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PEOPLE ABOLISH SENATE.

Queensland Australia, Without Upper Legislative Body.

Queensland, Australia, which has entered the limelight by becoming the first "two chambered democracy" of the world to abolish its upper house, is the subject of the following bulletin from the National Geographic society:

"Australia began its independent career long after the launching of the United States, yet it has set some examples in the past in the creation of political machinery, such as the Australian ballot and universal suffrage, that America has followed. But the commonwealth and its States have tried other political experiments which the great republic of the West has so far merely watched from afar. Perhaps the 'no senate plan' of Queensland may be grouped, in so far as the United States is concerned, with the Australian federal constitutional referendum and proportional representation.

"Queensland—and Australia, too, for that matter—loses in apparent size because of its great distance from us. In reality it is a huge State, completely dwarfing Texas, our largest commonwealth. Its coast line is more than 2,200 miles long and is equivalent to that of the eastern United States from northern Massachusetts down the Atlantic ocean, around Florida and to Mobile.

"Since Queensland is located in the southern hemisphere, its hot regions are to the north, its cooler regions to the south. Its northernmost projection, Cape York peninsula, may, then, be compared roughly to Florida, though Cape York is much closer to the equator. To be as close to the equator as Queensland, Florida would have to be shoved some 1,200 miles farther south until key West touched the Isthmus of Panama. If Australia could be towed to our part of the world, where we could compare it with the regions we know, it would have to be turned about so that the warm regions would correspond. If it can be imagined that this were done and Cape York placed near the Canal Zone, so extensive is the State of Queensland that it would cover most of the vast expanse of the Gulf of Mexico.

"Queensland's area is 670,000 square miles. It is almost as great as the combined areas of all States east of the Mississippi and Ohio rivers and the west line of Pennsylvania, extending from Maine to Florida.

"Naturally, colonization in Queensland started along its southern coast, its mildest region climatically. Thanks to its mountains which parallel the coast, the climate of the State is not as hot as its latitude would indicate. The far northern section, however, is truly tropical and has not been developed to any great extent. In the southern and middle sections are thriving ports and cities. Brisbane, the capital, is a city of about 125,000 people. The State's population of about 750,000 is almost wholly of British origin.

"The development of the tropical portions of Queensland has been slower than that of similar regions in other parts of the world because of the determination of the citizens of the State and of the entire commonwealth to maintain a 'white Australia.' The black and yellow races have been excluded in recent years, some being deported. Not more than 20,000 of the black aborigines remain in the State and they are steadily decreasing in numbers.

"To help the development toward a 'white Australia' the federal government grants a bounty on sugar cane raised by white labor, and a considerable sugar industry has been built up in the fertile coast valley of Queensland. Over behind its mountains the State has a great plains region like that of the United States. There and on the lower hills are raised the vast herds which make Queensland the premier cattle State of Australia and among the leaders in sheep raising."

As a rule, it doesn't pay to roast the cook.

GOES TO REWARD.

Life of James Martin Armstrong, Confederate Veteran, Ends.

The life of another survivor of the once mighty armies of the Southern Confederacy ended Sunday night when James Martin Armstrong, well known and highly esteemed citizen of Fort Mill township, died at the home of his son, Lee R. Armstrong, two miles south of town. Mr. Armstrong had been in declining health for several months and his family had realized for some time that the end was not far off. He was born in Fort Mill township on March 10, 1844, and was therefore in his 79th year.

Mr. Armstrong was married in 1865 to Mrs. Julia Patterson, who died 30-odd years ago, but of their marriage he is survived by two sons, Lee R. Armstrong and Sam C. Armstrong, both of Fort Mill township, and a number of granddaughters. Mr. Armstrong had been a member of the Methodist church for many years and also was a member of Catawba lodge No. 56, A. F. M., for the last 40 years. The funeral services were conducted at the home of Lee R. Armstrong by his pastor, the Rev. W. R. Bouknight, Monday afternoon, after which the body was taken in charge by members of the Masonic lodge and interred in the city cemetery with the funeral rites of the order.

Mr. Armstrong had spent all of his long life, except the three years he was in the Confederate army, in Fort Mill township. He was an honored, upright citizen, whose exemplary life won for him in full measure the friendship and esteem of his neighbors and acquaintances. In recent years Mr. Armstrong had not been a frequent visitor to Fort Mill, but on the occasions when he did come to town he always found friends ready to welcome him and to express the hope that his health was good and that he had left many years of life. The large attendance at the funeral and the numerous beautiful floral offerings attested the respect and esteem of the people of the community for him.

