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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1914

—Weather forecast for South Carolina: Saturday fair.

Have you mailed your valentine yet?

The State cannot understand why the Mecklenburg Declaration celebration isn't held on April 1.

Our prayers have not been in vain—a chamber of commerce is about to be organized in Lancaster.

We have our faults, lots of them, but the sending of a comic valentine is not to be numbered among them.

The Florence Times says quite pointedly, "We owe a good deal to the church, but we hate to pay it."

If you have any faith in the future of Lancaster, join the chamber of commerce and work for the old town.

"President Wilson proves that a man may be effective without being loud," remarks The Atlanta Journal, a fact which other men in public life might wish profit remember.

—Miss Flonney Sowell leaves tonight (Friday) for Baltimore, where she will enter Goodman Wallace and Helber millinery house. She was accompanied by Miss Elsie Myers of Kershaw, Miss Myers going up to buy her spring millinery.

We agree with The Chester News that if churches "were run similar to everyday businesses where there is no let up in going after business, there would be fewer pews empty."

A town is as good as its citizenship and the meeting next Thursday to organize a chamber of commerce will prove just what kind of citizenship we have. The test is about to be applied.

A reporter of The News and Courier says, "The burial of the hatchet and official smoking of the pipe of peace between Governor Cole L. Blease and Mayor John P. Grace marked the dinner served at the Commercial Club." Par nobile fratum.

The nineteenth of February, instant, marks the fiftieth anniversary of the birth of the Order of Knights of Pythias, one of the best of the secret fraternal orders. It is a pity the lodge at this place was allowed to die a natural death. Why not revive the local organization on the date of the anniversary?

The memory of Dr. T. R. Carothers, chairman of the board of regents of the State Hospital for the Insane, when on the witness stand in the asylum investigation, seemed to have been very vague and grew even more so in the severe grilling given him on cross-examination by Dr. Eleanor B. Sanlers.

The Charlotte Observer's headlines say Governor Blease "preaches a sermon." "Text seems to be all South Carolina is in a — of a fix." The text, though somewhat inelegant, sizes up the situation about right.

The ground hog, it is true, did give timely warning in a general way of bad times to come in respect to the weather, but we do think in all fairness, he might have been a little more specific if he knew of the coming last night of the sleet and snow.

BOARD OF TRADE IN SIGHT.

As will be seen elsewhere in this issue, there is a call for a meeting of the business men of Lancaster to meet in the court house next Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock for the purpose of organizing a board of trade. The call is signed by more than a hundred of the business men of the town, who pledge themselves to attend and participate in effecting the organization. The News, as is well known, has been urging upon our citizens the absolute necessity of a board of trade or chamber of commerce for Lancaster and has never doubted but what in time it would come.

It would be difficult to mention anything for the good of the town that cannot be accomplished through the medium of such an organization. First, and most important, it will be the means of bringing our business men into more intimate personal and business relations with each other, thereby causing them to understand each other better and enabling them to work more in harmony for the good of the town. Lancaster has for many years past lost thousands of bales of cotton and as many dollars, because other surrounding towns, more wide awake, have diverted it. We understand that a neighboring market has been giving a bonus to certain parties who could induce cotton to go to that market which should naturally have come to Lancaster, and it went. Through a board of trade our merchants can forestall such tactics and keep this cotton and trade at home. Then the many advantages which Lancaster offers for home-seekers and others can be advertised through the board of trade. So let everybody be on hand at the time stated and start the organization off in good shape.

PRIMARY REFORM NEEDED.

The senate has placed itself on record as being opposed to any reform in the law governing primary elections. The only chance now to prevent fraud in the primaries is for the convention, which meets in May for the purpose of reorganizing the party and adopting rules governing elections, to adopt measures which will guarantee fair elections. We hope this will be done.

There should be something done as to the club rolls. Under the present system any person can vote whose name appears on the club roll five days before the primary election. There is no requirement that the voter shall sign his name to the roll; anybody can put it there for him. There are other matters that could be mentioned in this connection, for the present system is so loose that there are no restrictions against one man voting many times under assumed names or non-residents of the state participating in the primary.

The custom now is for a man wishing to cast his vote to give in his name to the managers. They look on the club roll and if his name is found, they proceed to administer the oath and, so far as they may know, in many cases the voter may never have been in the county more than a few days before. The loopholes for fraud are many and yet it seems impossible to get the legislature or the Democratic party to do anything. In the mean time, the candidate who scores the most votes, whether legal or illegal, gets in.

