

Humorous Department

Why He Was Fired.—You ran a story a day or two ago...

The Mark of Him.—Mrs. Jones was a W. C. T. U. enthusiast...

Executive Ability.—You ask for the secret of success...

Off the Course.—A good many years ago a steamer was sailing down a certain river...

A Wish.—Papa was sitting by the table reading his evening paper...

Diplomatic.—The new lodger had an idea that the bottle in the far corner of the cupboard...

Sold by the Quart.—Mrs. Fletcher went up to the city one morning to do some shopping...

Not Enough Sides.—According to Pathfinder, W. B. Trites, the novelist, said at a tea in Chicago...

A Courageous Physician.—Doctor Mrs. Knagg, your husband needs six months' rest...

He Needed It.—"Do you love sister Clara, Mr. Simpson?" asked the little brother...

"Ain't It the Truth?"—Teacher—The sphinx has eyes, but it cannot see...

"Wipe It!"—thundered the class.

FACT, FASHION AND FANCY

Paragraphs Calculated to Interest Young County Women. A young child is just a bundle of uncorrelated forces...

It is so easy to pronounce judgment on persons and things without any real knowledge of either...

In the July Woman's Home Companion, Frank A. Waugh writes a very interesting article on "The Country Woman's Opportunities..."

If you see a tall fellow ahead of the crowd, a leader of men, marching fearless and proud...

It's a pretty good plan to forget it if you know a skeleton hidden away in a closet—garden and kept from the day—

Raisin pudding: Put one-half cupful of washed rice, one teaspoonful of salt, three tablespoonfuls of sugar...

Always when mixing a milk mixture with another pour the mother mixture over the milk...

Don't peel apples for apple sauce. Wipe them well, cut up without peeling...

For early chrysantheums an ideal compost is three parts good garden loam to one part of well rotted manure...

BANKS FIGHT NEW COMMISSION

(Continued from Page One.)

of other individual property owned by him—and the valuation already fixed by the board of equalization of the county...

This bank respectfully submits further that this honorable commission is without jurisdiction or power to assess property...

(a) The act approved February 20, 1915, entitled, "An act to create a tax commission and to define its duties and powers"...

(b) The said act creating the said commission undertakes to and does modify and change the entire tax system of the state of South Carolina...

(c) That in and by subdivision 15 of section 8, of the said act of the commission is given the power to annually make such levy upon the assessed valuation of property subject to taxation...

(d) That the said act in and by section 2, provides: "That all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith be repealed and the provisions hereof be null and void..."

(e) That said act violates the provisions of section 5 of article 10 of the constitution of 1895, providing for the assessment of shares of stock in banks and banking associations...

(f) The said act abolishes the state board of equalization and the state board of assessors in violation of section 17 of article 3 of the constitution of 1895...

(g) The said subdivision 16 of section 8, of the said act embraces national bankers as well as state banks, and thereby contravenes the act of congress in reference to the taxation of national banks...

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(a) The bill to create the South Carolina tax commission and define its duties and powers was introduced in the house of representatives and passed the same, when it was sent to the senate and the senate made certain amendments in the bill...

(b) The house of representatives concurred in the amendments made by the senate, and thereupon the bill was sent to a free conference had by the appointment of certain members of the senate and certain members of the house...

(c) That the senate bill which was passed and ratified by the senate, approved by the governor and the act approved by the governor and the act approved by the governor...

(d) That the senate having ratified one bill and the governor having signed and approved a different bill the approved bill lacks those essential elements necessary under the constitution to give it the force of law...

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HAPPENINGS IN THE STATE

Items of Interest From All Sections of South Carolina. L. M. McPhee has resigned the presidency of the Vardy Yarn mills of Greenville...

Portions of Florence county were visited by a severe hail storm Monday. W. P. McMeekin of Columbia, has been appointed dentist for the state hospital for the insane to succeed L. L. Toole...

The People's Savings Bank of Greenville and Clifton, Spartanburg county, has been commissioned with a capital stock of \$5,000. Governor Manning has granted a ninety-day reprieve to Willie Bethune, a Clarendon county negro under sentence of death...

William K. Blake, one of the best known citizens of Greenville, died at his home in that city last week, aged 83 years. Y. P. McQueen was elected mayor of the town of Loris on Tuesday, defeating M. M. Stanley by a majority of fifteen votes...