Yesterday in speaking of Mr. Armstrong's record as a Confederate soldier one of his comrades said that no truer or more devoted youth stepped forward at the call of his native State to face death on the battlefields of Virginia and other States than Mr. Armstrong. As a boy 17 years old he enlisted in the Sixth South Carolina regiment. He was soon transferred to Virginia and there participated in a number of the major engagements of the war. At Seven Pines, the Seven Days' Fight Around Richmond, Thoroughfare Gap, South Mountain, Sharpsburg, Fredericksburg, Lookout Mountain, the Wilderness, Spotsylvania Court-house, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, New Market, and in numerous other battles he did his full duty as a soldier and was with the immortal Lee at Appomattox on April 9, 1865.

Belair School Closes.

The closing exercises of the Belair public school, of which L. R. Therrell is principal, will be held Friday, beginning at 10 a. m. A number of plays are to be presented by the pupils, following the opening song and a welcoming speech by Woodrow Wilson. The school is now housed in a splendid new building, erected since the beginning of the present session, at a cost of several thousand dollars. During the session Mr. Therrell has had two assistants and the enrollment has been the largest in the history of the school.

Fell From Tree.

Will Sibley, negro, was seriously hurt Tuesday afternoon by falling 30 feet to the ground from a tree from which he was attempting to remove a swarm of bees for a white man named Taylor at his home near the negro graded school. Sibley was rendered unconscious by the fall and for a while it was feared that he had been fatally hurt. Yesterday his condition was improved.

NEWS OF YORK COUNTY.

Items of General Interest Found in the Yorkville Enquirer.

There were 125 bales of cotton sold on the local market last week according to R. E. McClure, public weigher. Mr. McClure weighed 22 bales of cotton Monday.

The Lockmore cotton mill began work Monday morning on a full time basis of operations. It is understood that the mill has orders to insure at least three months' work for operatives.

Travelers in the country are struck with the large number of untouched acres they see. It is mainly on account of the continued rains. But it has been a long time since there has been such a backward showing in this county as late as May 9.

Considerable improvement is noticed in the streets and sidewalks of Clover recently, the town council having spent a considerable sum in street improvement. The town council also has appropriated an amount to be used in cleaning up rubbish in the town, the work of cleaning up to be in charge of the Clover School Improvement association.

Seed peanuts ordered some time ago by V. Q. Hambricht, secretary of the Clover Peanut Growers association, have arrived and have been placed in the hands of members of the association. There will be at least 100 acres planted in peanuts in the Clover section this spring and it is the intention of the members of the association to give the peanut a thorough trial.

"I've got a little farm of some 40-odd acres just outside of Rock Hill that I think I'll devote to truck this year," remarked D. L. Moss of Rock Hill the other morning. "I have recently set out an acre in sweet potato plants. I have in mind putting about an acre or so in cabbage and I propose to grow some other truck crops. Rock Hill is a good market for truck and I believe that it will pay much better than cotton."

York county high schools received State aid in the sum of \$9,054 for the school year just coming to a close. The State department of education last Saturday paid out \$290,000 to the 178 State aided high schools in the 46 counties. The law provides for the lowest salary among the high school teaching corps up to \$100 a month for the first year's service, \$105 for the second year's service, \$110 for the third year's service, provided the same teacher is employed for three consecutive years. Schools employing a third high school teacher may be allowed \$250 additional and schools employing four high school teachers may be allowed \$500 additional.

York county will get no reduction in assessed valuation of farm lands for 1922, according to a letter relative to the matter that Auditor Broadus M. Love has just received from W. O. Query, chairman of the State tax commission. J. T. Crawford, McConnellville, chairman of the county board of equalization, wrote the chairman of the State tax commission on April 7 that owing to "the general depressed condition of the county at this time we feel that we would be entitled to a reduction and earnestly request that you grant same." Chairman Query has written the auditor: "The commission has finished its work in equalizing assessed values of farm lands for the various counties for 1922. The average value per acre for your county, without buildings, is \$7.95."

Citizens of Gold Hill school district, in Fort Mill township, are circulating a petition calling for an election to vote on the proposition to withdraw an extra mill levy for the school which was placed upon the property of the district at an election held about two years ago. It is said enough signatures have been secured to the petition to insure the election. The total levy for school purposes in the Gold Hill district is now 15 mills, which supports a two-teacher school.

Even if you do owe a grudge it is better not to pay it.

FIRST FOR FORT MILL.

Locals Take Extra Inning Game From Lancaster.

Fort Mill's first ball game of the season, in Lancaster Saturday afternoon, ran into 11 innings before a hit for the circuit by Archie, scoring two men ahead of him, sewed up the contest for the boys wearing the uniform marked "F. M." 4 to 1. Neither team distinguished itself by hard hitting, Lancaster getting six safes on one Fort Mill's three.

