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WEATHER FORECAST

Partly cloudy Thursday and Friday.

"Something About the Chigger." Yep, a itching bump.

Some of these days we will know the truth about Warsaw.

Wonder who are the candidates for president in Haiti.

All this talk about "small grain" almost makes us wish we had "Four Roses."

Having put up with Gaffney just as long as he could, and being unable to get out of there any other way, a prisoner in the county jail over there committed suicide.

Anderson doesn't need a "homecoming week" to get her sons and daughters back here. They just can't stay away.

A dispatch says the Italians and Austrians fought with bayonets, knives and teeth. They still have javalones to resort to.

A man accused of having three wives in eight months jumped from a bridge in Philadelphia. Perfectly excusable.

The State's paragrapher remarks that in San Francisco all the pretty girls are kissing the Liberty Bell and he wishes he were the bell.

The government has changed the name of the Yorkville postoffice to York. Watson Bell changed the name of the town weeks and weeks ago.

Atlanta politicians and lawbreakers have suppressed Police Chief Beavers in rank, but they can never suppress the principles for which he fought.

The captain of a Lake Superior steamer reports encountering a snow storm. Maybe that's the "cold day in August" we've talked about so much.

Burning oil has been added to the terrors of the poisonous bomb in the trench fighting long the western front. How the "Happy Hunting Ground" must ring with shouts of derisive laughter from American Redekins whose "barbarous" (?) custom of tomshawking and scalping their victims form one of the most blood-curdling pages of our history.

ARMS EMBARGO FOR MEXICO.

The next step in our treatment of Mexico is expected to be an embargo on the shipment of arms from the United States. In the present situation, such an embargo would accomplish a double purpose.

First, it would make it harder for the Mexican factions to carry on their fruitless warfare, and would thus drive them, possibly, to compose their differences and adopt a peace plan.

Second, it would deprive the warring elements of the power to make a strong resistance in case we were obliged later to send an army of pacification into the country.

Mexico makes very little of its own ammunition, and apparently none of its own rifles or cannon. Since the European war began the revolutionists have been dependent almost entirely on American munition factories.

The leaders have been allowed to import arms and ammunition from the United States after a brief embargo during a period when war with us seemed imminent—in the expectation that they would fight it out and bring the various revolutionary movements to a definite conclusion.

That hope has failed. In spite of the warning given them by President Wilson, the factional leaders are as far apart as ever, with nobody possessing enough power to establish a stable government.

Such an action will, of course, be seized upon by pro-German enthusiasts as a precedent for stopping the export of arms and ammunition to the allies. There is no parallel between the two cases. In Mexico we are not dealing with a responsible government.

There is none there to deal with. And even if we assume governmental rights on the part of the revolutionary leaders, there is no discrimination in an embargo, because it has the same effect on all.

A "COMMISSION PLAN" FAILURE.

The commission form of government gets a black eye in Nashville, where the system has broken down and the bankrupt city has gone into the hand of a receiver.

It would be interesting to know precisely how much of the disaster is due to the commission idea, how much to the individual commissioners and how much to the citizens in general. The presumption is that the chief trouble will be found with Nashville's citizenship—with its people's civic spirit, their interest in municipal affairs and their conscientious attention to them.

It's a truism that an intelligent, alert body of citizens can make almost any system of government work, while the best system ever devised is bound to fail if the people merely turn over their public business to it and then ignore it.

No plan and no set of officials will work automatically, grinding out good government.

ABOLISHING THE "SKEETERS."

They are really doing it in New Jersey. The famous "man-eating Jersey skeeter" may be extinct in a few years. This season, being particularly rainy, has been favorable for the insects, but they have been decimated nevertheless by the scientific and heroic methods of the mosquito squad.

There is hope of getting rid of them, even in the salt marshes. The slaughter involved may be imagined from the fact that 3,600 mosquitoes may be born in one square foot of stagnant water, every ten days or so, and there are 20,000 acres of salt marsh land in the Hackensack valley alone.

Draining has been done on a vast scale. A million feet of ditches have been dug in the meadows around Elizabeth, and 4,500 acres have been ditched in Union county. A marshy strip along the coast from south of the Shrewsbury to Barnegat bay has been virtually cleared of the pest.

Altogether, 300,000 acres of salt marsh, 463 square miles has been definitely "de-skeetered."

