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Washington, May 2.—Forecast: South Carolina.—Fair Sunday and probably Monday. Moderate temperature.

Many a victory is really a loss when we count the cost.

We need dress reform. Some women are so hasty about putting on their complications.

And blessed if the Ben Greeters weren't exclaiming, "Anderson is my love," ain't it?

And no friend of the family would be guilty of calling him "Grandpa" McAdoo just now.

The watchful waiting at Vera Cruz may make our soldiers very cross, as Harry Lauder would say.

It those speculators succeed for Mr. Wilson, get them a railroad ticket to South Carolina at once.

The kind of thread of discourse that Hawthorne likes is a rope with an enemy penetrating the end of it.

Col. Roosevelt has found a new tribe of savages. Safer alive, there are too many Indians at home now.

And now we are making whiskey out of melon rinds, but the odor convinces me that it must be made of gourd rinds.

With Chief Myers batting out 500 for the New York Giants it appears that all the good Indians are not dead yet.

President Wilson wrote this in his city book at Mr. Barnwell's school in Columbia: "Fools Rush In Where Angels Dare to Tread."

Who wants to know if the regional reserve bank has anything to do with keeping the Columbia baseball club from being the top this season.

Senator Smith, I've mind, is staying on the job just like it was no trick to donate some fella's down this way back to the tall grass league.

Among the attractions that Atlanta is already expecting to show visiting foreigners are "Five Points" and John Temple Graves, formerly of Lowndes.

Who doubts that rumor that Senator Sherman will resign. Of course the Washington monument is taller than he, but the senator can talk it all away.

While we were reading sixteen histories of Mexico and a "complete account of the Water spring" the Col. never had us a tap of a volume but our chapters.

Mr. Bryan discovered grape juice; Josephine Daniels discovered the cure in the peach bowl; and Col. Stewart in the interests of prohibition discovered a whole river.

John Blackler is "demonstrating" front of the Rockefeller home and says he saw an elum of Jesse B. We have no objection to his shying a shot over the front gate if he is permitted.

The Brown's friends are "constantly" reminding themselves, as they would see in the column, that they don't want a man by name of Smith. Joe Smith once before said it took him three weeks to get a man talking.

SUSPEND JUDGMENT

In the columns of a newspaper is not the place to try a case that may require the judicial reference, but there are in the tangle over the supplying of water to the city schools some features that are not solely for the court. In fact it appears that there is some sinister and subtle influence at work in this matter and that the school board is without its knowledge being used to rake the chestnuts out of the fire.

There appears to be a determined effort to discredit the Southern Public Utilities Company by having it assume an aggressive attitude that would make it offensive to the people of Anderson. A careful reading of the letter of Pres. Z. V. Taylor published in these columns some days ago shows that he appealed to the school trustees to protect his company, as certain misleading statements had emanated as coming from the board and had not been denied in the same manner.

Mr. Taylor asked for a constructive case to be made, stating clearly that he did not wish to cut off the water from the schools. The school board has not accepted the invitation to test the matter in the courts. In fact the board says that it is not attacking in the rights of the company, but merely questions the authority of the company to charge the schools for water.

In the controversy, which the company has not sought, the public in Anderson should bear in mind a few things on the equity side of this proposition.

One of them is that, proceeding under a contract given by the city of Anderson, a large sum of money has already been expended converting the Portman Shoals plant into conformity with the rest of the power furnished by the Southern Public Utilities Company.

Another fact is that the Southern Public Utilities Company has ordered the pipe and is preparing to lay the mains to give Anderson the service that would have been used now but for the delay in arriving at a settlement of the terms of the new contract.

There has been some covert insinuation that the "white way" was fostered by the Public Utilities Company, when the fact is that there will be an immediate expenditure of \$10,000 by the company to give this to the city.

The company has an able attorney who will look after its interests in court, and upon that matter we have no comment to make, but we do want the public not to censure the company for standing up for its rights when this matter has been pushed on it, and we recommend the just judgment of the community to seek out the cause of this whole tangle in a tenpenny.

If any of the citizens of the community wish to test the validity of the contract granted by city council, why did they not as individuals refuse to pay the light and water bills under the new contract, a contract by the way, which is reducing the cost of these commodities? Why was the school board brought into this matter?

If there is, as there appears to be, a direct effort being made to discredit and make unpopular this public service company, the people should look for the deep, underlying cause. And saying this we do not criticize the school board, for there is every probability that the board is not impelled by any such motives, but wishes merely to be on the safe side under its own responsibilities.

The Public Service company has been so much abused by loose tongues that it appeals for a day in court? Shall it be given?

NOT OUR KIND OF JOKE

Last Thursday night this office was called on the phone to receive the list of delegates from Rock Mills township to the county convention. The notes taken at that time of course, have not been preserved, for we had no idea of any joke being played on anyone. We do not know what the circumstances are except that there was not present last Saturday a quorum of the members of the club, and an adjourned meeting was held or to be held Thursday.

