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 too, that we are headquarters for anything in the MACHINE LINE. If you break down, come to us; if you need a good belt, come to us; if you want information of anykind in our line, drop in and we will do our best to accommodate you.
 We also pay the highest cash price for cotton seed at our Ginnery.
 Thanking the public for past patronage and soliciting a continuation of same,
 We are yours truly,
Poag & Harper.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.
 [For The Enterprise.]

I am glad Governor Ellerbe has announced himself for reelection. I have not always agreed with him since he has been Governor—indeed, on several questions of great importance he has pursued a course directly contrary to that which I believe he should have pursued; but I believe he was conscientious in what he did, and that he upon the whole did as well as anyone else would have done. If I can still say this next summer, and I have no doubt that I can, it will give me the same pleasure to vote for him then that it did to vote for him last year.

The trouble with some people is that they thought they could use Ellerbe; and finding that they could not, they abuse him.

Timid people complain that the Dispensary law has been enforced too harshly. There may be a few instances where this has been the case, but as a general thing the only thing wrong about the "harshness" we have heretofore had is that we haven't had enough of it. Violators of the Dispensary law deserve no mercy. They should be put down with an iron hand. That they are not so put down shows a lamentable lack of courage on the part of the people—and the peoples' officers.

There may be some excuse for a hungry man's putting his hand in his neighbor's pocket; but there is no excuse for a man running a blind tiger. His is a deliberately planned, malice-aforethought, crime, and should be punished accordingly.

If those who insist that the low price of cotton is not largely responsible for the falling off in the sales made by the Dispensary will ask the merchants whether their sales have fallen off or not on this account, they can find out something that might enlighten them a little.

Three dollars for school purposes must be raised every year for every scholar in school in the State. With the Dispensary the three mill school tax will be enough to raise this amount without any extra levy. But with Prohibition, an extra tax will have to be put on, and still there will be as much and probably more whiskey sold than with the Dispensary. The whiskey will be sold—that cannot be denied, then why not use part of the money derived from it to educate the children? And when we get an educated citizenship maybe it will know better than to drink whiskey.

South Carolina needs a compulsory education law. The coming session of the Legislature should enact one.

Negro children all go to school; many white children stay at home and play. There is a moral in this—and danger too.

The Reverend Richard Carroll, a prominent colored minister, is trying to work up a sentiment in this State in favor of establishing a reformatory for juvenile criminals. This ought not to need any working up; the mere suggestion ought to be enough for anyone to favor it.

In his annual address to the

national Prison Congress President Brinkerhoff made the following suggestions, which seems to be worthy of the attention of thoughtful people: "One of the most promising methods for keeping out of prison persons who have been convicted of minor offences is what is known as the probation system, which had its origin and fullest development in Massachusetts. This system proceeds upon the assumption that many persons who are arrested for such offences may be saved from a life of crime if sentence is suspended and the convicted person has an opportunity to become a law-abiding citizen before the stigma and contagion of a prison life is imposed upon him.

"Another plan for decreasing the number of persons in prison is the parole system, which is in force in all reformatories and in a number of penitentiaries. Under this system prisoners are divided into three or four classes, and a prisoner, by good conduct, can work his way from the lowest to the highest, and then, if he gives satisfactory evidence that he can be trusted outside, he may be paroled and tested and finally released."

Now that Congress is in session maybe the Republicans will bring on that prosperity they have been telling us so much about. If they don't make haste and give us at least a glimpse of the thing we will begin to think after awhile that their prosperity talk is all tammyrot.

Old-fashioned people imagine that Congress is composed of the Senate and House of Representatives; they don't know that it is composed of the Senate and Tom Reed. The Honorable Thomas has abolished the House and taken charge of that end of the capitol himself.

Being a patient man and of much perseverance I managed to read the President's fourteen column message. It is a tiresome thing, as most things of that kind are; but one must read them if he would keep up with the times.

A good Democrat cannot find much in it to commend, save in what he says in reference to the civil service. He proposes to uphold the civil service system, and in this should have the hearty support of all who believe in good government, regardless of what party they belong to. Politicians say the civil service is a humbug; but this is one law other people should love because the politicians hate it. Sound common sense and patriotism see in it the best method of conducting the business of the government.—The President's recommendations as to the currency should not be carried out—and they will not be; the Senate will see to that.—As to the Hawaiian Islands, it is difficult to see what benefit it would be to the United States to annex them. More-over, we have no more right to them than has Japan—not as much, for there are ten Japanese there for every one American; and neither Japan nor America have any right to them at all. According to all ideas of right and justice Hawaii should belong to the Hawaiians.—But it is when we read McKinley's views on the Cuban question that we long for a genuine American in the white house. He is no better than Cleveland, and one can say no worse than that. I do not say that the United States should go

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to the extent of interfering with Spain, but we should recognized the Cubans as belligerents. If they are not belligerents what have those three hundred thousand Spanish soldiers been doing all this time? But it is plain that we are to have a continuation to the end of the same cowardly, disgraceful, unbrotherly policy that has heretofore characterized the government in its dealing with this question. Officials will continue to prate of "Cuban horrors," and "this horrible state of affairs"—but do nothing—nothing, that is, but what Spain wants them to do; while Cuban women and Cuban children continue to starve, and brave old Gomez's men continue to fight and die for Cuban liberty.

JUNIUS.
 December 4, 1897.

LANCASTER, S. C.,
 Dec., 14th, 1897.

We hereby certify that we have ordered for the Town Authorities of Lancaster, Pure Bovine Vaccine Virus to be used in vaccinating the inhabitants of the town. This Virus has been shipped direct from Marietta Farm, Maryland, and we guarantee it fresh and pure.
 J. F. MACKAY & Co.

Small Pox Scare.

The report reached here last Thursday that a case of small pox had broken out in Rock Hill, and the report proved to be true. The party effected is a young Mr. Johnson, son of Mr. Bony Johnson, who had been to Atlanta to have his eyes treated. It is supposed that while there he was exposed to the disease. The authorities took immediate steps to prevent the spread of the disease by isolating this case—moving him into a house a mile out of town and placing him under a competent nurse.

The board of health of Lancaster met at once and adopted a resolution requiring everybody to be vaccinated, and the work is now being done as rapidly as practicable.

To Be Wedded.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Sallie Middleton Mackey, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Mackey, a most estimable young lady, and Mr. Andrew W. Butler, a prominent business man of Richmond, Va., on the 29th of this month.

The ceremony will take place in the Presbyterian church here at 1 o'clock p. m. The party will then enter carriages and be driven to the O. R. & C. depot where the bride and groom will take the 1:45 train for the home of the groom where they will reside.