The cost is repaid many times over, not only in added comfort to the inhabitants but in the appreciation of real estate values. The damage still done is estimated at \$4,000,000 a year; the jump in value of fertile land now tenanted only by mosquitoes would add that much in taxes alone if the land were redeemed. The virtual elimination of mosquitoes from northern New Jersey has cost about \$500,000 in three years. They could be exterminated in the southern part of

the State, the inspectors say, for the same amount, or less.

It's a paying proposition. And doubtless there's just as big a proportion of profit in it for any less pest-ridden community in any part of the country, that will do the necessary draining and oiling. And if New Jersey, with its tremendous handicap, can "de-skeeter" itself, what excuse have other States for not doing so?

"CONSISTENCY."

In the matter of Governor Manning declining to offer a reward for the apprehension of the slayer of an old white man in Anderson several months ago, when city council had already offered a reward of \$500 and the county sheriff a reward of \$100, and in offering a reward of \$50 for the arrest of a negro who slew a white man in a remote section of Abbeville county and who escaped into another State, when there were no rewards offered by others, the governor's critics charge that he has committed the "sin" of inconsistency.

They contend that inasmuch as he refused to offer a reward for the apprehension of a murderer in one instance, he should refuse to offer a reward for the apprehension of a murderer in a later instance, regardless of any and all circumstances surrounding either case. Circumstances do not alter cases, with the governor's critics. The pearl of the great price—"consistency"—must be enshrined as a deity and rigorously worshipped on any and all occasions, regardless of circumstances. Circumstances have no part in any case. "Consistency" must be the guiding star.

A murderer sentenced to death in the electric chair has his case brought before the governor on a plea for clemency. There are no grounds whatsoever for extending clemency in this case, and the governor, confident of his position, declines to interfere with the order of the court. The murderer goes to the chair and pays the penalty.

Later another criminal sentenced to electrocution for murder has his case brought before the governor and a plea is made for clemency. The arguments for the exercise of executive clemency in the case are sound and convincing, and the governor would be fully justified in repudiating the action of the court that ordered the prisoner put to death.

The governor would like to exercise the pardoning power in this case, but to do so would give rise to charges of "inconsistency," so he declines to interfere. No matter about the "circumstances," for they have no part in the consideration of any case. That jewel of great price—"consistency"—must be zealously guarded at all costs.

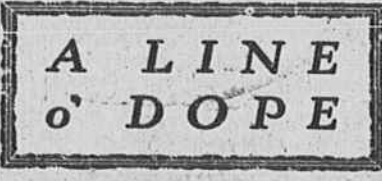
The governor refused to offer a reward in the Dodd murder case, he must refuse to offer a reward in the Abbeville murder case. He must do that to be "consistent." Circumstances do not enter into the consideration of the case at all. The governor refused to extend clemency in the case of one murderer sentenced to death; he must refuse to interfere in a later case. The governor must do this to be "consistent." Circumstances have no place in the consideration of the matter at all. "Consistency" is the word!

Aw, so dig a well!

Senator Jim Ham Lewis predicts that Russia, Germany, Japan and China will sometime be arrayed in arms against the United States. What sort of a jingo would you call Jim Ham?

A Texas mob burned a negro at the stake a few days ago, and this in a country at peace. Little grounds we have for condemning Europeans for the atrocities of their war.

"Satanet" is scheduled to climb the hotel here this afternoon, but Satan is doing stunts in our midst all the time.



Manager Beaty of the local Southern Bell Telephone company stated yesterday that the recent storms had caused them a little inconvenience but they were trying to get all of the phones working again as soon as possible. The electrical storm, on Saturday night did some damage and all of this had not been repaired before the one on Tuesday afternoon did some more.

Mr. Besty stated that the patrons in Anderson were very considerate and seemed to appreciate the situation the company was in when the city is visited by frequent electrical storms, and for this he said he was

very grateful.

The storm on Tuesday afternoon did some damage to the Southern Public Utilities company's wires and this was the cause of some of the light and power trouble which followed. The Southern Power company's lines between here and Belton were put out of commission for a short time as also wires leading to and from Abbeville and Greenwood.

Satanet, the "Virginia Daredevil," who has thrilled thousands by climbing the sides of high buildings, will give a demonstration here this evening at 7 o'clock when he will go up the walls of the Hotel Chiquola building, by fashion. He will make the ascent by means of the rough surface of the structure and promises to climb to the top of the building within a very few minutes. The public is expected to witness the exhibition and it is expected that hundreds will gather on the plaza at the appointed time.