We are not informed of the true inwardness of the matter, but wish to say to Mr. J. L. O. Shaw that we would under no circumstances have permitted any one to have used this paper to make sport of him, and we wish to say to the president of the club, Mr. S. A. Burns that we regret it if some one placed a practical joke on this paper.

It is to be feared that South Carolina will do their duties toward keeping the Palmetto State in the law and order column, but that doesn't mean that they needn't send some of the candidates to "the race" when they go to the polls.

BIG JOB ON HAND

Anderson has invited here the annual reunion of the Confederate Veterans of the State. Anderson has a splendid reputation for hospitality throughout the country and there is much to be done to make this great occasion a success. We must do everything to make the old soldiers happy.

What is more lovely than to see the little ones attending upon the venerable? Why should not the children of Anderson have a part in making a success of this reunion? There have been reunions in this state which have been made memorable because of the children. We call upon the teachers of the city of Anderson and of Anderson county to lend their aid.

There should be an organization of "Boy Scouts" to see that the old soldiers are taken good care of, that they are waited upon and made to feel that we love them and love the "cause" for which they offered their lives. Will not some military person organize the boys of Anderson into a company today, ready to work and to give their time to making others happy?

It would be a tremendous asset for Anderson to have our boys organized into something. If too late to become scouts, they might have merely a local organization. Such a step would accustom our boys to discipline, would make them even more manly and self-reliant, and would cultivate that greatest of all graces, unselfishness.

The most beautiful reunion feature in recent years in this state was by the children of Columbia. Clad in snowy dresses with red sashes and red hair ribbons, the colors of the Confederacy, they strewed flowers before the veterans, who could not restrain their tears when memory carried them back to the rugged, rocky hills they had climbed, shoeless, in the face of a rain of lead of death, and when they assembled at the place of meeting these same little ones caused the old fellows' cup of joy to brim all over when they sang the airs which made many a charge go down into history as among the most valiant of all the deeds of the wars of the world.

Give our good women and happy children a part in the reunion and it will be known as the happiest occasion of the kind in the history of the State.

BEHAVIOR OF AUDIENCES

The behavior of the audiences at the Chautauqua has been remarkably attentive. While there were probably 200 automobiles in and around the big tent Friday night, there was very little noise from that source. The Chautauquans appreciate it. Mr. Dickey, the superintendent, says he has positive proof that the Anderson audiences are patient and considerate—but we will not tell that joke on him.

Sometimes when we see a great audience gathered we are reminded of a beautiful incident in the career of that great-hearted christian gentleman and wonderful evangelist, the late R. O. Pearson. In a certain town in this state he was preaching under a tent, and great congregations were attending, among them being many persons from the country. One day a little one began crying. Several persons in the audience showed great displeasure and nervousness. In the midst of a telling appeal the little man stopped and said "Friends, this poor mother may have come miles to hear the word of God. She had no one with whom to leave the little one. She may have few chances to hear the gospel preached. Do not cause her to leave. I am the one who should be disturbed, and it does not worry me half as much as it this good woman does not get to hear the sermon. God bless the little one."

He stretched forth his hand as if in benediction—and almost instantly the little one fell asleep. It seemed as if God was in that tent. The lesson of that little talk lingered in that community for years. The poor, tired mothers. So few are their opportunities to get away from home. Dear, your ears to the cries of the little ones, soon they may fall asleep. Let the mothers stay.

THE SOUND OF LITTLE VOICES

Warrior play me songs, indeed, With green fiddles of the weed, And the wild bloom of the dell, To accompany the spell. Wake the laughter, break the gloom, With their murmurs of merriment.

Put the sound that sets me wild, As the voice of a little child, Easier than the fairy playing. Brighter than the blooming Maying, Let their love in slumber dwell. Just the sound of children's voices—No wailing heart-revolving. Slow the cruel and grim of life, Squall strain and scum of strife, Waste and fall from all our years, Washed with laughter's silvery tears. —Baltimore Sun.

MILL NEWS

J. H. Crawford has become second hand in spinning at the Riverside Mills, Anderson.

Miss Gertrude Ballinger of Gaffney, has accepted the position of stenographer at the Lockhart Mills.

W. E. Todd of Anderson has become assistant superintendent of the Buffalo plant of the Union-Buffalo mills, at Buffalo.

Will Loss has been promoted from paymaster at the Pacolet Mill No. 4, New Holland, Ga., to a similar position with the home office of the company at Spartanburg.

A. A. Brown has resigned as second hand in carding at the D. E. Converse Co., Glendale, to become overseer of carding at Clifton Mills.

J. H. Fields has resigned as second hand at the Lockhart mills and accepted the position of overseer of spinning at the Riverside Mills, Greenville.

Joe Owens has accepted a position in the slasher room at the Brandon Mill, Greenville.

J. W. Crosby has resigned as form fixer at the Enroco Mfg. Co. to take a similar position at the Saxon Mills, Spartanburg.

J. H. Merritt, formerly superintendent of the Riverside-Toxaway Mills at Anderson, has become overseer of weaving at the Monetta Mills, Land O' Lakes, Ga.

E. S. Netherlands, formerly superintendent of the Occanee River Mills, of Dublin, Ga., has become overseer of carding and spinning at the Port Mill, Mfg. Co., No.

