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**SOCIETY NIGHTS IN
THE "CITY OF SUCCESS"**

The Music Festival, as it is called in Spartanburg, (where people will not attend anything unless the name indicates there is something to eat) is on in that city, and most of the people are having a great time. Some of the "music-hungry" (still carrying out the idea) are not getting their money's worth. Several things contribute to this in addition to the fact that there is really nothing to eat.

One of these is that some of the printers and plumbers who are attending the "Festival" insist on applauding out of time. Perhaps, though, they are not really applauding the artists, but calling for the "eats."

Then again the performances are being disturbed by the craning of the necks of the people assembled to see the "pretty girls" of Spartanburg, who, the Journal says, are attending, with "painted lips and white-washed noses." They always do, so the Journal says, on Society nights, which they have in Spartanburg every now and again.

But the greatest trouble is that the newly rich are attending so as to show off their clothes, much to the disgust of some who are not able to afford this kind of apparel, and they come late so that they may have a full audience. The Journal has the following to say of them:

"Beggings pardon, we would say that eight-thirty o'clock means eight-thirty o'clock, and not nine o'clock or nine-fifteen o'clock. Last night the performance at Converse College was delayed fully fifteen minutes by the late arrival of people who should have known better."

The next complaint is that the garbage cans are being neglected. How, we wonder, does the Journal man expect the garbage men to attend to the cans and attend Grand Opera at the same time?

A FEDERAL GUN LAW.

In a letter by Dr. Simon Baruch to the New York Times, published in that paper the following suggestions are made:

"Homicides by pistols are of almost daily occurrence. Yet they go on unrestrained because of maudlin sentiment with regard to the right guaranteed by the Constitution 'to bear arms.' How fallacious this sentiment is may be gathered from the wording of the Constitution: 'A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.'"

We read of merchants seeing their money drawers, safes or cash registers rifled while they are rendered helpless by a loaded pistol. We read of bank officers and others whose pistols are reposing in nearby drawers being overawed by "looking into the mouth of a pistol held by a bold man." We read of a somful of gamblers, being terrorized into yielding up their money by a greatly inferior number of men pointing pistols at them, and in one case the cowed crowd included armed police officers who had just raided the place, and who turned the tables as villains often could do if they would risk it. Such incidents demonstrate instead of being an instrument of protection the pistol is absolutely a menace to the community and could be abolished.

A frequent argument for the possession of a pistol is drawn from the necessity of protecting one's property. Let each reader reflect on the number of instances in which property or life has been saved by the use of a pistol and it will become ob-

vious that they are so infrequent that this argument is absurd.

The remedy is simple. Let us have a Federal law passed and enforced to forbid the manufacture, importation, transportation, sale and possession of small concealable arms under severe penalty (jail, not fine) for violation. Such a law will infringe on no one's comfort or happiness, except that of the bully or the burglar or other criminal. It will not interfere with sport or protection of property, because it does not apply to shotguns and rifles. Nor will it interfere with the police, military or other protective agents of the community where pistols are not concealed.

The funeral loss to the few manufacturers of these dangerous but absolutely useless weapons would be amply compensated to the community by the saving of lives, disfigurements, funeral expenses, court trials and incalculable woes to survivors of the victims.

Surely if for "the greatest good to the largest numbers" enormous pecuniary losses to the community have been inflicted by forbidding the manufacture, importation, transportation and sale of intoxicating liquors a similar law protecting the community against the most frequent cause of homicide cannot meet sufficient opposition to prevent its immediate adoption. It is the simple safeguard that all should demand without delay.

In this section of the country, at least, the unlawful carrying of cheap pistols is the most fruitful source of crime. You may attend a session of the criminal court in any county in the State and you will find that at least half the crimes charged are crimes of violence, and that in nearly all of them the hip-pocket pistol plays the leading role.

As Governor Cooper, in his days as Solicitor of this circuit, was wont to tell the jury, pistols are manufactured to kill men. It may be true that here and there a man keeps a weapon of this kind to protect his property, or even to protect his habitation. In such cases it is generally unloaded, or in the wrong place, when the time for using it arrives. Generally speaking pistols are owned in this country for no other purpose than to be carried, despite the law, as weapons of offense. They attend all hot-suppers, fairs and gambling-meets at which the colored population gathers, resulting for the most part in a dead negro at every gathering.

