

**The Herald and News**

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**The Contract Law.**

There seems to be a general misunderstanding as to the status of the labor contract law as amended by the last legislature. We have tried on several occasions to explain the law as it now is, but yet it seems not to be understood.

Section 357 of the Code of Laws of 1902 was amended so as to make the penalty for violation of a labor contract a fine of not less than \$50 or not less than 30 days on the chain-gang and also providing that "the prosecution shall be commenced within thirty days after the alleged violation;" and also "that such contracts shall be valid only between the original parties thereto, and any attempted transfer or assignment of any rights hereunder shall be null and void." That means that one cannot sell a labor contract to any other person.

Another section was also added to the law to be known as section 357a, which reads as follows:

"That a conviction of either party mentioned in section 355 and section 357 of the Criminal Code (vol. 2 Code of Laws, 1902), for violation of such contract as is mentioned in said sections, shall not operate as a release or discharge of such person from the performance of any part of said contract which is to be performed subsequent to the date of the breach for which such conviction was had: Provided, however, that such person shall not be criminally liable for the non-performance of any obligation due to be performed during the period of time such person may be undergoing imprisonment."

This being translated means that if a laborer enters into a contract to work for a specified time and violates that contract and is convicted for such violation and pays his fine or he serves on the chain gang and if he still refuses to carry out the contract he can be indicted again and again until the time for serving out the contract has expired.

There may be still another amendment to this law which the farmers desire. If so, whoever compose the next legislature, we are sure, will be glad to make the amendments.

The expert architect employed by Gov. Heyward to examine the state house dome and report on the questions raised by Architect C. C. Wilson as to the safety of the dome and the danger of a collapse has been to Columbia and has returned to Washington and will in a few days submit his report to Gov. Heyward.

Of course he would not give out anything but it is understood that he does not agree with the report of Architect Wilson as to the imminent danger of a collapse, but he says the new work does not compare favorably with the work on the original building.

We could not understand how a weight of 187 per cent. more than was safe could stand for three years without giving way.

The trouble with the whole matter is the old commission tried to do more with the money they had than could be accomplished and give the character of work we should have had.

The old building, as far as it went, was one of the most substantially built in this country.

The public, however, will be glad to have the report of the expert employed by Gov. Heyward. He should be free from prejudice and bias of any kind and able to give an opinion worthy of the confidence of the people.

The state campaign will be here on Monday, the 25th of July, and the county campaign is to be opened the next day at Williams, eighteen miles from Newberry. It seems to be unfortunate that the opening of the county campaign should follow so closely on the heels of the state day for this county and so far from the county seat.

We are sorry the campaign open just when it does, for we are obliged to be absent from the coun-

ty that week in attendance upon the United Synod of the Lutheran church in the south, which convenes that same week in the state of Virginia. We very much wish the executive committee could rearrange the dates so as to accommodate all the candidates and at the same time not have any meeting the week beginning July 25. Of course we would not be so selfish and unreasonable as to ask this to suit our personal engagements unless it could be done so as to be entirely satisfactory.

We understand that the date at Prosperity will have to be changed because it conflicts with a Confederate reunion which is fixed for the same date. In the rearrangement we hope all conflicts may be avoided.

**TREE CUTS UP ODD ANTICS.**

**Idaho Acacia is One of the Wonders of Western Plant Life.**

One of the most singular trees on the American continent is a species of acacia found in the northwestern Idaho and observed closely by a party of scientists recently on a tour through that region, says the Chicago Chronicle. It grows to a height of about 8 feet and when full grown closes it leaves together in coils each day at sunset and curls its twigs to the shape of pigtails. After the tree has settled itself thus for a night's sleep, if touched, the whole thing will flutter as if agitated or impatient at being disturbed. The oftener the foliage is molested the more violent becomes the shaking of the branches, and at last the tree emits a nauseating odor, which if inhaled for a few moments causes a violent, dizzy headache.

The angry tree, as it has been named, was discovered by travellers, who, upon making a camp for the night, placed one end of the canvass covering over one of the sensitive branches, using it for support. Immediately the tree began to jerk sharply its branches. The motion continued, growing more nervous, until at last the sickening odor which it gave out drove the tired campers to a more friendly location. Curiosity, of course, prompted an investigation. One of the angry trees was dug up and thrown to one side.

Immediately upon being removed from the ground the tree opened its leaves, its twigs lost their pigtails and for something over an hour and a half the outraged branches showed their indignation by a series of quakings, which grew weaker as time passed, finally ceasing altogether, when the foliage hung limp and withered. The next morning the tree was placed upright in the ground again, a little water was applied to the roots and very soon it resumed its normal condition.

**The Departed Patriarch.**

An aged father in Israel had died. In his long and singularly blameless life he had been frugal, and was supposed to have saved considerable property, but no evidence of it was found among his papers or other personal effects.

