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FRIDAY, JULY 30, 1915.

WEATHER FORECAST

Probably fair Friday and Saturday; not much change in temperature.

A fresh youth is pretty apt to make a spoiled man.

We sure had rather be right, than president of Haiti.

The Barnwell Sentinel says hell is an imitation of war.

The Black Republic is making a record for black deeds.

Haiti seems to have solved the problem of ex-presidents.

Why doesn't somebody issue a ukase against this weather.

Mr. Bryan is for peace at any price, but not so with his chautauqua lectures.

Twice in life are men equal—when they are born and when they are buried.

The moon is showing mighty poor judgment in getting full this kind of weather.

The first thing to learn about running an automobile is to learn how to stop it.

It's no trouble to find one who is willing to do you a favor when you don't need it.

What about Uncle Sam taking over Haiti and sending the Colonel down there to run the show thing.

Those trench diggers at the European war front haven't a thing on those operating on South Main street.

Leelanaw Attempted to Make His Escape—Greenville News headline. When did ships change their gender?

We wish somebody would tell us how to sleep cool on a hot bed.—Spartanburg Journal. Get in the ice box.

Exit Frank, exit Thaw, exit Becker—one by one the front page steadies are being lopped off.

Speaking of the Leelanaw incident, Tully says it is a "damnable outrage" and "perfectly heinous." We believe it possible to provoke the Colonel to the point where he would

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But this contingency will not arise. Manning will be the leading figure in the race, both because he is a candidate for the customary second term, and because he will be attacked by all other candidates who run, and will thus be one man against the field. In a three cornered race, he would easily be the leading candidate. It will not do to underestimate this fact. Then again Manning will be the leading candidate because he has lived up to the obligations of his office. He may have done some things which politicians believe to be mistakes, and he has probably made mistakes; but he has tried to be the governor of all the people, and to enforce the laws impartially, as he promised. For these reasons we believe Manning would be the leading candidate in a three-

BECKER GETS HIS.

By the time this is read Charles Becker will in all probability have paid with his life the debt he owed New York for instigating the murder of Herman Rosenthal. We have been unable to work up any great amount of enthusiasm for interference with the sentence of death passed upon the former police lieutenant, who was given every opportunity in the world to establish his innocence and failed. It appears to us that everything possible under the law has been done to save Becker from the electric chair. In fact, we didn't know it was possible to make as many moves to save a man's life as have been made in Becker's case. His attorneys have dragged his case back and forth from one court to another, appealed to judges and juries and the governor and have done everything else possible to have the sentence set aside. But all avenues of escape from the chair were closed to him.

Becker was just a cheap grafter, that's all. And being brought face to face with the hideous white light of exposure, he attempted to shut off the current that would have supplied the search-light by sealing Rosenthal's lips in death. The poor devils who were his tools long since paid the penalty in Sing Sing's electric chair, and the chances are if Becker had had less money he too would have followed them to the death chamber a good while ago.

That was a horrible story told in yesterday's dispatches of the former police officer, having been informed that hope had fled, being prepared for the electric chair—being given the customary bath and shave, and having his suit exhibited for the contents of black and being taken out of the cell he had occupied and placed in a cage adjoining the death chamber, where he could look out and see the "little green door" leading into the room from which he would be taken out a corpse. It is a pathetic story of his wife's appeal for mercy to make an eleventh hour appeal for mercy to Governor Whitman. It is a tragic spectacle of the big, brawny Becker, who could have been such a power for good, announcing to those who brought him news that he had lost, "I will die like a man." It makes one sick at heart and causes cold chills to creep over one's body to read of the deliberateness, the precalculation and the methodism with which the prison officials go about preparations for the legal murdering of a fellow man.

But then "an eye for an eye" and "a tooth for a tooth" is the basis on which we mortals conduct the affairs of our courts, and in the case of Becker we are, according to this standard, meting out simple justice—justice, which our artists portray as a goddess of benign countenance, poised erect and serene above the tangles and the twists of our everyday life, the scales of right and wrong and truth and untruth held on high, the paring sword in the other hand and her eyes—the windows of the soul—closed and shuttered.

About a year hence we expect to hear of the committee investigating the Eastland horror rendering a report to the effect that it was found the Eastland turned over in the river, drowning a thousand people or more.

THE CHURCH NOT TO BLAME.