We are in favor of the suggestions of Dr. Baruch. There should be a federal law prohibiting the "manufacture, importation, transportation, sale or possession" of these shooting-irons. Such a law will save the lives of many white men and a great many negroes. It will reduce the number of crimes in the courts one-half, and perhaps put the criminal lawyers, ex necessitate, to wearing overalls.

A GOOD TOWN.

The following is from the Herald and News, of Newberry, concerning our remarks about Due West, in which we called the attention of our readers to the fact that there had been no infractions of the law in that town in the period of twelve months. After quoting our article the Herald and News says:

The above is from a recent issue of the Abbeville Press and Banner. And just to think that Editor Greene of the Press and Banner and Elder Hemphill of the Spartanburg Journal had the nerve to suggest that Erskine college should be moved from a town like this.

This statement is but further confirmation of what we have said all along that Due West was an ideal town for a college, and as a seat of learning it has no equal on the globe. Can you name another town with such excellent environment and where the atmosphere for law and order is so pure as in this good town of Due West. How could you then even entertain the suggestion that Erskine College should even think for a moment of changing its location, even though you should throw millions of dollars into the coffers? They could not even compare or stand for a moment in the balance with such environment as you admit is to be found in this town. We know that Editor Greene would desire that his son Bill should be educated in just such an atmosphere as may be found at Due West, where

there is respect for the things that are true and beautiful and that stand for good honest upright citizenship. Oh! that more of our colleges and higher institutions of learning were set amid such surroundings and environment. It would mean more for the citizenship of our State.

What makes a good town? It is not numbers, nor wealth, nor learning mainly. But the integrity and the honesty and the manhood and the womanhood that is true and pure and that live in the fear of the Lord and obey and follow His precepts and do the things which are right and proper to be done.

CAPT. C. A. C. WALLER.

Greenwood, May 5.—Capt. C. A. C. Waller, one of the leading citizens of the Piedmont section, died at the Greenwood hospital early tonight following an attack of urina in his rooms on North Main street last night at 8 o'clock.

He has been unwell for several days, but his friends were not prepared for the news this morning that he was in an unconscious condition. When he did not appear for breakfast at his hotel an investigation was made, with the result that he was found lying unconscious, a condition in which he had been probably since early last night. Captain Waller, for years was identified with the business interests of Greenwood, having been instrumental in removing the old Williamston Female college, now Lander, to this city, and also was one of the first to agitate the building of the Seaboard Air Line and the C. and W. C. railroads through this section.

For the past number of years he had retired from actual business, devoting his time to looking after his various properties here.

Captain Waller served with distinction throughout the Confederate war and was awarded his title thru merit on the battlefields. Until within recent years he had attended all the Confederate reunions, both state and Southern. He was a captain of the Sixty-fourth Georgia regiment and was in command of his company during the last seven battles of the war. Captain Waller was in his 80th year, having been born in this city June, 1840. His parents were natives of Virginia. He is survived by his widow, Prof. Coleman B. Waller of Wofford college and Hunter Gibbes of Columbia are nephews.

**TROY MINISTER
NEW MODERATOR**

Gastonia, N. C., May 5.—The synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church convened here this morning for its annual session. The retiring moderator, George W. Mower of Newberry, S. C., was absent and so the Rev. D. G. Phillips, D. D., pastor of the church at Chester, S. C., presided. Another South Carolinian soon took the chair when the Rev. R. F. Bradley of Troy became the new moderator of the synod.

The sessions opened this morning at 10 o'clock with a sermon by the Rev. J. W. Carson of Newberry S. C., after which the usual committees were appointed. Tonight the new moderator preached.

**JOE TURNER TO GO
TO ELECTRIC CHAIR**

Lynchburg, Va., May 6.—John Williams, alias Joe Turner, negro, was sentenced to the electric chair July 7 in the corporation court here today by Judge Frank P. Christian, for the murder of Police Detective Mann March 25. The negro was tried yesterday under a plea of guilty and with waiver of a jury. The shooting occurred in the heart of the city when two policemen attempted to arrest Williams. Williams was also wanted at Greenville, S. C., for the murder of two policemen there.

**COUNTY DEMOCRATIC
CONVENTION MET
ON MONDAY**

McCormick Messenger.
The McCormick County Democratic Convention met on Monday, May 3rd, and was called to order by F. C. Robinson, County Chairman. W. K. Charles was elected president of the Convention, and Robt. S. Owens secretary. All clubs in the County were represented by the delegations with the exception of White Town, Parksville, Bordeaux Eubanks Mill and Rehoboth. W. K. Charles was elected County Chairman for

the ensuing two years. The following are the delegates elected to represent the County at the State Convention which convenes on May 19th.

