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Military Training Unnecessary.

More because they feared the disapproval of the country than from any desire to do the right thing, the Republicans in Congress refused to write into the new army bill a provision for compulsory military training for the youth of the country; but they did not neglect to serve the munitions manufacturers by providing for a regular army of more than 300,000 men, which is three times as large military establishment as the country needs. Outside of professional army officer circles and the interested manufacturers, there was practically no demand for compulsory military training, and we are pleased that the Democrats in Congress went on record almost unanimously in opposition to this phase of militarism, which had kept the people disturbed ever since the World war closed.

Just before his death some months ago, Senator Thomas S. Martin of Virginia, in one of his last public utterances, warned the country against compulsory military training, saying that we would not have another war for 50 years, "that peace is here and peace will stay for a long time. We don't need guns, we need plows." The greatest blessing that could have come out of peace with Germany would have been world disarmament. It would not only have relieved the people of millions of taxes, put workers in the fields and shops, saved millions of homes from ruin and put a broad smile on humanity, but it would have kept the nations from nagging one another, and thus embraced the world in a permanent peace pact.

The worst slavery this nation experiences is seen in its subjection to the military and naval schemes, which are demanding of the people millions of dollars to maintain their vain pretensions in the shape of great warships and army equipment. The nation suffers the burdens of a great feudal system, which imagined its safety depended upon a few armed leaders, whom the people worked to feed until called upon to fight for them.

Senator Beaumgard Retires.

Senator J. E. Beaumgard let it be known just before the General Assembly adjourned three weeks ago that he would not ask the voters of York county to return him to the senate. And thus the people of the county and of the State at large lose an intelligent, industrious legislator, who has given twenty of the best years of his life to unselfish service for their betterment. Always honest, always frank and straightforward in his attitude toward every official matter that came before him, Senator Beaumgard was at the same time a student of public affairs and was withal fair-minded and could be relied upon to take a disinterested view of every public question. Not only was Senator Beaumgard well informed upon matters of State-wide concern, but he gave the wants and needs of the people of York county close study and it is doubtful whether another county in the State has had in recent years a senator better qualified to represent or more desirous of representing the sentiment of his immediate constituency. The people of York county especially will miss the services of Senator Beaumgard.

Gardens Make for Happy Homes.

While the weather in this section has been anything but favorable during the last few weeks for farm and garden work, there is now the promise of clear skies and warm sunshine and with the advent of spring weather it is expected that unusual efforts will be made by those interested in coaxing from the soil food for man and beast and the South's great money crop, cotton, to overcome the handicap of lost time due to the recent excessive rains. Not only is this part of the South blessed with the soil and climate necessary to produce profitable staple crops, but here as in no other section of the country is the average householder able to add to the happiness of

the family and at the same time effect real economy by growing vegetable and flower gardens. Vegetable and flower gardens build up the home and keep the entire family interested. Wherever one finds gardens of this character that have taken the place of weeds and rubbish, there also will be found a happy family, a successful father, a contented mother and well-behaved children. In their own gardens they all have a common interest. Each has his favorite flower and vegetable and while each contributes a part of his or her time, all receive the benefits of the whole. A child brought up in surroundings such as these is surely making better preparations for the future than those who are spending their youth in useless or idle play.

DREAM OF AN OPIUM-EATER

DeQuincy.

