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"Let reverence for laws be breathed by every American mother to the lisping babe that rattles 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."

TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 1916

Weather forecast for South Carolina: Fair, colder Tuesday; Wednesday fair, slightly warmer.

Is everybody ready for Field Day? Young and old alike should feel an interest in this school event.

Lancaster still has no place within its borders to take the sick for treatment. That long long-talked-of hospital should begin to take substantial form.

The town garden can be made profitable by a system of rotation and no plot is too small to grow vegetables for all the year round.

Some patriotic citizen should circulate a petition for the library. When the people have voted the tax levy for this purpose, Lancaster will secure adequate library facilities of which there is dire need at present.

The Edgefield Advertiser deprecates the early campaign opening, mentioning among its other disadvantages the fact that "some embryonic candidates have caught cold 'keepin' their ears to the ground."

Says the Rock Hill Herald: "Lancaster is all right, despite the fact that an Atlanta newspaper man was able to remain in business there but one week." Sure, Lancaster is all right and the Atlanta man who decided not to come here will doubtless live to regret his decision.

The county board of education offers ten dollars towards the expenses of Lancaster county teachers who wish to attend summer schools elsewhere, rather than hold a summer school here. By taking advantage of the state summer schools, our teachers will hear lectures and educators of note and will gain much from contact with teachers from other towns and cities.

The county Field Day is the school child's very own holiday, won by hard work, and every pupil should be allowed to come to Lancaster to himself participate or to encourage his school-fellows who take part in the events of the day. And the parents, brothers, sisters and friends of these children should have enough pride in them to witness the children's efforts.

The sympathy of the entire country goes out to Augusta in the loss that city sustained in the fire of last week. The principal business sections and hundreds of beautiful residences were lost, but the spirit of the people is undaunted. The Augusta Chronicle's handsome new home was gutted by fire, but the Chronicle did not suspend publication even for a day. The enterprise of the Chronicle, as well as the Herald, which was also issued in spite of difficulties, is an index to the character of Augusta's citizenship. Already plans are being made for the making of a still more attractive city than the Augusta which has always been so much admired.

It seems that Lancaster is not the only South Carolina town in need of an improved telephone system. This is what the Newberry Observer says of the telephone facilities in its town: "Newberry must have a more modern and better telephone system. The service is as good, no doubt, as is possible with the present equipment; but it's no exaggeration to say it is bum."

PREVENTABLE FIRE WASTE

In view of the recent devastating conflagrations in several southern cities the State of last Friday contained a timely editorial on fire losses which we herewith quote in full:

The calamitous fire in Augusta is another proof that our American towns are without protection against conflagration.

As a rule, firemen with their apparatus are able to confine a fire to one house or to two or three. If the blaze in the isolated house gains a sufficient start the house is destroyed. Often the fire department can not save the particular house, though it can and does save the neighboring houses.

If we consider the city, not the house, as a unit, and a conflagration is fairly started, as when a dozen buildings scattered over an acre or two acres of ground are burning, the average fire department is helpless to stop it. It may check its advance at strategic points and so give the flames direction, but in general they burn so long as there be in their course anything to feed upon.

When at noon of a mild spring day in 1901, when no high wind was blowing, a mattress factory in a great old house of wood caught fire and in half an hour a dozen frame houses were burning and by night-fall more than 450 acres of houses had been destroyed in Jacksonville, Fla. A New York newspaper began its subsequent editorial comment with the phrase, "Another yellow nine town of the south wiped out." The words had a heartless ring. 10,000 people in Jacksonville were homeless, but the truth is that so long as we build inflammable houses they will burn and when the conditions are favorable to the spread of the flames we shall have disastrous conflagrations.

Insurance is merely a method of shifting the losses of individuals upon the community. What has been burned in Augusta will speedily be replaced and the new houses will be better than the old. The work of reconstruction, the concentration of insurance payments and their distribution among builders and merchants will make Augusta boom. Many individuals have suffered severe losses, some of them will not be able to recuperate, but the city as a whole will apparently be more prosperous on account of the fire. In the long run it pays in the form of insurance premiums for what has been destroyed.

