

This year "the office seeks the man;" if it finds him—all right.

Moving and having to move are different matters and many people are experiencing these very things this January.

That extension of tax-paying time gives the Treasurer a breathing spell of one month and twenty-seven days.

The legislature is in session and an almost endless chain of speech-making, at tangents, is in progress at Columbia.

Those who do not sow will not reap, so many Pickens county farmers, though late, are taking the last chances for a wheat crop.

Franklin J. Moses, one time Governor of South Carolina, is having a hard time in his old age. He is really an object of charity and pity besides.

That precious old relic called the "Liberty Bell" is now in Charleston where it was welcomed Thursday by the sweet chimes of Old St. Michael.

March winds will hold a cotton picking and distributing carnival in a few sections of Pickens, and this year's bird nests will be softly lined. The low price will work a little good.

In 1901, the valuation of the mineral products of the United States exceeded a billion dollars. And still we mine and manufacture, bringing the products, from the very depths of the earth, to man for use and enjoyment.

Those debtors who contracted heavily with the merchants last year and failed to pay are like the man who borrowed the blacksmith's anvil; and the merchants feel a little like the blacksmith when he needed this essential article in his business, and couldn't get it.

Matthew Hondricks, ex-supervisor of this county, speaks out on the drainage proposition. Though he does not suggest any definite plan to help matters, he points out many of the troubles to be overcome before a serviceable law can be brought to work effectually.

The late announcement of the appointment of Mr. David Aiken as postmaster at Greenwood, S. C. was a blunder that an up-to-date administration should remember with shame, since that gentleman had been dead a month or so at the time of the announcement.

If you have not paid your taxes, the best plan is not to wait till the last day but walk up to the Treasurer's office and get the matter off your mind. The extension of time was for your benefit, but not to postpone the agony of parting with a little cash. That must come sooner or later.

Cotton mill enterprises in South Carolina, for the year 1901, show that a total capital of \$3,145,000 has been projected. Of this amount \$995,000 has been in actual increase of capital of existing plants. This State still holds second place in the Union in the way of cotton goods manufacture.

Small pox, to the north of Pickens, has set all people to ways of carefulness and prudence. Citizens in the immediate vicinity of the trouble are doing their best to care for the sick and prevent the spread of the disease. It doesn't appear that the State authorities, though notified, have done more than record the notice.

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The legislature convened on the 14th inst. Politics will be discussed and a few bills of minor importance passed. While there are some important problems awaiting the attention of legislators, it is not probable that, at this session, any serious action will be taken on any of them. But not telling what the legislature may do without warning.

We have sent statements to our subscribers in arrears, all of which will doubtless have been delivered by the time this issue of the paper is received. This simply means business and a newspaper is entitled to as much consideration, in a business way, as any business man, corporation or association of men. It is no hint, neither is it a reflection on anybody to receive one. It simply means that we want to improve the paper and in order to do this we must have what is due us. We are not begging anybody to comply, but simply reminding you of your obligation with the polite request that you comply at once. It is simply business and business rules are unyielding.

Andrew Carnegie has given ten million dollars to the federal government for the purpose of founding an institution which shall cooperate with other institutions in "encouraging investigation, research and discovery, the application of knowledge to the improvement of mankind and afford instruction of an advanced character to students qualified to profit thereby." Thus Carnegie hopes, perhaps, to reimburse some of the people for the money forced from them by means of gigantic combinations of capital.

The cheerful air of business men from every section of the county here Monday indicates that they are determined to make the best of the situation. This promises to be a hard year, and the men who will most feel it are the men who through 1901 made advances to help those dependent on credit for supplies to make their 1901 crops. Rigid economy must be observed throughout the present year and industry must be the watchword of all or the end will find many much worse off than they are to-day. Those who have not done fairly with their merchants and creditors generally will find it hard to get those advances necessary to carry them through the year. The best plan is to come squarely up and "arrange" all past indebtedness and thereby show a disposition to do the right thing. The merchants are as a rule, indulgent and freely disposed to help where they are assured by proper evidence that help heretofore is appreciated.

FEDERAL FUNDS IN AID OF ROADS.

If the general government would make provision by which some of the surplus money in the federal treasury could be utilized in road building in the several states, a long needed benefit would be realized at once and a standing object lesson given for all the people.

