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After reading Sunday's News derstand why it takes a big battle-

Mr. Sheppard's bill requiring juries to be governed by the majority rule is very good as far as it goes, but if the general assembly wants to improve our jury sysing jurors from all over the state county jury is too much of a faminstice is stultified by the personal ant. If the jurors were drawn 40,000 bales of cotton and is marfeeling of a juror toward a defendrors were bound by the majority impartially through the system of ment. selecting jurors from all over the state and South Carolina risks nothing in adopting the same system. Nothing can be worse than the present system. The people

Seven years ago 10,000 bales of cotton were marketed at Dillon. Today the number will not exceed 11,000. In the meantime the population of Dillon has doubled and quadrupled and there are four times as many merchants asking for a share in that ten thousand bales of cotton as there were seven years ago. True, the cotton mills and Courier we can readily un- and several small industries have sprung up, out the amount of new ship to carry Mr. Taft to Panama. business created by these enterprises is by no means commensurate with the increase in population and the number of mercantile establishments. Reasoning along this line it is logical to say that if Dillon is four times larger today tem let t adopt the system of drawwe should market four/times as as is done in the more progressive much cotton as we marketed sevstates of the north and west. The en years ago. But this is not true. We are short 29,000 bales. Now ily affair. Even love of country it is up to the business men of is not as strong as the ties of blood Dillon, the merchants and properand friendship and too frequently ty owners, to find out where this cotton is going and turn it back to Villon. If Dillon should market from all over the state there would keting only 11,000 then the town be fewer mistrials than if the jubelongs to it. Every bale of cotrule and certain it is there would ton that Dillon loses means the be fewer miscarriages of justice. It loss of that much trade. Our fais the system of drawing the jurors cilities for handling cotton are unfrom all over the state that makes surpassed in the Pee Dee section the federal court such a terror to and there is no reason why our the malefactor and such a refuge cotton receipts should not reach to the corporator: The one knows 25,000 or 30,000 bales annually. he will get just what he doesn't The business men should get towant and the other knows he will gether and secure a strong corps get just what he wants-justice. of buyers for the approaching sea-The time has come for a change in son. Every large exporting house the jury system; it is admitted by in the country should be representhinking men everywhere that the ted on the Dillon market and the present methods of administering cotton that naturally belongs to justice are imperfect, impractica- Dillon should be turned this way. ble. The federal court has proved This is a matter second in importthat justice is administered more ance only to the new county move-

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