COMMENT UNNECESSARY.

The Law and Order League of Charleston is composed of the ministers, church members and others, who are engaged in doing what they can to elevate the moral tone of the city. Recently the league issued a booklet in which attention was called to the evils existing in Charleston, giving names, places, etc. At the dinner served to the governor and the legislature at the Commercial Club, the governor was one of the speakers. We take from The Charleston News and Courier of yesterday, the following excerpt from the speech, without comment, leaving it to speak for itself:

"Governor Blease next took up the Law and Order League report recently issued. After excusing himself to the ladies, he said: 'That book would be an insult to hell, much less to Charleston,' adding that the people who got it up should be driven out of the city; that they were advertising shame and infamy, and that instead of the ministers preaching politics and anti-Bleasism they should have been appealed to to spread the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ. Governor Blease said that money had been spent advertising hell-holes to young men that they might go there to satiate their lust. 'Some of you ladies may leave,' called the governor to some ladies who left the hall at this point, 'if the shoe pinches, I don't care—your husbands are wearing 'em.'"

Let a man send his wife a valentine tomorrow and he will find she is even more pleased with one now than she was before she married him.

Why have not more county conferences for the common good been held in South Carolina? We surely need them now as sorely as we ever did.

KICKING OUT OF THE TRACES.

The Charlotte Observer, which has been following President Wilson in a seemingly docile manner, is about to kick over the traces in the matter of the President's position on the Panama toll matter. The Observer says, among other things, that Mr. Wilson "has sincerely convinced himself that there should be no exemptions at all. But we must regretfully decline to follow him in the matter. We hope that Congress will."

Then the Charlotte paper gets more vehement and exclaims, "If there is not to be frankly a one-man party and a one-man government, it behooves Democrats more than non-Democrats to speak out when so humiliating and so injurious a self-stultification is desired."

Why, contemporary, President Wilson says he is trying to keep this country from humiliation and "self-stultification," in the eyes of the world by keeping faith with England. We hope that the President will enlighten The Observer more on the matter when he delivers that address to the descendants or the signers of the Declaration of Independence on the 20th of May next. In the meantime, contemporary, keep within the traces.

CHEER UP, UNCLE BEN.

The Atlanta Journal, in an interview in that city with Senator Tillman, quotes him as saying, "Don't say I expect Bleas to win; just state that I fear he may be elected." Surely such a calamity cannot happen unless the "Great Commoner," has lost the influence he once had. But we remember, not two years ago, after Tillman was re-elected by a comparatively small majority, his one-time opponents joining in to land him, he gave vent to the pitiful wall that "Bleas has stolen from me the love and affection of the one-gallus, wool-hat boys." But the senator should not be so faint-hearted in regard to the approaching election for senator. "Cotton" Smith, or the "roal burner," as he is sometimes called, has a powerful hold on these same "boys." So, cheer up, senator, "jine" the procession for Smith and wield the pitch-fork as in the days of yore.

There is heard no loud weeping because the woman's suffrage bill died so soon.—Greenwood Journal.

The house of representatives very promptly killed the bill providing for votes for women, and the women of South Carolina do not seem to care.—News and Herald.

Senator Carlisle has introduced a bill to permit women to vote in certain elections. Why not in all, if in any.—Abbeville Medium.

"Go to sleep, little darling, mother's gone to the suffrage club" is one of the late songs, having been written as its title indicates, for husbands of suffragettes to sing to their babies at night.—Greenville Piedmont.

Sure, the South Carolina legislators do not believe in woman suffrage. Just ask young McMillan, of Marion, what they think of it. He brought their opinions to the front.—Edgefield Chronicle.

As Judge Clark has within a few days represented the American people to be writhing under judicial tyranny and American women to be denied their "rights" (he said nothing about their many valuable privileges and immunities inconsistent with the equal-rights theory) we trust that he will rest content until his next speech-making trip.—Charlotte Observer.

The postoffice department has decided that "postmaster" applies to "misses" as well as to a man holding the office. Is this a concession to the suffragettes?—Columbia Record.

We are glad indeed to see that the fanatics and cranks did not have their way with the legislature on the question of dragging the woman of South Carolina from the high position which they occupy down into the slime and filth of politics and we humbly trust that it will be a long time before it will be possible for them to do so. The men of this grand old state are too gallant, and have to high regard for our women to bring a calamity upon them that the agitators will continue their work there is no reason for doubting, but the thing to do is to let them agitate while we hold to the sacred traditions of the past. It will be a sad day for us should we ever have our women leaving the sacred precincts of home to jostle with men around the polls. In the home woman's the queen of the hearts of the men, and her influence, while she remains there, is unbounded, but when she gives up this sacred position and assumes the role of a man, she not only loses her power and influence, but she arouses the indignity and the contempt of men. Nothing is more to be admired than a womanly woman; nothing to be more condemned than a manly woman. God save our country from the long-haired men and the short-haired manly woman!—Greenwood Journal.

