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To be sure the University of South Carolina will ask the Legislature to appropriate a quarter of a million dollars for a woman's building at that institution. Fortunately, South Carolina has been overlooked by the boll weevil, there are no hard times abroad in the State, the chief end of the average citizen is to provide tax money for just any old purpose that may be suggested, so why not? But even in the face of all this some people think that one State supported woman's college is about all South Carolina needs or can afford.

Is capital punishment a deterrent to crime? Many people do not agree that it is, and among the number is Justice C. C. Lyon of the supreme court of North Carolina, who says he believes "capital punishment" has failed of its purpose and is not humane." Whatever the opinion of the individual, there can be no denying the fact that many murderers and others who have committed crimes which warrant the infliction of the death penalty escape with their lives because of the widespread opposition to capital punishment among the men who sit on the country's juries.

Let a good roads proposition of magnitude bob up and the first man to be on hand to plead the necessity of a bond issue for the purpose is the cement dealer. These birds are always early risers when there is talk of road building at public expense. Why? Because they are patriotic and court the opportunity to offer to donate the cement if the people will only provide the funds necessary to do the other part of the work.

Since there are a good many people in South Carolina who refuse to exert themselves by doing any thinking on their own account, but who always look to the Columbia State to do their thinking for them, it seems a part of the duty of The Times to say to that paper that it is putting those people to serious inconvenience by withholding its opinion of the proposed 100 million dollar road bond proposition. These folk need to be told by The State at once what is best for them, whether it takes real money to build public roads or whether they can be built on hot air as one of the loud talkers at the meeting in Columbia last Monday seemed to think.

A row between a football coach and members of the Ku Klux Klan in Alabama over the former's church affiliation is a very serious matter in South Carolina and the wonder is that so many newspapers in this State have failed to publish such thoughtful editorials on the subject as The Times is now publishing.

Being docile, tractable and of an even-tempered disposition, one of the things the Fort Mill Times does not intend to do is to knowingly break rules of conduct set up for it by any newspaper published in this section. So The Times rises to require the nature of the news items it will be expected to delete from its columns to keep in the good graces of one or two newspapers which apparently know more about how it should be run than the editor of this paper himself knows.

While there is discussion in this country, in some parts of it at least, whether prohibition prohibits, public sentiment for laws against the manufacture and sale of intoxicants is growing in other countries. In England the liquor interests have recently raised an enormous sum and have started a campaign to offset the work of the prohibitionists. In France the wine makers have combined and formed an organization with large financial backing to fight prohibition sentiment at home and abroad. They see ruin ahead. It may not be long until all civilization joins the Mohammedans and other non-Christian peoples in adopting total abstinence as a policy as well as a principle.

People used to take whiskey as an antidote for snakebite, but if the word of an old gasser we know is worth anything, snakebite might now be used as an antidote for the kind of snake we have here.

**Few Wild Animals on Market.**  
The wild animal market is enjoying a boom at present, owing to the fact that during the World War the wild animal supply was shut off, although the normal demand continued. The breeding of wild animals in captivity is limited, while the death rate is comparatively high. The zoological gardens, circuses and wild animal exhibitions of all kinds have suffered a steady falling off in their stock, with no means of renewing it. A large supply of every variety of animal used for exhibition purposes must be collected and distributed to bring the supply up to normal. Every section of the globe, from the Arctic circle and beyond to the equator, is searched for wild animals to meet this demand.

Wild animals are one of the few commodities which did not increase in price as a result of the war. The present quotations for the stock of a menagerie compare favorably with pre-war prices. A lion or tiger, fully grown, can be bought at prices ranging from \$700 to \$5,000. A giraffe, however, brings from \$9,000 to \$14,000.

**Terrors of Deep Sea-Diving.**  
A noted deep sea diver, in describing some of the perils of his occupation, says that sharks, one of the greatest menaces, are afraid of air bubbles, and that when a diver sees a shark he nips the valve of the tube through which he receives air from the surface and then lets it go again. This makes great air bubbles in the water and usually the shark swims for its life when it sees them.

Another peril of deep sea diving is a disease which is caused by the diver being hauled to the surface too quickly. The pressure of the water when he is in the sea is relieved by compressed air in his diving suit. When he is brought to the top suddenly the air in the suit rushes into his veins and he becomes like a soda-water bottle which bubbles up suddenly when it is opened. The diver's veins fill with air bubbles and if these reach the heart he is a doomed man. The only remedy is to pop him back again into the water and lower him to the same depth from which he was brought up. This draws the air out of his veins and he is cured by the time he reaches the surface again. If he is not put back in the water he will die in three minutes.

**The Year's Cotton Crop.**  
Cotton production in the United States for the season of 1922-23 will amount to 9,964,000 bales of 500 pounds each, according to the last report issued for the season by the United States department of agriculture a day or two ago. With the exception of last year's crop, which was 7,953,641 bales, this year's production will be smaller than any year since 1903.

