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"Let reverence for laws be breathed by every American mother to the lisping babe that prattles on her lap; let it be taught in schools, in seminaries and colleges; let it be written in primers, spelling books and almanacs; let it be preached from the pulpit, proclaimed in legislative halls, and enforced in courts of justice. And in short, let it become the political religion of the nation; and let the old and the young, the rich and the poor, the grave and the gay of all sexes and tongues and colors and conditions, sacrifice unceasingly upon its altars."

FRIDAY, JAN. 28, 1916.

Weather Forecast for S. C.: Local rains Friday or Friday night, and probably Saturday; colder Saturday.

If there is no night school in your community, why not organize one?

There are those who agree that we need a public library, yet are not helping to develop the facilities already at hand.

We should be in a position to give our own people treatment at a hospital of our own. How is the proposition progressing?

Bank clearings continue to afford gratifying evidence of the active business conditions prevailing in every section of the country.

Local merchants are experiencing the usual mid-season dullness although department stores and retailers in most lines are beginning to stimulate business somewhat through special sales.

We hope that every girl in Lancaster county will take part in the home demonstration work soon to begin. There will be taught many valuable lessons in the science of homemaking.

Several new storerooms have just been completed with the early prospect of other new buildings on Main street. No other town in the state is as busy as Lancaster in the erection of business houses.

Optimism and general expansion of trade in all lines of commercial and industrial activity feature the opening weeks of the new year, and promises an unusually large and profitable spring season, since it is generally admitted that the masses are now better prepared to purchase their requirements and pay for them than for several years past.

Yesterday was the day set apart as a special time for contribution to the fund for relief of the Jews in the war zone of Europe. If you did not contribute yesterday, there is yet time to help this stricken people, who for hundreds of years have known so much suffering and persecution. The Jewish people are entitled to consideration and their present needs should be generously met.

This being campaign year, a majority of the house of representatives are making a bid for votes by passing a two-cent railroad rate bill. Some politicians are always ready to fight any corporation and would exact a reduced fare, even though the railways have barely held their own during the past year. Of course the house politicians had to start something which we believe the senate will have the good sense to kill. We need more railroads and fewer politicians in South Carolina.

The Landsford public road between the Cunningham place and Lancaster has been recently dragged by the county authorities. A farmer from the Riverside section in conversation has expressed himself as being delighted with the work, saying he

had had no idea before of the great benefit accruing to a road from the use of the drag. By resort to a general system of dragging all of the public road of the county at proper intervals the roads could be made passable all through the winter. We hope the county authorities will continue the good work and extend it to all parts of the county.

FROM OTHER PAPERS.

And Looking to You. Here's looking at you, legislators.—Spartanburg Journal.

The Bag's the Thing. No, Jason, the proof of the pudding is not chewing the rag.—Anderson Mail.

Paving Materials. Some of our streets are paved with asphalt, some with brick, and the rest with good intentions.—Anderson Mail.

Why Will They? If there's a time We want to fight, It's when we see It writ "Alright."—Columbia State.

"A Lively Place." Rock Hill certainly must be a lively place. It takes six months to find a corpse after a man dies over there.—York News.

Should Enjoy All Privileges. If women are good enough to vote, they ought to be good enough to die as a man does when they commit a man's crime.—Henderson Dispatch.

He "Absconds." The life insurance people say the man who does not leave his wife and children provided for "does not die—he absconds." Had you ever thought of it just that way?—Spartanburg Herald.

Maybe We've Darned 'Em. The Lancaster News says that the way to avoid grip is to wear thick socks. What does the fair and single editress of The Lancaster News know about socks?—Anderson Daily Mail.

Making Teacher Happy. "What are you going to do make your teacher happy?" asks The Lancaster News. One young man in Westminster married a teacher to make her happy. It looks like more are to follow suit.—Tugaboo Tribune.

A Charleston Protest. South Carolina prohibitionists are contemplating the painful duty of converting the gallon a month law into a quart a month law, by gum; or else making it a not a drop a month law, the alternative being stimulant only on a physician's prescription. This event would make morbidity statistics grow if nothing else happened.—The Charleston Post.