Several months afterwards, however, in looking through the closet of the room he had occupied the relatives found an old pair of trousers he had frequently worn during the later years of his life.

They looked through the pockets. All they found was a small plug of tobacco.

"Well," exclaimed the sorrowing relatives, "it's some comfort anyhow, to know that he was only human."

**TEACHER WANTED.**

The trustees of Long Lane school will elect a teacher on Friday, July 1, 1904. Applications may be filed with the undersigned who will give any information desired.

T. D. Ramage,  
Chairman Board.

**TEACHER WANTED.**

We will elect a teacher for the Japala school July 2.—Salary \$50.00 per month; board \$8.00 or \$9.00. Term of eight months. Apply to trustees.

T. H. Chalmers,  
Geo. C. Glasgow,  
W. Ernest Merchant,  
Trustees.

**TEACHER WANTED.**

Teacher wanted for Mabinton School. Address Trustees Mabinton, S. C.

No. 6102

**REPORT**

Of the Condition of The First National Bank, at Whitmire, in the State of South Carolina, at the Close of Business June 9, 1904

**RESOURCES.**

Loans and discounts.....	\$69,612 00
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured.....	2,361 11
U. S. bonds to secure circulation.....	62 50
Banking house, furniture and fixtures.....	1 00
Due from State Banks and Bankers.....	2,243 82
Notes of other National Banks.....	2 40
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents.....	69 81
Specie.....	\$1,695 50
Legal tender notes.....	400 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation).....	312 50
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$83,185 74</b>

**LIABILITIES.**

Capital stock paid in.....	25,000 00
Surplus fund.....	1,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid.....	2,116 26
National Bank notes outstanding.....	62 50
Due to other National Banks.....	617 18
Individual deposits subject to check.....	28,202 30
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed.....	20,000 00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$83,185 74</b>

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,  
COUNTY OF NEWBERRY, SS: I, J. K. S. RAY, Cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. K. S. RAY, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me [L. S.] this 12th day of June, 1904.

Lloyd Osborne, Notary Public.  
Attest:  
Wm. Coleman,  
F. M. Setzer,  
R. R. Jeter  
Directors.

**NOTICE.**

Is hereby given that a first-class barbecue will be at St. Phillips church on Friday, July 22, 1904. Candidates are expected to be on hand with three jolly speakers.

Come one, come all, enjoyment for young and old and a first class dinner, cooked by Mr. Levi Kibler, the good old barbecue cook.

T. T. Ruff.

**Summer Wearables.**

The hot weather is a reminder of things that you need to keep cool and comfortable. We have plenty of them in store for you. Balbriggan Undershirts and Drawers, Screven Drawers, Negligee Colord Shirts, Straw Hats, Low Cut Shoes, Umbrellas, Neckwear, Collars and Cuffs, Suspenders, Overalls and Pants, the most desirable line in the City, the lowest Price. Come and see us often. At Ewart, Pifer & Co. old stand Next door to Savings Bank.

A. C. JONES, Proprietor.  
WM. F. EWART, Manager.

**LOW PRICES**

**The Order Of The Day With Us**

We have our store filled with splendid merchandise priced low. Not low priced trash that is high at any price, but good desirable new and stylish goods priced low.

**BLACK DRESS GOODS**

One of our specialties. We can show you pretty Voile, Etamine, Crepe de Chine, Eolienne, Mohair, Henrietta Serge, Batiste and many other Stylish Fabrics.

Our line of Colored Dress Goods is worthy of your attention. Black Silks, Colored Silk, all kinds priced low.

**WHITE GOODS DEPARTMENT**

in fine shape, every thing you need in white can be found here at prices to your advantage. We want to call your attention to our splendid Colored Cotton goods department. The cotton dress goods this season are more beautiful than ever before, many of them are as sheer and attractive as the finest silk and so cheap too. Our Millinery department is up to its usual high standard.

New Oxfords, New Sandals, New Men's Shoes, New Boys' Shoes, New Girls' Shoes. We keep good shoes at reasonable prices. Honorable methods, polite attention, good merchandise, your money's worth at

**MOWER'S**

**EXACTNESS;**

In no other trade probably is there such perfect exactness as in the drug trade. In a dry goods store you will see a man run off so many yards of cloth without paying much attention to what he is doing; a few inches more, or less, do not amount to anything. But here, where we handle medicines, where very often the ingredients are measured by the tenth part of a grain there cannot be guesswork, a druggist has to be exact. He must measure or weigh everything he puts up in prescriptions. The more accurate and careful he is the better prescription work he does. The same is true of buying. One who has not had experience in drug buying might look at a quantity of Bismuth and be unable to tell whether it was worth \$1.50 a pound or \$4.00 a pound. Everything has to be tested and known, so that when your physician writes a prescription and it comes here he will know, and we will know, that the medicine will do what can be expected of perfect medicine of that kind.

GILDER, WEEKS & HUNTER.  
The Right Drug Store.