

LOCAL BRIEFS.

Colonel David Johnson, of Union county, was reported to be very ill last week.

The farmers' institute at Clemson College will be held about the first of August this year.

Landrum E. Foster is no longer constable for Magistrate Kirby. It is with J. J. Cowart, in his own office.

Texas farmers generally had a good stand of cotton by the middle of April and they began its cultivation last week.

We advise farmers to plant melons in abundance so as to have some for the campers as they go round this summer.

The public roads were not worn out by farmers last week. They remain at home and did the best week's work possible.

The condition of winter wheat was not as good as reported by the department of Agriculture in Washington the 19th instant.

It looks as if every one in the Piedmont would have an even start in gardens this year. The late spring has kept everything back.

R. W. Hampton, head teacher in the Morgan Iron Works, and Miss Frankie Houston were married last week by Rev. J. E. Covington.

Mr. C. C. Newman, son of Professor J. S. Newman, of Clemson College, and Miss Grace Stride, of Virginia, will be married May 7.

The Elks are in their new hall in the rear of Dr. Calvert's dental rooms. They have fine quarters and their lodge is increasing in numbers.

This is the season of the year when pork and lamb's quarters are in demand. Did you ever try a "mess of straight poke"? If so you have not forgotten it.

Last Thursday the temperature was 84 in New York. In Chicago it was 84 and the wind 6 miles an hour. About 75 was the best Piedmont could do.

The Wofford College baseball team went to Asheville last Thursday to play Birmingham. They went on to Knoxville to play two days with the University of Tennessee.

Spring began in earnest Monday the 1st instant. It was the first real spring weather the Piedmont has had. The ground began to get warm and corn planted early began to come up.

The Southern Educational Conference met in Athens, Ga., last week. President Wilson, Prof. H. N. Snyder, Prof. A. G. Rembert and Superintendent Evans went from Spartanburg.

The mother of Mr. Cree, the pastor of the First Baptist church at Gaffney is 100 years old. She is a live and able to take care of herself and is ready for a long journey, alone when duty or friendship calls her from home.

This is the great festival week of Spartanburg. For it is the grand procession and go to the auditorium. If you have no appreciation of music it will pay you to look at the fine array of people there. It is a rare thing to see such a gathering together in the Piedmont.

Meat keeps advancing in the New York market. The butchers advise their customers to let beef alone. Here in the South our people do not depend on beef. A little bacon once a day, will keep up strong men during the summer, provided they have good bread, milk and molasses with a liberal supply of vegetables.

Stevens' sprayer is simple and effective. With a solution of Paris Green it will kill potato bugs and they will never kick. For spraying flowers it is the very thing. It kills ticks and lice which sprayer will do the work for them. You will find it at the Spartan Hardware store. They cost only 50 cents and will pay you the first season if you plant potatoes.

The time has come for the swarming of bees. When one becomes well acquainted with the poison of the stings, they cease to be painful. The old plan was to take three kinds of leaves and crush them and rub the places after the sting was taken out. Any sort of weeds would furnish the leaves. The juice of green vernal leaves, or the strong tea from dry ones will stop the pain and prevent swelling. An onion and soda applied immediately will prevent swelling.

The White Stone Lithia Springs hotel will soon be ready for guests. Avery Carter is the architect and superintendent. The location for the building was wisely selected. There will be 800 feet of piazza. The dining room will be 40 by 80, the ball room 40 by 100; the office 63 feet square; broad halls and 109 guest chambers. Capt. M. V. Richards of the Southern railway, visited the place last week to see what should be done in the way of a railway line. All modern improvements will be provided. It is a wonderful hotel, an admirable resort and water that will cure many diseases.

Remember that it is not the large bugs that destroy the potatoes. The larvae, or young grubs, do the work. Nothing has been found that would eat them. Paris green mixed with flour, air slaked lime or sifted wood ashes and sprinkled on the plants will kill them. Two ounces of the Paris green is about enough to mix with a peck of lime. If the Paris green is dissolved and applied with a sprayer which is better, the bugs will be killed. Two applications made at the right time will drive them off until the potatoes are mature.

The May number of Everybody's Magazine opens with a most interesting article by Dr. Henry Gannett on "Famous American Mountains," superbly illustrated with photographs of the notable peaks of the Rockies, the Sierras and the Alaskan Range. Especially timely is T. P. O'Connor's estimate of Cecil Rhodes—"Napoleon of South Africa." It is a skillful character study, representing the curious admixture of traits which made Mr. Rhodes the great personality of his period. Another valuable contribution is Dr. H. W. Wiley's "Man a Machine," in which the functions of the human body are compared with mechanical processes.

