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The State Highway Department is to recommend legislation to compel all vehicles, including horse-drawn, to have a light after dark. In view of the danger incurred, it is strange that people traveling at night in any kind of vehicle would wait for legislation to compel them to take such a precaution for their own safety.

North Carolina is showing the way to deal with mobs. Last week 38 members of a mob were brought to trial, of that number only 9 were acquitted, the others being condemned and twenty sentenced to terms on the chaingang or in the penitentiary ranging from 6 months to 8 years. Law means something in that state.

Gov. McLeod has issued a proclamation calling on the people to observe the week of November 22-28 as "Street and Highway Safety Week." Every motorist, driver of any kind of vehicle and pedestrian as well should observe this week; then the next and the next and so on. Too many accidents and deaths the result of carelessness somewhere, characterizes travel these days.

Money talks. Take poor Kip Rhineland. Because of his daddy's millions he is willing to be called a mindless fool, when, as a matter of fact, if he was suffering from anything it was eye trouble. He saw all around him the colored relations of his wife yet he has the effrontery to say in court that he didn't know that she had colored blood in her, and in this, she deceived him. Poor fish! But the chink of millions of dollars makes a mighty powerful noise.

The peculiar thing about the liquor law is that it seems to transcend all other laws. Officers shot you down and get off by saying they were looking for liquor; they go in your homes and search without warrants in the name of looking for liquor; in fact, "looking for liquor" seems to be an excuse for their doing anything at variance with other laws of long and honorable standing. No wonder so many good people have no sympathy with an otherwise good law.

There's no doubt about it, as a daily paper of this State suggests, what South Carolina along with other Southern states need as much as anything else is a bi-party government. The idea of the South getting very far with a one party affair is too much to hope for, however long the hope has been fondled. Such a dream however is only a little more fantastic than the

one of having two parties from which about half of the citizens are barred because of race. Let intelligence and worth be the qualification as elsewhere and this section will soon come into its own. Surely, that's only fair and just.

GUSS NIMMONS OF BAMBERG.

We are publishing elsewhere an article taken from the Columbia Record. We call attention to this for two reasons: First, because Guss Nimmons was a character worth while. Beginning as he did with nothing, no teven an education and engaged in one of the hardest occupations in which to find riches, he at his death had accumulated a pretty good fortune. Not only that, his whole life was one of usefulness and by the manner in which he wrought, he gained and held the esteem and respect of his neighbors and acquaintances, white and black. He reared a respectable family, all of whom are counted worthy citizens. His life can well be a pattern.

Secondly, the article concerning this man was published on the front page of The Record an influential daily. It is very unusual for anything worthy concerning colored people to find its way on the front pages of white newspapers. The only time when the colored man can find front page space is when he commits some kind of crime. For that reason, many whites have come to believe that about the only things Negroes are good for is to commit crimes. So far as they are concerned, that is the only thing, when they have any news value.

There are many Guss Nimmons if our white friends would only take time to notice, and how much more encouraging would it be if the example of The Columbia Record were followed.

MONEY SPENT FOR EDUCATION.

This state has something over one million and a half population, more than half of which is of the colored race. Of course, the wealth, intelligence and power are of the other race. And why shouldn't it be? And why shouldn't for time and a little of eternity it continue to be if education means anything? Most of the money raised by taxing every mother's son within its boundaries is spent for the education of the whites. No one with any reason can begrudge a penny spent for that, but is it fair, just and consistent with the scheme of democracy to use almost all one way, merely giving the crumbs as it were to those if anything, most in need of it? From figures given out by the educational department, for the year ending June 30th, 1925, a total for education by the state was shown to be \$15,538,809.76. Of this amount, only \$1,704,722.67 were spent for more than half of the State's population—the colored people. Even at that however, there is a gleam of hope, for that sum shows an increase over the former year of \$304,571.77. One thing is sure, the education of the colored children is not a burden on the whites. If that is doubted, take the U. S. Census, of property owned by the colored people and compute the taxes, never mind counting in the indirect taxes from corporations, the largest contributors.

THE U. S. SPREADING CHRISTIANITY.

