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We see where an opossum has been sent by parcel post. We wonder if Sheriff Hunter got it?

The Corn Show in Columbia will continue all through next week. So make up your mind to go down and see it.

The dispensaries, voted in at a recent election, have just been opened in Union and are said to be doing a rushing business.

"Windsboro needs a town cemetery," says The News and Herald. Wouldn't an old-fashioned, country grave yard serve Windsboro's purpose better?

Monday is Winthrop College Day and the 800 girls will all go to the corn exposition. Don't you know the 800 corn club boys will be glad to see them?

What has become of the old-fashioned boy that only asked his daddy for one cent at a time?—Greenville Piedmont. He is now a New York millionaire.

The Carolina Spartan aptly says, "The most valuable investment a thrifty, industrious farmer can make is to secure a wife who will be a comfort and help as long as life lasts."

We agree with The Anderson Mail that the widow of General James Longstreet has no right to speak for the "ragged rebels" in behalf of the one who helped establish negro rule in South Carolina.

Just think of what you will see in Columbia at the Corn Show. Exhibits from 27 state colleges and experiment stations, the federal government display and 800 farm boys from all over the country, including South Carolina's Jerry Moore.

We are glad that Senator Williams' bill to abolish capital punishment was killed. It is no time now to be toning down punishment for crime, especially in view of the fact that we now have a governor who, not only relieves and pardons for capital offenses, but turns loose, even short-term prisoners.

Sergeant-at-Arms J. S. Wilson of the House of Representatives asks us to say to the people of Lancaster county, that they should let nothing prevent their seeing the Corn Show in Columbia. Jim's headquarters are in the state house and he can tell you what to see and the quickest way to see it.

The re-election of Capt. D. J. Griffith, by an overwhelming vote, as superintendent of the state penitentiary, is a deserved compliment to a capable and efficient officer who has discharged his duties fearlessly and with an eye single to the welfare of the state. South Carolina has no more true or loyal son anywhere within her borders than Captain Griffith.

Rechad Pasha, head of the Turkish peace delegation, says that the failure of Turkey to negotiate peace with the Balkan allies lies not alone with them, but with the great powers of Europe, "who encouraged the Balkan states and have shown no fairness toward Turkey, although before the war they had solemnly proclaimed the principle of the unchangeability of the status quo." This is quite true. The powers have, in fact, completely changed their attitude since the beginning of the war. They are always with the "big dog" in any fight.

Rev. Howard Lee Jones, D. D., pastor of the Citadel Square Baptist church in Charleston, is preaching a series of sermons on lawlessness in general and in Charleston in particular. Last Sunday evening the proposition was, "Wherever you find law-breaking to be the most successful business, or even a flourishing and profitable business, you have diseased social conditions which prevent the best development of all legitimate business." Dr. Jones is giving the people of Charleston some good food for thought. If the newspapers of Charleston would come out boldly in his support the law-breakers of that city would all the sooner go into their holes.

"CONSISTENCY, THOU ART A JEWEL!"

The Yorkville Enquirer agrees with The Charlotte Observer in the conclusion that Governor Blease owes his career to the newspapers of the state, which have been "injudicious, bigoted and unfair in their treatment of him." We feel then that this being so, the governor, as well as The Enquirer, should take off his hat to the press of South Carolina, for the making of such an illustrious career. We have never known The Enquirer to say aught against the governor, but it is amusing to note the entirely different attitude it assumes toward Senator Tillman, for whom it scarcely ever has a good word, notwithstanding all the senator has done for York county, especially in the establishment of Winthrop College, that county's greatest asset. For instance, in its last issue The Enquirer has the following to say of the venerable and distinguished senator:

"Of all the charges that Senator Tillman has ever made, we do not remember that he has furnished any stronger proof than his own testimony, and we do not look for any stronger proof in the present case."

And in another editorial in the same issue the editor, in speaking of "a certain railroad lawyer who is still in the House and has practical control of that body," jabs at the senator again and says: "We have no more confidence in him than we have in the railroad lawyer to whom we have referred."

By the way, who is that "certain railroad lawyer in the House who has practical control of that body?" Won't The Yorkville Enquirer specify for the good of the people of the state?