There was no term of the court of general sessions for Darlington this week, because there were no cases to be tried. The police department and city officers of Spartanburg, have moved into the new city hall, recently completed in that city...

Clarendon county has purchased a movable prisoner's stockade, such as has been in use in York county for several years. W. S. McCarthy, one of the best known engineers of the Southern railway in this state, died at his home in Columbia Monday, aged 53 years...

Governor Manning has appointed Isaac C. Hough, sheriff of Hershaw county, to succeed W. H. Huckleback, who was indefinitely suspended several weeks ago. Citizens of Rockton, Fairfield county, have subscribed nearly \$100 toward a fund for a memorial to the late Sheriff A. D. Hood of Fairfield county...

Henry Boatwright, a young mill operative of Columbia, is in the state penitentiary charged with criminally assaulting an 8-year-old white girl last Saturday. Mrs. E. E. Kelly was shot and seriously wounded by a bullet from a 22-calibre rifle in the hands of her young son in Columbia Monday...

The semi-annual meeting of the South Carolina Sheriffs' association will be held in Greenville, July 20. The chiefs of police of the state will be invited to meet with the sheriffs. The Duncan drug store and the Chaney grocery store at the Duncan mill in Greenville, were robbed Tuesday and goods valued at about \$100 were taken...

Several hundred delegates from Virginia, Georgia, North and South Carolina are attending the annual convention of the Southern Retail Furniture Dealers' association, which is being held in Columbia this week. Major Johnson Hagood, a native of South Carolina, who is now on duty in the Philippine Islands, has been ordered to Fort Washington, September 15, to take command of the coast defenses of the Potomac...

for a court martial of war, and later executed. Another woman dropped a letter which read: "Hurry up; the twentieth corps arrives this evening..."

"Perhaps the most daring espionage exploit by a woman at the front was that of a pretty Italian in the pay of Germany. Until her arrest in November she traveled about in a motor-car and managed to give the enemy most valuable information about the French troops...

"The lovers' trouble was known to a Russian secret agent, who approached the lieutenant and offered him 5,000 pounds for a plan of the fortress of Posen. Dazzled by this offer the lieutenant agreed, but he found it difficult to carry out his task...

"You were trapped by a woman who is the agent of a foreign power, and so I am going to show leniency toward you; but it cannot be much, the crime is too great." These words were spoken by Mr. Justice Darling some time ago before sentencing George Herbert Parrott, formerly a gunner in the navy, to four years' penal servitude for divulging British naval secrets to a German woman spy...

"The man met this beautiful woman at a London music hall, and soon became passionately in love with her. He was so completely in her power that, forgetting honor and duty, he complied with her demand for information. It is owing to a woman's wiles that Germany possesses some plans of Gibraltar. These were made from rough sketches supplied by a pretty young German girl who stayed at Gibraltar a few years ago, ostensibly for a holiday...

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"Mitau has a growing industry. Its leading manufactures are iron products, linen, soap, wax-cloth, ink and flour. Its trade in grain and lumber is very large, these products being assembled at Mitau from the interior governments and, then, sent to the Baltic ports. As throughout the Baltic provinces, a large percentage of the people of Mitau are of German descent, and the German language was heard with greater frequency upon its streets before the war than was the Russian tongue...

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GARDENING IN GERMANY

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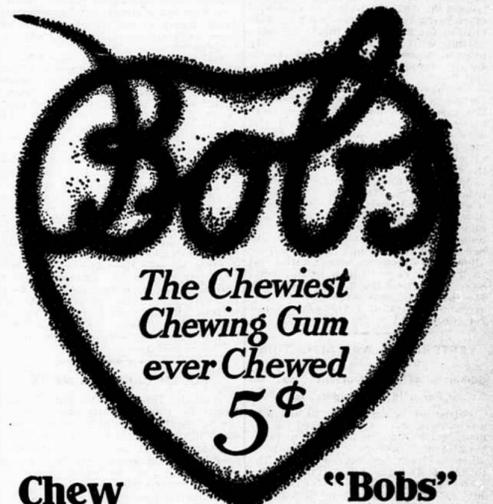
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