

GIVE HIM JUSTICE.

Senator Rayner made a splendid speech in the senate on Tuesday in the interest of Colonel Stewart and criticising the president for banishing this officer to a deserted army post.

From the facts it is gathered that Stewart is "persona non grata" to the president. He has tried to get the officer to resign. Repeatedly he has promoted other officers over his head. Stewart has done splendid service and desires to retire with the rank of Brigadier General. This the president is determined that he shall not do and on some trivial charge he was hauled before a court composed, with one exception, of men who had been appointed over his head. This packed court decided that Stewart was unfit for the army. Seeing that he would not resign the president "banished" him to a taraway post, one that is almost abandoned. He (Col. Stewart) said in a letter to Senator Rayner that he had no companionship except a teamster and driver. That snow and sleet came in the roof of the dwelling where he was quartered.

The present occupant of the white house has done many high handed things but this last is one which even the Czar of Russia would hesitate before doing. Further the president has said in letters which he wrote to several senators that he was supreme and that Congress had no right to question his actions in this matter. In other words he was above Congress.

This is fast getting to be a one man government anyhow. Roosevelt has run things pretty much as he pleased. He has made and unmade men and anyone who dared to criticise him was denounced severely.

Humanity demands that Congress investigate the case of Colonel Stewart. If he is the victim of persecution he should be vindicated. If he is guilty he should be convicted but he has that right which every man is born with, a just and fair trial before his equals. Charles I lost his head for just such a course; Caesar was assassinated for the same thing, and we hope to goodness that the republicans will be beaten to a frazzle and the Democrats elect their candidate because Roosevelt and his party are guilty of this sin and many more which would fill volumes.

DON'T INSTRUCT DELEGATES

A glance at the editorial page of the Orangeburg Times and Democrat shows an entire run of Bryan editorials, "knocking" the News and Courier and other supporters of Bryan and "boosting" the Nebraskan. It says that Bryan is the choice of an overwhelming majority of the Orangeburg democrats and yet takes up all the editorials on this subject.

Of course it is none of our business but we think that all this "hubbub" and "hurrah" about Bryan is being carried too far. It looks strange to us that if Orangeburg has gone for Bryan that the Times and Democrat should still take all their editorial space in lauding him and presenting his merits to the people.

As a matter of fact where there is so much smoke there is bound to be some fire and we believe that the Times and Democrat finds considerable opposition to the Nebraskan or else it would hardly waste so much space on him. The opposition must be feared.

As we have said before we are not opposed to W. J. Bryan personally. He is a gentlemanly fellow and one of the greatest living Americans. At the same time we are opposed to an instructed delegation to the Denver convention. The delegates should be left entirely free and not be hampered and bound by instructions.

The Marlboro county democrat-

ic convention instructed for Bryan but we don't believe the people of this county are a unit in his favor. True he would be acceptable, as any democrat would, but we have talked with some of the leading citizens and find that they are not at all enthusiastic about him. One of the leading citizens said the other day that he believed that Bryan would be nominated and be beaten. And this is what a lot of them think.

For our part we would like to see the delegates to the conventions chosen by a primary. That would be a better way of getting at the feelings and wishes of the people. As it stands one can't say what their choice is. Only a few attended the club meetings and still fewer attended the convention. We want to see the primary plan adopted and the delegation sent to Denver uninstructed.

THE COLLEGE GRADUATE

Naturally this season of the year is one of the most stirring and important of any. In a few days colleges all over the country will close for the summer vacation and from the walls of each will go forth men and women to take their places in the ranks and begin in earnest the studies which are prescribed in the college of life.

There is no more important period in the life of man or woman than their commencement day. That day on which they receive their diploma marks the end of the first milestone in life. Thereafter they are to change. The friends and associations which have been theirs for the past few years are to be left behind. A new life is entered and it is well for them that they pause and consider before taking up life's work.