The same editorial further says, "We do not think United States senators (referring to Senator Tillman) should be allowed to run around making such charges for mere buncombe and we would like to see the Senator be made to put up or shut up." How about the certain railroad lawyer? He might well call upon the editor of The Yorkville Enquirer to do likewise.

"HIT DOG HOWLS."

Senator B. R. Tillman, after hearing of the Rembert resolution passed by the house, calling upon him to "produce the evidence in support of his charges of corruption" in the legislature, came out in an interview, in which he says: "All of these things amuse me very much, because I remember having used an expression long ago, which is applicable to this case, 'it is the hit dog that howls.' I threw the rock in the discharge of my duty, etc."

It appears to us that if there is any dog that has been hit, the senator is that canine, and we believe before the investigation is finished, he is going to do the kind of howling the dog usually indulges in when baying the moon or trying to drown the sound of a factory whistle. No, Tillman is up to his old game of making vague and indefinite charges without proof to sustain them. We are glad that Mr. Rembert, Governor Blease's leader in the house, has had the temerity to call the once mighty Tillman's bluff. In the "long ago," which Tillman speaks of, when he commenced his revolution to get office, he charged "incipient rottenness" in the state government and pointed at corruption in certain departments of the government, but when confronted, on more than one occasion, by individual men upon whom he had reflected, he always "wriggled" out of it. But Benjamin Ryan Tillman has at last been found out by the "wool hat, one-gallus boys," whom he succeeded in fooling so long and we are glad that it is so, even if they should have transferred their trust to so great a demagogue as Coleman Livingston Blease, because Blease will likewise, in due time, fall to his level, as Tillman has done.

The Fort Mill Times says that Senator Tillman has been losing ground politically for years. "Old friends who supported him loyally in his campaigns for the governorship and in his race for the senate against General Butler have let go the hold they then had on his coat-tail." Very true, contemporary, but only to transfer that hold to the coat-tail of Cole Blease, to which they are holding on as tenaciously as they did to Ben's in the good old days of reform. But in due time they will forsake Cole, as they have Ben, and if other pestiferous demagogues who succeeded in fooling them for a time.

We hope that those citizens of the town and county who did not go to the National Corn Show in Columbia this week will by all means go next week. Don't miss the opportunity. Those who have gone say that no one should fail to see the great sight.

TABLET UNVEILED.

There was unveiled in Columbia Monday a memorial tablet to the late Governor Hugh S. Thompson, by his former pupils of the Columbia Male Academy, of which he was principal from 1865 to 1888. Many of these alumni came from distant states to do honor to the memory of their beloved preceptor.

The tablet is in the Taylor school building, which stands on the site of the building in which Governor Thompson taught.

Governor Thompson was one of South Carolina's most honored sons, both in the state and in the nation, though he was never a candidate for any office whatsoever. He was a distinguished graduate of the Citadel, in the class of '56 and was afterwards professor in both the Arsenal and Citadel academies. He was superintendent of education on the Hampton ticket in '76. After serving two terms as governor of the state, he was appointed assistant secretary of the treasury by President Cleveland. At the time of his death he was living in New York, where he was comptroller, or head of the financial department of the New York Life Insurance Company.

THE PHILIPPINES.

There will in all probability be a division in the Democratic party over the matter of the Philippine Islands in the new Congress. Representative Jones, chairman of the House committee on insular affairs, is the author of a bill providing for their independence after eight years. Whether it was the right thing, or not, for the United States to take over the islands, they are ours now. This country paid \$20,000,000 for them and has spent over \$500,000,000 on them since, and from a pecuniary standpoint they should not be turned over to the Filipinos until we have been in a measure repaid. Besides, the natives are not ready for self government and will not be in a half century. We believe the brainy men who constituted the peace commission of the United States knew what they were doing when they recommended that the islands be annexed to the United States and we should not from sentimental reasons part with them, at least for some time to come.

BACK TO THE WOODS.

For the common or garden variety of demagoguery, Governor Coleman Livingston Blease, of South Carolina, leads the world. Instead of having the oath of office administered to him at his inauguration by the chief justice of the state supreme court, as is the immemorial custom, "the people's governor," to show his contempt for the tribunal, had himself sworn in by a backwoods justice of the peace.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Governor Blease was but following the example of his prototype, Tillman, who did likewise.

