April 11th, 1900, by a resolution directs that you call the Democratic clubs of your county to meet on the fourth Saturday in April, 1900, to elect delegates to the county convention which meets on the first Monday in May next, to elect delegates to the State Democratic convention which meets on the third Wednesday in May next, to elect delegates to the national convention, and for such other purposes as the constitution directs and the welfare of the party requires. Each club is entitled to one delegate to the county convention for every 25 members and one delegate for a majority fraction thereof. Each county is entitled to double the number of delegates in the State convention as it has members in the General Assembly."

Bryan Democrats have decided to welcome Admiral Dewey into the Democratic party. Such is the position officially outlined in Saturday's issue of the Democratic press bulletin:

"We accept the admiral's declaration of his political faith as indicating that he is with the Democratic party at least on an overwhelming majority of the issues it has taken up," runs the article, which is written by Willis J. Abbott, head of the Democratic literary bureau. "This is a most gratifying fact," the article continues; "it indicates that should the Democratic party, after mature deliberation, deny to the admiral the nomination which he seeks, it may nevertheless count on his hearty co-operation and his influence in behalf of its efforts to end the evils of McKinleyism by ending the reign of Emperor William I. We are naturally delighted at the prospect of such a distinguished acquisition to our ranks as Admiral Dewey. But of course we expect the admiral to play fair and accept the good old Democratic doctrine of abiding the result of an honest Democratic convention."

Here is a good thing, full of point and force. It is from the New York Journal, which can hit a bull's eye now and then. Who wrote it? There is no trouble on that score; the author is Mr. Arthur Brisbane, who, with a javelin intelligence, has gifts of incisive English difficult to match. In admiration of the style, don't lose the substance:

"Just read this calm, unemotional presentation of fact clipped from one of the corporation papers: 'Enormous dividend paid! Twenty millions cash disbursed to Standard Oil shareholders! The Standard Oil Company to-day disburses twenty-three millions in dividends. The directors declared a few weeks ago the regular quarterly dividend of 3 per cent on the one hundred million common stock, and 17 per cent in an extra cash dividend. This is probably the largest cash disbursement ever made at any one time on the stock of a single corporation. Standard Oil stock was quoted to-day on the curb at 538 bid, which would make the yield from the dividend paid to-day, if the stock were bought at ruling prices, amount to 3⅞ per cent for the quarter. The calling in of loans a couple of days ago is believed to have been for the purpose of arranging for the payment of this dividend. The magnitude of the shifting of capital involved in to-day's payment may be judged by the fact that the largest quarterly payment which the United States Government ever has to make on its debt is $5,450,000, or less than one-fourth of the Standard Oil's disbursement.' Does that little statement of facts and figures make any impression on you? Already the quarterly payment of the Standard Oil is four times as great as the quarterly dividend paid by the United States to all its bondholders. When will the power of the Standard Oil be as far above government power as Standard Certificates are now above Government bonds? The late Mr. Thompson, president of the Lead Trust stock to his children. He left them Standard Oil stock only. 'Nothing as good as Standard Oil in this whole world,' he used to say. 'Nothing that will outlast that.' Wise president of the Lead Trust! It is no use of slang to call Mr. Rockefeller a cuckoo, for thus proceeds the cuckoo bird: She does not want to build a nest, yet she wants a whole nest for her young. She finds some honest bird's nest, as the Standard Oil found the United States Government. In that nest she lays an egg. It is not such a remarkable looking egg. It does not excite the honest bird's suspicion. She observes that she must stretch her wings a little wider, but she is game and keeps at her work until all the birds are hatched, including the cuckoo bird. Sometimes he is hatched later than the others. But he is hatched in time. He is an innocent looking thing, as he was an innocent looking egg. He is all mouth and stomach to look at. But he has a devilishly wicked little heart under his pinfeathers. Only just so much food comes to that nest. He wants it all. But he is cautious. He is more powerful than the other little birds, as his mother was bigger and stronger than the bird that hatched him. One after another he crowds his honest little half-brothers out of the nest. Each day the poor fool mother bird mourns as she returns from her worm-hunting to see another little one crushed on the ground at the bottom of the tree. But she never suspects the fast growing cuckoo bird, which sits tight, with a mild innocent expression, its mouth always open for worms. Finally there is nothing left but that cuckoo bird, and the poor mother spends all her time and energies feeding it. So works the cuckoo and so works the Standard Oil. Just watch it for a few years if you want to see the cuckoo idea beautifully illustrated in our national life. The other little birds might combine and kick the fat cuckoo out; but they never seem to think of that until it is too late. Do you know what the payment of twenty-three millions of dollars every three months means? It means that for the owners of Standard Oil every three months, twenty-three million men must each give a day's work—sixty-nine million days of work in the year. A dollar is only a day's work. It is nothing unless it can buy a day's work. The sixty-nine millions of days of work are promptly put out at interest. The Trust money buys up other trusts. The Standard Oil crowd will acquire one branch of industry after another. More and more millions of days of work each year will be due them. When will all the days of work in the country be done for the benefit of Standard Oil gentlemen? If you think that this is nonsense, just live on a for a few years—say twenty-five or fifty. You will see legislation or popular violence that will kick that cuckoo bird out of the nest and crush his fat stomach on the ground, just as sure as John D. Rockefeller dreamed he owned the earth, and woke up smiling."

