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The Yorkville Enquirer, a most intelligent and sensible newspaper, says that the farmers of the south should insist on the change from jute to cotton bagging for their great money crop. "There is no reason," it says, "why we should send money to India for burlap at whatever price. If we make nothing out of the matter except to keep at home the money that would otherwise go away for jute, the use of cotton bagging would be profitable. There would be more in it than this, however. Bagging sufficient to cover the Southern cotton crop would necessarily consume enough cotton to have some effect on the price." The Cotton Association might find it advisable to change. It is practical, it is cheaper, and as the Enquirer well says, the consumption of such large quantities of the raw product for bagging will naturally stimulate the market. —Greenville News.

Young Lady Has Miraculous Escape from Death.

Miss Eliza Mabry, a student at the College, underwent a very thrilling experience Monday afternoon. She fell down the elevator shaft in the rear of the dormitory, and, surprising to relate, she was uninjured, with the exception of a few bruises and a general shaking up. She was leaning over the rail which surrounded the shaft when her support gave way, and she plunged downward a distance of three stories. She struck an iron bar in the course of her descent, and this undoubtedly broke the force of her flight and saved her life. —Reck Hill Record.

Mothers can safely give Foley's Honey and Tar to their children for coughs and colds, for it contains no opiates or other poisons. Sold by Funderburk Pharmacy.

Aged Lawyer Convicted and Given Life Sentence.

Fayetteville, Ga., March 23.—Col. Stephen D. Renfree, a lawyer about 77 years old, was convicted this afternoon of the murder of his daughter-in-law. The jury recommended him to the mercy of the court. He was sentenced to serve the remainder of his life in the State penitentiary.

Renfree quarreled with his daughter-in-law over a cabbage patch, the quarrel ending in his shooting her to death with a shotgun. He claimed self-defense. Renfree is quite feeble, and during the greater part of the trial reclined on an improvised couch in the court room. The case will probably go to the supreme court.

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A cyclone swept across the southern portion of Randolph county, Ala., last Wednesday, leaving death and destruction in its path. Nine lives were lost, a number of houses demolished and much other property damaged.

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,
apt. 20—1st Coroner L. C.

Can Hardly Hold Harbin

Gen Linevitch May be Compelled to Fall Back in the Heart of Siberia and Leave Everything in Reach to the Japanese.

St. Petersburg, March 24, 1:45 a. m.—The possibility that if the Russian army should be unable to hold the lower line of the Sungari river at Chanchuatsu, it may be compelled to retreat not only to Harbin, but also further westward along the railroad, abandoning to the Japanese northern Manchuria and the Russian Maritime Amur Siberian province, as well as the vast territory already lost, is the latest startling news from the front.

The strategic weakness of General Linevitch's position as he falls back northward is made clear by a Gunshu dispatch, in which it pointed out that unless Chanchuatsu and the Sangari line, a scant 100 miles below Harbin, can be held, it will be difficult to maintain position farther back before Harbin, where, with the front of the army paralleling the railroad, the practicability a turning movement to completely sever communications and isolate the army 6,000 miles from home is too serious for Russian consideration. That such a dispatch should have been permitted to pass the censor at the front, is significant, and, if General Linevitch has communicated a similar estimate of the situation direct to emperor Nicholas, it may account for his majesty's increased disposition to listen to peace counsels and open negotiations before the Japanese establish themselves on Russian soil.

It can now be definitely stated that the decision to appoint Grand Duke Nicholas Nikolaivitch to the supreme command in the far East was re-considered, because of the opinion that the outlook at the front does not warrant the risk of compromising the prestige of a member of the imperial family.

At the general staff, the view that General Linevitch may be compelled to abandon Harbin and retire towards Lake Brikal, leaving Vladivostok to its fate, is regarded as almost unwarranted by anything that is officially known there, it is being pointed out that Field Marshal Oyama may have a long and laborious task to bring up an army of 300,000 or 400,000 men.

Meanwhile, Russian re-enforcements are arriving at Harbin at the rate of 1,200 men per day. Nevertheless, it is significant that there is now a wellmarked peace party at the War Office.

TROOPS SHOOT DOWN PEASANTS.

Kutno, Russia, March 23.—Ten peasants were killed and fifty were wounded at Lamenta, March 21, as the result of shooting of infantry sent to quell disturbance. A crowd of peasants from Benignowa proceeded to Lamenta to induce the farm laborers to strike, and rioting occurred. The chief of police, with a company of soldiers, went to the scene and the troops fired two volleys at the peasants killing two on the spot and wounding fifty. The latter were brought in carts to the hospital here, where seven men and one woman subsequently died. Eleven others are dying.

PEACE PROPOSAL ABOUT TO BE MADE.

St. Petersburg, March 23, 7:05 p. m.—The Ministers of the court who advanced the submission of pacific proposals to Japan, as previously set forth in these dispatches, so as to ascertain whether an honorable basis of peace is possible, believe they have carried the day, and it is

learned on high authority that an actual step is imminent, if not already taken.

WOMEN TO LEAVE VLADIVOSTOK
St. Petersburg, March 23.—It is announced here that all the women have been ordered to leave Vladivostok.

Happenings in the State.

As Chronicled by the Alert Correspondents of The Columbia State and the Charleston News and Courier.

(Specials to The State)

A Barn Burned.

Union, March 23.—Tuesday night fire broke out in the barn of Mr. W. D. Hollis near Crosskeys and destroyed about 2,000 bundles of fodder, 185 bushels of corn and 25 sacks of acid. The stock was saved but the barn and stables were completely destroyed, the roof almost falling in. The fire was discovered at 9 o'clock. Had it not been for the timely aid of Messrs Oric Hoils and Caesar Gore, the loss would have been much greater, as they entered the stalls and with sticks drove out the mules and cows when the roof was falling in.

Killing in Barnwell County.

Barnwell, March 23.—Near Dunbarton this morning Mr Jas H Skinner shot and instantly killed Mr Miller Anderson. Both parties are well known and are residents of Dunbarton, a station in this county on the Atlantic Coast Line railway.

Mr Anderson was a planter, Mr Skinner a merchant, and both have a family.

About a month ago, it seems, the men had a difficulty, since which time their personal relations have not been pleasant. This morning Mr Skinner was bird hunting when he met Mr Anderson. Words were passed, the quarrel was renewed, and then the homicide.

Mr Skinner has given himself up to the sheriff.

Oconee's Salaries.

Walhalla, March 23.—There was no little surprise among some of our county officers today when advance sheets containing the acts of the recent session of the general assembly were read. It was the act bearing upon the officers' salaries wherein no allowance was made for wood and postage in any of the offices. The only material change made was in that of clerk of court, who is to be paid an annual salary of \$1,300 in lieu of all fees. It requires the clerk keep an itemized statement of all the work and to turn over to the county treasurer at the end of each month all moneys collected by him, that no work is to be done for any one unless the required fee accompanies the deed, mortgage or any other document. It is not known what the clerk's salary heretofore has been, but the impression has always been that it was the most remunerative of all the offices, and with this salary remains so, although it may not reach the amount that it did under the fee system.

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