There will be found elsewhere in these columns a call by Principal M. D. Lee of the Lancaster Normal and Industrial School for colored pupils, for a convention of the colored farmers of the county, to meet on 21st February proximo. The object of the meeting is to get the negroes to take more interest in, and stay upon the farm. We wish to emphasize one statement Professor Lee makes in his call, viz: "A large percent of young negroes are getting too much head education and not enough hand and heart training. Most of the young negroes, loafing about, can read and write." If Professor Lee can bring his race in this county to the realization of the fact that "heart" education, above all else, is what the negro needs, he will have done the most important work for his race. For when the negro's heart is right, he will find something good for his head and hands to do. We urge upon the negro farmers to attend this meeting.

Yesterday at the Corn Show.

Discussions of various school and social problems of rural life were features of the Fifth National Corn Exposition yesterday, which was National Education Day. A special program, arranged by Dr. S. C. Mitchell, president of the University of South Carolina, consisted of addresses by men and women who have made a long and careful study of rural conditions. Among the speakers were Walter H. Page of New York, Miss Mabel Carney of Illinois, W. C. Crosby of North Carolina and J. D. Eggleston of Virginia. Teachers, trustees and pupils from every county in the state were present and many remained in the city for Boys' Day which is held today and marks the close of the exposition school for boys.

Congratulations!

Our quarrel with Lancaster, Rock Hill, Shelby, N. C., and the other small towns is now over, since we have been notified that Gaffney will also have free delivery of mail.—Gaffney Ledger.

FROM OTHER PAPERS

The Belton News says: "Love is blind, but that is no excuse for it to be hard of hearing."

Tillman is missing a lot of fun in Columbia this week by staying in Washington.—Columbia Record.

The man who is always looking for slights and insults is conscious of the fact that he deserves them.—Carolina Spartan.

Let's see: Is it Tillman's time to reply to Blease or Blease's time to reply to Tillman? We have sort of lost track of this business.—Greenville Piedmont.

Rock Hill and Sumter seem to be taking the biggest slices of the dodger at the Corn Show.—Greenwood Journal.

Who is the guy who puts the mess in messenger? Don't all speak at once.—Spartanburg Herald.

We are very strongly in favor of the enforcement of a vagrancy law. A person without visible means of support, almost without exception, is a social menace; and any town which says to this class "work or get out" will be the better off for doing so.—Kershaw Enterprise.

The Sumter county board of education, in co-operation with the farm demonstration work of the department of agriculture and Winthrop College, has arranged to employ a county agent to organize tomato clubs, teach domestic science and supervise extension work in the rural schools. This gent will work under the direction of the state agent of the farm demonstration bureau and Miss Edith Parrott, of Winthrop College, the director of girls' clubs in South Carolina. The work will begin February 1 and will be prosecuted throughout the year, the agent having been employed for her full term with a holiday of only one month out of the twelve, this holiday to be taken when it will interfere least with the work.—Sumter Watchman.

A NEGRO FARMERS' CONVENTION CALLED.

The colored farmers of Lancaster county are called to meet in convention at Lancaster, S. C., February 21st, 1913, the meeting will be held in the colored school building. The object is to discuss the improved methods of farming, to organize corn clubs among the colored boys and men, to test the ability of a colored man to get the most out of one acre of ground; to impress upon the young negroes that there is a living on the farms for the man that is willing to work. There is no reason why a county fair might not be organized and prizes offered to the colored man or boy raising the largest yield of corn and cotton to the acre. There must be some steps taken by somebody to interest the young negro in farming and home life, and to stop loafing from state to state hunting jobs on public works, from which thousands are going to the chaingangs and others, by exposure are dying and must be brought home by those who have remained at home on the farms and work for an honest living.

We desire to have this meeting in the school building where we have 320 students now undergoing training, that these young people can hear successful negroes tell how they have bought homes and built good bank accounts by digging it out of the earth. A large percent of young negroes are getting too much head education and not enough hand and heart training. Most all these young negroes loafing about can read and write. Such a convention as I am now calling is to organize the progressive negroes along industrial and economic lines for the good of our people. I have selected one of the best men in the state, well trained in scientific farming and is now employed by the government to establish demonstration farming stations over the state. Let negro farmers come from every section of Lancaster county February 21st, on Friday. Come one; come all.

