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If a few of our citizens can have sewerage, why may not a general sewerage system available to all the citizens of the town be had?

An exchange makes the suggestion that a poet be made the next poet laureate of England.

With two foreign ambassador Pages, the President is beginning an interesting book of diplomacy.

If a city does not grow and go forward, its gradually goes backward. Therefore we must go forward.

Representative men from all over South Carolina are gathering in Columbia today to discuss plans for the state and county conferences for the general welfare of South Carolina.

"The present city council has spent a lot of money in laying the foundations for a future work. Curbing and sewer pipes make no show, but they are essential for street paving."—Anderson Mail.

The Gaffney Ledger says, "Winter came back and sat down in the lap of summer yesterday." It might have added that he also put his arms around her and clasped her in fond embrace.

"Rather than be a stumbling block in the way of progress, I would go off, hunt up a hole, crawl into it, and pull the hole in after me."—Jefferson Jeffersonian.

We wish our people would see the money in milk, butter and meat, and remember that it pays better than cotton. It is said that South Carolina spends \$20,000,000 annually for dairy products from other sections.

All of the surrounding towns of importance, such as Rock Hill, Chester, Yorkville, Camden, Cheraw, Monroe, Gaffney, and Gastonia have sewerage. Why then should Lancaster be any longer without it?

The Charlotte Observer says "There are a lot of our fellow citizens who would rather be drunk than be President," which shows how very ambitious are some of the citizens of this North Carolina metropolis.

In a conversation over the 'phone, a few days ago with ex-Mayor John T. Roddey, now president of the chamber of commerce of Rock Hill, Mr. Roddey said that sewerage is worth more to a town than any other one thing.

JOIN THE ALFAFA CLUB.

Mr. L. C. Lazenby, under the instructions of Mr. A. G. Smith of the United States department of agriculture, is taking steps to organize an Alfalfa Club. If he succeeds in getting as many as 20 to join, Mr. Smith will come up the latter part of July or early in August and take part in the organization of the club, giving the members all the information necessary in the preparation of the soil, etc. Mr. Smith writes that he has already organized in South Carolina three Alfalfa Growers' Associations with an aggregate membership of 170. That alfalfa is a successful crop in this section has been demonstrated not only in the neighboring county, of York, but in Lancaster county. Mr. J. Roy Cunningham and Mr. Gilbert H. Greene, both model farmers of the Waxhaw section, have several acres in cultivation. Mr. Green has already had one cutting from his and expects to get two more. Let every farmer in the county see Mr. Lazenby and agree to try at least one acre in alfalfa. We would like to see Lancaster have the banner Alfalfa Club in the state.

If any of our citizens are skeptical about the need of sewerage for Lancaster just let them take a stroll about the town and examine some of the open drains and ditches into which the bath and kitchen water is emptied by pipes.

SHALL "LANCASTER LEAD?"

We believe that all of our citizens, regardless of their occupation or calling, are in favor of Lancaster keeping up with the progress being made by other towns and cities. In order to be up-to-date, every town or city must have certain improvements, such as electric lights, waterworks and sewerage. Our lights cannot be improved upon and our water system, both as to quantity and quality, equals that of any place and now we have the opportunity of giving the town a complete sewerage system. It is absolutely necessary to the health of the community. It should have been installed when the waterworks system was put in. To delay longer will mean to invite an epidemic of disease in our midst. Besides, sewerage means so much in a material way to the future development and growth of our city. Persons seeking a place of residence would hesitate about selecting Lancaster when finding out we have no sewerage. It will help everybody in many ways. Now no one will be forced to use the system. We have made diligent inquiry and can find where no municipality has made a drastic rule upon the subject. It will be left largely to the discretion of our people, just as it has been with reference to water and lights, which no one has been forced to take.

But everyone will find sewerage so convenient and sanitary, that they will gladly adopt it. Our citizens, generally are taking both electric lights and water and could not be persuaded to go back to kerosene lamps and well water. The town council has had a topographical map of the town made, showing the proposed sewer pipes, manholes, flush tanks, etc., extending to every part of the town where every one can connect with it if they so desire. This map was made by the H. S. Jaudon Engineering Co., and is now on exhibition on Main street in the window of the store room lately occupied by the People's Supply Company. The whole town has been practically covered by this preliminary survey.

Now as to the cost of the system, the engineers have estimated that \$40,000, in round numbers, will put in the entire system, but \$5,000 more will be voted upon, in order that there may be doubt about the matter. This estimate covers cost of system to extend to every part of the town where all citizens may avail themselves of it.

