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The perseverance that had men show in seeking to evade or transgress law might well be followed by good men in observing and upholding law.

Some people leave the substance or the success that would surely follow steadfastness of purpose that they may chase every alluring shadow that comes in sight.

The time is drawing nigh for the new-fledged graduates of schools and colleges to settle every vexing problem under the sun with their commencement orations.

What a blessing it would be if peace were to prevail in every nook and corner of the earth, if only for a few days. It would at least give a foretaste of the millennium.

When the Scotch verdict of "Not proven" is passed upon any legislator it leaves him in the uncomfortable position of being suspended between heaven and the lower regions.

The man who never offends anybody amounts to little. He is not much better than a nonentity. Strong characters cannot but make enemies, but they also make steadfast friends and are loved much.

Probably the harem skirt would not be so popular with some people if less notice was taken of it. There is a shrewd suspicion that most of the women who don the garment do so to attract attention. If such is the case their wish is gratified.

Every one of the thirty-eight Democrats who voted for a duty on lumber when the present tariff law was passed, reversed themselves the other day by voting to put lumber on the free list. They saw they were wrong, and they did not hesitate to get right.

It is said that Abe Ruef of unsavory graft reputation teaches a Bible class in the penitentiary where he is confined. That is well, but in former days he had given heed to what that books says about honesty and righteousness it would have been so much better both for himself and others.

It requires no talent to run down the place in which one lives. All that is needed is fault-finding, opposition to reforms and improvement and a state of mind that invariably says, "We don't want it, this is good enough." Such men, if their will prevails, mean grass-grown streets and stagnation.

Teach the children to love flowers and to cultivate them. Let them come close to nature that they may appreciate its beauties. It will have a refining influence upon their lives and upon the homes to which they belong. Around almost every school house, especially in the rural districts, there is a plot of ground a part of which may well be devoted to such a purpose.

Our friends are to us what we are to them. Not only is friendship reciprocal, but also the character of it. If in our relation to others we display courtesy, a desire to please and help, a disposition to make ourselves agreeable, such qualities will be returned manifold in their attitude towards us. There may be occasional exceptions, but the rule holds good everywhere.

Many people envy the idle rich. So far from being envied they are to be pitied. What a life, or rather existence, of vapidity and uselessness they do lead. The man earning his living with sweating brow and horny hand, and the woman busy with her household duties are a thousand times happier and more contented. Work is a blessing—one of the greatest that anyone can have.

In every community the one mission of the church is to promote its spiritual and moral welfare, even as that of the school, is to develop its education. But the newspaper combines both functions and gives added influence to the church and school. It is catholicity of spirit and breadth of view, and also in its part in the social life of the place it ever exercises a potent influence for good. In everything designed to promote the interests of the town its voice is heard in earnest advocacy.

The Mexican muddle is additional proof that an oligarchy is out of date in this twentieth century. If Diaz had but moved with the times and responded to the growing aspiration of the people Mexico today would be in the forefront of intelligence, self-government and true prosperity. Unfortunately, both for himself and the nation, long tenure of office developed a lust for despotic power. All hope that Mexico may emerge chastened, purified and strengthened from its present crisis.

**Some More Free Advice.**

The Editor of the Newberry Observer, who, of course, knows more about the school conditions here than any one else, butts in again with more free advice on the subject. Like all free advice it is not worth much, but we will give it for what it is worth. First he says:

The Editor of the Orangeburg Times and Democrat is a member of the board of trustees of his city's school. He advocates in his paper the abolition of the office of superintendent of these schools. The other trustees are of the opposite view; at least we presume so from the fact that the office has not been abolished, and there is no probability that it will be.

One would infer from this statement that the board of trustees had passed on the question of abolishing the office of superintendent, and because all the trustees except himself opposed the change, the Editor of The Times and Democrat in his paper advocated the abolishment of the superintendent's office in opposition to the wishes of all the other trustees. There is not one scintilla of truth in the charge. The matter has never been considered by the board of trustees at all, and if the Editor of the Observer knows how the different members of the board stand on it, he know more than we do, and we have attended every meeting of the board for the past several years. The Editor of the Observer goes on to say:

Of course the editor has a right to his opinion on this subject and a right to advocate it; but it must be apparent that the advocacy of a step like this by a member of the board in his own newspaper must tend to embarrass and cripple the work of the board, by stirring up dissatisfaction and opposition to the work in which the board is engaged.

