

Let Us be Thankful.

By proclamations of the chief executives of the State and of the nation next Thursday is a day set for public thanksgiving. It is the one day in the 365 that is peculiarly dedicated to a public expression of gratefulness to God for His goodness and bounty. It is fit that all good people should join in the observance and participate in the spirit of the day.

As a whole, the people of South Carolina have reason for more than usual thanksgiving. The state has made progress materially, educationally and spiritually. It has been blessed with prosperity; the fields have yielded abundantly of their harvest; the seasons have been propitious; the crops have given satisfactory returns and the farmers from which class flows the prosperity of all the other classes—have enjoyed an unusually successful year. The one great crop of the State—King Cotton—has been safely gathered and the profits have been reasonable, indicating a satisfactory condition of stability without any symptom of speculative or "boom" values.

With the prosperity of the farmer has come the prosperity, in varying degrees, of the other branches of business—the tradesman, the artisan, the professional man. For this material prosperity we should be grateful; we should offer thanksgiving to Him who sends the rains or the sunshine, who causes the seed to burst from its shell, to grow into its maturity and at last to yield its harvest to man. It is God's work.

Educationally, spiritually, and in all the things pertaining thereto, South Carolina has also, we trust and believe, made progress. New schools have been erected, old ones have been improved. More children are in attendance upon these schools. In the realm of higher education satisfactory progress has been made; the colleges of the state have, without exception, reported greatly increased attendance. The citizens are more than ever aroused to the need of an educated generation of young men and young women.

The seeds of educational progress are sown and the results may be awaited with confidence and hope. Surely for such a condition, for the awakening of such a spirit, for the stimulation of a sentiment which means so much for the future of the state South Carolinians everywhere, from the mountains to the seashore, from the east to the west, should pour out thanksgiving.

With the educational advance has come its fellow—spiritual advance. Public evils are less flagrant. Outbreaks, against law and morality have been decried with more effect. Public opinion has been more uncompromising in its condemnation of crime and disorder. The public pulse has beat truer; the forces of civilized government have been more assertive. The public mind is becoming saner, healthier, more wholesome and more respecting of the laws of man and God. We have much to thank God in this progression, but the goal is yet afar. There is still a great work to be done.

Personally, we have each of us much cause for thanksgiving. There is none so poor or unfortunate that his or her plight might not be worse. We are all blessed in a degree. If you are poor, thank God that you are not poorer. If you are sound in body and mind, thank God that you are; if you are sick in pain, thank God that you are not worse, and think of those who are more sick and more painful. If you are in sorrow, remember that the world is

full of sorrow and that there are those who are more sorrowful than you. However poor, however sorrowful or beset by troubles and afflictions, however marked by misfortune, there are those who have even greater burdens to bear. Thank God for your station in life, whatever it be. Thank God for the world about us.

And on Thanksgiving day say some thankful word, do some thankful deed. Remember the poor and the afflicted. In the providence of God these unfortunate are always among us. In his very city there are men and women and children who need help. For one day at least let these feel the sweet joy of thanksgiving; let them breathe of the spirit of the day. Remember especially the aged and the helpless poor. Seeing these, we shall be better able to offer thanks in a just appreciation of the more bountiful gifts that God has bestowed upon us. Our thanksgiving will be a thanksgiving of the heart.—The State.

A RUNAWAY BICYCLE.

Terminated with an ugly cut on the leg of J. B. Orner, Franklin Grove, Ill. It developed a stubborn ulcer unyielding to doctors and remedies for four years. Then Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured. It's just as good for Burns, Scalds, Skin Eruptions and Piles. 25c. at Crawford Bros., J. F. Mackey & Co. and Funderburk Pharmacy, Drug Store.

Col. W. C. P. Breckenridge Dead

Lexington, Ky., Nov. 20.—William Campbell Preston Breckenridge died at 11.40 o'clock tonight from a stroke of paralysis sustained Wednesday. The end came peacefully. The burial will take place Monday afternoon in the Lexington cemetery.

