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TELEGRAMS: HITS BALK.

Under the above caption, we note that our exchanges and others are reproducing the reply of Senator Tillman to its severe criticism of him that was published in our last issue. We ought for the life of us see why the particularly vicious article alluded to, which was first published in the Greenville News and reprinted into the various papers throughout this and neighboring states can possibly have any effect either good or bad, on the progress and development of South Carolina. Neither can we see that Senator Tillman in his reply has either bettered or worsened his position. Common sense should teach everyone that we want desirable immigrants, and that same common sense also teaches us that anything that Senator Tillman told those people of the West and Northwest will not retard the movement of that desirable class of immigrants towards our borders. It is equally a fact that the washing of our dirty linen in public is not a wise measure in any State newspaper that has the interests of the State at heart. It is this fact as much as any other that determined us to print our entire paper at home. The weekly record of crime, of all descriptions that is paraded before the subscribers to most of our weekly publications will never find a place in the columns of "The People" while the present editor is at the helm. We are not what might be called strictly religious, but in our editorial capacity we feel a certain sense of responsibility in the care of the morals of our readers, and you will never find in our columns those revolting reports of rape cases with their inevitable conclusion, or any matter that might offend the most refined taste.

LABOR UNIONS.

The strength and power of the labor unions of this country can scarcely be estimated as a full opportunity for the display of their actual power has not yet presented itself. The editor of this paper wants to put himself on record as a friend of Unionism. By this we don't want to be understood as favoring any unfair demand by either a local or national union of any trade, but we do say that a union of carpenters, painters or of any other trade, injures no one and does benefit the community at large. While their existence does make the building of a house or painting it, cost the individual a little more, that little fifty or seventy-five cents added to the daily wages of the large number of workmen variously employed throughout the city is quite an item in the weekly trade make-up of the merchants and others.

Unionism in this day of combination of capital is almost a necessity and their proper demands should always be recognized and granted.

SENATOR HANNA DEAD.

Senator Mark A. Hanna, the strongest man in the Republican party died last week and was accorded the honor of a State funeral in Washington. In the death of Senator Hanna, the Republicans have lost, we think, the only man who might by any possibility have led their party to victory this fall. What the Democrats want to do now is to put up a clean, honest man and they will do up Teddy in great shape. It remains to be seen however whether they will do this, for, as some sage Republican very rightly remarked: "the Democratic party can always be

depended upon to make a fool of itself at the right time. Our present inclinations are towards Wm. H. Taft, of New York, as a candidate. He is reasonably clean as politicians go, and in addition to that quality, has plenty of money, which in the eyes of not a few, is more to the point.

Society Notes.

Last Wednesday night an unusually large audience greeted the minstrel company at the Opera House, the northern guests attending in such numbers that it seemed to be proof positive that during the season it would well repay the Opera House managers to secure first-class plays, and take steps to improve the theatre so as to accommodate their staging.

The many friends of Mr. Sam Russell are delighted to see "King Richard himself again," but were very sorry he could not be reynard in the chase on Thursday. However, his substitute, Mr. Lynch Deas, did "himself proud," and all declared the run most exciting, especially Mr. William Sterett, who was the victor.

Over a hundred Columbians braved the elements and took advantage of the special excursion to Camden on Friday last to witness a game of polo for the Barstow cup, and in "spite of wind and tempests roar" declared the day most enjoyable, throwing added bouquets to our hospitality. The Reds won by such heavy odds that the sting of previous defeat has been more than removed, and the Blues will have to look to their laurels from now on.

The sides lined up as follows: Blues, Barstow, Whistler, Vaux and Team. Reds, Kennedy King, Sage and Smith. Referee, T. E. Krumholz. Time keeper, C. C. Brown.

Though the spectacular plays were less numerous than usual, the playing was hard and earnest from start to finish, and the teams, bent upon victory or death, were nothing daunted by several downpours of rain, but played out the four periods, the Reds winning 7½ goals, 2½ for the Blues.

Those who were driven to shelter by the inhospitality of the elements, found solace and cheer within the Club House, where Mrs. Henry Savage, assisted by Mrs. Thos. Kirkland, presided over the tea cups. Needless to say, this was the largest and most elaborate tea given this season, and the Columbia guests were filled with astonishment when they learned that one patroness at a time took charge of the teas, and declared Mrs. Savage more than a household genius to provide so bountifully for so many.

The table on this occasion was centrally placed, and daintily decorated with snowy napery, silver and lovely carnations. Misses Charlotte Shannon, Lenoir and Paris, assisted Mrs. Savage in serving refreshments. As most of the visitors desired to take part in the informal dance to be given at the Club that night, Mr. Krumholz, whose untiring zeal and energy had brought about the excursion and entertainment of the guests, made arrangements for the train to be delayed an hour, during which time the dancing hall and verandahs were the scene of activity and animation, which the shrill whistle of the approaching engine broke up all too soon, and the entire crowd made its way to the Polo Grounds, where the iron steed stood ready to bear homeward the enthusiastic excursionists.

