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### UTTERLY FALSE.

Under the caption "Unknown Tongue Teacher is Fired and Cheated" the Abbeville Press and Banner proceeds to lay bare a woeful amount of ignorance and to display a spirit altogether unbecoming a newspaper. The Abbeville paper litters out an opinion before being in possession of the facts. There are at least five mis-statements in the brief article, two insinuations of a nature that only such an ardent admirer of the dispensary could make, and two false conclusions.

Following is the brief but maliciously false item: "A teacher in one of the public schools in Laurens County taught the 'unknown tongue' religion, whatever that may be. When she had taught the school until the board was indebted to her a sum something like \$110 the board dismissed her and refused to pay what they owed her. It may be all right to refuse liquor for the schools, and it may all right to refuse to levy a tax for the support of the schools, but we know of no reason that would justify the board in withholding the pay which may be due to the teacher. We hope that the woman who has been denied what is plainly her own, may sue for her money and we hope that she may get it. If the trustees did not mean to pay or to comply with their contract, then they should have turned her on long ago. Nothing can justify the refusal to pay for the time she taught, and we believe that no school board in Laurens will put the stigma upon that county."

The Board of Trustees did not dismiss the teacher of the Long Branch school—that contradicts school number one. The County Board of Education did not dismiss her. That she was "cheated" is a palpably false conclusion. The trustees have never refused to pay her what was due—she is still teaching for those same trustees. The County Board will refuse to approve her claim. The Press and Banner implies that the trustees purposely and with premeditation had the teacher work for them, and then when her salary amounted to a considerable sum, deliberately dismissed her—utterly contrary to facts. It implies that Laurens county, since voting out her dispensary, is not dealing squarely with her schools, thereby grossly deceiving its readers.

Here are the facts, dear crying contemporary, and we hope that the dispensary laden atmosphere in which you live will clear up enough to let you see, and common sense will help you recognize truth. The County Board of Education dismissed the trustees of Long Branch school, not the teacher, because the trustees had violated the law. The unknown-tongue business played no part in the proceedings. The teacher employed in the Long Branch school held no teacher's certificate and was not a graduate of a college whose diploma is recognized in lieu of a certificate. The school law is specific on this point. This fact upsets the Press and Banner's argument in its entirety. The County Board of Education holds that if a set of trustees have been operating a school in violation of law, then its Board of Trustees is responsible for indebtedness incurred.

The Abbeville paper gets wrathily and hopes the teacher in question will sue for her money and get it. She doubtless ought to be paid for her services, and in all probability will, but that is up to her trustees; the County has nothing to do with it.

As a bit of friendly advice we beg to admonish our Abbeville contemporary to read a little more thoroughly and make some efforts towards learning the facts in a case before having so much to say.

Our friend Otto of Cherokee is a mighty good fellow; but really he ought to quit his tactics. That interview in The State last week was very weak and ill-advised; its easy to see through it. The people of South Carolina know he is not the prohibition leader, no matter how many "spectacular plays" he makes in the Senate, nor how many "prohibition interviews" he gives out.

### SELF DESTROYING.

Through many long days the public have been wearied with the processes of drawing a jury to try the slayers of Senator Carmack of Tennessee. Talesman after talesman has been presented and for one reason or another has been rejected, and it was only Saturday that the panel was completed. The chief reason of the difficulty in securing an "unprejudiced" jury was because people had read the newspapers. Over three thousand names were drawn on the five venires and one by one they were rejected because of intelligence and acquaintance with current events.

The Associated Press in commenting on the jury says: In drawing for the jury the law made those incompetent who had talked with a witness to the murder or talked with some who had talked with the witness. On the application for bail the local papers printed stenographic reports of the testimony of witnesses. The Supreme Court has held that a newspaper printing verbatim testimony becomes a witness who has talked to a witness. Therefore every one in the county who read the testimony became incompetent to sit in the case as a juror. This eliminated at once the most intelligent citizens of the county.

As a result it was necessary to draw five venires of 500 names each and even one of 519, a total of 3,019 before the jury was secured. Four of the jurors accepted can neither read nor write and two others understand English only indifferently. All except one of the twelve swore he had not read a newspaper since before the killing, and some had not read one for 10 years. Bismere the only exception, had been out of the State from the week before the killing until the day he was summoned.