But it may be said, this is not the time. Why not? Our streets are sorely in need of permanent work, but it would be sheer folly as a matter of money, to put down permanent streets and then have to tear them up later on to put down the sewer pipes. There is no more propitious time than the present, viewed from the standpoint of health, expense or any other consideration. Indeed, it should have been done when the waterworks plant was installed several years ago. So that if we are to make good our boasted slogan, "Lancaster Leads," let us all march up to the polls on June 25 and do that for which we will never have cause to regret, vote for sewerage, as well as for street improvements and the extension of the waterworks system.

"AN INDICTMENT OF IGNORANCE."

Under the above caption, the current issue of Collier's Weekly contains an editorial comment of the hopeful, encouraging sort in regard to political conditions in South Carolina. It is largely through the patient, unselfish work of educators like Superintendent Evans, backed up by the thoughtful citizenship of South Carolina that a brighter day is beginning to dawn in this state. The editorial to which we refer reads as follows:

"Ancient our recent comment on the passage of the almost meaningless McCravy compulsory education bill by the South Carolina legislature, and the vetoing of it by Governor Blease, Frank Evans, superintendent of the Spartanburg city schools and one of the state's most courageous advocates of a better educational system, writes us that: 'It is impossible for us to shut our eyes to the fact that there has been no real demand for education among the people who are participating in the government of the state. In fact, our successful politicians have evinced greater or less opposition to the progressive educational policy of the country at large, and that opposition has sprung from selfish and interested motives. The demagogue who recklessly promises better wages, shorter hours, personal independence, social equality—everything—can get a larger following among the ignorant white men than a leader who remains faithful to high principles.'"

"In an address before a literary club in Spartanburg, Mr. Evans said that about one-fifth of the children of the city, between the ages of six and fourteen, were getting the schooling that is essential to a foundation for sound scholarship and general culture, and that perhaps one-fifth do not enter school at all. Of those who do attend, more

than one-half stop before they finish the fifth grade. But that was not all he said. Read this:

"I am speaking of white people. We need not bother about the negroes. They are eager for schooling and will initiate us. The gravest danger that threatens South Carolina today is the ignorant white man. Some of the worst crimes of recent years have been committed by white people. The most defiant lynching mob that has disgraced the state for a long time was led by a white man, a member of the legislature, an illiterate who probably thought that it was meritorious conduct. The same legislator has since served on a committee to investigate the affairs of the State University. The vote of white people have put 'Colie' Blease into the chair of McDuffie, of Hayne, and of Wade Hampton."

"This is about as vigorous an indictment as anybody could make, and what makes it convincing is the fact that it does not come from a reformer of the blatant type. Mr. Evans has been working in the schools of South Carolina for thirty years—for twenty-two years as city superintendent—and has been urging compulsory education for twenty-nine years. The situation is deplorable, but there is much hope for South Carolina. Nearly all the intelligent people of the state are in favor of better schools and a compulsory attendance law. The fight against the stupid reactionary influences which give Bleaseism the upper hand and hinder the progress of the state generally is a hard one, but the demagogues are steadily losing element are gaining strength daily, and there are very good reasons for believing that the victory is not far off."

ARSENIC PREFERABLE.

We often hear intelligent men use the argument that alcohol taken moderately is beneficial to both mind and body. That such is not the case was the opinion of the great scientist, Prof. Thomas H. Huxley. In a letter in reply to an inquiry as to the effect of alcohol on the mind he wrote as follows:

"4 Marlborough Place, "April 9, 1889. "Mr. E. G. Callings—Dear Sir: I understand that you ask me what I think about alcohol as a stimulant to the brain in mental work."

"Speaking for myself, I can say without hesitation that I would just as soon take a dose of arsenic as I would of alcohol under such circumstances. Indeed, on the whole, I should think the arsenic safer, less likely to lead to physical and moral degradation. It would be better to die outright than to be alcoholized before death. If a man can not do brain work without stimulants of any kind he had better turn to hand work. It is an indication on nature's part that she did not mean him to be a head worker."

"The circumstances of my life led me to experience all sorts of conditions in regard to alcohol, from total abstinence to nearly the other end of the scale, and my clear conviction is, the less the better, though I by no means feel called upon to forego the comforting and cheering effects of a little. But for no conceivable consideration would I use it to whip up a tired or sluggish brain. Indeed for me there is no working so good as between breakfast and lunch, when there is not a trace of alcohol in my composition. Yours, truly, "THOMAS H. HUXLEY."

WONDERFUL INVENTIONS.

Mr. A. K. Collins of This Place Invents Coin Changing and Vending Machine.

That "Lancaster Leads" continually is again attested by the fact that Mr. A. K. Collins of this place has recently patented two devices, the like of which has never been on the market before. One is for making change and the other is a coin changing and vending machine combined. There are eight or ten different types of the machines which will sell from \$15 up to \$150.