Mr. W. E. Barnett stated last night that approximately 13,000 square yards of asphalt surface were put down yesterday on West Market street. The asphalt plant was running fine and everything was in good order. Showers during the day hindered the work a little at times but otherwise there was no room for complaint.

The crossing at the C. & W. C. railway tracks has been lowered and this morning the work of laying the concrete base down there will begin. The Southern Paving company will reach this point about Saturday and it is thought that this work will be completed by that time.

The people who have seen the finished work on West Whitner street are very proud of it and are real anxious to have the entire street finished as soon as possible.

The neighboring town of Greenwood has voted on a bond issue for \$100,000, by a large majority. Several weeks ago the mayor of that city and some of the other officials came to Anderson to view the work here and stated at the time that the issue of paying bonds would be voted on in the near future. Abbeville is expected to fall in line within a short time and do like Anderson and Greenwood have done regarding this matter.

A special meeting of the city council will be held this morning at 9 o'clock for the purpose of adopting ordinances providing for the issuance of the paving certificates.

Manager Pinkston stated yesterday that the vaudeville troupe which was due to have appeared at the Palmetto this week had been located in North Carolina.

It seems that after getting charge of their baggage and enough money advanced for railroad fare to Anderson they decided they were tired of the road and wanted to quit. They accordingly disengaged and no doubt, like plenty of others at this time of the year, are taking a rest in the mountains of North Carolina.

A Foolish Accusation.

(Columbia Record.) The Greenville Piedmont in the course of an editorial under the caption "The Law Unto Themselves," while discussing the defense of the moonshiner, the mob and others who take the law into their own hands, makes this observation:

The governor of the State is a man of high character, imbued with unselfish impulses, desirous of serving his State. His heart is touched at the suffering he sees in the State institution. He feels he must relieve this by employing officers of the greatest skill, to whom compensation greater than allowed by law must be paid. It is true the law forbids his doing so, and when he does it, both he and his appointees violate the law which each has sworn to maintain. He pleads "Humanity." He also is "a law unto himself."

We must express our surprise. Surely the Piedmont did not hear the remarkable address of Governor Manning at Chick Springs but a few weeks ago. There are good people in South Carolina who did not understand the governor's action in the case referred to and had criticized it. Among them were some of his closest friends.

But the statement by Governor Manning at Chick Springs cleared all doubts from the minds of those who were disposed to be fair. The Record is not a partisan of Gov. Manning and occasionally we see things for which we think he should be reproved. Not that they are wrong, but because they are not politic. But when we think of the good that this man is doing for the State we cannot refrain from taking issue with the Greenville Piedmont.

No law has Governor Manning broken. The State of South Carolina has paid Dr. Williams no more than the salary specified in the act. Governor Manning knows it would require no ordinary man to reorganize, revivify and rehumanize the State hospital. Dr. Williams was not an applicant for the place. His private practice was paying him more than he is now receiving. And in giving up that practice he removed himself from his profession, and when in the

Don't Be Like Mr. Snap! He always came week after next for the special bargains offered week before last. Today (not tomorrow or day after tomorrow) is the BEST time for you to get here. \$2.50 and \$3 Men's Trousers now \$1.75. 3.50 and \$3 Men's Trousers now 2.45. 4.50 and \$4 Men's Trousers now 2.95. 5.00 Men's Trousers now 3.75. 6.50 and \$6 Men's Trousers now 4.45. \$1.50 Manhattan Shirts now \$1.15. 1.50 Adjusto Shirts now 1.15. 2.00 Manhattan Shirts now 1.50. 3.50 Silk Manhattan Shirts 2.65. 3.50 Silk Eclipse Shirts 2.65. By Mail Prepaid—Delivery Guaranteed. B. O. Evans & Co. The Store with a Conscience.

CARSWELL PICNIC WAS A BIG SUCCESS

About 2,000 People Were Present and Several Splendid Speeches Were Made.

The Carswell reunion passed off very quietly yesterday and the day was very enjoyable. Sheriff Ashley stated yesterday afternoon that the order was good and that there was no show of any disturbance at any time. Strange to say, the attendance was not half as large as it usually is, only about between 1,500 and 2,000 being present.