Whenever property is wasted by fire in the United States the country is poorer. The losses of Augusta and Nashville last Wednesday must be made good and to it the whole country will contribute.

Improved and more intelligent methods of building and greater care of property would save ten dollars to the people of South Carolina where one is saved by legislating about insurance rates. It is not insurance rates that make the people poor—it is the waste by fire. If in insurance premiums the people pay ten cents too much on \$100, they lose \$10,000 on \$10,000,000 of insurance carried and they are right when they insist that injustice be corrected. But every time that a house worth \$10,000 burns the people lose \$10,000 and they don't seem to know it. It is not the extortion of the insurance companies that taxes the people heavily. The tax would be heavy were the rates always exactly just. They real burden that they feel is caused by fire waste, most of which is preventable.

FIELD DAY FRIDAY

Lancaster County Field Day, which will be observed here Friday, is an event in which every citizen should feel a personal interest. Not only the teachers and those who participate in the contests, but also the other pupils of the schools, as well as their parents and friends, will find that Field Day holds something in store for them. This occasion marks the progress made by the educational forces of Lancaster county, in which every citizen shares. It should be a happy day for the children, and incidentally for all of us who can feel the significance of such a rally. The helpful rivalry stimulated by participation in the events of the day, the community spirit engendered, no less than the educational value of the exhibits and the inspiration afforded by so large an outpouring of citizens united in a single purpose, are all worthy of consideration, making Field Day a significant celebration.

The indications are that on Friday, March 31, Lancaster will witness a well attended Field Day. People in general are manifesting that interest in the coming event which betokens a large gathering. If you are not in attendance, your absence will be conspicuous. Come to Lancaster Friday and have a good time.

Why not a Junior Civic League for Lancaster as well as for other good towns of the state?

Dr. M. R. Campbell Registered Optometrist and Manufacturing Optician. ANDERSON, S. C. Standard Drug Co., local representatives. Take your broken lenses and repairs to them for prompt and accurate work.

FROM OTHER PAPERS.

Just Suppose. Cheer up—suppose you were a fire insurance company.—Spartanburg Journal.

Carraza's Need. "Villa has close shave;" but Carraza needs it most.—The State.

Here's Hoping. It is to be hoped that the fire insurance people will soon cool off.—Anderson Mail.

A Fixed Habit. Some men do not wait until the first of April to make fools of themselves.—Anderson Mail.

Gone With The O. F. Skirts. What has become of the old-fashioned fellow who used to step on the ladies' skirts?—Spartanburg Herald.

Doubtless Will. Perhaps the insurance question will become an issue in the State political campaign this summer.—Rock Hill Herald.

Some Go The Limit. "The movies are all right as far as they go," says an old-time actor. And some of them are going pretty far.—News and Courier.

Where Silence Is Golden. The wise man never talks loudly about how he is going to vote, because many things may turn up between now and election day.—Orangeburg Times and Democrat.

Beams and Motes. Let us sweep before our own door first, and take the beam out of our own eyes so that we can see clearly how to take the mote out of our neighbor's yard.—Florence Times.

A Good Thing to Remember. Amidst all of the excitement of wars and rumors of wars, don't lose sight of the fact that you can hear a mighty good sermon in this town any Sunday in the year.—Johnston Times.

The Whole Force Rides. The Times force is getting to be a fast bunch. The editor rides in an automobile, the devil rides a bicycle, the job man rides a motorcycle and the ad man rides the groceryman. Every one has a vehicle according to his choice.—Lanonia Times.

Why Is It? After a subscriber has been sent a notice that his subscription has expired and that his paper is to be stopped, he invariably gets mad when the publication does quit coming and thinks that the editor should have been mind reader enough to know that he still wanted to take the sheet.—York News.