The Misses Guignard were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Kennedy during their short stay in Camden.

Monday being a legal holiday, Washington's birthday was celebrated in the schools during the last period of Friday afternoon.

The 6th and 7th grades combined and gave a public meeting, the programme consisting of patriotic songs, recitations, essays and readings. The room was decorated with dozens of flags of all sizes, pictures of Washington and Lady Washington, and the boards were filled with colored drawings of flags, hatches and mottoes suitable to the occasion.

Lincoln's birthday having just passed, a picture of the great emancipator with dates of birth and death, was on one board, and a quotation from Lowell just above, as the 22d is also his birthday.

Miss Carrie Heyward, of Columbia expects to pay Miss Lulu Shannon a visit in the near future.

Two amusing incidents in the Washington birthday festivities were the entry of four mules with their swarthy riders for the hurdle races. After two heats, the judges awarded the blue ribbon to a youthful rider, and the red ribbon to a large well kept assinine, magnificently decorated in red and white bunting, and with a white bonnet over his long ears, the ebony Don Quixote grinning from ear to ear when a money prize was also awarded him. There was fun over the greased pig, given by Mr. C. J. Shannon, Jr., and excitement reached the highest pitch when the poor slick thing was turned loose among a howling mass of pickinnies, each determined to win the prize for himself, and filled with consternation as piggy played hoens pous with them all, and would climb quickly and quietly out of their fingers. At last a boy

named Stewart managed to hold and save the victim, and went on his way rejoicing over his fat porcine prize.

Among the blaze of trumpets and drums all wedded their way homeward, and will long remember the birthday of the Father of his country—for 1904.

The judges were Ous Childs, C. J. Shannon, Jr., W. Kerr, Clerk, D. E. Williams, Jr. Starters: H. L. Withers, Paul Springman. Time keeper, C. C. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Heyward came over from Columbia for the field day sports. They will be the guests of Major Cantey for a few days.

The usual weekly Water-Tea was held at the home of Mrs. Henry Savage on Laurens street on Tuesday afternoon from 2 till 6 p. m. All enjoyed the dainty refreshments and cordiality of the hostess.

The little Misses Yates gave a most enjoyable card party on Washington's birthday in honor of Miss Morgan. Miss Fannie Gerald received the consolation prize.

Mr. and Mrs. Walbridge and Miss Walbridge, of Brooklyn, N. Y., have returned to Camden again for the season.

White Knight cigar, a splendid smoke, call for them at the Camden Drug Company, and take no other.

From Lugoff.

Mr. Editor: I wish to ask you for space to ask just a question or two. First, however, I will state that after a long, long time a certain piece of road in West Wateree at what is known as Isabell's Bridge has been worked. This is as should be, for we of West Wateree had begun to despair of ever seeing any return from our road tax, but why did the party or parties who worked the road, go to a place in the road that needed very little work and throw up a small embankment, where there was no watercourse? Why were two tile or earthenware pipes laid under the road through this embankment when one pipe would have been a sufficiency? And why were the pipes or drains laid so that they were one and a half or two feet above the bottom of the roadbed and the same distance above the field they are to drain? Properly placed one pipe would have carried all the water, but as it is, water must pond on the upper side of the road until a good sized field becomes a pond two feet deep, before a drop of water can enter either, 12 inch drain pipe, laid side by side. Does not this damage the field beside the road? By what manner of engineering do we find it necessary to put two pipes 12 in. in diameter under a roadbed to drain a two or three acre cultivated field with absolutely no stream of water? Not much expense to do this in one place, but do the same work all over the County, and what? By the way, does not the law require that all work or contracts for work, amounting to more than \$10, be advertised and given to the lowest responsible bidder? The writer is a subscriber to three Camden papers, and he has not seen the work done on this "Isabell Bridge Road" advertised, but he has been informed that the County Supervisor made a private bargain with a party to do the work for \$35.00. Is this true? And if true, is it according to law?

Perhaps the writer will have some more questions later. With thanks for your space.

"B."

Bethune Dots.

Bethune, Feb. 17.—We extend congratulations to the editor of "The People" upon the newsy and neat appearance of the paper. We predict for it great success.

The young people of Bethune are practicing "Aunt Jemima's Quilting Party," which will be given about April 1st.

Town Council has purchased a very desirable site for a Town Hall, Opera House, etc., and work will be commenced on the building at once.