DANGER OF A COUGH.

Pneumonia, gripp, cold, bronchitis and nearly every other dangerous sickness of this kind is usually the development of a slight cough. Too many people are laid up and too many die from diseases where they could so easily knock that first cough in the head. Murray's Horehound Mallein and Tar cures colds. It drops the bot tom out of a cough. Every drug store has it for 25c a bottle. Remember "Murray's" and take no other. Regular 50c size.

Chose Seven Years.

While holding a term of the Supreme Court at Augusta, Maine Judge Walton sentenced a man to seven years in prison for a grave crime, says the Philadelphia Ledger. The prisoner's council asked for a mitigation of the sentence on the ground that the prisoner's health was very poor.

"Your honor," said he, "I am satisfied that my client cannot live out half that term, and I beg of you to change the sentence."

"Well, under these circumstances," said the judge, "I will change the sentence. I will make it for life instead of seven years."

DOESN'T RESPECT OLD AGE.

It's shameful when youth fail to show proper respect for old age, but just the contrary is the case of Dr. King's New Life Pills. They cut off maladies no matter how old and irrespective of old age. Dyspepsia, Jaundice, Fever, Constipation all yield to this perfect Pill. 25c. at Crawford Bros., J. F. Mackey & Co. and Funderburk Pharmacy, Drug Store.

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Carelessness is responsible for many a railway wreck and the same causes are making human wrecks of sufferers from Throat and Lung trouble. But since the advent of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, even the worst cases can be cured, and hopeless resignation is no longer necessary. Mrs. Lois Dragg of Dorchester, Mass., is one of many whose life was saved by Dr. King's New Discovery. This great remedy is guaranteed by Crawford Bros., J. F. Mackey & Co. and Funderburk Pharmacy, Drug Store. Price 50c, and \$1.00 Trial bottle free.

Circus Was Robbed of Thirty Thousand.

Forepaugh & Sells Brothers Sustain a Heavy Loss.—Several Employees Under Arrest.

Norfolk, Va., Nov. 19.—While en route on a flat car between Greenville and Tarboro, N. C., early Saturday morning the ticket wagon of the Forepaugh and Sells Brothers circus was entered and robbed of \$30,000.

The entrance to the wagon was effected by the use of the regular keys, which had been stolen from the treasurer of the circus. The robbery was not discovered until after the entire circus, which was traveling in three sections over the Atlantic Coast Line, had reached Tarboro. The ticket wagon was on the second section and arrived at Tarboro at 1 o'clock Saturday morning. The first section reached there a half hour earlier and the third at 3 o'clock in the morning.

It was 5 o'clock before the robbery had been discovered, and from that time until late tonight, when the last report was received in Norfolk by telephone, a continuous search of the effects of people connected with the circus has been in progress. The police are holding a man and woman, both performers, on suspicion of having committed the robbery. It has been impossible so far to secure the names of these two people.

Several theories are held by the police and circus people. One of these is that the robbery was committed while the train was in motion and that the money was thrown off the train.

Searching parties are at work along the line between Tarboro and Greenville in an effort to find any trace of the money or of any person who might have left the train with it. Up to this time no one has been missed from the circus crowd.

Another theory is that the cash has been hidden in Tarboro by the robbers, and innumerable search warrants have been sworn out. Armed with these, the regular police and special detectives, are searching every place in Tarboro thought likely to conceal the money.

There were a score of arrests made during the day among the circus people. All apprehended were taken into custody on suspicion, and while in the town lock up their belongings were searched at the show grounds. Absolutely no trace of the money has been found.

LARGE REWARD OFFERED.

Charlotte, N. C., Nov. 19.—A special to The Observer from Tarboro says \$2,000 reward is offered for the apprehension of the person or persons who robbed the Forepaugh-Sells pay wagon.

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Ordered New Trial.

Juror Entertained by Plaintiff During the Hearing.

Greenville News.