"Firms of Soot." There are not very many of the moving pictures, except the nature studies and comics, that are fit for the children to see. Most of the dramas that teach a good lesson to old folks have enough bad suggestions in them to make them harmful to the child. The mind of a child is very sensitive and it takes a very thin film of soot to blacken it.—Valdosta (Ga.) Times.

Results Will Come. The Chamber of Commerce per se may not land a single new enterprise for Chester; but if the citizens of the community will let go of their hammers and inject the proper go and get-up into the organization it won't be long before every street of importance in Chester has a cement sidewalk and the present unsightly sections of road on main thoroughfares are replaced with something decidedly better. If the community bands itself into an organization dedicated to the service of the community failure will be impossible—results are bound to come.—Chester Reporter.

Manhood Lacking. That as a shameful affair in the Liberty Hill school in Lee county, a few days ago when the principal of the school was attacked by several women who were displeased with her, and in the presence of several men, who apparently did not have manhood enough to protect their teacher from the assault of these women who had gone far astray in their madness. They have each been put under bond of \$400 for their appearance at court. We are sure that such a shameful occurrence is deeply regretted by the school officials of Lee county—we should be heartily ashamed of it should it occur in this county.—Waterloo Messenger.

RAFFLES STILL AT LARGE

Since arriving in Lancaster I have had to dodge every minute as there are some very clever amateur detectives here and to keep from being caught I have had to step around mighty fast.

Yesterday I went in to see Mr. Bowling, of the Columbia Tailoring company, who is by the way an old friend of mine; he has made me several suits before, which were entirely satisfactory. After looking over his very fine line of imported and domestic woollens, I have decided to let him make me a spring suit, also a Palm Beach, which I will get for \$2.50. Ask Mr. Bowling about the Palm Beach offer.

Now here is a little help for you. Go to the Lancaster Job Printing company and ask Mr. Long, who had letter heads printed on Correct Bond paper this week, then try to catch me.

Here is another good way to win the five spot. On to-morrow I will go in the Davis Sanitary Barber Shop between 3 and 5 p. m. to have some work done. Yes, I have all my work done there as he has the best barber in the city.

While walking around the city yesterday I thought I would look around and find the best pressing club; after going to most of them I finally came to the City Steam Pressing Club and I must say they have the most up-to-date place I have seen in some time. It was very interesting as he explained to me how his steam pressing machines would kill all germs in a garment.

Yes, I went to J. B. Mackorell's yesterday and bought the 25c 14-inch cut glass vase I told you about and I like it so well I'm going back to make another purchase to-morrow.

Yesterday as I was going for a long stroll and would not be in for lunch I went in Bennett, Terry Co.'s store and found a most up-to-date line of heavy and fancy groceries from which I selected a most appetizing repast equally fit for a king, and enjoyed a spring picnic on the outskirts of your city. As I was returning from my long stroll I again appeared on Main street and as I was passing the Harper Hardware Co.'s store I noticed an excellent line of Keen Kutter implements. Knowing the splendid reputation of this line of cutlery I guess I remained there too long gazing at the splendid display for I found there were some keen cutters at large, for I was almost captured before leaving the window.

Do you play pool? I do. And like it fine when I can get such excellent tales to play on as Mr. Mothered has in his room next to the Royal hotel. Come in any day between 3 and 6 this week and you will see me playing.

I hope everyone understands how to catch me, well, if you don't, here it is: First find me and have in your hand a copy (current edition) of the Star theatre program. Touch me on the back and say: "You are the mysterious Mr. Raffles of the Star theatre." I will then hand over the \$5. But don't forget I will be in the Star theatre every afternoon between 3 and 4 and every night between 8 and 9. Speaking of Mr. Parr's program for this week, take a look at it and if you don't think it is the best ever, I will give you \$5—if you catch me. Raffles.

Who is Raffles? (adv)

PLEASANT HILL

Mrs. W. C. Ellis, of Heath Spring, spent Friday with her sister, Mrs. L. F. Robertson.

Mr. Lewis Clyburn, of Lancaster, spent Tuesday with M. L. Beckham's family.