That is certainly a bright idea. We fall to see why a discussion of a matter that the board has not even considered should embarrass or cripple it in its work. The board is the servant of the people, and we are satisfied that its members have no desire to keep their acts hid from the public. Should the suggestion in reference to the superintendent come before the board, it will receive careful consideration and be decided for the best interests of the school as interpreted by the public-spirited, patriotic gentlemen composing it. It has been the custom of this board that when a majority adopted a measure all opposition ceased, and the whole board pulled together to carry out the will of the board as expressed by a majority of its members. The same rule will apply to the matter under discussion. The Editor of the Observer goes on to say further:

We do not think that anybody will dissent when we say that the member of a school board should either subordinate his individual opinions, at least so far as the public is concerned, and work in harmony with a majority of his confederates, or else get off the board. He certainly ought not to use his newspaper to oppose the work of the board so long as he is a member of it. The better way is for newspaper editors to stay out of all official positions.

If what the Editor of The Observer says in the two first paragraphs quoted above were true, we would say amen to the last paragraph quoted. As a member of the board of trustees The Editor of The Times and Democrat always loyally supported any measure adopted by the board and always will. If he has ever used his newspaper or any other means to "oppose the work of the board" he is not aware of it. The board has not yet met and mapped out its plans for the coming year, and we cannot see where it is opposing the work of the board for any member of it to make public suggestion as to the best means of meeting a deficiency in the school finances. It is a matter that the public is as much interested in as the board of trustees.

The Editor of the Observer ends by saying "this is not intended to be personal—only to illustrate the wisdom of a policy for which The Observer has long contended." If this was the first time that the Editor of The Observer went out of his way to criticize the Editor of The Times and Democrat, the above statement might be accepted. The article is as personal as it can be. It is not only personal, but it is not true, as every one here knows. The Editor of The Times and Democrat has had the honor of being a member of the board of school trustees for several years, and during all that time if he has ever done anything to "oppose the board in its work" we challenge the Editor of the Observer, or anyone else, to tell the public what it was. We have no objection to the Editor illustrating "the wisdom of a policy for which The Observer has long contended," but to do so, he should not resort to bearing false witness against an Editor, who has not intentionally ever done him a wrong.

**Outlook for Cotton.**

The Spartanburg Journal says "for years the cotton crop has not been watched so carefully and constantly as it will be for the next twenty days. Reports up to Saturday night from New Orleans show that rains had retarded the planting and that if they continue this week many acres will be withdrawn from cotton and planted in other crops. It is a fact that replanting is necessary in every state. In this section of the State replants never amount to anything. In the eastern countries farmers were replanting last week. The cotton which is up is small and unpromising."

"In the upper part of the state, only the early planted seed are up. Most farmers finished planting last week. It is a rare thing to reach the middle of May with such an unpromising outlook for cotton as

we have this week. In 1866, before the days of guano, the writer traveled the road from Chester by way of Howell's ferry to the upper part of Union county the 12th day of May. There was not a single field on the road where there was a stand of cotton. The morning of the 10th there was a sharp frost. That was one of the poorest cotton years since the war.

"In Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana conditions are very unfavorable just now, but they have plenty of time to plant over and make a fair crop. The two important points which attract greatest attention is Manchester, England, and the cotton fields of the south. The bulls and bears are watching the situation night and day. The fact that \$750,000,000 worth of real cotton is involved and equally as much in pure speculation makes the cotton situation very important for the next thirty days.

"Reports from Manchester will be eagerly watched for. The English trade situation has been the mainstay of the bull side for a long time; bulls are hoping to see even greater prosperity in Lancashire. It goes without saying that the bears would be encouraged into attacks on the old crop positions on the slightest signs of any slackening of trade in England, therefore the situation across the water is of the highest importance in relation to the old crop and may also be of importance before long in relation to October."

**Julia Academy Locals.**

Everybody is exceedingly busy at this time getting the crop planted and started. The weather is somewhat cool, on cotton especially.

While all are busy, they don't forget the two main public interests—church and school. A new pastor at two of the nearby Baptist churches, and a new "Circuit Rider" has awakened afresh vigor in all, and while we love the old none the less, a change has a tendency toward progress.

Along with our improvement association which meets regularly each Saturday afternoon before fourth Sunday in each month, the children's Literary Society concluded to meet there too right on during the summer so as to keep in touch with their books—the school term having been short. Both societies work hand in hand and find each helpful to the other. The children in particular and the older ones in general were delighted at last meeting with a lecture by Prof. Melton, of Woodford. He is an inspiration to any audience.

Next to churches and schools comes roads and we now have, I believe, the only clayed road across the country (I mean that does not lead to some town), and the autos have discovered it. My! my! how they fly by here.