Entirely Negligible. The general assembly yesterday passed a resolution endorsing President Wilson. There was not a single dissenting vote. This would indicate that the overwhelming sentiment in South Carolina is behind the president. There are a few who are disposed to criticize him, but they make up a negligible minority.—Spartanburg Journal.

January Roses. Roses are still blooming in the open yards in and around Charlotte, and if the people had only known what sort of a winter was before them they could have been working in May gardens in January. An occasional cold snap comes along that makes our citizens shut the doors and close the windows for a short spell, but in the main they live in the open. A great climate, this.—Charlotte Observer.

"Gently, Brethren, Gently!" In the modern and more enlightened practice of medicine the rule is not to dose the patient too much. The human system can not endure too many kinds of strong physic at once and it is wise to give nature a chance. Legislators would do well to apply the principle to the commonwealth. The people can not and will not swallow a multitude even of good laws in a single year. A

prudent representative of the people will vote against nine out of ten bills that on their face appear desirable because he knows that in 40 days he can not possibly devote to them the study and examination that they ought to have.—The Columbia State.

HABIT AND THRIFT DAY.

February 3 to be Observed Annually in Developing Thrifty Habits.

Mr. Matthew J. Kurtz, consulting specialist of the Collins service of Philadelphia, was in Lancaster today. He is touring the country in the interest of "thrift day," a subject which has been taken hold of throughout the United States. In conversation with the Lancaster News, Mr. Kurtz made the following statement:

"There is quite a significance in that truth so often expressed, 'we are all creatures of habit.' The matter of concern to the individual is not one of eliminating habit, but rather the recognition of habit values and the intensive cultivation of those which stand for greater progress and broader development. 'The establishment of thrift day is designed to direct the attention of the individual to every habit that could in the leastwise be connected with waste, which also includes unproductive spending."

"Thrift day in no wise is designed as an observance for miserliness, niggardliness of penuriousness. The fuller, bigger, broader conception of the true meaning of thrift and frugality is yet to become well known and understood by the people of our country, and cannot in any way be confounded with those habits represented by their opposites. 'Many people who realize that that thrift habit is a sound foundation for a fortune lose sight of the fact that it is also an important factor in character building. It is because this latter is so that the promoters of thrift in this country are devoting such earnest efforts to institute the subject of thrift into our schools with the same degree of enthusiasm and system as are used in the teaching of other vital subjects."

"The thrift habit ensues as the result of a certain desirable attitude of mind and an understanding of the value of money, and therefore of its proper use, for, to quote the words of that great American teacher and preacher of thrift, Benjamin Franklin, 'the use of money is all the advantage there is in having money.'"

Figures by the department of commerce show that heavy exports and declining imports together set a new American trade balance record at \$1,772,000,000. Imports were the smallest since 1912.

AMERICAN EXPORTS BREAKING RECORDS

Increase of 70 Per Cent Marked in 1915—Imports Reduced and Character Changed. Washington, Jan. 28.—American exports increased 70 per cent in 1915, and reached a total of \$2,555,000,000, breaking all previous records.

The country's total foreign trade—exports and imports—passed the \$5,000,000,000 mark during the year, each month showing heavier exports until December's reached \$359,000,000. The trade balance of close to \$2,000,000,000 was five times greater than in 1914, when it stopped at \$324,000,000.

Exports have grown steadily and rapidly for the last four years, the European war checking outgoing shipments only for a brief time.

The figures show that the war not only cut imports, but changed their character as well. Seventy-two per cent of last December's imports were duty free, against 60 per cent free the previous December. This is attributed to the British blockade, which has cut off highly dutiable manufactured products from central Europe.

Uncle Eben. "Til bet dar wouldn't be nigh so much war," said Uncle Eben, "ef befo' each battle ev'body had to stan' up an' give a sensible explanation of what he was fightin' about."

The Real Thing. It is not numbers that count but importance.