Fort Mill's first score came in the 5th inning, followed by one for Lancaster in the 7th. The game then ran on to the 11th, without either team being able meanwhile to make the trip to the home plate. The Fort Mill boys then woke up. Stevens got a single and was followed by Rogers, who hit one to the Lancaster pitcher, who failed to field the ball, allowing Rogers to land on first and showing Stevens along to second. Archie, next up, proved the handy man of the occasion by lining out a homer, scoring ahead of him both the other Fort Mill runners.

The Fort Mill players in the game were: Ferguson, W., c.; Jones, 2b.; Ferguson, A., p.; Nims, lf.; Stevens, cf.; Rogers, 3b.; Hunter, rf.; Archie, 1b.; Smith, ss.

Fort Mill's next game will be in Rock Hill Saturday afternoon with the Arcade mill team. There is considerable rivalry between the two teams and both are expected to play hard to win. The lineup of the Fort Mill team will be practically the same as that which defeated Lancaster Saturday afternoon. There are no hired players on the Fort Mill team, nor will there be any during the season, according to the statement of the committee in charge of the club's finances.

Hunley-Belk Marriage.

Announcement of the marriage of Miss Hattie Hunley and Joe M. Belk in Spartanburg Tuesday was a pleasant surprise received in Fort Mill yesterday by their friends. Mr. Belk and Miss Hunley were married at 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon by the Rev. Mr. Dibble, Methodist pastor of Spartanburg, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Hunley, relatives of Mrs. Belk, in whose home she was a guest at the time. Mr. and Mrs. Belk came to Fort Mill yesterday morning, but returned on the noon train to Spartanburg.

Mrs. Belk is an attractive young woman who is popular with a wide circle of friends in Fort Mill and elsewhere. For several years she was connected with the Fort Mill Lumber company and has been active in the work of St. John's Methodist church, being a teacher in the Sunday school and a member of the various women's societies. Mrs. Belk's old home is in Chesterfield county and she is a member of the large and well-to-do Hunley family of that county. Mr. Belk is a son of Mrs. Elizabeth Belk and the late T. B. Belk. He is one of Fort Mill's popular young men. At present he is located in Spartanburg, where he is taking a government course in vocational training for disabled World War veterans. He was in the service overseas with the Fort Mill company of the 118th regiment, 30th division, and was severely wounded in the attack on the Hindenburg line.

Would Interest Children.

A short talk in behalf of the memorial to be erected in Fort Mill to the boys from this community who lost their lives in the World War is to be made to the children of the graded school tomorrow morning by Arthur C. Lytle, mayor of Fort Mill. Mr. Lytle is anxious to interest the children in the memorial and will ask each of them to make a contribution to the fund, however small. It is the purpose of the memorial committee to begin collection on June 1 of the subscriptions which have been pledged for the fund.

Miss Raynell Smith and Curtis Helms, both of Charlotte, N. C., were married Saturday evening by Magistrate J. R. Halle at his home on Hall street.

MANY DELEGATES HERE.

Methodist Sunday School Workers Attend Fort Mill Meeting.

One hundred and thirty-three delegates from various Sunday schools in the Rock Hill district of the Methodist church, including Fairfield, Chester, Lancaster and York counties, spent Tuesday in Fort Mill in attendance upon an adjourned meeting of the Sunday school convention of the district. The first day's meeting of the convention was held at King's Mountain chapel, near Filbert, several weeks ago, but the facilities of that church proved inadequate, it was stated, to accommodate the convention and the decision was reached to conclude the meeting at St. John's church, Fort Mill.

The presiding officer of the convention was the president, the Rev. G. C. Leonard, presiding elder of the Rock Hill district, and a number of inspiring addresses by ministers and laymen on Sunday school work were listened to with much interest. A feature of the convention was the address by Mrs. Hanna, representing the State Sunday school board of the Methodist church. Reports from the various Sunday school districts embraced in the convention showed that the last year had been the best in the history of the convention, both in the increased number of pupils in Sunday school and the amount contributed for Sunday school purposes. Selection of the next place of meeting will be decided upon later by a committee. The secretary of the convention is J. E. Barrett of Clover.

Dinner was served the delegates in the men's Bible classrooms of the church by the ladies of the congregation following the morning session, which began at 10 o'clock. The afternoon session opened at 2 o'clock and the work was concluded at 5 o'clock. Many of the delegates expressed the opinion that St. John's is the best equipped Methodist church in the upper section of the State for Sunday school work.

Bolshevik Slaughter.