The editor of the Atchinson (Kan.) Daily Champion (probably suggested by Rev. Sheldon's paper) is pretending to run his paper "as the devil would run it." He wrote to ex-Governor St. John asking his opinion as to how the devil would run a paper, and received the following reply:

"I have received yours of the 20th ultimo asking me to give my opinion as to 'How the devil would run a paper,' and in reply thereto I desire first to congratulate you on your excellent judgment in selecting me to answer that question, for my familiarity with his satanic majesty enables me to impart to you a lot of information that the ordinary pious man knows but little about. The first thing the devil would do would be to write a salatatory. He would give it an intense religious tone. He would shout for 'Old Glory,' and scream for liberty, and pitch into the Mormons, but would not say a word about the thousands of slaves and our government-salaried Sultan and his seventeen wives, under the protection of the American flag on the Island of Sulu. He would openly favor bimetalism, and secretly work to put the Government on a single gold standard basis. He would talk long and loud about the 'people's money' but place them at the mercy of the national banks to get it. He would declare that the Cubans 'were and of right ought to be free,' and then refuse to give them their freedom. He would denounce fraud, and then send word to the canners of rotten beef to clean up and get ready to be whitewashed. He would stand quietly by and without even a protest see the organized trusts rob the people of hundreds of millions annually and call it prosperity. He would advocate the levying of high tariff tax on the poor man's food and clothing and tell him it was protection. He would be quiet as a graveyard while we were burning negroes at the stake, and punching their eyes out with red hot iron here in our own country, but would made his columns speak in thunder tones in favor of sending our soldiers eight thousand miles from home to shoot our civilization and Milwaukee beer into Filipinos. In a desperate frenzied effort of a powerful monarchy which has been a robber and oppressor of weaker nation, to crush by brute force a brave people in South Africa who are struggling, as our forefathers struggled four generations ago for the right of self-government, the devil would be on the side of the monarchy and gloat over the downfall of the republic. He would take his position in the newspapers that by the providence of God, Peurto Rico was the property of the United States, and that their people were our people, and that by the same Divine Providence and by the cry of 'benevolent assimilation' and to imress upon the Puerto Ricans the 'lesson that whom the Lord loveth he chastiseth,' he would put a 15 per cent tariff on the products of his labor. He would indulge in long prayers for temperance and editorially wink at the Klondyke jointists to close up during the dull season, but throw their doors open wide again just before the veterans' next pay day. He would stand for McKinley and bitterly denounce Bryan, and finally his satanic majesty would make a will in which he would provide that in case of his death or removal from the United States, his newspaper should be turned over to Mark Hanna."