Bill White, the colored grocer and restaurateur of Bethune, happened to a serious accident last night which may cost him his life. He climbed up into a loft of Mr. J. A. McLaurin's barn to get some hay, and fell through a hole and struck on his head. His skull was fractured, and he received other injuries, too, which may prove fatal.

A pleasant valentine party was given the young people in town last night at

the residence of Mr. R. H. Wilson, which was much enjoyed.

Mr. A. T. Bethune lost a fine horse last Saturday night, valued at \$175.

We regret to learn that Mrs. W. A. Clyburn is quite ill.

On the first Sunday in March there will be preaching at Pleasant Hill church at 11 a. m., at Bethel church at 8.30 p. m., and at the Bethune Presbyterian church at 7.30 p. m.

R. F. D. No. 1.

In the death of Mrs. Jare Thomas, which occurred at her home on the 11th inst., the Clyde community loses one of its most respected and noblest women. The sympathy of the entire community goes out to the bereaved family in their great affliction. Mrs. Thomas was 63 years old.

Mr. J. C. Josey has a very sick child. Rev. Kenneth McCaskill, of Wisacky, will conduct services at Turkey Creek church on the first Sunday in March at 11 o'clock a. m. Rev. J. J. Myers at Harmony church at 8.30 p. m.

There will be a pound party at Mr. Wm. Thompson's next Saturday night.

Miss Lottie Kelly, of Bishopville, is spending some time with the family of Mr. J. C. Josey. Uncle Sam.

NORTHWESTERN RAILROAD OF S. C.

Time Table No. 5. To take effect Sunday, January 10, 1904, at 12.31 a. m. superseding Time Table No. 4, dated November 2, 1903.

BETWEEN WILSON'S MILL & SUMTER, TRAINS GOING SOUTH.

	No. 77	No. 73
Lv Sumter	4 50 p m	3 30 p m
Lv N. W. Junction	4 53 p m	3 33 p m
Lv Tindal	5 20 p m	3 47 p m
Lv Packsville	5 50 p m	4 00 p m
Lv Silver	6 25 p m	4 25 p m
Lv Millard	6 40 p m	4 35 p m
Lv Summerton	6 50 p m	4 45 p m
Lv Davis	7 15 p m	5 55 p m
Lv Jordan	7 30 p m	6 15 p m
Ar Wilson's Mill	8 00 p m	7 00 p m

TRAINS GOING NORTH.

	No. 78	No. 76
Lv Wilson's Mill	8 40 a m	6 00 a m
Ar Jordan	9 00 a m	6 20 a m
Ar Davis Station	9 45 a m	6 45 a m
Ar Summerton	10 15 a m	7 15 a m
Ar Millard	10 30 a m	7 20 a m
Ar Millard	10 45 a m	7 35 a m
Ar Silver	11 00 a m	7 45 a m
Ar Packsville	11 30 a m	8 15 a m
Ar Tindal	11 55 a m	8 45 a m
Ar N. W. Junction	12 27 p m	9 12 a m
Ar Sumter	12 30 p m	9 15 a m

Nos. 76 and 77 between Wilson's Mill & Sumter daily except Sunday.

BETWEEN MILLARD & ST. PAUL.

	No. 78	No. 75
Lv Millard	4 25 p m	10 20 a m
Ar St. Paul	4 40 p m	10 30 a m

No. 72 No. 74

Lv St. Paul	10 55 a m	4 50 p m
Ar Millard	10 45 a m	5 00 p m

BETWEEN SUMTER & CAMDEN.

	No. 68	No. 70
Lv Camden	4 15 p m	7 00 a m
Sou. Ry. Junction	4 25 p m	7 10 a m
Ar Ellerbe	4 35 p m	7 20 a m
Ar Remberts	4 45 p m	7 30 a m
Ar Borden	4 55 p m	7 40 a m
Ar Dalzell	5 15 p m	8 00 a m
Ar N. W. Junction	5 15 p m	8 25 a m
Ar Sumter	5 45 p m	9 00 a m

TRAINS GOING NORTH.

	No. 69	No. 71
Lv Sumter	6 25 p m	9 35 a m
Lv W. Junction	6 27 p m	9 38 a m
Dalzell	6 47 p m	9 59 a m
Borden	7 05 p m	10 10 a m
Remberts	7 25 p m	10 21 a m
Ellerbe	7 30 p m	10 21 a m
Sou. Ry. Junction	7 50 p m	11 00 a m
Ar Camden	8 00 p m	11 10 a m

No. 68 leaves Camden Mon., Wed. and Friday at 1 p. m., ar. Sumter 3.40.

No. 67 leaves Sumter Tues., Thurs. Sat. 11 00 a. m., ar. Camden 2 00 p. m.

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