

It may be worth something to the South Carolina legislature to know that the legislatures of North Carolina and Virginia have under consideration the adoption of the Torrens system of land registration. That such a measure ought to be adopted by the general assembly of this state there can be no question. The present antiquated system of registering land is both unsafe and expensive. Every time a piece of land changes hands the records must be searched for many years back and the lawyer's fee of \$10 or \$15 must be borne by the seller or the purchaser. If a piece of land is sold today and then resold next year or the year thereafter the same process of examining titles for hundreds of years back must be gone through with the same as if an examination had never been made and the lawyer must get his fee. A land title granted under the Torrens system could be just as negotiable as a bank note or a United States bond and its collateral value would never be questioned by the most careful money lender. The adoption of such a measure by the general assembly would be of incalculable value to the agricultural class especially and the farmers of South Carolina should get behind their representatives in the legislature and see that it is passed. It is strictly in the line of economic and progressive measures.

A new era is dawning for Dillon. The new county, another railroad and the prospect of getting electric current from the big power company at Rocking-

ham shoals is a combination that will make our little city grow by leaps and bounds. Let every citizen put his shoulder to the wheel and push for these additions to our city. They will mean a three-fold increase in population and property values.

List of Grand Jurors Drawn for Year 1909

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| F M Wall | Fulonia |
| J O Stalvey | Marion |
| T L Bass | Manning |
| M B Stevenson | Centenary |
| E T Ayers | Hillsboro |
| W E Stanley | Centenary |
| W A Goldbold | Marion |
| F W McKerrall | Marion |
| M L Edwards | Reaves |
| O C Fore | Moody |
| H T Hartley | Kirby |
| M J Fenegan | Bethea |
- List of Petit Jurors Drawn for Spring Term of Court of General Sessions, February 22nd, 1909.
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| W D Carmichael | Mullins |
| S F Game | Reaves |
| R P Stackhouse | Manning |
| J N Whittington | Moody |
| J R Price | Hillsboro |
| W A Rogers | Reaves |
| Levi Taylor | Reaves |
| G W Munn | Moody |
| J S Braswell | Reaves |
| J K Brewer | Hillsboro |
| W M Rouse | Bethea |
| W J Hill | Hillsboro |
| J K Page | Kirby |
| J. Walter Copps | LeGette |
| J C Brown | Wahee |
| Joseph S Foxworth | Wahee |
| J Henry Waller | LeGette |
| Anstin Hamilton | Manning |
| P C White | LeGette |
| O C Hayes | Harleesville |
| W J Adams | Hillsboro |
| John Davis | Britton's Neck |
| C C Phillips | Rowell |
| J W Lane | Marion |
| T M Conoly | Reaves |
| J G Baker | Moody |
| H G Collins | Reaves |
| G W Lorimore | Br Neck |
| L M McInnis | Harleesville |
| Chesley Altman | Britton's Neck |
| Griffin D Coleman | Centenary |
| C McLaurin | Harleesville |
| S C Watson | Manning |
| Murry Hayes | Manning |
| B H Atkinson | Kirby |
| S W Jackson | Manning |

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WASHINGTON LETTER

News From Our Busy Capital

The President of Cuba has already announced his Cabinet but Mr. Taft is contented to let the newspapers here have their play at Cabinet making for a while yet.