The new Taft commission to the Philippines contemplates the establishment of civil law instead of martial law after July 1, 1900. Vain hope. The war in the Philippines is about as threatening as it was a year ago. There will be no peace, there will be no cessation of hostilities, till we exterminate the Filipinos root and branch; a gulf is fixed between them and the American people, a gulf no bridge can span, the chasm of undying hatred that separates the oppressors from the oppressed. To have peace we must slaughter the Filipinos as we have butchered the American Indian or we must corral them in fortifications and starve them as the Spaniards did the reconcentrados. It is a howling farce to be naming commissions, pretending the civil law will be resumed with an army of 65,000 invaders quartered in the country and the officers loudly demanding new levies. The war is a cruel failure and McKinley and Hanna, as the cause thereof, ought to be and will be buried beneath an avalanche of ballots.

In the House of Representatives last Friday, Congressman Talbert became engaged in a heated colloquy with Mr. Fordney, of Michigan, the occasion being the request of the former that reports from the Pension Committee be read for the information of the House. After stating that he would not believe the South Carolina member under oath, Fordney remarked that he meant the statement to apply only when Talbert said he was a friend to the old soldiers. Talbert then retorted in the following language:

"I accept the gentleman's qualification of his language; and I want to say that if the gentleman meant to impute untruthfulness to me, I hurl it back down his rotten throat, and I say that he states something that is unworthy of a gentleman upon the floor of this House. I repeat that when the gentleman says he would not believe me on oath, if he means to impute to me untruthfulness, he is a man himself that will not tell the truth and has not got a spark of truth about him, and I cram it down his throat if he meant to impute to me any such thing as that."

The following official notice was sent to the various county chairmen last Saturday from the headquarters of the State Democratic Executive Committee. It was signed by Chairman Willie Jones, and read as follows:

"SIR: In pursuance of the constitution of the Democratic party, the State Democratic Executive Committee, at a meeting held on

FORT HILL 'PHONE EXCHANGE.

S. L. MEACHAM, PROPRIETOR.

RATES: Residences, $1 per month; business houses, $2 per month.

SUBSCRIBERS—

Andrey, W B, residence	15
Adcock, M J, residence	30
Andrey, J W, residence	17
Alexander, Dr H F, residence	18
" " office	38
Bailey, R T, residence	39
Belk, T B, store	8
Butler, Robt, residence	24
Charlotte and points north	10
Consort, J Q, residence	32
Culp Drug, residence	34
Culp's meat market	19
Ferguson, B C, residence	6
Fort Mill Times office	36
Fort Mill Manufacturing Co	2-A
Fulp, Mrs Lucy, residence	29
Grigg, Dr M W, office	43
" " residence	13
Grier, R F, residence	36
Gossett, J T, residence	45
Harris, L A, residence	44-B
Hoagland's livery stable	25
Hughes & Young, store	12
Jones, A G, store	14
Kennett, J M, residence	41
Kimbrell & Co, store	7
Kirkpatrick, Dr T S, residence	21
Ligon, L E, residence	44-A
Meacham's drug store	42
" Dr T B, residence	5
Millfort Mill Co	31
Massey, J T, residence	11
Meacham, W B, residence	23
Mack, Rev J B, residence	15
McMahaney's livery stable	28
Public 'phone, Fort Mill Mfg Co	9
Pegram & Co, store	2-B
Rock Hill and points south	40
Spratt Machine Co	1-A
Spratt, J M, residence	1-B
Spratt, W E, residence	1-C
Southern Railway	3
Savings Bank	22
Smythe's meat market	27
Smythe, Ira G, residence	26
Thornwell, Rev J H, residence	4
White, Capt S E, residence	20
Young, A A, residence	33
Young, Mrs Lenora, residence	37

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If you want the best fresh Drugs to be found in town call and see me. I can prescribe for you, fill prescriptions, or sell you drugs. I have had years of experience in the drug line. My store is in the Watson building, in front of the bank.

Your patronage is solicited. Call and see me when in need of anything in the drug line.

If your house needs painting or you need paints for any other purpose, see me regarding the celebrated Longman & Martinez Ready-mixed Paints.