Several days ago Dr. Wingard of Lexington, called to see Prof. Schoenberg.

Dr. Morgan has been quite sick. We hope he will soon be out again.

Miss Viola Sharp has gone on a ten day visit to her brother at Florence.

Their school having closed, several young ladies are at home again, viz: Misses Beulah and Dove Varn and Meta Sawyer.

Mrs. Varn has just returned home from a visit to St. Matthews.

**Dry Branch Dots.**

The many friends and scholars of Miss Corine Owens, of Barnwell, will be glad to learn of her marriage to J. R. Jeter, of Swansea, a well known railroad man, which was solemnized on last Wednesday afternoon, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Eugenia Owens. The bride was handsomely attired in a blue traveling suit and hat to match. The number and beauty of the presents attested the popularity of the young couple. Mr. and Mrs. Jeter left on the evening train for Richmond, Washington and Philadelphia. After their return from their honeymoon they will be at home in Columbia.

Mrs. Will Matthews and children of Harriman Junction, Tenn., are on a visit to her sister, Mrs. W. F. Williamson.

The Hebron School, which was successfully taught the past session by Miss Carrie O'Neal of Fairfax, has closed and she has returned to her home.

Miss Lizzie Judy, who has most successfully taught school the past session in Aiken County, is at home for the summer.

Mr. Julius Rutland, a well known farmer of this section, paid a recent visit to friends in Fairfax.

We are glad to know that our little town of Norway is making such progress. We wish her well.

Judge J. R. Hebrard has recently sold his plantation to Rev. Paul Hughes, who will erect a handsome home on it in the near future.

**Shot His Mate.**

On board the battleship Nebraska, laying at the Charleston navy yard, James Beeks shot Alexander Hamilton Allen five times, killing him. Beeks was locked up in the brig. Allen and Beets, both negro mess attendants had had a fist fight. Beeks was badly whipped and he shot in revenge.

**Desperado Attacked Officers.**

Sheriff Otis B. Richardson, of Baldwin county, Ala., Monday shot and killed Bob Johnson, a negro desperado who attacked the officer with a hatchet after the latter had tried to arrest him. The sheriff was given a preliminary hearing and was later released.

**Football Invades Politics.**

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**Norway News.**

Editor Times and Democrat: In the article that appeared in your paper several weeks ago, entitled "Norway News", the writer wishes to say that the names of two of our prominent business places worthy of mention were quite unintentionally left out. In the effort to be fair to all, this is brought to your attention.

Mr. A. J. Brooks, our genial hotel keeper and merchant on the West side of the city is still serving the drummers from his excellent board and also supplying the wants of many from his large stock of general merchandise.

Mr. P. W. Hutto, who can merchandise as well as build carriages and incubators, gives the drummers no excuses for getting to neighboring towns as his conveyance is always at their command. He is also planning quite extensive improvements on his place of business, which when completed will enhance the beauty and attractiveness of his justly popular place of business.

The Bank of Norway is making long strides in the way of business. The capital stock has recently been increased and everything points to larger and better things for the future of the institution. This bank was very fortunate in securing some time ago as its cashier Mr. T. Q. Cogburn, who has given his undivided attention to its interests and its success is due largely to his untiring efforts in its behalf. H.

**Salem School Closes.**

The Salem School closed Friday morning, April 28th, after seven months of successful work. Under the management of our efficient teacher, Miss Julia O. Reed. The exercises, though short, were appropriate and entertaining. The medals were then awarded to Misses Mildred Livingston and Annie Gantt, for proficiency in spelling. After the program had been rendered next in order came dinner, which was abundant. Quite a characteristic of the Salem people. Just after dinner cream and cake were served, the proceeds being used to defray a small debt on the piano. Although there had been continued rainfall the attendance was good.

**A Card of Thanks.**

Please allow me place in your columns to express our sincere thanks to the many friends and neighbors who rendered us such faithful service during the illness and death of our precious mother. May God bless them is our prayer. John Inabinet, Ida Stroman, Meta Dukas, Bert Inabinet.

**Card of Thanks.**

For the many kind attentions shown to our loved one and us in our deep sorrow by friends of Orangeburg and elsewhere, we wish to express our sincerest thanks and appreciations. Also for the many beautiful floral tributes sent to the memory of William R. Sabin, our brother. Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Sabin.

Dear Friend:

They have hired me down at the grocery. What do you think I do? Everywhere they put my picture, a new one each time, in the paper. My work is to tell everybody where to buy good groceries. I like my place very well because they treat one well.

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