The world and everyday affairs as viewed through the eyes of the student is far different from the real thing. In fact after one leaves college and gets out into the world he or she, as the case may be, will be surprised that they ever looked upon life as they did in college. College is a world by itself. There are trained the men and women who are to be the leaders and moulders of the world. Generally, if not all the time, they see the brightest and best things of the world and look upon man with far more confidence and faith than they ever will do again. This is all right and as it should be.

Fall of hope and enthusiasm the young graduate stands commencement day in all his glory and receives his diploma which is evidence of the fact that the Professors have done their duty by him and that he is now ready to enter the world for himself. His future success or failure depends on himself. If he will remember the teachings of his instructors, remember what they have for four years placed before him what is right and just, he will come out all right at last. There will be rainy days in his life. As the president, of one of the colleges once said "The longer he lives the more of the seamy side of life he will see".

But perhaps the worst time will be the first year after leaving college. All of the associations of four years, all the friends which have been daily associates, are left behind and new friends must be formed. New ideas are to take the place of many which have been firmly located for four years in college.

It is far easier to live right in college than it is after getting out into the world. Under the constant eye of the president and faculty, attending the duties of studies and not having to struggle with the problem of making bread and meat, it is not so very hard to keep to the straight and narrow path. But once out into the world all this is changed. Alone and having to kick and scuffle for every cent which you get life is different. It comes down to the problem of meeting the daily necessities of life. In fact it often seems that when bread and meat are forthcoming that there is little

energy left for else. True in college we are taught how to live right, to treat our fellow man with the spirit of brotherly love and to do unto others as we would have them do unto us. But when our fellow man gets to "doing us" then we feel like "doing" him. And there is a lot of this in the world. We find lots of men different from what we supposed them to be once we get to having business relations with them. This is one reason why college life presents a more rosier view than real life.

But if the graduate will hold to what has been taught through college he will build a firm and sure foundation.

We wonder if Mrs. Guinness wore a "Merry widow?" Anyway she was a bloody widow.

Mrs. Guinness certainly took advantage of leap year. The way she got rid of men was a caution.

Lets nominate a Marlboro county man for president and stop all this hurrahing for Bryan and the rest.

Senator Tillman is opposed to instructions and so are a great many of South Carolina Democrats

Atlanta has had another big fire. Must be trying to copy after Bennettsville. Those Atlantans are great imitators anyway.

Governor Hughes says that he will not accept the nomination of vice-president. He had better wait until it is offered to him.

Tillman is mad because the News and Courier had him saying that he favors a man of Cleveland's stamp. He has favored worse men than Grover Cleveland.

Congressman Lever had the affront to come out and oppose some of the sentiments and policies of Tillman. He must be thinking of retiring to private life.

Prince Krotzulesco says that none of the nobility which marry American heiress are any good. He says that they are not first class nobleman. Well we have been knowing that for some time.

The mayor of a town in Michigan cursed when he boarded a street car and was hauled up in the police court and fined. Wonder if he was sitting behind one of the "Merry widows?"

Heflin has been indicted for shooting that negro in Washington which insulted a lady on a street car. We bet that he will poll more votes than any other congressman in the south at the approaching election.

One week from today the negro Jim Malloy will pay with his life for the brutal murder of his wife. This will be the best remedy for murder. More of them and there would be less shooting and less pistol "toting" in the state. The pardoning board are to be congratulated on refusing to interfere in his case.

PEE DEE CHAPTER

Pleasant Meeting at Home of Mrs. W. H. Ellerbe

Pee Dee Chapter was charmingly entertained by Mrs. W. H. Ellerbe at its last regular meeting. An interesting program had been arranged for this occasion and was well carried out. Perhaps the most entertaining feature was the reading from Kuickeboeckers history of New York by Mrs. Ellerbe.

After all business was transacted our hostess served delicious refreshments while we sat and chatted along most pleasant and diverting lines.