Mrs. Sallie Watson, of Kershaw, visited Mrs. Lewis Cole recently.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Beckham Sr., visited their daughter, Mrs. J. D. Nesbit, of the Jacksonham section, last week.

Mrs. Melvin Cauthen went to Kershaw Sunday to see her sister, Mrs. Will Williams, who has been quite sick for several weeks.

Mrs. C. S. Robertson is improving from a severe attack of grip.

Mr. Ora Magill visited his grandparents at Stoneboro Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. E. B. Johnson returned from Great Falls last week by way of Rock Hill, spending the night with Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Clontz.

Mr. Frank Hammond, of Stoneboro, was here Sunday to see his daughter, Mrs. John Magill.

Miss Mamie Robertson has returned to Cokes, after spending several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Robertson.

Mrs. Mattie Johnson, of Heath Spring, visited E. B. Johnson's family last week.

STATEMENT OF The First National Bank Lancaster, S. C. (Condensed) March 7th, 1916. RESOURCES. Loans and discounts \$250,454.33 United States bonds (at par) 67,500.00 South Carolina and other bonds 10,579.92 Stock in Federal Reserve Bank 2,250.00 Furniture and fixtures 3,471.30 Cash on hand, in banks and due from U. S. Tr. 90,524.69 \$424,780.24 RESOURCES. Capital stock \$ 50,000.00 Surplus and profits 32,549.72 Circulation 50,000.00 Notes rediscounted 15,000.00 DEPOSITS 277,430.52 \$424,780.24

MILL NOTES. Mrs. Milner, of Pageland, visited her daughter, Mrs. Charlie Sanders, Thursday and returned home Monday. Mrs. Mary Gilmore has been sick for the past two days. Mr. Harvey Walden, who was taken to the Fennell infirmary for appendicitis, is getting along nicely. Miss Essie Connors is visiting her sister, Mrs. Carl Britton, of Spartanburg. Mrs. Rane Carnes is still very low and is not expected to live. The little baby of Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Adams was very sick the latter part of last week. Mrs. R. S. Snipes visited her sister, Mrs. Wilson Snipes, of Dwight section Sunday. Mrs. Copeland Hair, who was hurt in an automobile accident, was brought home from Mr. John Ogburn's Friday. Mr. Will McManus, of Dwight, section visited relatives here Saturday. Miss Stella Ghent is still in bad health. SHOOTS AT CONSTABLE. Negro Shoots at Constable Caskey at Close Range—Now in Jail. On Sunday afternoon when Constable Caskey, in company with Mr. J. H. Bailey, was quieting a disturbance among some negroes at Hagins' mill, near Elgin, he was fired upon by Springs Montgomery, colored. The difficulty was started by Paul Ingram, who shot at Andrew McIlwain. Constable Caskey drove up and demanded peace. Springs Montgomery then whipped out his pistol and fired several shots at Mr. Caskey at close range and then fled down the creek. Mr. Caskey returned the fire without effect. Montgomery came up next day and surrendered and is now in jail.

Childrens and Misses Pumps and Strap Sandals. Our line is complete and we are now showing a wide range of styles in Childrens' and Misses' Pumps and Strap Sandals. Child's Kid Sandals, 2 to 5, special price at .50c. Child's Kid Sandals, 3 to 6, good full last, special at .75c. Child's Patent Kid Sandals, 2 to 5, special at .85c. Child's Patent Kid Sandals, 3 to 6, wedge heel, special at \$1.00. Child's Ankle Strap Patent Sandals, 5 to 8, special \$1.00 and \$1.25. Misses Ankle Strap Patent Sandals, 8 1-2 to 11, special at \$1.25 and \$1.50. Misses Ankle Strap Patent Sandals, 11 1-2 to 2, special at \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50. Big Misses Ankle Strap Patent Sandals, 2 1-2 to 7, special at \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00. Children's and Misses' Sox, big line, fancy and plain children and misses sox, special priced at 10c, 15c and 25c. The J. T. Wylie Company