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Mexico seems to have been lost sight of since the big war loomed up in the east.

Don't forget to keep all the old cans and buckets turned up to catch the rain; your supply of mosquitoes might dwindle.

The men all need a month off to rest up, but the ladies, oh, no, they don't need any rest? Keep 'em at work right on through August. They can stand it—for a little while at least.

Today is the time for the senatorial candidates to cry themselves hoarse at Chesterfield. County Chairman Hough says he has prepared for any disturbance that might be started and that any offenders will be promptly lodged in the county jail. Good for Hough. We hope he will stick to that.

Watermelons are down in reach of the niggers and editors now. Big, fine, juicy melons have been selling for a nickel. Just think of burying your beak in the very heart of a big melon, with a feeling that you can afford it. No more gnawing rinds and eating half green melons. They must be fine, or there is nothing doing.

The foundations of the government of all Europe are shaken by the war which has actually begun.

The assassination not many days ago of Arch Duke Ferdinand and his duchess of Austria by conspirators of Servia gave rise to the whole trouble. Austria demanded an apology from Servia and that the assassins be hunted out and punished; not only this but also that all secret organizations in Servia be suppressed. The requirements were so drastic that Servia refused to comply, and Austria declared war. Russia hastened preparations to aid her little Slavonic ally and Germany entered the arena by backing up Austria and declaring war on Bussia. From the dispatches at hand at the time this is written we are led to expect France to join in with Servia and Russia, and because of an alliance with the British government, virtually force England to take an active part in the war against her rival, Germany. Italy will probably side with Germany and Austria. As we said at the outset, we wouldn't hazard even a guess as to the final outcome of such a conflict as this bids fair to be.

A moment of contemplation brings a shudder, for the loss in human life and in property can not be told. The suffering and distress that a mighty struggle will bring is beyond human conception. Butchering humans in hundreds and thousands is bound to result if all the devilish implements of modern warfare are brought into play by these great powers of the Eastern Hemisphere. The suffering will not be confined to the battle fields, for back at home the women and children will bear the burden of the strife and the heart aches and groans can never be known on earth. The innocent ones must suffer the awful consequences of the folly of those who plunge the nations headlong into a bloody and cruel

war. Of course, there is no cause for alarm at home, for the broad and friendly Atlantic lies between us and the scenes of war. There is absolutely no probability that the United States will take any part in the fight but we may expect to suffer a temporary decline in the prices of cotton and some other products, but a long war in Europe would prove a financial and commercial asset to this country and we would probably be helped in some instances by the misfortunes of the people who put their time and energy into a foolish struggle and fight themselves to death like two cocks in a pen.

We hope that there may yet be a settlement of the differences, but there is little grounds for such hope. A general war in Europe has been teared for twenty years and this expectation seems about to be fulfilled.

Death of Maj. W. A. Evans.

Maj. William Augustus Evans died at his home at Hornsboro about 2:30 o'clock Sunday morning. He was about 82 years old and had been in failing health for several years, though he had been confined to the house only a few days.

In his death a life that has been prominent in the affairs of the county for a long time was ended. He was born and raised near White Plains and made his home there until a few years after the war, when he moved to Hornsboro and there spent the remainder of his life.

Mr. Evans served the full four years in the Civil war. He was first lieutenant in the Chesterfield Light Artillery, known as J. C. Coit's battery. He ably represented Chesterfield county in the South Carolina General assembly back in the seventies. He was the last of the charter members of the Mt. Moriah lodge of Masons, and the sword he carried during the war is still in the possession of the lodge.

He was twice married, the first time to Miss Annie Hennagan, of Marlboro county. No children were born to this union. The second marriage was to Mrs. Willie Poole, of Newberry. Mrs. M. J. Hough, of Chesterfield, is the only surviving daughter of this union.

His heart was easily touched by the call of need, and he could hardly turn down a request for help. He was a member of Mt. Moriah Baptist church, and his life bore him out in his profession. The county, and especially Hornsboro community, has lost one of the most active and influential men that ever resided in it.

The body was laid to rest in the cemetery at Chesterfield Monday afternoon with Masonic honors, after a short funeral service had been conducted by Rev. B. S. Funderburg.

Storm in Lancaster.