FROM OTHER PAPERS

Far From It. Money is not the best thing you can leave your children when you go.—Orangeburg Times and Democrat.

No Criterion. It is not fair to judge a man by his clothes, nor a woman by her husband.—Anderson Mail.

"Traitor to the Race." A Georgia congressman has gone home to attend the funeral of his old "mammy." "Nigger-lover!" Traitor to the race!—The State.

A Tactless Remark. We agree with The Greenville Piedmont on its solution of the problem, "Why Girls Don't Marry." They don't have a chance.—Anderson Intelligencer.

And we were just beginning to think Banks was going to get along well in Anderson and make friends.—Spartanburg Herald.

A Study in Contrasts. When one reads the daily story of crime in the columns of the city papers he may be pardoned for thinking there are no good people in the land. And when one goes to a cemetery and reads the fulsome inscriptions on many of the tombstones, he may wonder if ever there were any bad people in the land.—Orangeburg Times and Democrat.

Next Big Stop. The next big stop in the newspaper world of South Carolina will be at Chick Springs sometime in the early summer. Brethren, begin now to lay up a few dollars with which to pay for board and lodging, et cetera, especially the latter.—Gaffney Ledger.

An Ancient Legend. Just about the time we were beginning to see signs of improvement in North Carolina the folks of Charlotte organize a society, the object of which is to see to it that the signing of the immortal "Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence" is celebrated forever.—Greenville Piedmont.

Men, Too, Are Strange. Editor Wallace, of The Newberry Observer, certainly has his nerve with him all right. In his issue of last week his leading editorial was headed "Women Are Strange Creatures," and then he proceeds to discuss the sex through about a column and a half of space. We thought he had learned better by this time.—Bamberg Herald.

The Fence-Straddler. The thing that makes all workers for good so tired that they want to quit is the man who manages always to escape being fixed on either side. He says nice things and encouraging things to both sides, but he is not going to be found fighting on either side. Most people are that way. It is a shame, but it is so.—Florence Times.

A Wise Precaution. The Rowan county board of health has ruled that children suffering from tuberculosis must be kept away from the public schools. The ruling requires the teacher to send from the school any child suspected of the disease until a doctor's certificate shows the absence of the disease. It further requires all parents to keep tubercular children at home. This is going at one of the biggest problems of public health on the principle that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.—Waxhaw Enterprise.

Frankness. Absolute frankness usually works for the good of everybody. Like all rules, this has exceptions, but like other rules it is not much affected by them. No real man wants an unwilling wife, and no true woman wants a husband who does not love her and probably does love somebody else. Money has nothing whatever to do with the calculation of either. To suspect the genuineness of an affection, that is balanced against a cash settlement is natural enough and there is little wonder that the world believes that greed or revenge lurks at the base of plans which find their way to a court of law.—Rock Hill Record.

LEARN TO SING "CAROLINA."

Let Teachers and Pupils Practice This Song For Field Day. These four stanzas of the song, "Carolina," will be sung on Field Day, March 27. It is hoped that all teachers of the county will be present at the teachers' meeting Saturday, 21st instant, in order to practice this patriotic song:

Call on thy children of the hill, Make swamp and river, coast and rill, Rouse all thy strength and all thy skill, Carolina, Carolina.

Hold up the glories of thy dead, Say how thy elder children bled, And point to Entaw's battlebed, Carolina, Carolina.

Tell how the patriotic soul was tried, And what his dauntless breast defied, How Rutledge ruled and Laurens died, Carolina, Carolina.

Cry! till thy summons heard at last Shall fall like Marion's bugle-blast Re-echoed from the haunted past, Carolina, Carolina.

Many Midshipmen Resign. Annapolis, Md., Feb. 11.—Twenty-one midshipmen of the fourth class today tendered their resignations, having been found deficient in recent semi-annual examinations. This makes a total of twenty-eight members of the class who were compelled to resign.