Here we see that men who had read the newspapers thereby become disqualified. We submit that this is a deplorable condition, by which the ends of justice are defeated by the very laws created to fulfill it. The law is self destroying. We are well aware of the fact that "unprejudiced" juries are desired. But what creates prejudice? Is a... disqualified because he is in... session of facts? Or are the newspapers to blame for printing "verbatim testimony"? The result, as we see, in the Cooper jury is that all the intelligent men, those who have read the newspapers, are barred from service on the jury because of the law's demands. Undoubtedly then, the law is self destroying; for, if any one qualification is essential to bring about just verdicts, it is intelligence among the jurors.

The Tennessee jury is a sad spectacle, and only the law itself is responsible for it.

### DEFINITION OF "VEGEMAN."

The Advertiser has received the following inquiry: "Editor The Advertiser: The definition of 'veggeman' according to standard dictionaries, is simply a burglar/robber. Now will you oblige us by giving us the origin of the term 'Vegg'?"

School Day.  
The word "Veggeman" is undoubtedly the creation of thieves; when they found it or how they made it we do not know. But it is supposed that "Vegg" was the name of some notorious safe blower, possibly the man who became widely known and all other safe blowers in time, were known as "Vegg-men". Etymologists and Philologists have nothing on the derivation of "Vegg"—hence the above supposition is generally accepted.

In a Christian Community it is a public disgrace to bury any man without a religious service of some kind. A simple prayer would have been better than nothing. But some one may ask: "What good would a prayer do that dead burglar and murderer?" None, whatever. But it would have done its people in Laurens some good; and it would have saved us the shame of "just dumping a man into a hole and covering him up."

Senators Clifton, Johnson and Townsend are making themselves rather ridiculous in the eyes of the people by their attempted thrusts at the dispensary winding-up commission and the Attorney General. Thursday of last week this trio of worshippers "died in for" Senator Christensen, one of those who brought about the death of their idol. But the "Senator from Beaufort" was more than a match for the bunch. It looks like these men ought to know better now.

Indiscreet utterances like that of Representative C. A. Smith last week are what hurt a good cause. Mr. Smith charged the News and Courier with a stand against prohibition because a member of the Charleston county dispensary board was an editorial writer on the staff of that paper. It is not true; Mr. Smith's influence is consequently curtailed. A man should know what he is talking about before he makes a statement—especially against a newspaper.

Last Friday's News and Courier has the following: "Laurens Advertiser: 'Laurens County needs a new jail. And the county dispensaries were closed two months ago.' That's where our contemporary is on the wrong trail. Of course the paragraph is not intended for serious consideration, but it implies that we have argued that whiskey was the cause of all crime. We have not. On the contrary we said in an October issue that whiskey was 'by no means the cause of all crimes.' Good jails are needed in the best regulated counties."

To the Lancaster News: Yes, we wept when we learned that Senator Smith had taken the State's Gal-away. But it's not so bad after all; the loss of the gal leaves Moor-man; The State Banks on Sams, white Bagot and Wild still hold their Seats among the mighty.

Those senators who criticize the winding up commission for spending a few thousand dollars are fakirs—nothing more nor less. They are trying to lose an economist of the State's funds, and they are no such thing. The commission spent eleven cents to save a dollar for the State, which was being defrauded by rogues. This bunch of Senators, principally Clifton, Johnson and Townsend try to make the people believe this was an ill-advised expenditure. Whether or not they believed their preachments we are unable to say. But that is neither here nor there; judged either way it is bad enough; that they are either idiots or knaves being the two alternatives.

Senator Tillman is deserving of highest praise for his work in defeating Crum's appointment as port collector in Charleston. It was a hard fight and ably managed.

AT  
**Payne's**  
**Cash Grocery Store**  
This Week.

- Kingian's Country Cured Hams 14 1-2c
- Special 3 lb. can Tomatoes 10c
- 20 pounds Sugar for \$1.00
- The best line of Coffee on the market 10c, 15c, 20c 23c and 33c.
- California Dried Peaches 9c
- And many other bargains. Come to see us.

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The Cash Grocer  
Next door to Palmetto Bank.

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**The**  
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There's no room for us lower down, we visit the Photographic Conventions and keep posted as to the latest and best in our line.

We have changed our prices, many of them lowered. A new line of novelty mountings very attractive.

### NICHOLS' STUDIO.

Wanted—Reliable, energetic man to sell lubricating oils, greases and paints in Laurens and adjoining counties. Salary or commission. Address Fairfax Refining Co., Cleveland, Ohio.  
For Sale—Hasting's Big Bank Account Cotton Seed, limited quantity, \$1.25 per bushel for quick orders.  
Alexander's Money-Maker, 85 cts. Glined on private gin and a sound. Address, C. Connelly, Nichols, P. O. 21

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Laurens, S. C.

