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TEACHERS' CONVENTION.

A SUGGESTION TO THOSE INTERESTED IN THE EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENT OF OUR COUNTY.

Editor Orangeburg Democrat:

We were much pleased with your short editorial in a few issues back, on the subject of "Teacher's Conventions," and our only regret was that you did not write more. No more effective agent than the press can be employed in stirring up the people and bringing subjects of importance to their attention.

The objects of such organizations are many—the prime one being the mutual improvement of the teachers themselves, and a consequent elevation of the profession of teaching to that station to which it is entitled by its importance.

Orders, unions, and societies of every conceivable name and for almost every object under the sun, have been organized for the mutual benefit of their members.

For the promotion of Agriculture the people have been harangued and aroused from their lethargy, and a permanent organization formed, and the press and other effective agencies employed to "keep the subject before the people," and to urge forward the car of agricultural improvement.

Why is it unnecessary for those who wield the "birchen sceptre," those to whose care the training of immortal minds is confided, to meet and discuss the best modes of fulfilling their high mission? Will some Solon please rise and explain. We see no reason for their inactivity in a matter that shapes the weal or woe of our commonwealth.

If there is one subject more than all others that should engage the attention and careful consideration of parents, statesmen, and thinking people, that subject is the best means of educating the rising generation.

grand arena of action, their great need of intellectual and spiritual culture, spending their lives beclouded by mental darkness, tracking with regular steps, the course of vice and debauchery, wasting the precious talents committed to their charge, and thwarting the wise purposes of their Creator, is enough to make parents and educators shudder.

Let us have the "Teacher's Convention." Can not some other teacher let us hear from him or her?

BLUE JEANS.

ST. MATTHEWS' ACADEMY.

Specific Against Hydrophobia.

Dr. Grzyvala, of Krivoe Ozeroe, Podolia, Russia, for whose trustworthiness Prof. Gubler, of Paris, vouches, declares that, after a series of crucial trials which he describes at length, he has found that, after having had opportunities of treating at least 100 cases of men bitten by rabid dogs with the Xanthium Spinosum, he has never in any of these cases, failed to ward off hydrophobia.

A Blind Man's Suicide.

A suicide which, for a display of cool deliberation on the part of the victim, has never been equaled, occurred at Zanesville, Ohio, at an early hour in the morning, the self-destructor being Mr. Frederick Helbig, a German, formerly a stone-mason, and of later years a contractor.

It requires more power to control fortune than to control kings.

Waiting for Millions.

Detroit also has her share of heirs-expectant, and it is a poor day when one can't turn a street corner and upset at least one person who believes himself entitled to half the money in the Bank of England.

Henry Smith is the second cousin of a man whose great grandfather was run over by a carriage in which George III. was riding.

Thos. Delahoe is one of the 6,457 Delahoes who are heirs to the great Blumfom estate in Scotland.

Mary Von Blom, servant girl, has just been left a fortune of \$3,000,000 by the death of her uncle, a German count.

The principal trifle is to establish the fact that her uncle had more than enough to bury him, and that he ever heard of or knew of a Von Blom in his life.

Edward Skiles is heir to the vast Lancaster estates in England, or will be in a few days. His great grandfather was keeper of the honnds for the Duke of Lancaster, and once helped his grace out of a mud-puddle.

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Words of Wisdom.

Flattery is a kind of bad money to which our vanity gives currency. Hard words have never taught wisdom, nor does truth require them.

What is the best government? That which teaches us to govern ourselves. Some hearts, like evening primroses, open most beautifully in the shadows of life.

It is extraordinary how long a man may iogk among the crowd without discovering the face of a friend.

Now!

What, then, is the happiest period of human life? I am sure there is only one answer. It is now. If I am doing my duty, to-day is the best day I ever had.

It is better not to expect or calculate consequences. Let us try to do right actions without thinking of the feelings they are to call out in others.

How an Old Grudge was Settled.

Taylor Jones was shot and killed by Wm. Gardner, at Brunswick, Mo., last week. Jones had gotten ready to go to Indiana, and was to have left on the evening of his death.

SOUTH AMERICAN CANNIBALS.

HOW THIS NUTROTES AND THE GAQUES TREAT THEIR WAR PRISONERS.

A curious story comes to us upon the authority of the Prefect of the District of Caqueta, in the State of Cauca, and on the borders of the Brazilian empire, of hostilities between savage Indian tribes, which are marked by the atrocities common to Central Africa or the Islands of the South Sea.