Two main roads running across the county, intersecting at the Court House, would certainly serve the very best purpose in the way of lessons to all who are really interested in good roads, since they would be the most frequented travel ways of the county. If the general government funds can be used for the benefit of schools, and the speedy distribution of mails and for the promotion of the agricultural interests of the country, it seems that no restrictions could be made on appropriations for good road purposes more than common sense and ordinary prudence would dictate. As to the constitutionality of acts making such proposed appropriations, it seems that roads have as much claim for consideration by the federal congress as the agricultural interests or the convenience of the various sections sought to be advanced through the free distribution of seeds, the delivery of mails, when the appropriation of money is involved. What the country needs is a starter—an object lesson, and the representative in congress who urges a plan that secures federal aid in this line of public improvement will prove himself a benefactor to his people.

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Foley's Honey and Tar for children, safe, sure. No opiates.

If all the people read all the advice the newspapers have been giving them since January the first they ought to be possessed of enough information to get through March, at least, without much trouble. It takes the stern realities of the long summer months to help most people to a full realization of what a year means to them, and those who do not then learn usually finish in the fall—or get finished.

AMERICANIZING ENGLAND.

Influence of American Women on British Social Customs. But it is not only in the realm of the shopkeeper that Americans have become popular, says Earl Mayo in the January Forum. They have been taken up with equal or even greater enthusiasm by the highest ranks of society. There is no doubt that their popularity has been due in great measure to the influence of those American women who have married into the ranks of the clever, titled or wealthy, who form the most important elements of British high society. The grace, the brightness and the adaptability of these women have made them immensely popular, and the British, having found them fair types of their countrywomen and countrymen, have extended an equally cordial welcome to the latter. At every house party held in England last summer, at every London dinner and on every yachting expedition Americans were much in evidence.

There have been many signs also to show American influence on English social customs. For one thing it may be seen in the decay or one may say more properly perhaps the relaxation of the stiff necked chaperon system. Until quite recently it was unusual to find in England a formal gathering at which fashionable young women were allowed to attend unaccompanied by chaperons. During the last season, however, there were many such affairs organized by fashionable young people and under the direction of a single young woman, as is very generally the custom in this country. There is a very noticeable tendency in England to allow young people much more freedom of social intercourse than formerly. It cannot be said either that the change is at all unpopular with the young people themselves or that it seems likely to have any other effect than to develop in the English girl the self reliance that is so prominent a characteristic of her American cousin and to make young men and women understand each other better than under the older and more formal system.

Another effect of American example is to be found in the growing popularity of hotel and restaurant life abroad. Until the American "invasion" it was almost unheard of thing for a family to take dinner in a public restaurant when their own house was available for the purpose. And as for entertaining friends in such a place, that was looked upon as altogether too ostentatious to be attempted. Now, however, all this is changed, and it is not unusual for a London host and hostess to call upon the resources of a fashionable hotel or restaurant in giving entertainments beyond the limits of ordinary house accommodation. A significant sign of the trend in this direction is to be found in the rapid multiplication of fine hotels that is going on in London at the present time. These hotels themselves, by the way, are becoming rapidly Americanized. American methods of organization and management, American dishes and American drinks are coming more and more into vogue, and it is easy enough to find half a dozen hotels in London which are in all essential respects exactly like those of New York.

A USE FOR COAL ASHES.

Discovery That Fireproof Mortar Can Be Made Therefrom.

George F. Averill, living at Arverne, N. Y., says that he has discovered a means of using the waste coal ash cinders that will make the hitherto useless material of great commercial value. The use which Mr. Averill has found for these coal ashes is in a new kind of fireproof mortar, 90 per cent of which is made up of coal ashes and the rest double hydraulic cement, says the Brooklyn Eagle. Mr. Averill has had tests made under the supervision of the department of buildings in Manhattan which show that the insulating properties of a block constructed according to Mr. Averill's specifications are very great. In fact, Mr. Averill says that with over 1,700 degrees F. hardly any perceptible heat could be felt by the hand on the other side of the block. Matches which had been laid on the block were not ignited, and some white pine and oak splinters showed no signs of charring. A thermometer on the upper side of the block during the whole time of the test registered only 110 degrees.

Mr. Averill also proposes to make a fireproof concrete from the waste ashes which can be used in ceilings and can be made into blocks for partitions. It has been estimated that the amount of waste of coal ashes in Manhattan and Brooklyn aggregates 6,000,000 cubic yards yearly, the greater portion of which is now dumped into the ocean.

Telephones on Dining Tables.

