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Isn't it about time the women's clubs of Lancaster were "handing out" some more of their cold victuals to their hungry husbands and sweethearts? Following the advice of an eminent physician, the members of the breeches brigade have given their "bread baskets" a nice, long vacation, and are now eager and anxious to line up again at the social pie counter.

The address delivered Tuesday by Dr. Smith, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Columbia, at the unveiling of the monument erected to the memory of Mr. N. G. Gonzales, was a magnificent and deserved tribute to the life and character of the lamented editor of The State. Many editors and other writers have tenderly laid tributes upon the grave of Mr. Gonzales, but none surpassing in genuineness of sentiment and beauty of diction the oration of Dr. Smith.

THE AUDITORS' MEETING.

The meeting of county auditors in Columbia Wednesday, held pursuant to the call of Comptroller General Jones, was well attended, nearly every county in the state being represented. Mr. John A. Cook, Lancaster's model auditor, was of course on hand.

The object of the meeting was to confer with the comptroller general with reference to his recent circular letter in relation to the assessment of property next year at its true valuation. The sentiment of the meeting was strongly in favor of co-operating with the comptroller general in his effort to enforce the law in regard to returns.

The action of the meeting is thus stated by the Columbia Record:

The convention finally decided to enforce the instructions of the comptroller general and also adopted a resolution which called for an enforcement of the income tax law. Another resolution was adopted favoring changing the tax penalty laws from a graded penalty to a permanent four per cent. penalty until March 15, when the executions were to be issued.

MEETING OF THE COTTON ASSOCIATION NEXT MONDAY.

The farmers and their friends are reminded of the fact that next Monday is the day for the meeting of the County Cotton Growers' Association. It will be recalled that the 9th instant was the regular time for the meeting, but, owing to the inclemency of the weather on that day, the officers of the association postponed the gathering until the 18th instant—next Monday.

The meeting is called primarily to reorganize the association and to elect delegates to the approaching meeting of the state association, but other matters of importance will no doubt come up for consideration. It is earnestly desired, therefore, that there shall be a large attendance.

The people cannot afford to allow their interest in the cotton association to wane at this juncture—there is too much at stake. The organization has achieved wonders, it is true; it has made the South millions of dollars better off; it has taught the people the value of co-operation; it has brought all classes closer together—the farmers, bankers, merchants and professional men; but the victory is not yet won and there is much, very much more work to be done by the association.

Hundreds of counties throughout the South are going right ahead perfecting their organizations and making ready to continue the fight so well begun—now let Lancaster come forward and take a place in the front ranks.

THAT COUNTY FAIR SUGGESTION

Is the suggestion of the Lancaster News regarding a county fair to go by default? We hope not, and our purpose in alluding to the matter at this time is to call attention to the fact that now is the time to begin the work if we are to have the fair. It will take fully a year's time to lay the plans and to do the work necessary to having a creditable fair, but all this time and thought will be amply repaid in the results to be attained by such a means.

Let some of the leading men of the county take the matter up.—Kershaw Era.

Yes, esteemed contemporary, it looks like that suggestion is going to "die or bornin'". The News and the Era have faithfully urged the importance of the matter being taken up by the people, and have at length set forth the many advantages to be derived from the holding of county fairs, but, so far as we know, no "leading men" have as yet taken initiative steps toward the holding of a fair in Lancaster county next year.

Let us not despair, however. It may be that this is not an opportune time for the inauguration of such a movement—too near the Christmas and New Year holidays. Besides, just now the farmers are too much absorbed in their fight against the cotton bears and speculators to devote much time to planning for a county fair a year off.

Suppose we wait until after the approaching holidays and until the Cotton Growers' Association shall have won its present battle, and then renew the agitation for a county fair?

Business Notices.

All Notices inserted under this head at the rate of ONE CENT A WORD for each insertion. No notice to be counted less than 25 words.

The famous comic opera, "Robin Hood," will be presented at the Chester Opera House on Wednesday night, Dec. 20th. This company is carrying 50 well-known artists, and it goes without saying that a treat is in store for all who see this show. For the benefit of Lancastrians who desire to go, a special train will be run over the L. & C., leaving Lancaster at 7.00 p. m., and returning leave Chester immediately after the show. The fare for the round trip will be 75c. This will probably be the last chance to see a good show this season and every one who can should take advantage of this opportunity. Tickets on sale at Crawford Bros. drugstore.

MY WIFE, Emma, has left my bed and place of boarding without any provocation. This is to notify any and all persons to not feed or harbor her, or I will enforce the law to its full extent. John P. Richardson, colored, Lancaster, S. C.

FOR SALE—At my home, Tuesday, December 19, next, all my farming tools, wagons, buggy, some household furniture, corn, fodder, hogs, etc. E. E. Boyce

WE HAVE plenty of Hard Coal on hand—the kind that don't stop the due. The Heath-Jones Co.

1000 LBS. good Tobacco in 10-pound caddies—cost 30 cents pound. For the next 30 days we will sell it for 25 cents per pound. The Heath-Jones Co.

WANTED.—Every one to know that Santa Claus has left a large portion of his good things at the Excelsior Fruit Stand, kept by LEMMON. Best New York and Vermont Apples, Sweet Florida Oranges, Malaga Grapes, Turkish Figs, Arabian Dates, Lemons, California Prunes, Jersey Cranberries, Mixed New Crop Nuts (no cold storage), Barioes Cocoanuts, Domestic and Italian Chestnuts. Fine assortment French and American Candies, Canned Goods, Cigars, Snuff, Smoking and Chewing Tobaccos, etc., etc.

FOR SALE.—300 or 400 bushels of good Corn in shuck. L. C. Lazenby, Lancaster, S. C.

I WILL be in my office next Thursday, instead of on the usual days—Friday and Saturday. M. C. Gardner, County Supervisor.

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.

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 L. & 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 5cts apiece, which is just what they cost me. E. C. Lanier, Lancaster, S. C.

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Lancaster, S. C.
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Will practice in both town and county. All calls, day or night, will receive prompt attention.

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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

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