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Some people are thoughtless enough to say that voting ,'no dispensary'' in the approaching election is voting against the dispensary. Such is not the case. The dispensary law will be as much of force in Lancaster county when the dispensaries are voted out as it is now or even was. To vote ''no dispensary'' means simply we have tried selling whiskey under the dispensary law for twelve years and find that excessive drinking and drunkenness still continue and the sale of intoxicants is increasing each year, we now propose to try the prohibition feature of the dispensary law, for the dispensary law assures iron clad prohibition in counties where there is no dispensary. No citizen of South Carolina can sell whiskey under the dispensary law. The State alone is authorized to sell it. Therefore when the State closes the dispensaries in a county upon the vote of the citizens of that county the State is duty bound to enforce the dispensary law in that county the same as she does in the counties which retain dispensaries, by allowing no druggist or any citizen whatever to sell whiskey. The dispensary law without dispensaries is in theory and ought to be in practice the best prohibition law any county can ever hope to have, and we hope that the prohibitionists of Lancaster county will now give the dispensary law as thorough a trial without dispensaries as it has been given with dispensaries. The nearest absolute prohibition Lancaster ever had was under the operation of the dispensary law. During the three months from the time the dispensary law went into effect until the opening of a dispensary at Lancaster we do not recall having seen a man under the influence of whiskey. Vote ''No dispensary'' if you would make the dispensary law more popular than it now is in Lancaster county.

Gambling Never Pays.

Rock Hill Record.

A communication in a recent issue of the ''State'' contained the following paragraph:

''Young man, put your cigarette on the card table and turn your back on both as you would from the devil, for there are large quantities of hell in both.''

Truer words were never written and there is a sermon in every line The passion for gambling is as pernicious—nay, more so—than the passion for drink. The young man infected with the gambling spirit soon learns to become dishonest—if he does not actually steal, he becomes dishonest in the small things of life. He steals the time to gamble which out to be devoted to perfecting his own welfare. He becomes neglectful in his duties to his employer. He becomes slothful in his work, indifferent to obligations, and finally winds up as a moral wreck.

The young men of today are looked upon, logically, as the rulers of tomorrow. Can they fit themselves for these higher duties by allowing themselves to become the slaves of the baser passions? They must keep their lives clean if they would grow into useful and upright citizenship. They must work for honest ends and honest aims and not fritter their time away in pursuit of unholy desires.

Truly, the writer above quoted says:

''You lose three things when you gamble: First, your time; second, your mon third, your honor; and if you stick to it your character is bound to go, and then all is gone.''

[For The Ledger.]

A Happy Re-Union of the Robertson Family at Oakhurst.

September the second, 1905, is a day which will long be remembered at the residence of Mrs. Caroline Robertson of Oakhurst, as well as at the residences of her children and grand children.

On that day this large family connection had a re-union at Mrs. Robertson's, at which the families of all her children, and of all her grand children were represented.

Those who have never witnessed a re-union of this kind cannot well form a conception of the beauty and impressiveness of the scene which presents itself to the contemplative mind. Age, manhood and childhood there blend harmoniously into a perfect picture of life.

At about 10 o'clock on Saturday morning they began to assemble, and by 12 o'clock high noon, a stranger passing by would have thought that the entire neighborhood had come together for a picnic. But such was not the case. It was the homing of the children, grand-children and great-grand children at the old homestead, so dear to the memory of childhood and youth.

