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TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 1914.

—Weather forecast for South Carolina: Fair Tuesday and Wednesday.

Think of the happiness the ground hog must feel to be let alone at last.

Are you "a-wearin' o' the green" today?

Ambassador Page is not the only man in public life who has talked too much.

So far we have seen only one kite this month and March is already more than half gone. What has become of the old-fashioned boys who used to fly them?

"You can't teach an old dog new tricks," was not written of the new dances for parents and grandparents seem to take to the new dances as readily as the younger set.

Let's reorganize the boys' corn club and then start a girls' tomato club for Lancaster county. The young people on the farm like to have their own money to spend and will use it more wisely if they have earned it themselves.

We direct your attention to Superintendent Lingle's communication, telling of the plans for Field Day. Both he and the teachers of the county have worked for several weeks to make this occasion a success and they deserve the co-operation of every parent and pupil in Lancaster county.

Vice President Marshall has no use for a gold-headed cane, wisely refusing to accept such a senseless gift. Such banquets are quite appropriate presents for the dandy, who has nothing to do but feel them, but to busy men they are a positive insult.

It is now time for spring cleaning, and we hope that the crusade against trash will not be confined to the interior of homes. For a healthful and beautiful town, much outdoor work is necessary. So let's have a general cleaning of yards, back lots and streets.

Why should the militants hold the lovely Rokely Venus responsible for their failure to get the ballot? England would be a far happier land today if all her women were as offensive as that old masterpiece they so ruthlessly defaced.

Every school child in Lancaster county is interested in Field Day. If he is not to take part himself, some of his friends are and the child should not be deprived of the opportunity of seeing others compete in friendly rivalry. We hope parents will bring their children to Lancaster Field Day on Friday of next week.

"Circulation is the thing that counts in the use of printers' ink," says The Rock Hill Herald. This is quite true and it is a fact that advertisers should remember. More than a hundred new names have been added to our mailing list during the last few weeks.

The legislature having adjourned and the members having gone to their homes, when Governor Blease wants to engage in a fistfight with a coordinate branch of the government, he will only have the supreme court to tackle. But as this august body is composed of fewer members than the legislature, he could possibly do the whole court up without shucking his coat.

THE MEXICAN PROBLEM.

President Wilson is indeed confronted with a perplexing problem in Mexico. But as has been pointed out in a recent editorial in Harper's Weekly, these vexatious problems have not arisen during the administration of President Wilson, but were inherited by him from the administration of his predecessor, Mr. Taft. The oppressed people of Mexico rose in their might, overthrew President Diaz and put Madero in his place. Madero represented the great masses of the people and if he had been given the cordial support of Mr. Taft, through his then ambassador to Mexico, Henry Lane Wilson, he would have brought order out of chaos and Mexico would by this time have had a comparatively stable government. But Madero did not get this moral support from the United States, owing mainly to the fact that the Republican party, the party of special interests, was permitting capitalists of this country to engage in the business of exploiting in Mexico. Madero, the representative of the down-trodden people of Mexico, was assassinated by Huerta, the representative of all that is mean and low in that country, and no sooner did he proclaim himself President than Henry Lane Wilson, our ambassador, began to truckle and cringe to him, until President Wilson put a quietus on him by recalling him to this country and sending Mr. John Lind down to Mexico as his own personal representative.

It is true that the rights of the United States, as well as other world powers, are not being respected by Mexico, but as long as other countries will leave the matter to be settled by this country and will leave the time of settlement to the good judgment of the United States, we see no need for our President to plunge the country into a bloody and interminable war with Mexico. Recourse to war should be postponed as a last resort. We have every confidence that the President has the matter well in hand and when the time comes to act, he will do so in a very decisive way. In the meantime, jingoism is not only in bad taste, but essentially wrong. Prominent among the jingoes are Senator Fall of New Mexico and William Randolph Hearst, the millionaire owner of several yellow journals. Both Senator Fall and Mr. Hearst have large financial and property interests in Mexico that would be very much helped by the precipitation of war between the United States and that country. But unlike his predecessor, President Wilson will not let jingoism control his actions, but will be governed by considerations of justice to Mexico and by what is for the best interests of the United States. Dollar diplomacy does not go with our President.

A great furor is now being raised by a certain portion of the press and pupil of Georgia against the execution of Frank, who has been convicted and sentenced to die for the murder of little fourteen-year-old Mary Phagan. Frank was regularly tried and convicted, having been represented in the trial by two able criminal lawyers, who left no stone unturned to save their client. His case was appealed to the supreme court of the state and that tribunal affirmed the decision of the lower court. Yet the hood is going up that public feeling was at too high a pitch during the trial and that the evidence all being circumstantial, there is a possibility that Frank may be innocent. Much of this same sentimental kind of gush was indulged in after the trial and conviction of Henry Clay Beattie and the Akins of Virginia, but it did not go in the Old Dominion state and will hardly go in Georgia. Frank's pathetic appeal, now that he is in the shadow of the gallows, and the sensational sermons now being preached on the subject from the Atlanta pulpits will doubtless fall of their purpose.