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We look especially after the shipping trade and below quote very close figures. Will be glad to have your orders. Terms cash with order.

Corn, per gallon, in jug (boxed), $1.50, $1.75 and $2.

All first-class goods at $1.75 and $2 VERY OLD.

Ryes from $1.50 to $2, $2.50 and $3.50 per gallon.

Gins from $1.60 to $2, and $2.50.

Genuine Imported "Fish Gin" at $3 per gallon.

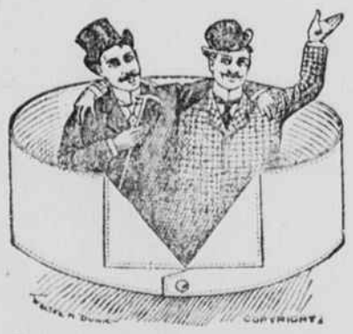
Apple Brandy, $2.25 per gallon.

Peach Brandy $2.50 per gallon.

No charge for jug and box on above, and no charge at these prices for keg when wanted in such quantities.

Let us have your orders and oblige,

W. H. HOOVER.



In a good humor? Yes; and you would be, too, if your clothing were laundered by the Model Steam Laundry, Charlotte, N. C. Collars, cuffs, shirts, ladies' shirt waists, and everything else that can be washed is laundered at the Model Steam Laundry.

Ed. L. McELHANAY, Agent,
Fort Hill, S. C.

TOWN ORDINANCE.

SEC. 1. Be it ordained by the Intendant and Wardens of the town of Fort Mill, S. C., in council assembled, That all persons subject to street duty under the laws of South Carolina, residing in the said town of Fort Mill, S. C., shall between the first day of May, 1900, and the fifteenth day of May, 1900, pay to the treasurer of said town a commutation tax of two dollars or perform four days' work on the streets of said town under the direction of the proper authorities.

SEC. 2. That all persons liable to work on said streets and failing to pay said commutation tax or labor as above required on or before the fifteenth day of May, 1900, shall pay a commutation tax of two dollars and fifty cents or perform five days labor on the streets of said town, provided such tax be paid or labor performed on or before the first of June, 1900.

SEC. 3. That after the first day of June, 1900, all delinquents under this ordinance shall be arrested and brought before the Intendant for trial and if convicted shall pay a fine of five dollars or be imprisoned ten days or sentenced to perform ten days hard labor on the streets of said town.

Ratified this 2nd day of April, 1900.

R. F. GRIER, Intendant.

J. M. SPRATT, Clerk.

Notice to Trespassers.

Notice is hereby given that all persons are warned not to hunt, fish, cut timber, or otherwise trespass on the lands of the undersigned. J. P. ANTHONY.

MEACHAM & EPPS

Have added to their already full stock a complete line of Ladies' Muslin Underwear at the following prices.

Gowns, 50, 70, 85c and $1.
Skirts, 50, 75c, and $1.25.
Drawers, 25, 39, and 50c.
Corset Covers, 10 and 25c.

And request you at your next visit to our store to ask to be shown this line of underwear, and we think you will agree with us that you can't buy the material and make the garment for the price we sell them at.

Also just received 25 Doz. Turkish Towels at 60c, $1 and $1.50 per dozen, the biggest and best towel for the money you ever bought and you know for summer this is the towel.

MEACHAM & EPPS.

OUR SPRING GOODS

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Shirts, Shirts. **Our stock of Spring Shirts are beauties—All kinds, all sizes, all prices.**

Hats and Caps. **We can suit you in this line, both in price and quality. They are stylish, too.**

Shoes and Slippers. **A nice line to arrive this week, in all the latest spring styles.**

BOYS' SUITS—BOYS' PANTS.

Suits at 75 cents, $1, $1.25, $1.50, and $1.75. 100 pairs of Boys' Pants at 10 cents. 200 pairs nice pants at 20, 25, 35, 40, 50, 60 cents.

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Bring us your produce and we will give you highest market prices for same.

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Besides carrying in stock the largest line of Ready-made Clothing in town, we are sole agents for the celebrated Continental Tailoring Company in this place.

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