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**LARGEST CIRCULATION IN EDGEFIELD COUNTY.**

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Take away the sword; states can be saved without it; bring the pen!—**BULWER.**

Political matters have slipped a cog in South Carolina. More than a week has passed without another candidate for governor coming from under cover.

Mr. Taft has proven himself to be a very versatile man. One day he addressed the Augusta lawyers and the next day he addressed a religious body from the rostrum of one of the churches.

Senator, don't be too severe on the "wild asses of the desert." Having been hungry so long, they really can't be blamed for stampeding when the door of the Democratic crib was opened.

Mr. Taft has proven himself to be a level-headed man, both in and out of the president's chair. An aviator over in Augusta the other day offered to take the big ex-president up in his aeroplane, but he smilingly declined.

With steak selling for 30 cents and ham for 40 cents the pound in Atlanta, the man with a moderate income will be forced to become a vegetarian or live at the expense of the grocer, as some people do in this section.

It is a pity that Senator Tillman and Senator Smith disagree in endorsing applicants for office. They should discuss their difference behind the scene, and after uniting upon a common ground present a harmonious front to the public.

Vice-President Marshall is said to be so conscientious that he is actually worried because he draws a salary of \$12,000 and has practically nothing to do. Mr. Marshall will have earned all of his salary and more besides if he keeps those warring Democratic senators straight.

President Wilson is determined that no charge of nepotism shall be brought against his administration. He is making his kith and kin to the remotest generation keep away from the "pie" counter. He is not going to "stand by" any of his friends either unless they are deserving in every particular.

A certain New England minister has found a partial solution for the high-cost-of-living question by making pies of English sparrows. The Advertiser is denied even that *dernier ressort*, as the screech-owls have driven all of our sparrows away. And it matters not how hard the times we must draw the line upon putting screech-owls on The Advertiser's menu.

Notwithstanding all of the rain, the White House is as "dry" as a bone. The stand which President and Mrs. Wilson have taken with reference to intoxication liquors is worthy of especial notice. If the "White House," the first home in the land, with all of its state functions, is conducted without wines and liquors, surely every home throughout the 48 states can likewise afford to discard the social glass.

Interest in the corn contest is growing daily. Farmers realize now more than they did several years ago the importance of growing sufficient corn on the farm to supply the home demand. They have learned that on good land and with the adoption of modern methods corn can be grown at home almost as cheaply as western corn can be hauled 15 miles over bad roads from the depot.

It may be construed as a doubtful compliment to say the railroads of South Carolina are on the upgrade; yet it is a fact that the road beds are constantly being improved. During the year 1912, according to the report of the railroad commission, only one passenger was killed on the railroads of South Carolina. Of course there were operatives and others killed, but they are subjected to greater danger than passengers.

**Abolish the Nuisance.**

If the early announcements for governor and lieutenant-governor are to be taken as an earnest of what will follow, the state campaign party next summer will be so large that a special train will have to be chartered for the tour—that is, if the tour is to be made. The Advertiser favors discontinuing the county-to-county campaign. It was abolished in Georgia long ago and Georgia politics is certainly on no lower plane now than South Carolina politics.

**Atlanta's Anti-Suffragettes.**

The unexpected has happened. The members of the Atlanta Federation of Women's Clubs have put themselves on record as opposed to the suffragette movement. The impression prevailed, knowing Atlantians' penchant for notoriety, that the fair Georgians would soon break loose and go the New York-Washington hikers one better. The Advertiser extends the women of the Gate City the right hand of fellowship across the surging waters of the Savannah.

**Edgefield People Well Satisfied.**

Some of the counties are circulating petitions looking to the holding of an election on the dispensary question in August. As for the people of Edgefield, they are satisfied with the present status. Conditions, from the standpoint of law and order, are better now in this county than at any other time within the memory of the oldest inhabitants. If a law is enacted, as suggested by the grand jury, making it possible to put the blind tigers on the chaingang, both white and colored, conditions will soon improve still more. The presence of Sheriff Swearingen's special deputy will also help matters very materially.

