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CAMDEN.

A friend has handed us a couple of sheets from some monthly magazine on which appears an article on Camden from some Northern tourist of last winter. The contents reflect so flagrantly unjustly on the place and people that we feel impelled to enter our protest. Since we began the writing of it we have heard that a local contemporary mentioned the matter several months ago, but a few words from us along the same lines will not be amiss.

Taking up this modern Annual, the first assertion he makes is that the Main business street of Camden is either a whirling or, as he expresses it a swirling dust bed or sea of mud. No more abominable, or bage-faced falsehood was ever given to a reading public to find credence as fact. On the contrary we do not hesitate to say that in no Southern city can a more beautiful street be found than the Main street of the city of Camden. It is perfectly drained, all unpleasant evidence of the heaviest rains having disappeared within an hour after its cessation. As to dust, we have a modern water-wagon in constant use when necessary, which fact nails lie No. 1 as to the swirling dust bed, and No. 2 as to the sea of mud.

This monumental romancer then goes on to slur at almost everything that all of his brother and sister tourists have found most graceful and agreeable, nearly every class of our people, and practically every enterprise and sport which has engaged their attention.

As instances of the correctness of this criticism of a fool's letter, we will say that he remarks that our fire department is highly decorative but rarely arrives at a fire in time to save anything but the cellar. As a matter of fact, we hold the Southern championship for quickness and efficiency. He finds the trade of Camden conducted to a considerable extent by the descendants of the old aristocracy, who have at last discovered that work is not disgraceful, but at times, even necessary. He strikes the country population fore and aft; says that the negroes are too painfully polite, (N. B. — We Southern people have always considered this defect in training rather a virtue than a vice. He hits the Dispensary, which as every one knows is one of our pet institutions, a blow or so under the belt, and after several other heavy blows on, or along various lines, which includes our magnificent hunting and driving grounds, he has the assiduity to conclude by saying that he will be glad to go back there some day.

Now, we are going to conclude by saying in all truth and earnestness that we do not want, nor will we have this class of mongrel cattle coming back. We welcome amongst us all good people from whatever section they may come, but representatives from any other class, we do not welcome, and give them the advice not to come.

Respectfully,
W. A. SCHROCK,
Editor, Owner and Pub'r
The People.

TILLMAN'S LETTER.

Considerable comment, mostly of an adverse nature has been indulged in by various newspapers recently because of certain expressions on the race question given utterance to by Senator Tillman in a letter to a Mr. Bryant, of Lincoln, Nebraska.

We have read the letter with some care, and desire to say that while it is in our judgment somewhat loosely put together, and is in some sections expressed in somewhat stronger language than perhaps we would have used in addressing an outsider, the Senator told the Nebraskan nothing but the plain if unvarnished truth. Eminent correct

is he in his advice to the people of the North to hands off in this so-called race question that we have on our hands. We want none of their advice for we are able to handle the question ourselves, and know the conditions that exist far better than any Northern mentor can teach us. We want to say too, that any Southern newspaper that uses its editorial columns in denying the evident truths in Senator Tillman's letter is not a newspaper that we would put a grain of faith in, for it does not ring honest, even on the face of it.

No one deprecates lawlessness and crime more that we do, whether it is practiced by the colored race against the white, or by the white race against the colored, but it should be remembered that crime is prevalent everywhere, and will be we suppose until time shall be no more. South Carolina, and the entire South is as free from it as any other section, but there is this difference. When with us a crime has been committed, the first thing that is done, some silly editor in the neighborhood blows it to the world through his paper, at the same time accompanying his report of the occurrence with a donkeyish editorial, the matter in which he does not believe in himself.

In the North and West, there is not nearly so much of that kind of thing, the editors in those sections knowing the evil that the recounting of lawless acts in their communities will have the effect of giving them a bad name with no possible good effect.

We would not have inflicted this editorial on our readers did we not want to emphasize the fact that there is one editor in the State, who, in this instance at least fully agrees with the sentiments of Senator Tillman as expressed in his letter to Mr. Bryant, and we are not writing this in a spirit of toadyism either.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER

Russia has found a new way to dispose of her navy. She is sending a fleet after the Lena.

Minnie Maddern Fiske recently noticed a man cruelly beating his horse and those who observed her cause his arrest saw Minnie Maddern a wet hen.

A number of politicians regard the assurances that a candidate will do his best to abolish graft not as a promise but as a threat.

The Japanese are amazed at Russia's stupidity in not knowing when it is surrendering time.

If Kuropatkin really desires to get even with Alexieff he might resign in his favor.