The county and State conventions of Democrats will soon be held. After them the campaign will assume shape and the candidates will make themselves known. In this congressional district there will certainly be a contest. Mr. Johnson will not be permitted to walk over the field alone.

At noon and noon, early and late. Look out for the jolly candidate. He smiles and its "How do you do?" "How's your wife and the baby too?" He praises the coffee, the food he devours.

He yawns and gazes many long hours. Oh, there is no such man in the State. As your oily self-satisfied candidate.

From its charming cover by Albert Hester to its last page the May issue of the Ladies' Home Journal excels in all ways. The most important new feature is the beginning of Ernest Thompson Seton's department for boys, which is written and illustrated by the famous natural author artist, Lindsay Demson, who knows President Roosevelt in a very personal way. Writes of "The Outdoor President," and Helen Keller continues the marvelous story of her life. The "How to" features are Miss Porter's "Those Days in Old Virginia," and "Remond called 'The Indifference of Gold.'" Nelie Blanchan tells "How the Birds Build Their Nests," and Will Bradley shows the boudoir of "The Bradley House."

Stumpy Roads for Republicans. Washington, D. C., April 29.—Each day the political situation at the national capital grows more delicate. This is an era of congressional revolt, one House is against the leaders, the Senate has a revolt against the oligarchy that has controlled that body for years, and the third is directed against Secretary of War Root. Politicians claim that the trouble is that Root has none of the attributes that make a man in an official place useful and popular with the people with whom he must deal. He is an autocrat, an aristocrat, arbitrary and dictatorial. He looks upon Congress as an instrument to do his will. Hawley's army bill is taken as marking the beginning of a campaign to show the President that Congress will not be dictated to.

One senator, a man who is consulted when there are matters of policy big with the Republics is to be pushed through has the following list of Root's blunders: First, Root is responsible for the Porto Rico policy of McKinley, which McKinley was compelled to abandon in the face of the protests of his party. Second, he was the colonial ideal in its highest form and has been behind some of the Philippine blunders which are now coming back to curse the Republics, the policy of concealing the "Water Cure" and other atrocities forced finally into publication to the discredit of the Republican leaders. His unreasoning antagonism to Miles has placed the administration in a trying position. He has proclaimed that the Philippine war was "practically over" when he knew that the conditions were most unfavorable. He has influenced Roosevelt to the detriment of his party.

San Time Wins Over Railroad Time. Cleveland Leader. The Supreme Court has given an important opinion in an insurance suit by an Akron man concerning what constitutes legal time in Ohio.

The General Assembly, on March 22, 1908, enacted a law to the effect that Central Standard of 19th meridian (line) should be adopted in the courts and public offices of the State and should be used in all legal transactions.

In the case in question the court was asked to decide what constituted "noon" at Akron, the insurance policy having been issued at 11:30 o'clock Standard time and dated "noon." The court held that "noon" in Akron came when the sun crossed the meridian, which was at exactly 11:30 Standard time. On that decision the plaintiff won his case and will get the insurance, the payment of which had been resisted by the company.

The few people who have insisted God's time" was the only time will be encouraged by this decision to continue their hopeless opposition to Standard time, which was adopted for the convenience of the railroad companies and their patrons.

Letters From Bryan and Hill. New York, April 23.—Writing to the Democrats of the thirty-first assembly district, who held a Jefferson celebration tonight, Wm. J. Bryan said in part: "It is especially appropriate that the principle of Jefferson should be remembered at this time for the aid can be applied to every condition and will furnish a solution of every problem that now confronts us."

Part of a letter from David B. Hill said: "The revival of interest at this time in Jeffersonian principles of Democracy is very encouraging. Now is the time to prepare for the next campaign. The Democracy is united for personal liberty, for some reform for a tax on the abolition of war taxes in times of peace, for revenue reform, for constitutional freedom wherever the American flag floats and for liberty and law everywhere."

Both these men are crying aloud for a return to the doctrines and principles taught by Thomas Jefferson. But Bryan thinks that Theodore Roosevelt is as much of a Democrat today as David B. Hill. How can such people be brought together?

A Nearly Fatal Runaway. Started a horrible ulcer on the leg of J. R. O'neer, Franklin Grove, Ill., which defied all medical remedies for four years. Then Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured him. Just as good for Boils, Burns, Bruises, Cuts, Corns, Scalds, Skin Eruptions and Piles. See at Legon's drug store.

SPAIN'S YOUNG KING

Alfonso XIII., Who Will Soon Reach Age of Sixteen and Ascend Throne

ONE of the most interesting of European monarchs just now is Alfonso XIII., king of Spain. On the 17th of May he will reach the age of sixteen and at the same time attain his majority. Last summer there was some talk among Spanish politicians of deferring Alfonso's majority until his eighteenth birthday. The activity of the Carlists and other reasons, however, led the queen and her advisers to see that the sooner the young king assumed control the better, and it has

been decided that there will be no change in the Spanish constitution, which provides for his majority at the age of sixteen.