There is a new quick lunch telephone in Chicago, and the city has the honor of being the first in the world to provide diners with telephones while they eat, says the Chicago Record-Herald. The broker, financier or merchant now eats his lunch placidly content that his place of business can call him up and he talk back to it without leaving his table. Three cafes of the city are already using the system, and it promises to be installed in all popular eating places within a short time. All the dining table now needs is a stenographer and typewriter to make man absolutely happy.

Latest Souvenir Cups.

Quite new, not more than a month old, are the aluminum cups, souvenirs of the Spanish-American war. They are on the outside a large portrait of President McKinley, a smaller single portrait of Captain Hobson and groups of officers, Lee, Shafter, Miles, Sampson, Schley and Dewey.

TO RESEED THE RANGES

Move of Railroads For the Good of Western Plains.

MATTER OF VAST IMPORTANCE.

Plan to Be Tried to Sow Three Thousand Acres to Different Grasses to See Which is the Most Suitable. Proposed to Begin the Work Early Next Spring.

It has just been given out by railroads with headquarters in Omaha, Neb., that a plan is now on foot which contemplates the ultimate reseeding of all the western ranges, says the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. The preliminary portion of the scheme, itself a work of great magnitude, involves extensive experimenting with the cultivation of different range grass seeds with a view to determining those best suited to the purpose. This proposition is one of great significance and many ramifications. Should it be carried to a successful issue the ranges of Utah, Nebraska, Wyoming, Montana, Nevada and Idaho will be vastly affected. If the proper grass plant can be found, the different railroads interested in these states will go to great expense to further the plan.

The railroads expect the government to help promote the scheme as soon as they show the matter to be practical. The different states to be benefited will also be asked to contribute a share of the general expense incurred in carrying the plans to maturity. The men who are at the head of the plans declare the scheme for reseeding the ranges to be of more importance to the country than irrigation, because the former will if carried out be far more extensive in its scope and in the benefits resulting from its adoption. The territory which can be benefited by irrigation is limited because of the inability to secure more than a certain amount of water from certain streams. The territory to be benefited by reseeding is only limited by the extent of the ranges of the west.

The entire plan is said to be so well mapped out that the actual working out of the first step will begin with the early spring. R. C. Judson, industrial agent of the Oregon Railway and Navigation company, is said to be slated for the experimental part which will be first attempted. He is now in charge of the experimental farm of his road at Walla Walla, Wash., and is already making careful preliminary tests along the line suggested.

Western ranges have been very much impoverished and injured by overcrowding of herds in the past few years. Sheep particularly have been the cause of the trouble, as they are very destructive to grasses. What they do not dig out with their sharp teeth they punch in with their equally sharp hoofs, and if hunched beyond a reasonable limit they can entirely destroy all growth except the sage grass.

As a result of the deterioration of the range in many places it now requires two and three times as many acres to provide for a given number of cattle as formerly. The railroads expect by reseeding to so improve these ranges that they will provide for a larger number than originally.

For the conduct of the experimental part of the work the following plan has been determined upon. A spot containing some 3,000 acres will be fenced off in some centrally located range. This will be divided into thirty plots for the trying out of as many different grasses. The central idea will be to find some grass which will be permanent, luxuriant and hardy. Seeds from all over the world will be used, and many from Africa and South America have already been received.

When the correct grass is found, the government and states will be called upon to actively co-operate with the railroads to reseed the plains. The government will be asked to make a large appropriation for the purchase and sowing of the seed throughout the range country and the state will be asked to provide for state lands everywhere. All of this will mean an enormous work, but each passing year renders it more imperative. The greatest part of the work will be the protection of that part of the country reseeded until the new grass has sufficient start to maintain itself. This is a vast project, and the government will be called upon to bring its authority to bear in the matter.

Saved by Her Poodle.

Miss Margaret Tolle of Litchfield, Ill., was the guest of Miss Birdie Kilpatrick of St. Louis on Christmas day. She took a walk with her poodle dog, and fell into an eighteen foot well. She was lawless and too weak to even call for help. Her faithful little dog ran back to the Kilpatrick house and began whining and gnawing with his teeth at the clothing of Miss Kilpatrick and her brothers and sisters, says the New York World. They finally understood that the dog wished them to follow him. They found Miss Tolle unconscious in the well. Her injuries are serious, and she certainly would have perished but for her dog's sagacity.

Guarding the Pyramids.

Pierpont Morgan is coming to Cairo shortly, and he is not coming for his health, says the Cairo Sphinx. His army of occupation will repulse any attempt to remove the pyramids and sphinx, and the dogs of the Abassiyeh fox hunt are being trained as sleuth-hounds to track Mr. Morgan's secret agents.

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