**TEACHERS' STUDY CENTERS.**

Arrangements have been made with the Extension Department of Winthrop College to establish study centers for the white teachers of the county at the high school buildings in the cities of Clover, York and Rock Hill. The first meeting at each place will be held at 10:30 on Saturdays at intervals during the winter. The entire course will consist of not less than ten meetings to be held on Saturdays at intervals during the winter and spring, and under certain conditions will be given regular summer school credit.

This gives us an opportunity to get some real college instruction free of charge and I think it will not be necessary to urge attendance at the most convenient of these points on next Saturday.

JOHN E. CARROLL,  
Supt. of Education.

**ANNUAL ASSESSMENT FOR 1923.**

Notice of Opening of Books of Auditor for Listing Returns for Taxation. Auditor's Office, December 3, 1922.

PURSUANT to the requirements of the Statute on the subject, Notice is hereby given that my Books will be opened in my Office in York Court House on TUESDAY, JANUARY 2ND, 1923, for the purpose of listing for taxation all PERSONAL and REAL PROPERTY held in York County, on January 2, 1923, and will be kept open until the 20th day of February, 1923, and for the convenience of the taxpayers of the County I will be at the places enumerated below on the dates named:

- Clover—Tuesday and Wednesday, January 2nd and 3rd.
  - Bandana—(Ferguson's Store) Thursday, January 4th.
  - Hickory Grove—Friday, January 5th.
  - Sharon—Tuesday, January 9th.
  - Bullock's Creek—Wednesday, January 10th.
  - McConnellsville—Thursday, January 11th.
  - Newport—Friday, January 12th.
  - Fort Mill—Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, January 15th, 16th and 17th.
  - Rock Hill—Monday, January 22d, through Saturday, January 27th.
- All males between the ages of 21 and 60 years are liable to a poll tax of \$1.00, and all persons so liable are especially requested to give the numbers of their respective school districts in making returns.
- BROADUS M. LOVE,  
Auditor of York County.  
Dec. 3, 1922.

The trouble with taking things as they come is that you don't know who may be watching.  
Ever notice how easy it is to control your temper when you get into an argument with a man who is bigger than you are?

**For Easy Selection --**

Of worth while Christmas souvenirs for your friends and loved ones just remember that this is the store you want to visit—everything we offer in Holiday goods is worth while and will be appreciated by the ones whom you favor with a Christmas souvenir—Let us suggest

**NUNNALLY'S AND LIGGETT'S CANDIES**  
The best in the world. Here in Christmas and Gift packages of all sizes and kinds.

**FINE STATIONERY**  
Always a gift that is pleasing and appreciated. Here in beautiful quality assortment.

**FOUNTAIN PENS**  
A practical, common-sense gift—one that is a constant reminder of your thoughtfulness—we have the famous Waterman, Parker and Conklin Fountain Pens—variously priced.

**PARKER PENCILS**  
The best of all the magazine pencils—a gift article of excellence here in silver—variously priced.

**TOILET ARTICLES**  
Perfumery—Extracts, Toilet Waters, Face Powders, Soaps, Brushes, Combs and other Toilet Articles. Bibles, Manicure sets, Ivory Comb and Brush sets.

**KODAKS**  
A Kodak is a royal gift—one that never becomes old or out of date—it is the gift to be enjoyed by the entire family as well as by the individual—we have them in various sizes and variously priced.

**CIGARS**  
Our Cigars always please because ours are the Cigars of quality—forgive us for men we have them in Christmas packages—10s, 25s, 50s and 100s—a quality to suit all tastes—variously priced—fine for gifts to men.

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"THE CHRISTMAS STORE"

**Dress Up For CHRISTMAS**

We are better prepared than ever to dress you up for Christmas. More new stylish Wearing Apparel at Lower Prices than we have shown this season.

**Ladies, Girls, Children**

New Coat Suits of Poiret Twill, Tricotine and Velours; colors, navy brown and black,

**\$9.00 to \$29.75**

A great line of Ladies' and Misses' Long Coats and Sport Coats in all the new materials, priced

**\$7.75 and Up**

Another shipment of Dresses received this week; navy and brown,

**\$6.75 to \$25.00**

**New Skirts and Blouses for Christmas Selling**

Fur Chokers for Ladies, **\$6.75 to \$19.75**

Fur Sets for Children . . . **\$3.75 to \$9.75**

Anything you may want in Hosiery, wool or silk, cotton or lisle, for Ladies or Children.

Gift Handkerchiefs, in boxes or separately, **5c to 50c**

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**SUITS, OVERCOATS, SHOES, HATS, SHIRTS, TIES, ETC.**

Another shipment Young Men's Sport Model Suits came in today. Styles are the best. Prices the lowest.

Trunks, Suitcases, Bags. Boys! for sensible Gifts call on us.

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