

A GOOD PAPER

Read Before the Federation of Woman's Clubs RECENTLY IN GREENVILLE. "The Consumers' League" and What It Is Doing to Help Women and Children Wage Earners

We publish below a paper read before the State meeting of the Federation of Women's Clubs recently held in Greenville by Mrs. Calvert, a talented Spartanburg woman.

Ten years ago, the Women's Working Society of New York inaugurated a movement in the interest of the women and children employed in the retail stores of that city.

The word "consumer" here, for want of a more specific term, is used synonymously with the word "buyer."

The general principles as stated in the Constitution are:

1. That the interest of the community demands that all workers should receive fair living wages.

2. That the responsibility for some of the worst evils from which workers suffer rests with the consumer who persists in buying in the cheapest market, regardless of how that cheapness is brought about.

3. That it is therefore the duty of consumers to find out under what conditions the articles they buy are produced, and to insist that these conditions shall be decent, and consistent with a respectable existence on the part of the workers.

influence of consumption upon production, and of the moral duties involved in the purchase of goods.

"The producer is merely an agent of the consumer, and if the latter is persistent in demanding better things and conditions, society will be lengthened and transformed."

"The stores are very sensitive to the demands of the buyer. They keep in stock what you ask for. If, then, the consumer is to be the whip of every class of buyers, would it not be more so to the intelligent and the demands of an educated public?"

"The next question is, do we need the League in this country? Are we ready for such an organization or can this be carried on with our Club work as it is in other places?"

"Corn has poor and irregular stands, owing to poor germination and the ravages of birds, and in places where the soil is not all planted."

"Cotton planting made slow progress, and much remains to be planted in the western counties, while over the eastern and central counties first planting is about finished."

"With limited exceptions, wheat and oats continue to look promising and are standing well. Oats are heading over in the southern counties, and over limited localities elsewhere."

"Another Black Friday. Russell Sage of New York, who some days ago raised his voice in warning against the wild speculation in Wall Street now predicts another 'Black Friday' in the near future."

A CITY WIPED OUT.

Fifteen Million Dollars Given as Sacrifice to Fire Flood. THOUSANDS ARE HOMELESS. Not Since the Destruction of Columbia Has a Southern City Been So Terribly Afflicted by Fire.

A dispatch from Jacksonville, Fla., says the most disastrous fire in the history of that city began Friday shortly after noon in a small factory, from a defective wire, according to the best belief, and burned for nearly three hours.

The fire started in a building which was used for a warehouse, and spread rapidly to the adjacent buildings, including hotels, theatres, churches and residences.

Mr. W. W. Cleveland, in whose premises the fire originated, and who was one of the heaviest losers, dropped dead from excitement.

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BREAK FOR LIBERTY

Life Term Convicts Overpower a Guard and Escapes. A MAN HUNT FOLLOWS. Man in a Tree Shoots at Pursuers, But is Brought Down With Pistol Shot. Only One Escapes.

A dispatch from Hagoed to The State says one of the most daring efforts was made to effect the escape of State farm was made by three convicts Wednesday morning. The plot was at work near a thick branch when Israel Sims, a life prisoner from York county, slipped up behind guard M. O. Burkett, struck him, striking down on the neck and took his gun from him.

After getting the gun Sims attempted to shoot Burkett, but did not know how to manipulate the rifle. He immediately took refuge in the branch, carrying the rifle with him and was followed by two other desperate convicts, Grant McNeill, sentenced for life from Charleston, and Tom Haystack, sentenced for 20 years, from Saluda.

The other prisoners made no effort to escape, though it is said that others were in the plot. As soon as it was possible Mr. Gardner, the manager of the DeSausser farm, was notified of the escape and as is the custom, every effort was made to effect their capture. It was not long before the guards and trustees had the escapes surrounded in the swamp. With the edges well guarded on all sides, several entered and searched the almost impenetrable swamp. It was not long before Isaac Sims, the ring leader, was discovered on a tree. He still had the rifle with him and on being commanded to surrender, opened fire on Mr. Morris, the manager of the Reid farm, and another guard who were in the plot. As there was only one load in the rifle, Morris knew that no harm could then be done, so he covered Sims with his pistol, and effected his capture without any further trouble. Sims was then securely tied, and removed to make his escape. The man soon landed in the stocks. The pursuit of McNeill and Haystack was then continued. Another drive was made through the swamp when McNeill was discovered. He broke and ran and attempted to make his escape across an open field, but Mr. Gardner, who was mounted on his horse, soon overtook him. On being commanded to halt, McNeill showed fight, turned on Gardner and had to be shot before he would surrender. However, in the confusion, a shot was fired which struck a man and he was killed. The man was identified as Tom Haystack. The man was identified as Tom Haystack.

Opposed Marriage Settlements. Just before Calhoun's marriage he had a long talk with the legal council of his sweetheart's mother regarding Florida's marriage settlement, and directly thereafter, says George Wolsey Symonds in the Ladies Home Journal, wrote to his prospective mother-in-law on the subject: "From prejudice, or reason, I have always been opposed to marriage settlements. I think experience and reason prove them to be unfriendly to the happiness of the marriage state, and that they tend to produce pecuniary embarrassment. In that respect, they should be of no interest, one happiness and one destiny. The entire confidence, which is reposed by a female in the object of her choice, in placing both her honor and her property in his custody, gives rise to the most sacred tender regard. A marriage settlement implies a distrust of this confidence, and is a guard against the imprudence or misconduct of the husband only. If successful in life there is no benefit in one; if unsuccessful, what more disagreeable than to have property, but not to be able to pay just debts? It would be to be wretched. It would be splendid poverty."

The Difference. Referring to the estimation in which the people of the south and those of the north hold the negro, Dr. Parkhurst, of New York, recently said in a sermon: "The southerner does not like the negro any better than the average northerner does, and the two carry themselves toward the negro with just about the same amount of Christian consideration—only of the two, the southern white man has perhaps this advantage, that he does not make quite so formidable a pretense of loving the negro as his northern confrere does. The southern white man dislikes the negro, and owns up to it. The white man in the north dislikes the negro and lies about it."

A Sanitarium to be Built. The Spartanburg Journal says it is reported on good authority that a large sanitarium is to be built at Flat Rock, S. C., near Hendersonville. This place is already noted as a health resort, and a fine institution of this sort would add greatly to its fame and value. Dr. Arthur Guerdar of New York, is to build this sanitarium. He has a fine estate at Flat Rock and the sanitarium will be completed near his home. Dr. Guerdar is a native of Charleston and has had a distinguished career as chemist and surgeon.

Sligh Quits. The announcement made Wednesday night that the attorney general had accepted the resignation of E. Brooks Sligh and appointed ex-Sheriff George S. McCrary, of Laurens, United States deputy marshal for South Carolina will cause surprise in this state. People are puzzled to figure out just where the administration is leading to. Up to this McCrary has been a Democrat.