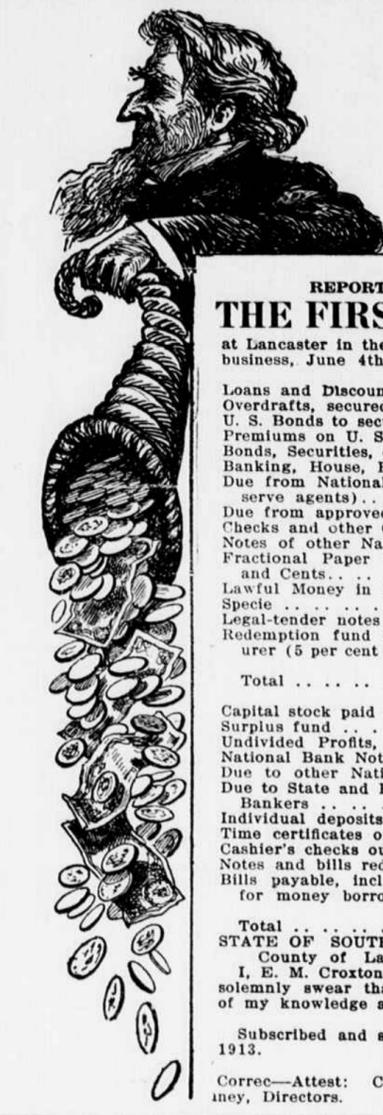
The machines are made to change any piece of silver from a nickel up to a dollar, and they are perfectly honest. They work automatically and will not take in your money unless it is ready to give you the change. And if there is a faulty piece of money put in, it is left exposed for several times before disappearing. The machine does not work on the gravity-trigger system as does the chewing gum machines and others, but on the lock system, there being no trigger or cog wheels about it to wear out. It works on a succession of locks in a disk. It can be used in street cars, trains and all other places where change is needed.

The vending machine is combined with the change-making device. You can get your piece of silver changed and then buy from the machine any article it delivers without moving out of your tracks.

Mr. Collins has secured patents on the machines in this country, with foreign patents pending. He has been North several times to contract for the making of his machines and to sell the county and state rights. They will be upon the market within the next four months. Mr. Collins is 31 years of age. He is the son of Mr. J. W. Collins of the Belair section of this county, where he was born and reared. He is a man of whom Lancaster feels proud.

Fire Threatens Entire Business District of Springfield, Mo.

Springfield, Mo., June 9.—Fire which started in the basement of a department store here this morning within two hours destroyed a row of buildings on the public square, causing damage estimated at several hundred thousand dollars. At 9:30 o'clock the fire still was raging but was believed to be under control.



REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

Table with financial data for The First National Bank at Lancaster, S.C., as of June 4th, 1913. Includes sections for RESOURCES and LIABILITIES.

PUT YOUR MONEY WHERE IT WILL BE SAFE IT WILL COME IN HANDY SOME DAY

FROM OTHER PAPERS

Nat Goodwin has started his merry-go-round again.—Greenwood Journal.

Now they say the Irish potato crop is one-half off in North Carolina. Even the potato bug has his troubles.—Spartanburg Herald.

Commencement essays clothed in the choicest thoughts will also have a ribbon tied around the middle a la Bulgarian.—Charlotte Observer.

We gather from Deacon Hemphill's letter to the Philadelphia public Ledger that since he was in the editing business, Mr. Bryan has developed wings, a harp and a halo.—The State.

Grape juice costs twenty-five cents a pint; champagne, sometimes, twenty-five dollars. Atlanta probably welcomes the opportunity of banqueting to W. J. B. on g. j.—Charleston Post.

It would not do for a doctor that stammers to try to tell that Columbia University student who is suffering from caronanseriuosmetu what is the matter with him.—Greenville Piedmont.

It might just as well be stated here positively that the report that Governor Cole L. Blease had been invited to make the address at the meeting of the press association is an error.—Florence Times.

Those scrappy little Allies who have shown such splendid courage and won such creditable victories are now going to spoil the whole thing by fighting among themselves. Too bad if it comes to that.—Salsbury Post.

They may have dictagraphed Colonel Thomas B. Felder, but we doubt it. The Colonel knows all about dictographs, you see, whether or not there are sounds of ghoulish glee issuing from the governor's mansion at Columbia.—Augusta Chronicle.

Governor Blease's prediction that Governor Brown of Georgia will have a pardon ready for Colonel Tom Felder is quite interesting—it is the opinion of an expert and is indicative of how a partisan executive takes care of his friends who get into trouble. Governor Blease judges Governor Brown by himself.—Sumter Watchman and Southron.

One detail of the Hampton county celebration of the capture and killing of Henry Austin was omitted by some strange oversight. If the celebration had toasted over the coals and eaten a few slices from the mutilated body of the dead desperado the function would have been perfect and in accord with high class savagery.—Sumter Watchman.