The youth of the country will soon be compelled to read about the Trojan War when it would prefer to be getting the latest news from Port Arthur.

Lieutenant Peary thinks of making one more trip to the polar regions. When a man gets the arctic exploration habit it is very hard to swear off.

The welcome season is not very far distant when the drinking water will have to be thawed instead of boiled.

Russian officials are probably reflecting that it is better to have a ship dismantled than sunk.

It is a pleasure to be able to regard Colorado as pacified territory.

There is no balm in the high price of cotton for one Mr. Sully.

The Chicago prediction that wheat will be worth \$2.00 a bushel promises larger holes than ever through the loaf of baker's bread.

President Roosevelt confidently expects the election to give special significance to his Thanksgiving proclamation.

The Japanese fearlessness of death is not remarkable in a nation that has so long encouraged the practice of hara-kiri.

Tom Watson is not hampered by the necessity of seeing to the judicious expenditure of a large campaign fund.

The police say that the women's fashion of carrying handbags is responsible for the many hold-ups. As in the days of Adam—the woman is to blame.

Examination of Teachers.

Notice is hereby given that an examination for teachers will be held in the Court house in Camden, S. C., on Friday, October 21, 1904, beginning at 9 o'clock, a. m.
W. D. TRANTRAM,
For County Board of Education,
September 27, 1904.

Society Notes.

Unique invitations in the shape of a dismembered pack of cards bearing the Mrs. R. Y. Steedman, At home, at her mothers, brought about eighteen matrons and maids together on Saturday afternoon to enjoy a social game of six-handed euchre. The dainty little cottage of Mr. and Mrs. Chas Shannon Sr., on New street never more homelike than on this occasion, the cheery welcome of the hostess making every one at home and the masses of golden-rod and yellow nasturtians with which the rooms were decorated casting a golden glow over all.

The score cards were hearts tied with black and red ribbons, huge red letters denoting the different tables. After several games were played and excitement ran high as five aspirants out for the prize, Miss Charlotte Shannon was declared the lucky one and received a prettily framed picture in black and white, while Mrs. Wm. DePas was the envy of all upon receiving a drum beautifully tied in black and red ribbons, one side hand painted in cards, the other making the original suggestion: "Here is something you can beat." Refreshments were served by Misses Joe and Jennie Shannon and each one did her full duty to destroy the dainties offered.

On Saturday evening an informal tea party took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Anerum to welcome Miss Saldie Anerum home again for a short visit and a few pleasant hours were whiled away with music, songs and laughter.

Those present were: Misses Margaret Johnson, Maida Deasand Miss Murray, and Messrs Edward Boykin, Newton Boykin, Jerry, of Charleston and Calhoun Anerum.

Several of the ladies who no longer lay claim to the title of young matrons but who do not intend being cut out of all sociability met at the home of Mrs. Anerum last week for the purpose of organizing a card club to be known as the 500 Club (mark you, not The 400) and that exciting game will be played at all meetings. The rules and regulations have not been formulated as yet nor officers elected, but the main plank in their platform is that their husbands are not to be ignored entirely and every other meeting will be held at night and all members of the stronger sex interested to be invited.

The Acorn Club held its regular meeting on Wednesday afternoon with Miss Bet McDowall at her home on Kirkwood Heights at five o'clock. Six handed euchre was the amusement of the evening, five tables being filled. After the usual number of games had been played, delicious refreshments were served and the prizes, a useful and ornamental leather pocketbook and a pack of cards, were awarded to the most and least successful players. The guest of honor was Miss Eleanor Godfrey, of Cheraw, who, we are happy to say will make her home with us for the winter.

Mrs. Geo. DeSausure of Jacksonville, Fla., and children are the guests of her parents, Major and Mrs. Ned cantey in Kirkwood.

Miss Murray, of Statesborough who has been on a visit to Miss Maida Deas has returned home.

Mrs. D. A. Boykin called a meeting of the young matrons Club members for Tuesday afternoon of this week of this week at her home for the purpose of electing new officers and formulating a programme for the winter's campaign.

Miss Emma Shannon will leave in the near future for a visit to the Northern cities, spending some time in New York.

The numerous friends of Mr and Mrs Samuel Boykin and family, will be sorry to learn that they have returned to their home at Boykins.

Mr and Mrs David Williams will arrive next month and reopen Bloomsbury.

The U. D. C. delegates leave the first of next month for St. Louis, and a most interesting programme has been arranged for their entertainment.

Mr. Nesbitt, who has been on a visit here to his sister, Mrs. C. J. Shannon, Jr., has left for the North to matriculate at Cornell University.

J. F. Jenkins THE PLUMBER.

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