Why is it that when a fellow-man, an ordinary mortal subject to all the temptations that beset the paths of the rest of us, slips on the upward climb and comes sliding back down the thorny path we take an apparent delight in spreading the news? More than that, why is it that we apparently take more delight in stressing the fact that the fellow was "high up in the church," if it so happened in his case that he was a church-goer? What has the church got to do with it? Was the fact that he was "high up in the church" responsible for his misdeeds? We don't think so. But we do think that if the fellow hadn't been a churchman he would have done worse. No, the church is not responsible for any man's downfall. If a churchman falls he falls because he hasn't the kind of stuff in him that it takes to withstand temptation, and that was lacking before he ever started to going to church.

NO ENTHUSIASM FOR COOPER.

It is interesting, to say the least, and significant to note the attitude of the press of the great Piedmont section of the State toward the probable candidacy of Solicitor R. A. Cooper for governor in 1918. We have heard already from the press of Spartanburg county regarding the report that Mr. Cooper might enter the race, the opinion being expressed that the Laurens man would make a fatal mis-

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cornered race. Cooper's chances therefore would depend on his ability to beat Blease for second place. If he did this he could expect to win only through the influence of Blease in the second race, and after making the campaign which he did last summer, he could hardly ask for the support of Blease, nor allow himself to become virtually the Blease candidate.

But Manning will be re-elected in any emergency. A few politicians have made considerable noise in finding fault with him, but these politicians do not elect men to office. The great silent majority cast the votes which elect men to office; and these men have not spoken. When they do speak, they will not likely repudiate the man whom last summer they triumphantly elected. Manning was elected to the office on the platform on which Cooper then stood. If it is a question of platform and not of men, we are of the opinion that Cooper could best serve the State at this time by holding up the hands of Manning and by helping him carry out the principles for which they both contended. He can afford to await a better day. If he does not he may be a wiser, but a sadder man.

SINKING OUR SHIPS.

The sinking of the American merchantman Leelanaw, while particularly irritating because of the critical moment when it occurred, was not an act of the type which President Wilson notified Germany would be considered "deliberately unfriendly." There were no lives lost. The only question is one of property rights, and the case seems precisely like that of the William P. Frye. Presumably Germany will adopt the same policy with regard to it.

A German cruiser sank the Frye because she carried wheat, which Germany had proclaimed contraband. Germany admitted that under the Prussian-American treaty of 1828 she was obliged to pay for the ship. She chose however, to let a German prize court settle the matter, while our government insisted that the damages should be adjusted directly by diplomatic means. Germany subsequently made the surprising claim that she had not broken the treaty—that the treaty gave her, by implication, the right to sink American ships carrying contraband, provided she paid for the ship.

This issue is still undecided. Our government cannot grant Germany's interpretation of the treaty. It seems impossible, to American understanding, that the agreement could be twisted to mean what German diplomats say it means. If they were right, Germany could, with perfect propriety, sink every American vessel crossing the Atlantic—because they all carry some sort of contraband—and placidly pay the bills, one after another, to prevent the Allies from getting the goods.

We may expect that Germany will offer now to pay for the Leelanaw, in pursuance of that same policy. To Germany, it seems to be a simple business proposition—she pays the value of the vessel to keep England from getting the cargo of flax, and she assumes that we have no right to interfere. Our government will probably reply as it did in the Frye case, claiming the proffered damages but denying the principle as Germany sees it. The case will go to a German prize court, to be settled months or years hence. The discussion will drag on, unless diplomatic relations are severed.

Eventually, if such attacks continue, they will lead to a diplomatic breach, or even to war, as surely as will a repetition of the Lusitania attack, or any other ruthless act destroying American lives. But for the present, it is a matter for calm negotiation.

A LINE o' DOPE

John R. Stevenson, an old Anderson county boy, who has been making his home in New York city for the past several years, is here on a visit to relatives. He is a son of the late W. J. Stevenson and was born and reared in the Mountain Creek section, where he has brothers and sisters now living. Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson made the trip to Anderson from New York in their car. Mr. Stevenson is court stenographer for the supreme court of New York and a member of the bar. He went to New York several years ago and engaged in newspaper work. He started out as a reporter on the News, and rose to be its managing editor. Retiring from daily newspaper work, he entered the magazine field and for a time published a magazine of his own. His journalistic work was of the highest order and attracted attention throughout the country. Mr. Stevenson is well acquainted with Governor Whitman and other prominent

JULY "Firestone"

officials of New York and a most interesting to talk with.

Yesterday and Wednesday proved to be two of the hottest days of the season, Wednesday probably being a bit hotter. There was a very noticeable "closeness" in the atmosphere, while the sun beat down unmercifully. Little if any breeze was stirring on either day. Life on the pavement was almost unendurable, as the reflected heat from the brick felt as though it might be 100 degrees hotter than that overhead.