Most of the colleges are turning out this season the largest graduating classes in their history. This is encouraging to the friends of education even if the quality of the graduates has not improved, and the indications are that it has. So it seems that the quantity of our ed-

EDUCATIONAL WORK HAS INCREASED AND ITS QUALITY IMPROVED.

Perhaps there is hope for the country, after all.—Rock Hill Herald.

COUNTY NEWS

HEATH SPRING.

Special to The News. Heath Spring June 9.—Mr. Perry Therrell of Chesterfield, Court House, spent a part of last week with his mother at this place.

Messrs. Ganson Mobley and Lexie Stover are at home for the summer from the University of South Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Jones are spending a few days with their parents in Lancaster.

Mrs. Robert VanLandingham and daughter, Martha, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. VanLandingham.

Miss Janie Cauthen, who was operated on at the Fennell Infirmary, is at home and doing well.

Miss Mabel Halle of Liberty Hill passed through town last week on her way from Columbia, where she has been in school.

Mr. Robert H. Therrell has gone to Monroe, where he will be associated in business with his brother during the summer months.

Master Biggart Clark left last week for Enterprise and Charleston, where he will visit his sisters, Misses Elizabeth and Sue Clark.

Mrs. McDonald of Camden and Mrs. Sowell of Kershaw are visiting Mrs. Rutledge this week.

Mrs. Martha McCardell of Lancaster visited her brother here Sunday.

Mrs. J. A. Mobley, in company with her son, C. B. Mobley, returned from Columbia Sunday.

Dr. Blake Robertson is with his father, Mr. Zed Robertson, for a short visit.

Mr. P. B. Mobley of Catawba Junction spent Sunday afternoon here.

Prof. W. S. Moore, returning from Charleston, spent a part of the week in Heath Spring.

Mr. Langston Williams of Orangeburg was here a few hours Sunday.

Mr. Sam Hammond of Rich Hill is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Dixon Ellis.

Mr. Melvin Stover came over from Rock Hill Sunday.

Miss Mary Ann Caston is with Mrs. H. P. Mobley for a few days' visit.

Chief of Police S. J. Vincent is making a reputation for running down blind tigers. He added another to his list of captures Saturday night last.

Uncle Reuben Thompson, colored, of this place is about 80 years of age and says that he never played ball, chewed or smoked tobacco, or owned, loaded or discharged a gun in his life. He reads his Bible and prays regularly and is fully assured that though he was once blind he now sees. He is universally respected.

KERSHAW LIQUOR FIGHT.

Election Probably Held in August. "Drys" Will Oppose.

Camden Special to Charleston News and Courier, June 8.—The dispensary petition that has been circulated throughout Kershaw county contains 1,075 names, and it seems now as if the election will be ordered held on the third Tuesday in August. The petition has been placed in the hands of Supervisor M. C. West.

Although the sentiment at present seems to be in favor of the "wets," it is thought that the "drys" will put up a stubborn fight, to keep the county in the dry column.

The town of Camden has been practically free of "blind tigers" since voting out the dispensary, and only one social club has been operated, and that for a few months unusually active and no sooner than a "tiger" commences business, he is detected and heavily fined. On the other hand, it is said that blind tigers run where there is no police protection, thereby demoralizing labor on farms. There are no rural policemen in this county.

After the rain will be fine time to use the split log drag on the roads. It will take very little time and then we will have some good roads.—Newberry News and Herald.

Notice of Election.

Whereas one-third of the electors and one-third of free-holders residing in Craigsaville school district, No. 8, in Lancaster county, have petitioned the county board of education to order an election to determine whether or not the 3-mill tax now levied on all real or personal property in said district for school purposes, shall be repealed.

We hereby order the trustees of said district No. 8 to hold the election on Wednesday, June 25, 1913, at Craigsaville school house. At which election only such electors as return real or personal property for taxation and who exhibit their tax receipts and registration certificates shall be allowed to vote. Rules for opening and closing shall be the same as in all general elections. A. C. ROWELL, J. GARDINER RICHARDS, V. A. LINGLE, County Board of Education.

Notice of Election.

Whereas, one-third of the electors and one-third of free-holders residing in Riverside school district, No. 7, Lancaster county, have petitioned the county board of education to order an election to determine whether or not the 3-mill tax now levied on all real and personal property in said school district for school purposes shall be repealed.

We hereby order the trustees of said school district No. 7 to hold the election on Wednesday, June 25, 1913, at Riverside school house, at which election only such electors as return real or personal property for taxation and who exhibit their tax receipts and registration certificates shall be allowed to vote. Rules for opening and closing of polls to be the same as in all general elections. A. C. ROWELL, J. GARDINER RICHARDS, V. A. LINGLE, County Board of Education.