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SIGNS. Folks there are who figure weather By the signs Of the gossamer or the feather, Or the vines, If the atmosphere should quiver They can feel it in their liver, And they're sure to get a shiver Up their spines. When they see a circle dancing. Round the moon, Or a brace of sun dogs prancing Just at noon, Or if Venus or the dipper Has a fit and turns a flipper, Then we're sure to get a ripper Pretty soon. When they feel the wintry breezes Start to blow They will have a dozen sneezes In a row. And they'll say: "There's nothing to it; I just know I can't live through it; I am going to die, I knew it Long ago." Gloom and trouble hold the centre Of the play, Optimism doesn't enter In the fray; Our calamity forecaster, With his almanac as master, Dishes up some new disaster Every day. If a whizzing gale should clatter, Let'er whizz, Let us learn to smile, no matter What it is. Say to every goose-boned wizzard, "Bless your pessimistic gizzard, If the good Lord sends a blizzard, Let'er blizz." Chicago Record-Herald. For Weakness and Loss of Appetite The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILI TONIC, drives out Malaria and builds up the system. A true tonic and sure Appetizer. For adults and children. 50c.

FOR A BOARD OF TRADE Meeting to be Held at Court House Thursday Afternoon, February 19th, at 3:30 O'clock to Effect Organization. We, the undersigned business men of Lancaster, S. C., hereby call a meeting of the business men of the town of Lancaster at the Court House at 3:30 p. m., on the 19th of February, instant, for the purpose of organizing a Board of Trade of the town of Lancaster to work for the improvement and advancement of the town and the betterment of business conditions. All the undersigned agree to attend such meeting and to participate in the organization of such Board of Trade. W. S. HOUGH, A. J. GREGORY, W. T. GREGORY, A. B. FERGUSON, R. E. WYLIE, JOHN CRAWFORD, JOHN T. GREEN, E. C. MACKAY, H. J. GREGORY, W. M. GREEN, R. B. ALLISON, R. B. ALLISON, J. T. WYLIE, C. F. CRAWFORD, D. L. ROBINSON, P. M. LATHAN, R. MACK ROBINSON, F. B. PORTER, A. K. COLLINS, D. E. PENNY, R. A. LONG, CITY MEAT MARKET, R. N. VANLANDINGHAM, F. M. JORDAN, IRA B. JONES, W. M. STEVENS, W. J. CUNNINGHAM, PIERCE HORTON, T. O. BLACKMON, W. F. HARPER, S. M. BARNETTE, F. T. McILWAIN, A. P. McLURE, J. U. BELL, W. R. THOMSON, W. Y. DILLARD, Jr., C. K. CONNELLY, JNO. H. POAG, W. D. LEMMOND, R. D. PLYLER, Sr., V. A. LINGLE, H. H. HORTON, L. J. MACKAY, A. L. MOORE, R. FRANCIS KEE, M. C. CUNNINGHAM, R. THOS. BEATY, E. B. LINGLE, O. M. FERGUSON, E. G. JORDAN, HAZEL FERGUSON, W. H. TERRY, JNO. A. COOK, W. P. ROBINSON, JAS. F. HUNTER, W. F. BROOM, GEORGE W. WILLIAMS, O. O. FERGUSON, FRANK W. HUNTER, GUS BELEOS, L. HIRSCH & SONS, D. REECE WILLIAMS, CARNES BROS., LEROY SPRINGS, H. Y. FUNDERBURK, E. W. SNSTARE, F. J. HINSON, E. B. RODDEY, W. F. LANEY, M. S. WITHERSPOON, T. M. HUGHES, R. S. STEWART, E. G. LAZENBY, W. H. REED, W. E. TAYLOR, J. E. CRAIG, J. C. ELLIOTT, W. L. STEELE, R. S. HARPER, W. J. McILWAIN, H. HINES, PERRY MACKAY, J. L. REED, H. E. COFFEY, S. E. HAGINS, W. McD. BROWN, L. C. LAZENBY, T. C. HICKS, J. C. EDWARDS, CHAS. S. KING, E. A. COLE, A. L. FOWLER, W. E. DRENNAN, A. F. GILES, R. B. ROBINSON, W. A. BLAKENEY, W. S. STEWMAN, J. O. PORTER, L. C. PAYSEUR, R. R. RIDDLE, JOS. W. KNIGHT, W. P. BENNETT, W. C. HOUGH, J. M. WOODLEY, M. M. WOODLEY, J. T. THOMASSON, PAUL MOORE, J. F. MOORE, J. B. MACKORELL, E. M. CROXTON, OLIVER C. BLACKMON, B. CUNNINGHAM, JNO. D. WYLIE, H. R. MURCHISON.