W. L. Dunn has resigned as overseer of weaving at Seacoast Mills and accepted a similar position at the Eureka mills, Chester.

D. H. Harriman, Sr., formerly superintendent of the Monaghan Mills, Greenville, has accepted a similar position at the Woodstock Mills, Anniston, Ala.

J. A. Norris has resigned as overseer of spinning at the Easley Mills, to accept a similar position at the Woodstock Mills, Greenville.

A. C. Putnam has resigned as overseer of spinning at the Mills Mfg. Co., Greenville, to become overseer of spinning at the Easley Cotton Mills.

B. P. Williams who has been overhauling at the Judson Mills, Greenville is now doing similar work at the American Spinning Co., of the same place.

Will Farmer has resigned as second hand at the Lockhart Mills, to become second hand in spinning at the Riverside Mill, Anderson.

IX SHAKESPEARE'S TIME

Now, woman's parts were played by kids When Shakespeare held the stage. The necessary wigs and pads Would feminize a page.

But still some odd effects they'd get To make poor Shakespeare rave. You'd often see a Juliet In sad need of a shaver.

And Shakespeare had but little choice When Rosalind was done. Sometimes she had a squeaky voice, Sometimes a baritone. —Louisville Courier-Journal.

FACTIONALISM

(Greenville Daily Piedmont.) It is asserted at Columbia that the anti-Bleasant forces will dominate a great majority of the county Democratic conventions and county Democratic State convention. The complexion of the state convention in May does not determine the election in August. A majority of votes in the primary determines who shall fill the various offices, and the convention merely is not an index of the primary majority. In many clubs factional lines were not drawn, both sides trying upon an attempt to bring factionalism issues at reorganized meetings. We know of not a few delegates to county conventions who could not have been elected had factional lines been drawn. The Piedmont deprecates the attempt being made to draw factional lines in the coming State convention. No good can come of an attempt to set factional fires burning. The State convention should represent all the Democrats, not a faction of them, and should provide machinery for fairly ascertaining the will of the majority. If our party affairs are run honestly, fairly and squarely, it does not matter whether a friend of Smith or a supporter of Bleaset is State chairman for no advantage is to be obtained from that place if its occupant be an honest Democrat. The men who want Bleaset defeated in the gubernatorial race are not helping their cause by trying to stir up factional questions and are sure by such a course to mire the chances of good men who are candidates for office. The supreme question in South Carolina this year is not who shall join Tillman in the senate to represent South Carolina. Keep that in mind and the outcome of the primary this year will be far better than if our parties are to be decided by the outcome of the Smith-Bleaset contest.

Commenting upon the above, the Newberry News and Herald has this to say:

This is very sane and sensible talk. We can see no good to come from an attempt to arouse factionalism among the white people of the State. Control of the State convention of a county amount to anything. There will not be sufficient pressure brought to make any material changes in the rules governing the primary. It would not be fair to any candidate to make any great changes for the convention. In fact we believe that the great mass of our people are wiser than the politicians who are now making a game of wits in the primary. No good for so many restrictions. What we need is to let the people rule. If we happen to be in the minority, as we frequently are, we don't raise any howl about unfairness or the need of restrictions. We just go

and conclude that by and by some time, somewhere the majority will see where it is wrong and will come around to our way of thinking. In our form of government the majority has the right to rule. But why have any factional lines and vote against your friends and your best judgment simply because you are lined up with a faction. We like to vote for men and then you can get your measure, but measures without men do not count for much. At any rate the point is, bow to the will of the majority and let the people rule.

MEDICAL INSPECTION

(Laurens Advertiser.)

That facts are stronger than theory and that truth outweighs false charges are well illustrated in a letter of Superintendent Frank Evans of the Spartanburg city schools dealing with Governor Bleaset's speech in opposition to the medical inspection of the school children. His letter is found elsewhere in this issue. Mr. Evans takes the example of the inspection of school children as carried out in Spartanburg to show that the children have been greatly benefited by it, and that they have not been subjected to and measures which would jar the most delicate sensibilities. In fact, Mr. Evans stated that the only parental objection met with came from the Christian Scientists, who do not believe in the effectiveness of medicine at all. He goes further and submits the inspection blank in use to show the medical inspection of school children does not imply an encroachment upon parental authority.

Why the poorer people of this state deceive themselves about the measures or allow themselves to be deceived, we are at a loss to understand in the face of such arguments and facts as have been put up to support its need.

Medical inspection of the school children is nothing, more or less than the state providing that supervision by trained physicians for all children which only the children of rich parents can afford now and providing for the protection of the healthy child from the diseased.

We often hear about the state's rights in the matter and the parent's rights, without a consideration of the child's rights when his are most to be considered. He has a right to expect the state to assume the obligations of citizenship and thoughtless or heedless parents should not be allowed to deprive him of his own right. It is the child which has the right, while the state has the obligation.

A demented man, clad only in pajamas crawled under the bed of Mrs. Robert Graham in Phillistown, N. Y., and went to sleep. He was discovered when he snored.

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