AT COLUMBIA THEATRE.

Five Big Stage Stars to Appear in Columbia.

Five stars in one play sounds good. Let's turn it over and see what it means. Latterly, as a rule, plays have been too lean to support one star, and one star has hardly been enough to warm up exciting interest even in a good piece. To the Columbia theatre, Columbia, on Saturday afternoon and evening, February 5, come five of the highest rating in the theatrical blue book, and the play "The New Henrietta" is an old friend that has been weighed and not found wanting. It means a revival and that in turn means the new ways of reaching the public for the theatre of late has fallen short. Some say it is because playgoers are disgusted with the underworld trend of stage offerings, and others charge it to the lack of ideals and the genius of industry in writers, actors and managers.

Revolutions are a blessing to a changing world, because they justify only the best of other days, and institute a comparison that falls like heavenly dew on the drying up egotism of a younger generation. Joseph Brooks has fathered more important revivals than any of the legitimate theatre managers. It was he who organized the memorable all-star tour in the classical English comedy "The Rivals" with Jefferson, Florence Crane, the Holland brothers, E. M. and Joseph, Nat Goodwin, Robert Tabor, Julia Marlowe and Mrs. John Drew. Last season he revived "Tribly" with an all-star cast and now comes our old friend "The Henrietta" under his guiding direction with Wm. H. Crane, Thomas W. Ross, Maclyn Arbuckle, Amelia Bingham and Edith Taliaferro to embody its delightful romance.

"The New Henrietta" has the advantage of an American story, a model of technical drawing and human interest, enacted by players singularly fitted for their respective roles and sensitively revised by Winchell Smith and Victor Mapes to suit the taste and vision of a passing generation. That Mr. Brooks has read his public aright is abundantly evident in the affectionate greeting his stars receive at every performance. In this instance a theatre ticket may be bought without any intruding thought of doubt about its value.

MILL VILLAGE.

Mr. Will Adams of Kershaw, visited friends here Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. Estelle Hogan, of Great Falls, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hunter.

Rev. Wylie Catoe, Mr. Willie Mattox, Mr. O. H. Adams, and Lit Robinson motored to Kershaw Sunday to visit Mr. Frank Hunter, who is very sick.

Mr. Hugh Snipes visited friends here Saturday.

Mrs. Mangum is very low with typhoid pneumonia.

Mr. El. Flinn, son of Mr. Tom Flinn, is very sick.

Mr. Will Barton and family visited his father, Mr. Bob Barton.

Miss Oliva McGuirt is very ill at the home of Mr. Ernest McAtee.

Miss Lillie Stogner is very ill. Mr. C. A. Deese, of Rock Hill, and Mr. R. B. Deese, of Concord, visited their niece, Mrs. W. J. Barton, the past week.

Master Ira Adams has been very ill for the past week.

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WATCH This list to see if you want anything and then come for I have got lots of things that I can't list: Rubber Balls, Corn Poppers, Shoe Brushes, Lunch Boxes, Glass Water Pitcher, Dust Pans, Dover Egg Beaters, Egg Beaters, Shoe Polishing Set, Shaving Brushes, Coat Hangers, Bath tub soap dishes, Letter Boxes, Mail Boxes, Dog Chains, Aluminum Salt & Pepper boxes, Drinking Cups, folding, Drinking Cups, not folding, The biggest thing in aluminum cooking vessels for 10c, 25c, and 50c, you or I ever saw.

I have got some cut glass tumblers that will make your 10c ashamed of itself and lots of other things. Come and see. Yours. J. B. MACKORELL

How is Your Appetite? Yes, you will find people around here whose appetites are not of the best. But then, you will also find some people who do not buy their groceries from us. On the other hand, you will find a great many of our people who never lack for an appetite, whose digestion is never impaired, who are enjoying life to the fullest extent. And you will find a vast number of people hereabouts who BUY THEIR GROCERIES FROM US. Which class are you in? Which class do you want to be in? Edwards & Horton COAL SHINGLES WOOD