While that is the plan the queen regent would follow, there is some doubt felt as to the final outcome. Political conditions in Spain are not reassuring. One of the most unfortunate symptoms of public danger is that the liberal and enlightened statesman Sagasta insists on retiring. This brings into prominence the ambitious General Weyer.

Added to this, reports have been circulated that King Alfonso is not only a weakling physically, but that he has been manifesting symptoms of a mental breakdown. Opposed to this report of the king's condition is the statement of Bellamy Storer, United States minister to Spain, who recently returned to this country. Mr. Storer says the young king is physically and mentally sound and will take up the reins of government next May.

When a child Alfonso was a weakling, and for years it was feared he would not live to ascend the throne. The great care which his mother, the queen regent, bestowed upon him has resulted in the development of the delicate child into a healthy, well grown young man, full of life and vigor. He is above the average height and well built. He has a fresh complexion, slightly bronzed. His eyes are brown, bright and expressive, his hair is curly and of auburn hue, and his features are good, with a slightly prominent lower lip. Altogether he is a handsome and manly young fellow.

Alfonso XIII. is one of the most accomplished princes in Europe. He speaks fluently three languages, reads

in dignity that no subject could assume the moral stature necessary to place the crown on the monarch's head and thus for the moment have a position of superiority. The real reason is that the doughty Netherlands are too independent to relish the idea of having one of their number wear a crown, the supreme symbol of sovereignty. For a similar reason the kings and queens of Spain have never been actually crowned since the days of the Visigoths.

All that Alfonso will have to do to become king in fact as well as in name will be to go before the senate, or senate, and take the oath to support the constitution. There will be gorgeous robes, state carriages, priestly attendants and a company of all the most distinguished of Spanish grandees to surround the young monarch as he takes possession of the other royal families of Europe, but crowned heads will be conspicuous by their absence.

He is devotedly attached to his mother, and with good reason, for she has devoted her life to him and sought for him with an unwavering admiration of the Spanish people, who used to speak of her as "that Austrian," but who now realize that, everything considered, Spain couldn't have been a better hands these past sixteen years.

She will probably be the power behind the throne for some time to come, although she leaves the throne forever on May 17. Premier Sagasta, who is a wise and patriotic old man, will stand farther in the background and manage both mother and son. And even behind him is another figure, looking large and black, the dreaded Marquis of Tenerife, otherwise General Weyer. They make him minister of war to keep him quiet, but many believe it is only a question of time before he heads a republican movement and plants himself in the president's chair.

A Doctor's Bad Plight. "Two years ago as a result of a severe cold, I lost my voice," writes Dr. M. L. Scarborough, of Hebron, Ohio, "then began an obstinate cough. Every remedy known to me as a practicing physician for 35 years failed and I daily grew worse. Being urged to try Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds, I found quick relief, and for ten days have felt better than for two years." Positive guarantee for throat and lung troubles. H. A. Ligon at 5th and 81. Trial bottles free.

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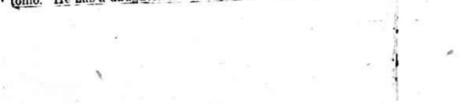
MARIA CRISTINA. (Queen regent of Spain.) as many more and can intelligently discuss English, German and French literature.

Queen Christina has always shown herself a stickler for simplicity where children are concerned. She decided that the king should be educated as a simple soldier. One incident will serve to show how carefully all pomp has been eliminated from his training.

Under all previous reigns not merely sovereigns, but even royal princes, were accustomed to wear the uniform of a field marshal from their tenderest age. Indeed, from their fifth year on all official occasions. The only uniform, however, that King Alfonso wears is that of the cadets of the military school of San Idelfonso, which is a sort of Spanish counterpart of West Point.

The queen regent is anxious to place the reins of government in her son's hands. For sixteen years she has steered the Spanish ship of state through many perils, including a disastrous war, and now feels that she has not only done her duty toward her boy, but has fulfilled her trust to the Spanish people. No sovereign has ever assumed the reins of government who was better equipped for the task than Alfonso XIII., says his friend, the Emperor of Austria, who is the most pure and healthy surroundings, where as his father, his grandmother, Queen Isabella, and every one of his predecessors were reared in an atmosphere of profligacy and vice.

Queen Christina, although an Austrian, is said to favor a Spanish princess as a wife for King Alfonso. In Bavaria lives the Bourbon prince Antonio. He has a daughter of more than



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