Mrs. Robertson is indeed ''a mother in Israel'' and a blessing not only to her own family, but also to the community in which she lives. Many years have passed lightly over her head, and have not laid that weight upon her buoyant spirit that they have laid upon others. Although in her eighty-fourth year, her spirit is that of youth and she can look forward with more hopefulness than many who are many years her juniors. This goes to prove that added years do not make one old. Our country within her memory has passed through three great wars, and she can vividly portray the departure of the Carolina soldier boys to the Mexican war. It is something to be associated with one who can look back over more than four-fifths of a century and tell all about the time when the covered wagons used to ply, instead of railroad trains, between this community and Charleston. Of Mrs. Robertson's children—eight in number—one has passed over the river. All the remaining seven, two sons and five daughters, were present last Saturday. Of her grandchildren, twelve have died, and thirty-seven are living. Eighteen of these grand-children are married, leaving nineteen yet to take that step, so necessary to the welfare of church and State. Mrs. Robertson further has forty-seven living great-grand children ranging in age ftom about two months to about nineteen years. Between these two ages there is quite a galaxy of health and beauty. None of the great-grand children are married, although there is little doubt that not many moons will wax and wane before a correction shall have to be made as to this statement. There are thirteen great-grand children who have passed away.

Of Mrs. Robertson's children one served four years under the ''conquered banner'' fighting valiantly for the ''lost cause.'' Thus we see that she has contributed her children to her country for the pursuits of patriotism whether they be war or peace.

Mrs. Robertson is the widow of the late Mr. S. U. Robertson, who has gone on before her to the great beyond.

We find by summing up, that the entire connection consists of one hundred and forty-six souls, living and dead. Subtracting twenty-two dead, we have left one hundred and twenty-four survivors. Of these, eighty-five were present, making the absent ones thirty-nine in number.

A beautiful dinner was served beneath the large spreading maple tree from beneath whose roots bubbles the old spring that has been in use more than half a century.

The day was closed appropriately and beautifully. To the accompaniment of the organ, all the children and their children's children joined in singing those old hymns which appeal to the heart of age and youth alike, and which will never die.

Rev. David Hucks then delivered an appropriate and most touching address, after which they all bade their aged mother good-bye, thus ending an occasion which all hope, but scarcely expect to be repeated.

The wish, however, of this writer, as well as of her numerous friends is, that her descendants may continue to pay their yearly visits to this Mecca of childhood and affection; and that Mrs. Robertson will live to see her great-great-grand children rise up and call her blessed.

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Reunion of a Notable South Carolina Family.

Lancaster special of Aug. 31st to The News and Courier. One of the largest and most enjoyable family reunions ever held in the State was the gathering yesterday of the Haile descendants and connections at the old Haile homestead. in Kershaw County, on the Southern Railroad, which is now the home of Capt. L. L. Clyburn. Fully 150 persons were present, and a most bounteous dinner was served by the host and hostess, Capt and Mrs. Clyburn.

Among those present were, from Fort Mill, Capt. J. W. Ardrey and family, Mrs. N. C. Massey, Mrs. Rebecca Mills, Mr. Frank Massey and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Spratt; from Rock Hill, Dr. J. E. Massey and Mr. Henry Massey; from Kershaw, Dr. and Mrs. J. E. W. Haile, Col. L. C. Hough, Mrs. Samuel Brewer; from Camden, the Hon. W. D. Trantham; Charlotte, Mrs. Etta Watson; Lancaster, Miss Mary Clyburn; Liberty Hill, Mr. Henry Haile.

Addresses appropriate to the occasion were made in the afternoon by Col. Trantham, Capt. Ardrey and Col. Hough.

The Haile heirs have recently had beautiful monuments erect- and suitably enclosed at the old homestead. For yesterday's reunion elaborate preparations had been made by Capt. Clyburn. His home, always handsome and attractive, was made doubly so for the interesting and notable occasion.

The Haile family is one of the oldest and most honorable in South Carolina. For generations its members have been prominently identified with the State's history. Both in war and in peace have the Hailes won enviable distinction.

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Unknown Young Man Seriously Hurt at Calhoun.

Special to The State.

Calhoun, Sept. 4.—Yesterday afternoon a young man, seriously if not fatally hurt, was found near the railroad at this station, which is on the main line of the Southern between Seneca and Greenville. The man is still unconscious and so far it has been impossible to discover his name. He is about six feet tall, about 30 years old, has red hair and mustache and wears an Odd Fellow's badge. A hat found near him has the initials ''J. D. H.'' cut on the inside.

