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TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 1914.

Weather forecast for South Carolina: Fair and warmer Tuesday; Wednesday fair; light, variable winds.

We are glad to see that the town authorities have had the roads graded, and we hope they will keep up the good work.

We wish President Ed De Camp, editor of the esteemed Gaffney Ledger, a safe deliverance this week in the matter of the suit against his paper.

What has become of our Boys' Corn Club? We notice other counties are getting to work already. This is just a reminder to our boy farmers, who should be up and doing.

We call attention to Judge De Vore's able and instructive charge to the grand jury, especially to that part of it relating to public schools. It is true that there is a "hue and cry" going up for education and to meet this popular demand, the best school facilities should be given. Poor old South Carolina is sadly in need of all the education she can get.

The retirement of Hon. Hartwell M. Ayer from the field of journalism is a distinct loss to the Fourth Estate. As editor of The Florence Times, he has for many years been holding up high ideals, not only to the people of his county, but to the entire state. A fearless, upright editor such as he is badly needed in times like these. We admire the high stand he has taken, however, in refusing to sacrifice principle to popularity. Mr. Ayer has never compromised with evil, and therefore, may feel the satisfaction which comes from duty well performed. Our best wishes go with him in his retirement.

KEEP OUT OF POLITICS, DR. MOFFATT.

Under the caption, "Some One Must Lead," The Greenville Piedmont takes the position that Dr. J. S. Moffatt, president of Erskine College, should heed the urgent solicitations of his friends and become a candidate for the state senate from Abbeville county this summer. Other journals hold the same view. While the general condition of things in the state are in a deplorable fix, we do not are in a deplorable fix, we do not think they have yet reached that point when the pulpit and college are to be drawn on for men of such high character as Dr. Moffatt and have them to descend into the mire of South Carolina politics. Surely there are laymen of sufficient character and attainments in every county in the state, to enter the political arena, without robbing the pulpit and the colleges of their ministers. The demagogues and politicians to their nefarious business of muddying the water to fool the people, would even go so far as to charge the ministers of the state with being "in league with the devil," as was charged some years ago. No, it is better, by far, for our ministers to be left in their pulpits and colleges to preach and teach Godliness and right living to the people, where it will bear quicker and more lasting fruitage than to transplant them in the field of politics. The pulpit, the press, the home and the schools are quietly laying the foundations for such a citizenship as will mean oblivion some day to those now directing affairs in this state. Continue your grand work where you are, Dr. Moffatt, is our advice.

WHERE ARE WE DRIFTING?

The scene enacted last Wednesday night, when the governor of the state suddenly and without warning, entered the hall of the house of representatives, wended his way to the speaker's platform and unmolested by any one, stood by the side of the speaker in that august body and delivered such a disgusting tirade of abuse against members of the house and others has never been paralleled in any civilized country before, perhaps with the exception of France, when Napoleon entered the council of the Five Hundred with armed force and put the members to flight. Unlike Napoleon, this late invader found armed force unnecessary, for there were few in the house who seemed willing to check the onslaught of the governor on the dignity and rights of the house of representatives. Representatives Youmans and Barwell made the point that he was out of order, but the speaker did not sustain them and the governor proceeded to characterize Representatives Stevenson and Barwell as cowards and liars, and wound up by shucking his coat for a fight. During all of this disgraceful performance the house was still in session, notwithstanding the fact that pondemonium reigned supreme.

As we view the matter, the governor had no right to address the house, even if he had done so in a respectful manner, without any breach of decorum. The constitution of South Carolina, Section 15, Article IV, says:

"The governor shall, from time to time, give to the general assembly information of the condition of the state, and recommend for its consideration such measures as he shall deem necessary or expedient."

But the "general assembly" is not the house of representatives alone. This is made clear by Section 1 of Article III, which reads:

"The legislative power of the state shall be vested in two distinct branches, the one to be styled 'the senate and the other the house of representatives, and both together the general assembly of the state of South Carolina.'"

The governor doubtless was trying to ape President Wilson by appearing in person and delivering a verbal message, but the President, under a provision of the constitution of the United States, has appeared after previous notice and arrangement, before a joint assembly of the senate and house of representatives, called in the constitution "the Congress," and delivered a dignified and instructive message pertaining to the welfare of the nation. The point we wish to emphasize is that Governor Blease had no authority to deliver his message before the house of representatives, and should have been ruled out of order by the speaker, especially when the point of order was squarely made an issue. At all events, the disgraceful scene enacted in the house was not justified and should not have been allowed by the presiding officer under any consideration.

But this man Blease is no respecter of the rights of others.