**OUR SPECIAL NOTICES.**

Notice—All persons holding claims against the estate of Rev. S. C. Todd are hereby notified to present same at once to the me. C. C. Featherstone, Administrator. 28-31

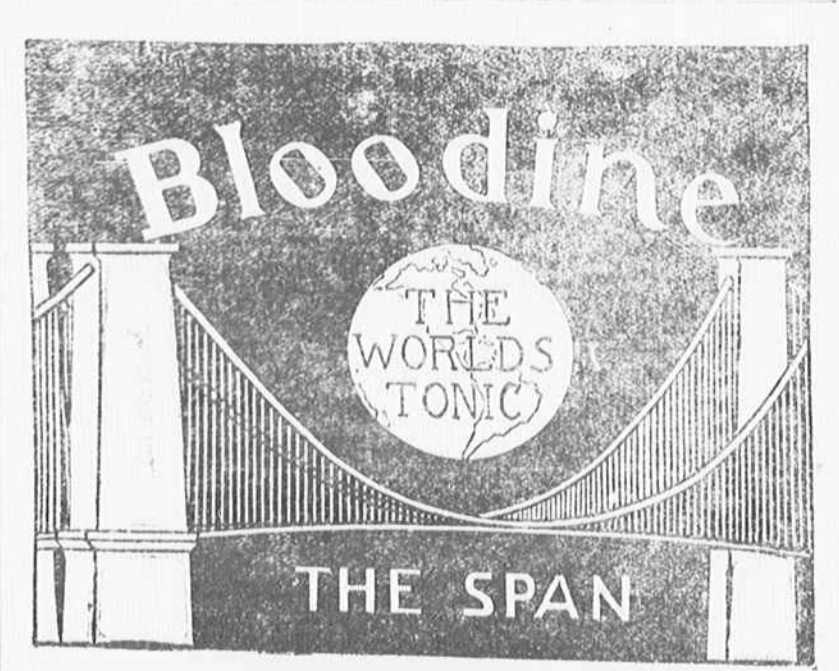
For Rent—The G. Wash Hunter land, near Clinton and Lydia mills, consisting of 10 or 12 horse farm. For further information, see Augustus Huff, Receiver, Laurens, S. C. 28-31

For Sale—Registered Jersey Cow, fresh in milk; six years old, and certificate goes with her. Address F. L. Bramlett, Princeton, S. C. 11

Wanted—To buy all kinds of furs; will pay the top of the market for them. S. Pollakoff, Laurens, S. C. 41

Oats and Beardless Barley—Time to sow now. Have good grade of seed at the right price. See me before you buy elsewhere. M. H. Fowler, Laurens, S. C. 11

For Sale—A Cyphers Incubator, 150 egg capacity. Cheap. Apply to A. Ross Blakely, Laurens, S. C. 29-1



**Bloodine**  
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of life is uncertain—it may be long or it may be short—this largely depends upon your health, and when you find the spans weakening and you feel all run down, nervous, irritable, melancholy; loosing flesh; have no appetite; feel faint; cant sleep; have bad dreams; dizziness or swimming of the head; your hands and feet get cold, tingle and get numb; have pains in your side or back; brick-dust deposit in urine; have acid stomach or heartburn; feel stiff and sore across the shoulders; have shooting pains throughout the body; have to strain or a desire to urinate often, or a burning sensation when passing it, you should commence to take Bloodine to-day. Go or send to your druggist now for a bottle. Don't wait! Delays are dangerous!!

Mrs. A. C. Taintor, Colchester, Conn., tells how any woman can build up their run-down system. They can be permanently cured of monthly pains and all female diseases.

Colchester, Conn., March 30, 1904.  
THE BLOODINE CO., Boston, Mass.:  
GENTLEMEN—Through a friend in Milford I am induced to try your Bloodine. I enclose 10c. for sample bottle.  
Yours truly,  
Mrs. A. C. Taintor.

Colchester, Conn., July 26, 1904.  
THE BLOODINE CO., Boston, Mass.:  
GENTLEMEN—I enclose \$2.50 for six (6) bottles of Bloodine—an convinced it is what I need to build me up. I saw a change for the better after taking We will forfeit \$1,000 if the originals of the above letters proving genuineness cannot be produced.  
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**DR. B. F. POSEY**  
Laurens, S. C.

**DR. CLIFTON JONES**  
Dentist  
Office in Simmons Building  
Phone: Office No. 86; Residence 210.

Our Mr. S. M. Wilkes left this week for Northern markets where he will look at all the different lines from which he will buy a line of House-Furnishing-Goods for our spring and summer trade.  
S. M. & E. H. Wilkes & Co.