Governor Blease has pardoned John J. Jones, the lawyer who shot and killed Abe Pearline in the post-office at Branchville, about three years ago. Jones, on his trial, was convicted of manslaughter, and given a light term of ten years and one day in the penitentiary. He appealed to the supreme court and got no relief there. But now the governor comes to his rescue after he has served only a little more than two years of his sentence, and pardoned him "in order to let him go out West and get a new start in life." Meanwhile, the slaughter of human beings by one another goes on in South Carolina. Where are we drifting, anyway?

One community in this county has set an example which should be followed in every other neighborhood. It has organized a Parent-Teacher Association, which brings together those nearest and dearest to the child. The meetings of such an association are exceedingly profitable and helpful to all interested in school work.

We wonder how many children are questioned at home and at school on current events. In view of the fact that many grown men and women know little about what is going on in the great outside world today, it is important that children be taught to read the papers. When once their interest is enlisted the inquiring mind will go into the causes and effects of certain events and much information is thus obtained. Despite the fact that a certain class of people would question the veracity of newspapers, it is generally conceded that all who would keep abreast of the time must read them.

The first meeting of the chamber of commerce, which was organized so recently, will be held tomorrow (Wednesday) night at the court house. All the members are urged to attend as this will be an exceedingly important meeting and plans will be made to help the business interests of the town. Let all members attend.

Remember, friends, we are judged by the company we keep and besides it isn't very consistent to live and mingle with people for whom we have never a good word to say. If you don't like this town and its people, why not move to a more congenial place?

FROM OTHER PAPERS

Signs of Life
Although the backbone of winter is broken, the season is still kicking.—Charleston Post.

Better Far.
It would be far better to mortgage a home to educate a child than to buy an automobile.—Salisbury Post.

Who Dares Say So?
Who says the groundhog is not a good weather prophet.—Newberry Observer.

To Him who Waits.
Everything seems to come to him who waits, anti-tipping crusades to the contrary notwithstanding.—Greenwood Journal.

Don't Care About Education.
Some people want to stop the negroes from having schools, and they don't seem to care very much whether the whites have schools or not.—Anderson Mail.

The Difference.
Underwood has based up his campaign in Alabama. Hobson is going on with his electing. But Underwood is needed at Washington, and Hobson is not.—Agusta Chronicle.

What's the Use?
Governor Blease has sent a special message to the General Assembly announcing that he will veto any bill tending to primary reform; and he asks in said message that his friends oppose any reform measure. So what is the use of trying to make things better so long as his excellency remains in office.—Edgefield Chronicle.

"Blessed Are Ye."
The Florence Times dares to make this remark: "To Dr. Babcock (Dr. Saunders and all others attacking by certain runaway executive imaginings—Blessed are ye when governors relive and perjure you for the state's sake, for you shall be more than justified."—Pee Dee Advocate.

Good School First.
Every community needs good roads and good schools; but if it must have one without the other—if it has limited funds that can be used for only one of the two—then let that one be good schools.—Darlington News and Press.

Some Figuring.
Someone who had lots of leisure has figured out that a pound of honey requires the bee to visit 73,000 clover heads. Now, let him figure out how many lies one has to tell to be elected to public office.—Abbeville Medium.

Real Local Equality.
A man who whooped up Blease for his tirade against negroes, during the last campaign, has since been seen in a buck lot in Bennettsville, with his arm around a negro, and both drinking out of the same bottle. These are the kind of men who are usually the most wrought up by cries of "social equality."—Pee Dee Daily.

Logical Successor to Blease.
The followers of the present governor are unable to agree upon a candidate to succeed him. Judging by political records, Hon. C. D. Fortner, of this county, is the logical man to succeed the present incumbent. Mr. Fortner has announced his candidacy for railroad commissioner, but as a matter of fact, he stands more truly to type the exponent of the present administration than any other man in public life. He should make the race for governor. He is the logical man.—Spartanburg Herald.

Long Life Is Ended.
Pensacola, Fla., March 15.—Isaac Cooley, 114 years old, the oldest man in Escambia county, Florida, died today. He was born in South Carolina in 1800 and is survived by over 100 grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. He attributed his old age to regular habits and up to a few days of his death he continued to arise at the break of day. His wife, who died one year ago, was two years his senior.



No. 7858.
REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF
THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK
of Lancaster, in the State of South Carolina, at the close of business March 4th, 1914.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and Discounts	\$215,821.39
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	4,480.53
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	50,000.00
U. S. Bonds to secure U. S. Deposits	17,500.00
Other bonds to secure U. S. Deposits	9,000.00
Bonds, Securities, etc.	6,611.57
Banking House, Furniture, and Fixtures	3,471.36
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	\$12,102.94
Due from approved Reserve Agents	17,248.43
Checks and other Cash Items	9,894.46
Notes of other National Banks	5,580.00
Fractional Paper Currency, Nickels, and Cents	51.33
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:	
Specie	11,056.90
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	2,500.00
Total	\$366,418.85
LIABILITIES.	
Capital Stock paid in	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus fund	25,000.00
Undivided Profits, less Expenses and Taxes paid	3,608.81
National Bank Notes Outstanding	48,000.00
Individual deposits subject to check	\$165,194.06
Time certificates of deposit	46,774.38
Certified checks	8.00
Cashier's checks outstanding	2,845.25
United States deposits	24,988.40
Total	\$366,418.85

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
County of Lancaster—ss.
I, E. M. Croxton, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
E. M. CROXTON, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of March, 1914.
JOHN CRAWFORD,
Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:
Chas. D. Jones, Jno. A. Cook, W. F. Laney, Directors.

