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The superintendents of city schools in South Carolina have declared for compulsory education. From their personal experience they recognized the necessity for compulsory school attendance. Yet how much greater is the need of such a system in the country. If the county superintendents and the conscientious teachers in the schools of the country felt free to express their views, what an earnest appeal there would be for a system which would take all the children into the public schools. —The State.

The 'Strange Story of a Rat and a Dispensary Flask.

To the Editor of The State:

One of England's kings was puzzled to know how the apple got into the dumplings; some of our American sovereigns are anxious to know how the mouse got into the flask. He is a rat, surrounded by a R.R. Silver Brook, chemically pure, South Carolina State dispensary whiskey. The flask was bought from one of the dispensaries in Columbia about a week ago, and is now in the house of a farmer in this section, to be sent back to the place whence it came. The rodent must have died "crazy drunk," as he is standing on his head with his tail turned straight toward the cork.

We suggest that our great moral legislation could do very much for the cause of temperance by adopting the "Rodent Brand" exclusively and having the mouse in each flask. J. H. Taylor, Eastover, S. C., Dec 30, 1904.

A White Man Lynched by an Arkansas Mob.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec 31.—A special to the Commercial-Appeal from Newport, Ark., says that Louis Allwhite, the alleged criminal assailant and murderer of Mrs. Rachel Kinkannon and her daughter, was lynched today at the scene of the crime by a mob of 700 men. Newton, the 19-year-old son of Allwhite, the self-confessed accessory to his father's alleged crime, was not molested by the jail stormers.

Mrs. Rachel Kinkannon and her daughter, Mrs. Amelia Mauldin, were waylaid, assaulted and murdered on Christmas morning. They were hurrying to the bedside of the latter's sick husband, when Allwhite and his son, according to the confession of the boy, met them, dragged the women to a nearby ravine and murdered both. The younger Allwhite testified that he and his father threw the bodies of Mrs. Kinkannon into the river and would have made the same disposition of the daughter's body but were frightened away by several persons coming down the road.

Mrs. Kinkannon's body has not been found.

Death of E. S. Vaux.

Charleston, Dec. 29.—Edward S. Vaux, president of the Camden Oil Mills and the new bank at Camden died today at that place, aged 36. Mr. Vaux was formerly a member of a team of several seasons defeated crack players from the North and West.

## Happenings in the State.

As Chronicled by the Alert Correspondents of The Columbia State.

## A TERRIBLE ACCIDENT.

Easley, Jan. 1.—On last Thursday afternoon little Waverly Crouch, son of Mr. James A. Crouch, was playing with his father's shot gun when it was discharged, the load entering the right eye of his sister, Amber Crouch, tearing off one side of her head. Death was almost instantaneous. Waverly is 8 years old, while his sister was 13.

## DIED OF LOCKJAW.

Easley, Jan. 1.—Mr. Tine Lesley was buried on Friday afternoon at Zion church about four miles south of Easley. About two weeks ago he attempted to scare a cat from under the bed with the butt end of his gun. The gun was discharged and the load entered the left leg below the knee. His right hand received a small portion of the load. After days of acute suffering he died. The immediate cause of his death was lockjaw.

Mr. Lesley was about 30 years old and leaves a wife and two children.

## WHITE MAN FINED.

Charleston, Dec. 28.—In the police court today Recorder Jervey passed the unusually heavy sentence of \$75 upon a young white man, C. Thompson who yesterday afternoon slipped down to the pavement a small 12 year old girl, Mary Hudson. Thompson was drunk and pleaded ignorance of his act, but Recorder Jervey did not seem to think his condition was justification for his act, for he shows him no clemency in passing sentence. Judge Jervey draws the line closely against all offenders against women and children, as was evidenced some time ago when he fined a traveling man \$90 who, while under the influence of liquor, followed a young woman on the streets. The recorder holds that a man is responsible for his acts and he must let liquor alone if he cannot use it without committing acts of this kind.

## Hester's Weekly Statement.

New Orleans, Dec. 30.—Secretary Hester's weekly cotton statement, issued today shows for the 30 days of December a decrease under last year of 32,000 bales and an increase over the same period year before last of 216,000.

For the 121 days of the season that have elapsed the aggregate is ahead of the same days of last year 1,063,000 bales, and ahead of the same days year before last 1,276,000 bales.