I thought that it was a Sunday morning in May, that it was Easter Sunday, and as yet very early in the morning. I was standing, as it seemed to me, at the door of my own cottage. Right before me lay the very scene which could really be commanded from that situation, but exalted, as was usual, and solemnized by the power of dreams. There were the same mountains, and the same lovely valley at their feet; but the mountains were raised to more than Alpine height, and there was interspace far larger between them of meadows and forest dawns; the hedges were rich with white roses; and no living creature was to be seen, excepting that in the green churchyard there were cattle tranquilly reposing upon the verdant graves, and particularly round about the grave of a child whom I had tenderly loved, just as I had really beheld them a little before sunrise in the same summer when that child died. I gazed upon the well known scene and I said aloud (as I thought) to myself, "It yet wants much of sunrise, and it is Easter Sunday; and that is the day on which they celebrate the first fruits of resurrection. I will walk abroad; old griefs shall be forgotten today; for the air is cool and still, and the hills are high and stretch away to Heaven; and the forest glades are as quiet as the churchyard; and with the dew I can wash the fever from my forehead, and then I shall be unhappy no longer." And I turned, as if to open my garden gate; and immediately I saw upon the left a scene far different; but which yet the power of dreams had reconciled into harmony with the other. The scene was an Oriental one; and there also it was Easter Sunday, and very early in the morning. And at a vast distance were visible, as a stain upon the horizon, the domes and cupolas of a great city—an image of faint abstraction, caught perhaps in childhood from some picture of Jerusalem. And not a bow-shot from me, upon a stone and shaded by Judean palms, there sat a woman; and I looked; and it was—Ann. She fixed her eyes upon me earnestly; and I said to her at length: "So then I have found you at last." I waited; but she answered me not a word. Her face was the same as when I saw it last, and yet again how different! Seventeen years ago when the lamplight fell upon her face, as for the last time I kissed her lips (lips, Ann, that to me were not polluted), her eyes were streaming with tears; the tears were now wiped away; she seemed more beautiful than she was at that time, but in all other points the same, and not older. Her looks were tranquil; but with unusual solemnity of expression; and I now gazed upon her with some awe; but suddenly her countenance grew dim, and, turning to the mountains, I perceived vapours rolling between us; in a moment, all had vanished; thick darkness came on; and, in the twinkling of an eye, I was far away from mountains, and by lamplight in Oxford street walking with Ann—just as we walked 17 years before, when we were both children.

April is to be observed as "round up" month by the Baptists of the State and during this time it is hoped that one-fifth of the five year \$75,000,000 campaign pledges will have been paid up. The entire month is to be devoted to payment of pledges and further enlistment so by May 1 the campaign council will be able to report a 100 per cent. payment.

Irrespective of the ratification of the federal suffrage amendment, there are 17,510,000 women of voting age in 30 States that have already qualified to vote in the presidential election in November, according to figures compiled by the National American Woman Suffrage association. Ratification, it is estimated, will extend the privilege to about 9,500,000 more.

"South Carolina is the best State in the Union for the negro," says The People's Herald (negro) of Columbia. "Nowhere in America is the negro getting on so well in the economic world as here. Nowhere has he as many real friends in the time of need. We do not claim angelic perfection for the white citizens of the State. They have their faults like the common herd of humanity. While, on the other hand, the negro has his faults, he, too, needs to go and wash in the pool of Siloam."

STATED AND CALLED COMMUNICATIONS

A stated communication of Catawba Lodge, No. 56, A. F. M., of South Carolina, will be held this (Thursday) evening, beginning at 7:30 o'clock for the purpose of conferring the second degree. A called communication of the Lodge will be held Friday evening, April 2, opening at 7:30 o'clock, for the purpose of conferring the third degree. By order of the Worshipful Master, C. S. LINK, Secretary.

NOTICE OF ELECTION.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to an Act adopted on the 26th day of February, 1920, by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina, entitled "An Act to authorize the Trustees of Fort Mill School District of York County, to issue Twenty Thousand Dollars in coupon bonds for the purpose of erecting an addition to the present school building, equipping the same, for school purposes and to provide for a tax levy" and agreeably to the proper resolution of the Board of Trustees of Fort Mill School District, an election of the qualified voters residing in said District is ordered to be held on Tuesday, April 13th, 1920, within the Fort Mill School District, York County, S. C., at the following place:

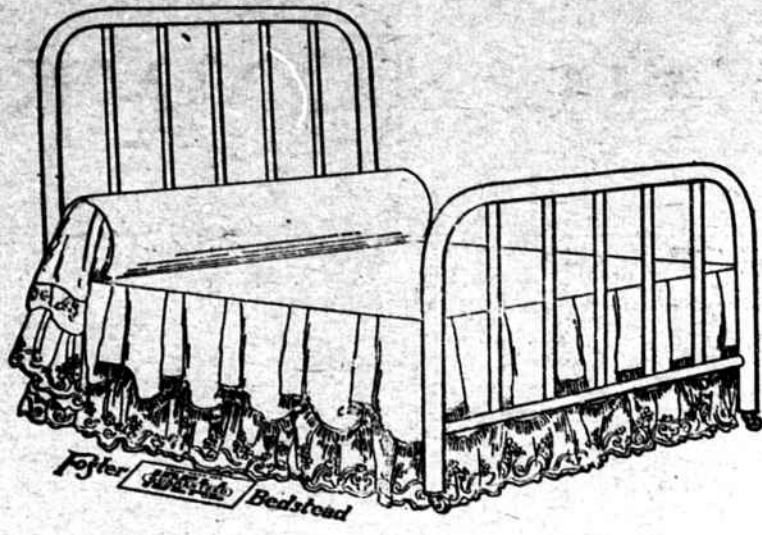
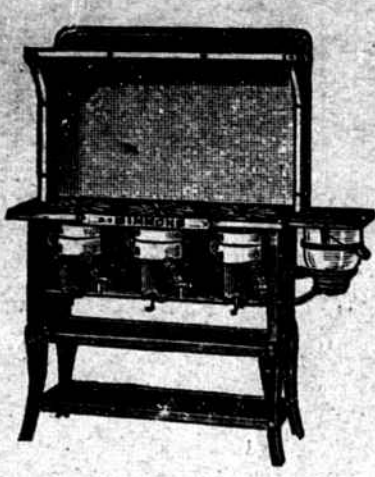
YOUNG & WOLFE'S STORE, to vote upon the question of the issuance by said Fort Mill School District of Twenty Thousand Dollars of bonds, or so much thereof as may be requisite for the purposes as set forth in said Act, payable to bearer, to run for not exceeding forty years from date of issue, bearing interest not exceeding six per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, for the purpose of completing the erection of an addition to the present Fort Mill school building, and equipping the same for school purposes, as the Board of Trustees may deem advisable.

Ballots shall be provided, by the Trustees, on which shall be printed the words, "For the issue of Bonds, Yes or No." The voter in favor of issuing bonds shall deposit a ballot with the word "No" erased thereon, those opposed with the word "Yes" erased thereon.

The polls will remain open from seven a. m. to four p. m. The following are appointed managers of said election: J. M. Belk, Jas. T. Young, Jr., and C. S. Link.

The production of a registration certificate and tax receipts will be necessary. J. B. MILLS, Chairman Board of Trustees. W. H. WARD, Secretary.

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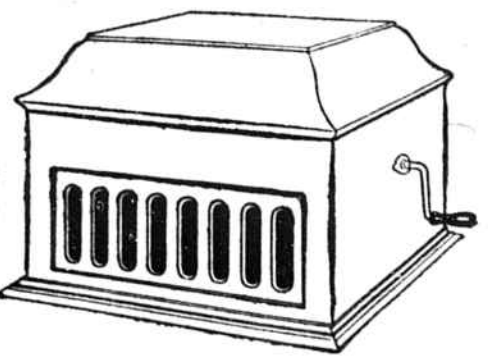


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Tribute of Respect.

Kanawha chapter of the D. A. R., of Fort Mill, S. C., wishing to pay a last tribute of respect to the memory of Mrs. J. H. McMurray adopts the following:

Whereas, on the night of the 29th of February, 1920, the Lord in His wisdom saw fit to deprive this chapter of its beloved chaplain, the oldest charter member, be it resolved:

1. That by the death of our co-worker we, the chapter, have been deprived of a faithful and active member, one quick to respond to every opportunity for service.
2. That her memory will be cherished by us as a God-fearing woman, patriotic, kind and generous to her fellow-men.
3. That these resolutions be inserted in our minute book and a copy be sent to the family and the press for publication.

MASON HARRIS SPRATT, MATTIE S. BAILES, MARY MACK ARDREY, Committee.

Candidate for Congress.

I hereby announce myself to the voters of the Fifth Congressional District of South Carolina that I am a candidate for renomination for Congress in said district, subject to the action of the Democratic primary election; and I take this occasion to thank the voters for their support in the past and I promise them if elected to serve them in the future to the best of my ability as I have endeavored to do in the past. W. F. Stevenson.

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