Among the speakers before dinner were Messrs. E. Marion Rucker, A. H. Dagnall and Frank Watkins. All of these delivered able and appropriate speeches which were favorably received.

Mr. W. P. Shaw was the speaker of the afternoon and for nearly an hour he entertained a large crowd with reminiscences of the war. He was a member of Company F and reviewed the history of the company and went over their battles, much to the delight of those present.

SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL GARDEN ASSOCIATION

The South Carolina School Garden Association was organized at Winthrop college the last week of Summer college. This association is part of the national association, of which Mr. V. E. Kilpatrick of New York is president. This national association has an association in nearly every state in the union.

The next national meeting will be held at San Francisco, Cal., August 18-20. The South Carolina State association will be represented by its president, Prof. Chas. R. Weeks of Winthrop college. Prof. Weeks has a place on the program August 20th. The object of this association is to encourage school gardens, or what in most instances is better for South Carolina, home gardens supervised by the teacher.

The object is not only to encourage more and better gardens but to vitalize the school work by connecting it with real outside work. Besides the president, six vice presidents were elected, representing six sections of the state: Miss Maggie Garlington, Anderson, S. C.; Miss Julia Ford, McColl, S. C.; Miss Margaret Harrison, Duncan, S. C.; Miss Stella Kittles, Garnett, S. C.; Miss Annie Alford, Camden, S. C.; Miss Elizabeth Hay, Edgewood, S. C.; secretary, Miss Elda Morgan, Springfield, S. C.; treasurer, Miss Corinne Blount, Garnett, S. C.

PARIS MOUNTAIN NEGRO KILLED BY LIGHTNING

Greenville, Aug. 4.—Converse Tinsley, an eighteen or twenty-year-old negro boy, was struck by lightning and instantly killed yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock on Paris Mountain. The incident occurred at the home of Mr. Thomas Davis, who was Tinsley's employer. Tinsley had just left the servant's quarters and had stepped on the porch of Mr. Davis' residence, when the fatal bolt struck him.

DR. POTEAT TO PREACH

Will Fill Pulpit at First Baptist During August.

It was announced yesterday that Dr. Edwin M. Poteat would fill the pulpit at the First Baptist church during the month of August. Dr. Poteat is not a stranger in Anderson and the members of this church as well as the people generally are congratulating themselves on securing him to preach here this month.

ATLANTA HAS MANY WEEK-END TRAGEDIES

Lack of Refined Amusements for Working People Advanced as Possible Cause.

Atlanta, Aug. 4.—The fact that the week-end which has just passed in Atlanta witnessed one murder, one suicide, and two attempted suicides between Saturday noon and Monday morning, has served to direct attention to the peculiar fact that in this city such attempts occur much more frequently during Saturday afternoon and Sunday than at any other time during the week—that is among the class of people generally termed "working people."

A number of Atlantians, and some of them prominent church people and social workers, have advanced the theory, startling at first blush that one of the causes of the phenomena is the pitiful lack of amusement facilities for working people in Atlanta particularly over Sunday.

"I wouldn't venture it as a positive statement, but I will say that I believe it extremely likely that if Atlanta had Sunday theatres, and Sunday movies and Sunday baseball, or some other wholesome forms of Sunday amusement at least two of the affairs which occurred during the past week-end might have been averted" said a prominent Atlantian yesterday.

GREENVILLE'S NEW JAIL

Will Be One of the Finest in This Part of Country—Ready Nov. 1st.

Greenville, Aug. 4.—Joseph T. Lawrence, architect, state today that the new jail building would be ready for occupancy about Nov. 1st. When this jail is completed Greenville county will have one of the most up-to-date and safest jails to be found in the country, it being modern in every detail. The building is being made of hydraulic pressed brick and will be trimmed with limestone. The roof will be of red Spanish tile. It will be absolutely vermin and fireproof.

ALABAMA HOUSE MAY IMPEACH SEN. OF STATE

Montgomery, Ala., Aug. 1.—The house judiciary committee this morning voted to recommend the filing of articles of impeachment against Secretary of State Parfitt. It is alleged that he paid his opponent in the last election to withdraw. Parfitt had held a state office since 1889.

Very Hot in Atlanta.

Atlanta, Aug. 4.—Numerous prostrations from the heat were reported among the more closely populated districts of Atlanta yesterday afternoon and this morning, but there were no deaths directly traceable to this cause.