We adjourned to meet again with Mrs. J. M. Jackson in May. At this meeting the election of of-

ficers for the coming year together with a regular program gives promise of another pleasant and profitable morning.

COMMENCEMENT AT McCOLL

On 17th, 18th and 19th of This Month

The following invitation has been received by the Advocate. The honor of your presence is requested at the annual commencement of McColl high school May the seventeenth, eighteenth and nineteenth, nineteen hundred and eight, McColl, South Carolina.

PROGRAMME.

Sunday, May seventeenth annual sermon, Rev. C. A. Jones, Bennettsville, S. C.

Monday, May eighteenth, 8:30 p. m., piano recital.

Commencement day Tuesday, May nineteenth 11 a. m., annual debate, Euphonian Literary Society. Query:—Resolved that a low tariff for revenue only should be speedily enacted by the United States Congress. Affirmative:—Hilda Robinson, Ruth Pipkin, May Ford. Negative:—Belle Whitaker, Gertrude Morrison, Sadie Easterling.

1:30 p. m. Annual literary address, Prof. Patterson Wardlaw, Columbia, S. C.

2:30 P. M. Awarding Diplomas and medal.

Graduates—May Ford, Ruth Pipkin, Sallie Whitaker, Charles Gibson.

Marshals.—Edwin McLaurin, chief, Sallie McColl, Sadie Easterling, Kirkland Gibson, Gertrude Morrison, James McLaurin.

Music by Remburg's orchestra, Fayetteville, N. C.

WON TWO GAMES

The Home Boys Ran Away with Red Springs on Saturday

Red Springs came to Bennettsville on Saturday and played two games with the local base ball team. One game at 10 a. m., the other at 4 p. m. Bennettsville put it all over Red Springs in both games.

Following is the result of the morning game:

Bennettsville 20 runs, Red Springs 5 runs.

Bennettsville 17 hits 6 errors, Red Springs 5 hits 6 errors.

Batteries: Bennettsville, Covington, Crowell and Pate. Red Springs, Cook, Lovin, Cope and Graham.

Struck out: Covington, 7; Crowell, 2; Cook, 3; Graham, 2.

The feature of this game were, a home run by McKrae, sensational catches by Maultsby and Chas. Covington, two daring steals from third to home by Maultsby, Pate's catching and the batting by Bennettsville team.

The evening game also went to Bennettsville by a score of 14 to 2. Hits—Bennettsville 16, Red Springs 3.

Errors—Bennettsville 3, Red Springs 5.

Struck out—by Covington, 4.

Struck out—by Buie 6.

Batteries—Bennettsville, Covington and Pate. Red Springs, Buie and Graham.

The features of this game were: a home run by McKrae, fine running catches by Crowell, Maultsby and Hinson, and the good battery work of Covington and Pate. The Bennettsville team all played good ball.

Mail Via B. & O.

Office of Superintendent Railway Mail Service Fourth Division, Atlanta, Ga, April 13th, 1908.

Postmaster, Bennettsville, S. C. Sir:—Under the present schedules the following will be the arrangement for the pouches between your office and Hamlet and Jacksonville R P O by Kollock: You will pouch daily except Sunday on Hamlet & Jacksonville train 66 by train 52 at 7:50 A M, and daily except Sunday on Hamlet & Jacksonville train 43 by train 64 at 7:50 P M. You will be due

to receive the following return pouches: By train 61 at 9:45 A M a pouch from Hamlet & Jacksonville train 43.

All other pouch exchanges between your office and Hamlet & Jacksonville R P O will be discontinued.

Respectfully,  
L. M. Harrell,  
Superintendent.

ATTENTION

Co. E. 2nd Regt. N. G. S. The new rifles are on hand, ready for use. The new uniforms will arrive in a few days. Drills are held every Tuesday night and everyone is urged to be on hand at every drill.

W. H. McIntyre,  
20 A. D. Capt.

WANDERING WORKERS.