The bloody "terror" of the French revolution caused the legal execution of 17,000 persons and the death by other means of perhaps two or three times as many more. What of the Russian terror? The Paris Gaulois publishes figures concerning it that would seem incredible if it were not said that they are taken from the reports of the extraordinary commission printed in the Soviet newspapers. Since October, 1917, there have been executed, says The Gaulois, 28 bishops of the Greek church and 1,215 priests, 6,775 professors and school teachers, 8,800 physicians, 54,650 army officers, 260,000 soldiers, 10,500 police officers and 48,500 privates in the constabulary force, 12,950 land owners, 355,250 other members of the "intelligentsia" and of the middle class, 193,350 workmen, 815,100 peasants. If the statistics are trustworthy, the Bolsheviks have killed more men in Russia than were killed in the French army during the World War.

Mrs. M. J. Poag Dead.

R. D. Nunn, former Fort Mill citizen who moved a few months ago to the Pineville section of Mecklenburg county, was bereaved Saturday by the death, that day, of his mother, Mrs. M. J. Poag, at her home in Rock Hill. Mrs. Poag was in the 79th year of her age. Before her marriage to Mr. Nunn's father, the late W. G. Nunn, she was a Miss Brown. Following the death of Mr. Nunn, she was married to Sam'l Poag. Mrs. Poag was a devoted member of the Methodist church. She is survived by the following children: R. D. Nunn of Pineville, N. C., Miss Minnie Nunn of Columbia, Miss Emma Poag of Rock Hill, Mrs. D. A. Morris of Catawba. The interment was in Rock Hill.

Mrs. J. B. Mack returned to her home in Fort Mill a few days ago after spending a fortnight in Columbia as a guest in the homes of W. Banks Dove and William Banks.

SESSION ENDS SOON.

Fort Mill Graded School to Close Two Weeks Hence.

The 1921-22 session of the Fort Mill graded school will close during the week beginning May 21 with public exercises to last two evenings. The exact date of the closing of the school, however, is uncertain, owing to a decision yet to be reached as to the number of days to be made up on account of time lost during the session.

During the first evening of the closing exercises an operetta, "A Day in Flowerdom," will be given by the primary and elementary grades. The same evening pupils of the sixth and seventh grades will give a short play, there will be a number of songs and certificates will be awarded the graduates of the high school. An open meeting of the Wilsonian Literary society, composed of pupils of the ninth and tenth grades, will be a feature of the second evening's exercises. There also is on the program for that evening a debate, several readings and recitations and songs by the high school glee club.

A music recital for the closing exercises is being arranged by Miss Vivian Ellis, who will be assisted by pupils of the school and music talent from the town.

White Carnation Only.

Brice D. Culp, commander of Eli Bailes post, American Legion, has issued the following proclamation to the ex-service men of the community relative to the official flower to be worn in observance of Mother's day, Sunday, May 14:

"As commander of Eli Bailes post, No. 43, American Legion, and president of the American Legion club, I hereby ask that every ex-service man, and especially every member of the American Legion, commemorate Mother's day by wearing a white carnation, the only Mother's day emblem. The reason I ask that you wear a white carnation is given below, from a letter written by the president of the Mother's Day International association:

"The colored flower propaganda is simply that of some tradesmen trying to work off their goods on the unsuspecting public.

"The white carnation is now the only Mother's day emblem, and it is only as a design of this symbol.

"Flowers are not used in any way for Mother's day, and the waste of money spent for them is much regretted and opposed by us.

"The Mother's day badge is the only authorized badge for Mother's day. This white carnation badge always has the name of the Mother's Day International association on the inside. No other badge has any significance in connection with this celebration or the Mother's day movement."

Mother's Day Program.

The following program will be observed in celebration of Mother's day at the Fort Mill Baptist church Sunday morning at 10 o'clock and a cordial invitation is extended the public to be present:

Song, "Love Lifted Me."
Prayer.
Assembly period for classes.
Special program for Mother's day:
Song, "O Love that Will Not Let Me Go," by Sunday school.
Recitation, "A Boy's Mother," by Owen Patterson.
Viola solo, Kenyon Young.
Recitation, "Mother," Maria Culp.
Essay, "Mother," Miss Marian Parks.

Duet, "Mother's Love," by Misses Marian and Beatrice Parks.
Special music by quartette.
Talk by Dr. Dyches.
Song "I Would Be Like Jesus."
Benediction.

HONOR SOUTH'S SOLDIERS.

The services of the Confederate soldiers of the Fort Mill community were gratefully recalled and tribute paid to them for their sacrifices and heroism in memorial exercises held yesterday afternoon in the auditorium of the graded school building under the auspices of the Daughters of the Confederacy. A number of short addresses were made by local speakers and songs of the old South were sung by the school children and others, after which the graves of the three score Confederate soldiers buried in the city cemetery were decorated as were those of the seven Fort Mill boys who lost their lives in the World War.

It remains to be seen whether Congress will pass the bonus or pass the buck.