Lancaster, Aug. 3.—Yesterday afternoon one of the most severe electric rain and wind storms seen here in a long time struck Lancaster and the county generally, doing considerable damage in a number of sections. At this place the attractive new home of John D. Caskey on Chesterfield avenue was struck by lightning and badly damaged, though the loss is covered, it is said, by insurance. Several large trees were uprooted, fences and out-houses and other buildings blown down. In the Antioch section the barn and stable belonging to the Rev. B. F. Carson were carried away by the wind.

In the same neighborhood considerable hail fell, playing havoc in some places with cotton and corn. Probably the greatest damage throughout the county covered by the storm, however, was the disastrous washing of farm lands, the rain everywhere being a terrible "gully washer," lasting for several hours. The local telephone and electric light companies are hard hit and will be put to considerable expense repairing the damage done practically in every section of the city. A number of telephone poles and wires in different portions of the county were blown down.

CHURCH NOTES

Methodist Protestant

By. Jno. W. Quick, Pastor

Our meeting of days will begin next Sunday at 11 o'clock. Rev. W. D. Reed, of Albemarle, N. C. will be our pulpit help.

May we concentrate our hearts, thoughts and lives on soul saving. With the splendid opportunities crowding about us will we promise here and now to work for souls with vigor of will and relentless energy. "The night cometh when no man can work."

May we so grandly fulfill life's mission that the Master shall say: "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Baptist

J. M. Sullivan, Pastor.

Last week was one of the most enjoyable weeks we have had in a good long time. The Thompson Creek folks and Bro. Purvis, their pastor, know how to cooperate in a series of meetings like this. As a result of meeting the pastor baptized 16 or more last Saturday at 10 a. m. and the church is greatly revived and strengthened.

Our protracted meeting began at White Plains last Sunday under the most favorable circumstances and bids fair to be a great revival. We beg our chirtian friends everywhere to remember us at the Throne this week that many souls may be born into the Kingdom and christians made strong in the faith.

We enjoyed being with the folks at Center Grove school house in the afternoon hour, but the rain kept our congeration from being what it usually is.

This is the best school house appointment we have ever served. We are requested to announce that they are going to have a picnic there Saturday before the third Sunday in this month. Everybody is cordially invited to come and bring well filled baskets. The superintendent, Bro. Kirkley, is planning to exchange with the Sunday School work.

Next Sunday, Pageland 11 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. We hope to begin meeting of days at Taxhaw Fourth Sunday in this month.

Brthern let us pray for each other in our meeting work that we may do great things for our Lord.

He Shot At it And the Bullet Took Effect.

Psychical research makes no appeal to Sir William Henry Perkins, the inventor of coal tar dyes, who visited New York recently. He confesses to believing in only one ghost story, and that related to a friend to whom he gave the name of Snooks. He explained.

"Snooks, visiting a country house, was put in the haunted chamber for the night. He said that he did not feel the slightest uneasiness, but, nevertheless just as a matter of precaution he took to bed with him a revolver of the latest American patent.

"He slept peacefully enough until the clock struck 2, when he awoke with a unpleasant feeling of oppression. He raised his head and peered about him. The room was wanly illuminated by the full moon, and in that weird, bluish light he thought he discerned a small, white hand clasping the rail at the foot of the bed.

"Who's there?" he replied. "Answer me or I'll shoot!" Snooks cautiously raised himself, took careful aim and fired. "From that night on he's limped. Shot off two of his own toes."

In a suit in court a lawyer was cross-examining Jerome Gerlach a German, the point in question being the relative position of the doors, windows and so forth in a house in which a certain transaction was alleged to have taken place.

"And now," the lawyer said, "will you be good enough to tell the court how the stairs run in your house?"

Gerlach looked dazed for a moment. The lawyer repeated the question, but still the German did not understand.

"How do the stairs run?" he repeated.

"Yes," said the lawyer, "how do the stairs run?"

"Vell," said Gerlach slowly, "ven I am oopstairs dey run down, and ven I am downstairs dey run up."

Dr. R. L. McManus DENTIST

Pageland, S. C.

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Pollock & Pegues M. M. JOHNSON LAWYERS Club Building - Cheraw, S. C. One member of firm will be in Pageland every Tuesday. ATTORNEY AT LAW Will be in Pageland Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of each week. Office in rear of Mangum's Drug Store

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