M. D. LEE, Principal Lancaster Normal and Industrial School.

Porto Rico's New Wonder.

From far away Porto Rico come reports of a wonderful new discovery that is believed will vastly benefit the people. Ramon T. Marchan, of Barceloneta, writes: "Dr. King's New Discovery is doing splendid work here. It cured me about five times of terrible coughs and colds, also my brother of a severe cold in his chest and more than 20 others, who used it on my advice. We hope this great medicine will yet be sold in every drug store in Porto Rico." For throat and lung troubles there is nothing better. A trial will convince you of its merit. 50c and \$1.00. Guaranteed by Lancaster Pharmacy and Standard Drug Co.

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ALLIES PLANNING TO RESUME WAR

Denounce Armistice and Give Turks Four Days' Notice—Bombardment of Adrianople May Start Monday Night.

London, Jan. 30.—The curtain may rise on the second act of the Balkan war next Monday. The allies denounced the armistice at 7 o'clock tonight and if events take the prescribed course, the bombardment of Adrianople will be started after an interval of four days. Indeed, the bombardment has been scheduled for 7 o'clock Monday evening. Yet, even at this eleventh hour, war is in no wise assured. Only a few hours before the allies proclaimed their momentous decision the Ottoman government presented its reply to the joint note of the powers of January 17.

Never has a diplomatic problem taken such swift and surprising changes as these negotiations for peace. The Young Turks, who seized the government with shouts of defiance, have undergone a marvelous transformation. Instead of drawing the battle line at the question of surrendering Adrianople, they offer a compromise, which comes so near meeting the Bulgarian demands that a settlement should not be impossible, and they leave the Aegean Islands to the disposition of the powers.

COMPROMISE POSSIBLE.

The difference between what Constantinople is ready to give and what Bulgaria is willing to accept has been reduced to such small proportion that even some of the Balkan delegates believe a compromise may yet be agreed upon. Constantinople now asks simply the retention of that section of Adrianople where the holy shrines are situated. Bulgaria always meant to leave the mosques and shrines to Turkey and even to confer the right of extra territory, thus giving them something of the status of the Vatican in Rome. The vital differences between the two nations amount merely to Turkey's demanding the shrines and the sections surrounding them.

The Tracean frontier line, therefore, with the exception of the town of Adrianople practically has been agreed to, as Turkey is ready to leave to the powers the disposition of the land on the right bank of the Maritza river, which conditions, as is known, the allies are satisfied to accept. The question of the Aegean Islands also practically has been solved, as the Porte is disposed to leave their settlement to the powers.

W. N. Wilson has accepted the position as master mechanic at the Atlas Mills, Bessemer City, N. C., having resigned a position as machinist with the Lancaster Mills, Lancaster, S. C.—Textile Manufacturer.

FIRE AT ST. GEORGE CAUSES LOSS OF LIFE

Old Negro Woman is Burned to Death When Residence of S. D. Connor is Destroyed.

St. George Special to The State, Jan. 30: The residence of S. L. Connor was destroyed by fire early yesterday morning, when an old negro woman, Allie Dunning's by name, lost her life in the flames. Just how the fire originated is not known. The only occupants of the house, besides "Mum Allie," was Mrs. Connor and her daughter, Miss Lillie Connor. When they awoke the whole house was enveloped. It was impossible for them to escape through one of the doors, so it was necessary to leap through a window in order to reach a place of safety.

Mrs. Connor made an effort to save the life of "Mum Allie," but the old woman evidently lost her head, which with her advanced age and consequently decrepit condition, it was impossible for her to escape. The old woman, who was employed in the home, was spending the night there because of the absence of Mr. Connor, who was in Columbia on business at the time.

The residence, which was a two-story structure, was situated on the outskirts of St. George, and the fact that the conflagration occurred at such an early hour, was the cause of the lack of assistance in time to save any of the contents. The buildings and furnishings were partially covered by insurance.

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