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Senator Latimer is planning, it is stated, to make a tour of the western and southwestern states in the interest of his good roads scheme. He will start west about the first of January. South Carolina's junior senator is certainly to be commended for his persistence.

It is surmised that the Southern and other railroad systems will follow the recent example of the Pennsylvania road in cutting off free passes. The idea is a good one, and we should like to see it generally carried out. Let every man who rides on a railroad pay his way.

In the death of Representative Altamont Moses, which occurred at his home in Sumter last Friday, South Carolina loses one of its best and most experienced legislators. Mr. Moses was a man of high ideals, broad-minded, conservative and honorable, and his experience in the legislature, extending over a period of about twenty years, made his services invaluable to the commonwealth.

According to one of the news paper correspondents in Washington, Congressman Aiken of South Carolina is wearing a suit during the present session that is attracting much attention. It is a home-made jeans suit, and the cloth was woven by an old lady friend of the Congressman living in Oconee County. "Every thread of it," Mr. Aiken is credited with saying, "was woven on an old-fashioned weaving machine." Speaker Cannon, among others, is said to be "stuck" on the suit, and wants to get one like it.

The city council of Darlington has inaugurated a unique warfare against blind tigers. It is all a matter of pay rewards for the conviction of liquor sellers, but draws the color line by offering \$100. in the case of a white tiger and only \$10. for the dark animal. No reason for the distinction is given. It may be that the Darlingtonians are acting

upon the general principle that a white man is naturally worth more than a nigger, whether he is a blind tiger or not.

The Washington correspondent of the Atlanta Journal says that Senator Tillman "hurled his pitchfork into the insurance scandal" when he spoke to his resolutions demanding inquiry as to whether National banks contribute to campaign funds. If the Senator succeeds in going to the bottom of the "insurance scandal" he will have accomplished what no one has yet done.

An interesting incident at the meeting of the Masonic Grand Lodge in Charleston this week will be the formal presentation to that ancient and honorable body of the handsome, life-like portrait of the late lamented Capt. B. J. Witherspoon of Lancaster, which was painted some months ago by a Charleston artist, Mr. John Stolle. The presentation will be made by Past Master W. T. Williams, on behalf of the Jackson Lodge, of Lancaster.

THE REV. R. E. TURNIPSEED.

We are confident that it is the unanimous wish of the people of Lancaster, irrespective of denominational lines, that the Rev. R. E. Turnipseed be returned to the pastorate of the Methonist church here, by the Annual Conference which meets in Spartanburg this week. Mr. Turnipseed, who came to Lancaster a year ago, has endeared himself not only to the members of his own congregation but to the entire community as well, by his uniform affability, magnetic personality, broad-gauge liberality and last, but by no means least, by his effective work in aiding to advance and promote the moral and religious influences of the town.

As a preacher Mr. Turnipseed ranks with the best. He is a man of originality, progressive ideas, a logical reasoner, and is gifted with the power of forceful utterance.

It would, indeed, be truly unfortunate, both for the Methodist church and the community generally, were the Conference in its wisdom to see fit to transfer Mr. Turnipseed to another field of labor.

RAISING MONEY FOR THE COTTON ASSOCIATION.

In some localities merchants and bankers are being appealed to to make contributions to the funds of the Cotton Growers' Association, and such appeals are meeting with liberal responses. The business men of the country realize the fact that the fight of the farmers for remunerative prices is their fight also—that the general welfare of the entire South is dependent upon the success of the movement inaugurated by the agricultural classes.

But the farmers are by no means depending altogether on outside help. While they appreciate what the merchants and bankers are doing for them, they have begun work in earnest to

help themselves. They are, for instance, responding almost to a man to the assessment by the Association of three cents a bale. One of the collectors in this county informed us a day or two ago that only one or two persons of the many approached by him had declined to pay the assessment. This is indeed a good showing. It speaks well for the determination of the farmers to give their organization the financial support that it needs and must have. They evidently appreciate the fact that it takes money to successfully manage and promote all undertakings, whether public or private.

Cow Falls in Well and Then Kicks the Walls Down.

Mr. Lewis Robertson, living on the Massey or Stevens place several miles north of Lancaster, lost a cow in a singular manner a few days ago. The animal fell into a well on the premises, and while some hands were trying to draw her up she kicked so vigorously that the well caved in on, her completely covering her up with earth and stones and killing her instantly.

Mrs. Mary Rogers, the Vermont woman convicted of the murder of her husband, was hanged last Friday. She went to the gallows without any show of fear or nervousness.

Business Notices.

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THE CHANCE OF your life time and a chance to help CHANCE, and the best chance to help yourself. Call and see his varied stock of goods for Xmas—they will suit from the tiniest tot to the grey-haired matron. Here are a few of the many nice things he has: Pride of Orient Figs in layers 4 Crown; Malaga Grapes, the best; Bananas, fine, yellow, large; northern Fruits, Apples, specially nice goods, fresh and at popular prices. Also Florida Oranges, Nuts, etc. Come and examine my stock of nice things when I know you will be pleased with each and every purchase. A full line of nice Candies.

FOR SALE.—One good 5 year old Mule, \$140.00 spot cash. Williams-Hughes Co.

SALESMAN WANTED to look after our interest in Lancaster and adjacent counties. Salary or Commission. Address The Victor Oil Co., Cleveland, O.

WE STILL have 3 tons of those fine Danish cabbage, which we are selling at \$2 per hundred pounds. They are fine for krauting purposes. Bennett Grocery Co.

I WILL let to the lowest responsible bidder, at Camp Creek church, [colored] on Monday, Jan. 1st, 1906, the contract to build a colored school house. Specifications to be made known on day of letting. W. D. Jones, clerk b'd trustees.

STRAY HOGS—A white and a black spotted one—taken up, which owner can get by paying expenses. Mrs. Ira B. Jones.

THIRTY years' experience enables me to say that I have the finest Christmas Cakes of all kinds to be found, at Bennett's store. W. F. Swearingen.

WE ARE too busy to tell you what we have. If you want anything good to eat call on Bennett Grocery Co.

IF YOU want some nice fresh Spanish Mackerel and Trout call up the Lancaster Fish Market quick, as they are going fast. Phone 79.

I HAVE, at G. & C. Depot, 15,000 lbs fine Danish Cabbage for krauting purposes at \$2.00 per hundred lbs. Come quick as they are going fast. E. C. Lanier.

FOR SALE AT COST.—I have 500 Cultivated Blackberry plants for sale at 50 cents apiece, which is just what they cost me. E. C. Lanier, Lancaster, S. C.

Don't
Put
Off
The

OVERCOAT

You will want it tomorrow. Look at our \$12.50 Overcoats..... Match them if you can for \$15.00. Others as low as \$3.00.

Wool Underwear

That doesn't shrink—warm, soft, serviceable and it will be the same size in March as when it started off in December.

Ladies' READY TO WEAR Hats

We have just received a fresh supply of these goods, and they are going at the usual rock-bottom prices. Come and see them.

Straws show which way the wind blows. Crowds show which way the trade goes.

We are having the largest fall trade in the history of our business, yet we are not depending on chin music or printed prices. Come, let us show you our Dress Goods, Ladies' Jackets, Shoes, Clothing and Furniture.

Williams-Hughes Co

The Underselling Store