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

BACK AT US.

Not Necessarily Redundant.

The last number of the Lancaster News contained, in an editorial, this phrase, "single handed and alone." It reminded me of the Kansan who, on the witness stand, made frequent use of the same expression, until the prosecuting attorney became exasperated and demanded: "Why in the world do you use that expression? Doesn't 'single handed' mean the same as 'alone'?"

"Not always," replied the witness. "When I was a young chap courtin' the girls, I used to drive our old gray mare single handed many an evenin' when I wasn't alone by an arm full."

With Pleasure for We have a Chamber of Commerce.

"If you want a prosperous town where people can come who are disposed to make homes, then do away with and bury from sight all jealousy and spite work, move for common prosperity and mutual benefit. Wake up, rub your eyes and roll up your sleeves and go to work." This is the advice of a live Western newspaper, and it is good advice, too. Let us heed it here in Lancaster.—News. If you have any of this advice to spare please send about four box car loads to Westminster.—Tugaloos Tribune.

Time for Road Dragging.

We have already had some splendid weather for road dragging and will have more before the winter is over. Wherever the roads have been dragged they are to be found in excellent condition. But there is much more work yet to be done.—Lancaster News.

The same thing is true in every county where there are roads. The road drag is a very simple device and if used properly will insure good roads. If the people who are interested will not use it the blame rests entirely with them and they have only themselves to blame. Use the split log drag and have good roads. Refuse to use it and have the bad roads we have been having. There are the two horns of the dilemma, take your choice.—Newberry Herald and News.

LOOK FOR SPRING WEATHER.

Weather Man Promises All Sections Ideal Conditions.

Washington, March 15.—Fair, early spring weather in nearly all parts of the country this week was promised tonight by the weather bureau.

"The weather will be unsettled Monday however said the weekly bulletin along the northern border from the Great Lakes east."

"The next important disturbance will appear on the north Pacific coast Monday night or Tuesday, cross the Great Central Valleys Wednesday or Thursday and the Eastern States about Friday. This disturbance will be attended by local rains and snows and it will be followed by colder weather over the Northern States east of the Rocky mountains.

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HOW ARE YOU FIXED FOR MARCH?

This is the month when you need Flour, Meat, Lard, Corn, Meal, Sugar, Coffee, Tobacco. We have it in caddies that we can sell you cheap. We have a reputation of selling Good Flour, our MELROSE, TIP TOP AND STANDARD are guaranteed to give satisfaction. Don't forget that we get fresh shipments of TOP NOTCH Bread every week. We have your Seed Irish Potatoes, 25 Bags, waiting for your orders. Garden Seed of all kinds. Just received a shipment of Molasses, all sizes, barrels, half barrels, 10 and 5 gallon kegs, and the price is right. Did you know why our MELROSE FLOUR was so good? Because it was grown and ground in the same town and County in which President Wilson was born, Staunton, Va., and no doubt he was raised on this same Flour. If you will use it continually it will make a smart man of you. Come to see us when you are in the market for anything in the Grocery or Hardware line. We are here to serve you.

Yours for business,
E. W. SISTARE

"GOOD THINGS TO EAT."

FIRE IN TOWN

Should you have one, are you prepared for it? The Farmers' Mutual is now prepared to insure dwellings, barns and tenant houses, in towns, provided they are isolated at very low cost. Our policies include windstorm protection, which you do not get in other fire insurance companies without extra cost. Leave message at the Farmers' Bank and Trust Co., and we will call on you.

D. E. BONEY Mgr.

WE HAVE FAITH IN THIS STOMACH REMEDY

A woman customer said to us the other day, "Say, you ought to tell everyone in town about Rexall Dyspepsia Tablets. I would myself if I could." That set us to thinking. So many people have used them and have so enthusiastically sounded their praises both to us and their friends, that we had an idea you all knew about them. But, in the chance that some of you who suffer from indigestion, heartburn, dyspepsia, or some other stomach complaint, don't know about them—we are writing this. They contain Bismuth and Pepsin, two of the greatest digestive aids known to medical science. They

soothe and comfort the stomach, promote the secretion of gastric juice, help to quickly digest the food and convert it into rich, red blood, and improve the action of the bowels. We believe them to be the best remedy made for indigestion and dyspepsia. We certainly wouldn't offer them to you entirely at our risk unless we felt sure they would do you a lot of good. If Rexall Dyspepsia Tablets do not relieve your indigestion, check the heartburn, and make it possible for you to eat what you like whenever you like, come back and get your money. Sold only at the more than 7,000 Rexall Stores, and in this town only at our store. Three sizes, 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Standard Drug Company, Lancaster, S. C.