Including stocks left over at ports and interior towns from the last crop and the number of bales brought into sight thus far from the new crop, the supply to date is 8,088,027 against 7,030,757 for the same period last year.

## Killed Brother and Self.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 30.—A special to The Constitution from Ozark, Ala., says: A double tragedy occurred at Middle City in the eastern part of this county today.

Arch Pope and Jesse Pope, brothers, had a heated discussion and disagreement over a line fence and the former shot and instantly killed his brother with a pistol. Arch Pope then went home and committed suicide by taking strychnine. The Pops are among the most prominent and prosperous people of southeastern Alabama. Both men leave families.

## Port Arthur Surrenders.

Conditions of Gen Nogi Accepted by Gen Stoessel.—Terms Not Known.

Tokio, Jan 2 10 p. m.—The text of Gen Nogi's telegram announcing the capitulation of the Russian forces at Port Arthur is as follows:

"The plenipotentiaries of both parties concluded their negotiations today at 4.30 o'clock. The Russian commissioners accepted on the whole the conditions stipulated by us and consented to capitulate. The document has been prepared and signatures are now being affixed. Simultaneously with the conclusion of negotiations both armies suspended hostilities. It is expected the Japanese army will enter the city of Port Arthur tomorrow."

Port Arthur, whose hills have for months run red with the blood of the bravest of two warlike nations, has at last succumbed to the fierce tenacity of the Japanese attack. Gen Stoessel, most stubborn in carrying out the will of his sovereign, has seen the advance of the besieging army gain in momentum and energy until to hold out longer would have been a crime against humanity. The conditions of this surrender are not yet known, but in all quarters it is anticipated that they are such as an honorable soldier may accept from a brave and victorious enemy.

At 9.45 o'clock last night the commissioners completed the signing of the capitulation agreement. Both armies had suspended hostilities five hours earlier. The city of Port Arthur will be occupied by the Japanese today.

The authorities at St Petersburg, in the absence of direct official news from Gen Stoessel that Port Arthur has surrendered, have not permitted the news to become public. Emperor Nicholas is in the south of Russia, and his ministers are for the time being in the dark as to what dispatches have been sent to him from the front.

Tokio was the scene of rejoicing people of all ranks finding in the outcome compensation for all the sacrifice of life and money that was entailed in the ten months siege.

To what extent the fall of Port Arthur will make for a restoration of peace is an open question.

## Ginners' Meeting at Atlanta.

Atlanta, Dec 30.—At a meeting of a number of ginners of Georgia and Alabama here two vice presidents were named for Georgia to attend the next convention of cotton ginners to be held in Dallas, Texas. President J. A. Taylor, of the National Ginners' Association, was present at the meeting and made an address urging ginners to retain information regarding cotton produced.

Among other things he said: "The government report of the cotton crop is totally incorrect. These reports are as far wrong as anything I know. Many ginners did not count their bales correctly, often adding many hundred bales more than they had in reality ginned. In many instances the number of bales ginned was guessed at. I have come to the conclusion that I and the other ginners were chumps for giving out the reports."

When the saloons closed at 8 o'clock Saturday night in Charlotte, it was to stay closed for two years at least. Charlotte is now dry. 16 saloons went out of business that night.

WATCH OUT  
BARGAIN SEEKERS!

\$100 IN GOLD TO BE GIVEN AWAY.

For the next 30 days we are going to slaughter prices Right and Left on dry goods, Clothing, Shoes, etc.

Our object in cutting prices for the next month is to benefit the trade by giving them the best goods for the least money. Also to reduce our stock as much as possible by the 1st of Jan., as we are going to repair our building and make changes in stock by moving dry goods in lower part of building and groceries where dry goods are at present.

This will be an immense job to have to move

: : SUCH A LARGE STOCK : :

as we have at present and think it best to make such inducements to the public in order to make the goods walk about.

We mean business in what we say and all we ask is for you to come and inspect our stock and cut prices and you will be convinced that what we say is true.

So Come at Once and Make Your Purchases

before the stock is greatly reduced, and get the best advantage, for remember one month is a very short time.

THANKING EVERY ONE FOR PAST PARONAGE AND HOPING FOR MORE, WE ARE,

Yours to serve,

-Heath Banking & Mercantile Co.-

LANCASTER S. C.