Watermelons and cantaloupes are plentiful on the streets just at this time. Wagon loads of the most delicious varieties are to be seen standing about on several of the streets, and the melons are selling cheap. Peaches and grapes and other fruits appear to be scarce this year in comparison with last year. As yet few extra fine peaches have made their appearance on the streets, while grapes are a rarity.

Two carloads of mules were shipped from Anderson yesterday for Atlanta and from there they will go to New Orleans or Savannah, and will be sent to the British army.

Mr. J. M. Bettinger has been at Davis Bros. stables for the past few days buying these mules and succeeded in getting some of the best in the county. He will be in Anderson again next Wednesday and Thursday when he will try to get enough for another shipment.

It seems that the shipping of so many mules from the south during the past year would cause the price of them to rise but as yet there has been no decided change. However, when conditions become normal and the farmers go to planting the same acreage again, no doubt mules will be higher in price than they are now.

The new schedule of the street cars in the city seems to be working well and the people although a little inconvenienced yesterday morning, soon caught on to the change and made their plans accordingly.

"Yes, the new schedule is working fine," stated Mr. H. A. Orr yesterday afternoon, "and the people are very reasonable and seem to appreciate the situation and are making the best of it."

This is the critical time with the cotton and corn crops and visitors from different sections of the county yesterday stated that rain was badly needed. Most of the older corn is "in the roasting ear" and needs more rain now to make the ears fill out better. The seasons were so good a while back that cotton grew right up and has a big weed and now it needs more rain also. It some sections of the county it has been almost four weeks since any rain to amount to anything has fallen and the crops are drying up right along. It was the general impression yesterday that rain would fall soon and it is hoped that this impression was right. The weather certainly seems hot enough to bring it.

Mr. Sam Bales returned yesterday afternoon from his annual vacation and a greater part of the time was spent at Clayton, Ga. He stated that the weather there was ideal and that he had a great time.

The Anderson teachers summer school will close today after having been in session for the past four weeks. The attendance has been exceedingly large and Prof. Watkins is well pleased with the interest the pupils have taken in their work.

Today examinations will be held and the school will come to a close.

Company B, N. G. S. C., is expected home this afternoon at 6:10 from Charleston where they have been on the annual encampment at the Isle of Palms for the past ten days. About 60 of the company from Anderson went on the encampment this year and from the reports from Charleston they have been right along with the other companies when there was anything doing.

The following account from yesterday's New and Courier will be of interest to the people of Anderson since the names of Capt. Gossett and Col. McCully appear quite often: Yesterday was the last day for work-

Don't start on that vacation trip without first putting on tires. "Firestone" TODD AUTO SHOP Opposite The Palmetto N. Main

Pullman Auto Casings and Tubes are made to give SERVICE AND SATISFACTION

If that is what you want, insist on having the PULLMAN Sullivan Hardware Co.

EASY Payments COOPER FURNITURE CO.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION. There will be an election at Mountain Creek School House in Mountain Creek School District No. 7 on Tuesday, August 10, 1915 on the question of levying an additional special tax of two (2) mills on all of the property of said district to be used for general school purposes, making a total special levy of four (4) mills on said district. All voters must exhibit a registration certificate and tax receipt. Polls will open at 8 a. m. and close at 4 p. m. By order of the County Board of Education for Anderson County. J. B. Felton, County Superintendent of Education.

WEST CHEDDAR. Our farmers are through work now and are attending the chautauqua at Williamston. The protracted meeting begins at Cedar Grove on Thursday night before the second Sunday in August. The W. O. W. will have a picnic Saturday the thirty first of this month and all W. O. W. are cordially invited to come and bring well filled baskets. There will be a number of good speakers. Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Copeland of Cheddar, S. C. have been spending awhile with relatives near Pendleton, S. C. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Price of Pendleton gave a birthday dinner in honor of Mr. C. C. Copeland of Cheddar. Other friends also entertained in their honor. Little Miss Thelma Copeland is visiting at the home of Mr. J. A. Price of Pendleton. Miss Mamie Price of Greenville, S. C. has returned home after a visit of ten days with relatives at Cheddar. Miss Zella Holliday and Mr. Coleman Tollis were married last Sunday.

Japanese Minister Quits. Tokyo, July 29.—Viscount K. Okura, the Japanese minister of justice has resigned. His action follows an investigation instituted by the ministry of justice into bribery charges growing out of parliamentary elections last March.