F. C. Robinson,
W. D. Morrah,
T. J. Lyon,
W. E. Sheppard,
Robt. S. Owens was elected State Executive Committeeman, and F. C. Robinson was designated as a member of the State Credentials Committee. A resolution was adopted recommending that the public school improvement of recent years be strengthened by the immediate adoption of an aggressive, and progressive policy of free, universal and adequate education and urging that every school district increase its local school tax at once. The resolution also recommended that the State provide more liberal appropriations to guarantee a minimum term of seven months, better salaries for teachers, and thoroughly modern and efficient schools especially in the country. A harmonious spirit prevailed throughout.

**PEEPLS MAY RUN
AGAINST ED SMITH**

Thomas H. Peebles, attorney general for three successive terms, will most likely be a candidate for the United States senate this summer in the campaign against E. D. Smith.

A conference of a group of friends of Mr. Peebles was held in Columbia yesterday, and while no definite announcement is made by Mr. Peebles that he will be a candidate, he says he will be in the race, "provided my friends from other counties" feel inclined to urge his entrance. Another

conference is to be held within the next few weeks.

Following the conference Mr. Peebles issued a statement in which he indicated the chief points of his platform, should he go into the campaign this summer. He is opposed to the adoption of the league of nations, along with the peace treaty, and against the 18th, or prohibition, amendment and the Susan B. Anthony amendment granting suffrage to women.—The State.

MOTHER!

"California Syrup of Figs"
Child's Best Laxative



Accept "California" Syrup of Figs only—look for the name California on the package, then you are sure your child is having the best and most harmless physic for the little stomach, liver and bowels. Children love its fruity taste. Full directions on each bottle. You must say "California."

NOTICE! SCHOOL ELECTION

Whereas, a petition has been circulated in Sharon School District No. 20 asking for an election for the pur-

pose of voting an additional tax of 4 mills for school purposes and whereas it appears to be properly signed, an election is hereby called to take place at the school house on Saturday May 8th.

Those in favor of the tax will cast a ballot upon which there is written or printed the word "yes". Those opposed will cast a ballot upon which there is written or printed the word "No."

Trustees to act as managers of said election.

W. J. Evans,
Co. Supt. of Education.

**EASY TO DARKEN
YOUR GRAY HAIR**

You can Bring Back Color and Lustrre with Sage Tea and Sulphur.

When you darken your hair with Sage Tea and Sulphur, no one can tell, because it's done so naturally, so evenly. Preparing this mixture, though, at home is messy and troublesome. At little cost you can buy at any drug store the ready-to-use preparation, improved by the addition of other ingredients called "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound." You just dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time. By morning all gray hair disappears, and, after another application or two, your hair becomes beautifully darkened, glossy and luxuriant.

Gray, faded hair, though no disgrace, is a sign of old age, and as we all desire a youthful and attractive appearance, get busy at once with Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound and look years younger. This ready-to-use preparation is a delightful toilet requisite and not a medicine. It is not intended for the cure, mitigation or prevention of disease.

Hot Spot and Ram's-horn
HAVE LIFTED
CHALMERS
to the Peak of Efficiency

IN these days when "gas" is going up in price and down in grade through a shortage in supply the world over, consider these revolutionary devices: Hot Spot and Ram's-horn. They have lifted Chalmers to the very peak of efficiency.

They get amazing power out of low grade "gas." When the raw "gas" strikes Hot Spot this device transforms it into a "cloud," very much like a drop of water striking a hot stove. This "cloudy" condition makes just the right fuel for the engine. Now the task is to get it quickly to the engine chambers for ignition before it can condense or "grow rainy." This is where Ram's-horn performs heroic service. It has no sharp corners for "gas" to lodge against, is surprisingly short in length, and the velocity with which "gas" travels through this "tunnel" is estimated at one hundred miles per hour. The results are two-fold. You get power with rare smoothness. You seldom experience such difficulties as fouled spark plugs, burned bearings, scored cylinders and the like, because "raw gas" cannot trickle down past the pistons and thus "cut" the lubricating oil in the crankcase. These efficiency results have added to the impression that Chalmers is one of the few great cars of the world.

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