Many Skilled Mechanics Like to Travel Over the Globe.

In New York may be found skilled mechanics who have been wandering over the globe for half a lifetime. There are few trades in which a skilled man with the mastery of several tongues cannot earn a living in almost any considerable city of the world.

Most of the mechanics who move thus freely about the world are continental Europeans. Woodcarvers, stonecutters, electrical workers of various kinds and garment cutters are among the mechanics that move about most freely.

The great temptation to such a wanderer is the trip around the world. The thing is not really difficult. He can cross this continent profitably in a few months, with a stop at Chicago and perhaps another between Chicago and San Francisco. A stop of a few weeks or months at San Francisco will put him in funds for the voyage to Australia.

There are four or five Australian cities in which a skilled man is sure of profitable employment. After Australia there are the great Anglo-Indian cities.

The journey to Europe can be made with a stop at Cairo if one chooses to make a little detour, and then Paris awaits one only a few hours beyond the end of the Mediterranean. Here are cheap living and good wages. In a few months one is more than equipped for the voyage to New York.

One has only to keep sober and know how to save money in order to make such a journey around the world with entire success. It does not mean uncomfortable living. In fact, the journeyman must be well dressed and must present a good appearance to get on. At the height of the season hardly any city has enough skilled garment cutters, for example, and the wanderers are always welcome when they reach a new town.—Washington Post.

HURRY FUNERALS.

Odd Orders That Are Sometimes Given to Undertakers.

"Life and death both are strenuous in New York," said an undertaker. "We get orders sometimes that shock us."

"Not long ago we had a call from a family who asked us to make a hurry up job for the reason that they had arranged to sail for Europe two days later, and they didn't want to postpone the voyage."

"What would you think of a woman who asked to have her husband buried as quickly as possible on the ground that a few days before his death they had agreed to a separation and that she would like to put away the deceased before the newspapers heard of their marital trouble? That is exactly what happened."

"Then there was this case: An elderly aunt, who had been an invalid more than a year, passed away. We were asked to arrange for the funeral on the day of her death, and when we demurred unless there was some important reason we were informed by a nephew that they were anxious to know what was in her will, as the matrimonial chances of a niece depended upon what she was to get."

"Some time ago a man came into our office and said that his mother-in-law had just died and that he would like to send her body south as soon as possible because his wife wanted to attend some sort of function three days later."

"In the good old days in some parts of the country it used to be the custom for friends of the family in which a death occurred to sit up with the corpse. In a case given to us a few months ago we were asked to send a couple of genteel appearing employees to the house to keep the vigil. We did it, but I confess to you it seemed to me rather heartless."—Exchange.

Chaucer's Face in a Stone.

In a geological branch of the British museum the visitor is shown a wonderful specimen of natural imitation in a small "ribbon jasper." This stone, the material of which is not unlike that

A Grand Visit for an Old Man

Mr. Editor—After so long hired life through so many hard years of toil and trouble and pleasure all mingled and mixed together through the scenes of life I have had one more grand day allotted me in the town of McColl. On the eight day of May 1908, this old writer had the grand pleasure of grasping the hands of so many kind friends with pleasant smiles on their faces. That it does seem to me. How can I keep from penning a few lines to

worthy Democrat for publication about my pleasurable trip to that beautiful town of McColl.

Not only the gentlemen showed up their kind appreciations but I was cordially introduced to the beautiful specimen of humanity on young lady line which in secret meditation of their kindness after returning home informing my wife of the nice time that I had I came to the conclusions that a few more years of life will be allowed me to enjoy life with kind friends on this old globe that my kind heavenly father fixed off so nicely in six days and ended his work on the seventh. Only a few hours was my stay in the beautiful town of McColl but the pleasant air seemed as breathed in my nostrils you are welcome in the presence of this noble prosperous people of McColl. that is so beautifully fixied with beautiful dwelling houses and flower yards decked on shrubbery and flowers and after being filled with good energy of life they did not make me sick and I am the same old Joel Covington. May 9th 1908 Marlboro County S. C.