This country spends more money and sends more people as missionaries to foreign countries than any other. Much stress in all churches is laid upon "foreign missions," meaning the contribution of money to convert the so-called heathen to Christianity. But America

talks so much Christianity and practises so little of it that the work of the missionaries is made doubly difficult. They charge that students from some of the non-Christian countries coming to this country find that "America is not yet Christian in its race relations." Dr. J. M. Yard, of Shanghai, China, speaking a few days ago before delegates to the annual meeting of the boards of foreign missions of the Methodist church, said, "our Missionaries have taught the Chinese to expect equality of race but we fail in this even in our own borders. It is becoming more embarrassing to be a missionary in China." The Dr. need not have restricted the embarrassment to China. American methods are being found out in most countries and for that reason, the so-called heathen do not care for a religion that says one thing and means (in practice) another. Turkey will not allow the Y. M. C. A. to function as such unless the word "Christian" is cut out.

In material things America leads the world, but it cannot and will not be high and above all in spiritual leadership until Christianity can be practised without ifs, exceptions and limitations. Excluding money, the strongest thing in this country is race. Beside it, Christianity as practised today is a rather puny thing. It keeps churches apart and communities divided. When it lifts up its voice, all things in America do it homage. Great is this idea of race.

THOMAS JOHNSON IN RECI-TAL AT SOUTH CAROLINA STATE COLLEGE.

Orangeburg, S. C., Nov. 13.—On Friday evening, Thomas Johnson, Tenor, assisted by Byron Withers, accompanist, in an evening of song pleased a large audience.

The program, arranged to give his hearers a variety of numbers, consisted of arias from "Elijah," "Jocelyn," "Lakme" and others, spirituals arranged by Burleigh and several love songs. His mastery of the arias, rendered in Spanish and French, were enthusiastically received. Encores after several of his love songs were rendered after much applause by his enraptured hearers.

Mr. Johnson, trained in the New England Conservatory of Music, gave an entertainment long to be remembered here. Mr. Withers gave the audience a sample of his originality when "Steal Away," of his own arrangement was sung by Mr. Johnson.

PEE DEE NEGRO FAIR.

Thousands of people from neighboring towns entered the city to attend the Pee Dee Fair. The Negro Fair day under the management of Mr. Lee Robinson was a success in every way, having secured Tuesday, the opening day, crowds of people both black and white came through the Fair grounds; some to make it a success and others to see what was going on.

The parade started at twelve o'clock from the East Florence school, a holiday being given to the City and County schools. School children, lodges and patrons joined to make the affair a brilliant success. At one o'clock the parade reached the grounds, where exhibits of all kinds were to be seen. Booths in the Fair building were occupied by farmers, schools and churches; all seeming to desire to make the fair a success. Cattle and poultry of all breeds were to be seen. Three o'clock found the crowds entering the foot ball field to witness a struggle between Mayo High of Darlington and Wilson High of Florence. After four quartets of fighting the teams remained at a tie, neither being able to

score. After the game the people were entertained by exhibitions and stunts of gymnasts from the Barnard Carnival Show. The entire show being erected on the Fair grounds.

The Negro people of the Pee Dee section have made a wonderful progress as seen by exhibits and need to be complimented on their efforts to make the Fair one of note and especially on the opening day. Prizes as awarded are immediately given the winners and all met with satisfaction. The Pee Dee plans to expand each year and to hold its own with any Fair in South Carolina Cottingham.

LAURENS NEWS.

The Willing Workers Board led on by Mrs. Anna A. Todd had a very excellent meeting last Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Williams, on W. Hampton St. After the opening, the president, Mrs. Todd went into the business of the meeting for a greater Workers Board. The pastor, Rev. J. C. McClellan was present and was called to speak to us. He spoke to us on the subject of a program. Everyone present enjoyed every word uttered by him. Several visitors were present. The following persons took part in the meeting: Mrs. Alice Moore, Mrs. Janie Williams, Mrs. Mary Mills, Mrs. Etta Garlington, Mrs. Amanda Byrd, Mrs. Anna Whitlock, Mrs. G. Hudgens, Mrs. Janie Reed, Mrs. Lida Williams, Mrs. Alice Young, Mrs. Bell Fletcher, Mrs. Mary McMorris. The meeting closed after a fine repast to meet at Mrs. Alice Young's on East Hampton street.

The Auxiliary Board off Bethel A. M. E. church, of which Mrs. Sallie Blackstock is the efficient president covered itself with praises on last Tuesday night, when it pulled off the famous Eight Tables Feast in the basement of said church. The basement was crowded with old and young. Among the distinguished guests was Rev. A. J. Martin, of Due West, S. C., who was here on business. He received the intelligence from home that he and his good madam had to their credit a little daughter, who made her advent Tuesday, a. m. about 9:30.