The buildings or temples in which the victims are sacrificed about thirty metres square, with several doors on either side, and will accommodate about forty individuals. The victim selected is led by a chief several times up and down before the assembled savages amid shouts and laughter; the trembling captive is obliged to pass cut and in through the various doors, and at last is allowed to remain standing in the centre of the building in the midst of his savage destroyers.

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The whole story seems incredible, and appears to be one of the vagaries of a luxuriant imagination rather than sober fact. If true, it evinces remarkable indifference to the condition of the Indian tribes, who have been conquered only to be left helpless and defenseless.

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Neither the Democrats nor the Union Greenbackers had any effect on the Republicans in Rhode Island. The bosses merely drove their factory operatives to the polls at an earlier hour and made them stay later.

Cotton Seed.

Editor Orangeburg Democrat:

As our good friend, "J. C. H.," from the Fork, has been kind enough to write a letter under the heading of "Cotton Seed" for the especial benefit of St. Matthews farmers, we take this public method of thanking him for his kind interest in us, and beg his forgiveness in advance for all differences of opinion we may have on this subject of successful crop growing, of so much interest to every farmer.

I fully agree with him that cotton seed should be put in the drill for both corn and cotton. We have pursued this plan successfully for the past five or six years. But has it not occurred to the Doctor in his experience that his homocopathic doses of 12 or 15 bushels of cotton seed, were just sufficient to make the stalk, and not enough to make the full ear of corn? I am satisfied he will be much better pleased with the result, if he will just "double the dose," beyond this quantity will not pay well unless the seasons are very favorable.

I again differ with "J. C. H." views about composting cotton seed. He recommends bedding on the green seed. For corn, this is the plan; but for cotton the result with me has invariably been a bad stand, the plant continuing to die out even after it begins to form.

For several years past I have composted my seed for cotton with very satisfactory results, securing and retaining excellent stands thereby. When compost heaps are properly prepared, there is no loss of ammonia by the partial decomposition of the seed, and the plant grows off much more rapidly and matures earlier.

Canine Affection.

In one of the cemeteries of Edinburgh a monument has been erected to the memory of a dog. It appears that the dog followed his master's body to the grave, and after seeing it interred, took his position by the side of the grave, and could not be induced to leave it.

If a London paper may be believed this is the way in which things are done in London: A young lady was sitting with a gallant captain in a charming decorated recess. On her knee was a diminutive niece, placed there to play propriety. In the adjoining room, with the door open, were the rest of the company.

From the "Wants" and "High Offers" offered by Northern schemers for live, active and reliable agents, there must be a scarcity of loafers in their midst. We are inclined to think there is a screw loose somewhere, for it is certain there is too many office-seekers of the North who wish a fat position and cannot be induced to accept of these offers.

The Pea as a Fertilizer.

Editor Orangeburg Democrat:

To convince the generality of farmers of the value of the Pea as a Fertilizer with arguments is a difficult matter. Facts and figures are something insufficient. I would refer those who doubt to Dr. Ravenel's experiments on coast lands. I saw those crops in April. They promised what the Doctor published they yielded. Also to Dr. Wiley's, who resides in one of the upper counties. I have it from a reliable source that he gathered 105 bushels of oats per acre.

I thought it almost impossible to plough them under; in fact my feelings would not admit of it. So I pastured four milch cows and twenty pigs for one month to render it plowable. My oat crop proved that there is virtue in pea vines. I apply four or five horse loads of straw and leaves per acre to my peas planted in my corn fields. Mr. Farmer this is a progressive idea, which I claim to be the father of.

Two Cat Stories.

Educated dogs, educated hogs, educated horses, and even educated mice have had their intelligence paraded before the public. But we do not remember having read of an intelligent, cultivated cat—one that could understand and repeat (of course very brokenly) the English language.

A WORTHY MASTER MASON.

HEROIC CONDUCT OF CAPTAIN GASKILL, OF NEWBERRY, N. C.

A few days ago a Wilmington paper mentioned that the schooner Clara Merrick, bound for that port, had been lost off Hatteras, and the captain and crew of four men had been rescued by Captain Joseph Gaskill, of the schooner Mary Louisa.

California's Strong Man.

The death of Charles Bennett, formerly superintendent of the San Francisco Olympic club, appears destined to reopen the discussion concerning the effects of muscular training upon vitality. In order to reach any intelligent conclusions, however, it is necessary to state the case correctly in the beginning.

"Heroine" is perhaps as peculiar a word as any in our language. The first two letters of it are male, the three first female, the four first a brave man, and the whole word a brave woman.