The unknown and unfortunate man is being cared for by the citizens of the town at the residence of Mr. W. R. Chapman.

Foul play is suspected as the cause of the young man's serious condition, and the newspapers are asked to give publicity to the fact of his condition in order that the mystery may be solved.

Letter to J. F. Mackey
Lancaster, S. C.

DEAR SIR: Would you like to hear of a 20 year paint?

Mr. James A. O'Neil's house, Henderson, N. C., was painted 20 years ago with Devoe lead-and-zinc, and never painted again till last year; it then looked better than common paint in half that time.

The reason is: Devoe is all paint and true paint; while the common paints are part true and part false. Don't pay to monkey with paint.

And Devoe costs less than any of 'em; not by the gallon, of course; by the house and year. That's how to reckon it. Go by the name.

Yours truly,
64 F. W. DEVOE & Co.

Lancaster Mercantile Co sells our paint.

Items from Kershaw Era

A note to the editor yesterday stated that Mr. W. L. Kirkland was painfully injured at his saw mill but no partciulars was given.

—R. A. Dobson, Esq., went to Rock Hill Thursday night to meet Mrs. Dobson, who was returning from the hospital in New York. She will spend a while at Lancaster before returning to Kershaw.

—Albert Ballard, col., was before magistrate, J. T. Cauthen last week on the charge of stealing a sack of flour from a car at the depot. He was sent to jail for the October term of court.

No. 7858.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

Office Comptroller of the Currency
Washington, D. C., Aug. 4, 1905.

WHEREAS, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that ''The First National Bank of Lancaster'', in the Town of Lancaster, in the County of Lancaster and State of South Carolina, has complied with all the provisions of the Statutes of the United States, required to be complied with before an association shall be authorized to commence the business of Banking;

NOW THEREFORE I, Thomas P. Kane, Deputy and Acting Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that ''The First National Bank of Lancaster'', in the Town of Lancaster, in the County of Lancaster and State of South Carolina, is authorized ot commence the business of Banking as provided in Section Fifty one hundred and sixty nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF witness my hand and Seal of office this Fourth day of August, 1905.

(SEAL) T. P. Kane,
Deputy and Acting
Comptroller of the Currency.
O-10-'05.

A barking dog occasionally bites the dust.

Thinks the Editor "Guessed."

From the News and Courier.

We wish to assure the editor of the esteemed Lancaster Review that we do not believe the recording angel set down those things he said. While the tongue is an unruly member, the time comes at least once in every newspaper man's life when it cannot do the subject justice. A few solemn words on the third page of The Review surrounded by a vast and mute expanse of white tells the historic story once again. Spell ''catastrophe,'' ''disaster,'' ''calamity,'' ''destruction,'' ''despair,'' ''shipwreck,'' ''battle,'' ''murder,'' ''sudden death'' and h— all with four letters?—''P-i-e-d,'' of course.

STILL CHEAPER

We have moved our stock of SHOES to the Riddle building, second door from the Bank of Lancaster, and in order to keep from moving them again in about three months will sell cheaper than ever. We have the strongest line this season made in America.

CHERRY & CO.

Notice of Discharge

Notice is hereby given that on the 23d day of September, 1905, the undersigned as Administrator of the estate of Wm N McMurray deceased will make his final return and settlement, and make application to the Probate Court of Lancaster county, S. C., for a final discharge as such Administrator.

J. M. McMurray,
Administrator.

Dated August 23d, 1905

Notice of Discharge.

Notice is hereby given that on the 26th day of Sept. 1905, the undersigned as Guardian of Essie I. Stover now Mrs. Essie Morley, will make his final return and settlement, and make application to the Probate Court of Lancaster county, S. C., for a final discharge as such Guardian.

W. F. Stover,
Guardian.

Dated Aug 26th, 1905.

Notice to Debtors and Creditors of J. Wren Tillman.

All persons having claims against the estate of J. Wren Tillman, deceased, will present them properly proven to the undersigned for payment; and all persons indebted to the said estate will make immediate payment to the same.