At the Star Chamber inquisition, which excluded her father and all the friends of Dr. Saunders, he remained with his stenographer and ran the whole business, despite the fact that he had no more right to remain in the meeting than had any private citizen. Then again, during the proceedings before the asylum investigating committee, which was a quasi court, he was present from day to day interjecting remarks and otherwise making himself officious, even going so far as to give the lie to a witness, Dr. Babcock, while the latter was testifying, threatening to put him where he could not talk. And strange to say, all this took place without a word of protest from any member of the committee and without his being called to order by the chairman. Such things were never heard of even when the state was under the rule of the alien, the robber and the negro. It is indeed, high time for us all to stop and reflect upon what all these things will lead to. There is already too prevalent in the state a spirit of lawlessness and disregard for constituted authority. No wonder then, with the record of the highest officer in the state as an example to the people. Can such an official be further trusted and honored by the people when he thus betrays their trust and brings dishonor upon the state?

It is hard to tell what sort of weather the next hour will bring and in view of these changing conditions. The Greenville Piedmont offers the following good suggestions: "To be on the safe side, when you leave home in the morning now to go to work, take an umbrella, an overcoat, a pair of rubbers, a pair of boots, a pair of low quarter shoes, a linen duster and a palmetto fan with you."

If you haven't had at least a few hours of weather to your liking recently you're a hard one to please.

WHAT WE ARE GOING TO DO WITH IT.

Our esteemed contemporary, The Henderson (N. C.) Gold Leaf, in its last issue, says: "The Lancaster, (S. C.) News, after much urging and coaxing, has finally succeeded in persuading the business men and citizens of its town to organize a chamber of commerce. For its good offices in this matter, The News is to be congratulated. But in the language of Goldburg, 'Now that you've got it, what are you gonna do with it?' If you have the same experience with it that most other towns have with similar organizations, you will soon find it 'on the drag,' and ere long it will become a forgotten memory. We sincerely hope, however, that this may not be the case."

We appreciate the kindly reference to the part The News played in behalf of a chamber of commerce for Lancaster, as well as the good wishes of our esteemed North Carolina contemporary, for the success of the new organization. We realize only too well that work is just begun, that if the chamber of commerce is to be the great force for good it should be in town and county, co-operation and hard work is ahead for us all. We doubt, however, if similar organizations that have gone to the wall, have had the financial support which is being given the Lancaster body and many have not exacted pledges for three years in advance. Of course, we realize that money is not the one essential, nor yet the greatest. Personal service is necessary and we believe it will be given. Lancaster has, we think, found, by being so long without one, how necessary is a commercial body and should therefore be prepared to keep alive the one which has been so enthusiastically started. We have so keenly felt the need of a spokesman in behalf of community interest that we do not believe the citizens of this town and county will let its influence be lost.

It is true that neither the business nor professional men of the town, nor yet the farmers who are showing much interest in the organization, can give very largely of their time for their own private affairs require most of their time. For this reason it is usually found expedient to employ a paid secretary to devote his entire time to advancing the interests of the town and county. He should be active, enthusiastic, and constantly on the alert for opportunities for development. Such, we believe, is the plan for Lancaster.

Yet in view of the sad fate which has overtaken other chambers of commerce, we feel it incumbent upon us to heed the warning advice given by those who have had such experience. And when the secretary has been employed, we must give him our moral, as well as our financial support. As for The News, we expect to do our part by constantly keeping before our people the fact that there is plenty of work for every member to do, and by helping the new organization in every way in our power, to advance the interests of our people. Other towns, perhaps, have failed, but we must see to it that "Lancaster Leads" by keeping up the good work we have so nobly begun.

"BE YE ALSO READY."

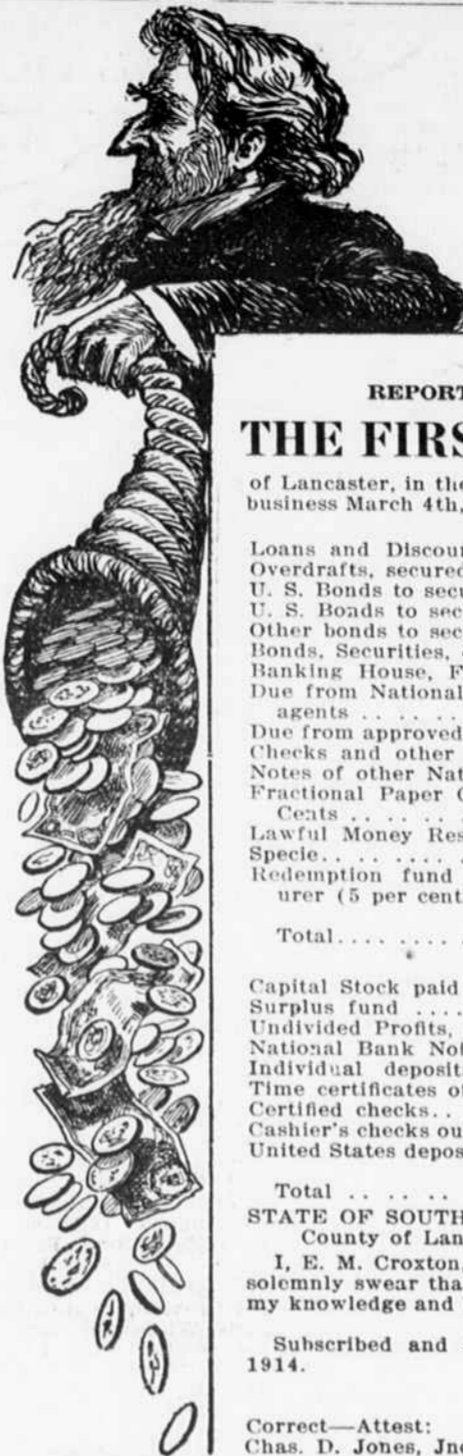
On Sunday afternoon, the first day of this month, Ernest Gary, the seventeen-year-old son of Chief Justice Eugene B. Gary of Abbeville, a student in his first year at Washington and Lee University at Lexington, Virginia, was drowned. From all accounts the young man was most exemplary in his conduct and life. The morning of his death he had attended services at the Episcopal church, of which he was a member and had partaken of the communion. After services he went to the residence where he boarded and after dinner read for half an hour from his Bible. He then, in company with one of his college friends, went for a walk. During this walk they came to a pond which was frozen over and while walking on the ice it gave way, and despite the efforts of his friends to save him, young Gary was drowned. It was a sudden, fearful and tragic death, but the young boy was not unprepared, judging from the following telegram of President Smith of the college, to his father:

"Your son was unexcelled, beloved and admired. He took communion yesterday morning, read his Bible a half hour after dinner, and leaving it open on his table, went to walk, to be called a little later unexpectedly, but prepared, to his eternal reward. Such a pure and ennobling life is a precious heritage."

Viewing the uncertainty of life, what a lesson for old and young alike.

DR. C. B. PRATT, Dentist, Phone 285.

Office over Lancaster Pharmacy. Office hours, 9 to 1; 2 to 6.



REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

of Lancaster, in the State of South Carolina, at the close of business March 4th, 1914.

Table with columns for RESOURCES and LIABILITIES. Resources include Loans and Discounts, Overdrafts, U. S. Bonds, etc. Liabilities include Capital Stock, Surplus fund, etc.

Total... \$366,418.85 STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, County of Lancaster—ss. I, E. M. Croxton, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

PUT YOUR MONEY WHERE IT WILL BE SAFE IT WILL COME IN HANDY SOME DAY

ENTERTAINMENT AT BUFORD.

Play to be Given Next Friday Night at the School House.

There will be an entertainment at Buford school house Friday night, March 13th, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. Admission fees will be 20 cents for adults and 10 cents for children. Proceeds will be used for the benefit of the school. Three plays will be given, first "An Engaged Girl," the cast of characters for which are: Aline Dacke, a beautiful engaged girl—Miss Ada Thompson. Phyllis Foster, Anglomaniac—Miss Ruth Thompson. Winifred Mercer, Southern girl—Miss Ethel Nell. May Teller, an American girl—Miss Etta Taylor. Roberta Debols, a very winning American lady—Miss Myrtle Thompson.

Jack Brewer, Aline's fiance—Mr. Tolson Funderburk. James, a true waiter—Lloyd Taylor. Molly, a servant—Miss Estelle Tinnions. Second play, "Jumbo Jum," cast of characters: Jumbo Jum, a darkey who does just as he is told—Mr. R. W. Parker. Mr. Gobbleton, Adelaide's scheming guardian—Mr. B. F. Usher. Cheatham, an unscrupulous lawyer—Mr. Tolson Funderburk. Henry Merville, a handsome young man and Adelaide's lover—Mr. Leslie Taylor. Mrs. Gobbleton, supposed to have been drowned, but much alive—Mrs. B. F. Usher. Hannah, Gobbleton's old servant—Miss Lillie Usher. Laborers, with five hands, Messrs. Loyd and Frank Taylor and Ernest McManus.

Third play, "The Darkey Wood Dealer," cast of characters: Clevendall, a darkey wood dealer—Mr. R. W. Parker. Deacon Decker, a hen pecked husband—Mr. B. F. Usher. Mrs. Decker, a lady with a strong will and stronger arm—Mr. Leslie Taylor. There will also be good string music: A rare treat in store for all who come. These plays are very funny and will make you laugh for many days after hearing them.

W. M. U. Meeting. The W. M. U. of Division No. 1, will hold its quarterly meeting with the Flint Ridge church on Saturday before the fourth Sunday. Following is the program: Devotional exercise. Welcome address, Mrs. W. J. Crumlinger. Response, Mrs. Mollie Knight. Discussion—Mission Study Classes in our Churches, Mrs. R. E. Small. The Cost of Service, Mrs. R. R. Hinson. Noon hour. Devotional, Mrs. N. B. Small. Discussion—How Can I Help My Society Attain the Standard of Excellence, Mrs. R. E. Small, Mrs. E. R. Kirk. Discussion—Our Jubilee—Open. Churches please send delegates and a cordial invitation is extended to all who possibly can attend. MRS. D. R. FLETCHER, Vice President Division No. 1.

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