COMMENCEMENT AT CHICORA

Invitations Being Sent Out—List of Graduates and Speakers

Greenville May 7th.—Invitations are being sent out to the commencement exercises of Chicora college, which takes place May 24-27th, and also to the recital given by the graduating students of music, which occurs on the evening of May 15th.

The following young ladies will receive degrees: Miss Erin Kinard Addison, Chappells, S. C. B. S.; Miss Lalla Malinda Ballenger, Richland, S. C. B. A.; Miss Ellen Iola Childers, Piedmont, S. C. B. S.; Miss Fannie Cleveland Davis, Greenville, B. A.; Miss Sarah Emma Evans, Abbeville, S. C. B. A.; Miss Lucy Robinson Evans, Clemson College, S. C. D. S.; Miss Mary Rebecca Finnagan, Clover, S. C. B. A.; Miss Nellie League Griffin, Greenville, B. A.; Miss Annie Downs Kilgore, Woodruff, S. C. A. Mus.; Miss Ruby Theresa Little, Canesville, Ga., A. Mus.; Miss Louise Blanche Miller, Martin, Ga., B. A.; Miss Drusilla Young Means, Moore, S. C. B.S.; Miss Blanche Rose, Timmonsville, S. C. B. S.; Miss Robert Barnett Spratt, Fort Mill, S.C., B.S.; Miss Annie Elizabeth Wilkinson, Greenville, B. A.; Miss Lattie Young, Laurens, S. C. B. A.; Miss Jennie Young, Laurens, S. C. B. S. The following will receive certificates in various schools: Miss Fannie Lois Beckham, St. Charles, S. C.; Miss Marie Brewer, Kershaw, S. C.; Miss Annie Childress, Laurens, S. C.; Miss Lucile Cunningham, Sumter, S. C.; Miss Nogie James, Moore, S. C.; Miss Mary Victoria Reid, Bennettsville, S. C., and Miss Pearl Audeka Willingham, Blair, S. C.

The program of the commencement exercises is as follows: On Sunday, May 24th, at 11:30 a. m., Rev. F. D. Jones, of Charlotte, N. C., will preach the baccalaureate sermon in the college auditorium, and at 8.15 p. m., Rev. E. E. Gillespie, of Yorkville, S. C., will preach the sermon before the Young Woman's Christian Association.

On Monday, May 25th, from three to five p. m. the college parlors will be thrown open for the annual art reception, and at 8.30 p. m. a recital will be given in the auditorium by the department of expression.

On Tuesday, May 26th, at noon the Alumnae Association will hold their annual meeting in the college parlors; at five p. m., class day exercises, and at 8.30 p. m. the final recital by the college of music.

On Wednesday, May 27th, the Board of trustees will hold their annual meeting, at 4.30 p. m., and at 8.30 p. m. the graduating exercises will take place. The literary address will be delivered by Rev. Samuel M. Smith, D. D. of Columbia, S. C.

Stop That Cold

To check early colds or Grippe with "Preventics" means sure defeat for Pneumonia. To stop a cold with Preventics is safer than to let it run and be obliged to cure it afterwards. To be sure, Preventics will cure even a deeply seated cold, but taken early—at the sneeze stage—your head, or head of these early colds. That's surely better. That's why they are called Preventics. Preventics are little Candy Cold Cures. No Quinine, no physic, nothing sickening. Nice for the children—and thoroughly safe too. If you feel chilly, if you sneeze, if you ache all over, think of Preventics. Promptness may also save half your usual sickness. And don't forget your child, if there is feverishness, night or day. Herein probably lies Preventics' greatest efficiency. Sold in tin boxes for the pocket, also in 25c boxes of 45 Preventics. Insist on your druggists giving you

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