do business, must first receive a CHARTER from the UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. The GOVERNMENT is always sure that there is both CHARACTER and financial responsibility behind a bank before it grant a charter. A National Bank must operate under strong restrictions for safety, down by the Government at Washington. The First National Bank OF LANCASTER. CHAS. D. JONES, President. E. M. CROXTON, Cashier. R. E. WYLIE, Vice President. E. C. MACKEY, Asst. Cashier.

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Bank No. 222. STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF FARMERS BANK & TRUST CO., located at Lancaster, S. C. at the close of business, April 4th, 1913. RESOURCES. Loans and Discounts, \$134,652.42 Overdrafts 3,623.33 Furniture and Fixtures 2,875.00 Due from Banks and Bankers 21,067.04 Currency 1,567.00 Gold 897.50 Silver and other Minor 658.36 Checks and Cash Items 179.35 Total \$165,520.00 LIABILITIES. Capital Stock Paid in \$50,000.00 Surplus Fund 1,250.00 Undivided Profits, less Current Expenses and Taxes paid 5,709.07 Dividends Unpaid 12.00 Individual Deposits Subject to Check 31,347.18 Time Certificates of Deposit 10,785.09 Cashier's Checks 416.66 Bills Payable, including Certificates for Money Borrowed 60,000.00 Total \$165,520.00

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