T. P. Cothran returned yesterday from Abbeville where he has been in attendance on the Court of Common Pleas in session in that city.

When asked about the progress of litigation there, Mr. Cothran said that the trial of the case of Wilson vs. the Southern Railway had been suddenly stopped by the interference of Special Judge Ernest Moore under most unusual circumstances.

It seems that the hearing had progressed satisfactorily during one day and most of the testimony for both sides had been adduced. Night came on, however, and recess was taken until the following morning. When the court convened Judge Moore learned that the plaintiff had entertained one of the jurors at his home, and that the man had even spent the night at Engineer Wilson's home. The trial was immediately ordered to be stopped and will have to be gone over again at a subsequent term of the court. While there was of course no evidence of any fraudulent attempt on the part of the plaintiff to influence the juror Judge Moore did not consider that such a case should be allowed to go unnoticed.

Anxious Moments.

Some of the most anxious hours of a mother's life are those when the little ones of the household have the croup. There is no other medicine so effective in this terrible malady as Foley's Honey and Tar. It is a household favorite for throat and lung troubles, and as it contains no opiates or other poisons, it can be safely given. Sold by Funderburk Pharmacy.

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A Policeman's Testimony.

J. N. Patterson, night policeman of Nashua, Ia., writes, "Last winter I had a cold on my lungs and tried at least half a dozen advertised cough medicines and had treatment from two physicians without getting any benefit. A friend recommended Foley's Honey and Tar and two thirds of a bottle cured me. I consider it the greatest cough and lung medicine in the world." Sold by Funderburk Pharmacy.

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I have put in a gasoline engine with which to run my sausage and bone mill, and am now better prepared than ever to serve the public with the best meat to be had. I have also attached to my engine a wood saw, and can saw and split your wood on very short notice, right in your own yard. Call me up—market phone 43, residence 56 2f S. T. Blackmon.

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Schedule in effect Nov. 20, 1902.

(Daily except Sunday)

WESTBOUND.

Lv Lancaster,	7:15 a.m.	8:45 p.m.
Lv Fort Lenoir,	7:44 a.m.	4:15 p.m.
Lv Bacoonsville,	7:44 a.m.	4:30 p.m.
Lv Richburg,	7:50 a.m.	4:45 p.m.
Ar Chester,	8:15 a.m.	6:15 p.m.
Ar Charlotte, So R,	8:55 a.m.	7:10 p.m.
Ar Columbia, So R,	9:15 a.m.	1:05 a.m.
Ar York, C&N W,	9:48 a.m.	
Ar Gastonia, CN W,	10:38 a.m.	
Ar Lenoir, e. n. r,	11:22 p.m.	
Ar Atlanta, a. a. r,	4:50 p.m.	

EASTBOUND.

Lv Atlanta, a. a. r,	1:00 p.m.
Lv Lenoir, e. n. r,	2:05 p.m.
Lv Gastonia,	6:00 p.m.
Lv Yorkville,	6:50 p.m.
Lv Columbia, So R,	6:10 a.m.
Lv Charlotte, So R,	6:15 a.m.
Lv Chester,	10:00 a.m.
Lv Richburg,	10:40 a.m.
Lv Bacoonsville,	10:50 a.m.
Lv Fort Lenoir,	11:06 a.m.
Ar Lancaster,	11:40 a.m.

CONNECTIONS.

Chester—Southern, Seaboard and Carolina & Northwestern railways. Lancaster—Southern Railway.

A. P. McLEOD, Asst Traffic mgr.

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Freight and Traffic Manager.

Notice to the Public.

I will hold all inquests in the county. Phone to my residence at Pleasant Hill for me when needed.

J. Montgomery Caskey, opt. 20—1st Coroner L. C.

Bridge to Let.

On Tuesday, 22d day of Nov.

1904, at 11 o'clock a. m., I will let to the lowest responsible bidder the contract to build a bridge across Waxhaw Creek on the new road, near E. E. Ferguson's place,

L. J. Perry,

County Supervisor.