B Cunningham
J. M. Yeder,
Administrators.

Aug. 30.—3 wk.

Notice of Discharge.

Notice is hereby given that on the 30th day of September, 1905, the undersigned as Administrator of the estate of Nannie C. Vanlandingham deceased will make his final return and settlement, and make application to the Probate Court of Lancaster county, S. C., for a final discharge as such Administrator.

W. J. Cunningham, Admr.

Dated August 30th, 1905

Bridge to Let.

I will re-let the contract to build a new bridge to the lowest responsible bidder over Bear Creek on the Potter road, near Mr. Russel Barton's, on Friday the 15th day of Sept., 1905, reserving the right to reject any and all bids.

M. C. Gardner,
Co. Supev.

Aug 30th 1905.

THOROUGH BRED Berkshire Pigs For Sale.
DOC SELLAD 76839
APPLY to
B. A. HICKS & SON,
R. B. MACKEY, PROPRIETOR.
Heath Springs, S. C.

Fever Record Bad Again.

New Orleans, Sept. 4.—Official report to 6. p. m.:

New cases, 48; total to date, 3,082.

Deaths, 5; total, 292.

New disease centers, 16.

Cases under treatment, 321; discharged 1,469.

GREATLY IN DEMAND

Nothing is more in demand than a medicine which meets modern requirements for a blood and system cleanser, such as Dr. King's New Life Pills. They are just what you need to cure stomach and liver troubles. Try them. At Crawford Bros', J F Mackey & Co's and Funderburk Pharmacy, drug store, 25c, guaranteed.

BUY LAND!

Good Land, Better Land, Best Land.

Grand Opportunity to Buy Land Near the Town of Lancaster.

65 Acres,

3½ miles Northeast of town, dwelling, about one-horse farm open for $325 cash.

180 Acres,

The Miller ''Caston Craven place'' in suburbs of town of Lancaster. Fine timber, bottom lands, and rest in good state of cultivation. Two tenant houses.

380 Acres,

The Miller ''Cane Creek place,'' 2½ miles West of town, the best plantation in the county. Land lies well and in high state of cultivation. Eight or ten horse farm open. A bale of cotton can be made to the acre. Good farm houses

155 Acres,

The Miller ''Kelly place,'' 2½ miles South of town, is all that a purchaser could wish. Rents for 2,500 pounds of lint. A good investment at the price.

130 Acres,

The Miller ''Hood place,'' South side of Cane Creek, 7 miles North of town. Some fine bottoms on this place. $10. per acre.

12½ Acres,

The Phillips place, one mile East of town will be sold at a bargain.

215 Acres,

Adjacent to lands of Mobley Parks. Two horse-farm in cultivation. Probably 300,000 feet of lumber could be sawed from timber. Land lies well and easy to cultivate.

Terms on any of above tracts ¼ cash and balance in one, two and three years with approved security.

550 Acres,

Geo. W. Brown plantation, 8 miles west of town, on Catawba River, 100 acres in woods, 8 horse farm open, 2 white settlements, barn and stable, 6 tenements schools and churches convenient. Terms: ¼ cash, balance in 1 and 2 years.

190 Acres,

D. A. Funderburk ''Minor Blackmon place,'' on Wild Cat Creek, 5 room dwelling; 2 tenant houses, 75 acres timber, 4 horse farm opened 1½ miles of Tradesville, Tabernacle and Carnes' shops ¼ cash, balance in 2 years.

107 Acres,

The Albert Blackmon place, near Primus. Easy terms.

165 Acres,

5 miles North east of town, 2 story dwelling, 2 good tenant houses, barns, etc., 3 horse farm in cultivation, $2,500. Terms can be arranged.

101 Acres.

3½ miles North-east of town, Dwelling, etc., 2-horse farm open. $1,000. Terms can be arrenged.

I also have some desirable town property and other county property. It will pay you to see me before buying and if you have lands to sell I will pay you to get me to sell for you on reasonable commission.

T. S. Carter,
Agent.

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