When a man looks at woman as she is clothed to-day, the hipless, bustless, curveless, hydrocephalic creature that he once knew as the divine incarnation of his dreams of femininity he usually proposes the question, who makes the styles. It isn't worth while to bother about the answer, (it is merely in enterjection after all) for dear woman cares not who makes the styles so long as some one provides her with the money to wear them. But the question after all is not unanswerable. The tailors and dressmakers and milliners make the styles and woman accepts them as she has accepted her convictions, her morals, and her entire relation to life without question. Woman is fundamentally a passive creature and she has learned well her lesson that in her passivity she finds her greatest power. By her passivity she secures her position in the world, oy it secures a husband and keeps a roof over her head and it would be strange and anomalous if she rose from it and rebelled against fashion. When the dressmakers of all the civilized countries of the globe were in session in Paris last year, the greatest of all Paris tailors rose and explained the situation to the bewildered and despairing fashion makers. The United States has passed through the panic, he said, and there are sure to be hard times ahead. Women will wear their their old clothes for economy's sake and unless they can be made to feel the hopelessness of their old gowns we shall have no orders. Therefore the pleated skirt, the short sleeve, the normal waist line and the becoming hat must go. Promptly the dressmakers took the cue. They took the last pucker of fullness out of the skirt and put on the market the abomination known as the sheath skirt. They added a dozen inches to its length at the bottom and raised it a fraction of a foot at the top to cut off the possibility of making over the last years gowns. They

brought collars up to the tips of the ears and sleeves down to the knuckles. Then they crowned the hideous achievement with a monstrous hat that defied every law of beauty and aesthetics. They introduced iron clad corsets that suppress hips, bust and breathing but has any one heard a woman's voice raised against the travesty they have made of the human form divine. So far not a whisper from women, but a chorus of ecstasy rises to the stars with the latest announcement that the sheath gown, the merry widow hat and the hunch back blouse are out. And all the time the men are demanding "who makes the styles" and the women are calculating where the money is to come from to buy all of the delightful and enchanting things that are going to be the fashion.

The hazing of a Japanese student in a California University seems from a distance to be too small an incident to warrant a war between nations. But as long as the jingos of both countries are determined on war they may be trusted to find a cassus belli eventually.

The kindergarten is said to be on the decline. What kind of nation can we hope to become if the youth of the country is allowed to grow up without knowing how to make raffia baskets and tissue paper candles.

Since 1900 divorce in this country has increased thrice as fast as the population. But this should give no one cause for alarm. It means simply the application of our much taught lesson of life, if at first you don't succeed, try, try again,

The President has been offered ten thousand dollars a week to appear once a day in a circus as the hero of San Juan Hill. We may have here the solution of our perplexing problem, what shall we do with our Ex-Presidents.

The public is fond of fancying that Mr. Taft has the smile that won't come off, but if anything can succeed in effacing it, four

years in the White House are likely to do it. We hasten to predict that in March 1913 he will find it harder to get the smile on than to get it off.

Death of Mrs. Bethea.

Mrs. Mary Jane Bethea died at 6 p. m. Tuesday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. G. Bethea. The death, although not unexpected as the deceased had been ill since Wednesday, was quite a shock to her relatives and friends. The direct cause of her death was heart failure superinduced by an attack of influenza. Mrs. Bethea was a native of Shubuta, Miss., but had spent the past three months with her daughter. About two years ago while on a visit here she sustained a fall and fractured a limb from which she never entirely recovered.

Mrs. Bethea, prior to her marriage to Mr. Wm. Bethea, was a Miss Platt of this county. When quite a young woman she and her husband moved to Mississippi where they raised a large family. She was a step-mother of the late Dr. J. F. Bethea and was 78 years of age. Although long past the meridian in life journey she continued to enjoy the society of her friends at the same time awaiting with calm resignation the Divine call from life unto death.

The remains were accompanied to Mississippi by her daughter, Mrs. M. G. Bethea and Dr. H. L. Linger, and will be met by another daughter. The sympathy of the community goes out to the bereaved family.

The Designer, the Cosmopolitan, Review of Reviews and the Delin-eator at The Herald Book Store.

CHICKS ON TIME

You have doubtless heard of incubators that hatch chickens but not on time; this is due to faulty construction, wrong principles and an unreliable thermostat, causing not only unevenness in temperature in different parts of the egg chamber but actual variations as the room temperature changes. These conditions bring about uneven hatches that do not "clean up"; and a number of weak and deformed chicks.



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