**"A Little Brief Authority."**

It appears that a certain young ruler, not satisfied with steering the old Ship of State *ad libitum*, wants to dominate municipalities also. Shakespeare must have drawn the veil of the future and, while peering down through the vistas of time, caught a glimpse of a certain chief executive when he was inspired to pen these lines:

"But man, proud man,  
Drest in a little brief authority,  
Most ignorant of what he's most assured,  
His glassy essence, what an angry ape,  
Plays such fantastic tricks before high heaven  
As to make the angels weep."

**A Very Profitable Feature.**

While college students of today have numerous advantages that were not enjoyed by students a decade or two ago, there is one in particular that has only within recent years become a feature of college and university life. We refer to the lectures that are delivered at intervals during the session at the leading colleges by literati, scientists and professional men from all parts of the country. Dr. S. C. Mitchell, always alert and progressive, has made this an exceedingly profitable feature for the students of the South Carolina University. Presidents of other schools in the state likewise provide lectures during the session by others than members of the faculty. The fathers and mothers of present-day college students did not have such opportunities.

**Augusta Not Flooded.**

Edgefield rejoices with Augusta over her escape from another inundation through the overflowing of the Savannah. It appeared Friday night and Saturday that the city would again be enveloped several feet in muddy water, but the rainfall over the entire region drained by the Savannah river was evidently not as heavy as the downpour in this section indicated. An overflow sufficient to flood Augusta, as has been done on several former occasions, on the threshold of spring would have been a great calamity. In addition to breeding sickness, such an overflow would have meant the demoralization and stagnation of business for several months or longer.

It is gratifying to know that the constant dread and impending danger of another flood at any time is soon to be removed by the erection of levees by the government for the protection of the city. In a few short months the work will be well under way and this substantial piece of engineering will render the progressive city immune from this plague or impending disaster.

**Gave Up the Fight.**

That Senator Tillman was not chosen by the steering committee of the senate for the chairmanship of the committee on appropriations was a disappointment to him and a tremendous loss to South Carolina. For this state to have held the chairmanship through Senator Tillman would have been a powerful leverage in the matter of securing money—honestly and legitimately, we mean—from the public treasury for public buildings, drainage, navy yard, improving navigable streams, and for sundry other purposes.

According to custom and under the rules of the senate, Senator Tillman

was entitled to this position of honor and great distinction, but owing to his physical infirmity the members of the steering committee, all of whom were Senator Tillman's personal friends, decided that it would not be wise or prudent to give him this important assignment. After due deliberation, Senator Tillman gave up the fight for his rights and issued the following statement:

"Under the rules of the Senate, which have always obtained here, I was entitled to the chairmanship of the committee on appropriations. I asked for that, but my colleagues, in their wisdom—and I recognize that every man on the steering committee that elected the membership of this committee is my friend—thought that I had better retire into the still water for a while and leave the battleships to go out into the open. I bow and cheerfully submit to that decision."

**Law Should be Changed.**

In the report made at the March term of court the grand jury passed a resolution urging our delegation to the general assembly to have the existing laws which provide punishment for the illegal sale of liquor and for obtaining goods under false pretense so amended that all persons convicted under these charges shall be imprisoned at hard labor instead of being fined. This resolution strikes at the very root of two existing evils. Men who sell whiskey in defiance of law generally belong to a depraved class who are not humiliated by being convicted in the courts; nor do they feel the weight of the law when only a fine is imposed. The amount of the fine can soon be made by the enormous profits on mean liquor. They do, however, object to wearing stripes and working on the public roads. The passage and enforcement of such a law would reduce the illegal sale of liquor to a minimum.

The promise to secure the passage of a law as above suggested was one of the popular planks in the campaign platform of Col. J. P. DeLaughter last summer and, true to his promise, when he went to Columbia in January he framed such a measure but as the opposition was so great he decided it was the part of wisdom to let the matter go over to the next session. Col. DeLaughter will press his measure when the next session convenes.

The recommendation of the grand jury concerning the obtaining of goods under false pretenses is likewise a good one. A very large per cent. of borrowers or those who obtain advances from merchants have practically no security except personal property. And it is unfortunate for this class of borrowers that within recent years so many false representations have been made in obtaining money or advances that such security is now regarded as extremely risky and undesirable. Were the law more severe in dealing with those who practice fraud, the honest borrower would be benefited by having his security received as a safe and sound basis for credit.