Rev. Dr. L. W. Adams of Augusta, Ga., preached for one of Rev. McClellan's clubs, viz.: Mrs. Salena Jefferson. We were glad to have him last Wednesday night. Come again Rev. Mr. J. L. Moore has just returned from Union, S. C., where he has been trying to recuperate.

Mrs. Nannie Scott, of Kennedy's Ring is confined to her bed on account of illness. The meeting of the Sunshine Club held at the home of the president Mrs. E. S. Nelson last Friday, p. m., was quite a success. The meeting resulted in turning over to the treasurer \$6.65. The club goes forward.

Mrs. Agnes Alexander of Clinton, S. C., is teaching near here and she called by the A. M. E. parsonage to see her friends this past week. They were glad to see her.

Mr. Cash Franks of Williams street has been confined to his room a few weeks.

11:30 o'clock Sunday a. m., amidst the falling of the rain, there were many anxious hearers of the Word, who found themselves in this service. They were thrilled by the magnetic power of the Holy Spirit, as it was seen and felt from the preaching of the Words that fell from the mouth of the speaker, who used for a subject: "Spiritual Leadership." At the close of this service, Rev. J. C. McClellan and family were invited to the home of Mrs. Della Blake-

and Mrs. J. B. Blackstock, who made an elaborate preparation for our pre-Thanksgiving dinner. We were served with the following: Rice, creamed potatoes, served with sugar peas, sweetpotato pudding with marshmallow covering, macaroni, turkey, cranberry sauce, boiled sliced ham, sweet pickles, fruit salad on lettuce, saltines and biscuits, coffee, charlotte russe and cake. From there to the Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Boyd, on Sullivan street, where we were highly entertained with the contents that caused the table to groan with another pre-Thanksgiving elaboration; such as rice, macaroni, creamed potatoes, sweet potato pudding with marshmallow covering, turkey, cranberry sauce, dressing, ice cream and cake.

8 o'clock Sunday night, the weather still unfavorable with a few in number, the pastor preached another strong sermon. He used for a subject: "Sabbath Work."

We know the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Patterson and Mr. Henry Woody will sympathize with them in the loss of their beautiful homes on last Sunday night, which were destroyed by fire.

CAMDEN SOCIAL NEWS.

Of especial interest to their wide circle of friends throughout the country is the announcement of the wedding of Miss Josephine Gettys, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Gettys to Mr. Paul B. McGirt, of Camden, S. C.

The ceremony will take place Wednesday evening, at 8 o'clock at Mt. Moriah Baptist church, Rev. J. W. Boykin and Rev. B. F. Bradford, officiating.

Mrs. E. C. McGirt, is matron of honor and Miss Mary Dinkins, maid of honor. The best man will be Mr. A. R. Levy.

Mrs. Willie Moulton entertained at a Luncheon at her home on Rutledge street, Wednesday evening in honor of the Bride-elect, Miss Josephine Gettys.

Jackson High School defeated Avery Institute, Monday at Hampton Park 6-0. Fifteen hundred people witnessed the game. Reynolds made a 65 yd. sprint for a touchdown. Avery's line was powerful, time and again, smashing Jackson's line without gain. Captain Alvin

DuBose of Jackson High predicts that his team will win the State championship. Three cheers for the Jackson's Wild Cats.

NOTES FROM ANDREWS.

The new pastor of St. Andrews A. M. E. church in the person of Rev. Benn is doing fine. Already he is getting us into "City habits."

Miss Bertha Walker spent the week-end in Manning.

Mr. James Kinloch made a flying trip to Georgetown on Sunday.

The entire community was shocked to hear of the death of Mrs. Rebecca Sherman. We regret very much to lose this noble woman.

Mrs. Jennie B. Greene is back home from Kelley's Sanitarium where she underwent an operation. We hope her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Renetta Wheeler and children spent the week-end in Florence.

Prof. James Woodbury of Holly Hill, S. C., was a visitor here on Saturday.

Elder Howard of Sumter preached a splendid sermon at St. James on Sunday at 11:30.

After a few days of rest from their work Mr. Amos Corbett and Mr. Hal Wheeler are back on the job again.

Ms. Minnie Rodgers of Georgetown spent last week here with her daughter, Mrs. J. B. Greene.

Under the leadership of Prof. J. E. Smith, the Graded School of our city is doing a great work.

The Baptist church ran a splendid meeting here last week.

Mr. Jackson, of Hartsville, S. C., visited Mr. Melvin Jones on Sunday.

(Mrs.) T. F. Jones, Reporter.

It is unlawful for women to set foot on Athos, peninsular in Greece, where monks of the Greek church live.

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