**An Out-and-Out Suffragette.**

Suffragettes are mighty noisy creatures. They make themselves heard, if not felt, both in and out of season. Some time ago a goose found her way into The Advertiser's poultry yard, and we soon discovered from her continuous "qua-qua", "qua-qua" that she was a suffragette after the most pronounced type. And what we objected to most was that she, like the other "live wire" suffragettes, would not rest, nor would she let anyone else on the premises have a peaceful moment. After a night's slumber, punctuated here and there with a lonely "qua-qua," she would take her stand at the crack of day under our chamber window and with one of her "qua-qua" lectures set forth her grievances. After exercising much patience and after a careful study and diagnosis of her case, we decided that what she needed to complete her happiness, and to right her wrongs, was not the ballot but the constant companionship of a congenial gander—just what "Gen." Rosy Jones' lieutenants would like to have if the secret desires of their restless hearts were revealed. Well, to make a long story short, being unable to supply the "crying" need of this spinster "suffragette," we advised that her troubles be ended at the block and later in the pot. But, do not misunderstand us, The Advertiser does not advise the guillotine for the troubles of all suffragettes, for someday some "ganders" may be goose enough to take the hikers in out of the weather.

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**What Others Say**

Yes, Better "Cut it Out."

This matter of getting liquor is really getting to be so complicated and so uncertain that we would advise the boys to cut it out.—*Florence Times.*

**Wasp Waits Again.**

The wasp waist is again to be in vogue which is a stinging disappointment to all stout ladies.—*News and Courier.*

**Injures the Boy.**

Every parent who says in front of his boy that he will allow no school teacher to punish his child is doing all he can to put the boy in the way of needing a licking.—*Newberry Observer.*

**Nation-Wide Influence.**

A man with the high sense of political honor of Woodrow Wilson and his strong personality is bound to have a nation-wide influence for good. There will be a toning up of the political system that will be felt from sea to sea and from the lakes to the gulf.—*Newberry Observer.*

**Decided Income Changes.**

The Houston Post thinks Mr. Taft's drop from \$6,250 a month to \$416 is enough to jar his back teeth. And Woodrow's jump from \$833 to \$6,250 is enough to turn his ponderous Presbyterian solemnity into shouting Methodist exultation.—*Orangeburg Times and Democrat.*

**The Governor's "Educated" Chauffeur.**

Howard Neely, the negro chauffeur who runs the governor's automobile, is much in the limelight, and is getting notoriety enough to turn his head. He is a Newberry negro, the son of Berry the Blacksmith, and is "educated."—*Newberry Observer.*

**Races and Gambling.**

We do not know who to blame for it but we are very much disappointed that our friend Sheriff Martin of that county has not stopped the races in that city. The races are going on there as if there were no law on the books and no need of respecting it if there were. There are good people in Charleston enough to place the blame for that on some one.—*Florence Times.*

**Smile Provokers**

"Did you and your wife do much rowing at the seashore?"  
"That's the way it's spelled, but it is pronounced differently."

The kindly old man stopped to watch a wee tot who was diligently searching the sidewalk for something and at the same time sobbing loudly.

"What have you lost, little girl?" he finally ventured.  
"Boo hoo!" came the reply between sniffs, "I've lost my nickel." Touched by the child's grief, the old man extracted a 5-cent piece from his pocket, pressed into the little tot's palm and said:  
"There, there, little girl, here's your nickel. Now stop crying." To his surprise, the child flashed on him a look of bitter contempt.  
"Why you wicked old man," he said, stamping her tiny foot, "you had my nickel all the time!—*St. Louis Post-Dispatch.*

It is doubtful if "Uncle Joe" Cannon ever owned a silk hat. Nobody around Washington remembers seeing him wear one. Next his cigar, nothing is quite so familiar to his friends as the type of black soft hat which he has made famous. It recalls an amusing incident that occurred in the Arlington hotel a few years ago.

Mr. Cannon strolled into the place one evening with his secretary, L. White Busbey. Now it happened that Busbey was always a good deal heavier on dress than his chief. This particular night he was immaculate.

A man in the lobby was showing visitor the sights.  
"There's Uncle Joe Cannon," he said, nudging the stranger.  
"You don't tell me," exclaimed the visitor, looking at Busbey. "Who is that old slouch with him!"  
—*Kansas City Star.*

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